

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

FORTY - SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

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

**1979 SESSION
TOWNLEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
TOWNLEY, ALABAMA
August 24, 25, 1979**

OFFICERS FOR 1978

Moderator	Rev. James Walden
501 East 22nd St., Jasper, Al. 35501	
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One Year Term	Rev. A. J. Lambert
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Five Year Term	Rev. Carlton Lambert
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One Year Term	Rev. George Ritter

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

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Rev. Tom Malone	
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Rev. A. J. Lambert	
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PLEASANT GROVE	
Rev. George E. Ritter	
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CHURCHES AND CLERKS

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Dean Higginbotham, Rt. 1, Box 12 E, Cordova, Al. 35550	
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FAYETTE	
Rachel Watkins, Rt. 6 Box 78, Fayette Al. 35555	
FLORENCE	
Betty Capps, 1941 Caples Dr., Florence, Al. 35630	
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PLEASANT GROVE	
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Pleasant Grove, Al.	
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Georgia	
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 Lee C. Estill
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 Charlie J. Higginbotham
 Dovertown
 Charlie Harbinson
 Dovertown
 Jimmy Aldridge
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Robert Landers, Bear Creek, Al.
 Roy Houston, Rt. 3, Town Creek, Al. 35672
 Harold Fretwell, Rt. 3, Town Creek
 Hubert Blankinship, Rt. 3, Town Creek
 Lewis Anderton, Rt. 3, Town Creek
 Quinton Simmons, Rt. 1, Town Creek
 Cletus Christian, Rt. 1, Town Creek
 Don Landers, Rt. 1, Town Creek
 Horace D. Jeffreys, Rt. 1, Town Creek

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 Clyde Pittman, 111 Cliff St., Cordova
 Jerry White, Jasper, Al. 35501
 Jerry Duncan, Jasper, Al.

DOVERTOWN:

Lottie Foster, Rt. 1, Cordova, Al. 35550
 Abe Myers, 215 Linden, Cordova

FAYETTE:

Billy Ham, Rt. 3, Fayette, Al. 35555
 I. J. Britnell, Rt. 4, Fayette
 Hugh Gilliam, Fayette
 A. M. Wallace, Rt. 6, Fayette
 Grady Kennedy, Rt. 3, Fayette

FLORENCE

HARMONY:

Durwood Posey, Rt. 2, Leighton, Al. 35646
 John H. Lowery, Rt. 2, Box 18, Leighton
 Guy Grissom, Church St., Leighton
 Hillard Jeffreys, Rt. 2, Box 18, Leighton
 Billy Kidd, Rt. 2, Leighton

JASPER:

Bobby Sargent
 Robert Barnes
 Ray Bevis
 Clyde Hood

NORTHPORT:

Samuel A. Key, 16 Forest Manor, Northport, Al. 35476
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 James E. Reese, 2512 16th Ave., Northport
 Travis R. Carter, 2300 15th Ave., Northport
 James D. Crowe, 2812 22nd Ave., Northport
 Bobby J. Wilson, 1256 Northwood Lake, Northport

OAKMAN:

RUSSELLVILLE:

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

SOUTH HIGHLAND:

Harvey Welborn, 102 W. Michigan, Muscle Shoals, Al. 35660
 Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals

SULPHUR SPRINGS:

Lee Scrivner, Rt. 1, Berry, Al. 35546
 Wiley Hudson, Rt. 5, Northport, Al. 35476

TOWNLEY:

Joel F. Smith, Rt. 1, Townley
 R. M. Edgil, Rt. 1, Townley
 Donald Sparks, Rt. 2 Box 76, Carbon Hill
 Alfred Boshell, Townley
 William Dutton, Rt. 2 Box 141, Carbon Hill
 Curtis Thomas, Rt. 1, Townley

47th ANNUAL MEETING

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The session was started by Bro. Phil Davis leading the singing. Bobby Sargent gave the Association a hearty welcome. Bro. Hoover Lewis gave the responses.

The clerk called the Association to order and introduced the Moderator Bro. James Walden.

The Delegates were read and seated. Bro. Moderator recognized the visitors and appointed committees.

The By-Laws committee presented the new by-laws to the Association. The clerk read all the changes and a M/S/C that the By-Laws change be tabled until the evening session. The morning session was dismissed for the Worship Service. Bro. Ricky Cash preached, his text was from Ezekiel 22: 30-31.

Altar prayer was called by the Moderator. The blessing was asked on the food by Bro. Harold Pitts.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

The afternoon session was started back by singing, lead by Bro. Phil Davis. Prayer lead by Bro. Jimmy Aldridge. Special music by Mrs. Tim Jones. Devotion by Bro. Maddox, scripture John 3: 17.

Reports were given as follows:

Womans Auxiliary, M/S/C to accept their report. M/S/C that the minutes of the Woman Auxiliary be printed in the Associational Minutes without any charge to the auxiliary.

The JR. YOUTH CAMP report was given by Bro. Buddy Henry, M/S/C to accept it.

Bro. Carlton Lambert gave report about the Children's Home, it was accepted as information.

The Quarterly Meetings report was given by the clerk, Buddy Henry, M/S/C to accept it.

Bro. Jimmy Aldridge gave a report on the Missionary work in Ivory Coast.

M/S/C to accept the audit committee report given by Bro. Carlton Lambert.

The By-Laws change was brought from the table and discussed. After a few word changes it was passed.

M/S/C to adjourn until the night service.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION:

Song service opened this session, Bro. Walter Jagers lead in prayer. Devotion was given by Bro. E. A. Riggs, text Song of Solomon 6:10.

The committee reports were given as follows:

Temperance by Bro. William Briley, M/S/C to accept.

Obituary by Florene Sides, a moment of silent prayer, then lead by Bro. A. J. Lambert. M/S/C to accept the report.

Appreciation report was given by Teata Jones. M/S/C to accept.

Credential committee gave their report, it was adopted item by item.

The Treasurer report was given, it was adopted.

M/S/C that a committee be appointed to investigate the possibility of buying a large mixer for the youth camp.

M/S/C that the above motion be amended, that this committee, first consult with the North West Alabama Youth Camp Board, about the most important needs.

The committee appointed: Bro. William Briley, Bro. Elmer Turnbough and Bro. Hoover Lewis.

Nominating committee report was given by Bro. A. J. Lambert. M/S/C to adopt it item by item.

Bro. Eric Murphy gave the Teen Youth Camp report. M/S/C to accept.

Bro. H. A. Pitts brought the morning message, his text was Acts 20. Altar prayer was lead by Bro. Ricky Cash. Bro. Douglas Ferguson, from the Townley Church, was ordained.

Delegates to the State Association are: Mrs. H. A. Pitts, Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Mrs. Elmer Turnbough and Mrs. Hoover Lewis.

The Annual Association was dismissed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Nominating Committee recommend the following to be elected to serve our association:

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Asst. Moderator	Rev. Hoover Lewis
Clerk	Rev. Buddy Henry
Asst. Clerk	Rev. Dan Tacket
Treasurer	Bro. Charles Davis
Asst. Treasurer	Mrs. Hoover Lewis

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Rev. George Ritter	One year term

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. William Briley	Five year term
Bro. Charles Davis	Four year term
Rev. E. A. Riggs	Three year term
Bro. Travis Ray Carter	Two year term
Rev. Billy Wilson	One year term

YOUTH RALLY DIRECTOR

Rev. Tim Jones

SR. TEEN YOUTH CAMP DIRECTORS

Rev. Tim Jones
Rev. Ricky Cash

JR. TEEN CAMP DIRECTORS

Rev. James Walden
Rev. Buddy Henry

Respectfully Submitted
Rev. A. J. Lambert
Bro. Jess Ryland
Bro. Bobby Sargent

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Auditing Committee has examined the records of the Associational Treasurer and the records of the Jr. Youth Camp, and find them in order.

Carlton Lambert
Loyal Maddox
Louise Burks

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We heartily thank the Jasper Church for serving us during this association. We have been well fed physically and spiritually and can leave here renewed.

Thank you,
Vera Woods
Lorene Christian
Teata Jones

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We have examined the following church letters, Russellville, Fayette, Jasper, Eldridge, Sulphur Springs, Dovertown, Cave Springs, Northport, Florence, South Highland, Townley, Cordova and Harmony. We find all letters in order but Oakman, which failed to send letter.
We recommend that all ordained ministers and deacons from these churches be given cards of good standing from the Progressive Association.
2. We have examined Bro. Mark and Jim Maddox from the Fayette Church and recommend they be given licenses to preach for one year.
3. We have examined Bro. Phil Davis from the Cordova Church and recommend that he be welcomed into our fellowship and he be given a card of good standing.
4. We recommend that the Pleasant Grove Church be received into the fellowship of the Progressive Association and that their ordained ministers and deacons be given cards of good standing.
5. We have examined Bro. George Ritter from the Social Band Association of Arkansas (who just assumed the pastorate of the Pleasant Grove Church). And we recommend that he be received into the fellowship of this association and be given a card of good standing.

6. We have examined Bro. Douglas Ferguson and upon the request of the Townley Church, we recommend that he be ordained in this session and that he be given a card of good standing as a ordained minister.
7. We have examined Bro. Elmer Turnbough, the pastor of Harmony Church, we recommend that he be received into our fellowship and be given a card of good standing.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. E. A. Riggs
Rev. Hoover Lewis
Bro. Charles Davis

TEMPERANCE

Temperance is a proper use of all earthly enjoyments, keeping every sense under proper restraints, and never permitting the animal part to subjugate or conquer the rational. It is total abstinence from alcoholic liquors. It is practicing moderation in eating and drinking. It is the keeping of one's self clean.

William Griley
Lorene Ryland

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

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

Fayette, Reese Henderson, Vera Berry
Jasper, Dollie Robertson, Cecil Edward Evans
Cordova, Cora Aldridge, Arnice Haney
South Highland, Mittie Whitten, Tommy Randolph
Dovertown, Dan Sargent
Northport, Stanley Crawford, Claudie Winters

May we stand in a moment of silent prayer for the families who lost their loved ones and trust our loss is heaven's gain.

Sister Eva Hamm
Sister Harold Pitts
Sister Florine Sides

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

November 25, 1978 - Cave Springs
February 24, 1979 - South Highland
May 26, 1979 - Cordova
August 24 - 25, 1979 - Townley (Annual)

PROGRESSIVE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Theme: "Speak Lord; for thy servant heareth."

The Woman's Auxiliary convened with the Northport First Free Will Baptist Church on March 5, 1978. Our meeting was called to order by our president, Mrs. Barbara Danley. Prayer by Bro. Pitts. Song, "He Hideth My Soul" led by Jennie Fuller. Mrs. Wilma Davis gave the welcome address. Mrs. Merle Dyer gave the response. Morning devotion was given by Mrs. Laura Hollingshead using I Samuel 3:9, also Math. 13. Minutes of the 1977 meeting read. M/S/C to accept them. The treasurer's report was given and placed on file. Roll call and seating of delegates, committees were appointed. Special music by Angela Bevis, our guest speaker was Mrs. Sandra Payne challenging mothers to instill the word in our children as the Lord speaks.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Opened with prayer by Barbara Danley. The meeting was turned into a question and answer period with Sandra Payne concerning her work and favorite place, "The Ivory Coast." Mrs. Elree Randolph installed the new officers - Mrs. Kimbrough read her scriptures.

REPORTS

APPRECIATION:

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank God for this wonderful day of blessings. The services of our president, devotion by Sister Hollingshead, special music, the challenging and inspiring message by Mrs. Sandra Payne and the hospitality and food of the Northport Church. May God ever bless each one.

Dorothy Kimbrough
Estille Blackwell
Della Mann

FINANCE:

We the Finance Committee have examined the Treasurer's book and found them in order.

Merle Dyer
Evelyn Bevis
Doris Kimbrough

RESOLUTION:

We, the Resolution Committee, recommend:

1. That each local auxiliary give name, name of husband, address and telephone number of new officers to district secretary.

2. Go to the state convention that we be informed of the state project of the coming year at the current meeting.
3. That the president of each local auxiliary stress that members make a special effort to attend district meetings.

Lavelle Short
O. D. Dyer
Helen Canada

REGISTRATION:

19 Delegates - 22 Visitors - 2 Ministers

Mrs. Etma Crowe
Mrs. Essie Collins

NOMINATION AND OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR:

President Mrs. Laura Hollingshead
3705 29th St. Northport, Al. 35476

Vice-President Mrs. Theo Kuykendall
4 C Country Club Hills Tuscaloosa, Al. 35401

Secretary & Treasurer Mrs. Merle Dyer
Rt. 5 Box 325 Northport, Al. 35476

Mission Prayer Chairman Mrs. Hoover Lewis
608 East State St. Muscle Shoals, Al. 35660

Mission Study Chairman Mrs. Jo Ann Riggs
Rt 1 Underwood Road Russellville, Al. 35653

Mission Action Chairman Mrs. Sally Cash
918 Temple Ave. Fayette, Al. 35555
Elree Randolph
Willie Mae Barnes
Lorene Ryland

CAMP PROYUKA JR. CAMP

Director Buddy Henry

Year starting Aug. 27, 1977 \$1391.36

INCOME:

Youth Camp Fee 1803.00
Canteen 382.55
Refund (Food World) 42.00
TOTAL to be accounted for \$3618.91

EXPENDITURES:

Postage, office supplies \$ 29.00
Food (for canteen) 1343.95

Equipment 39.47
North West Ala. Camp 200.00
Brian Peters 450.00
Tim Jones 125.00
Rick Futch 50.00
Insurance 25.00
Hospital (Rankin Fite Memorial for William Danty) ... 18.00
TOTAL expenditures \$2280.42

BALANCE in checking \$1338.49

TEEN CAMP PROYUKA 1978

Previous Balance \$ 71.09

Amounts Received 2057.58

\$2128.67

Expenditures:

1. Camp Rental 200.00
2. Insurance 25.00
3. Personnel
a. Tim Jones 85.00
b. Pat Hensley 85.00
c. Teata Jones 25.00
d. Tim Trimble 25.00
e. Mike Riggs 25.00
f. Rick Futch 25.00
g. Ray Bevis (gas) 10.00
280.00

4. Food & Supplies 872.25
5. Phone & Gas 47.75
6. Athletic Equipment 84.98
7. Hospital Expenses 45.00
8. Film Rental 75.02
9. Snack Shop 231.85

1981.85

Balance 8/26/78 \$ 146.82

Campers Attending - 74
Decisions for Christ - 22

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric W. Murphy, Director

QUARTERLY MEETING AT NORTHPORT

Progressive Association Quarterly Meeting, November 26, 1977 at the Northport Church. The service was started by a song. Bro. A. J. Lambert gave the devotion using Psa. 19.

The host pastor, Rev. Harold Pitts, gave us a wonderful welcome. Bro. Jess Ryland gave the response.

The Association was called to by the clerk, Rev. Buddy Henry. The delegates were read, nine churches were represented by delegates, six by letters only. The moderator, Rev. James Walden, appointed an appreciation committee.

The Word of God was preached by Rev. William Baird. Text, Acts 24: 24-25, a wonderful message and a needed one. We enjoyed a good lunch by the host church.

The afternoon service was called to order, singing led by Rev. William Baird. The devotion was given by Rev. Louie Bates, scripture Rev. 2:10.

The Appreciation Committee gave their report, it was accepted and a stand vote was given for the hospitality given to the quarterly meeting.

Rev. Billy Brown gave a report from the Youth Rally. M/S/C that we pay Bro. Billy Brown his expense of \$25.00 each month to come from the Bible College to direct our youth rally's.

Credential Committee gave a report. M/S/C that we accept the Credential Committee report and ordain the Deacon's from the Fayette Church. The Ordination Service was as follows: Scripture was read by Rev. Buddy T. Henry and the Ordination prayer led by the pastor of Fayette Church, Rev. Rick Cash. The service was dismissed.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

1. The Churches letters were examined found in order.
2. A letter of recommendation was given to Rev. Rick Jagers to the Tidewater Association in Virginia.
3. A letter of recommendation was given to Rev. Melton Fields to the South Mississippi Association.
4. A letter of recommendation was given to Rev. James Stewart to the Liberty Association in Michigan.
5. A recommendation to receive Bro. Rick Cash into the Association as a minister in good standing pending the clerk's receiving a letter of recommendation from the Cumberland Association in Tenn. and his completion and returning of the questionnaire for ministers.
6. Three men from the Fayette Church were ordained as deacons. I. J. Britnell, Don Freeman and William C. Ham.
7. Guy Grisson, John H. Lowery, Billy Kidd, Hillard Jeffreys are to be ordained as deacons in their local church, Harmony Free Will Baptist Church.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT CORDOVA

The Progressive Association Quarterly Meeting, Feb. 25, 1978 met at the Cordova Free Will Baptist Church

The service was opened by singing led by Rev. Charles Hollingshead. Devotion brought by Rev. Dan Tackett. Welcome made by Bro. Clyde Pittman, response by Bro. Ray Bevis.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk, Rev. Buddy Henry. Delegates were seated and committees appointed.

Visiting with the Association, Rev. Huges Ellis and family. Rev. Nate Ange preached the word and it was to the point and timely.

Lunch was enjoyed by all.

Afternoon service was called to order by a song held by Bro. A. J. Lambert. Devotion was given by Rev. Jackie Higgenbottom. The Appreciation and the Credential Committees reported. The clerk was informed to write a letter to the Vernon Association for them to drop Rev. Charles Hollingshead.

The meeting was adjourned.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT HARMONY

May 27, 1978, the Progressive Association Quarterly Meeting convened at Harmony Free Will Baptist Church.

The service was opened by singing. Bro. Billy Wilson gave the devotion. Welcome was made by Bro. William Baird the response by Charles Davis.

The Quarterly Meeting was called to order by the clerk, Buddy Henry. Delegates were seated. Visitors recognized. Bro. Crawford from the Bible College in Nashville, also two summer interns working in two of our Associate Churches, were Rick Futch and Tim Trimble. Bro. William Briley brought the morning message, his text was Jeremiah 6: 10-16.

Afternoon session opened by singing and devotion by Bro. Eric Murphy.

The committees gave their reports, also the Audit Committee checked the leaving treasurer's records found them in order. Bro. Charles Davis was elected to serve out Bro. William Baird's term as treasurer.

The By-Laws Committee read their recommendation of By-Laws Change, for study.

The Credentials Committee recommended and the Association passed the following:

1. That Rev. Arlis Barksdale of the Northport Church be received into the Progressive Association.
2. Rev. Earnest Emmons was granted licenses for one year to preach.
3. A letter of good standing was granted to Oak Grove Free Will Baptist with a recommendation to the Birmingham District Association.
4. A letter of request for good standing for Rev. Ron Woodard be sent to the clerk of the Southern Quarterly of the Cumberland Association in Tenn. Also that the clerk be authorized to return a letter of good standing upon receiving the said request.
5. Mike Riggs was granted license to preach the gospel for a period of one year.
6. David Hindman was granted license to preach for one year.

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

SUGGESTED GUIDE LINES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

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 expences.

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 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. 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.

17. The Pastor is ex-officio member of all boards and committees.

RULES FOR PREACHERS & DEACONS

1. All ministers wishing to become members of the Progressive Association must be recommended by the church of 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.

13. 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.

14. Anyone desiring to be ordained (a) Must send in a completed questionnaire with the church letter to the clerk two weeks before the Associational meeting. (b) Anyone desiring to be licensed or ordained must meet with the Credentials Committee one hour before the opening of the session.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ARTICLE 1. This Board shall be known as the Board of Christian Education of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists of Alabama.

ARTICLE 2. This Board shall be composed of 5 members to serve 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 the 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. 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 an entrance fee or offerings as determined needed by 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 entry fee and 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

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. This association adopts as its Articles of Faith the Treatise of faith and practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE 4. 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 5. 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 6. This association shall elect a Credentials Committee composed of 5 members, 3 ordained ministers and 2 deacons, who shall be elected to start with as 1 for 5 year term; 1 for 4 year term; 1 for 3 year term; 1 for 2 year term; 1 for 1 year term. Then, here-after elect one each year. Their duty shall be to approve all church letters and applications for membership for both churches and ministers, examining, ordaining, or approving the ordination, of all ministers or deacons and make a report of the same to the body.

ARTICLE 7. Item 1. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be elected by the body. Item 2. The above officers serve also for the Quarterly meetings. Item 3. The salary of the clerk shall be \$100.00 annually. The moderator shall be paid \$10.00 each meeting.

ARTICLE 8. This association's annual meeting will be on Friday and Saturday before the last Sunday in August. Item 2. The quarterly meetings will be the last saturday in November, February, and May.

ARTICLE 9. The association shall determine at the annual association where the associational meetings shall convene for the next year. This shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast. Only those Churches that request a meeting at their church will be considered.

ARTICLE 10. 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 11. That each church send 20 cents for each active member for association expenses. Item 2. Each church shall send ten dollars to each quarterly meeting. Item 3. Each church shall send church letters to the clerk two weeks before each 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.

	Number of members	Resident	Non resident or in-active	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday School Enrollment	CTS Members	Woman's Auxiliary member	Prayer meeting attendance	Paid Pastor	Evangelistic work	Building & Repair	Literature	Other
Cave Springs	193	161	32	1	9	86	-	14	-	\$10,505.00	\$625.00	\$2,272.09	\$910.05	\$6,041.06
Cordova	215	192	23	3	8	138	58	12	51	9,315.00	1,007.00	7,756.76	1,161.22	20,884.45
Dovertown	111	91	20	3	2	95	50	-	30	2,300.00	200.00	246.51	360.00	231.56
Eldridge	25	-	-	2	-	32	39	-	-	-	-	-	244.17	565.02
Fayette	175	96	79	1	6	86	70	9	40	7,600.50	314.32	625.76	810.00	10,351.54
Florence	928	928	-	4	15	500	-	-	265					
Harmony	141	135	6	3	5	125	55	12	55	6,187.50	250.00	-	793.46	4,570.00
Jasper	194	190	4	1	5	185	119	12	73	9,100.00	637.86	142,275.28	2,701.76	31,600.70
Northport	115	100	15	3	7	135	80	22	52	9,300.00	465.00	35,510.90	1,413.89	8,313.88
Oakman														
Russellville	193	164	29	2	5	132	71	12	65	8,755.00	3,066.08	8,272.94	1,857.75	10,223.10
South Highland	149	149	-	2	2	157	54	4	59	12,793.90	800.00	13,439.41	1,363.49	11,312.14
Sulphur Springs	164	88	76	1	2	99	45	10	22	5,700.00	425.00	2,426.62	726.00	240.00
Townley	156	106	50	1	6	115	48	11	47	8,522.09	666.75	4,807.43	1,268.86	1,546.62

	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Children's Home	Superannuation or Pastor's Retirement	State & National Projects	Value of Parsonage	Value of Church Property
Cave Springs	\$80.00	\$40.00						
Cordova	2,316.84	546.00	1,148.00	1,021.30	700.00	748.83		
Dovertown	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00			40,000.00
Eldridge	360.00	270.00	135.00	500.00	25.00	1,020.00		15,000.00
Fayette	1,168.51	880.72	839.58	463.58	-	851.11	12,000.00	65,000.00
Florence								
Harmony	43.00	74.40	104.00	-	-	201.60	-	-
Jasper	1,564.05	1,921.99	1,003.57	1,325.13	-	1,353.93	30,000.00	250,000.00
Northport	1,305.13	839.63	1,305.13	395.48	-	626.00	-	-
Oakman								
Russellville	968.99	548.53	130.00	268.75	847.91	930.79	30,000.00	100,000.00
South Highland	1,371.66	447.12	772.18	712.25	102.26	1,589.50	30,000.00	288,000.00
Sulphur Springs	490.00	385.00	-	400.60		150.00		
Townley	2,155.78	1,101.55	300.75	620.00		65.00	25,000.00	75,000.00