

*** MINUTES ***
OF THE

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

SOUTH HIGHLAND FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA
AUGUST 27, 28, 1976

1977 SESSION
RUSSELLVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA
August 26, 27, 1977

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Rev. E. A. Riggs	Rt. 1, Russellville, Ala. 35653
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North Youth Camp Director	Eric Murphy, Florence, Ala.
Assistant North Youth Camp Director	William Baird, Leighton, Ala.
South Youth Camp Director	James Stewart, Fayette, Ala.
Assistant South Youth Camp Director	James Walden, Jasper, Ala.
North Youth Rally Director	Eric Murphy, Florence, Ala.
South Youth Rally Director	James Stewart, Fayette, Ala.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS (1976)

President Mrs. Barbara Danley
 Vice President Mrs. Jo Ann Riggs
 Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Sue White

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened with the Jasper Free Will Baptist Church on March 1, 1976. Our meeting was called to order by our President, Mrs. Barbara Danley. Prayer by Bro. James Walden. Song, "I Will Sing the Wonderous Story" led by Jeannie Fuller. Mrs. Vina Wilsen gave the welcome address. Mrs. Elree Randolph gave the response. Morning devotional was given by Barbara Danley and a playlet was given by the Florence Auxiliary, "How Rich I Am." Minutes of the 1975 meeting were read, MS&C. The treasurer's report was given and accepted. Roll call and seating of delegates.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

RESOLUTION: Elree Randolph, Ann Hayes, Frances McGee, Estelle Blackwell

FINANCE: Betty Sargent, Mrs. Harold Pitts, Marie Gruhett, Lois Freeman

APPRECIATION: Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Doris Kimbrough, Essie Collins, Lydia Kelly

REGISTRATION: Mrs. Vina Walden, Evelyn Bevis and Arrie Stone

NOMINATION: Elizabeth Murphy, Janice Stewart, Lorene Ryland

Special singing by the Praisemen Quartet of the Florence Church. Our guest speaker, Allan Crowson gave the message taken from Matthew 24:14-30—Christian Faith and Stewardship in all God has given us: Money, Time, Yourself, Family and Message. We are dependent upon God not God upon us. Dismissed for lunch.

Afternoon session began by prayer by Bro. Kimbrough. Mr. Crowson told us about the work and gave us information about the area they will work in, the Ivory Coast. A time of question and answer was given concerning the work. State delegates were appointed as follows: Elree Randolph, Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Essie Collins, Betty Sargent, Lorene Ryland, Elizabeth Murphy, Helen Canada and Mrs. Viola Pigg was appointed as district delegate to the state meeting. Adjourned with prayer.

REPORTS:

RESOLUTION:

We, the Resolution Committee, report the following:

1. That all money from local auxiliary be sent to district treasurer who in turn will send to state and on to national.

a. Superannuation b. WNAC c. Pre-Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas
 d. Co-Laborer e. Student Loan Fund

2. That our 1977 prayer retreat be held at Guin, Alabama at the new youth camp.

3. That all local auxiliaries mail their money for the state project (foreign) for this year to our present treasurer within the next two weeks.

4. Give names, name of husband, address, and telephone of new officers to the district secretary.

5. That we be informed of the state project of the coming year at the current state meeting.

6. That the president of each local auxiliary stress that members make a special effort to attend district meetings.

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

FINANCE:

We, the Finance Committee, have examined the treasurer's books and found them to be in order.

REGISTRATION:

20 delegated, 59 visitors, and 3 ministers.

OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR:

PRESIDENT Mrs. Barbara Danley
 VICE-PRESIDENT Mrs. Jo Ann Riggs
 SECRETARY-TREASURER Mrs. Sue White
 ASSISTANT Mrs. Betty Capps
 MISSION PRAYER CHAIRMAN Mrs. Janice Stewart
 MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN Mrs. Merle Dyer
 MISSION ACTION Mrs. Lovie Jagers

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

August 27, 1976

Moderator Rev. Walter Jagers
 Assistant Moderator Rev. A. J. Lambert

Session opened by singing, "Brethren We Have Met to Worship." Led by Rev. William Baird. Rev. A. J. Lambert prayed. We sang, "I Would Not Be Denied." We were welcomed by Rev. Hoover Lewis, the host pastor. Joe Sularin gave the response, Psalms 133. Called to order by Clerk, Lorene Ryland. Standing delegates—Preachers and Deacons, 20; churches 16 represented.

Letters read and accepted. Delegates seated:

Cordova: Joe Sularin
 Dovertown: Dean Higginbotham, Ethel Hyche
 Eldridge: David Kent
 Fayette: Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Mrs. James Stewart
 Florence: No delegates
 Jasper: Mrs. Vina Walden, Mrs. Mae Lambert
 North Port: Mrs. H. A. Pitts
 Oak Grove: Ray Meadows, Lillian Handley, Fay Lepsey (Alt. Maude More)
 Oakman: by letter
 Russellville: Elree Randolph, Walker Commins, Ben Howell, Charles Bray
 South Highland: Dennis Holland, Earnest Emmons, Harvey Welborn
 Sulligent: James Price, Freddie Carreth, J. B. Pennington, Alice Ann Carruth,
 Quinton Boyette (Margaret Prece, alt.)

Harmony: Hayden Loroery, Guy Gressone, John Henry Lowery
 Cave Springs: Louise Burk
 Sulpher Springs: by letter
 Visiting ministers with us today are Rev. H. A. Lewis of Beachfield, Ark., Polk Bayou Association, Ark.; Rev. Edward Puckett, Vernon Association. We welcome them along with all visitors present.

Moderator appointed committees:

RESOLUTION:

Eustas Riggs, Chairman; Ray Meadows and Quinton Boyette

TEMPERANCE:

E. T. Sargent, Chairman; Joe Sularin and Dean Higginbotham

OBITUARY:

Bonnie Sargent, Chairman; Mrs. A. M. Wallace and Mrs. A. J. Lambert

APPRECIATION:

Janice Stewart, Chairman; Ethel Hyche and Mamie Hyche

NOMINATION:

Rev. Tom Malone, Chairman; Rev. James Stewart and Rev. H. A. Pitts

AUDITING:

Rev. Louie Bates, Chairman; Jesse Ryland and Elree Randolph.

Dismissed for 10 minutes intermission.

Prayer by our Moderator, Rev. Walter Jagers. We sang, "Victory in Jesus" led by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Then Rev. H. A. Lewis prayed, we sang, "The Great Physician." Our host pastor brought the message using 2 Kings, chapter 6, he prayed for God to use this message. Closing with invitation to the lost to come to Christ. Song, "Place Your Hand in the Nail Scarred Hand." Rev. Eric Murphy blessed the food. We enjoyed a good meal.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

August 27, 1976

We sang, "Blessed Be the Name," and "More About Jesus." Rev. Carlton Lambert led in prayer. Rev. Ron Edgil brought the devotion using Isaiah 38:1-5. Closing with prayer. Youth camp report by Rev. Eric Murphy, North. MS&C to receive report as read.

Financial statement for Camp Proyuka, June 20-25, 1976

Total income\$3,460.00

Expenditures:

A. Rental of Northwest Alabama youth camp 200.00
 B. Staff salaries 315.00
 C. Camp supplies 701.50
 D. Food 1,825.33
 E. Insurance 98.45
 F. Miscellaneous 16.50

REMAINING BALANCE\$3,156.78

Still unpaid is insurance settlement based on the \$10.00 deductible per accident (approximate settlement should be \$50.00 or less.)

Spiritual results:

Decisions for Christian service	26
Salvation decisions	27
Rededication decisions	34
Called into the ministry	7

Camp Director

Rev. Eric Murphy

Youth camp report by Rev. Walter Jagers, South MS&C to receive as read.

On hand from 1975 youth camp	\$98.95
Camp fees for 1976	2,342.06
Total received 1976	2,441.01
Total paid out 1976	1,563.67
Balance	877.34
Refund for overpayment on camp insurance	33.00
Refund for leftover food	50.00
Total balance in treasury of 1976 camp	\$960.34
80 campers 15 workers 95 total in camp	

Camp Director

Rev. Walter Jagers

MS&C to refer back to youth camp committee about fee

Rev. Carlton Lambert gave a verbal report on the Children's Home. Always pray for our home, visit when you can and support us. MS&C to receive for information. Quarterly meeting given by Lorene Ryland, February 28, 1976.

We met with Harmony Church, Moderator Rev. Walter Jagers.

Churches present 14-1 by letter, Rev. Carlton Lambert gave the devotion using Mark 9:49, 50. Visiting ministers: Rev. John Edwards and Rev. Winchester. Prayer was requested for Rev. Eustas Riggs who was in the hospital, also for Rev. A. J. Lambert who is recovering from a heart attack. Rev. John Edwards led this prayer. Deacons and ministers present, 20.

Rev. H. A. Pitts brought the message using Mark 14:3-16. We enjoyed very much the singing by the Florence Church group. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch by the host church.

Rev. Milton Fields gave the devotion, using Luke 1:1-4 "Preach Jesus."

Rev. Milton Fields gave report on youth rally, asked that Richard Hendrix be youth director for the south MS&C.

We granted Ensley Church, ministers and deacons a letter of good standing to go to the Cahaba Association. As Ensley Church is no more.

We granted Rev. James Pittman a letter of good standing to the Palmer Association of North Carolina. We received Rev. Charles Hollingshead's letter of good standing. Recommended to receive Rev. James Stewart. Granted permission to be ordained in their home church; Deacons: Bill Dutton, Townley; Bobby Wilson, Northport minister; Billy Brown; Northport. We received Rev. Eric Murphy's letter of good standing. He was appointed youth camp director of the north.

Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Clerk

Mrs. Louie Bates, Assistant Clerk

Second quarterly meeting

Dovertown Church: May 29, 1976

ModeratorRev. Walter Jaggers

We had good singing. Devotion by Rev. James Walden, using Psalms 104. Rev. Jackie Higgenbotham, the host pastor welcomed us. 13 ministers and 8 deacons were present. 13 churches—1 new church.

Bro. Quinton Boyett was appointed to work with the Credentials Committee.

Rev. Louie Bates brought the morning message, using Acts 16:23-32.

We enjoyed a wonderful lunch by the host church.

We enjoyed special singing by Rev. Earnest Sargent's girls. Rev. James Stewart brought the devotion using Romans 4:20-25; 8:5, 35-39.

We had special prayer for the lady in racial trouble by Rev. Ron Edgil.

Granted letter of good standing for Rev. Glen Monday to East Alabama Association.

Granted letter of good standing for Rev. Steve Nickols to Northeast Association, Mississippi.

Received Rev. James Stewart in good standing. Recommend to receive Rev. Hoover Lewis on receipt of good standing from the Polk Bayon Association, Arkansas.

Licensed to preach the gospel: Richard Hendrix, Jasper Church and Ronnie Woodard, Jasper Church, and Melvin King, South Highland Church.

Permission granted to D. M. Calvert to be ordained to preach the gospel in his home church, Oak Grove. We received Oakman Free Will Baptist Church in full fellowship. Were received in good standing, Rev. Billy P. Garrett. Deacons: Billy Maddox, Earl Martin, James Key and Floyd Woods.

North Alabama Association recommendation for co-ownership in our youth camp be in the hands of the board of directors and the youth camp for studying and recommendations to the respective association.

This meeting was a real spiritual blessing. MS&C to receive for information.

Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Clerk

Partial report of youth rally by Rev. James Walden, full report will be given tomorrow, MS&C to receive.

Treasurer's Report:

Received from former treasurer, 11-3-1975\$638.92

Annual and quarterly meetings dues 757.22

Offering 46.74

Total received\$1,442.88

Total disbursements 659.74

Balance 8-24-1976\$783.14

Respectfully submitted, 8-27-1976

Rev. William Baird

AUDITING REPORT:

We have checked the treasurer's book, northern and southern youth camp report, and find them all in order. MS&C to adopt.

Louie Bates, chairman

Jesse Ryland and Elree Randolph

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE PARTIAL REPORT:

1. We have examined the letters of the following churches and find them in order. Cave Springs, Sulligent, Jasper, Eldridge, Northport, South Highland, Russellville, Harmony, Florence, Oakman, Fayette, Cordova, Oak Grove, Dovertown, Townley.

2. We recommend that Sulligent Church be given a letter in good standing to the Vernon Association. MS&C.

3. We recommend that Bro. Doug Ferguson license to preach the gospel be renewed for another year. MS&C.

Call attention to article 11 of the constitution, please read.

Rev. James Walden

Rev. William Baird

Rev. Carlton Lambert

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

ModeratorRev. James Walden

Assistant Moderator Rev. H. A. Pitts

Clerk Betty Sargent

Assistant Clerk Mrs. Louie Bates

Treasurer Rev. William Baird

Assistant Treasurer Mrs. William Baird

Executive board 3 year term Rev. Ron Edgil

Christian education board (3 positions)

5 year term Rev. Eric Murphy

3 year term DuWayne Patterson

1 year term Hoover Lewis

MS&C to receive. These were elected.

Rev. Eustas Riggs

Charles Davis

Carlton Lambert

Praise and prayer request was given. MS&C to adjourn until Saturday 10 A.M. Dismissed by Joe Sularin.

FRIDAY NIGHT

August 27, 1976

Youth Service:

Bro. Thackett led "To God Be The Glory." Bro. Charles Davis led in prayer. Bro. Thackett led "At Calvary." Rev. Eustace Riggs brought the message using Daniel 6; and Isaiah 12:40, praying for God's blessing on the message. 1. True purpose, 2. True prayer, 3. True wisdom, 4. True power, closing with prayer. Invitation given to come to Christ Jesus. Dismissed by Rev. William Baird.

SATURDAY MORNING

August 28, 1976

Opened by singing, "Wherever He leads." Prayer by David Kent. Devotion by Rev. James Stewart, using Philippians 2:1-4. We sang, "No Not One." Rev. A. J. Lambert led the singing.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, the Temperance Committee, would like to challenge the pastors, deacons, and the laymen of our churches in the Progressive Association, to take a stand against sinful amusements and the literature of the news stands that are getting into the hands of our young people. Also taking our stand against drunkenness, drugs and open sex. MS&C to receive.

Respectively,

Rev. E. T. Sargent

Bro. Joe Sularin

Sister Dean Higginbotham

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We, your Obituary Committee, with sorrow, report the passing of the following loved ones during the past year. Our hearts go out to each family and church who has suffered such loss. We trust our loss will be Heavens gain. We ask the congregation to stand in silent prayer in memory of the loved ones gone on, and those left behind. The names of the deceased are as follows:

Fayette: W. J. Williams, Cora Kelly, J. P. Kelley, Alla May Black and Jay Bactwell

Dovertown: Sister Marie Foster

Eldridge: Mary Lou Gunter and Ila E. Kent

Harmony: Bro. George Oleham and Sister Nancy Gustavia Newman

Cordova: Bro. Sam Herron

Jasper: Sister Mable Poe, Sister Mildred Grace, Sister Alma Brown and Brother Tom Grace. MS&C to receive. Eustace Riggs led in prayer.

Sister Bonnie Sargent

Sister A. M. Wallace

Sister A. J. Lambert

APPRECIATION REPORT:

We, the Appreciation Committee, would like to thank the South Highland Free Will Baptist Church for the gracious hospitality and the fine meals during this forty-fifth annual setting of the Progressive Association. We also want to thank the Lord for the messengers and the message that fill our soul with spiritual food that satisfies the soul. We respectively submit that we show our appreciation by a rising vote of thanks. MS&C.

Sister Janice Steward

Sister Mimie Hyche

Sister Ethel Hyche

YOUTH RALLY REPORT:

Total received	
Total spent	\$335.94
Balance	317.77
MS&C to receive	\$18.17

Richard Hendrix, Youth Rally Director

RESOLUTIONS:

We, your Resolution Committee, submit the following report.

1. Be it resolved that there be two weeks of youth camp in June, 1977. (dates to be designated) That we combine the whole association north and south, by age groups, teens 13-19, juniors ages 8-12. Teens 1st week and juniors the 2nd week. MS&C.

2. Be it resolved that the whole association north and south meet at the campgrounds the 1st Saturday in October, 1976, at 4:00 p.m. for our 1st youth meeting. Be it further resolved that Bro. Eric Murphy be director of this meeting. MS&C.

Respectfully,

E. A. Riggs

Roy Meadows

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

North Youth Camp Director Eric Murphy

Assistant North Youth Camp Director William Baird

South Youth Camp Director James Stewart

Assistant Youth Camp Director James Walden

North Youth Rally Director Eric Murphy

South Youth Rally Director James Stewart

Tom Malone

James Stewart

H. A. Pitts

MS&C to refer to the Credentials Committee what to do to take care of credentials to have more time in the services.

We sang, "All Hail the Power."

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

1. We have received the letter from Sulpher Springs and find it in order, except for the fee. MS&C.

2. We recommend that Bro. William Wilson be ordained to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Since he has only been licensed for 10 months a 2/3 majority vote is required, to be ordained in his home church. MS&C.

3. We recommend that Rev. Walter Conger be received into the association as a minister in good standing, pending the clerk's receiving a letter of recommendation from the Coastal Association in North Carolina and his completion and returning the questionnaire for ministers. MS&C.

4. We recommend that Bro. Jerry Duncan be ordained a deacon in the Cordova Church, we request that he be ordained in his local church. MS&C.

5. We recommend that Bro. Richard Hendrix be ordained to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, since he has not been licensed for a year a 2/3 majority vote is required. He has been called to pastor the Hackleburg FWB Church. MS&C.

6. The Florence Church requested that Bro. Kevin Flannagan be licensed to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, since he has not been present in this session to appear before the committee. We suggest that the Florence Church make this request at the next quarterly meeting or at Bro. Flannagan's convenience. MS&C.

Rev. James Walden
Rev. William Baird
Rev. Carlton Lambert

Rev. James Walden gave a report on youth camp. MS&C to receive.

NORTHWEST ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

FIANCIAL REPORT—Period February 1, 1976—July 10, 1976 (Winfield Bank)

Balance brought forward \$362.78

RECEIPTS:

Rally Day \$4,451.18

Walk A Thon:

Jasper \$6,451.88

Progressive 6,347.15

Vernon 5,499.79

18,298.82

Regular & special gifts (churches & individual aux.) ... 4,276.64

Use of camp (4 groups \$200) 800.00

Total Receipts 27,826.64

Total to be accounted for 28,189.42

Expenditures (total for materials, labor, utilities & etc.) 26,127.22

Balance July 10, 1976 2,062.20

LOAN FUND AT MARION COUNTY BANK, Hamilton

Total amount borrowed \$17,187.20

Total expenditures 17,105.91

Balance in account 7/10/76 81.29

BALANCE IN ALL ACCOUNTS 2,143.49

INFORMATION AND BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURES

Balance forwarded February 1, 1976 \$362.78

Total amount received for period (2/1/76—7/10/76) 27,826.64

Amount borrowed 17,187.20

Total to be accounted for \$45,376.62

EXPENDITURES:

Winfield Bank (General Acct.) \$26,127.22

Spent from loan fund 17,105.92

Total expenditures (both accounts) 43,233.13

Balance in all accounts 7/10/76 \$2,143.49

BREAK DOWN ON EXPENDITURES:

Swimming Pool \$18,262.90

Kitchen equipment 3,339.32

Chairs, tables, speaker's stand 1,911.76

Beds 1,738.50

Labor (hauling, septic tanks, bk wk.) 3,741.43

Utilities (water, lights, phone) 197.59

Mileage (bld. supt.) 386.50

Insurance 41.00

Playground equipment 233.97

Extra chemicals for pool 84.50

Materials for building 13,295.66

TOTAL 43,233.13

Balance in all accounts 2,143.49

INFORMATION

Amount received from beginning of project 1974-1/31/76 \$37,590.59

Received 2/1/76—7/10/76 27,826.64

Amount borrowed 17,187.20

Total 82,604.23

Balance on hand in all accounts 2,143.49

Total cost of camp to date 80,460.74

James Walden, Treasurer

DELEGATES TO ALABAMA STATE MEETING:

Cordova: Joe Sularin

Dovertown: Sister. Bonnie Sargent

Eldridge: Bro. David Kent

Fayette: Sister James Stewart

Florence: Sister Eric Murphy

Jasper: Sister James Walden

Northport: Sister H. A. Pitts

Oak Grove: Sister Louie Bates

Oakman: Sister Bill Garrett

Russellville: Bro. Charles Bray

South Highland: Sister Hoover Lewis

Sulpher Springs:

Townley: Sister Walter Conger

Harmony: Bro. Hayden Lowery

Cave Springs: Sister Shan Edgil

One at large: Sister A. J. Lambert

Quarterly meetings:

November 27, 1976 Cave Springs, Rt. 1, Town Creek, Ala. 35672

February 26, 1977 Jasper, Jasper, Ala. 35501

May 28, 1977 Harmony, Rt. 2, Box 183, Leighton, Ala. 35646

Annual meeting:

Russellville: Russellville, Ala. 43 by pass 35653—Aug. 26, 27, 1977

MS&C to adjourn our business until we meet again. MS&C. Rev. Eric Murphy prayed. We had a 5 minute intermission.

We sang, "Sunlight." Rev. Earnest Sargent brought the message using 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17, closing with invitation to come to Jesus. We sang, "In The Sweet By And By." Closing prayer and blessing for the food by Richard Hendrix.

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Clerk Lorene Ryland
Assistant Clerk Mrs. Louie Bates

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CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the Will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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.

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.

a. must meet the dress code of the National CTS.

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. Item 3. The salary of the clerk shall be \$60.00 annually. The moderator shall be paid \$10.00 each meeting.

ARTICLE 7. This associations annual meeting will be on Friday A.M., P.M. and Saturday before the last Sunday in August. Item 2. The quarterly meetings will be the last Saturday in November, February, and May.

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 association expenses. Item 2. Each church shall send ten dollars to each session of its respective quarterly meeting.

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.

That all incoming ordained personnel desiring recognition in our association be requested to complete the appropriate questionnaire as applicable.

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

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

	Number of members	Resident	Non Resident	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday school enrollment	CTS members	Woman's Auxiliary members	Prayer meeting attendance	Paid Pastor	Evangelistic work	Building & repair	Literature
Cordova	234	190	44	5	8	143	46	12	55	\$5,100.00	\$477.73	\$20,115.26	\$609.56
Cave Springs	153	153		1	9								
Dovertown	92		20	6	1	80	45	12		2,300.00	250.00	6,148.35	482.15
Eldridge	19	16	3	1									11.10
Fayette	168	88	80	1	4	101	81	15		7,654.50	285.05	584.40	856.04
Florence	954	926	28	5		450		15					
Jasper	176	174	2	2	5	185	95	20	70	8,260.00	577.26	7,052.93	2,170.53
North Port	180	123	57	2	7	137	88	17	45	7,800.00	875.00	12,425.18	1,226.72
Oak Grove	76	61	15	2	3	58	32		35	4,500.00	483.00	1,468.86	490.88
Oakman	45	35	10	1	4	60					33.96	121.71	38.96
South Highland	136	112	24	2	1	157				5,975.00	900.00	1,471.23	867.90
Townley	140	90	50	2	5	120	60	15	33	6,820.00	693.50	981.86	610.67
Harmony	108	103	5	2		87	50	10		6,737.50	690.00	187.56	528.57
Sulphur Springs	178			1	2	91	40	10		5,000.00	530.00	12,000.00	440.97
Russellville	184	154	30	3	6	127	86	11		6,525.00	1,003.43	6,152.26	1,679.22
Sulligent	101	101		1	5	70	50			5,200.00	175.00	3,654.42	951.51

	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Children's Home	Superannuation	State & National Projects	Value of parsonage property	Parsonage	Value of church property
Cordova	\$1,664.95	\$1,615.45	\$911.00	\$1,330.30	\$456.00	\$1,774.44		yes	
Cave Springs									
Dovertown	44.86	44.86	144.86	44.86	44.86			no	30,000
Eldridge	430.00	90.00				249.60		no	15,000
Fayette	681.09	471.37	381.09	381.09			12,000	yes	65,000
Florence								yes	1 million
Jasper	833.91	1,928.31	590.91	1,144.75		474.64	20,000	yes	86,000
Northport	275.00	275.00	500.00	275.00					175,000
Oak Grove	74.81			55.55		41.80			50,000
Oakman	100.00			91.00			10,000	yes	30,000
South Highland	189.34	647.84	370.59	370.69			15,000	yes	100,000
Townley	1,450.64	407.50	87.04	190.16			20,000	yes	75,000
Harmony	214.94	286.58	339.94	143.29	143.29	124.40	25,000	yes	50,000
Sulpher Springs	360.00	180.00		276.91			4,000	yes	65,000
Russellville	587.80	188.40	110.00	242.09	290.00	100.48	25,000	yes	75,000
Sulligent	464.65	464.65	489.65	464.65		513.65	26,000	yes	80,000