



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



**FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION  
Jasper Free Will Baptist Church  
Jasper, Ala.**

**AUGUST 23, 24, 1974  
\*MINUTES\***

**1975 SESSION  
Russellville Free Will Baptist Church  
Russellville, Alabama**

**OCTOBER 24, 25, 1975**

## OFFICERS FOR 1975

Moderator .....	Rev. Walter Jagers
504 Green Ave., Cordova, Alabama	
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. A. J. Lambert
Rt. 6, Jasper, Alabama	
Clerk .....	Mrs. Bobby J. Sargent
1109 10th St., Jasper, Alabama	
Assistant Clerk .....	Mrs. Glenn Monday
501 East 22nd St., Jasper, Alabama	
Treasurer .....	Bro. David Kent
Post Office Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama	
Assistant Treasurer .....	Mrs. Walter Jagers
504 Green Ave., Cordova Alabama	

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Three year term .....	Rev. James Pickett
3206 Star Route, Mulga, Alabama	
Two year term .....	Rev. A. J. Lambert
Rt. 6, Jasper, Alabama	
One year term .....	Rev. Carlton Lambert
P.O. Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama	

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

## PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY THEME: "GIVE ME A VISION"

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President .....	Mrs. Walter Jagers
Vice President .....	Mrs. Jo Ann Riggs
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Mrs. Betty Capps

Our vice-president opened the meeting and presided, due to the illness of our president.

Mrs. Harold Pitts welcomed us to the Northport church. The response was given by Barbara Fletcher.

Morning devotion by Cherryl Nichols with thoughts being taken from John 4. Barbara Fletcher led us in singing "Regions Beyond."

Minutes of 1973 District meeting were read and approved. Also treasurers report was given and approved.

Roll call and seating of delegates.

Delegates were as follows:

Florence—Thelma Lindsey, Glenda Suggs, Verna Malone

Russellville—Jo Ann Riggs, Elree Randolph

Ensley—Deliska Pickett, Phyllis McCombs, Barbara Fletcher

Sulphur Spring—Illa Scriver

Fayette—Cherryl Nichols, Helen Henderson, Lydia Kelley

Jasper—Evelyn Bevis, Betty Monday, Carolyn Hendrix

Northport—Wilma Davis, Rebecca Leatherwood, Essie Collins

Committees were appointed by vice president

Report of state meeting by Barbara Fletcher. Special song rendered by Mrs. Verna Malone "Give Me a Vision."

Mrs. Janie Aldridge gave the morning message. Her message, "Visions of what God is doing in the world—1974," "and you and your mission field."

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Jagers.

Lunch

Song "All For Jesus"; Prayer by Earnestine Baird.

A time with our missionary was conducted by Mrs. Aldridge. For her scripture she used Psalm 115.

State delegates were chosen as follows: Lora Shuter, Mable Melton, Elree Randolph, Carolyn Hendrix, Mrs. Harold Pitts, Helen Canada, Phyllis McCombs, Helen Fields, Mrs. A. M. Wallace. District delegate, Mrs. A. J. Lambert.

Installation of new officers by Elizabeth Murphy.

Dismissed in prayer by Mrs. A. J. Lambert.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 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. Aldridge.

Elois Sargent  
Helen Canada  
Phyllis McCombs

#### FINANCE:

We, the finance committee, have examined the books and have found them in order.

Cherryl Nichols  
Evelyn Bevis

#### RESOLUTIONS:

We, the resolution committee, submit the following report:

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1. That each local auxiliary send (1) piece of material (kettle cloth, cotton dacron blend) to the state meeting for Mrs. Aldridge. Also zipper and thread.
2. That all monies

A. Superannuation

B. W.N.A.C. Emphasis

C. Pre Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas

D. Co-Laborer

E. Student Loan be sent to the district secretary.

3. That all auxiliaries be encouraged to attend the prayer retreat.

4. That the district, have each local auxiliary provide a box of cosmetics for the Aldridges. This will be sent to the district president who will in turn send the box to Mrs. Aldridge by the end of March.

5. That the song director and pianist be added to the list of officers and elected from the floor today. Here-after being nominated by the nomination committee.

6. That each local auxiliary give name and address to district secretary today before leaving so a mailing list can be available.

I move we accept this report and adopt it item by item.

Barbara Fletcher

Verna Malone

Wilma Davis

#### REGISTRATION:

We, the registration committee, submit the following report:

20 delegates

32 visitors

4 ministers

56 Total Present

June Wheat

Merle Dyer

#### NOMINATING:

We, the nomination committee, nominate the following:

President—Mrs. Jo Ann Riggs

Vice President—Mrs. Verna Malone

Secretary & Treasurer—Mrs. Betty Capps

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Elree Randolph

Mission Prayer Chairman—Elizabeth Murphy

Mission Study Chairman—Merle Dyer

Mission Action Chairman—Barbara Fletcher

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Friday morning, August 23, 1974, session opened by singing "There is Power in the Blood." Bro. Monday, Pastor of host church, gave a warm welcome to everyone. Bro. A. M. Wallace gave a response to the welcome.

Rev. Eustace Riggs delivered the "Moderator's Message." His text was taken from II Tim. 2:15, Study; I Tim. 2:8, Prayer; I Cor. 4:1-4, Stewardship; Acts 20, Shepherds. Bro. Riggs closed with prayer.

The association was then called to order for business by Bro. Riggs, Moderator. The church delegates were seated as follows:

CORDOVA: Mr. Joe Sularin, Mrs. Winsett, Mrs. Ryland, Shirley Swindel, Pat Sides, Mrs. Swindle.

DOVERTOWN: Mrs. Dan Sargent, Annette Moll, Rev. & Mrs. Gurganus, Rickie Gurganus, Debra Gurganus, Rev. Steve Higginbotham.

ELDRIDGE: None

ENSLEY: Mrs. Ruby Dickinson, Mrs. Ada Tidwell

FLORENCE: Letter only

FAYETTE: Mr. A. M. Wallace, Mr. Doug Stripling

JASPER: Mrs. Minnie Bevis, Mrs. Carolyn Hendrix, Mrs. Betty Monday

NORTHPORT: Mrs. Merle Dyer, Mrs. Etma Crowe, Mrs. Amy Winters,  
Mrs. H. A. Pitts.

RUSSELLVILLE: Mrs. JoAnn Riggs

SOUTH HIGHLAND: Letter only

SULLIGENT: Sis. Hattie Harrison, Sis. Robbie Birmingham, Sis.  
Bonnie Sargent.

TOWNLEY: Mrs. Mary Boshell, Richard James, Andrew Guthrie, Helen  
Fields, Shirley Sparks.

\* The following churches did not represent by letter or delegate: Oak  
Grove, Sulphur Springs, Harmony and Jones Chapel. (Oak Grove mailed letter  
and dues the following week.)

Moderator appointed Committee on Committees:

Rev. Glenn Monday, Rev. S. Nichols, Rev. W. H. Ryland.

We were then dismissed for 10 minutes intermission.

The eleven o'clock worship service opened with singing "Keep on the  
Firing Line." We were led in prayer by Bro. Riggs. Bro S. Nichols sang a solo  
"Fill My Cup Lord." Bro. Carlton Lambert delivered the morning message  
"We are all to Glorify God." Joshua 14:6-13. Bro. Joe Sularin closed with  
prayer.

\*\* Lunch was served by the ladies of Jasper Church.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with singing "Since Jesus Took My Heart  
All To Pieces." Prayer offered by Bro. W. Rawls. The devotional thought for  
the afternoon was given by Bro. Richard James; I Cor. 13, "Happiness."  
Reports were given as follows:

1974 YOUTH CAMP—Rev. W. Jaggars, as per Rev. E. D. Fletcher

Total campers—141 (Campers 120; Counselors 19; Children 2)

Income

Balance forwarded from 1973 .....\$601.37

Income from 1974 Camp (fees, offerings) .....3,096.47

Income (due to come in; half camp fee) .....12.50

TOTAL income .....\$3,710.34

Disbursements

Camp Rental .....\$3,533.00

Borden Printing & Stamp Co. (Applic. & Brochures) .....18.02

Cash (To open petty cash fund) .....25.00

B'ham Trust Nat'l. Bank (service chg.) .....1.00

Rev. Jimmy Aldridge (Amt. of camp offerings) .....41.47

B.T.N.B. (one check fee) .....10

Literature .....87.80

One check fee .....10

TOTAL EXPENSES .....\$3,706.49

Cash on hand .....\$3.85

#### PETTY CASH:

Opened acc't .....\$25.00

Steve Nichols (3 boxes shells) .....2.25

For 3 lunches .....2.25

\$29.50

#### Expense:

Grants (envelopes) .....\$1.66

Postage .....2.96

Postage .....80

Millers' (envelopes) .....45

Postage .....1.28

Postage .....1.98

Exp. to Director .....3.91

Exp. to Director .....3.90

Postage .....90

Exp. to Director .....47

\$18.31

Cash on hand .....\$11.19

Bro. H. A. Pitts made motion that the moderator set a specific Sunday night  
for each church in the association to take an offering for youth camp. Sept.  
1, 1974 was the date set.

M/S/C

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

Bro. Lambert mentioned the number of children is low due to shortage  
of house parents. Inflation has also caused increase in Homes' expenditures.  
All remodeling is almost complete.

M/S/C

#### YOUTH RALLY—Rev. S. Nichols as per Rev. E. D. Fletcher

Five youth rallies were held with approximately 306 average attendance  
at each rally. Featured at these rallies were: Rev. Tim Young, Rev. Jim  
Coward, Rev. Jonathan Thigpen, and Rev. Jimmy Aldridge. April's rally was  
for competition for T.N.T.

Cash on hand .....\$000.00

Total in offering .....318.35

Honorariums to speakers .....185.00

C.T.S. Dept. (Medallions) .....22.00

Announcements .....5.95

Miscellaneous expense .....134.50

Balance on hand .....\$29.10

Recommendation was made that money on hand be spent for a worthy cause.  
M/S/C

#### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Rev. James Pittman

Progress report on development of campgrounds by Progressive, Jasper

and Vernon Associations was given. It has not been possible to acquire a clear deed for the Butler property in Guin. Bro Pittman is to see if Bro. Butler will reconsider the stipulations on the deed to his property for a youth camp. If he will not give us a clear deed, we will investigate the possibility of developing the Davis property in Nauvoo, Alabama.

M/S/C

#### PARTIAL CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Twelve churches were represented by letter. Of these twelve, ten were found in order. A motion was made that the churches whose letter were in order be accepted and those not in order be notified as to what is needed to bring them into order.

M/S/C

We recommend giving a rising vote of thanks for Rev. & Mrs. E. D. Fletcher, who are leaving our association, for their splendid service.

M/S/C

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

Committees appointed:

1. Temperance: Rev S. Nichols, Bro. A. M. Wallace, Bro. Roy Barnes.
2. Obituary: Mrs. Ruby Dickinson, Mrs. W. H. Ryland.
3. Appreciation: Mrs. Mary Boshell, Mrs. Walter Jagers, Mrs. Ida Cummings.
4. Resolutions: Bro. W. A. Rawls, Bro. Donald Sparks, Bro. Joe Sularin.
5. Nominating: Rev. W. Jagers, Rev. C. Lambert, Rev. E. Sargent.
6. Auditing: Mrs. Helen Fields, Mrs. Betty Sargent, Mrs. Bonnie Sargent.
7. Credentials: Rev. H. Pitts, Rev. S. Nichols, Bro. W. H. Wallace.

M/S/C

We recommend:

Executive Board: 3 year term ..... Rev. James Pickett  
Board of Christian Education: 5 year term ..... Rev. Glenn Monday

M/S/C

Motion made to adjourn. M/S/C. Dismissal prayer led by Bro. Jess Ryland.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with congregation singing "Deeper, Deeper." Prayer offered by Bro. Bob Sargent. We all joined in singing "Since Jesus Took My Heart All To Pieces," as an offering was taken. Bro. C. Lambert favored us with a solo "Wonderful Peace." Several personal testimonies were given. Prayer offered by Bro. E. Riggs. Evening Message was brought by Rev. Stanley Outlaw. Message: "The Three Looks." Text: Isaiah 45:22 (A. Backward look, John 3:14, 15; B. Upward look, Heb. 12:2; C. Onward look, Titus 2:13) Bro. Outlaw closed with prayer. An invitation was given.

Meeting called for business by Bro. Riggs.

Resolutions Committee recommended laying Article no. 7 on the table.

M/S/C

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Wm. Baird.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Began with singing "At Calvary." Devotional thought given by Rev. S. Nichols, "Christian Life Instructions." II Tim. 2:1-7. Delegates were seated with following churches making changes: Cordova, Sis. Swindle, Sis. Pat Sides.

The following reports were given:

#### OBITUARY

We, your obituary committee, report the following, with sorrow and regret, the separating of some of our dearly beloved members during the past year. Our sympathy goes to each family and church who have suffered such lose. We trust 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 separated. The names of the deceased are as following:

Cordova: Mr. Wilburn Aldridge, Mrs. Dicie Aldridge, Mr. Millard Neighbors, Mrs. Jene McKay.

Ensley: Mrs. Allie Nix.

Jasper: Rev. Earl Hawkins.

Fayette: Mrs. Maudie Williams

Russellville: Mrs. Earnest Staggs.

Townley: Mr. Bervil Edgil, Mrs. Katie Smith

M/S/C

Mrs. Rubby Dickinson  
Mrs. W. H. Ryland

#### AUDITING

We, the auditing committee, have examined the following books; the Progressive Association treasurers, the youth rally report, the youth camp report and find them all in order.

M/S/C

Mrs. Helen Fields  
Mrs. Betty Sargent  
Mrs. Bonnie Sargent

#### APPRECIATION

We, the appreciation committee, recommend that we give a rising vote of thanks to Bro. Monday and the host church for the warm hospitality, the food and good fellowship through this meeting of our annual association. Also the ministers that have given the devotions and the messages that have challenged our hearts.

M/S/C

Mrs. Mary Boshell  
Mrs. Lovie Jagers

## RESOLUTIONS

We, the resolutions committee, recommend to this association the following:

1. Consider the possibility of changing the Progressive Association annual to a later date. Possibly sometime in October when it will not conflict with the Jasper or other sister associations. Annual the fourth Friday and Saturday in October; Quarterly meetings in January, April and July (fourth Saturdays).
2. Consider separating the youth rally into north and south rallies with Eldridge being the dividing line. Each rally will have its own director and asst. director, with one joint meeting annually.
3. That the \$29.10 amount in the youth rally treasury be given to the youth camp offering.
4. That all churches be encouraged by the pastors to participate in youth rallies, quarterly conferences, and annual Progressive Associational Meetings.

M/S/C

W. A. Rawls  
Don Sparks  
Joe Sularin

## CREDENTIALS Final Report

Late church letter from Florence Church found in order with 3 exceptions that will be presented to clerk for correction. We received letter of recommendation from Indian River Association for Bro. Milton Fields. The annual associational meeting to be held at Russellville in 1975.

Rev. H. Pitts  
Rev. C. Lambert  
Bro. A. M. Wallace

## NOMINATING

We, the nominating committee, submit the following names for Progressive Association officers for the coming year:

Moderator: Walter Jagers  
Assistant Moderator: A. J. Lambert  
Clerk: Mrs. Betty Sargent  
Assistant Clerk: Mrs. Betty Monday  
Treasurer: Bro. David Kent  
Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Lovie Jagers  
North Youth Rally Director: Bro. James Pittman  
North Youth Rally Assistant Director: Bro. Wm. Baird  
South Youth Rally Director: Bro. M. Fields  
South Youth Rally Assistant Director: Bro. G. Monday

M/S/C

Rev. W. Jagers  
Rev. C. Lambert  
Rev. E. Sargent

## TEMPERANCE

We, the temperance committee, would urge the pastors and members of the Progressive Association to reaffirm their convictions against sinful amusements and protest against sins of this age.

M/S/C

Rev. S. Nichols  
Bro. A. M. Wallace  
Bro. Roy Barnes

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Extension report given Friday. Recommendations given by letter from Bro. E. D. Fletcher that churches encourage participation in competitive activities and commend those who did participate this year. Bro. Fletcher needs to be replaced on this Board. Bro. Fletchers, 4 year term, be replaced by Rev. M. Fields.

M/S/C

Quarterly conferences for the coming year placed at:

Townley	January
Sulligent	April
Fayette	July
Russellville	Oct. Annual

Delegate to the State Meeting:

Cordova: Bro. Joe Sularin  
Downtown: Bro. Dan Sargent  
Eldridge: Bro. David Kent  
Ensley: Bro. W. A. Rawls  
Fayette: Bro. A. M. Wallace  
Jasper: Mrs. Betty Monday  
Northport: Mrs. H. Pitts  
Oak Grove: Mrs. Louie Bates  
Russellville: Mrs. Joann Riggs  
South Highland: Mrs. J. Pittman  
Sulligent: Mrs. E. Sargent  
Sulphur Springs: Mrs. J. Pickett  
Townley: Mrs. M. Boshell  
One At Large: Mrs. J. Ryland

M/S/C

Minutes of quarterly meetings read and approved.

May 25, 1974 The Progressive Association met at Russellville, Alabama with 10 churches represented by delegates and one by letter only.

Bro. Harold Pitts preached the eleven o'clock message. His text was 1 Cor. 1:17-31, I Cor. 1:4, 9:14-18. "Ministers faithful to calling, and Laymen faithful to Ministers."

Motion, second and carried to ordain Bro. Hershall Beard to preach the Gospel. The charge was given by Bro. Carlton Lambert; II Timothy 4:1-5 "Stay in the Word." Prayer and laying on of hands led by Bro. Walter Jagers. Bro. Fields was accepted into Progressive Association in good standing.

pending a letter from association.

Bro. Doug Ferguson's license to preach was renewed for one year.

Bro. Alex Obernader was accepted into the Progressive Association as a licensed minister.

The youth camp committee reported that the land sight in Guin was found more agreeable. Master plans are being made, subject to approval at the annual meeting in August.

Motion made, second and carried to pay travel expenses of camp committee until the annual meeting.

Motion, second and carried to adjourn.

Betty Monday, Assistant Clerk  
James Pittman, Assistant Moderator.

February 23, 1974 the Progressive Association met at South Highland Free Will Baptist Church in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, with nine churches representing. Rev. Tom Malone delivered the morning devotion taken from Psalm 19 "The Word of God is Practical." Bro. Riggs then recognized Bro. Kimbrough, Bro. Edwards, and Bro. Herman Hersey as visiting ministers. Bro. Hersey favored us with two piano solos. Bro. Edwards gave a brief report on the mission work in Decatur, Alabama.

The morning message was presented by Bro. Hersey. His text was taken from I Chronicles 29 "David had a desire for God's House."

Following the noon meal, Bro. Hersey gave a report on the National plan for Ministers Retirement and Insurance.

The resolutions committee recommended that Chapter 2, Section 1, Paragraph 6 under D on Page 56 of the *Treatise* of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, which reads: "Most associations do not ordain women to the ministry" remain in the *Treatise* as is.

We recommend that this recommendation to send to the Alabama executive committee with a request that they forward it to the General Board of the National Association "to be left in the *Treatise* as is."

Motion, Second, and Carried.

The camp committee reported that the land in Nauvoo offered by Bro. Davis for a youth camp was examined and found ideal. They recommended that this land be offered to the state association for development into a state youth camp.

Motion, Second, and Carried.

Bro. Riggs reported on a letter received from Bro. Atkinson requesting that we send representatives to meet with a committee about a campground. Those appointed were: James Pittman and Charles Davis.

A special offering was received for the general fund of the Retirement and Insurance.

Bro. Lambert announced the passing of Bro. M. L. Hollis. A motion was made, second and carried that we have a silent prayer in memory of Bro. Hollis and on behalf of his family.

Motion made, second, and carried to adjourn.

Rev. E. Riggs, Moderator

Nov. 23, 1973 the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church with eleven churches represented. The morning devotion was given by Bro. Charles Davis. His subject was

"Doing Good." Bro. E. J. McClure welcomed us to the Oak Grove Church and Rev. Glenn Monday responded on behalf of those attending. Bro. Walter Jagers delivered the eleven o'clock message. His text was taken from Isaiah 48:22. "Peace, the false and true." The resolutions committee encouraged this body to recommit themselves to take a firm stand in the belief that the Bible is the verbally-inspired, infallible Word of God. Bro. E. J. McClure was received into the association as a deacon from Oak Grove Church and was granted a card of good standing. Bro. Charles Davis' license to preach was renewed for one year. Bro. Phillip Kimbrough was granted a letter of good standing to the North Alabama Association. Bro. Dennis Haygood was granted a letter of good standing to the Jasper Association. Bro. Charles Thrasher was examined and approved for ordination as deacon and duly ordained at this session. He was also given a card of good standing. At the request of Cordova Church Rev. Clifford Holland, was granted a card of good standing.

Bro. A. J. Lambert made a motion that we, as the Progressive Association, cooperate with Bro. Charles Davis in his desire to donate 20 acres of land to the State of Alabama, to be developed into a state youth camp. We will recommend the offering of this gift to the state after a committee checks into it and reports back to us at the next quarterly as to its possibilities in development.

M/S/C

Motion made second and carried to adjourn.

Barbara Fletcher, Clerk  
Eustace Riggs, Moderator

### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Session was opened with singing "Power in the Blood" as the offering was taken. Bro. E. Riggs led in prayer. Morning message was brought by Bro. Stanley Outlaw. Scripture was taken from Luke 22:31. His message was entitled "Steps that led to Peter's Fall." 1. Spirit of self-confidence, 2. Prayer neglect, 3. Indecision, 4. Evil companions, 5. Fear of man.

Bro. Sparks gave the dismissal prayer and we were dismissed for lunch.

\* Lunch was served by ladies of host church.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing "Fill My Way With Love." Had rising vote of thanks for all officers of this year.

M/S/C

Bro. Riggs gave an admonishing talk to all local pastors and churches to support the Alabama Home Missions.

M/S/C to adjourn

Dismissal prayer led by Rev. O. Fields.

### 1975-CHURCHES AND PASTORS

CORDOVA—Rev. Walter Jagers, 507 Green Ave, Cordova, Ala.

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.  
 SOUTH HIGHLAND—Rev. James Pittman, 608 E. State St., Muscle Shoals, Ala.  
 SULPHUR SPRINGS—Rev. James Pickett, 3206 Star Route, Mulga, Ala. 35118  
 SULLIGENT—Rev. Earnest Sargent, P.O. Box 532, Sulligent, Ala. 35586  
 TOWNLEY—Rev. Milton Fields, Drawer F, Townley, Alabama 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. Jimmy Aldridge, Mission Protestante, B.P. 24, Agnibelekrou, Rep. of Ivory Coast, Africa.  
 Rev. Rickey Jagers, 504 Green Ave. Cordova, Ala. 35550  
 Rev. Aubrey Rosser  
 Rev. L. C. Estill Rt. 1, Cordova, Alabama 35550  
 Rev. A J. Lambert Rt. 6, Jasper, Alabama 35501  
 Rev. Dwight Fletcher  
 Rev. Hershel Beard Rt. 5, Russellville, Ala. 35653  
 Rev. J. M. Pace, Rt. 5, Russellville, Ala. 35653

#### CHURCHES AND CLERKS

CORDOVA—Joyce Pittman, 111 Cliff St., Cordova, Ala. 35550  
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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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 NORTHPORT—Mrs. Wilma Davis, 4 Durrett Grove, Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35401  
 OAK GROVE—Mrs. Mary Holt, Route 2 Box 819, G'dole, Ala. 35071  
 RUSSELLVILLE—Mrs. Grady Randolph, P.O. Box 83, Russellville, Ala. 35653  
 SOUTH HIGHLAND—Mrs. Avalene Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, Ala. 35660  
 SULLIGENT—Jean Birmingham, P.O. Box 554, Sulligent, Ala. 35586  
 SULPHUR SPRINGS—Mrs. Shelia Montgomery, Route One, Samantha, Ala. 35482  
 TOWNLEY—Mrs. Betty Dutton, Rt. 2, Box 120, Carbon Hill, Ala. 35549

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 Jerry White, Cordova, Ala. 35550  
 Clyde Pittman, Cordova, Ala. 35550  
 W. L. McKay, Cordova, Ala. 35550

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 J. P. Kelley, Route 5, Fayette, Ala. 35555  
 Reese Henderson, Harding Ave., Fayette, Ala. 35555  
 Douglas Stripling, Route 5, Fayette, Ala. 35555  
 Doyle Simmons, W. Blackburn St., Fayette, Ala. 35555  
 Bro. Gillum

##### FLORENCE

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Fred Smith, Townley, Ala. 35587  
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Alfred Boshell, Townley, Ala. 35587  
Donald G. Sparks, Carbon Hill, Ala. 35549  
Curt Thomas, Townley, 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 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, 1974

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 5. This association shall appoint a Credentials Committee composed of three members, two ordained ministers and one layman, who shall be appointed by the moderator at the convening of each annual session

whose duty shall be to serve for the entire year, to examine all church letters, and applications for membership for both churches and ministers, examining and ordaining of all ministers or deacons and make a report of the same to the body.

ARTICLE 6. Item 1. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the nomination and majority of votes. Item 2. That the above officers serve also for the Quarterly meetings.

ARTICLE 7. Item 1. This association shall meet on Friday A.M., P.M., the fourth Friday and Saturday in October. The Friday evening service being a youth service. Item 2. the quarterly meetings shall convene on the fourth Saturday in January, April, and July 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 providentially 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	234	191	43	4	8	189	129	18	70	4,000.00	431.93	11,087.52	828.97
Dovertown	152			2	2	150	75		65	1,500.00	150.00	1,802.83	410.34
Eldridge	42	28	14	1								611.86	45.71
Ensley	129	70	59	3	4	80	35	15		5,100.00	434.00	7,784.24	698.07
Fayette	230	172	58	1	6	110	75	14	40	6,760.00	392.50	377.51	822.46
Florence	579	561	18	4	7	650	115	24	275				
Jasper	144	140	4	1	5	130	80	16	65	7,802.00	286.50	5,021.23	1,250.35
Northport	130	100	30	1	5	139	83	14	40	10,400.00	525.00	10,085.18	876.32
Oak Grove	61	46	15	1	2	71	28		35	3,200.00	187.40	915.00	447.68
Russellville	232	174	58	4	7	139	67	13	75	6,500.00	1,598.66	9,809.84	1,256.95
South Highland	109			1	2	155	68		44	7,463.10	589.00		746.27
Sulligent	72	66	6	1	5	65	40		30	5,200.00	335.00	10,487.57	304.19
Townley	132	118	14	1	5	179	60	13	45	5,397.99	630.00	2,347.24	605.55