

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

**50th ANNUAL SESSION**

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

**1982 SESSION  
NORTHPORT FREE WILL  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
NORTHPORT, ALABAMA  
August 27, 28, 1982**

### OFFICERS FOR 1981 - 1982

Moderator ..... Rev. Hoover Lewis  
108 West Pasadena, Muscle Shoals, AL

Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Carlton Lambert  
P. O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL

Clerk ..... Rev. George E. Ritter  
325 4th St., Pleasant Grove, AL

Assistant Clerk ..... Rev. E.B. Ledlow  
504 Green Ave., Cordova, AL

Treasurer ..... Bro. Charles Davis  
900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, AL

Assistant Treasurer ..... Mrs. Hoover Lewis  
108 West Pasadena, Muscle Shoals, AL

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. E. B. Ledlow ..... Three Year Term  
504 Green Ave., Cordova, AL

Rev. Gwyn Pugh ..... Two Year Term  
Rt. 1, Russellville, AL

Rev. A.J. Lambert ..... One Year Term  
Jasper, AL

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

## NORTHWEST ALABAMA YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Rev. William Briley .....	Three Year Term
Rev. Roy Plymon .....	Two Year Term
Rev. George E. Ritter .....	One Year Term

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Harold Pitts .....	Five Year Term
2600 15th Avenue, Northport, AL	
Bro. Travis Ray Carter .....	Four Year Term
2300 15th Avenue, Northport, AL	
Rev. Ricky Cash .....	Three Year Term
910 Temple Avenue, Fayette, AL	
Rev. William Briley .....	Two Year Term
Rt. 1, Box 190-D, Town Creek, AL	
Bro. Charles Davis .....	One Year Term
900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, AL	

## TEEN YOUTH CAMP DIRECTORS

Rev. Ricky Cash, Director  
Rev. Gwyn Pugh, Assistant Director

## JUNIOR YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR

Rev. William Briley, Director

## CHURCHES AND PASTORS

### CAVE SPRINGS

Rev. William Briley ..... 974-9742  
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### CORDOVA

Rev. E. B. Ledlow ..... 483-6272  
504 Green Avenue, Cordova, AL 35550

### DOVERTOWN

Rev. Jackie Higginbotham ..... 483-7137  
Rt. 1, Cordova, AL 35550

### ELDRIDGE

Rev. Carlton Lambert ..... 924-9789  
P. O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554

### FAYETTE

Rev. Ricky Cash ..... 932-6339  
910 N. Temple Ave., Fayette, AL 35555

### FLORENCE

Rev. Tom Malone ..... 764-2337  
165 Chaparral Dr., Florence, AL 35670

### HARMONY

Rev. Wayne Wilson ..... 446-5081  
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### JASPER

(No Pastor)

### NORTHPORT

Rev. Harold A. Pitts ..... 339-7517  
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### PLEASANT GROVE

Rev. George E. Ritter ..... 744-6043  
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### RUSSELLVILLE

Rev. Gwyn Pugh ..... 332-9026  
Rt. 1, Russellville, AL 35653

### SOUTH HIGHLAND

Rev. Hoover Lewis ..... 383-3961  
108 West Pasadena, Muscle Shoals, AL 35660

### SULPHUR SPRINGS

Rev. Charles Hollingshead ..... 339-7015  
3705 29th St., Northport, AL 35476

### TOWNLEY

(No Pastor)

### VICTORY

Rev. Eustace A. Riggs ..... 332-0716  
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## CHURCHES AND CLERKS

### CAVE SPRINGS

Mary Parker, Rt. 1, Box 233-B, Town Creek, AL 35672

### CORDOVA

Annie Lois Burnett, 400 Commerce St., Cordova, AL 35550

### DOVERTOWN

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

### ELDRIDGE

Betty Lambert, P. O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554

### FAYETTE

Patricia Wheat, Rt. 6, Fayette, AL 35555

### FLORENCE

Elizabeth Boehm, 4417 Florence Blvd., Forence, AL 35630

### HARMONY

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

### JASPER

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### NORTHPORT

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### 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 141, Carbon Hill, AL 35549

### VICTORY

Wanda Welch, Mt. Hebron, Rt. 1, Spruce Pine, AL 35585

## OTHER MINISTERS

Jimmy Aldridge

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Arlis Barksdale

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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, AL 35653

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Jasper, AL 35501

John H. Sneed

## CHURCH DEACONS

### CAVE SPRINGS

Harold Fretwell, Rt. 3, Town Creek

Hubert Blankinship, Rt. 3, Town Creek

Lewis Anderton, Rt. 3, Town Creek

Fay Simmons, Rt. 1, Town Creek

Cletus Christian, Rt. 1, Town Creek

Horace D. Jeffreys, Rt. 1, Town Creek

### CORDOVA

Windford Russell, 103 McCrory, Cordova

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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

Jerry White, Cordova

### DOVERTOWN

Lottie Foster, Rt. 1 Cordova

Jim Gilbert

Gerald Hallman

### ELDRIDGE

None

### FAYETTE

Billy Ham, Rt. 3, Fayette

I. J. Britnell, Rt. 4, Fayette

Hugh Gillian, Fayette

A. M. Wallace, Rt. 6, Fayette

Grady Kennedy, Rt. 3, Fayette

### FLORENCE

Not listed

### HARMONY

John H. Lowery, Rt. 2, Box 18, Leighton

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Hillard Jeffreys, Rt. 2, Box 18, Leighton

Billy Kidd, Rt. 2, Leighton



#### JASPER

Bobby Sargent  
Robert Barnes  
Ray Bevis  
Clyde Hood  
Leon O'Rear  
Johnny Wilson

#### NORTHPORT

Samuel A. Key, 16 Forest Manor, Northport, AL  
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Sebrom Kuykendall, 4C Country Club Hills, Tuscaloosa  
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

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William L. Martin, Rt. 3, Box 243, Adamsville  
William C. Bobo, 1322 Woodward Rd., Midfield, Birmingham

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P. W. Kimbrough, Rt. 7, Russellville  
G. W. Kilpatrick, Rt. 2, Tuscumbia  
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  
Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals  
Tommy Bee, 1307 Edison, Muscle Shoals

#### SULPHUR SPRINGS

Lee Scrivner, Rt. 1, Berry, AL

#### TOWNLEY

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

## 50th ANNUAL MEETING PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

### FRIDAY MORNING:

The 50th Annual Meeting of the Progressive Association convened at the Cordova Free Will Baptist Church, Cordova, Alabama on August 28, 1981. The service was opened with a congregational song, "When We All Get To Heaven", led by Rev. Gwyn Pugh. Rev. E. B. Ledlow offered prayer, and "He Lives" was sung. The Moderator, Rev. Hoover Lewis, read Phil. 3:13-16 and led in prayer.

The welcome was given by Bro. Jerry White, Associate Pastor of the Cordova Church.

Rev. Robert Crawford, who was ordained in the Progressive Association October 11, 1934, gave a Historical Report of Free Will Baptist Work, beginning with the Palmer and Randall Movements, and including the growth of the Denomination through the General Conference, the forming of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and then gave us some history of the Alabama State Association, and our own Progressive Association.

The clerk called the meeting to order.

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

Visitors were recognized and needed Committees were appointed.

Following a brief intermission, Rev. W. H. Ryland spoke on the subject, "Not everyone who saith Lord, Lord . . . But he that doeth the will of the Father".

Rev. A. J. Lambert spoke very briefly, and the meeting was dismissed for the noon meal.

At 1:00 P.M. the service opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Charles Hollingshead.

Rev. David Hindman gave the Devotion from Ezek. 22:30, using the subject, "The kind of man God uses".

Rev. A. J. Lambert then spoke to us from Psalms 19:7-14, and gave us a first-hand history of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists.

### REPORTS GIVEN:

Junior Youth Camp report was given by Rev. William Briley. M/S/C.

Teen Youth Camp report was given by Rev. Ricky Cash. M/S/C.

Children's Home report was given by Rev. Carlton Lambert, and a standing vote of appreciation was included in the M/S/C.

Christian Education Board report was given by Rev. Charles Hollingshead. M/S/C.

The C. E. Board reported a deficit of 72.89, which was owed to Bro. Edwin Kimbrough. M/S/C to reimburse Bro. Kimbrough from the Associational Treasury.

There was a motion and second to unify the Youth Camp operations, by electing a Camp Board Chairman and two (2) assistants to operate Junior and Teen Youth Camps. An amendment to the motion was



made to have this Committee to appoint a Director of the Camps. The amendment was defeated. M/S/C to table the main motion until the next Quarterly Meeting.

Partial Report of the Resolutions Committee involved Constitutional changes as follows: Article 11, Item 1, to read "That each Church send 50 cents for each active member for association expense". Article II, Item 2, to read "Each Church send twenty dollars to each quarterly meeting". M/S/C to accept resolution and table until Saturday session.

Clerk's report was given by Rev. George E. Ritter. M/S/C.

Treasurer's report was given by Bro. Charles Davis. M/S/C.

M/S/C to have November Quarterly Meeting at South Highland Church. M/S/C to have February '82 Quarterly Meeting at Russellville First Church. M/S/C to have May '82 Quarterly Meeting at Sulphur Springs Church. M/S/C to have August '82 Annual Meeting at Northport Church.

Constitutional change proposed for Article 7, Item 3, to read as follows: The salary of the clerk shall be \$50.00 per meeting. The moderator shall be paid \$25.00 per meeting. M/S/C to table until Saturday session.

M/S/C to adjourn until evening service.

#### FRIDAY EVENING:

The evening service was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Gwyn Pugh. Special music was rendered by the Gospelaire Quartet from the Cordova Church, and Miss Angela Bevis.

Rev. Robert Crawford then preached a stirring message from I Peter 1:18-25.

#### SATURDAY MORNING:

The Saturday session was opened by a congregational song led by Rev. Gwyn Pugh, followed by prayer by Bro. Edwin Kimbrough.

Bro. Freddy Beem gave the Devotion from II Chronicles 26:1,5,8,16.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Appreciation Committee report was given by Mrs. Hoover Lewis. M/S/C.

Obituary Committee report was given by Bro. Johnny Lawler. M/S/C.

Temperance Committee report was given by Rev. Ricky Cash. M/S/C.

Auditing Committee report was given by Mrs. Gwyn Pugh. M/S/C.

Resolutions Committee report was given by Rev. E. B. Ledlow. M/S/C.

Credentials Committee report was given by Bro. Travis Ray Carter. M/S/C.

Nominating Committee report was given by Rev. Gwyn Pugh. M/S/C.

M/S/C to remove from the table proposed Constitutional change, Article II, Items 2 and 3. M/S/C to adopt changes.

M/S/C to remove from the table proposed Constitutional change, Article 7, Item 3. M/S/C to adopt change.

Credentials Committee made the following recommendations:

That recommended Pastors and Deacons be given cards of good standing. M/S/C.

That Bro. Roger Raper be ordained to the gospel ministry, and that the ordination be held at the Jasper Church. M/S/C.

That Bro. Kevin Flanagan, Florence Church, be licensed to preach. M/S/C.

That Bro. Jim Maddox, Fayette Church, license be extended 1 year. M/S/C.

That Bro. Reedus Wheat, Fayette Church, be ordained as Deacon at the Fayette Church. M/S/C.

Delegates to the Alabama State Association were named as follows: Lillian Crawley, Rebecca Pugh, Mrs. Hoover Lewis, Mrs. Harold Pitts, Neil Lowery, Sam Postlewaite. The remainder are to be appointed at the State Meeting. (Churches are to send in names to the Association Clerk).

An offering was received for Rev. Robert Crawford in the amount of \$64.11.



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers were elected as follows:

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 Committee .....	Rev. E. B. Ledlow
Christian Education Board .....	Rev. Ricky Cash
Youth Camp Board .....	Rev. William Briley
Credentials Committee .....	Rev. Harold A. Pitts

Teen Youth Camp:

Director, Rev. Ricky Cash  
Assistant, Rev. Gwyn Pugh

Junior Youth Camp:

Bro. Sam Postlewaite was nominated by the Nominating Committee, and Bro. Freddy Beem was nominated as his assistant. Rev. William Briley was nominated for Director from the floor, and the following statements were made both for and against his nomination:

Bro. Gwyn Pugh commented on the report of Junior Youth Camp that was made Friday by Rev. Briley, stating that it did not picture the real situation that developed at Youth Camp on Thursday night of Junior Camp. He further stated that the attitudes of campers and Teen-age Counsellors after Camp was opposing the Pastor's position and leadership. Felt that their relationship had been undermined. Opposed Rev. Briley's nomination.

Bro. William Briley denied any influence against Pastors toward the young people in Camp.

M/S/C to break discussion for Service and noon meal.

11:45 A.M. Rev. Eustace A. Riggs preached from I Timothy 3:15, 16.

Following the noon meal, the afternoon session opened at 1:40 with a congregational song, followed by prayer by the Moderator.

Bro. Travis Ray Carter spoke for the Master's Men organization.

The Moderator spoke of the need of more adult workers at Youth Camp (to help eliminate problems of rules being broken by Teen Counsellors at Junior Camp). He then asked the Assistant Moderator to take charge of the meeting for the remaining discussion concerning Rev. Briley's nomination as Junior Camp Director.

Rev. Gwyn Pugh stated that the matter developed into a "stand-off" between youth and adults. Division between counsellors resulted, and the Camp Director (Rev. Briley) refused to settle the problem at Camp.

Fay Simmons, Deacon at Cave Springs, spoke in favor of Rev. Briley's nomination.

Freddy Beem opposed Rev. Briley's nomination. He has served as Camp Evangelist, and stated that meetings between boy and girl counsellors were more than rumor. He substantiated statements made by Rev. Pugh about undermining Pastoral relationship.

Francis Fretwell spoke in favor of Rev. Briley's nomination. Expressed disappointment on the part of Teen-age Counsellors so far as adult opinions were concerned. Spoke highly of Rev. Briley's pastoral leadership and qualities.

Rev. Hoover Lewis requested to speak on the situation at Junior Camp. Information about Teen's plans came about during Rev. Briley's absence. Film was shown after service, and Rev. Briley was asked to settle the controversy, and refused to do so. He further stated that no one was attempting to "get rid" of Rev. Briley, although the Teens seemed to think so.

Rev. Briley--"It's not easy to separate personal feelings from principles involved.

1. Why did Mrs. Beem question the ladies?
2. Differences in observations between Rev. Briley's and Mrs. Pugh's accounts of the controversy and ensuing confrontations.
3. Nothing immoral, nothing ungodly went on.
4. Future of young folks is at stake. So far as "taking sides" the situation is so obvious that the Teens had no choice".

Question by Rev. Wayne Wilson--"Were you in control of yourself during this time of crisis?" Rev. Briley answered as follows: "At the time, I let my emotions get the best of me, but almost everyone has experiences like this".

Question by Rev. Ricky Cash--"Were Teen Counsellors allowed to congregate in the Dining Hall or outside at one A.M.? Rev. Briley answered as follows: "Perhaps a little after 12:00 o'clock; about Thursday night, I lost count of the time".

The vote was then called for, and Rev. Briley was elected Junior Camp Director by a vote of 23 for him and 21 for Bro. Postlewaite.

M/S/C to adjourn the Annual Meeting.

There were registered:

25 Ministers  
15 Deacons  
46 Delegates  
34 Visitors



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

### OFFICERS FOR 1981-82

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 COMMITTEE

Rev. E. B. Ledlow ..... Three Year Term

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Ricky Cash ..... Five Year Term

### NORTHWEST ALABAMA YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Rev. William Briley ..... Three Year Term

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Harold A. Pitts ..... Five Year Term

### TEEN YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR

Rev. Ricky Cash

### ASSISTANT TEEN CAMP DIRECTOR

Rev. Gwyn Pugh

### JUNIOR YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR

Bro. Sam Postlewaite

### ASSISTANT JUNIOR CAMP DIRECTOR

Bro. Freddy Beem

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Gwyn Pugh  
Rev. Harold A. Pitts  
Rev. Roy Plymon

## AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the reports of the Associational Treasurer, the Jr. and Teen Camp Treasurers and the Christian Education Board. We find them in order.

We recommend that all of these reports be included in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Pugh  
Linda Fowler  
Dean Higginbotham

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We are unable to identify the deceased from each Church as they are not listed on the letter. We recommend this body stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of those deceased during the past year.

We recommend that each Church get this information to the Clerk as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Sularin  
Steve Simpson  
Johnny Lawler

(Clerk's note) Two names were received from the Cordova Church: Florence Terry, Ethel Winsett. From Russellville Church: Minnie Hargett.

## APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express the heartfelt thanks of everyone who attended the Annual Progressive Association when convened with the Cordova Church for the following:

1. To the host Church for the congenial reception and friendly atmosphere that has prevailed throughout the Association, and for the delicious food served by the ladies of the Church.
2. For the splendid job the host Church has done with the table decorations, floral arrangements, and display center emphasizing the Fiftieth Annual Session of the Progressive Association.
3. To the officers of the Association for allowing the Holy Spirit to direct in selecting the speakers for this Fiftieth Session.
4. For the time and effort the speakers gave to research and preparation for the history of the Progressive Association and the preaching of the Word.
5. May we continue to live our appreciation by helping our Association to ever continue to be one of the most progressive in our Denomination.

Respectfully submitted,  
Willia Jean Lewis  
Francis Fretwell  
Ruby Dickinson



## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials Committee have examined the letters of the following Churches, and find them in good standing and recommend the delegates be seated: Cordova, Victory, Jasper, Townley, Florence, Sulphur Springs, Cave Springs, Russellville, South Highland, Harmony, Eldridge, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Fayette, and Doyertown.

We recommend that the Deacons and Pastors be given cards of good standing.

We recommend that Roger Raper be ordained to preach and that the Jasper Church be permitted to ordain him.

We recommend Kevin Flanigan be granted license to preach, recommended by Florence Church.

We recommend that Jim Maddox license to preach be extended 1 year, recommended by the Fayette Church.

We recommend that Reedus Wheat be ordained as Deacon by the Fayette Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Travis Ray Carter  
Charles Davis  
Rev. Ricky Cash  
Rev. William Briley  
Rev. Harold A. Pitts

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

In a day when the world is forsaking all inhibitions and when many Churches are compromising their stands, we, the Temperance Committee, would like to challenge the Church to "Come out from among them, and be ye separate". . . and be the "Light of the world" and the "salt of the earth" that God has ordained us to be.

Respectfully,  
Rev. Rick Cash  
John Freeman  
A. J. Flippo

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Resolutions Committee, recommend the following Constitutional Changes: Article 11, Item 1 to read "That each church send 50 cents for each active member for association expenses."

Article 11, Item 2 to read "Each church shall send twenty dollars to each Quarterly Meeting."

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. E. B. Ledlow  
Rev. Jerry White  
Bro. Johnny Lawler

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Those serving on the Christian Board of Education for 1980 and 1981 were: Edwin Kimbrough, Chairman; Rick Cash, Carlton Lambert, Roy Plymon and Charles Hollingshead.

The Christian Board of Education met during the Quarterly meeting Feb. 22, 1981 at Cave Springs to discuss the Annual District Competition Rally. Edwin Kimbrough was selected to direct the competition which was held at the Russellville First Free Will Baptist Church on May 2, 1981.

### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR RALLY

Balance .....	0.00
Income .....	115.18
Total .....	115.18
Expenditures .....	188.07
Balance .....	72.89

Edwin Kimbrough  
Rick Cash  
Carlton Lambert  
Roy Plymon  
Charles Hollingshead

# **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1980-81 PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION**

BALANCE — AUGUST 28, 1980 ..... \$213.34

## RECEIPTS:

August 1980 Annual Associational Dues 333.20  
Quarterly Conference Dues:  
November, February, May ..... 468.20  
Foreign Missions:  
Jimmy Aldridge Account  
(Wheels for Africa) ..... 266.55

TOTAL ..... 1,281.29

## EXPENDITURES:

Hoover Lewis, Moderator, Honorarium .. 40.00  
Gwyn Pugh, Clerk, Honorarium ..... 25.00  
George Ritter, Clerk, Honorarium ..... 75.00  
Dr. Stanley Outlaw, Guest Speaker ..... 50.00  
Foreign Missions:  
Jimmy Aldridge Account  
(Wheels for Africa) ..... 266.55  
Alabama State Association, Fees ..... 150.00  
Cash & Carry Printers  
Printing of Minutes ..... 246.67  
Mid-South Pastor's &  
Workers Conference ..... 100.00  
Supplies, Phone Calls,  
Printing of Programs, etc. .... 93.54

BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 27, 1981 ..... 1,046.76  
234.53

CHARLES DAVIS, TREASURER

# **JUNIOR CAMP REPORT - 1981**

Balance from camp, 1980 ..... \$1348.22  
Less check book and etc. .... 14.86  
Balance forward ..... \$1333.36

## Income, 1981

122 campers paying @25.00 ..... \$3,050.00  
7 non paying campers ..... --  
45 counslers and kitchen workers  
Canteen ..... 959.47  
Mutual Security payment for medical bills ..... 65.00  
Sale of two pigs ..... 50.00  
\$5,457.83

## Expenses

Flav-o-rich, Inc. .... \$143.88  
Floyd Howe Super Market ..... 15.81  
Big Star ..... 407.31  
Foodway ..... 354.12  
American Bread Co. .... 23.45  
Cash Ticket ..... 13.87  
Food World ..... 440.52  
Warehouse Groc. .... 60.56  
H & K Groc. .... 1.38  
Pepsi-Cola ..... 530.00  
Tom's Toasted peanuts ..... 301.52  
Fred's ..... 18.92  
M & I Super Saver ..... 6.40  
Paint and Glaze for Arts and Craft ..... 37.65  
Christian Resource Center ..... 43.93  
Brushes for Arts and Craft ..... 4.12  
Sandra's Arts and Craft ..... 31.29  
Paper and Chemical Supply Co. .... 230.65  
Florence Lumber Co. .... 21.60  
Browns Surplus (ping-pong tables) ..... 104.00  
Expenses for preparation for camp (Gas and etc.) ..... 134.00  
Printing ..... 13.35  
Phone Bills ..... 22.60  
Stamps ..... 11.87  
Hibbets ..... 37.87  
Burneys ..... 23.85  
Guin Medical Clinic ..... 65.00  
Medicine for sunburn ..... 10.75  
Two Pigs ..... 50.00  
Prize money paid out instead of pigs ..... 50.00  
Prize money for games and etc. .... 12.00  
Insurance for campers and workers ..... 277.10  
Camp Rent ..... 200.00  
Refund for one camper ..... 20.00  
Allen Fretwell (Gas expenses and etc.) ..... 50.00  
John Hutchinson ..... 40.00  
Freddie Beem (Evangelist) ..... 50.00

Total ..... \$3,865.95



## JUNIOR CAMP REPORT - Cont.

Balance brought forward ..... 1,591.88  
Decisions that was made: 40 rededicated and 20 made first time decision.

Submitted by  
Wm Briley - Asst. Allen Fretwell

### TEEN WEEK Progressive Association Youth Camp

Balance Brought Forward ..... 155.63

#### Received as follows:

73 paying campers @ \$25 each ..... 1,825.00  
2 paying campers @ \$5 ..... 10.00  
Food Refund ..... 117.11  
Received from Canteen ..... 681.36

Total Received ..... 2,789.10

#### Expenditures:

Food and Supplies ..... 1,302.45  
Tom's Canteen Supplies ..... 129.48  
Coca Cola ..... 343.55  
Camp Rental ..... 200.00  
Insurance ..... 161.50  
Mickey Kirkland, Evangelist ..... 225.00  
Phone ..... 61.38  
Gas ..... 63.00  
Postage ..... 5.78  
Film ..... 53.50

Total Expenditures ..... 2,545.64

Balance 8/28 /81 ..... 243.46

Total Attending (including Workers)	95
Total Paying Campers	75
Total Decisions Recorded	80
10 first time decisions	
2 answered call to preach	

## PROGRESSIVE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

### THEME: "BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING"

The Woman's Auxiliary convened with the Cordova Free Will Baptist Church on March 7, 1981. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Sally Cash. Prayer by Sister Ritter. Song "Count Your Blessings" led by Lavelle Short. Mrs. Ledlow gave the welcome to the group. Mrs. Jackie Smith of Northport gave the response. The morning devotional was presented by Mrs. Rebecca Pugh of the Russellville Church. She used the Theme for her Subject Stressing Sharing. Mrs. Ritter of Pleasant Grove gave the State report of Woman's Auxiliary. Special song, "My House is Full", by Suzi House. Our special guest speaker was Bro. Allen Crowson, Missionary to Ivory Coast. His scripture was Eph. 4:11. Benediction by Mrs. Sue Plymon of the Jasper Church.  
Lunch.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION:

Opened with singing, "Make Me a Channel of Blessing", led by Lavelle Short. Prayer by Sister Pitts. The hour was turned into a question and answer period with our missionary La Rue Crowson. She gave much information about the Ivory Coast and the ways of women there.

The following delegates were appointed to attend the State Meeting at Red Bay. District delegate: Mrs. Wilma Davis. Others: Lorene Ryland, Martha Hill, Elree Randolph, Lydia Kelly, Hazel Wheat, Sue Plymon and Clytee Pitts.

#### REPORTS:

##### APPRECIATION:

We, the Appreciation Committee, would like to thank the Cordova Church Ladies for the warm welcome and hospitality, the meal was delicious and the fellowship was enjoyed. We appreciate the inspiring program which Sally Cash, our President, planned for us. We enjoyed the devotion that Rebecca Pugh gave, and the message by Allan and La Rue Crowson.

Rebecca Pugh  
Geneva Martin  
Mrs. A. M. Wallace

##### FINANCE:

We, the Finance Committee, have examined the records of the Treasurer and find them in order.

Merle Dyer  
Donna Miller  
Jackie Smith



## REGISTRATION:

Delegates 22 - Visitors 30 - Ministers 6 - Officers 4 - Total 62  
Laura Hollingshead  
Mindy White

Mrs. Sue Plymon installed these officers using the installation program "Bee a Blessing" written by Vaudine Lancaster. Sister Pitts prayed the prayer and benediction.

## NOMINATION AND OFFICERS FOR THE COMING 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 Chiarmman ..... Mrs. Rebecca Pugh  
Rt. 1 Box 68E, Russellville, AL 35653

## QUARTERLY MEETING AT NORTHPORT

The Progressive Association Quarterly Meeting convened at the Northport FWB Church Saturday, November 15, 1980. Cave Springs, Cordova, Dovertown, Fayette, Harmony, Jasper, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Russellville First, South Highland, and Townley Churches were represented. Eldridge, Florence, and Sulphur Springs were represented by letter. There were 27 delegates, 15 deacons, 15 ministers, and 19 visitors who registered.

Bro. E. B. Ledlow led the opening song. The welcome was given by Bro. Travis Ray Carter, and the response was given by Bro. Loyd Martin.

The meeting was called to order by the clerk, and the moderator took charge. The delegates were seated and necessary committees were appointed.

In keeping with the Program Theme, "Evangelism in the 80's", Rev. J. L. "Pat" Burttram brought a stirring message on "The Present Need for Evangelism".

Following a brief intermission, the 11:00 o'clock service was opened with a song and prayer. Visitors from the Jasper and Mt. Moriah Associations were recognized. Rev. William Briley challenged our hearts with a message on "Scriptural Evangelism". At this service an offering of \$110.00 was received for "Wheels for Africa".

A delicious meal and good fellowship were enjoyed by everyone during the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened with a song and prayer. Following a duet by Bro. and Sis. Ledlow, Bro. Wayne Wilson gave a good devotional from I Cor. 10:30-11:1.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE--We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our thanks to the host Church for the warm hospitality and delicious food provided. We ask that everyone stand in appreciation to this Church for the invitation, and the warm welcome that we all received. Elree Randolph, Odessa Ledlow, and Geneva Martin.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE --(1) 13 Churches had letters in order. (Townley's letter was forwarded to Bro. Tackett in Ohio, and received later). (2) We recommend that Bro. Ernest Emmons, of Harmony Church, be ordained as a minister and be given a card of good standing. (3) We recommend that Bro. David Hindman, of Eldridge Church, be ordained as a minister and be given a card of good standing. (4) We recommend that Bro. Freddy Beem, of Russellville First Church, be ordained as a deacon and be given a card of good standing. This report was adopted by motion, second, and vote of the Conference.

Meeting adjourned.

By direction of the Executive Committee, letters of good standing were sent to other Associations for Rev. Billy Smith, of Fayette, AL, and Rev. Dan Tackett, of Wheelersburg, Ohio. The requests for these letters arrived after the November Conference.



## QUARTERLY MEETING AT CAVE SPRINGS

The Progressive Association Quarterly Conference convened at the Cave Springs FWB Church Saturday, February 21, 1981. Cave Springs, Cordova, Eldridge, Fayette, Harmony, Jasper, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Russellville First, South Highland, Townley, and Victory (Russellville) Churches were represented. The Florence and Sulphur Springs Churches were represented by letter. There were 40 Delegates, 15 Deacons, 15 Ministers, and 16 Visitors who registered.

Bro. Sam Postlewaite led the opening song. The Welcome was given by Bro. Harold Fretwell and the response was given by Bro. Charles Davis.

The Conference was called to order by the clerk, and the moderator took charge. The list of delegates was read, delegates seated, and necessary committees appointed as follows: Appreciation--Mrs. Reba Ritter, Mrs. Karen Frank, and Mrs. H. A. Pitts. Resolution--Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Rev. E. A. Riggs, and Bro. Hilliard Jeffreys.

Following a congregational song, "Stand Up For Jesus", we were blessed with a message by Rev. Jackie Higginbotham from I Pet. 2:7 and Acts 11.

After a brief intermission, the 11:00 o'clock service opened with a congregational song "Revive Us Again". A male quartet composed of Bro. E. B. Ledlow, Bro. Sam Postlewaite, Bro. Gwynn Pugh, and Bro. George Ritter sang "Jesus Is The Sweetest Name I Know" before Rev. Carlton Lambert brought a challenging message from John 20:24-28. Bro. Lambert had Helen Welch, student at Free Will Baptist Bible College, and James Hindman, student at Liberty Christian Academy, both of whom have lived several years at the Children's Home to give their testimonies.

A delicious meal and good fellowship were enjoyed by everyone at the noon hour.

The afternoon services began with congregational song, "Glory To His Name". Bro. and Sis. Ritter sang "Hand In Hand With Jesus", accompanied by Sis. Ledlow. Bro. Alan Fretwell brought a good devotional, "The Church on Fire".

### COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

**APPRECIATION COMMITTEE**--We, the Appreciation Committee, feel a sweet spirit. We appreciate the warm welcome given us by the Cave Springs Church and express our thanks for their hospitality and delicious meal. We recommend a standing vote of thanks by the congregation. Reba Ritter, Mrs. Harold Pitts, Karen Frank.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**--15 Churches had letters in order. (2) Upon request of the Mt. Moriah Association, we recommend a letter of good standing be granted to Rev. Elzie Gilliam. (3) Upon the request of the South Highland Church we have examined Wayne Wilson, and we recommend that he be ordained by his Church to the ministry and be given a card of good standing. (4) Upon the request of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Russellville, we have examined Freddy Beem and we recommend that he be given a license to preach. (5) Upon the request of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Dothan, we recommend that Rev. Alex Oberneder be given a letter of good standing to the Florida State Line Association.

These reports were adopted by a motion, second, and vote of the Conference. The Conference also voted to extend the license to preach for Kevin Flanagan, Florence Church, and Alan Fretwell, Harmony Church, for one year.

Final Adjournment.

Rev. Hoover Lewis, Moderator  
Rev. George E. Ritter, Clerk

## QUARTERLY MEETING AT SULPHUR SPRINGS

The Progressive Association Quarterly Conference convened at the Sulphur Springs FWB Church Saturday, May 15, 1981. Cave Springs, Cordova, Eldridge, Fayette, Harmony, Pleasant Grove, South Highland, and Sulphur Springs Churches were represented. The Dovertown, Florence, Jasper, Northport, Russellville First, and Townley Churches were represented by letter. There were 27 Delegates, 9 Deacons, 13 Ministers, and 20 Visitors who registered.

Following the opening song, the welcome was given by Host Pastor, Rev. Charles Hollingshead and the response was given by Bro. Samuel Key.

The Conference was called to order by the Clerk, and the Moderator took charge. The list of delegates was read, delegates seated, and necessary committees appointed as follows: Appreciation--Frances Fretwell, Betty Jeffreys, and Reba Ritter. Resolution--Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Roger Raper, and Alvis Hollingshead.

Bro. Ledlow introduced Bro. Jerry White, Associate Pastor at Cordova, who had his daughter sing "Whatever It Takes" before the message. He preached a stirring sermon from Nehemiah 2:11-20 on "Building the Wall".

Following a brief intermission, the 11:00 o'clock service was opened with a congregational song, "Victory in Jesus", and Bro. White's daughter sang another solo, "The Savior is Waiting". We were then challenged by a message by Dr. Stanley Outlaw, who spoke on "Genuineness in the Christian Life", from Judges 16:15.

A delicious meal and good Christian Fellowship were enjoyed by all present during the noon hour.

The afternoon services began with a congregational song, "The Old Rugged Cross". Bro. James Hindman brought an excellent devotion on "Boldness in Preaching".

### COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

**APPRECIATION COMMITTEE**--We, the Appreciation Committee, express our thanks to Sulphur Springs Church for hosting this Progressive Associational meeting. We thank the program committee for the special speakers and inspiring music. Also a special thanks to ladies that planned and prepared the delicious food. Frances Fretwell, Betty Jeffreys, Reba Ritter.

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE--

1. We the Credentials Committee have examined the Church letters from Florence, Harmony, Jasper, Northport, Russellville, Pleasant Grove, Dovertown, Muscle Shoals (South Highland), Sulphur Springs, Townley, Fayette, Eldridge, Cave



## CHURCH COVENANT

- Springs, and Cordova. We find them in order.
2. Upon request of the Eldridge Church we have examined James Hindman for the Ministry. We recommend that he be given a license for one year.
  3. Upon request of the Cordova Church we recommend that Jerry White's license be renewed for one year.
  4. Upon request of the Jasper Association, we recommend that Rev. Herschel Beard be granted a letter of good standing.

The above reports were passed by motion, second, and vote of the body, and Licenses were issued, or extended, as needed and the letter of good standing was mailed to the Jasper Association as requested for Bro. Herschel Beard.

Rev. Hoover Lewis, Moderator  
Rev. George E. Ritter, Clerk

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

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 \$50.00 per meeting. The moderator shall be paid \$25.00 per 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 50 cents for each active member for association expense.

Item 2. Each church send twenty 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.

	# 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	6	67		20		11,715	205.50	265.75				
Cordova	228	186	42	2	8	135	81	11	63	9,675.00	3,219.08	1,658.69	1,023.37		80,000	380,000
Dovertown	157	131	26	3	2	85	60		45	3,975.00	542.00	392.00		392.00		86,000
Eldridge	25	21	4	2	0	20	20				350.00	120.00	145.00	190.00		30,000
Fayette	135	88	47	2	5	166	107	8	85	10,140	1,638.67	1,986.06	541.70	1,019.00	25,000	100,000
Florence	1,199			7		535			250							
Harmony	132	129	3	3	4	63	40	10	35	5,200	609.12	453.00			50,000	150,000
Jasper	216	149	67	2	7	165	119	12	70	10,818	1,832.06	1,290.35	553.28	703.18	30,000	250,000
Northport				2	7	106	88		50	4,865	1,764.00	667.00	1,968.00			
Pleasant Grove	120	115	5	2	4	55	40	20	25	11,800	328.25	379.25	238.98	300.00	56,700	208,000
Russellville	203	156	47	1	5	137	45	12	40	9,940	898.16	214.65	79.50	122.44	50,000	250,000
South Highland	204	203	1	2	3	169	74		70	13,975.39	1,437.22	762.08	1,059.90	30,000	348,000	
Sulphur Springs	183	113	70	1	1	70	48	11	20	7,800.00	1,050.00	360.00	2,000.00	638.00		105,000
Townley	158	108	50	1	6	67	50	12	45	8,060.00	2,005.87	3,372.70	300.00	600.00	25,000	75,000
Victory	41	40	1	1			10		30	10,400	1,139.36	934.76	784.46	404.74		35,000