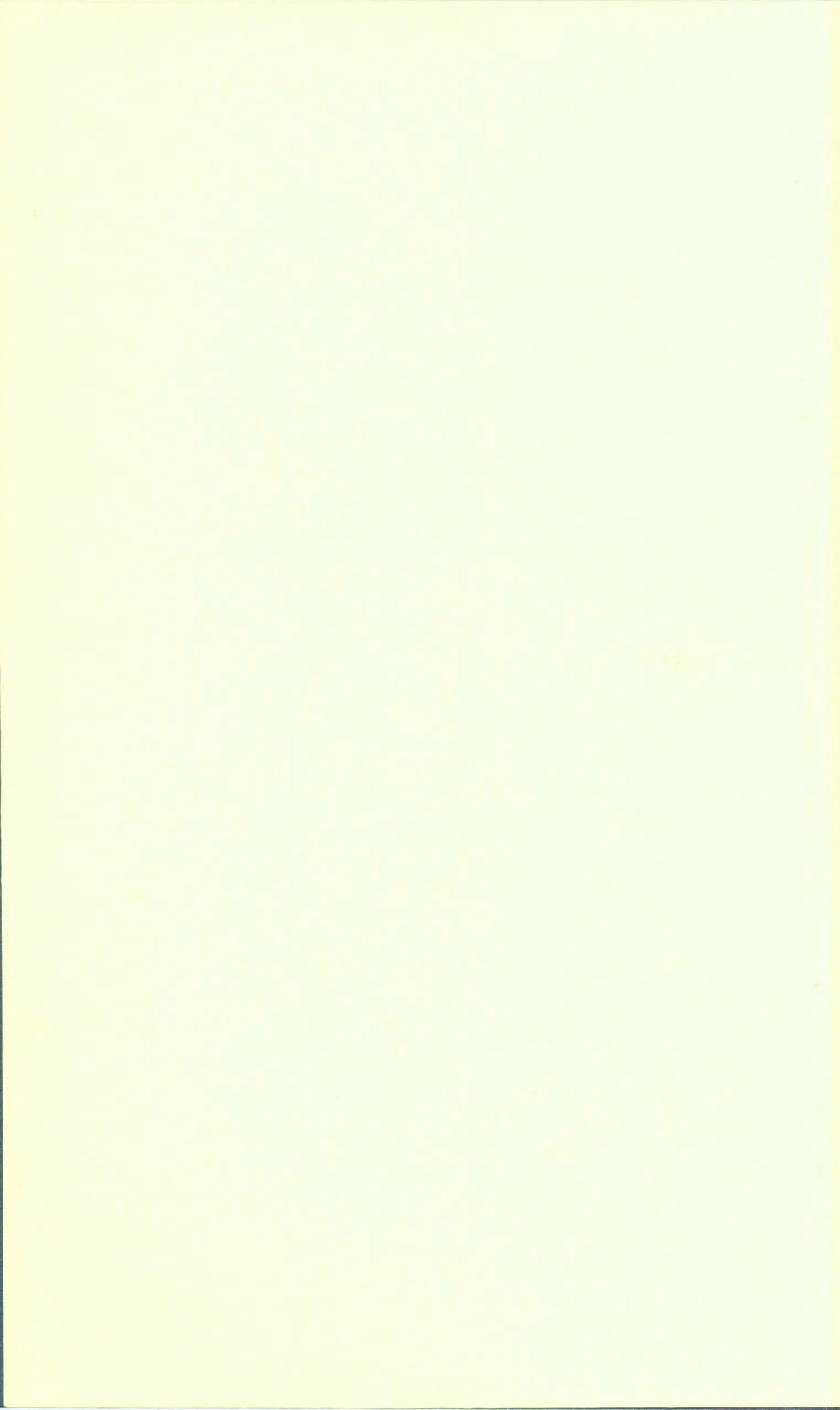


**MINUTES  
OF THE  
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA**

**FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
JASPER, ALABAMA  
August 29, 30, 1980**

**1981 SESSION  
CORDOVA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
CORDOVA, ALABAMA  
August 28, 29, 1981**



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Rev. Gwyn Pugh .....	Three Year Term Rt. 1, Russellville, AL.
Rev. A. J. Lambert .....	Two Year Term Drawer F, Townley, AL.
Rev. William Briley .....	One Year Term

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bro. Edwin Kimbrough .....	Five Year Term
Rev. Charles Hollingshead .....	Four Year Term
Rev. Carlton Lambert .....	Three Year Term
Rev. Roy Plymon .....	Two Year Term
Rev. Ricky Cash .....	One Year Term

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### HARMONY

(No pastor)

### JASPER

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### DOVERTOWN

Dean Higginbotham, Rt. 1 Box 12-E, Cordova, AL. 35550

### ELDRIDGE

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### FAYETTE

Rachel Watkins, Rt. 6 Box 78, Fayette, AL. 35555

### FLORENCE

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### HARMONY

Betty L. Jeffreys, Rt. 2 Box 18, Leighton, AL. 35646

### JASPER

Louise Haynes, Rt. 2 Box 34-A, Nauvoo, AL. 35578

### NORTHPORT

Essie Collins, 2519 18th Ave., Northport, AL. 35476

### RUSSELLVILLE

Mrs. Grady Randolph, P.O. Box 83, Russellville, AL. 35653

### SOUTH HIGHLAND

Mrs. Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, AL. 35660

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Mrs. Merle Dyer, Rt. 5 Box 325, Northport, AL. 35476

### TOWNLEY

Betty D. Dutton, Rt. 2 Box 141, Carbon Hill, AL. 35549

### PLEASANT GROVE

Deliska Pickeh, 2612 Sunset Dr., Mulga, AL. 35118

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Arlis Barksdale .....	339-3751
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Lee Estill .....	
Rt. 1, Cordova, AL. 35550	
Charlie Harbinson .....	
Rt. 1, Cordova, AL. 35550	
Charlie Higginbotham .....	
Rt. 1, Cordova, AL. 35550	
Johnnie Pace .....	
Rt. 5, Russellville, A. 35653	
Aubrey Rosser .....	
Jasper, AL. 35501	

## CHURCH DEACONS

### CAVE SPRINGS:

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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C. C. Winsett, E-25 Reservoir St., Cordova  
Jesse Ryland, 235 Branch St., Cordova  
Wesley Carter, Rt. 1, Cordova  
Clyde Pittman, 111 Cliff St., Cordova  
Jerry Duncan, Jasper, AL 35501

### DOVERTOWN:

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

### ELDRIDGE:

None

### FAYETTE:

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

### FLORENCE:

Not listed

### HARMONY:

Durwood Posey, Rt. 2, Box 34-A, 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:

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X. L. Truhett, 36 Biscayne Hills, Northport  
Sebrom Kuykendall, 4C Country Club Hills, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401  
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

PLEASANT GROVE:

W. A. Rawls  
Leon Crawley  
Huey Pickett  
Carl O'Donnell  
Loyd Martin

RUSSELLVILLE:

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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  
Tommy Bee, 1307 Edison Ave., Muscle Shoals, AL.

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



**49th ANNUAL MEETING**  
**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**FRIDAY MORNING:**

The 49th Annual Meeting of the Progressive Association convened at First Free Will Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama on August 29, 1980. The theme was "Christian Education" from II Timothy 2:2. The service was opened by singing led by Rev. E. B. Ledlow. Rev. Frank Owens brought the morning devotion from Acts 16 on "A Song in the Night."

The welcome was given by Rev. Roy Plymon. The response by the Moderator.

The clerk called the meeting to order.

The Moderator brought his remarks from Deuteronomy 31:12,13.

The roll call of Delegates was made and Delegates were seated.

The Assistant Moderator charged the Delegates from Colossians 3:17.

Visitors were recognized. Committees were appointed.

The worship hour began at 11:00 with E. B. Ledlow leading the congregation in a song. The morning message was brought from Colossians 2:8 by Rev. Tom Malone on "Reasons for Christian Schools."

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON:**

The afternoon session was opened by Rev. A. J. Lambert leading the congregation in a song. The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. Phil Kimbrough from Romans 6:11-13.

**REPORTS GIVEN:**

Jack Douglass reported as information from Alcap on the alcohol issues in the state of Alabama. M/S/C.

Junior Youth Camp report was given by Rev. Elmer Turnbough. M/S/C.

Senior Youth Camp Report was given by Rev. Rick Cash. M/S/C.

Children's Home report was given by Bro. Carlton Lambert. M/S/C.

Clerk's report given by Bro. Gwyn Pugh. M/S/C.

Treasurer's report given by Mrs. Hoover Lewis. M/S/C.

Bible College report given by Mr. Crawford. M/S/C.

Alabaster Mission report given as information by Rev. James Walden. M/S/C.

Constitutional Amendment to Article VI discussed.

M/S/C to adjourn till night service.

## FRIDAY NIGHT:

Rev. Roy Plymon brought his message on the "Need for Christian Education in the Church."

## SATURDAY MORNING:

The session was opened by song. Devotion was brought by Rev. A. J. Lambert from Philippians 4:1-7. The following committee reports were given and M/S/C to accept them: Appreciation, Obituary, Temperance, Auditing, Resolutions, Credentials, and Nominating.

Amendment to Article VIII of Constitution moving meetings to third Saturday. M/S/C. Amendment to Article VI removed from table. M/S/C.

M/S/C to permit Moderator to appoint remaining empty Delegate slots to state meeting.

Delegates elected are: Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. George Ritter, Mrs. Hoover Lewis, Mrs. Ryland, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Mrs. Roy Plymon.

The following is a list of Quarterly Meetings for 1980 - 81 on third Saturdays of first three meetings.

November...Northport; February...Cave Springs; May...Sulphur Springs; August...Cordova.

The morning message was brought by Rev. George Ritter on "Christian Education in the Home" from II Timothy 2:2.

M/S/C to adjourn the Annual Meeting.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

### OFFICERS FOR 1980 — 81

Moderator .....	Rev. Hoover Lewis
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. Carlton Lambert
Clerk .....	Rev. George E. Ritter
Assistant Clerk .....	Rev. E. B. Ledlow
Treasurer .....	Bro. Charles Davis
Assistant Treasurer .....	Mrs. Hoover Lewis

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Gwyn Pugh..... Three Year Term

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bro. Edwin Kimbrough..... Five Year Term

### NORTHWEST ALABAMA YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Rev. Roy Plymon..... Three Year Term

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Bro. Travis Ray Carter..... Five Year Term

### SENIOR YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR

Rev. Ricky Cash

### ASSISTANT TEEN CAMP DIRECTOR

Bro. Sam Postlewaite

### JUNIOR YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR

Rev. William Briley

### ASSISTANT JUNIOR CAMP DIRECTOR

Bro. Alan Fretwell

Respectively Submitted 8/30/80,  
George E. Ritter  
E. B. Ledlow  
Roy Plymon

## AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the record of the Associational Treasurer, the Junior and Teen Camp Treasurers and find them in order.

There is no report given on the Associational Youth Rally nor the Christian Education Board.

We recommend the General Treasurer Report be included in the minutes along with all the other reports.

Respectfully submitted,  
Loyd Martin  
Linda Lawler  
Sue Plymon

## APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We truly feel we are expressing the sentiments of everyone who attended the Progressive Association when convened with the Jasper Church. We heartily extend our thanks and appreciation to the following:

1. To the host church for their warm and friendly hospitality and tasty meals prepared and served.
2. To the officers of the Association for allowing the Holy Spirit to lead in the preparation of the program theme, "Christian Education," and the selection of the speakers.
3. For the speakers in allowing God to move their hearts and minds to deliver the Word with power and in truth.

Willia Jean Lewis  
Reba Ritter  
Gladys Turnbough

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Pleasant Grove — Rev. B. T. Alexander, Leon Crawley, H. M. Nix,  
Huey Pickett, Lewis M. Smith

Cordova — Bro. Ed Sides, Bro. Alie Myers, Donna Huston, Essie  
Tompkins

Jasper — Deward Poe, Earnest Upton, Lena Bobo

Dovertown — Mrs. Alie Myers, Oscar Reeves

Cave Springs — Rayburn Vess

Russellville — Marion Proctor

A. J. Lambert

John Sims

Charles Bee

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The human body is the temple and the Spirit of God dwelleth in you... if any man defile the temple, the temple will be destroyed by God. (I Cor. 3:16,17) So let man be temperate in all things. It is total abstinence from alcoholic beverages, drugs, or anything that will dull the mind to the point where a person does not know right from wrong. As well as overindulgence of any substance taken into the body (temple) that is harmful to it.

It is pleasing to God that we keep the body under subjection at all times to receive the final reward for winning the race. (I Cor. 9:25,27)

Roy Huguley  
Cletus Christian  
Carlton Lambert

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Due to Thanksgiving and Memorial Day weekends, sometimes conflicting with the Quarterly Meetings, be it resolved that the Constitution Article 8, Item 2 be revised to read as follows:

The Quarterly Meeting will be the Third Saturday in November, February and May.

Elmer Turnbough  
David Hinchman

## CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Those serving on the Christian Education Board for 1979-80 were: Rick Cash, Chairman; Charles Hollingshead, Carlton Lambert, Roy Plymon, and Phil Davis. The Christian Board of Education met following the Quarterly Meeting February 23, 1980, at the Cordova Church. Bro. Rick Cash was elected Chairman of the Board. At this meeting the board selected Edwin Kimbrough and Tim Jones to direct the district competition which was to be held at the Jasper Church on May 3, 1980.



## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We the Credentials Committee, have examined the church letters from Cave Springs, Jasper, South Highland, Harmony, Pleasant Grove, Russellville, Townley, Fayette, Cordova, Florence, Eldridge, and Dooertown. We find the letters in order. We recommend all ordained ministers and deacons from the churches desiring them be given cards of good standing.
2. Upon the request of the Fayette Church we recommend Jim Maddox and Mark Maddox have their licenses extended one year. Also, we have examined Charles Fowler and Billy Ray Smith and we recommend we accept them into our fellowship and be given cards of good standing, pending letter from the associations they are coming from.
3. Upon the request of the Cave Springs Church we recommend David Hindman's license be extended for one year.
4. Upon the request of the Florence Church we have examined Frank Owens and recommend he be given a certification of ordination and be granted a card of good standing.
5. Upon the request of the Jasper Church we have examined Roger Raper for the ministry. We recommend he be given a license for one year. Also we examined William Parish and Leon O'Rear as deacons and we recommend their ordination and they be given a card of good standing. Also, we have examined Johnny Wilson and we recommend he be given a card of good standing as a deacon.
6. Upon the request of the South Highland Church we have examined Wayne Wilson for the ministry. We recommend he be given a license for one year. Also, we recommend that Ernie Emmons' license be extended one year.
7. Upon the petition of the Victory Church of Russellville, we recommend the church be received into the association and the pastor, Eustace Riggs, be given a card of good standing.

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1979-80**  
**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION**

Balance — August 25, 1979 ..... \$ 183.08

Receipts:

August 24, 25, 1979 Annual Associational Dues	\$510.40	
Quarterly Conference Dues: 11/26/79, 2/27/80		
Quarterly Conference Dues: 6/16/80 .....	420.00	
Love Offering for Alabaster FWB Church .....	114.25	
Women's Auxiliary, Printing of Minutes .....	10.00	
Love Offering for Jim Turnbough .....	94.85	1,149.50
		<u>1,132.58</u>

Expenditures:

Hoover Lewis, Moderator, Honorarium .....	\$ 40.00	
Dan Tackett, Clerk, Honorarium .....	100.00	
Alabaster Free Will Baptist Church .....	114.25	
Alabama State Association Fees .....	75.00	
Printing of Minutes .....	265.14	
Mid South Workers Conference .....	300.00	
Jim Turnbough, Guest Speaker .....	94.85	
Roger Reeds, Guest Speaker .....	100.00	
Alabama CTS Convention .....	30.00	1,119.24

Balance as of August 28, 1980 ..... \$213.34

Charles Davis, Treasurer



# JUNIOR WEEK

## PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH CAMP 1980

Balance Foward .....	\$1,348.47
Received: Campers .....	\$2,875.00
Canteen .....	672.00
Total Received .....	<u>\$3,547.00</u>
Received: Sum Total Receipts .....	\$4,895.47

### DISBURSEMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

Paper and Chemical Supply Company .....	\$193.27
Tri-City Produce and Wholesale Co. ....	226.71
Kroger's .....	15.42
Winn Dixie .....	545.72
Harmony FWB Church, phone .....	8.42
Barden's Grocery .....	12.56
Blackwell Hardware .....	10.28
Ivie's Grocery .....	235.50
Coke Cola .....	133.75
Ivie's Grocery .....	160.64
Don Freeman, Refund for one camper .....	25.00
Ivie's Grocery .....	51.80
Coke Cola .....	100.30
Ivie's Grocery .....	30.25
H. and K. Grocery .....	19.99
Rev. Gwyn Pugh, Evangelist .....	250.00
Sunbeam Bread .....	108.42
George E. Ritter, gas .....	15.00
Northwest Alabama Youth Camp, cold drinks ...	198.00
Northwest Alabama Youth Camp, rent .....	200.00
Tom's .....	274.30
Flav-O-Rich Milk .....	81.18
Rev. Hoover Lewis, gas .....	15.00
H. and K. Grocery .....	14.66
Jeff & Susan Turnbough, Missions & Music ....	200.00
Lowery's Grocery .....	104.20
Mutual Security & Life Insurance (140 x \$1.45) ..	203.00
Alan Fretwell, Canteen .....	50.00
Director, gas, postage, printing supplies, etc. ....	<u>60.00</u>
Total Disbursements .....	\$3,543.37
Balance — August 25, 1980 .....	\$1,352.10

We had 115 paying campers.

Total attending was 140. This includes workers.

There were 67 various decisions.

We gave quite a number of items left over to our teen camp.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elmer O. Turnbough, Director

## TEEN WEEK

### PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP

Balance Brought Forward ..... \$ 67.00

#### Received as Follows:

70 Paying Campers @ \$25 each .....1,750.00  
Received from Canteen ..... 535.29  
Received in Offering ..... 27.20  
Received from State C.E. Board ..... 50.00  
Total Received .....2,430.18

#### Expenditures:

Food & Supplies .....1,063.23  
Tom's Canteen Supplies ..... 110.58  
Coca Cola ..... 300.89  
Camp Retail ..... 200.00  
Insurance ..... 131.95  
James Walden, Evangelist ..... 225.00  
Sam Postleweile, Music ..... 50.00  
Phone ..... 51.05  
Gas ..... 37.70  
Miscellaneous Supplies ..... 43.48  
Film ..... 41.00  
Mission Board ..... 27.20  
Postage ..... 17.47  
Total Expenditures ..... \$2,294.55  
Balance 8/29/80 ..... \$135.63

Total Attending Including Workers	91
Total Paying Campers	70
Total Decisions Recorded	57
9 First Time Decisions	

## PROGRESSIVE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

### THEME: KNOWING AND GROWING

The Women's Auxiliary Convention met with the Fayette Church March 1, 1980. The meeting was opened with singing "Stand Up for Jesus" led by Mrs. Lavelle Short with Mrs. E. B. Ledlow pianist. The President, Mrs. Laura Hollingshead, called the meeting to order. Mrs. A. M. Wallace prayed the opening prayer. Pat Parmer of the Fayette Church gave the welcome and Mrs. A. J. Lambert gave the response. Mrs. Theo Kuykendall gave the Devotional using Proverbs 31:10. She presented some past history of our auxiliary, recognizing past presidents, dates and places. Mrs. A. J. Lambert was recognized as our first District President. She was presented a plaque honoring her for her faithfulness and service to the Lord and the women's auxiliary. It was a blessing to witness her and Bro. Lambert standing together for this honor.

Roll call and slating of delegates. Reading of minutes of the 1979 session. M/S/C to accept them. Treasurer's report given. The following delegates were appointed to the State Convention: Elzadie Morris, Clytee Pitts, Pat Wheat, Lorene Ryland, Mary Alice Boshell, Louise Haines, and Helen Canada. Special music was presented by Rev. and Mrs. Ledlow, "Jesus and Me" and "Just Any Day Now." Rev. James Walden from the Alabaster Mission brought the morning message using Ephesians 4:15 as his text. Great message of Knowing and Growing. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Robert Crawford.

### AFTERNOON SESSION:

The meeting was opened with prayer. Mrs. Vina Walden gave a report on the work in Alabaster. Scripture Exodus third and fourth chapters. An offering of \$100 was given to the mission.

### REPORTS:

#### FINANCE:

We the Finance Committee have examined the Treasurer's Report and find them in order.

Patricia Wheat  
Martha Hill  
Merle Dyer

### APPRECIATION:

We the Appreciation Committee, thank God for His continued blessings and watch care to and from this meeting. We extend our grateful thanks for the hospitality of this Fayette Church, everyone who had a part or contributed in any way enhanced the blessed atmosphere of believers. May this convention cause us all to contrive and grow in service of Christ in our local churches and other organizations so that we may reach the lost for Jesus.

Jackie Smith  
Lorene Ryland  
Helen Canada

## REGISTRATION:

Officers — 8, Delegates — 14, Visitors — 14, Ministers — 8.  
Total — 44

Dora Fowler  
Theo Kuykendall

Officers were installed by Mrs. Ritter using the installation program written by Mrs. Vaudine Lancaster, "With Joined Hands." Mrs. Lancaster was present and was given a standing thanks for her contribution to auxiliary work.

The next session to be the First Saturday in March with the Cordova Church.

Dismissed by Bro. A. J. Lambert.

## OFFICERS FOR YEAR

President .....	Mrs. Sally Cash 910 Temple Ave., Fayette, AL. 35555
Vice President .....	Mrs. Laura Hollingshead 3705 29th St., Northport, AL. 35476
Secretary and Treasurer .....	Mrs. Merle Dyer Rt. 5 Box 325, Northport, AL. 35476
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer .....	Mrs. Jackie Smith Northport, AL. 35476
Mission Prayer Chairman .....	Mrs. George Ritter 325 4th St., Pleasant Grove, AL. 35217
Mission Action Chairman .....	Mrs. Louise Haines Rt. 2 Box 34A, Nauvoo, AL. 35578
Mission Study Chairman .....	Mrs. Rebecca Pugh Rt. 1 Box 68E, Russellville, AL. 35653



## QUARTERLY MEETING AT SULPHUR SPRINGS

The Progressive Association quarterly meeting convened at the Sulphur Springs Church on November 24, 1979. The theme was "Home Missions." Approximately sixty people were present of which nine were deacons and eleven were ministers. Florence and Oakman churches were not represented by letter or delegate.

The morning session was opened by song "Since Jesus Came into my Heart." Meeting was called to order by the clerk. Rev. Elmer Turnbough gave the charge to the delegates. The Resolution and Appreciation Committees were appointed.

The early morning message was preached by Rev. E. B. Ledlow from Psalm 127 and Zachariah 4:6 on the "Mechanics of the Field."

Rev. Jim Turnbough, home missionary from Enterprise, Alabama, preached the morning message from Acts 13:1-3 on "Biblical Basis for Missions." All were greatly stirred by a challenging message on missions that was given from the bottom of his heart.

The Moderator had a special offering taken (\$94.85) to help Bro. Jim with his mission work at Enterprise.

The afternoon session was opened by song "Glory to His Name." The devotion was delivered by Rev. Elmer Turnbough from Luke 10:1-2.

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT:** No business. The committee brought forward the suggestion to change the clerk's mailing list. M/S/C to send programs to church clerks with additional copy enclosed for the pastor, and to non-pastoring preachers in the association.

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Florence and Oakman did not report. All other churches were in order. Ricky Cash should be sent to check on the Oakman Church. M/S/C to accept report. M/S/C to send letter of good standing for Rev. William Wilson to the Union F.W.B. Association in Alabama.

The Moderator announced that the three Progressive Association delegates for the Pastors and Workers Conference are to raise \$200 each for a total of \$600. M/S/C to take \$300 from association treasury to be paid toward this obligation. The remaining amount is to be paid by individual churches.

George Ritter gave a report on Preacher's Retirement and Insurance fund program. He suggested that each church investigate this for their pastor.

The Moderator requested that everyone think about changing the November Quarterly meeting date so as not to follow Thanksgiving.

**APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT:** We the Appreciation Committee want to give thanks at this special time of the year for what the Lord has done for each one of us and for our churches. 1) for our officers for selecting our theme "Home Missions" 2) for each of our speakers, Bro. Ledlow and Bro. Turnbough, for the wonderful messages 3) to the host church, Sulphur Springs, for their warm welcome and wonderful meal.

The meeting was adjourned.

Gladys Turnbough  
Teata Jones  
Mark Maddox

## QUARTERLY MEETING AT CORDOVA

The Progressive Association convened at the Cordova Free Will Baptist Church on February 23, 1980. The theme was "Teacher Training." Approximately one hundred people were present. Fourteen churches were represented by letter and twelve by delegates.

The quarterly meeting was opened by song and prayer by Bro. Carlton Lambert. The meeting was called to order by the clerk and the delegates seated with a charge given by Rev. Turnbough. The Resolution and Appreciation Committees were appointed.

Dr. Roger Reeds of the Sunday School and Church Training Department taught the early morning session of "Methods of Teaching."

The morning preaching service was opened with special singing by Rebecca Pugh, Gwyn Pugh and Tim Jones. The inspiring message was preached by Dr. Reeds on "The Greatest Command of the Great Commission," Matthew 28:18-20.

The afternoon session was opened by song. The devotion was delivered by A. J. Lambert from Ruth 4:13-22.

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. We the Credential Committee have examined the church letters from Pleasant Grove, Harmony, Eldridge, Jasper, Russellville, Townley, Dovertown, Fayette, Sulphur Springs, Northport, Cave Springs, Cordova, Florence, and South Highland. We find the letter in good order. M/S/C.
2. Whereas the Oakman Church chooses to no longer be a part of this association, we recommend that they be dismissed from our fellowship. (Ricky Cash reported that he had called Oakman and they were in agreement to leave the association.) M/S/C.
3. According to the request of the Harmony Church, we recommend that Allen Fretwell have his license extended one year. M/S/C.
4. We have examined Br. Roy Plymon, the pastor of the Jasper Church, and recommend we accept him into our fellowship and be given a card of good standing, pending a letter from the Mt. Moriah Association and completion of the questionnaire. M/S/C.
5. According to the request of the Pleasant Grove Church, we have examined Bro. William Clixton Bobo for ordination as a deacon, and we recommend his ordination. M/S/C.
6. According to the request of the Eldridge Church, we have examined Bro. James L. Burttram. We recommend we accept him into our fellowship and be given a card of good standing, pending a letter of good standing from the Cumberland Association, Tennessee. M/S/C.

Resolution Committee had no items to report.

**APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT:** We, the Appreciation Committee, want to thank the host church for receiving us and preparing for us the delicious meal. We move that this Association give the host church a rising vote of thanks.

Elree Randolph  
Betty Jeffreys  
Rebecca Pugh

M/S/C.

Bro. Hoover Lewis resigned as member of Board of Christian Education because he held two offices. Nominating Committee nominated Roy Plymon to complete Bro. Lewis' term. M/S/C to stop nominations. Bro. Plymon was elected by acclamation.

Rev. Elmer Turnbough reported on junior camp. He requested each church send \$150 for the youth camp. Youth camp will be on June 15-20, 1980. Youth rally will be on March 15, 1980.

Tim Jones reported on events for the Senior Camp.

Bro. Ed Ledlow reported on the plans for the trip to California for the 1980 National Association.

Bro. Ledlow explained the Church Enlargement Program (CEP) for Alabaster Mission. A metal building will be installed on a lot to be used for church services until the mission can afford to find permanent quarters. The building would then be sent to another mission. He requested each church to send \$100 for this project.

The Moderator, Bro. Lewis, suggested sending \$100 to Bro. Roger Reeds for his help in this quarterly meeting. M/S/C.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.



## QUARTERLY MEETING AT HARMONY

Theme: Revival

The Progressive Association quarterly meeting convened at Harmony Church on May 31, 1980. The service was opened by song. The quarterly meeting was called to order by the clerk and given a charge by Rev. Elmer Turnbough. Ten churches were represented by delegates and fourteen by letter. (14 ministers, 10 deacons.) The Moderator appointed the Resolution and Appreciation Committees.

The early morning message was delivered by Rev. Ricky Cash from II Chronicles 7:14 on "The Prerequisites for Revival." All hearts were spoken to by his inspiring, God-given message.

The morning message was preached by Rev. Harold Pitts from Nehemiah 8:10-12 on "Bringing the Book." A wonderful message on the Word of God was enjoyed by all.

Afternoon session opened by singing. Brother A. J. Lambert sang "Zion's Hill" with his wife playing the piano accompaniment. Rev. Roy Plymon delivered the afternoon devotion from II Corinthians 5:11-21 on "The Power of the Word."

Dan Tackett, clerk of the association stated his farewells. M/S/C to give a standing vote of thanks for the work the clerk has done.

Tim Jones spoke his heart and gave his farewells to the Association for their help in learning. M/S/C to give Bro. Tim a standing vote of appreciation for his past work.

M/S/C for Rick Cash to select his own assistant for the Senior Youth Camp.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE — no report.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: M/S/C to accept their report.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: M/S/C to accept their report. M/S/C Thomas Bee ordained as deacon. M/S/C that J. R. White be licensed one year. M/S/C that Gerald Hallman be ordained a deacon. M/S/C that James Gilbert be ordained as deacon.

James Gilbert and Gerald Hallman were given the charge by Rev. Harold Pitts and ordained as deacons by the Progressive Association for the Doovertown Church by the laying on of hands and prayer.

Bro. Elmer Turnbough reported on the Junior Teen Camp enrollment. He expressed his thanks for the help of each church.

Bro Elmer Turnbough gave a report concerning the election of a General Board. Copies of their proposal were distributed.

## 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 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 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

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. Item 1. This Association shall have an Executive Committee composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and three (3) elected members, elected for terms of 3, 2, and 1 year each whose duties shall be to act in behalf of the Association when said Association is not in regular session. Minimum of four (4) members must be present to constitute a quorum.

Item 2. This Association shall elect a Credentials Committee composed of five (5) members, three (3) ordained ministers and two (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; and 1 for 1 year term. Then, hereafter elected one each year. Their duty shall be to approve all church letters and applications for membership of 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.

Item 3. This Association shall elect a Board of Christian Education. This Board shall be composed of five (5) members to serve on a rotating basis with the term of one member to expire each year. A chairman shall be elected each year by this board immediately after the association. The purpose of this board shall be to promote the work of the Sunday School and Church Training Service within the said Association. 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.

The activities of this Board shall be financed by an entrance fee or offerings as determined needed by the board.

No person or persons shall be allowed to participate in activities provided by this Board unless or until the church they represent has paid their entry fee and must meet the dress code of the National CTS.

This Board shall report annually to the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists.

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 annually. The moderator shall be paid \$10 each meeting.



ARTICLE 8. Item 1. The association's annual meeting will be on Friday and Saturday before the last Sunday in August.

Item 2. The quarterly meetings will be the third Saturday in November, February, and May.

ARTICLE 9. The association shall determine at the annual association where the associational meetings will 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 is read twice in open session.

ARTICLE 11. Item 1. That each church send 20 cents for each active member for association expense.

Item 2. Each church 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.

## FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

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



	Number of Members	Resident	Non-Resident	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday School Average	CTS Members	Woman's Auxiliary	Prayer Meeting Attendance	Paid Pastor	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Children's Home	Value of Parsonage	Value of Church Property
Cave Springs				1	7	76		17	55	11,610	120	139,35			45,000	115,000
Cordova	191	144	47	2	7	112	91	7	57	16,000	1846	1246	873		80,000	380,000
Dovertown																
Eldridge	22	19	3	2		25	30				290	320	150			20,000
Fayette	204	147	57	2	3	138	131	8	70	10,810	2322	2214	1052		30,000	90,000
Harmony	160	150	10	3		89	42	9		12,275	300	121	400		60,000	175,000
Florence	1130			7	15	530	250									
Jasper	148	142	6	2		185	119	10	76	8,775	2187	2057	948	1268	30,000	280,000
Northport	120	100	20	2	7	110	80	18			1431	1040	1508			200,000
Pleasant Grove	127	118	9		4	60	39	18		10,750	410	434	384		59,000	208,000
Russellville	201	152	49	3	5	125		10	60	10,170	938	471	836			
South Highland	174	174		3	3	151	63		63	8,933	807	816	1034		30,000	348,000
Sulphur Springs	175	104	71	1	1	71	45	8	24	7,650	938	460	670			
Townley	157	107	50	1	6	68			50	8,145	2351	5885			25,000	100,000



Medator Bo Lewis  
as Monitor Bo