

MINUTES
OF THE
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

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

1978 SESSION
JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
JASPER, ALABAMA
August 25, 26, 1978

OFFICERS FOR 1978

Moderator	501 East 22nd St., Jasper, AL 35501	Rev. James Walden
Assistant Moderator	608 East State St., Muscle Shoals, AL 35660	Rev. Hoover Lewis
Clerk	504 Green Ave., Cordova, AL 35550	Rev. Buddy Henry
Assistant Clerk	817 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, AL 35660	Rev. Dan Tackett
Treasurer	Rt. 2, Box 183-A, Leighton, AL 35646	Rev. William Baird
Assistant Treasurer		Mrs. William Baird

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Three year term	Rt. 1, Town Creek, AL 35672	Rev. William Briley
Two year term	Drawer F., Townley, AL 35587	Rev. A. J. Lambert
One year term	P. O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554	Rev. Carlton Lambert

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Five year term	608 East State St., Muscle Shoals, AL 35660	Rev. Hoover Lewis
Four year term	1906 N. Beechwood Drive, Florence, AL 35630	Rev. Eric Murphy
Three year term	Rt. 2, Box 183-A, Leighton, AL 35646	Rev. William Baird
Two year term	304 Plum St., Florence, AL 35630	Rev. Dewayne Patterson
One year term	P. O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554	Rev. Carlton Lambert

NORTHWEST ALABAMA YOUTH CAMP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Three year term	Rev. Buddy Henry
Two year term	Rev. Eric Murphy
One year term	Rev. James Walden

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETINGS

CAVE SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH NOVEMBER 27, 1976

The following churches were represented: Fayette, South Highland,

Jasper, Northport, Cave Springs, Russellville, Oak Grove, Harmony, Eldridge, Townley, Oakman, and Cordova Free Will Baptist Church. Approximately 75 people were present, 12 of which were ministers and 14 deacons.

Rev. Wade Conger presented the morning message using 2 Corinthians 6. Rev. Dan Tackett was accepted into the association as an ordained minister. Rev. Walter Jagers was given a letter of good standing to the Vernon Association. Received Wade Conger's questionnaire and letter in good order. Motion, second and carried for application blanks and transferrals of candidates for ordination are to be completed and mailed to the credentials committee at least one month before associational meeting, whether quarterly or annual, to give ample time for consideration and study. Motion, second, and carried to buy filing cabinet to be used by association clerk. Rev. Hoover Lewis was appointed to the Executive Board in Ron Edgil's place. Rev. William Baird was appointed to the Board of Christian Education in Milton Fields place.

JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH FEBRUARY 26, 1977

The following churches were represented: Harmony, Fayette, Russellville, South Highland, Cave Springs, Jasper, Sulphur Springs, Northport, Townley, Eldridge, Cordova, and Oakman. Florence represented by letter. Rev. Eustace Riggs brought the morning message using Titus and Timothy. Rev. Buddy Henry was accepted into the association as an ordained minister. A letter of good standing was given to the Jasper Association on behalf of Rev. Richard Hendrix. Rev. William Briley was accepted into full fellowship pending letter of good standing from Middle Tennessee Association, and letter of request from church. Motion, second and carried to elect Rev. William Baird to work out details for Walk-A-Thon with each pastor working with him.

HARMONY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH MAY 28, 1977

Harmony, Jasper, Eldridge, Cordova, Dovertown, Townley, Sulphur Springs, South Highland, Cave Springs, Russellville, Florence, Northport, and Fayette Churches representing. Oakman Church represented by letter. Rev. Buddy Henry brought the morning message using Revelation 3. Rev. Hughes Ellis was given a letter of recommendation to the Cumberland Association of Tennessee. James E. Fulmer was given a license to preach the gospel for a period of one year. Ronnie Woodard was examined and recommended to be ordained to preach the gospel in his local church. Motion, second and carried for association to pay entry fees of competitors to T.N.T. Rally.

Mrs. Bobby Sargent, clerk
Rev. James Walden, moderator

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION MINUTES FRIDAY MORNING SESSION August 26, 1977

Opened with song service, Bro. Lambert leading "His Way With Thee."

Prayer by host pastor, Rev. Eustace Riggs. Bro. Riggs gave a warm welcome to everyone. Bro. Louie Bates gave a response to the welcome. The association was then called to order for business by Betty Sargent, clerk. The church delegates were seated as follows:

Cave Springs: Laddie Fretwell, Lillie Anderson, Jeanette Jeffreys
Cordova: Joe Sularin
Dovertown: Lottie Foster, Abe Myers, Mrs. Myers
Eldridge: Glenda Wilson, Florine Sides
Fayette: Loyal Maddox, Mrs. P. M. Wallace, Mrs. Janice Stewart
Florence: None
Harmony: None
Jasper: Mrs. Vina Walden, Mrs. Evelyn Bevis
Northport: Mrs. Harold Pitts
Oak Grove: Mrs. Louie Bates, Mary Holt, June Lipsy
Oakman: Letter only
Russellville: Ben Howell, Earline Howell, Walker Cummings, Ida Cummings
South Highland: Floyce Wheat, Willa Jean Lewis, Eugene Harmon, Harvey Welborn
Sulphur Springs: Mrs. Merle Dyer, Eloise Jones, Maebelle Jones
Townley: Mr. & Mrs. Boshell, Mrs. R. M. Edgil
Rev. & Mrs. Milton Gann were recognized as visitors.

Committees were appointed by moderator:

TEMPERANCE: Rev. Buddy Henry, Glenda Wilson, Harvey Welborn
OBITUARY: Rev. Louie Bates, Sister A. M. Wallace, Earlene Howell
APPRECIATION: Vina Walden, Clytel Pitts, Janice Stewart
RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Hoover Lewis, Rev. Dannie Tackett, Joe Sularin
NOMINATING: Rev. James Stewart, Rev. E. T. Sargent, Rev. Eric Murphy
AUDITING: Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. Billy Brown, Rev. Billy Wilson
CREDENTIALS: Rev. Eustace Riggs, Rev. Tom Malone, Charles Davis

Congregation was led in singing "He Brought Me Out." Prayer offered by Joe Sularin. Songs "Brethren We Have Met To Worship," and "At Calvary" were led. Rev. Wayne Phillips, missionary to Enterprise, brought the message. After giving information on the work at Enterprise work, Bro. Phillips used 1 Kings 19 to bring a very challenging message on "The Power of the Holy Spirit." An invitation was given.

Lunch was served by host church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with song service "Where He Leads I'll Follow," and "When I Can Read My Title Clear." Prayer offered by Bro. Stewart. Devotion by Bro. E. T. Sargent using 1 Peter 4. Reports were given as follows:

Teen Camp Proyuka 1977

Total Cash on Hand	\$2,792.75
DISBURSEMENTS—	
1. Camp Insurance	72.05

2. Phone	18.65
3. Postage	12.48
4 Athletic	192.77
5. Big Ball Rental	28.49
6. Food	1,367.99
7 Supplies	343.32
8. Use of Camp	200.00
9. Snack Shop	169.41
10. Hospital Expenses	19.00
11. Evangelist	274.00
12. Checks	7.50
13. Property Damage	6.00
Total Cash on Hand (8/26/77)	\$2,711.66
	\$81.09

18 Teens saved
29 Rededications
110 Campers
19 Workers

Respectively submitted,
Rev. Eric W. Murphy
Director
M/S/C

Youth Rally Report

This past year was the first year we conducted the Youth Rally Service at the youth camp facility at Guin. This proved to be an added attraction to the youth rally as well as being a more central location for all of the churches in our association.

The district CTS competition was a most successful meeting with several churches participating and sending several representatives from the district to the state and on to the national.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Eric W. Murphy
M/S/C

Junior Youth Camp Report

Finances	
From previous camp	\$567.48
From camp fees	2,471.50
From sales in canteen	534.09
From sale of camp pennants	43.50
Reimbursements on ice	2.50
Total money received	\$3,619.07
Expenditures	
For checkbook	\$12.31

For phone bill	12.24
For postage	20.27
For use of camp grounds	200.00
For food	1,075.51
For evangelist	350.00
For canteen expenses	459.20
For kitchen supplies	34.36
For athletic equipment	40.18
For camp insurance	25.00
Total expenditures	\$2,229.07

Total in bank as of 8/26/77 \$1,391.36

Camp Statistics

Total campers	136
Total workers	28
Total in camp	164

Decisions for the Lord	87
Coversions	27
Rededications	60

Respectively submitted,
Rev. James C. Stewart
M/S/C

Children's Home: Rev. Carlton Lambert

Bro. Lambert gave a brief report which was received as information.
Sister Florine Sides was recognized for 30 years service at the home.

M/S/C

Quarterly Meeting Report: Betty Sargent

M/S/C

Treasurer's Report:	
Balance on hand	\$783.14
Annual and quarterly meeting dues	780.00
Total Received	1,563.14
Total Disbursements	1,174.78
Balance in treasury 8-26-77	388.36
Please note: There is a \$8.97 deficit in this report that I cannot find. I will compensate or make it right if need be.	

Respectfully submitted 8-26-77
Bro. William Baird, treasurer

MS&C to pay Rev. Billy Brown \$100.00 as speaker for youth service.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION YOUTH SERVICE

Session opened with song "Heavenly Sunlight" led by Edwin Kimbrough. Prayer was offered by Bro. Riggs. After singing, "Victory In Jesus" Mark Riggs conducted a devotional with several young people giving personal testimonies. Song "All Hail The Power" was led. Before the message Angela Bevis sang "He Speaks Peace To Me." Rev. Billy Brown, a student from Free Will Baptist Bible College brought the message using Galatians 5 on "Warfare of Young People." An invitation was given.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened with singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Prayer by Bro. Baird. Devotional thought was given by Bro. Pitts using John 13-17. The following reports were given:

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Temperance Committee, encourage our pastors, deacons and the lay people of our churches to take a stronger stand against the following:

ALCOHOL: seeing that Americans spend at least \$30,174,000,000 for alcoholic beverages in 1975 and that approximately 8,000 young people are killed in alcohol-related traffic accidents and 40,000 or more are disfigured or maimed. Also, 1.3 million Americans between the age of 12 and 17 have a serious drinking problem.

SMOKING: seeing that children are beginning the smoking habit at the rate of 4,000 to 5,000 each hour and about 15% of the 13 yr. olds have begun to smoke.

HOMOSEXUALITY: seeing that the devil is on the move with this sinful practice, even into the churches. Other immoral sins, that we all stand against these and other sinful acts, and that we speak out against the devil and his forces in such sins.

M/S/C
Buddy T. Henry
Glenda Wilson
Harvey D. Welborn

OBITUARY REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, are sorry to report the death angel has called from the walks of this life from the following churches:

Jasper: Bro. Ralph Hyde, Sister Pat Hyde, Bro. Cecil Ivey

South Highland: Bro. Clarence Brown, Bro. Kenneth Terry

Russellville: Bro. J. B. Whitehead

Cave Springs: Sister Lillian Hagood, Bro. Sherman Landers, Bro. Clarence Borden

Northport: Mrs. Zena Findley, Mrs. Susie Crawford

May we stand in a moment of silent prayer for the families who lost their

loved ones, and trust our loss will be Heaven's gain.

M/S/C
Rev. Louie Bates
Sister A. M. Wallace
Sister Earlene Howell

APPRECIATION REPORT

We would like to thank the Russellville Church for their hospitality shown us during this association. For the wonderful messages from God's Word and the delicious meals, we say thank you.

Standing vote of appreciation.

M/S/C
Vina Walden
Clytel Pitts
Janice Stewart

Rev. John Edwards and Rev. Phil Kimbrough from North Alabama Association were recognized as visitors.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

I. We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the following church letters and find them in order except as noted. Russellville, Fayette, Jasper, Eldridge, Oak Grove, Sulphur Springs (Sulphur Springs failed to request cards for their deacons), Doyertown, Oakman (Oakman failed to request cards of standing), Cave Springs (Cave Springs failed to request cards of standing), Northport, Florence, South Highland. We have not received a letter from Townley, Cordova, and Harmony Church.

II. We, the Credentials Committee, have examined Bro. Harvey Welborn from South Highland (who comes as an ordained deacon from North Alabama Association) and we recommend that he be given a card of good standing from the association.

III. We have also examined Bro. L. D. Foster and Bro. Abe Myers from Doyertown and recommend that the Doyertown Church be given the privilege of ordaining them as deacons.

Rev. Eustace Riggs
Rev. Tom Malone
Charles Davis

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee, find the treasurer's report close enough to be accepted, the error being in a bank charge of checkbooks. We also find the Teen Youth Camp books and Jr. Youth Camp treasurer's books in order and offer them for approval.

M/S/C
A. J. Lambert
Billy Wilson
Billy Brown

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Resolution Committee, submit the following report.

1. Be it resolved that there be a committee of five men to examine the constitution and by-laws of the Progressive Association for the expressed purpose of improving and/or updating according to past quarterly meeting minutes. The committee shall consist of the moderator and four men appointed by him. The committee shall present their proposal to the association at the May, 1978 quarterly meeting for consideration before the 1978 annual session.

2. Be it resolved that all active ministers of the Progressive Association receive all correspondence pertaining to the association in order to create more participation from the ministers that do not pastor.

3. Be it resolved that the February meeting (quarterly 1978) be held at the Cordova Church. November and May meetings are open for invitation. The annual association meeting is also open for invitation.

M/S/C
Hoover Lewis
Dannie Tackett
Joe Sularin

FINAL CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We have examined the letters from Cordova and Harmony and found them to be in order. We also have word from two delegates from Townley Church that their letter is in order, and we recommend that it be accepted according to their word.

M/S/C
Rev. Eustace Riggs
Rev. Tom Malone
Bro. Charles Davis

Men appointed for Resolutions No. 1 are as follows: Bro. Pitts, Bro. Henry, Bro. Baird and Bro. Davis.

Churches inviting the association the following year are as follows:

Quarterly Meetings: November 26—Northport Church
February 25—Cordova Church
May 27—Harmony Church
Annual Meeting: August 25, 26, 1978—Jasper Church

M/S/C

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following names to this body for nomination for the respective offices.

Moderator Bro. James Walden
Assistant Moderator Bro. Hoover Lewis
Clerk Bro. Buddy Henry
Assistant Clerk Bro. Dan Tackett
Treasurer Bro. William Baird
Assistant Treasurer Sister Baird
Board of Christian Education Five year term
Bro. Hoover Lewis

Executive Board Three year term
Bro. William Briley

Youth Camp Board Three year term
Bro. Buddy Henry

Youth Rally Director Bro. Billy Brown

Senior Youth Camp Director Bro. Eric Murphy

Assistant Bro. William Baird

Junior Youth Camp Director Bro. Buddy Henry

Assistant Bro. James Walden

M/S/C

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. James Stewart

Bro. E. T. Sargent

Bro. Eric Murphy

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION:

Jasper Mrs. Vina Walden

Harmony Hayden Lowery, Guy Grissom

Northport Mrs. Harold Pitts

Oak Grove Mrs. Louie Bates

Russellville Walker Cummings

South Highland Mrs. Hoover Lewis

Motion, second, and carried to give moderator authority to designate delegates who are present to be put on letter.

M/S/C to give the Board of Christian Education and Bro. Billy Brown authority to make decision concerning Youth Rally and inform churches.

M/S/C to adjourn business.

Songs "At The Cross" and "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" were sung by the congregation. Bro. John Edwards offered prayer. Bro. Eric Murphy rendered solo "Zions Hill." Rev. A. J. Lambert brought message using Philippians 2:5-11. Dismissal prayer for food which was served by host church.

Moderator Rev. James Walden

Assistant Moderator Rev. Harold Pitts

Clerk Mrs. Betty Sargent

Assistant Clerk Mrs. Louie Bates

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

CAVE SPRINGS—Rev. William Briley, Rt. 1, Town Creek, AL 35672

CORDOVA—Rev. Buddy Henry, 504 Green Avenue, Cordova, AL 35550

DOVERTOWN—

ELDRIDGE—Rev. Carlton Lambert, Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554

FAYETTE—

FLORENCE—Rev. Tom Malone, 165 Chaparral Drive, Florence, AL 35630

JASPER—Rev. James Walden, 501 East 22nd St., Jasper, AL 35501

NORTHPORT—Rev. H. A. Pitts, 2600-15th Ave., Northport, AL 35476

OAK GROVE—Rev. Louie Bates, P. O. Box 12, Graysville, AL 35073

- ✓ OAKMAN—Rev. Billy P. Garrett, P. O. Box 282, Oakman, AL 35579
- ✓ SOUTH HIGHLAND—Rev. Hoover Lewis, 608 East State St., Muscle Shoals, AL 35660
- ✓ SULPHUR SPRINGS—Rev. Charles Hollingshead, 3705-29th St., Northport, AL 35476
- ✓ HARMONY—Rev. William Baird, Rt. 2, Box 183-A, Leighton, AL 35646
- ✓ TOWNLEY—Rev. A. J. Lambert, Drawer F, Townley, AL 35587
- ✓ RUSSELLVILLE—Rev. Eustace Riggs, Rt. 1, Russellville, AL 35653

CHURCHES AND CLERKS

- ✓ CAVE SPRINGS—Janette Jeffrey, Rt. 1, Town Creek, AL 35672
- ✓ CORDOVA—Joyce Pittman, 111 Cliff St., Cordova, AL 35550
- ✓ DOVERTOWN—Miladean Higgenbotham, Rt. 1, Cordova, AL 35550
- ✓ ELDRIDGE—Betty Lambert, P. O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554
- ✓ FAYETTE—Rachel Watkins, Rt. 6, Fayette, AL 35555
- FLORENCE—Betty Capps, 1941 Caple Drive, Florence, AL 35630
- JASPER—Louise Haynes, Rt. 2, Box 34A, Nauvoo, AL 35578
- HARMONY—Betty Jeffreys, Rt. 2, Leighton, AL 35646
- NORTHPORT—Essie Collins, 2519 18th Ave., Northport, AL 35476
- OAK GROVE—Mary Holt, Rt. 2, Box 819, Gardendale, AL 35071
- OAKMAN—Elma Sue Warren, General Delivery, Oakman, AL 35579
- ✓ RUSSELLVILLE—Mrs. Grady Randolph, P. O. Box 83, Russellville, AL 35653
- ✓ SOUTH HIGHLAND—Mrs. Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, AL 35660
- SULPHUR SPRINGS—Mrs. Merle Dyer, Rt. 5, Box 325, Northport, AL 35476
- TOWNLEY—Betty D. Dutton, Rt. 2, Box 120, Carbon Hill, AL 35549

OTHER MINISTERS

- ✓ Rev. Jimmy Aldridge, Mission Protestante, B. P. 161, Bondukpre, Ivory Coast, West Africa
- ✓ Rev. Aubrey Rosser
- ✓ Rev. Ricky Jagers
- ✓ Rev. Jackie Higgenbotham, Cordova, AL 35550
- ✓ Rev. Charles Harbinson, Cordova, AL 35550
- ✓ Rev. Lee Estill, Cordova, AL 35550
- ✓ Rev. Richard Davis
- ✓ Rev. E. T. Sargent, Cordova, AL 35550
- ✓ Rev. Billy Wilson, Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554
- ✓ Rev. Clifford Holland
- ✓ Rev. Dewayne Patterson
- ✓ Rev. Eric Murphy
- ✓ Rev. Burlon Jones
- ✓ Rev. Gene Fulmer
- ✓ Rev. Hershel Beard, Rt. 5, Russellville, AL 35653
- ✓ Rev. Billy Brown
- ✓ Rev. D. M. Calvert, P. O. Box 307, Fultondale, AL
- ✓ Rev. Dan Tackett, 817 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, AL 35660

CHURCH DEACONS

CAVE SPRINGS:

- Robert Landers, Bear Creek, AL
- Roy Houston, Rt. 3, Town Creek, AL 35672
- Harold Fretwell, Rt. 3, Town Creek, AL
- Hubert Blankenship, Rt. 3, Town Creek, AL
- Lewis Anderson, Rt. 3, Town Creek, AL
- Quinton Simmons, Rt. 1, Mt. Hope, AL
- Cletus Christian, Rt. 1, Town Creek, AL
- Don Landers, Rt. 1, Town Creek, AL
- Horace Jeffrey, Town Creek, AL

CORDOVA:

- Winford Russell, 103 McCrory, Cordova, AL 35550
- Earl Richardson, Rt. 1, Box 211, Cordova, AL 35550
- C. C. Winsett, E-25 Reservoir St., Cordova, AL 35550
- Jesse Ryland, 235 Branch St., Cordova, AL 35550
- Wesley Carter, Rt. 1, Cordova, AL 35550
- Clyde Pittman, 111 Cliff St., Cordova, AL 35550
- Jerry White, Cordova, AL 35550
- Jerry Duncan, Cordova, AL 35550

DOVERTOWN:

- ✓ Dan Sargent, Rt. 1, Cordova, AL 35550
- Lottie Foster, Rt. 1, Cordova, AL 35550
- Abe Myers, Cordova, AL 35550

FAYETTE:

- A. M. Wallace, Rt. 6, Fayette, AL 35555
- S. R. Henderson, 911 3rd Ave. NE, Fayette, AL 35555
- Hugh Gilliam, Spring St. Village, Fayette, AL 35555
- Grady Kennedy, Fayette, AL 35555

FLORENCE

- George Capps
- J. T. Lee
- Ed Britnell
- Glenn Lard
- James Dorroh
- Sam Hudson
- James Melton
- Don Burleson
- Robert Murphy
- Billy Gamble
- Almon Calvert
- Alphonse McDonald

JASPER:

- Bobby Sargent, 1109, 10th, Jasper, AL 35501
- Robert Barnes, Holley Groves Rd., Jasper, AL 35501

Clyde Hood, Box 130-A, Jasper, AL 35501
Ray Bevis, 1602 Old 78-E Hwy., Jasper, AL 35501

NORTHPORT:

Samuel A. Key, 16 Forest Manor, Northport, AL 35476
Sebron Kuykendall, 4-C Country Club Hills, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
X. L. Truhett, 36 Biscayne Hills, Northport, AL 35476
James E. Reese, 2512-16th Ave., Northport, AL 35476
Travis Ray Carter, 2300-15th Ave., Northport, AL 35476
James D. Crowe, 2812-22 Ave., Northport, AL 35476
Bobby J. Wilson, 1256 Northwood Lake, Northport, AL 35476

OAK GROVE:

E. J. McClure, 209 Westwood Dr., Birmingham, AL 35215
Leo Lipsey, 717 Sugart Ridge Rd., Gardendale, AL 35071
Charles Thrasher, Rt. 2, Box 848-B, Gardendale, AL 35071

SOUTH HIGHLAND:

Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, AL 35660
Harvey Welborn

SULPHUR SPRINGS:

Wiley Hudson, Rt. 5, Northport, AL 35476
Lee Scrivner, Rt. 5, Northport, AL 35476

RUSSELLVILLE:

P. W. Kimbrough, Rt. 7, Jackson St., Russellville, AL 35653
G. W. Kilpatrick, Rt. 2, Tuscumbia, AL 35674
Hobson Wilson, N. Jackson St., Russellville, AL 35653
Grady Randolph, Box 83, Russellville, AL 35653
Edwin Kimbrough, Rt. 3, Russellville, AL 35653

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 reproved 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.

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
Cave Springs	188	158	28	1	9	100		14	70	\$2,525.00	\$60.00		\$332.22
Cordova	217	171	46	4	8	151	70	12	65	6,085.00	431.74	9,787.82	469.87
Dovertown	90			6	3	90	50		40	3,230.00	600.00	1,667.83	336.56
Eldridge	28	25	3	2			32		32				93.61
Fayette	173	93	80	1	4	89	50		25	1,735.50	260.00	10.27	353.27
Florence	861			5	12	480		16	265				
Jasper	195	193	2	2	5	185	119	15	75	8,780.00	916.39	6,168.15	2,185.79
North Port	180	125	55	2	7	137	88	18	50	12,310.00	775.00	1,324.47	1,359.65
Oak Grove	86	71	15	2	3	60	30		35	4,500.00	345.00	90.00	552.78
Oakman	64	60	4	1	4	75			50		176.00	156.00	63.00
South Highland	123			3	1	157	71		64	10,825.00	500.00	3,773.00	1,648.50
Townley	142	92	50	1	5	110		16	40	6,020.00	556.31	47.99	770.69
Harmony	136	130	6	2	1	125		12	55	9,650.00	2,631.17	23,403.32	852.07
Sulphur Springs	180	80	100	1	1	91		10	10	4,700.00	409.29	988.33	301.08
Russellville	184	146	38	3	5	124	79	10	60	7,795.00	3,372.57	9,631.24	1,538.71

	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Children's Home	Superannuation	State & National Projects	Value of parsonage property	Value of church property
Cordova	\$1,251.00	1,010.00	1,654.00	753.85	240.00	908.00		
Cave Springs								
Dovertown								40,000.00
Eldridge	690.00	120.00	24.00					15,000.00
Fayette	167.65	92.65	92.65	92.65			12,000.00	65,000.00
Florence								
Jasper	1,423.60	2,402.88	902.30	1,318.88			20,000.00	86,000.00
Northport								175,000.00
Oak Grove				57.00	50.00	825.00		50,000.00
Oakman	75.00			75.00			11,000.00	25,000.00
South Highland	986.25	739.40	560.04	560.04		738.69	30,000.00	14,500.00
Townley	1,555.13	163.62	150.00	450.00			20,000.00	75,000.00
Harmony	185.93	246.92	185.93	123.96	123.96		25,000.00	100,000.00
Sulphur Springs	185.00	360.00		79.56			10,000.00	30,000.00
Russellville	936.82	230.08	230.00	309.61	540.00	82.50	25,000.00	100,000.00