

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

**FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
Townley Free Will Baptist Church
Townley, Alabama**

**AUGUST 23-25, 1973
*MINUTES***

**1974 SESSION
Russellville Free Will Baptist Church
Russellville, Alabama**

AUGUST 23-24, 1974

OFFICERS FOR 1974

Moderator	Rev. Eustace Riggs
	Route 1, Box 68E, Russellville, Ala.
Assistant Moderator	Rev. James Pittman
	608 East State Street, Muscle Shoals, Ala.
Clerk	Mrs. E. Dwight Fletcher
	2306 Avenue G, Ensley, Birmingham
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Glenn Monday
	501 East 22nd St., Jasper, Alabama
Treasurer	Bro. David Kent
	Post Office Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Three year term	Rev. A. J. Lambert
	Route 6, Box 149 Jasper, Alabama
Two year term	Rev. Carlton Lambert
	Post Office Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama
One year term	Rev. Dwight Fletcher
	2306 Avenue G, Ensley, Birmingham Ala.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Five year term	Rev. Louie Bates
Four year term	Rev. Dwight Fletcher
Three year term	Rev. James Pittman
Two year term	Rev. Carlton Lambert
One year term	Rev. Glenn Monday

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Walter Jagers
	Drawer F, Townley, Alabama
Vice President	Mrs. Jo Ann Riggs
	Route 1, Box 68E, Russellville, Ala.
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. Betty Capps
	Russellville, Alabama

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS (1973)

President	Mrs. Levy Corey
Vice President	Mrs. Walter Jagers
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. Elree Randolph

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened with the Russellville Free Will Baptist Church on March 3, 1973. Our Vice-President, Mrs. Walter

Jaggers, called the meeting to order and presided, due to our President, Mrs. Chris Corey, moving away. Song, "Regions Beyond" led by Barbara Fletcher. Prayer by Bro. Harold Pitts. Mrs. P. W. Kimbrough gave the welcome address. Mrs. Steve Nichols gave the response. Morning devotional was given by Mrs. Jo Ann Riggs, with thoughts being taken from I Kings and Ezekial. Minutes of the 1972 meeting were read. MS&C. The treasurers report was accepted. Roll call and seating of delegates.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

RESOLUTION: Marie Trubett, Elizabeth Murphy, and Cheryl Nichols

FINANCE: Wilma Davis and Janice Burcham

APPRECIATION: Mrs. A.M. Wallace, Wylodean Edgil, Betty Capps

Registration:

NOMINATING: Theo Kuykendall, Francis McGee, and Barbara Fletcher

Song, "We've A Story To Tell", led by Barbara Fletcher. Special song, "Give Me A Vision", by Verna Malone. Our missionary from Africa, Anita Sparks, brought the morning message, "Light in a World of Darkness." Dismissed for lunch.

Afternoon session began by singing "Jesus Saves." Mrs. Sparks told us about their work in Africa and the Kulango New Testament she and her husband are translating. The audience was then allowed to ask questions on their work in Africa. State delegates were appointed as follows: Willodean Edgil, Jo Ann Riggs, Mable Melton, Phyllis McCombs, Evelyn Bevis, Mrs. A.M. Wallace, Mrs. Harold Pitts, Mavern Pickett. Barbara Fletcher was appointed as district delegate to the State meeting. Adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Essie Collins.

REPORTS:

RESOLUTION: We, the Resolution Committee, report the following;

1. That the officers hold at least one workshop during the year to plan the meeting.
2. That the officers notify each Auxiliary before the district meeting of the amount of money needed to cover the expense of the meeting so each Auxiliary can send an offering.
3. That the District recommend the State that the special projects be decided a year in advance so each Auxiliary could work toward the project during the year.
4. Each Auxiliary send a report at the end of the year to the Mission Study Chairman of their special projects so a newsletter could be prepared and sent to each Auxiliary.

APPRECIATION:

We, the Appreciation Committee want to express our appreciation to the host church for the warm hospitality, delicious meal, and the inspiring message by Mrs. Sparks.

FINANCE:

We, the Finance Committee, have examined the treasurers book and

found them to be in order.

REGISTRATION:

18 delegates, 59 visitors, and 6 ministers.

OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR:

PRESIDENT:	Mrs. Walter Jaggers
VICE PRESIDENT	Mrs. Jo Ann Riggs
SECRETARY-TREASURER	Mrs. Betty Capps
ASSISTANT	Mrs. Elree Randolph
MISSION PRAYER CHAIRMAN	Wylodean Edgil
MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN	Mrs. Frances McGee
MISSION ACTION	Mrs. Joyce Stanfield

THURSDAY EVENING YOUTH SERVICE

The forty-second annual Progressive youth service at Townley Alabama, opened by singing "Joy Unspeakable". The moderator, Bro. Steve Nichols gave a very warm welcome. Six churches were represented. Bro. Fletcher led the congregation in songs of inspiration after which an offering was received to cover expenses. We were then favored with a special in song by Bro. Fletcher. Rev. Milton Worthington was our guest speaker. The evening message was; "The Minister and the Word." Text, Luke 14:25-26, 27, & 33. This was a most inspiring message. Many decisions were made in the service and God's spirit was very prevalent. Bro. Jaggers (pastor of the host church) gave a few words in closing, and Bro. A. J. Lambert closed in prayer.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Committees: Rev. Glenn Monday
Rev. Dwight Fletcher
Rev. W. H. Ryland

Credentials: Rev. Carlton Lambert
Rev. Walter Jaggers
Bro. A. M. Wallace

* Refreshments were served by the Townley Church.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Friday morning, August 24, 1973 the session opened by singing, "On Christ the Solid Rock." Bro. Walter Jaggers, pastor of the host church, then gave a very warm and cordial welcome. Bro. W. H. Ryland gave an equally warm response to that welcome.

Rev. Steve Nichols delivered the "Moderators Message." His text was taken from Philippians 3:12-16 (The Christian Life compared to a race). A. Beginning point. B. Course of the journey. C. What he was going after. Bro.

Nichols closed with prayer.

The association was then called to order for business by Mrs. Fletcher, Clerk. The church letters were read and delegates seated as follows:

DOVERTOWN: Mrs. Dan Sargent, Mrs. Janie Stacks, Mrs. Marie Foster, Mrs. Ryland.
ELDRIDGE: Ms. Rhonda Boshell, Mary Lou Gunter, Barbara Moore
ENSLEY: Mrs. Ruby Dickinson, Mrs. Ada Tidwell
FAYETTE: Mr. A. M. Wallace, Mrs. A. M. Wallace
FLORENCE: (By letter only)
JASPER: Bro Richard Hendrix, Mrs. Carolyn Hendrix
NORTHPORT: Mr. Oliver Johnston, Mrs. Oliver Johnston, Mrs. Harold Pitts, Tresa Pitts.
OAK GROVE: Mrs. Louie Bates
RUSSELLVILLE: Mrs. Jo Ann Riggs, Michael Riggs
SOUTH HIGHLAND: (By letter only)
SULPHUR SPRINGS: Johnny Jones, Brenda Moss
SULLIGENT: Mrs. Hattie Harrison, Mrs. Robbie Birmingham, Mrs. Bonnie Sargent
TOWNLEY: Mrs. Myrtle Ferguson, Mr. Douglas Ferguson, Ms. Mary Alice Boshell

*The following churches did not represent by letter or delegate: CORDOVA, HARMONY.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

- I. Temperance: * Eustace Riggs, Bro. A.M. Wallace
- II. Obituary: Doug Ferguson, Mrs. Ruby Dickenson
- III. Appreciation: Carolyn Hendrix, Mrs. Ada Tidwell, Mrs. Sargent
- IV. Resolutions: Rev. James Pittman, Loyd Martin
- V. Nominating: Rev. Steve Nichols, A. J. Lambert, E. T. Sargent
- VI. Auditing: JoAnn Riggs, Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Mrs. Hendrix

We were then dismissed for a ten minute intermission.

The eleven o'clock worship service opened with singing, "Ready" and "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." We were led in prayer by Bro. Harold Pitts. Bro. Milton Worthington delivered the morning message. His text was taken from II Timothy 3:13-4:5 (Discipleship) "The best way to have Jesus first is to obey the Word." A. Importance, B. Place, C. Power—Environment for thoughts, Equipment for task, Employment of time is right.

Bro. Worthington closed with prayer.

**Lunch was served by the ladies of Townley Church

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with singing, "Rejoice ye pure in heart."

Prayer was offered by Rev. Eustace Riggs. The devotional thought for the afternoon was given by Rev. A. J. Lambert, his text being; Romans 8:28.

Reports were given as follows:

1973 YOUTH CAMP — Rev. Walter Jagers

Income	
Balance on hand from 1972 camp	20.98
Income from 1973 camp (fee's, offerings, sales of Pennets and Shirts)	\$4,108.01
From Progressive Association	100.00
TOTAL income on hand	4,228.99

Disbursements	
Camp Rental	3,384.00
Hall Brothers (Rifle shells)	77.85
Church Training Service (Books)	56.56
Townley Church (Phone Calls)	29.27
Peoples Drugs (Film development, flashbulbs)	13.23
K-Mart (Rifle targets, film, thumbtacks)	9.91
Steve Nichols (2-Rifle Trophies)	5.60
200-Evaluation sheets (Fairview Church)	6.30
St. Claire County Hospital (Levy Corey's daughter)	31.00

TOTAL paid out \$3,613.72

Cash on hand 615.27

Total Campers	165
Workers	23
Total at Youth Camp	188

CHILDREN'S HOME—Rev. Carlton Lambert

Bro. Lambert reported that we have approximately 30 children living at our home in Eldridge. Several new staff workers have been hired for which we are thankful. Work is still progressing on the girls portion of the building. Bro. Lambert expressed deep concern over the Civil Rights Laws. He informed us of the changes taking place and expressed that we should pray for guidance in the Home's decisions.

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YOUTH RALLY—Rev. Dwight Fletcher

Five youth rallies were held during 1973 with approximately 300 in attendance at each rally. Featured at these rallies were: Al Worthington, Bryan Quartet, Film, (City of the Bees), Phil Kimbrough, Al Hamm (Present Free Will Baptist Bible College).

Cash on Hand	45.69
Total in offerings	253.23
Miscellaneous expense	14.20
Honorariums to speakers	49.47
Rent on Film & Projector	30.25
Gift to F.W.B.B.C. Development program	100.00
Trophy	20.00
Total Cash	298.92
Total Cash spent	298.92 MS/C

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Rev. Dwight Fletcher

Balance in Treasury \$4.44. Whereas there is a waning interest in competitive activities in our Association:

Be it resolved that our churches strive to get the youth of our churches involved in competition on the district level. This would include Bible Tic Tac Toe, Bible Bowl, and Sword Drill; Declamations and Music and Arts. MS/C Motion made and second to accept the resolution to get involved in the C.T.S. competition. Carried.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS—Mrs. Fletcher

November 25, 1972 we met at Jasper Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Clifford Holland brought the morning message, taken from Luke 2:25. Bro. William Baird was granted a letter of good standing to the Vernon Association. Bro. Gerald Owens was granted a letter of good standing to "Whom it may Concern." Bro. Thurman Murphy was granted a letter of good standing to West Fork, Texas Association. Bro. James Pittman was accepted into the association as an ordained minister. Bro. Charles Davis' License to preach was renewed for one year. Bro. David Kent resigned as a member of the Credentials Committee and Bro. A. M. Wallace was appointed to serve on the Credentials Committee in Bro. Kents place. A motion was made and seconded to resume having Youth Rallies, the motion carried. A committee was appointed by the moderator to begin the youth rally programs, they were: Dwight Fletcher, CH. Clifford Holland, Glenn Monday and Doug Ferguson. A motion was made, second, and carried to purchase a typewriter for use in the Association, and that the Clerk be authorized to purchase such machine. The ceiling price was to be \$250.00.

MS/C to Adjourn

Steve Nichols, Moderator
Barbara Fletcher, Clerk

On February 24, 1973 the Progressive Quarterly met at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Eustace Riggs delivered the morning message. His subject was: "That Thou mayest know how to behave thyself" I Tim. 1.

Rev. Eustace Riggs was accepted into the association and granted a card of good standing, upon completion of his questionnaire for ministers. Rev. Harold Pitts was accepted into the association pending receipt of his questionnaire for ministers, and a request from North Port Church. Motion was made, second, and carried to receive Bro. James Pickett into the association upon completion of his questionnaire and a request from Sulpher Springs Church. We received a letter of recommendation for Bro. Ryland from Cahaba River Association. Bro. Eustace Riggs was elected as assistant Moderator. Mrs. Betty Monday was elected as assistant Clerk. Rev. James Pittman was elected for a 4 year term on the Board of Christian Education.

A motion was made that the Progressive Association pay the \$100.00 fee for reserving the Camp site for Youth Camp. S & Carried.

MS/C to Adjourn

Steve Nichols, Moderator
Barbara Fletcher, Clerk

May 25, 1973 we met at Sulligent Free Will Baptist Church for the Progressive Quarterly. We had an ordination service at 11:00. Rev. Harold Pitts preached the message. Dennis Haygood was ordained to preach, Phillip Kimbrough was ordained to preach, and Richard Mansell was ordained as a Deacon. Doug Ferguson was licensed to preach for one year. Ricky Jagers' license to preach was extended one year. Bro. Hershal Beard was licensed to preach for one year.

MS/C to Adjourn

Steve Nichols, Moderator
Barbara Fletcher, Clerk

PARTIAL CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT: Thirteen churches were represented by letter, of these thirteen the following were found in order: Ensley, Sulligent Sulpher Springs, Townley, and Russellville. Bro. Lambert made a motion that the churches whose letters were in order be accepted and those not in order be notified as to what is needed to bring them into order. S & Carried

We recommend giving Rev. Levi Corey a letter of Recommendation to the Cumberland association of Tennessee. MS/C

Note: We have received Rev. Phillip Kimbrough's ordination questionnaire. They are in order.

Motion was made and second that the verbal request for ordination be accepted for Bro. Harvey Luke. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (Partial Report) Be it resolved that rule 13 under church rules be amended.

Be it resolved that Article 7 Item 1 of the Progressive Association be amended. Motion made and second to receive the report./Carried.

Motion was made and second that the resolution committee check into the constitution and amendments /Carried.

Motion was made and second to lay the second amendment on the table until Sat. A.M./Carried.

Motion made to adjourn. S & Carried.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Rev. Dwight Fletcher opened by leading the congregation in singing, "When the Roll is Called up Yonder." Prayer was offered by Bro. David Kent. We all joined in singing, "Jesus is all the World to Me" and "Count your Blessings." An offering was then received to defer expenses, followed by singing "To God Be the Glory" and "He Brought Me Out." Bro Carlton Lambert favored us with a beautiful solo. Bro. Worthington then delivered the evening message. His subject: The peril of complacency or departing from the Lord. Hearts were truly challenged to be true.

Closing prayer by Bro. Worthington.

Bro. Nichols then called the meeting to order for business. A motion was made to lay article 11 sec. 2 and 12 in amendment on the table. S & Carried.

Motion made that we pay outside speakers (to quarterly meetings and annual conferences) \$15.00 per service and 10¢ per mile beginning tonight. S & Carried.

Adjourned with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session opened by singing "Rejoice and Sing." Prayer by Bro. Ryland. The morning devotion was given by Bro. Nichols. His text: Ephesians 2.

Motion was made and carried to seat the delegates from Jones Chapel Church and to seat the 2 additional delegates from Russellville. They are as follows:

JONES CHAPEL: Robert Richardson, Marie Richardson, and Rose Mertz

RUSSELLVILLE: Mr. Walker Cummins, and Mrs. Walker Cummins

The following reports were given:

TEMPERANCE

In addition to what is in the report now, we further recommend that this association go on record as opposing the sale or use of alcoholic beverages or tobacco.

Eustace Riggs

A. M. Wallace

MS/C

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 who have suffered such losses.

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

The names of the deceased are as follows:

DOVERTOWN: Mr. Jackson Stacks

JASPER: Mr. William Moon, Mrs. Rosella Evans

FAYETTE: Mrs. Exie Hallman

TOWNLEY: Mr. Charles Edward Edmonds, Mr. J. A. Smith, Mrs. Martha

Flippo, Mrs. Betty Smith.

FLORENCE: (3 persons, but no names submitted)

SULPHUR SPRINGS: (1 person, no name submitted)

SULLIGENT: Isaiah Hollis

MS/C Mrs. Ruby Dickerson

Douglas Ferguson, Chairman

APPRECIATION

We your appreciation committee would like to thank the host church and Bro. Jagers for the food and wonderful fellowship everyone has enjoyed during this meeting. Again we would like to thank the host church by a standing vote of thanks.

MS/C Carolyn Hendrix

Mrs. Ellie Sargent

Mrs. Ada Tidwell

AUDITING

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

MS/C Mrs. Eustace Riggs

Mrs. W. H. Ryland

Mr. Richard Hendrix

RESOLUTIONS

We the Resolutions Committee make the following recommendations:

1. Be it resolved that a letter be sent to all the churches in this Association to

be read in the Sunday morning services exhorting Pastors, Deacons, and members to be more faithful in attendance to Associational meetings.
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2. Be it resolved that rule 13 under church rules be amended as follows:
"These rules shall be read if considered necessary by the moderator at the opening of each Conference, and strictly enforced by the Moderator."

Motion was made to remove this item from the table. Second & Carried.
MS/C

3. Be it resolved that Article 7, Item 1 of the Progressive Association be amended as follows:

"This Association shall meet on Thursday and Friday before the last Sunday of August each year—The Association proper beginning Thursday Morning, Youth meeting Thursday night and services on Friday."

Motion was made to remove this item from the table. Second & Carried.

Motion made to amend the amendment as follows: "We meet on Friday A.M. and P.M. and Saturday, the Friday evening service being a Youth service." Amendment Second and Carried.

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4. Be it resolved that the Progressive Association convene in November at Oak Grove, February at South Highland, and in May at Jones Chapel. Be it further resolved that the Progressive Annual Association convene at Russellville in August.

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5. Be it resolved that the Association pay the expenses of the moderator and that the moderator during the course of the year ask permission from the pastors to visit each church and explain the ministry of the Association to the churches and exhort our churches to participate more actively in Associational endeavors.

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6. Be it resolved that our clerk send copies to our churches of the resolution adopted at the 1973 assembly of the National concerning the so called Charismatic or Tongues Movement, and that our Pastors take care to warn our people of the serious error of this movement.

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NOMINATING (These officers were elected)

Moderator: Eustace Riggs
Assistant Moderator: James Pittman
Clerk: Mrs. Dwight Fletcher
Assistant Clerk: Mrs. Glenn Monday
Treasurer: Bro. David Kent
Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Walter Jaggars

Executive Board:

Three year term—A. J. Lambert
Two year term—Carlton Lambert
One year term—Dwight Fletcher

Board of Christian Education:

Five year term—Louie Bates
Four year term—Dwight Fletcher
Three year term—James Pittman
Two year term—Carlton Lambert
One year term—Glenn Monday

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CREDENTIALS (Final Report)

Item 1—We have examined Bro. Harvey Luke, he has filled out the Ordination questionnaire, and we recommend he be ordained to the Gospel Ministry, having found him worthy.

Item 2—We have examined the Jones Chapel letter and find their dues in order and a request for cards of good standing for their pastor and deacons.

Signed: Walter Jaggars
A. M. Wallace

MS/C.

Motion made and second that incomplete church letters be accepted and the clerk be authorized to grant cards of good standing upon written request of the church and completion of the letters. Carried.

DELEGATES TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION

Cordova: Joe Salariah
Dovertown: Mrs. Dan Sargent
Eldridge: David Kent
Ensley: Mrs. Dwight Fletcher
Fayette: Mrs. A. M. Wallace
Florence: (To be appointed)
Jasper: Mrs. Glenn Monday
North Port: Mrs. Harold Pitts
Oak Grove: Mrs. Louie Batse
Russellville: Mrs. JoAnn Riggs
South Highland: (To be appointed)
Sulphur Springs: (To be appointed)
Sulligent: Mrs. Sargent
Townley: Mrs. Boshell

Jones Chapel: Robert Richardson
Harmony: (To be appointed)
Mrs. A. J. Lambert elected as a delegate at large.

Motion was made that we give our out-going officers a rising vote of thanks and appreciation. /Carried.

Motion made and second that the moderator be given the authority to appoint those delegates lacking at the state meeting. /Carried.

Motion and second to adjourn our business session. /Carried.

The eleven o'clock worship hour opened with singing "Yield not to temptation" and "Take the Name of Jesus with You."

The ordination service began with Bro. Luke and family being seated at the front.

Bro. and Mrs. William Baird rendered a special in song, "When We See Christ." The charge was given by Bro. A. J. Lambert. The Word was then presented by Bro. Carlton Lambert. The ordination message was delivered by Rev. William Baird. Following the message Bro. Eustace Riggs led in the prayer of dedication. We then extended the right hand of fellowship to the Ordained couple.

Motion and second to adjourn this Forty-first session of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptist. /Carried.

* Lunch was served by the Townley Church.

Steve Nichols, Moderator
Barbara Fletcher, Clerk

1974—CHURCHES AND PASTORS

CORDOVA—Rev. Clifford Holland, 507 Green Avenue, Cordova, Ala. 35550
DOVERTOWN—Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Ala.
ELDRIDGE—Rev. Carlton Lambert, Box 8, Eldridge, Ala. 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 Pitts, 2600 15th Ave., Northport, Ala. 35476
OAK GROVE—Rev. Louie Bates, P. O. Box 12, Graysville, Ala. 35073
RUSSELLVILLE—Rev. Eustace Riggs, Route 1, Box 68E, Russellville, Ala.
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SULPHUR 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, Route 6, Box 287A, Florence, Ala. 35630

OTHER MINISTERS

Rev. Dennis Haygood
Rev. A. J. Lambert
Rev. Doug Ferguson
Rev. Jimmy Aldridge, Mission Protestante, B.P. 24, Agnibelekrou, Rep. of Ivory Coast, Africa
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Rev. Philip Kimbrough
Rev. Charles Davis
Rev. Dwayne Patterson
Rev. Joel Williams, Wylam, Alabama

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FLORENCE—Mrs. Caryl Manuel, 344 W. Lakeside Dr., Florence, Ala. 35630
HARMONY—Mrs. Betty Jeffreys, Route 2, Leighton, Ala. 35646
FAYETTE—Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Route 6, Fayette, Alabama 35555
JONES CHAPEL—Mrs. James Mertz, Route 6, Box 287A, Florence, Alabama 35630
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SULLIGENT—Mrs. Margaret Price, P. O. Box 681, Sulligent, Ala. 35586
SULPHUR SPRINGS—Mrs. Shelia Montgomery, Route One, Samantha, Ala. 35482
TOWNLEY—Mrs. Ruby Pike, Route 2, Box 159-C, Carbon Hill, Ala. 35549

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Hezzie Harrison, Sulligent, Ala. 35586

Isaiah Hollis, Sulligent, Ala. 35586

Richard Mansell, Sulligent, Ala. 35586

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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 reprovved by the moderator according to direction of the association.

CHURCH RULES

AS AMENDED AUGUST 25, 1973

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 if considered necessary by the moderator, 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.

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 preceeding 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.

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.

CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED AUGUST, 1973

ARTICLE 1. This association shall be known as the Progressive Association of the Free Will Baptist 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 Friday A.M., P.M., and Saturday, before the last Sunday of August each year. The Friday evening service being a youth service. 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 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 provisionally hindered.

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

	Number of Members		Resident		Non-Resident		Ordained Ministers		Ordained Deacons		Sunday School, Enr.		CTS Members		Woman's Aux. Members		Prayer Meeting Attendance		Paid Pastor		Evangelistic Work		Building & Repair		Literature	
Cordova	248	200	48	3	9	167	8	20	65	5,185.00	459.23	2,741.61	270.74													
Dovertown	103	103		2	2	79	35		25	1,300.00	1,450.00	4,739.00	294.84													
Eldridge	41	31	10	1	1	44	44		44	5,095.00	391.60	3.12	95.16													
Ensley	106	77	28	2	4	86	30	14	30	5,095.00	391.60	11,620.22	684.05													
Fayette	226	1618	58	1	5	110	60	12	32	6,400.00	479.50	1,535.14	854.93													
Florence	492	474	18	2	4					11,022.30	1,162.12	4,168.92	2,528.10													
Harmony	165	72	84	2	4	104		20	35	3,050.00	50.00	1,626.78	377.46													
Jasper	114	108	7	3	4	109	50	16	35	5,790.00	300.00	2,865.65	424.23													
Northport	141	141		1	5	155	83	15	25																	
Oak Grove	101	66	35	1		65			16	2,400.00	100.00	2,269.95	254.42													
Russellville	281	198	83	4	9	147	71	14	100	6,535.00	1,106.50	12,175.78	1,245.59													
South Highland	41	41	2	3	2	83	40		20	4,774.36	715.00		268.43													
Sulligent	62	57	5	1	5	46	40		20	5,200.00	439.00	825.00	156.00													
Sulpher Springs	184	92	92	1	1	176	25	14	15	3,075.00	288.52	850.31	306.13													
Townley	135	98	37	1	5	165	60	14	44	255.00	779.12	3,058.33	657.25													
Jones Chapel	80	80		1	2	70		16	40	200.00			40.00													

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