

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

52nd ANNUAL SESSION

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

**1984 SESSION
NORTHPORT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTHPORT, ALABAMA
August 24, 25, 1984**

OFFICERS FOR 1983-84

Moderator Rev. Eugene Hales
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19 Vestavia Hills, Northport, AL 35476

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Rev. Dickie Dees Three Year Term
Fayette, AL

Rev. Carlton Lambert Two Year Term
P.O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554

Rev. Elzie Gilliam One Year Term
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BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Hoover Lewis	5 Year Term
Rev. Eugene Hales	4 Year Term
Rev. Ricky Cash	3 Year Term
Bro. Edwin Kimbrough	2 Year Term
Rev. Charles Hollingshead	1 Year Term

NORTHWEST ALABAMA YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Bro. Sam Postlewaite	3 Year Term
Rev. George E. Ritter	2 Year Term
Rev. Lamar Cox	1 Year Term

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Jerry White	5 Year Term
Bro. Charles Davis	4 Year Term
Rev. E. Dwight Fletcher	3 Year Term
Bro. Travis Ray Carter	2 Year Term
Rev. Ricky Cash	1 Year Term

PROGRESSIVE YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

Rev. Ricky Cash	One Year Term
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Rev. Eugene Hales	One Year Term

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

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Jerry Duncan, Jasper

DOVERTOWN

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Jim Gilbert

Gerald Hallman

ELDRIDGE

None

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I.J. Britnell, Rt. 4, Fayette

Reedus Wheat, Rt. 6, Fayette

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Don Burleson

James Melton

James Dorroh

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Sam Hudson

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Don Brumley, Rt. 2, Leighton
Melvin D. (Jack) Willis, Rt. 1, Town Creek

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

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G.W. Kilpatrick, Rt. 2, Tuscumbia
Grady B. Randolph, Box 83, Russellville
Hobson Wilson, N. Jackson St., Russellville
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Tommy Bee, 1307 Edison, Muscle Shoals

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TOWNLEY

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

VICTORY

Not Listed

52nd ANNUAL MEETING PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA

FRIDAY MORNING:

The 52nd Annual Meeting of the Progressive Association convened at the South Highland Free Will Baptist Church, Muscle Shoals, Alabama on August 26, 1983. The service was opened with congregational songs, "Standing on the Promises" and "Jesus Saves," led by Rev. Dickie Dees. Following the first song, Rev. Lamar Cox led in prayer.

The welcome was given by Bro. Charles Davis, Deacon in the host church, who read Ephesians 1:1-3. The response was given by Bro. Joe Sularin from the Cordova Church.

The Moderator's Message was given by Rev. Hoover Lewis, using Matthew 21:28-31, on the subject of "Working in the Vineyard." Bro. Lewis asked the questions who is to do the work? (Answer: God's people). When should we work? (Answer: Today). Where should we work? (Answer: In God's Vineyard). What should we do? (Answer: Work). This was a challenging message that set a proper background for an outstanding Annual Meeting!

Association Clerk called the meeting to order, and the roll-call of Delegates was made and the Delegates were seated. Visitors were recognized and the following committees were appointed:

Appreciation Committee	Sis. Reba Ritter, Chairman Sis. Dorothy Kimbrough Sis. Merinda White
Obituary Committee	Sis. Geneva Martin, Chairman Sis. Linda Lawler Sis. Lorene Ryland
Temperance Committee	Rev. Lamar Cox, Chairman Dr. Gwyn Pugh Bro. John Lawler
Auditing Committee	Bro. Sam Postlewaite, Chairman Rev. John Warren Bro. Harvey Wilson
Resolutions Committee	Rev. Eugene Hales, Chairman Bro. Charles Davis Rev. Dickie Dees
Nominating Committee	Rev. Jerry White, Chairman Bro. Travis Ray Carter Rev. Carlton Lambert

Following a brief intermission, on congregation sang "Christ Returneth," directed by Rev. Dickie Dees, and Rev. Ricky Cash offered prayer. We then sang "He Brought Me Out."

Rev. and Mrs. George Ritter sang "When We See Christ" and Sis. Karen Franks sang a beautiful medley of songs, including "Sweet Bye and Bye," "We'll Understand It Better Bye and Bye," and "Face To Face."

Rev. Tom Malone, pastor of the Florence First Free Will Baptist Church, preached a stirring sermon from I Samuel 13:14, Acts 13:22, and Matthew 5:3-6. He directed our hearts and minds to the need for men today to be "Men after God's own heart"; men to do His will."

During the noon hour a delicious meal was served by the host church and a time of good fellowship was shared.

The afternoon session began at 1:00 P.M. with Bro. Sam Postlewaite leading the congregation in singing "On Christ the Solid Rock" and "Who Is On the Lord's Side?" Bro. Jack Willis, Deacon from the Harmony Church, brought an excellent Devotion, Using Psalms 139:23, 24 and Psalms 4:1. His subject was "Keeping our hearts in tune with God."

Rev. Philip Cooper, from the Florence church was a blessing as he sang a medley of songs including "Farther Along" and "Redemption Draweth Nigh."

Rev. Robert Crawford spoke, representing Free Will Baptist Bible College, and shared with us God's Word from I Samuel 12:22-25.

Business was resumed and the following reports were given:

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

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

Children's Home report was given by Rev. Carlton Lambert, Superintendent. He reported that the Staff was unchanged from last year, and that for most of the year there were 23 children in the Home. At the present the number is 18. During the year 12 of the boys and girls had been saved and baptized. They are working on changes recommended for their facilities by the Fire Marshall. M/S/C to receive report.

Association 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.

Credentials Committee report was given by Rev. E. Dwight Fletcher. M/S/C to receive report.

Auditing Committee report was given by Bro. Sam Postlewaite. M/S/C to receive report.

Session adjourned until evening service.

FRIDAY EVENING

The evening service was opened by Bro. Tommy Bee, Choir Director of the host church leading the congregation in singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," "The Old Account Was Settled," and "It Is Well With My Soul." The South Highland Choir was a special blessing to everyone as they sang a special arrangement of "Victory In Jesus," directed by Bro. Tommy Bee.

Bro. Trymon Messer, Associate Director of Free Will Baptist Home Missions, preached from John 7:40-53 on the subject, "Some one needs to speak up for Jesus." Hearts were touched as Bro. Messer delivered God's message.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday session opened with Rev. Dickie Dees leading us in singing "Rescue The Perishing," followed in prayer by Bro. Billy Hamm, Deacon from the Fayette Church. We then sang "Who Is On The Lord's Side?" Moderator Rev. Hoover Lewis then offered prayer.

Bro. Buddy Troutt, Layman from the South Highland Church, gave a challenging and timely devotion from Ephesians 6:10-18, pointing out that there is a real spiritual warfare that the christian is engaged in, and admonished us to "put on the Armor of God and stand our ground."

Business was resumed and the remainder of Committes reported as follows:

The Appreciation Committee report was given by Sis. Reba Ritter. M/S/C to receive report.

Obituary Committee report was given by Six, Geneva Martin. M/S/C to receive report. Prayer was offered by Rev. Robert Crawford as requested by the Obituary Committee. The memorial prayer was a special blessing.

Resolutions Committee had no report. M/S/C to discharge committee.

Final report of the Credentials Committee was given by Rev. E. Dwight Fletcher. M/S/C to receive report and grant License to preach the Gospel to Bro. Terry Hamilton from the Florence Church.

Nominating Committee report was given by Rev. Jerry White. After some changes made due to some nominees declining, all nominees were elected with the exception of the Moderator and Assistant Moderator. It was then moved that their offices be reversed and Rev. Eugene Hales be elected Moderator and Rev. Lamar Cox be elected Assistant Moderator. (This was done at the request of Rev. Lamar Cox). M/S/C.

The following were elected:

Moderator	Rev. Eugene Hales
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Lamar Cox
Clerk	Rev. George E. Ritter
Assistant Clerk	Rev. E. Dwight Fletcher
Treasurer	Bro. Charles Davis
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. Hoover Lewis
Executive Committee	Rev. Dickie Dees, 3 years
Board of Christian Education	Rev. Hoover Lewis, 5 years
Northwest Alabama Youth Camp	Sam Postlewaite, 3 years
Credentials Committee	Rev. Jerry White, 5 years
Progressive Youth Camp Committee	Rev. Ricky Cash, 1 year
	Rev. Dickie Dees, 1 year
	Rev. Eugene Hales, 1 year

The Christian Education Board report was given by Bro. Edwin Kimbrough. M/S/C to receive report.

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

November 19, 1983-First FWB Church, Pleasant Grove, AL.

February 18, 1984-First FWB Church, Florence, AL.

May 19, 1984-First FWB Church, Russellville, AL.

August 24 & 25-First FWB Church, Northport, AL.

Delegates will be appointed by the Moderator at the State Association Meeting at Florence, AL November 10, 1983.

There was a motion and second to give \$300.00 toward the support of the Pastors' and Workers' Conference to be held February 6, 7, and 8 at the First FWB Church, Jasper, AL. Motion carried.

Motion and second to send \$200.00 to the National Home Missions Department for Bro. Trymon Messer's ministry to us at this meeting. Motion carried.

Motion and second to give retiring Moderator, Rev. Hoover Lewis a rising vote of thanks and a \$50.00 honorarium for his faithful service as Moderator the past three years.

Following a short intermission, the 11:00 O'Clock service began with Rev. Dickie Dees leading us in singing "Wonderful Grace of Jesus." Rev. Lamar Cox offered prayer and we sang "Victory In Jesus." A male quartet, composed of Rev. Dickie Dees, Rev. E. Dwight Fletcher, Bro Sam Postlewaite, and Dr. Gwyn Pugh, accompanied by Sis. Winona Riggs, sang "How Great Thou Art."

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Riggs sang "Beulah Land," and then Rev. Riggs preached from II Timothy 4:6-8 on successfully serving God. The Lord blessed this message to all hearts present, and after prayer, Rev. Riggs led the congregation in singing "What a Day That Will Be." He turned the service over to the Moderator who announced Final Adjournment and lunch.

Registration was as follows:

- 15 Ministers
- 15 Deacons
- 23 Delegates
- 24 Visitors

The total of those registered is considerable less than the actual number in attendance.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the Church Letters from Cordova, Northport, Harmony, Fayette, Sulphur Springs, Townley, Eldridge, Jasper, Russellville, Florence, South Highland, and Pleasant Grove and find them in order with fees enclosed. (No letters from Dooertown or Victory Churches) Clerk's Note — Dooertown Letter and fee were received later.

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

We received a request from the Green River Assoc. of FWB in Kentucky that Bro. Terry Tuley, a former member of this Progressive Assoc., be granted a letter of good standing to the Green River Assoc. Bro. Tuley is now pastoring the First Free Will Baptist Church of Owensboro, KY. We recommend that this request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,
Ricky Cash
Travis Ray Carter
Charles Davis
Jerry White
E. Dwight Fletcher

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Upon the request of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence, we have examined Bro. Terry Hamilton and find him sound in faith and Character and recommend that he be licensed for 1 year to preach the Gospel.

Ricky Cash
Travis Ray Carter
Charles Davis
E. Dwight Fletcher

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Postlewaite
John Warren
Harvey Welborn

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to commend the South Highland Church for the wonderful way they entertained the Annual Meeting of the Progressive association. The food was certainly plentiful and delicious.

We commend Bro. Lewis for his faithfulness in obtaining the speakers. We regret that Bro. Trymon Messer could not be present except on Friday evening, and appreciate the messages by Bro. Tom Malone, Bro. Messer, and Bro. Raymond Riggs. We're thankful for the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the preaching and singing.

Respectfully submitted,
Reba Ritter
Dorothy Kimbrough
Merinda White

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Sulphur Springs	Bro. Handley Lunceford Sis. Jessie Lunceford Bro. Abner Dyer Bro. Marshall Jones Bro. Bill Ward
Northport	Mrs. Arlee Carter Mr. John Diehl
Pleasant Grove	Sis. Edna Alexander Sis. Elzadie Morris
Jasper	James Garrison Rev. A.J. Lambert, a dear Pioneer Minister, a dedicated Servant of God
Russellville	Milo Smith (Graysville Free Will Baptist) Bro. W.H. Ryland, former member of the Progressive Association; a dedicated Servant of God, and former Superintendent of the Children's Home.

We, the Obituary Committee would like to recommend that the Body stand for a special prayer in memory of these, who have gone to be with the Lord. We ask that Bro. Robert Crawford lead us in this prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Geneva Martin
Linda Lawler
Lorene Ryland

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

The Board of Christian Education met August 28, 1982 at the North Port Free Will Baptist Church. Edwin Kimbrough was elected Chairman of the Board.

Bro. Eugene Hales was elected at this annual meeting to serve for five years. Other members of this Board are Bro. Carlton Lambert, Bro. Charles Hollingshead and Bro. Rick Cash. At the February 1983 Quarterly Meeting, Edwin Kimbrough was given the responsibility to direct the District Competition Rally to be held at the Russellville First Free Will Baptist Church. Below is a listing of our expenditures for the Rally.

Balance from 1982	\$ 47.53	Fees	(Income)
Fees (collected)	200.00	Pleasant Grove	\$ 20.00
Balance	\$247.53	Cordova	90.00
Fees to State Rally	160.00	Muscle Shoals	10.00
Balance	\$ 87.53	Harmony	35.00
		Russellville	45.00
			\$200.00
Awards & Supplies ...	\$123.68		
(1982) Credit	59.07		
Bal. paid by Assoc. ...	\$ 64.61		
(New Balance)	\$ 87.53		

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Term</u>
Moderator	Rev. Eugene Hales	1 Year
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Lamar Cox	1 Year
Clerk	Rev. George E. Ritter	1 Year
Assistant Clerk	Rev. E. Dwight Fletcher	1 Year
Treasurer	Bro. Charles Davis	1 Year
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. Hoover Lewis	1 Year
Executive Committee	Rev. Dickie Dees	3 Years
Board of Christian Ed.	Rev. Hoover Lewis	5 Years
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Credentials Committee	Rev. Jerry White	5 Years
Youth Camp Committee	Rev. Ricky Cash	1 Year
Youth Camp Committee	Rev. Dickie Dees	1 Year
Youth Camp Committee	Rev. Eugene Hales	1 Year

Respectfully submitted,
Travis Ray Carter
Jerry R. White
Carlton Lambert

TREASURER'S REPORT 1982-83 PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

BALANCE August 27, 1982	474.08
RECEIPTS:	
August 1982 Annual Associational Dues	1,020.50
Quarterly Conference Dues	820.50
Printing of Minutes: Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
	<u>1,851.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS BALANCE	2,325.08
EXPENDITURES:	
Bro. George Ritter, Clerk	200.00
Bro. Hoover Lewis, Moderator	100.00
Supplies, Phone Calls, etc.	37.47
Alabama State Association Dues	280.00
Alabama Printers & Office Supplies:	
Printing of Minutes	246.10
Pastors & Workers Conference	200.00
Duggers Florist: Flowers for Bro. A.J. Lambert	28.09
Free Will Baptist Bible College	100.00
Randall House Publishers:	
C.T.S. Competition materials	64.61
	<u>1,256.27</u>
ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 25, 1983	1,068.81

CHARLES DAVIS, TREASURER

CAMP PROYUKA REPORT 1983

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Balance Brought Forward - Junior Camp		\$2242.85	
Teen Camp		119.21	
Received from 1983 Camp sessions			
Teen Week	\$1242.00		
45 campers @ \$25.			
5 campers @ 20.			
1 camper @ 12.			
1 camper @ 5.			
2 non paying campers			
Junior Week	\$2830.00		
120 campers @ \$25.			
1 camper @ 15.			
1 camper @ 10.			
1 camper @ 5.			
5 non paying campers			
Return on Canteen	1044.78		
Refund on Supplies	<u>57.50</u>		
Total Income	\$5174.28	<u>\$5174.28</u>	
Total To Account For		\$7536.34	

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Pepsi Cola Company	523.00	
North West AL. Youth Camp-rent 2 wks.	400.00	
Rodney Outlaw - Teen Camp Evangelist	250.00	
David Cox - Junior Camp Evangelist	225.00	
Tom's - Canteen supplies	281.40	
Mutual Security Life Ins. - camper ins.	341.70	
Harbin's Bakery - bread and rolls	64.16	
Sysco Foods - groceries and supplies	1844.13	
George Ritter - telephone calls	18.50	
Dixie Food Store - groceries	73.54	
Rick Cash - Second Coming film	101.25	
George Ritter - groceries and supplies	47.51	
Rick Cash - recreation and first aid	31.41	
Piggly Wiggly - groceries and supplies	171.39	
Select Service and Supply - 72" Pushball Bladder	120.50	
Western Auto - recreation equipment	26.84	
Sav-More Foods - groceries	4.18	
Rebecca Pugh - craft supplies	15.00	
Wal-Mart - cleaning and paper supplies	25.46	
Odgen-Shirley Drugs - first aid	7.29	
Winfield Florist - flowers	20.00	
Office Supply Mart - Certificates, etc.	5.34	
Camp Preparation	<u>38.40</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$4636.20	<u>\$4636.20</u>

Balance Brought Forward August 26, 1983 \$2900.14

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY:

Teen Camp	
Total campers including workers	71
54 campers	
17 workers	
Total decisions	34
3 saved	
31 other decisions	
Junior Camp	
Total campers including workers	138
120 campers	
18 workers	
Total decisions	62
14 saved	
36 rededications	
12 other decisions	

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Hales, Treasurer
Junior Camp Director
Rick Cash
Teen Camp Director
Gwyn Pugh

MARCH 5, 1983 RUSSELLVILLE, AL
PROGRESSIVE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
THEME: GIVE YOURSELF AWAY

The meeting was called to order by our President, Mrs. Patricia Wheat. The opening prayer was led by Bro. Kimbrough. Mrs. Jill Tuley led us in the song "My Saviours Love." The welcome was given by Mrs. Elree Randolph. Laura Hollingshead of Northport gave the response.

Mrs. Barbara Fletcher using our theme, Proverbs 23:6, and other scripture gave a very challenging devotion to first to give our hearts to God, to spend time with Him in prayer and in the word.

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

Cordova: Lovelle Short, Lorene Ryland, Evie Kemp

Fayette: Patricia Wheat, Sally Cash, Lydia Kelley

Jasper: by letter

Northport: Barbara Fletcher, Rebecca Laderwood, Hazel Wheat

Russellville: Doris Kimbrough, Jo Proctor, Rebecca Pugh,
Dorothy Kimbrough

Sulphur Springs: letter

Townley: letter

Pleasant Grove: Reba Ritter, Geneva Martin, Martha Hill

Minutes were read and approved as read. Treasurers report was given and accepted. Committees were appointed. (See Reports)

Special singing "More Than You'll Ever Know" was rendered by Jill Tuley from Fayette.

Bro. Pugh brought the morning message due to a mix up in directions for Mickey Kirkland. He used 2 Kings 4:8-17 as his text. He pointed out that we need to make time for God, have spiritual preceptions, and pure motives. After doing these things we would be in a position to receive God's blessings. Bro. Jerry White dismissed us in prayer for lunch.

After a bountiful lunch we began with prayer led by Bro. Ritter. Special music by Mickey and Cathy Kirkland - "Now I Have Everything."

Cathy reported on progress of the work in Montgomery. Bro. Mickey Kirkland brought a message on Love using Ephesians 5:28 and other scriptures encouraging us to win others to Christ.

Offering was taken for Bro. Kirkland.

Report of Committees.

APPRECIATION

We would like to express our appreciation for your hospitality and fine dinner. We realize the work that is involved in hosting these meetings and greatly appreciate each one who has a part. May God bless you and your church for all your efforts.

Respectfully submitted

Jill Tuley

Hazel Wheat

Lorene Ryland

M/S/C to accept report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the finance committee have examined the Treasurers records and find them in order.

Laura Hollingshead, Chr.

Lovelle Short, Dorothy Kimbrough

M/S/C to accept report.

REGISTRATION

We the registration committee wish to submit the following report. Officers 5, delegates 16, visitors 21, ministers 4. A total of 46. The registration Committee

Lydia Kelley, Evie Kemp

M/S/C to receive report as read.

RESOLUTION

We the resolution committee recommend that (1) Each auxiliary be sent a program of the quarterly meeting a month in advance of date. (2) To take the money left over, and add to, if need be buy some equipment for the Youth Camp, such as Kitchen Aid Mixer or food processor. (3) The District Auxiliary officers meet together once in the year with the President calling the meeting. (4) Each auxiliary send the names of their members to the President for her future use. Listing the ones who would be willing to take part in the program. The secretary notifying each auxiliary of the same. (5) We resolve that the Progressive District recommend to the State that the State Project be voted on at said meeting and an announced goal be set for each district in order that we may work a known project.

Respectfully submitted

Doris Kimbrough,

Theo Kuykendall, Geneva Martin

M/S/C to vote on each item.

All items passed.

Nominations from floor to appoint Rebecca Pugh, and Geneva Martin as a committee to purchase equipment for Youth Camp. M/S/C.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President: Patricia Wheat, Fayette, AL

Vice President: Barbara Fletcher, No. 19 Vestavia Hills,
Northport, AL 35476

Secretary/Treasurer: Etta Jane White, 504 Green Ave.,
Cordova, AL 35550

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Hazel Wheat, Rt. 3, Box 64,
Northport, AL 35476

Field Worker: Rebecca Pugh, Rt. 1, Russellville, AL 35653

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Hill, Sally Cash

Rebecca Pugh, Barbara Fletcher

Jo Proctor, Etta Jane White

M/S/C to elect slate of officers.

Delegates to state were appointed - Laura Hollingshead to appoint others at state. M/S/C.

Secretary instructed to send letter to CTS Board to change competition date as this conflicts with State Auxiliary meeting. M/S/C.

Installation of officers was by Reba Ritter using the program written by Mrs. Miley. Prayer of dedication was by Mrs. Ritter.

Door prize was given to Cordova. Lovelle Short dismissed in prayer.

Progressive Association Quarterly Conference
November 20, 1982
Harmony Free Will Baptist Church
Leighton, Alabama

The Progressive Association Quarterly Conference opened with Bro. Gwyn Pugh leading the congregation in singing "Rock of Ages." Musicians were Sis. Joyce Willis and Sis. Betty Jeffreys. Rev. Eugene Hales offered prayer, and "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood" was sung.

The welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Wayne Wilson, and the response was given by Rev. Eugene Hales.

The meeting was called to order by the clerk, and the Moderator took charge. Roll call of delegates was made, delegates were seated, visitors were recognized, and the following committees were appointed:

Resolutions: Harvey Welborn, John Lowery, Eugene Hales

Appreciation: Avelene Davis, Geneva Martin, Melissa Hallman

Congregational song, "Is Thy Heart Right With God?" was followed by a very good message By Rev. E.B. Ledlow, who spoke on the subject "Christian Liberty versus Law," using Galatians 5:1, 13 for the Scripture reading.

After a brief intermission, service resumed with singing "The Cleansing Wave," and then Sis. Joyce Willis sang "God's Family," accompanied by Sis. Vada Landers. The message by Rev. Ricky Cash, "The great leaders of a great church," from Acts 6:1-7 was a good, challenging message to all.

After a delicious meal served by the host church, the afternoon session began with the song, "Will Your Anchor Hold?" Brother Sam Postlewaite gave an excellent devotion from I Cor. 6:19, 20, "Bought with a price."

Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Fletcher then sang "He Loves Me" and were a blessing through their singing.

Business resumed, and since the Resolutions Committee had no report to give, they were discharged by motion, second, and vote of the body.

The Appreciations Committee report was as follows:

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the host church for the warm welcome and delicious meal, for the special floral arrangements and decorations in the dining area.

A special thanks to the committee for selecting the ministers, and for the Holy Spirit directing them in the Word of God.

May we continue to live our appreciation by helping our association to continue to be one of the most progressive in our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,
Avalene Davis, Geneva Martin,
Melissa Hallman

M/S/C to receive report

The following report was given by the Credentials Committee:

We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the letters and find them in order. Victory Church did not represent or send a letter.

We recommend Charles Fowler of Fayette Church be given a letter of good standing as he is affiliated with Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in the Jasper Association.

We recommend Rev. E. Dwight Fletcher be accepted into our association as he is pastor of Northport Church, upon receiving letter from the Mississippi Association.

M/S/C to receive report and adopt items.

M/S/C to give \$200.00 to the support of the Alabama Pastors and Workers Conference to be held February 7, 8, and 9 at First Church, Dothan.

M/S/C to adjourn.

There was a good attendance, but only 44 registered. Among these, there were 9 Ministers, 8 Deacons, 21 Delegates, and 6 Visitors.

Churches represented by delegation and/or letter were: Cordova, Dovertown, Eldridge, Fayette, Florence, Harmony, Jasper, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Russellville, South Highland, Sulphur Springs, and Townley.

Progressive Association Quarterly Conference

February 19, 1983

Jasper Free Will Baptist Church

Jasper, Alabama

The Progressive Association Quarterly Conference opened with singing directed by Bro. Sam Postlewaite. The welcome was given by Host Pastor, Bro. Eugene Hales, and the response was by Bro. Jerry White. Bro. Charles Hollingshead and Bro. Gwyn Pugh were placed on the Credentials Committee for this session.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, and the Moderator took charge. Roll call of delegates was made, delegates were seated, visitors recognized, and the following committees were appointed:

Resolutions: Lamar Cox, Chmn., Guy Grissom, Dwight Fletcher

Appreciation: Genell Gann, Martha Hill, Laura Hollingshead.

A quartet composed of Sam Postlewaite, Bro. Ledlow, Bro. & Sis. Ritter, sang "Redeemed," accompanied by Sis. Ledlow.

Bro. Elzie Gilliam, pastor of Sulphur Springs Church brought a good, challenging message from I Timothy 4:12. He admonished us to "be an example, and stay with the Book."

After a brief intermission, service resumed with a congregational song led by Bro. Sam Postlewaite. A trio from the Jasper Church, Bro. Sam Postlewaite, Lisa Haynes, and Dana Hood, sang "Up Calv'ry's Way."

Rev. Dwight Fletcher gave a brief talk on the work of Master's Men, and then brought a stirring message from Matthew 5:14-16.

Following a delicious lunch served by the Host Church, the afternoon session began with a song directed by Bro. Ledlow. Bro. Richard Davis, pastor of the Dovertown Church gave an excellent devotion on the subject of "Be up and doing" from I Chronicles 22:16.

Business resumed and the following reports were given:

Appreciation: We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our appreciation to the Host Church for their warm hospitality and the wonderful meal provided. We appreciate the spiritual blessings given by our speakers. M/S/C

Respectfully submitted,
Genell Gann
Martha Hill
Laura Hollingshead

Resolutions: Whereas the Alabama State Association has adopted a Cooperative plan of supporting the Lord's work; and Whereas every church should be involved in supporting the Lord's work systematically; Be it resolved that our churches which do not have a system of support already in operation, consider becoming involved in the Alabama Cooperative system of giving. M/S/C

Respectfully submitted,
Lamar Cox, Guy Grissom, Dwight Fletcher

Credentials Committee: We, your Credentials Committee, wish to make the following recommendations:

1. We have examined the letters and recommend that they be received and the delegates seated.
2. We recommend that the following be approved for extension of their license for one year: Alan Fretwell, John Freeman.
3. We recommend that a letter be sent to East Alabama Association to commend Brother E. B. Ledlow to them.
4. We recommend that Brother Richard Davis be given a card of good standing as an ordained minister in our Association.
5. We recommend that Brother Elzie Gilliam be received into our Association and given a card of good standing.
6. We recommend that Mark Riggs be licensed for one year.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Cash
Jerry White
Gwyn Pugh
Charles Hollingshead

M/S/C to receive report and adopt items.

The following were elected to fill vacancies caused by members going to other Associations and the passing of Rev. A.J. Lambert:

Credentials Committee: Rev. E. Dwight Fletcher

Assistant Clerk: Rev. Charles Hollingshead

Executive Committee (3 years): Rev. Carlton Lambert

Executive Committee (2 years): Rev. Elzie Gilliam

At this Conference registration was as follows: Ministers, 16; Deacons, 10; Delegates, 25; Visitors, 24.

Churches represented by delegation and/or letter were: Cordova, Dovertown, Eldridge, Fayette, Florence, Harmony, Jasper, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Russellville, South Highland, Sulphur Springs, Townley, and Victory.

Meeting was adjourned. Next Quarterly Conference to be at Cordova May 21.

Progressive Association Quarterly Conference

May 21, 1983

Cordova Free Will Baptist Church

Cordova, Alabama

The Progressive Association Quarterly Conference opened with congregational songs and prayer by Rev. LaMar Cox. The welcome was given by Bro. Joe Sularin, and the response was by Rev. Eugene Hales.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, and the Moderator took charge. Roll call of Delegates was made, and Delegates were seated. It was announced that Committees would be appointed following the first sermon. Rev. Dickie Dees, Youth Pastor at Fayette FWB, was recognized as a Visitor, and Rev. Freddie Beem brought an excellent message on "5 ways to look at the life of Moses." 1. A godly man. 2. A serving man. 3. A praying man. 4. A human man. 5. A rejected man.

Following a brief intermission, the following Committees were appointed:

Resolutions: Chmn. LaMar Cox, Charles Hollingshead,
Guy Grissom

Appreciation: Chmn. Mrs. Hoover Lewis, Reba Ritter,
Martha Hill

The 11:00 O'Clock service opened with congregational singing, "Trust and Obey, and At The Cross." Testimonies were given by FWBBC Students Stephen Hales and Randy Frazier. Rev. Wayne brought a stirring, challenging message from II Cor 4:1, 8-18 on the subject, "Encouragement Needed Now!"

After a delicious lunch served by the host Church, the congregation sang, "When We All Get To Heaven," and Mirenda White sang "I'm The One." Bro. John Freeman Gave a devotion using Heb. 12:1, and closing with I Cor. 15:58.

Business resumed and the following reports were given:

Appreciation: We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the Host Church for their heartfelt hospitality; for the delicious meal served during the noon hour, and for the inspiring messages brought to us by the speakers. We recommend a rising vote of thanks for the Host Church. M/S/C.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Hoover Lewis
Mrs. George Ritter
Mrs. Martha Hill

Resolutions: Whereas Mrs. Travis Ray Carter has recently gone to be with the Lord, and Whereas the family requested that no flowers be sent, but that memorial gifts be made to Free Will Baptist Bible College, and Whereas approximately \$2,000.00 has already been given, Therefore be it resolved that any Church or individual wishing to do so make a gift to the Bible College in her memory. M/S/C.

Respectfully submitted,
Lamar Cox, Chairman
Charles Hollingshead
Guy Grissom

Credentials: The Credentials Committee has examined the letters of the Churches and find them in order.

We have examined Norman McFalls of the Florence Church and recommend he be ordained to preach since he is pastoring a church in Dalton, Georgia. We recommend that he be ordained at the Florence Church.

Florence Church requested Bro. Terry Hamilton be licensed to preach. We recommend the Clerk send him a questionnaire to be filled out and he, Bro. Hamilton, come to the next session for examination by the Credentials Committee.

Russellville Church requested Joey Brown's license be extended to preach for one more year. We recommend this.

Fayette Church requests that Bro. Dickie Dees be accepted in good standing and a Minister's Card be issued.

There being no other order of business, we recommend our report be adopted.

For the Credentials Committee
Bro. Travis Ray Carter

M/S/C, all items be adopted as recommended.

Dates for Progressive Association Youth Camps were announced as follows: Teen Week July 11 through 15. Junior Week August 1 through 5.

M/S/C to send \$100.00 to the Arlee Carter Memorial Fund at FWBBC from the Progressive Association Treasury.

Missionary Jimmy Aldridge, who has been suffering from Malaria was remembered in special prayer.

Final Adjournment.

There were 17 Ministers, 8 Deacons, 26 Delegates, and 10 Visitors who registered. The following Churches were represented by letter and/or Delegation: Cordova, Dovertown, Eldridge, Fayette, Florence, Harmony, Jasper, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Russellville, South Highland, Sulphur Springs, and Townley.

A letter of recommendation was sent to the Vernon Association for Rev. Harold A. Pitts, who is now pastoring in that association. This was done by order of the Progressive Association Executive Committee.

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.

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