

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

**51st ANNUAL SESSION**

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

**1983 SESSION  
SOUTH HIGHLAND FREE WILL  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA  
August 26, 27, 1983**

### OFFICERS FOR 1982-83

Moderator ..... Rev. Hoover Lewis  
108 West Pasadena, Muscle Shoals, AL 35660

Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Wayne Wilson  
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325 4th Street, Pleasant Grove, AL 35127

Assistant Clerk ..... Rev. E.B. Ledlow  
504 Green Ave., Cordova, AL 35550

Treasurer ..... Bro. Charles Davis  
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Assistant Treasurer ..... Mrs. Hoover Lewis  
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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

## NORTHWEST ALABAMA YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Rev. George E. Ritter ..... Three Year Term  
Rev. Lamar Cox ..... Two Year Term  
Rev. Wayne Wilson ..... One Year Term

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Bro. Charles Davis ..... Five Year Term  
Rev. Harold Pitts ..... Four Year Term  
Bro. Travis Ray Carter ..... Three Year Term  
Rev. Ricky Cash ..... Two Year Term  
Rev. Jerry White ..... One Year Term

## PROGRESSIVE YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

Rev. Ricky Cash ..... One Year Term  
Rev. Gwyn Pugh ..... One Year Term  
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Rt. 1, Cordova, AL 35550

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Wesley Carter, Rt. 1, Cordova

Clyde Pittman, 111 Cliff St., Cordova

Jerry Duncan, Jasper

**DOVERTOWN**

Lottie Foster, Rt. 1, Cordova

Jim Gilbert

Gerald Hallman

**ELDRIDGE**

None

**FAYETTE**

Billy Ham, Rt. 3, Fayette

I.J. Britnell, Rt. 4, Fayette

Reedus Wheat, Rt. 6, Fayette

**FLORENCE**

Not Listed

**HARMONY**

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

Don Brumley, Rt. 2, Leighton

Melvin D. (Jack) Willis, Rt. 1, Town Creek

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

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X.L. Truhett, 36 Biscayne Hills, Northport  
Sebrom Kuykendall, 4C Country Club Hills, Tuscaloosa  
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#### SOUTH HIGHLAND

Harvey Welborn, 102 W. Michigan, Muscle Shoals  
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#### SULPHUR SPRINGS

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#### VICTORY

Not Listed

## 51st ANNUAL MEETING PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA

### FRIDAY MORNING:

The 51st Annual Meeting of the Progressive Association convened at the Northport Free Will Baptist Church, Northport, Alabama on August 27, 1982. The service was opened with congregational songs, "The Old Account Was Settled" and "I Love To Tell The Story", led by Rev. Terry Tuley.

The welcome was given by Rev. Harold A. Pitts, host pastor, and the response was given by Rev. Eugene Hales, pastor of the Jasper Church.

The Moderator's Message was given by Rev. Hoover Lewis, using I Peter 2:9 & 10. This was a challenging message from God's Word, and some of the thoughts dealt with "Who we are, and why we're here", and charged us with the responsibility of staying true to the Word of God.

The Association was called to order by the Clerk.

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

Visitors were recognized and needed Committees were appointed.

Following a brief intermission, the 11:00 O'Clock service was begun with singing "Are You Washed In The Blood?", and "Send A Great Revival." Rev. Gwyn Pugh preached from I Kings 19:14-21 and II Kings 2:1-15, using as his subject "The Call and the Tests of Elisha." Bro. Pugh's earnest preaching of the Word stirred the hearts of the people, and many spoke of how the message had touched them.

A delicious meal was served by the people of the Northport Church, and good fellowship was enjoyed during the noon hour.

The afternoon session began at 1:15 P.M. with singing "I Shall Know Him" and "I Am So Glad That Jesus Loves Me," led by Rev. Gwyn Pugh. The Devotional Message was given by Rev. Terry Tuley, Youth Minister at the Fayette Church. He used the following passages of Scripture, and preached with the anointing of the Spirit: Rev. 3:14-22; Jer. 6:13-17; II Thess. 2:3; and Psalms 18:27-32.

Business was resumed, and the following reports were given:

Junior Youth Camp Report was given by Rev. Eugene Hales, Director. M/S/C to receive report.

Teen Youth Camp Report was given By Rev. Ricky Cash, Director. M/S/C to receive report.

Children's Home Report was given by Rev. Carlton Lambert, Superintendent. M/S/C to receive report and give a standing vote of appreciation for his faithful service.

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

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

A partial report from the Resolutions Committee was given as follows: There is a motion to unify the Youth Camp operation by electing a Camp Board Chairman and two (2) Assistants to operate Junior and Teen Youth Camps. The following substitute motion was



presented: A Youth Camp Committee consisting of three (3) members to be elected annually to operate both the Junior and Teen Youth Camps, consolidating the funds, and the Committee is to elect its own Chairman. M/S/C.

Session adjourned until evening service.

#### FRIDAY EVENING

The evening service was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Rodney Yerbey. Special music consisted of a solo by Rev. George Ritter; the Northport Choir, directed by Bro. Rodney Yerbey sang , and Bro. and Sis. Ritter sang "When We See Christ."

Rev. Charles Hollingshead preached from Isaiah 53:6 and 55:6 and 7, on the subject "Self-Control Struggle." This was a message that dealt with problems that many people face today, and showed us God's remedy for them.

Adjourned until Saturday morning session.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday session opened with singing "More, More about Jesus" and "There Is A Fountain," led by Rev. Gwyn Pugh. The Moderator then asked Bro. Travis Ray Carter to come and give the Scripture reading. He read Matt. 25:31-46, commented on the passage, and offered prayer.

The following reports were given:

The Appreciation Committee Report was given by Sis Lorene Ryland. M/S/C to receive the report.

The Obituary Committee Report was given by Bro. Joe Sularin. M/S/C to receive report.

The Temperance Committee Report was given by Bro. Kermit Crawford. M/S/C to receive report.

The Auditing Committee Report was given by Bro. Travis Ray Carter. M/S/C to receive report.

Rev. Wayne Wilson stated that the Resolutions Committee had no further report. M/S/C to discharge the Committee.

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

The Nominating Committee Report was given by Rev. Lamar Cox. M/S/C to receive the report. The following were elected:

Moderator ..... Rev. Hoover Lewis  
Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Wayne Wilson  
Clerk ..... Rev. George E. Ritter  
Assistant Clerk ..... Rev. E.B. Ledlow  
Treasurer ..... Bro. Charles Davis  
Assistant Treasurer ..... Mrs. Hoover Lewis  
Executive Committee ..... Rev. A.J. Lambert, 3 Years  
Christian Education Board ..... Rev. Eugene Hales, 5 Years  
Northwest AL Youth Camp Board . Rev. George Ritter, 3 Years  
Northwest AL Youth Camp Board ... Rev. Lamar Cox, 2 Years  
Northwest AL Youth Camp Board . Rev. Wayne Wilson, 1 Year  
Credentials Committee ..... Bro. Charles Davis, 5 Years

Credentials Committee ..... Rev. Jerry White, 1 Year  
Progressive Youth Camp Committee .. Rev. Ricky Cash, 1 Year  
Progressive Youth Camp Committee .. Rev. Gwyn Pugh, 1 Year  
Progressive Youth Camp Committee Rev. Eugene Hales, 1 Year

The Christian Education Board Report was given by Rev. Charles Hollingshead. M/S/C to receive report and to authorize C.E. Board Chairman to obtain necessary operating funds from the Association Treasurer.

Meetings of the Association for the coming year will be as follows:

November 20, 1982 - Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, Leighton, AL.

February 19, 1983 - First Free Will Baptist Church, Jasper, AL.

May 21, 1983 - Cordova Free Will Baptist Church, Cordova, AL.

August 26 & 27, 1983 - South Highland Free Will Baptist Church, Muscle Shoals, AL.

The following Delegates to the Alabama State Association were chosen:

Sis. Lorene Ryland

Sis. Reba Ritter

Mrs. Hoover Lewis

Mrs. Harold Pitts

Mrs. A.J. Lambert

Following a brief intermission, the 11:00 O'Clock service opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Rodney Yerbey. The Lord blessed all present with a solo, "The Nail Scarred Hand," sung by Rev. A.J. Lambert.

Rev. George E. Ritter preached from II Tim. 2:15-22, using as his subject the question, "What must I do to be used of the Lord?" After the message, a quartet composed of Bro. Rodney Yerbey, Bro. Sam Postlewaite, Rev. Gwyn Pugh, and Rev. George Ritter sang "To God Be The Glory".

M/S/C to adjourn the Annual Meeting.

Registration was as follows:

20 Ministers

11 Deacons

32 Delegates

61 Visitors



## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials Committee have examined the Church letters from Cordova, Jasper, Townley, South Highland, Harmony, Eldridge, Russellville, Fayette, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Dovertown, Sulphur Springs, and find them in order. (Clerk's note -- The letter and fee from the Florence Church was received August 30, and fee mailed to the treasurer).

We recommend the Deacons and Ministers be given Cards of Good Standing.

Fayette Church requests that Jim Maddox's license be extended for one year. We recommend this.

The Fayette Church requests that Brother Terry Tuley be ordained to preach. We recommend this.

The Harmony Church requests that Brother Don Brumley and Brother Jach Willis be ordained as Deacons by the Church. We recommend this.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Harold Pitts,  
Bro. Travis Ray Carter,  
Rev. Ricky Cash,  
Bro. Charles Davis

## 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 Northport Church for the following:

1. To the host Church for the warm friendly atmosphere that has prevailed throughout the Association.
2. For the delicious food served by the ladies of the Church.
3. For the beautiful floral arrangements.
4. To the officers of the Association for allowing the Holy Spirit to direct in selecting the speakers for this fifty first session.
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,  
Lorene Ryland  
Mae Lambert  
Martha Hill

## AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the books and find them in order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Travis Ray Carter  
Rebecca Pugh  
Clyde Hood

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, report the following deceased and their Church:

Dovertown - Wilma Williams

Cordova - Birdie Miller

South Highland - Dewey Haygood and Marion Taylor

Pleasant Grove - Ada Tidwell

Sulphur Springs - John Henry Fields and Zettie Porter

Townley - Odis Honeycutt and Laura Millwood

We recommend the body stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of these deceased.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Sularin  
Merle Dyer

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

For many years the Free Will Baptists have been on record as being against the sale, use of, or consumption of alcoholic beverages. Our Church Covenant, and certainly the Bible, is our authority for our stand.

Our state laws have been relaxed to the point that licenses to sell these beverages, operate lounges, off premises sales of these beverages can be easily obtained. We feel that the Free Will Baptists should continue, and even more strongly stand against this, and that the traffic in illegal drugs should also be included.

Today there is another growing menace in our society; that of the illegal use of various harmful drugs and narcotics. We, as Free Will Baptists, and for that matter, our country as a whole, should be very disturbed over this situation.

The Bible teaches us that we are to pray for those over us, and those in authority. We should be mindful of this, and also be mindful of those whom we elect as our law-makers and others in responsible positions.

Respectfully submitted,  
K.C. Crawford  
Joe Hyche  
Rev. John Warren

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

The Christian Board of Education met 8-29-81 at the Cordova FWB Church during the Annual Association meeting. Elected to the Board for a five year term was Bro. Rick Cash. Edwin Kimbrough was elected chairman of the Board for the 81 & 82 year. Other members of the board are Bro. Carlton Lampert, Bro. Charles Hollingshead & Bro. Roy Plymon.

After Bro. Plymon left the Association, Bro. Eugene Hales was elected to replace him. Bro. Eugene Hales was also recommended by the Board to serve as Jr. Camp Director.

## INCOME & EXPENSE FOR DISTRICT C.T.S. RALLY

Expense		
Awards .....	107.47	
State Ent. Exp. ....	170.00	325.00
	<u>277.47</u>	<u>277.47</u>
Total	277.47	47.53 Bal.
Income .....	325.00	
Jasper .....	84.00	
Russellville ...	105.00	
Harmony .....	24.00	
Cordova .....	59.00	
Victory .....	<u>53.00</u>	
Total	325.00	

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE PARTIAL REPORT

There is a motion to unify the Youth Camp operation by electing a Camp Board Chairman and two (2) assistants to operate Junior and Teen Youth Camps.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Wilson, Chairman  
Charles Davis  
Loyd Martin

Clerk's note: See minutes of Friday afternoon session for action taken. There was no further report from this Committee.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Term</u>
Moderator	Rev. Hoover Lewis	1 Year
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Wayne Wilson	1 Year
Clerk	Rev. George E. Ritter	1 Year
Assistant Clerk	Rev. E.B. Ledlow	1 Year
Treasurer	Bro. Charles Davis	1 Year
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. Hoover Lewis	1 Year
Executive Committee	Rev. A.J. Lambert	3 Years
Christian Ed. Board	Rev. Eugene Hales	5 Years
Youth Camp Board	Rev. George E. Ritter	3 Years
Youth Camp Board	Rev. Lamar Cox	2 Years
Youth Camp Board	Rev. Wayne Wilson	1 Year
Credentials Committee	Bro. Charles Davis	5 Years
Credentials Committee	Rev. Jerry White	1 Year
Youth Camp Committee	Rev. Ricky Cash	1 Year
Youth Camp Committee	Rev. Gwyn Pugh	1 Year
Youth Camp Committee	Rev. Eugene Hales	1 Year

Respectfully submitted,

Harold A. Pitts  
Lamar Cox  
Leo H. Lowery



## JUNIOR CAMP REPORT - 1982

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1981-82 PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

BALANCE - AUGUST 27, 1981 ..... \$234.53

#### RECEIPTS:

August 1981 Annual Associational Dues .....	522.20	
Quarterly Conference Dues & Offering for Board of Retirement & Insurance: Nov., Feb., May .....	1,059.22	
Free Will Baptist Bible College, Offering .....	64.11	
Bro. James Walden, Alabaster, Alabama .....	146.09	
Printing of Minutes. . . givey by a Woman's Auxiliary .....	10.00	1,801.62
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS BALANCE .....</b>		<b>2,036.15</b>

#### EXPENDITURES:

Bro. George Ritter, Clerk, Honorarium .....	175.00	
Bro. Hoover Lewis, Moderator, Honorarium .....	85.00	
Bro. A.J. Lambert, Love Offering .....	100.00	
Edwin Kimbrough, Youth Rally Expense .....	72.89	
Board of Retirement & Insurance .....	150.00	
Alabama State Association: Dues .....	300.00	
Cash & Carry Printers: Printing of Minutes .....	230.05	
Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	64.11	
Bro. James Walden, Alabaster, Alabama .....	146.09	
Pastors & Workers Conference .....	100.00	
Supplies, Phone Calls, Printing of Programs, etc. ....	79.86	
*Randall House Publishers: C.T.S. Competitive Matl. ....	59.07	1,562.07
<b>BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 27, 1982 .....</b>		<b>474.08</b>

CHARLES DAVIS, TREASURER

\*This bill was also paid for by Bro. Edwin Kimbrough. We have a credit for \$59.07 with Randall House Publishers which will be applies to our next order of materials.

### STATEMENT OF INCOME

Received from former director		\$1578.56
Received from 1982 camp session		
95 campers paying @\$25.00 each	\$2375.00	
3 non-paying campers	---	
22 counselors, helpers and kitchen workers - 17 full time, 5 part time	--	
Return on Canteen	659.75	
Refund on supplies	64.63	
	<u>\$3099.38</u>	<u>\$3099.38</u>
<b>Total to account for</b>		<b>\$4677.94</b>

### STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Teen Camp - 38.50	pepsi cola	38.50
	187.15 groceries, etc.	187.15
Flav-O-Rich - milk		45.49
Pepsi Cola Company - pepsi		304.50
Wal-Mart - supplies		126.77
Piggly-Wiggly - groceries		458.81
North West Alabama Youth Camp - rent		200.00
Brian Peters - Evangelist		350.00
Tom's - canteen supplies		196.73
Mutual Security Life Ins. - insurance		156.20
Sunbeam Bread		40.21
Ivie's - groceries		159.47
Big Star - groceries		71.88
Son's - groceries		37.77
Cain Sales - groceries		8.40
Camp Preparation		53.21
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<u>\$2435.09</u> <u>\$2435.09</u>

Balance brought forward August 27, 1982 ..... \$2242.85

#### Attendance Summary:

Total campers including workers	120
98 campers	
22 workers	
Total Decisions	52
18 saved	
29 rededications	
5 other decisions	

Respectfully Submitted,

Eugene Hales, Director

# **TEEN WEEK** **Progressive Association Youth Camp**

Balance Brought Forward.....\$243.46

## Received as Follows:

Loan From Dr. Camp .....	\$1000.00
37 paying Campers @ \$25 each .....	925.00
1 paying Camper @ \$10.00 .....	10.00
2 paying Campers @ \$5.00 .....	10.00
Food Refund .....	124.29
Canteen Receipts .....	503.12
<b>Total Received .....</b>	<b>\$2815.97</b>

## Expenditures:

Food and Supplies .....	\$1046.51
Tom's Canteen Supplies .....	98.71
Pepsi .....	181.25
Camp Rental .....	200.00
Insurance .....	93.50
Dickey Dees, Evangelist .....	225.00
Film .....	51.30
Jr. Camp (\$199.51 Food Purchase) .....	800.49
<b>Total Expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$2696.76</b>

Balance 8/27/82 .....\$ 119.21

Total Attending (Including Workers)	54
Total Campers	42
Total Decisions Recorded	34
5 first time decisions	
2 answered the call to preach	

# **MARCH 6, 1982                      JASPER, AL** **PROGRESSIVE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION** **THEME: MOTIVE FOR MISSIONS**

The meeting was called to order by our president, Mrs. Sally Cash. Mrs. Laura Hollingshead led the opening prayer. Mrs. Theo Kuykendall of Northport led us in singing "Jesus Saves" and "Send the Light."

Mrs. Rose Hales of Jasper gave the welcome address with Lucy Cox of Townley giving the response.

Mrs. Laura Hollingshead gave the devotion using, in unison John 3:16. The theme "Motive for Missions" was well carried out. Mark 16:15.

The visiting ministers and visitors were recognized. Roll call and seating of delegates was next on the program. The delegates were as follows:

Cordova: Etta Jane White, Lavelle Short  
 Fayette: Lydia Kelley, Maryiln Chyney  
 Jasper: Rose Hales, Diana Postlewait, Betty Sargent  
 Northport - Sara Crawford: Hazel Wheat, Wilma Davis, Theo Kuykendall, Wilma Davis  
 Russellville: Jo Proctor, Dorothy Kimbrough, Rebecca Pugh  
 Sulphur Spring: Mrs. Vera Woods  
 Townley: Willodene Edgil, Lucy Cox, Myrtle Ferguson  
 Pleasant Grove: By letter

The minutes were read and approved as read. Treasures report was given and accepted. Committees were appointed. (see reports).

A special song service was given by Rebecca Pugh and Doris Kimbrough. At the eleven o'clock hour Rev. Dave Franks, missionary from Brazil, spoke to us using Acts 3:16 as his scripture. He challenged the women to continue our mission service. The mission offering was taken. Sally Cash dismissed the service for lunch. After a bountiful lunch, the service was begun with the song "His Way with Thee" led by Mrs. Kuykendall. Prayer by Mrs. Pitts. Pat Franks spoke to us about the work of women in Judges. Her main thought being "What does the Lord expect of me?" How will people remember you? The challenge is to be faithful. Her talk was followed by a question and answer period.

## **REPORTS AND COMMITTEES** **APPRECIATION:**

We, the appreciation committee, wish to express heartfelt thanks to the First F.W.B. Church of Jasper, for hosting this District meeting of the Womans Auxiliary. The wonderful meal and the use of the facilities were enjoyed by all.

We also express appreciation to the district officers who planned the program and to those who participated.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jo Proctor  
 Diana Postlewaite  
 Wilma Davis



## FINANCE:

We, the Finance committee, have examined the Treasures records and find them in order.

Merle Dyer, Chairman  
Rebecca Pugh  
Rose Hales

## REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:

We, the Registration Committee, wish to submit the following report: officers 5, delegates 18, visitors 23, ministers 5. Total 51.

Laura Hollingshead  
Laura Hales  
Debbie Hales

## RESOLUTION:

We, the Resolution Committee, recommend that we as an auxiliary support the National Federation for Decency in their campaign to clean up television. We encourage all ladies to write the following address for the newsletter and support this campaign with phone calls and letters. John Wilderman - National Federation for Decency - Tupelo, Miss.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Kelley  
Etta Jane White  
Lucy Cox

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend the following officers:

President: Patricia Wheat  
Vice President: Odessa Ledlow  
Secretary & Treasurer: Etta Jane White  
Assistant: Hazel Wheat  
Prayer Mission Chairman: Theo Kuykendall  
Mission Study Chairman: Lucy Cox  
Mission Action Committee: Rebecca Pugh  
Hazel Wheat                      Dorothy Kimbrough  
Willodean Edgil                Evelyn Bevis                Lavelle Short  
Vera Woods                    Patricia Wheat

State delegates were appointed as follows: Etta Jane White, Mrs. Ledlow, Hazel Wheat, Theo Kuykendall, Wilma Davis, Vera Woods, Sally Cash, Lydia Kelley, Laura Hollingshead, Mrs. Harold Pitts, is the district delegate.

Mrs. Ed Ledlow had charge of the installation of new officers. She presented a program that she had written, using the framework and the kite for her theme. Bro. A.J. Lambert prayer the prayer of dedication.

Rebecca Pugh, Missions Study Chairman, gave a report of making two appearances, one at Fayette and one at Northport.

We voted to go to the Russellville Church in 1983. After a song "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus," we were dismissed by Mrs. Ledlow. Gave to missionary to Brazil \$138.28. Dave Franks

## NOMINATION AND OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR

President ..... Patricia Wheat  
Fayette, AL 35555

Vice President ..... Odessa Ledlow  
Green Ave., Cordova, AL 35550

Secretary and Treasurer ..... Etta Jane White  
418 1st Street, Cordova, AL 35550

Assistant Secretary and Treasurer ..... Hazel Wheat  
Rt. 3, Box 259, Northport, AL 35476

Prayer Mission Chairman ..... Theo Kuykendall  
4C Country Club Hills, Tuscaloosa, AL

Mission Study Chairman ..... Lucy Cox  
Townley, AL 35549

Mission Action Committee ..... Rebecca Pugh  
Rt. 1, Box 68E, Russellville, AL 35653



## QUARTERLY MEETING AT SOUTH HIGHLAND CHURCH

The Progressive Association Quarterly Meeting convened at the South Highland FWB Church Saturday, November 21, 1981. Cave Springs, Cordova, Dovertown, Fayette, Harmony, Jasper, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Russellville, South Highland, and Victory Churches were represented by both letter and delegates. \*Eldridge, Florence, \*Sulphur Springs, and Townley Churches represented by letter without delegates present. There were 26 delegates, 13 deacons, 15 ministers, and 20 visitors who registered. Visiting ministers were Rev. James Walden, Rev. Louie Bates, and Rev. Floyd Barber.

### \*Pastor Only

The meeting was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Barber. The welcome was given by Bro. Don Askew, and the response by Bro. Joe Sularin.

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

Rev. Harold Pitts preached from II Thess. 2:1-13, and used the subject, "We are bound to give thanks." This was a truly inspiring message.

At the 11:00 O'clock service, following congregational singing and solo numbers by Rev. A.J. Lambert and Sis. Karen Frank, Rev. James Walden preached from Psalms 78:1-11, on the subject, "What would it take to stop us?" We were all challenged by the sermon. An offering of \$166.09 was received for the Alabaster Mission, where Bro. Walden pastors.

Following a delicious meal, the afternoon session began with singing and a devotion by Rev. Roger Raper. After a solo by Miss White, from the Cordova Church, business resumed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: We wish to express our thanks to the host church for the warm hospitality and the delicious food provided. Lorene Ryland, Reedus Wheat, and Betty Jeffreys.

THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE, Sam Postlewaite, Philip Houston, Freddy Beem made no report.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: We have examined the letters from the Churches, and find them in order. We recommend that letters of recommendation be given for Rev. Roy Plymon, and Rev. Phil Davis. The letters were sent by the clerk to the Mt. Moriah Association, and the Northeast Mississippi Association for these brethren, as requested and acted upon by our Association.

The motion previously made to change operating procedures of the Progressive Association Youth Camps was tabled indefinitely by vote of the Body.

A motion to reprint the 1981 Association Minutes was defeated.

Meeting adjourned.

## QUARTERLY MEETING AT SULPHUR SPRINGS

The Progressive Association Quarterly Meeting convened at the Sulphur Springs Free Will Baptist Church Saturday, May 15, 1982. Cave Springs, Cordova, Dovertown, Eldridge (Pastor only), Fayette, Florence (Letter only), Harmony, Jasper, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Russellville First, South Highland, Sulphur Springs, Townley, (Pastor only) were represented by letter and delegates except as noted. Cave Springs did not send in dues, and the Florence and Townley Churches sent in less than was due. Visitors included Rev. & Mrs. Leroy Forlines, Rev. Joseph Jones and Evangels Drama Team members Randy Fosse and Jeff Stegall from FWBBC, and Rev. Herman Hersey. 18 Ministers, 6 Deacons, 19 Delegates, and 18 Visitors registered.

The meeting opened with Bro. Sam Postlewaite directing as "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story" and "Kneel At The Cross" were sung. Bro. Wiley Hudson, of the host Church gave the welcome, and Bro. Samuel A. Key gave the response.

The conference was called to order by the clerk, and Rev. Carlton Lambert, the Assistant Moderator took charge. After visitors were recognized, the Moderator arrived and appointed the necessary committees, and the delegates were seated.

We were privileged to have Missionary Jimmy Aldridge with us, and he gave a brief report on his state of health, and a praise item was that his eye problem had improved, and he had had no problems for the past two years. An examination showed no sign of the ailment that had been suspected.

Bro. Herman Hersey gave some informative comments on the work of the Board of Retirement and Insurance, and the FWB Foundation's work for Free Will Baptists; and also challenged us with the Word of God, using Rom. 14:7 & 8; Rev. 14:13; and Heb. 11:4.

After a short intermission the 11:00 O'Clock service began with singing "Living By Faith," with Bro. Postlewaite directing, and Bro. Hersey at the piano. Following the song, Rev. Joseph Jones gave a dramatic reading entitled "Abraham and Isaac." This presentation was a real blessing to all who were assembled there.

Rev. Hersey preached from Col. 4:16, 17, on the subject of fulfilling the ministry. This was a stirring, challenging message.

At the conclusion of the message, an offering of \$49.22 was received, and we were dismissed for the noon meal.

Following a bountiful meal, the afternoon session opened with singing "Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus" Rev. A.J. Lambert sang "If Jesus Goes With Me." Pastor Eugene Hales then announced that Sunday, May 16 would be "A.J. Lambert Day" at Jasper First Free Will Baptist Church, beginning at 2:30 P.M., with Rev. Carlton Lambert Preaching at 6:00 P.M.

Rev. John Warren brought a good, spirit-filled devotion from I. Cor. 15:58.

The following Appreciation Committee Report was given: We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank the Sulphur Springs Church



for their wonderful hospitality and fine meal. We appreciate Bro. Herman Hersey's ministry to us and also the dramatic reading by Bro. Joseph Jones. We're thankful for each person's part in making this a tremendous associational meeting. Jerry R. White, Reba Ritter, Freddie Beam. M/S/C.

The Resolutions Committee, Rev. Gwyn Pugh, Rev. Wayne Wilson, and Bro. Steve Wallace, had no report to present.

The Credentials Committee made the following 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: Russellville, South Highland, Sulphur Springs, Pleasant Grove, Jasper, Fayette, Harmony, Dovertown, Cordova, Northport, Townley, Florence, Cave Springs, and Eldridge. We received no dues from Cave Springs, and insufficient dues from Townley and Florence.

2. Upon the request of the Russellville Church we have examined Joey Brown for the ministry. We recommend he be given a license to preach for one year.
3. Upon the request of the Cordova Church we have examined Jerry White for ordination. We recommend the Church be permitted to ordain him.
4. Upon the request of the Eldridge Church we have examined John Warren. We recommend that upon receiving a card of good standing from the North East Association in Mississippi he be received in full fellowship into the Progressive Association as an ordained minister and be given a card of good standing.

All items of the report were approved by motion, second, and full vote of the body.

Rev. William Briley tendered his resignation as Junior Camp Director, member of the Youth Camp Board, and Credentials Committee.

Rev. Briley also announced that the Cave Springs Church would withdraw from the Progressive Association unless a reconciliation between pastors was effected.

Motion and second to accept Rev. Briley's resignation from the three offices, and to give a letter of dismissal to the Church.

Discussion included remarks by Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Rev. E.B. Ledlow, and Rev. A.J. Lambert. Motion carried 23-0.

M/S/C for Christian Education Board to select a Director for Junior Youth Camp.

Conference adjourned.

## QUARTERLY MEETING AT RUSSELLVILLE MINUTES February 20, 1982

The Progressive Association Quarterly Meeting convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Russellville, Alabama, Saturday, February 20, 1982. Cave Springs, Cordova, Dovertown, Fayette,

Harmony, Jasper, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Russellville First, South Highland, Townley, Eldridge, Florence, and Sulphur Springs were represented. Dovertown, Sulphur Springs represented only by letter. Victory church did not represent by letter or by person. There were 33 delegates, 13 ministers, 14 deacons, and 11 visitors who registered. There were others who did not register making a total of at least 90.

Rev. Sam Postlewaite led the opening songs Nos. 39 and 338 in the Free Will Baptist Hymn Book. The welcome was given by Bro. Freddy Beem, and the Response was given by Bro. John Lowery. The roll of delegates was called and the delegates were seated and the necessary committees were appointed.

A move was made and second to let the moderator appoint a person to fill out the vacancy on the Youth Camp Board and one to fill the vacancy on the Christian Board of Education that was vacated by Rev. Roy Plymon. This was carried.

Bro. Sam Postlewaite led a song No. 366 in the Free Will Baptist Hymn Book, then Rev. Eugene Hales, pastor of Jasper Church brought an inspiring message from the Bible. His topic was "Strange Fire Before The Lord," using as Scripture Text, Leviticus 10:1-11. He preach on the (1) Sense of this strange fire, (2) The sin of this strange fire, and (3) The Severity of Punishment. A very good message.

Following a brief intermission, the 11:00 o'clock service was opened with a song and prayer. Bro. Sam Postlewaite led No. 107 in the Free Will Baptist Hymn Book, after which, Mrs. Rebecca Pugh sung, "It Will Be Worth It All." The Word of God was preached by Rev. LaMarr Cox of Townley Church. His text was "What's Happened To America." After his introduction he used 4 points in his message: (1) America has forgotten God in our Homes, (2) America has forgotten God in our churches, (3) America has forgotten God in our schools, and (4) America has forgotten God in our Government. A very good message!

A delicious meal was served by the host church in the dining hall. We all enjoyed the meal and the fellowship together.

The afternoon session began with a song and prayer. Rev. John Freeman gave a good devotional. He used 2 Kings 7:3-9 giving some good points and thoughts on this scripture. Rev. A.J. Lambert sung a song, "God Leads His Dear Children Along."

Bro. Hoover Lewis appointed Wayne Wilson to the Youth Camp Board and Rev. Eugene Hales to the Christian Education Board to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. Roy Plymon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE -- We the appreciation committee offer our Praise to Almighty God for the privilege of living in America and the opportunity of free worship. We express our heartfelt thanks to our leaders, speakers and host church, the faithful workers who prepared the delicious food and we commend all for a job well done. Respectfully submitted. Etta Jane White, Janet Simmons, Hadyn Lowery. M/S/C/ to accept the report.



RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE -- nothing to report. Sam Postlewaite, John Lowery and Wayne Wilson.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE -- (1) Churches who had letters were examined and found in order. It was recommended that these letters be accepted. (2) Rev. Eugene Hales was recommended to our association and received by the Association. (3) Rev. LaMarr Cox was recommend to our association and accepted. (4) Rev. Alton Fretwell was recommended for license for one year to preach the Gospel. (5) Rev. Freddy Beem was recommended to be ordained by his church to preach the Gospel. (6) Rev. John Freeman was recommended to be licensed for one year to preach the Gospel. This report was accepted and adopted by each item and the vote carried by the conference.

Rev. William Briley gave date of Junior Youth Camp for this year; July 4-9th, and Rev. Ricky Cash gave date of Teens Youth Camp for this year; July 11-16.

Rev. Tom Malone gave information concerning Internal Revenue Service and the church related activities tax status. It was informative and well accepted.

Meeting adjourned. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Ricky Cash.

## 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 \$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
Cordova	248	200	48	3	7	125	91	11	65	11,145	3,405.06	1,486.70	933.40	1,106.75	80,000	300,000
Dovertown	152	92	60	3	3	80	45	0	40	4,870	599.00	415.00	415.00	415.00		86,000
Eldridge	25	17	8	3	0	22	26	0			460.00	25.00	285.00	395.00		30,000
Fayette	170			1	3	150	90			9,100						
Florence	1233			5		540										
Harmony	142	137	5	4	6	63	40	10	35	12,948.41	1,108.72	1,068.49	550.84	1,287.24	50,000	100,000
Jasper	219	211	8	4	7	177	119	15	100	9,050	2,501.55	1,569.80	290.00		30,000	300,000
Northport	125	100	25	2	6	100	88	22	60		2,574.64	1,947.87	719.54			
Pleasant Grove	129	125	4	2	4	60	39	20	25	11,700	475.19	583.36	406.94		56,700	208,000
Russellville	203	156	47	2	5	159	78	12	35	10,600	1,035.92	283.12	181.23	221.48	50,000	250,000
South Highland	192			2	3	170	66			18,250	1,586.12	3,302.40	1,085.38	2,115.80		348,000
*Townley	141	78	63	1	5	62	45	12		10,045	2,704.70	1,919.41	300.00	856.40	25,000	100,000
Victory																
*Sulphur Springs	187	85	102	1	1	75	45	11	18	9,915	1,696.50	360.00	1,265.00	1,236.55		105,000