

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA**

**MINUTES**

**FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
Northport Free Will Baptist Church  
Northport, Alabama**

**AUGUST 24-26, 1972**

**1973 SESSION  
Townley Free Will Baptist Church  
Townley, Alabama  
AUGUST 23-25, 1973**



### ASSOCIATION OFFICERS FOR 1973

Moderator . . . . .	Rev. Steve Nichols Temple Avenue, Fayette, Alabama
Assistant Moderator . . . . .	Rev. Levy Corey Russellville, Alabama 35653
Clerk . . . . .	Mrs. Dwight Fletcher 2306 Ave. G., Ensley, Birmingham
Assistant Clerk . . . . .	Mrs. Levy Corey Russellville, Alabama 35653
Treasurer . . . . .	Bro. David Kent Post Office Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Three year term . . . . .	Rev. Carlton Lambert Post Office Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama
Two year term . . . . .	Rev. Dwight Fletcher 2306 Avenue G, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama
One year term . . . . .	Rev. Louie Bates Post Office Box 12, Graysville, Alabama 35073

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Five year term . . . . .	Rev. Dwight Fletcher
Four year term . . . . .	Rev. Thurmon Murphy
Three year term . . . . .	Rev. Carlton Lambert
Two year term . . . . .	Rev. Glenn Monday
One year term . . . . .	Bro. Loyd Martin

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President . . . . .	Mrs. Levy Corey Russellville, Alabama 35653
Vice President . . . . .	Mrs. Walter Jagers Drawer F, Townley, Alabama 35587
Secretary-Treasurer . . . . .	Mrs. Elree Randolph

### PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY THEME: WINNING THE LOST

The President opened the meeting with Mrs. Essie Collins leading the singing. Song "Seal Us O Holy Spirit." Bro. A. J. Lambert led in prayer.

Mrs. Walter Jagers welcomed us to the Townley Church. Mrs. Levy Corey gave the response.

Morning Devotional was given by Mrs. A. M. Wallace of the Fayette Church with her thoughts on one of the Beatitudes—(Blesseds)

The Ministers and visitors were recognized by the President.

Reading of the minutes and giving of Treasurers report. Roll call and seating of delegates. The delegates from the local churches as follows:

Ensley: Mrs. Ruby Dickerson, Mrs. Grady Tidwell, Mrs. Martha Hill  
Fayette: Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Mrs. Cheryl Nichols



Florence: Mrs. Viola Pigg, Mrs. Bettye Capps, Mrs. Glenda Suggs, Mrs. Verna Malone

Russellville: Mrs. Levy Corey, Mrs. Ida Cummins, Mrs. Janice Burcham, Mrs. Elree Randolph

Sulphur Springs: Mrs. Reppie Esary, Mrs. Eloise Jane, Mrs. Helen Canada, Mrs. Susie Walkins

Townley: Willodene Edgil, Mary Alice Boshell, Olivia Tittle  
Committees were appointed by the President.

Recess

Special music with the song "Winning the Lost" rendered by Mrs. Verna Malone.

Mrs. Brenda Spruill gave the morning message. She first gave a talk on the change in auxiliary work. Then she gave an inspiring message which was a privilege and challenge to each lady present.

Dismissed by Bro. Jagers.

Lunch

Song "Bring Them In." Prayer by Mrs. Lambert. Devotion by Mrs. Essie Collins, Matt. 7:13-14.

State delegates were chosen as follows: Mrs. Verna Malone, Elree Randolph, Helen Canada, Lovie Jagers, Wilma Davis, Martha Hill, and Mrs. A. M. Wallace. Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Progressive District Delegate.

Prayer of Dedication for our new officers for the year by Rev. A. J. Lambert and dismissed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Appreciation:

We, the Appreciation Committee express appreciation for the following: the beautiful flower arrangements, the foyer display of our theme and auxiliary colors, the hospitality and delicious meal served by the host church. For this we would like to give them a rising vote of thanks.

Essie Collins  
Verna Malone  
Cheryl Nichols

MSC

### Finance:

We, the Finance Committee, have checked the Treasurer's books and have found them in order.

Martha Hill  
Reppie Esary

MSC

### Resolution:

We, the Resolution Committee, recommend that:

1. The District Woman's Auxiliary meeting date be changed to the 1st Saturday in March.
2. That an effort be made to recreate interest in Auxiliaries in other churches in the Progressive Association.

3. We recommend to the State Woman's Convention that the State Project be renewed for 1972-73.

Elree Randolph  
Betty Capps  
Cris Corey

MSC

### Registration:

Delegates 21, Officers 4, Pastors 2, Visitors 16, Total 43.

MSC

### Nominating:

We, the Nominating Committee, nominate the following:

President: Cris Corey

Vice President: Mrs. Walter Jagers

Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. Elree Randolph

Assistant Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. Betty Capps

Missions Prayer Chairman: Willodene Edgil

Missions Study Chairman: Mrs. A. J. Lambert

Missions Action Chairman: Wilma Davis

All were elected.

Mrs. Wilma Davis, President

Mrs. Merle Dyer, Secretary and Treasurer

## THURSDAY EVENING YOUTH SERVICE

The forty-first annual session of the Progressive Association met with the Northport Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. A. J. Lambert served as Moderator and Bro. Danny Keen opened the service with congregational singing. Prayer was offered by Bro. Jerry Edgil. Six churches were represented in the Thursday evening Youth Service.

The Credentials Committee was appointed by the Moderator as follows: Bro. Walter Jagers, Bro. David Kent, and Bro. Carlton Lambert.

Also appointed was the committee on committees as follows: Rev. Steve Nichols, Rev. Thurmon Murphy, and Rev. Danny Keen.

Bro. Danny Keen then led the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing." The evening message was delivered by Rev. Jerry Edgil. Text: Ephesians 5:25-32, "The person, the church." Dismissed with prayer.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Bro. Danny Keen opened the morning session by leading the congregation in singing "I Love To Tell The Story." Prayer was offered by Rev. Steve Nichols. The congregation then joined in singing "Bring Them In."

The morning devotion was given by Rev. W. H. Ryland, his text being Psalms 116. Closing with prayer.

The Association was then welcomed to the Northport Church by the Reverend Thurmon Murphy. Rev. Earnest Sargent gave the response. The Moderator's Message was delivered by Rev. A. J. Lambert from Philippians 3:13-14, "A. Prize, B. Reward, C. Requirements." Closing with prayer.



The Association was then called to order for business by Mrs. Louie Bates, Clerk.

The church letters were read and delegates seated as follows:

Cordova: Mrs. Louvelle Short, Mr. Clint Short, Mrs. Hattie Gilbert  
Downtown: Mrs. Dan Sargent, Mrs. Marie Foster, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Higginbotham, Mrs. Verla Ryland

Eldridge: Rhonda Boshell, Mary Gunter, Elizabeth Walker

Ensley: Mrs. Ada Tidwell, Mrs. Ruby Dickenson, Mrs. A. J. Lambert

Fayette: Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. H. Roberts, Mrs. S. Nichols

Harmony: (By letter only)

Jasper: Mr. Ray Bevis, Mrs. Roy Bevis, Mrs. Glenn Monday

Northport: Ms. Valva Carter, Terry Key

Oak Grove: Mr. William T. Lowe

Russellville: Ms. Elree Randolph, Mrs. Chris Corey

South Highland: Mrs. Avalene Davis, Georgia Haygood

Sulphur Springs: Mrs. Ila Scrivner

Sulligent: Mrs. Robbie Birmingham, Ms. Bonnie Sargent, Margaret Price, Hattie Harreson

Townley: Mrs. Doug Ferguson, Shirley Sparks, Willodean Edgil, Ricky Jagers

#### Committees Appointed:

Temperance: Steve Nichols, Doug Ferguson, Henry Roberts

Obituary: W. H. Ryland, Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Mrs. Ela Screiner

Appreciation: Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Ada Tidwell, Mrs. Earnest Sargent

Resolutions: Danny Keen, Tom Malone, Charles Davis

Nominating: Thurmon Murphy, Clint Short, David Kent

Auditing: Mrs. Louie Bates, Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Mrs. Cheryl Nichols

Intermission

Reconvened by singing "Stand Up For Jesus." Prayer by Bro. Jagers.

The morning message was given by Rev. Steve Nichols. (Text 2 Timothy 2:19-21). Subject: "What are some vessels of dishonor?"

Closed with prayer and blessing on noon meal by Bro. Earnest Sargent.

Lunch was provided by the women of the Northport Church.

Eight ministers were present for the A.M. session: Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. Danny Keen, Rev. Steve Nichols, Rev. Walter Jagers, Rev. W. H. Ryland, Rev. Carlton Lambert, Rev. Thurmon Murphy, and Rev. Earnest Sargent.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with singing, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," directed by Rev. Danny Keen. The devotional thought for the afternoon was given by Rev. Danny Keen. His subject was "The connection between Deacon and Pastor."

Reports given as follows:

#### 1972 YOUTH CAMP - Rev. Walter Jagers

##### Income

Balance on hand from 1971 camp	137.41
Income from 1972 Youth Camp	2,232.75
From Progressive Association Treasurer	120.00
TOTAL	2,490.16

##### Disbursements

1971 camp insurance	66.00
Deposit for 1972 camp	100.00
Camp camera repair, Peoples Drug Store	15.90
One ream of paper, ABC Business Supply	3.18
Cash to Bro. Murphy for recreational supplies	27.71
Northport Church for recreation supplies	89.20
Northport Church for printing they hired done	11.24
Church of God Camp for Balance of '72 Camp rental and Ins.	2,135.95
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,461.15
Balance on Hand	29.01

Total Campers	96
Workers	13
Total at Youth Camp	109

#### CHILDREN'S HOME - Rev. Carlton Lambert

Report a total of 36 children in the home. Concern was expressed over money to send children to Youth Camp. Several new staff workers have been added for both office and houseparent jobs. Repairs are continuing to be made on little boys dept., girls dorm, and staff apts. Bro. Lambert reported on the Civil Rights problem and the Foster Parents Club.

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#### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT - Mr. Thurmon Murphy

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

Balance brought forward from 1971	\$4.42
Receipts for 1972	\$0.00
Expenditures for 1972	0.00
Balance	\$4.42

Due to the fact that there was only one Bible Tic Tac Toe team and two Sword Drill contestants in the Progressive Association this year, there was no TNT Rally. The two Sword Drill contestants met and competed at Russellville, and the winner, Tina Randolph, and the Tic Tac Toe team from Sulphur Springs represented our Association at the State TNT Rally.

It is hoped that more churches will participate in the competitive activities next year. An announcement will be made later relative to the 1973 TNT Rally.

Signed,

Thurmon Murphy, Chairman

Carlton Lambert

Hughes Ellis

Lloyd Martin

Roy Pearson

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## SOUTHERN QUARTERLY REPORT

On November 27, 1971 we met at the Sulligent F.W.B. Church. Bro. Steve Nichols brought the morning message from 2 Tim. 4:1-8. Bro. Nichols was elected as Youth Rally Director. Bro. Glenn Monday was received in full fellowship as a minister and Bro. Kirby J. Godwin was granted a card of good standing. Bro. David Kent had afternoon devotion from Colossians 3:1-4.

On February 26, 1972 the Southern Quarterly met with the Dooertown F.W.B. Church. Bro. Rick Jagers gave the devotion. Bro. Ken Walker gave a report on the church in Mobile. Five of the last 6 Sundays they had above 40 in attendance. He also gave special prayer request for purchasing ground in 1972. Bro. Jackie Higginbotham was ordained as deacon. The morning message was given by Bro. Glenn Monday.

On May 27, 1972 the Southern Quarterly met at the Fayette F.W.B. Church. Bro. David Hayes gave the morning devotion. The morning message was given by Rev. Dwight Fletcher. The Resolutions Committee made the following resolutions:

1. To meet with Jasper Church in November, Ensley in February, Townley in May.

2. That the Southern and Northern Quarterly of Progressive Association be rejoined.

3. Youth Rally be discontinued for 1 year due to lack of interest.

The new officers for the Southern Quarterly Meeting were elected.

Moderator - Rev. Glenn Monday

Asst. Moderator - Rev. Steve Nichols

Clerk - Mrs. Steve Nichols

Asst. Clerk - Doug Ferguson

Treasurer - Bro. David Kent

## NORTHERN QUARTERLY REPORT - November 20, 1971

The Northern Quarterly met at Harmony Free Will Baptist Church. The following churches were present: Harmony, Florence 1st, South Highland, and Russellville. Not in attendance was Jones Chapel. The Rev. Tom Malone delivered the morning devotion and the Rev. Walter Jagers the morning message.

The Nominating Committee recommended Rev. D. Fletcher for moderator, and Rev. Levy Corey for Asst. Moderator. MS&C. A letter of good standing was sent to the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists for Rev. Paul Davis. Bro. Charles Davis was approved to have license to preach renewed for one (1) year.

MS&C to adjourn.

Dwight Fletcher, Moderator  
Barbara Fletcher, Clerk

February 19, 1972

The Northern Quarterly met at Russellville Free Will Baptist Church. All five churches in the Northern Quarterly were represented. The morning devotion was delivered by Bro. David Kent. We had approximately 45 persons in attendance of which 7 were ministers.

Rev. Levy Corey was accepted into full fellowship with the Progressive Association.

Rev. Jim Mertz was accepted into fellowship pending receipt of his credentials and a letter of good standing. Rev. W. O. Miller was accepted into fellowship pending receipt of his credentials and a letter of good standing.

Bro. Marvin King was elected General Youth Director to work with Pastors, over the Northern Quarterly.

MS&C to adjourn.

Dwight Fletcher, Moderator  
Barbara Fletcher, Clerk

May 20, 1972

The Northern Quarterly met at South Highland Free Will Baptist Church. Approximately 40 members were present with 8 ministers attending. The following churches were represented: South Highland, Florence 1st, and Russellville. Jones Chapel was not in attendance. The morning devotion was given by Bro. Walter Jagers. Bro. Levy Corey delivered the morning message.

Letters of good standing were acknowledged for Bro. Miller and Bro. Mertz. Bro. Clifford Holland was accepted into the Northern Quarterly upon receipt of a letter of good standing.

Bro. Dennis Haygood was licensed to preach for one (1) year.

Officers were elected:

Moderator - Bro. Levy Corey

Asst. Moderator - Bro. James Mertz

Clerk - Barbara Fletcher

Resolutions Committee recommended giving the Clerk \$10.00 for the May meeting. MS&C.

The following motions were made and carried. Send \$50.00 to Children's Home in Eldridge, Ala. Send \$25.00 to Bro. Murphy for State Paper. Send \$25.00 to Bro. Jagers for Youth Camp.

MS&C to adjourn.

Dwight Fletcher, Moderator  
Barbara Fletcher, Clerk

MS&C to dismiss for the afternoon session in prayer by Bro. David Ferguson.

## FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Rev. Danny Keen opened by leading the congregation in singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers." Prayer was by Bro. Bob Sargent. A special song was rendered by Rev. Carlton Lambert, "Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus." A special offering was received for our Home Missionaries from Mobile, Alabama. (Rev. and Mrs. Ken Walker, offering of \$80.00)

The evening message was delivered by Rev. Ken Walker. Text: 1 Peter 3:17 "Judgment to begin in the house of God."

Service was closed with prayer by Bro. David Kent.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday morning session opened by singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Prayer by Rev. Levy Corey. Song: "The Lily Of The



Valley." Devotion was given by Rev. Glenn Monday. Text: Luke 16.

It was voted and carried to accept Jasper and Russellville church letters and seat their delegates.

### TEMPERANCE

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend that all women of the Progressive Association be concerned with and abide by the principle of modesty as set forth by the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 2:9.

We recommend that everyone be diligent in their efforts to be temperate in the area of purity and thoughts and life, specifically the lust of eyes and lust of flesh.

We recommend that all pastors take the admonition given in Ephesians 4:26 to "be ye angry" about all the things that has been recommended today and heretofore by the temperance committee.

Steve Nichols, Chairman

Henry Roberts

Doug Ferguson

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### OBITUARY

We, your Obituary Committee, report the following with sorrow and regret, the departing of some of our dearly beloved members during the past year. Our deepest sympathy goes to each family and church whom have suffered such losses.

We trust that our loss will be Heaven's gain and that they have gone to be with Christ to reign. We ask that this association stand in silent prayer in memory and on behalf of our beloved departed.

The names of our deceased are as follows:

Dovertown Church (1) Rube Hyche

Townley Church (1) Arnold Guthrie

Northport Church (1) Ed Crawford

Jasper Church (3) Walter Tate, Horrace Keeton, Lois Heard

Ensley Church (2) Rev. Joey Williams, Richard Davis

Cordova Church (4) Etta Allen, Barbara Bobo, Frances McFarland, Alma Marrow.

Rev. W. H. Ryland, Chairman

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### APPRECIATION

We, the Appreciation Committee, would like to thank the host church for the fellowship and wonderful meals that were served to us during this meeting.

We would like to give them a rising vote of thanks and appreciation.

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### AUDITING

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the following books: The Progressive Association Treasure, the Christian Education, The Youth Camp Report, and find them all in order.

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### RESOLUTION

We, the Resolution Committee, report the following:

- I. Be it resolved that a letter be written to all the churches in this association to be read in the Sunday morning service exhorting pastors, deacons, and members to be more faithful in attendance to associational meetings.
- II. Be it resolved that this association approve the check written for the amount of \$120.00 to supplant the funds for the Proyuka Youth Camp.
- III. Be it resolved that the first quarterly meeting be empowered to make any decision concerning the resuming of Youth Rallies.
- IV. Be it resolved that the Progressive Association convene in November at Jasper, February at Oak Grove, and in May at Sulligent.

Be it further resolved that the Progressive Annual Association convene at Townley in August.

- V. Be it resolved that this Association give \$100.00 to the Proyuka Youth Camp

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### NOMINATING

(These officers were elected)

Moderator: Rev. Steve Nichols

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Levy Corey

Clerk: Mrs. Dwight Fletcher

Assistant Clerk: Mrs. Levy Corey

Treasurer: Bro. David Kent

Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Louie Bates

Executive Board:

Three years - Rev. Carlton Lambert

Two years - Rev. Dwight Fletcher

One year - Rev. Louie Bates

Board of Christian Education:

Five years - Rev. Dwight Fletcher

Four years - Rev. Thurmon Murphy

Three years - Rev. Carlton Lambert

Two years - Rev. Glenn Monday

One year - Rev. Lloyd Martin

Signed: Rev. Thurmon Murphy  
Bro. David Kent

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### CREDENTIALS (Final Report)

We have examined the letters from the various churches and make the following recommendations:

- Item 1—We recommend that Bro. Danny Keen be given a letter of good standing from the Progressive Association to the Martin Association in the State of Georgia.
- Item 2—We recommend that Bro. Philip Kimbrough's license to preach the gospel be renewed for one year.
- Item 3—We recommend that Bro. Hughes Ellis be granted a letter of good standing from the Progressive Association to the Cumberland Association.

Signed: Bro. Walter Jagers  
Bro. David Kent  
Bro. Carlton Lambert

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### DELEGATES TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION

Cordova: Mrs. Lowell Short  
Dovertown: Mrs. Ryland  
Eldridge: Mrs. Betty Lambert  
Fayette: Mrs. A. M. Wallace  
Florence: Mrs. Mabel Melton  
Jasper: Mrs. Betty Monday  
Northport: Ms. Walera Carter  
Oak Grove: Mrs. Louie Bates  
Russellville: Mrs. Levy Corey  
South Highland: Mrs. Charles Davis  
Sulpher Springs:  
Townley: Welodene Edgil  
Sulligent: Ms. Margaret Price  
Harmony:  
Jones Chapel:  
Ensley: Mrs. Ada Tidwell

### CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

That we rejoin our northern and southern quarterly meetings, of the Progressive Association and that our Association meet and function as one, as it did before the dividing of the two and that we abide by the constitution as it was then.

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Motion and second to adjourn our business session. Carried.

The eleven o'clock service began and Rev. Thurmon Murphy read his text from 3 John 1:1-14. Prayer followed the Scripture reading. Subject of

message: "He walked in truth." Closing with prayer.

Mrs. Louie Bates, Clerk

Rev. A. J. Lambert, Moderator

\* Refreshments were served. Thanks was offered by Bro. Ken Walker. The conference was called back in session for the purpose of giving Bro. O. A. Miller a letter of good standing to the Bear Creek Association from the Progressive Association; the clerk is to mail this to him.

### 1973 - CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Cordova—Rev. Clifford Holland, 507 Green Avenue, Cordova, Ala. 35550  
Dovertown—Rev. W. H. Ryland, 501 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Ala.  
Eldridge—Rev. Carlton Lambert, Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama 35554  
Ensley—Rev. E. Dwight Fletcher, 2306 Ave. G, Ensley, Birmingham, Ala.  
Fayette—Rev. Steve Nichols, Temple Avenue, Fayette, Ala. 35555  
Florence—Rev. Tom Malone, 165 Chaparral, Florence, Ala. 35630  
Jasper—Rev. Glenn Monday, 501 East 22nd St., Jasper, Ala. 35501  
Northport—Rev. Harold A. Pitts  
Oak Grove—Rev. Louie Bates, P. O. Box 12, Graysville, Ala. 35073  
Russellville—Rev. Eustace Riggs, Russellville, Ala. 35653  
South Highland—Rev. James Pittman, 608 E. State St., Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35660  
Sulpher Springs—Rev. James Pickett, 3206 Star Route, Mulga, Ala. 35118  
Sulligent—Rev. Earnest Sargent, P. O. Box 532, Sulligent, Ala. 35586  
Townley—Rev. Walter Jagers, Drawer F, Townley, Ala. 35587  
Harmony—Rev. Johnny Williams, Route 2, Leighton, Ala. 35646  
Jones Chapel—Rev. James Mertz

### OTHER MINISTERS

Rev. Jimmy Aldridge, Mission Protestante, B.P. 24, Agnibelekrou, Rep. of Ivory Coast, Africa  
Rev. Louie B. Nix, Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama 35554  
Rev. Earl Hawkins, 304 E. 19th St., Jasper, Alabama 35501  
Rev. J. M. Pace, Route 5, Russellville, Alabama 35653  
Rev. Ricky Jagers, Drawer F, Townley, Alabama 35587  
Rev. Philip Kimbrough  
Rev. Charles Davis  
Rev. Dwayne Patterson  
Rev. Joel Williams, Wylam, Alabama

### CHURCHES AND CLERKS

Cordova—Joyce Pittman, 111 Cliff St., Cordova, Ala. 35550  
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Florence—Mrs. Almon Calvert, Route 11, Box 70, Florence, Ala. 35630  
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 Jones Chapel  
 Jasper—Mrs. Evelyn Bevis, 1602 Old Hwy. 78E, Jasper, Ala. 35501  
 Northport—Mrs. Ann Overton, 21 Oak Hill Subdivision, Northport, Ala. 35476  
 Oak Grove—Mrs. Mary Holt, Route 3, Box 819, Gardendale, Ala. 35071  
 Russellville—Mrs. Grady Randolph, P.O. Box 83, Russellville, Ala. 35653  
 South Highland—Mrs. Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35660  
 Sulligent—Mrs. Peggy Frye, P. O. Box 604, Sulligent, Ala. 35586  
 Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Dean Kuykendall, Route 1, Berry, Ala.  
 Townley—Mrs. Ruby Pike, Route 2, Box 159-C, Carbon Hill, Ala. 35549

## CHURCH DEACONS

### CORDOVA

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### FLORENCE

J. T. Lee, Florence

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Durwood Posey, Route 2, Leighton, Ala. 35646  
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 J. D. Glasgow, Parrish, Ala.  
 Clyde G. Hood, Nauvoo Road, Jasper, Ala. 35501

### JONES CHAPEL

### NORTHPORT

Sebron Kuykendall, 4-C Country Club Hills, Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35401  
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### RUSSELLVILLE

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 Ray Birmingham, Sulligent, Ala. 35586  
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 Hezzie Harrison, Sulligent, Ala. 35586  
 Isaiah Hollis, Sulligent, Ala. 35586

### TOWNLEY

J. A. Smith, Townley, Ala. 35587  
 Fred Smith, Townley, Ala. 35587  
 R. M. Edgil, Townley, Ala. 35587  
 Alfred Boshell, Townley, Ala. 35587



Donald G. Sparks, Carbon Hill, Ala. 35549  
Curt Thomas, Townley, Ala. 35587

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

### 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 reproved by the moderator according to direction of the association.

### PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED FEBRUARY 27, 1971

**ARTICLE 1.** This Association shall be known as the Progressive Association of 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.

**Item 2.** This Association shall be subdivided into Northern and Southern quarterly meetings, with the churches North of Eldridge forming the Northern Quarterly Meeting, and the churches South of Eldridge forming



the Southern Quarterly Meetings.

*Item 3.* These Quarterly Meetings shall be subject to the Progressive Association with all its rules and regulations.

**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. Item 1.** This Association shall appoint a Credentials Committee composed of six members, two ordained ministers and one deacon from each Quarterly Meeting, 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 to the annual session, and applications for membership for both churches and ministers, examining, and approving the ordination of all ministers or deacons and make a report of the same to the body. A quorum of this committee shall be six members, and in the event some member cannot meet, the Moderator of his Quarterly meeting shall appoint a substitute.

*Item 2.* All ordained members of the Association, ministers and deacons, who hold cards of good standing in the Association, shall compose the Ordaining Council of this body. The purpose of this Council shall be to ordain all ministers and deacons who have been recommended by the Credentials Committee, provided a quorum is present, said quorum being five members or more. This would not prohibit a church from ordaining its own deacons in accordance with rule 16, item c, under church rules.

*Item 3.* Each Quarterly Meeting shall appoint a registration committee whose duty shall be to examine all letters to the Quarterly meetings.

**ARTICLE 6. Item 1.** The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer; who shall be chosen by nomination and majority of votes.

*Item 2.* Each Quarterly Meeting shall elect its own officers at the meeting in May.

**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 Meetings shall convene in November, February, and May. Each Quarterly Meeting shall determine its own place and time of meeting.

*Item 3.* The Quarterly Meetings shall report to 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 and/or By-Laws may be altered or amended at

the Annual 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. Item 1.** Each Church shall send twenty cents for each active member for associational expenses.

*Item 2.* Each church shall send ten dollars to each session of its respective Quarterly Meetings.

**ARTICLE 12.** This Association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresy, or any church that countenances him in said teaching or that may be disloyal to the tenets of faith as held by this Association and expressed in our Articles of Faith. The same discipline shall apply to any church which calls a minister for a pastor who has been excluded by the Ordaining Council.

#### RULES FOR PREACHERS AS AMENDED FEBRUARY 27, 1971

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. This must be done by the next Associational or Quarterly Meeting, after calling the pastor. 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. The Credentials Committee shall examine him as to his life, doctrine, reputation and his convictions and abilities regarding the work of the ministry. Upon completion of such an examination, if he is found worthy, he shall be recommended to be licensed for a period of one year. He must have his license renewed annually and kept in force until ordination.

8. An applicant for ordination must have carried a license for at least one year immediately preceding his application. (Any exception for the



requirement for carrying a license for one year must pass by a two-thirds majority vote of his Quarterly Meeting or Association.) He must be recommended by the church of which he is a member. He must be examined by the Credentials Committee and have a call to pastor a church or be engaged in full time Christian service of such nature as to merit ordination. After examination, if he is worthy and sound in faith, he shall be recommended by the Credentials Committee for ordination.

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.

12. No person shall be ordained to the ministry nor shall the credentials of any minister be ratified until he is qualified to meet the conditions stated in the third chapter of 1 Timothy. The term, "husband of one wife" means he shall not have more than one living wife (that is, he shall not be married to one wife at the present time and there be a wife still living from a previous marriage.) The same shall apply to the wife, she shall have only one living husband.

#### CHURCH RULES AS AMENDED FEBRUARY 27, 1971

1. We agree as members of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists to co-operate in every move for betterment 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 the 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 18:15-17.

7. All business brought before the church by motion and second 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 offending 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 Credentials Committee and 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. (f) That no deacon be ordained who has more than one living wife, as defined in "rules for Preachers, No. 12, or whose wife has more than one living husband.

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 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 School, Enr.	CTS Members	Woman's Auxiliary Members	Prayer Meeting Attendance	Paid Pastor	Evangelistic Work	Building & Repair	Literature
Cordova	248	200	48	3	9	167	80	20	65	5,185.00	459.23	2,741.61	270.74
Dovertown	105	105		2	3	70	35		25	1,090.00	500.00	8,631.01	275.84
Eldridge	50	35	15	1	1	35	35		34		50.00	23.00	105.00
Ensley	110	77	32	2	4	85	30	14	30	3,480.00	449.73	3,371.27	431.36
Fayette	220	162	58	1	5	110	50	11	30	5,490.00	265.80	667.49	746.69
Florence													
Harmony	156	72	84	2	4	104		20	35	3,050.00	50.00	1,626.78	377.46
Jasper	131	81	9	2	4	78	46		32	5,200.00	216.00	3,046.26	397.38
Northport	126	120	6	1	5	155	102	18	30	7,800.00	921.02	2,235.53	2,984.68
Oak Grove	100	65	35	1		61			17	2,330.00	250.35	1,271.87	439.06
Russellville	291	210	81	3	9	189	98	14	150	5,290.00	1,248.27	9,631.72	1,318.07
South Highland	34	32	2	1	2	41			15	4,973.64			156.17
Sulligent	111	66	45	1	5	50	40		30	4,176.50	220.00	79.67	253.85
Sulphur Springs	186	94	92	1	2	103	26		20	5,200.00	400.00	1,466.15	316.13
Townley	135	101	34	1	6	146	60	14	47	5,960.00	223.55	2,182.38	674.29
Jones Chapel													



