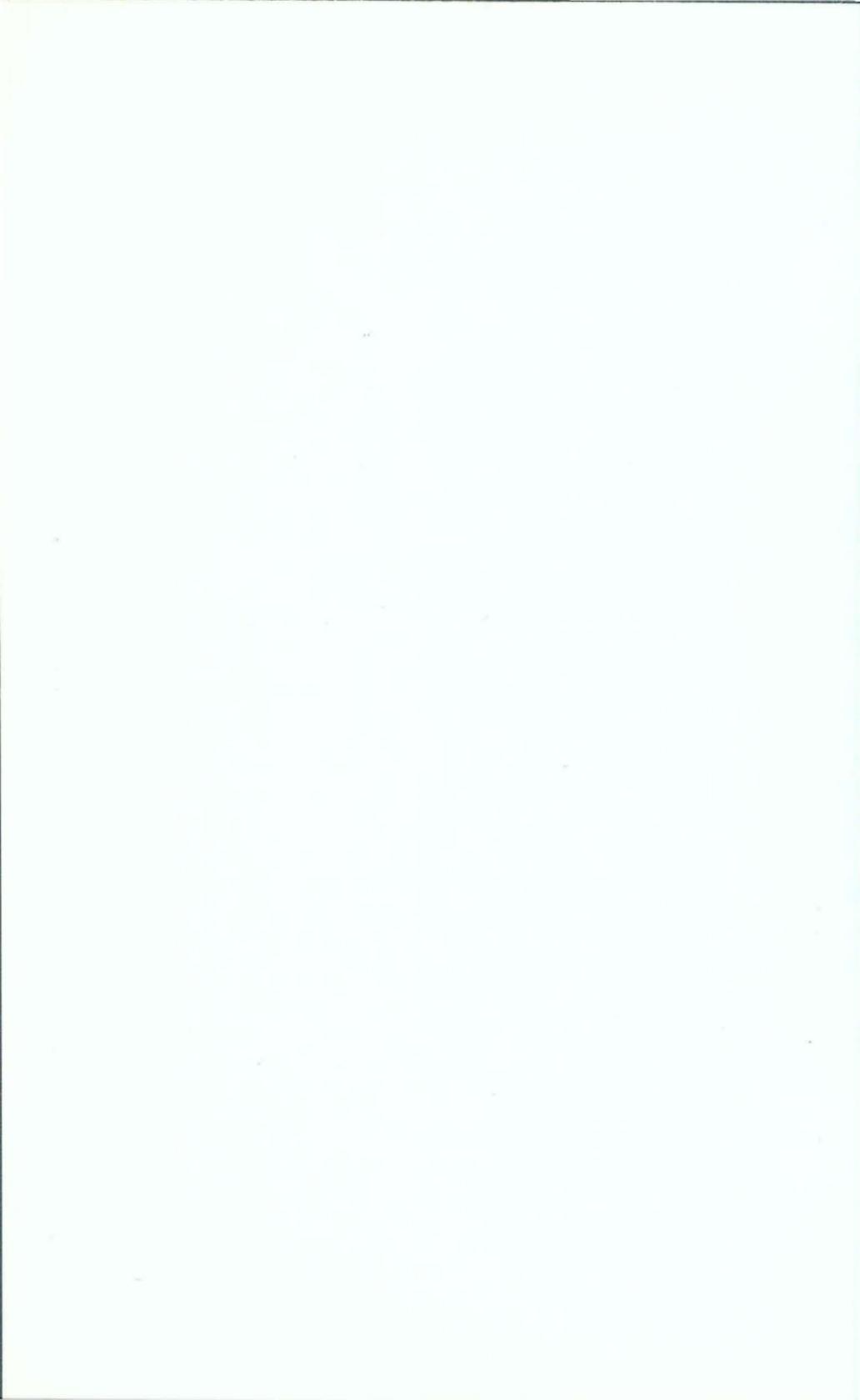


**MINUTES  
OF THE  
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA**

**53rd ANNUAL SESSION**

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

**1985 SESSION  
CORDOVA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
CORDOVA, ALABAMA  
August 23, 24, 1985**



### OFFICERS FOR 1984-85

- Moderator ..... Rev. Eugene Hales  
501 E. 22nd St., Jasper, AL 35501
- Asst. Moderator ..... Rev. Lamar Cox  
Drawer F, Townley, AL 35587
- Clerk ..... Rev. George E. Ritter  
Rt. 2, Box 183A, Leighton, AL 35646
- Asst. Clerk ..... Rev. Carlton Lambert  
P.O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554
- Treasurer ..... Bro. Charles Davis  
900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661
- Asst. Treasurer ..... Mrs. Hoover Lewis  
108 W. Pasadena, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Rev. Jerry White ..... Three Year Term  
504 Green Ave., Cordova, AL 35550
- Bro. Travis Ray Carter ..... Two Year Term  
Forest Manor, Northport, AL 35476
- Rev. Carlton Lambert ..... One Year Term  
P.O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dr. Gwyn Pugh .....	5 Year Term
Rev. Jerry White .....	4 Year Term
Bro. Charles Davis .....	3 Year Term
Rev. Hoover Lewis .....	2 Year Term
Bro. Travis Ray Carter .....	1 Year Term

## NORTHWEST ALABAMA YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Rev. Eugene Hales .....	3 Year Term
Rev. Danny Thompson .....	2 Year Term
Rev. George E. Ritter .....	1 Year Term

## PROGRESSIVE YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

Rev. Ricky Cash .....	1 Year Term
Rev. Danny Thompson .....	1 Year Term
Rev. Eugene Hales .....	1 Year Term

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## SULPHUR SPRINGS

No Pastor

## TOWNLEY

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### DOVERTOWN

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### ELDRIDGE

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## FAYETTE

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## FLORENCE

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## TOWNLEY

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## VICTORY

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

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Ivory Coast, West Africa

Arlis Barksdale

Rt. 6, Box 197, Northport, AL 35476

Freddy Beem

Russellville, AL 35653

Lee Estill

Rt. 1, Cordova, AL 35550

Charlie Harbinson

Rt. 1, Cordova, AL 35550

Charlie Higginbotham

Rt. 1, Cordova, AL 35550

Johnnie Pace

Rt. 5, Russellville, AL 35653

Roger Raper

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Frank Owens  
Charles Floyd  
Burlon Jones

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Benny Lindsey

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Wesley Carter, Rt. 1, Cordova  
Clyde Pittman, 111 Cliff St., Cordova  
Jerry Duncan, Jasper  
Jerry Herron, Cordova  
George Kelley, Cordova

DOVERTOWN  
Lottie Foster, Rt. 1 Cordova  
Jim Gilbert  
Gerald Hallman

ELDRIDGE  
None

FAYETTE  
Billy Ham, Rt. 3, Fayette  
I.J. Britnell, Rt. 4, Fayette  
Reedus Wheat, Rt. 6, Fayette

FLORENCE  
Ronnie Pitts  
Don Bureson  
James Melton  
James Dorroh  
Buddy L. Armstrong  
George Capps  
Glenn Lard  
Sam Hudson

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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

## JASPER

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Bobby Sargent, Rt. 9, Box 476, Jasper  
Clyde Hood, Rt. 2, Box 218, Jasper  
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Leon O'Rear, 1002 Valley Rd., Jasper  
Johnny Wilson, Rt. 8, Box 319-G, Jasper

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X.L. Truhett, 36 Biscayne Hills, Northport  
Sebrom Kuykendall, 4C Country Club Hills, Tuscaloosa  
James E. Reese, 2512 16th Avenue, Northport

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Carl W. O'Donnell, 123 6th St., Pleasant Grove  
William L. Martin, Rt. 3, Box 243, Adamsville  
William C. Bobo, 1322 Woodward Rd., Midfield, Birmingham

## RUSSELLVILLE

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

## SOUTH HIGHLAND

Harvey Welborn, 102 W. Michigan, Muscle Shoals  
Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals  
Tommy Bee, 1307 Edison, Muscle Shoals

## SULPHUR SPRINGS

Lee Scrivner, Rt. 1 Berry

## TOWNLEY

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

## VICTORY

Not Listed

## CREENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the Church letters from Northport, Russellville, Dovertown, South Highland, Pleasant Grove, Eldridge, Townley, Sulphur Springs, Bethel, Fayette, Jasper, Cordova, and Harmony and find them in order with fees enclosed. (There were no letters from Victory and Florence) Clerk's note: The letters from the Victory and Florence Churches were received after the Annual Meeting and the fees from these Churches were turned over to the Association Treasurer.

2. We recommend that the Deacons and Ministers be given Cards of Good Standing as requested by the Churches.

3. We received a request from Bro. E. Dwight Fletcher for a letter of good standing to be sent to South Mississippi Assoc. of FWB., request from Piney Grove FWB Church for letter of good standing for Bro. Dickie Dees. We recommend that these requests be granted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Cash, Travis Ray Carter,  
Charles Davis, Jerry White

**53rd ANNUAL MEETING  
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
OF ALABAMA**

**FRIDAY MORNING:**

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Progressive Association convened at the Northport First Free Will Baptist Church, Northport, Alabama on August 24, 1984. The service was opened with congregational songs, "Ye Must Be Born Again" and "Heavenly Sunlight", led by Rev. Carlton Lambert. Following the first song, Rev. Harold A. Pitts led in prayer.

The welcome was given by Rev. Charles Hollingshead, who read I Peter 4:8-10. The response was given by Bro. Joe Sularin, from the Cordova Church.

The Moderator's Remarks were based on Proverbs 27:23, and dealt with the thoughts in that Scripture on diligence, knowing, considering the "state of thy flock", and closed with the admonition, "look well to thy herds."

The Association clerk called the meeting to order, and the roll-call of Delegates was made and the Delegates were seated. Visitors were recognized as follows: Rev. and Mrs. Harold A. Pitts and Rev. Rick Bowling, Missionary to Uruguay. Rev. Pitts made a brief response. The following committees were then appointed:

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| Appreciation Committee ..... | Mrs. Merle Dyer, Chairman  |
| Obituary Committee .....     | Rev. Carlton Lambert, Chairman<br>Mrs. Elree Randolph<br>Mrs. Eva Hamm       |
| Temperance Committee .....   | Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Chairman<br>Bro. Reedus Wheat<br>Rev. John Warren |
| Auditing Committee .....     | Rev. Danny Thompson, Chairman<br>Mrs. Betty Jeffreys<br>Samuel Key           |
| Resolutions Committee .....  | Bro. Guy Grissom, Chairman<br>Rev. Jerry White<br>Rev. Jimmy Aldridge        |
| Nominating Committee .....   | Rev. Ricky Cash, Chairman<br>Bro. Hillard Jeffreys<br>Dr. Gwyn Pugh          |

Following a brief intermission congregational songs "O How I Love Jesus" and "My Jesus, I Love Thee" were sung and then Rev. Carlton Lambert sang "Near To The Heart Of God".

Rev. Eugene Hales, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Jasper, and Moderator of the Progressive Association gave testimony of his salvation experience and calling to the Gospel Ministry before reading Exodus 18:1-27 which he used to preach a challenging message to the servants of God.

During the noon hour a delicious meal was served by the Host Church, and good fellowship was enjoyed by all present.

The afternoon session began at 1:00 P.M. with congregational singing and a Devotion was given by Bro. Travis Ray Carter from Romans 12:9-21. Bro. Carter reminded us that love for God, love for Country, and love for our fellow man should be identifying marks of Christians, and that

love is a commodity that "The more you give away, the more you have".

Missionary Rev. Rick Bowling gave a report on the work in Uruguay and announced that their planned departure date for the Mission Field is January, 1985.

Business was resumed and the following reports were given:

Youth Camp reports were given by Directors Rev. Eugene Hales and Rev. Ricky Cash.

They announced that \$500.00 was to be given to Jimmy and Janie Aldridge and \$500.00 was to be given to the Camp Board to apply on the cost of the new building there. M/S/C to receive report.

The Children's Home report was given orally by Home Superintendent Rev. Carlton Lambert. They had 24 young people there during the year, including FWBBC student Hellen Welch. Six of that number had left the Home since school was out. M/S/C to receive report.

The District Woman's Auxiliary report was read by Mrs. Reba Ritter. After some corrections and additions were made the report was received by motion, second, and vote.

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

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

Missionary Rev. Jimmy Aldridge gave a report on the work in Ivory Coast and shared the blessings of revival among the people there.

Appreciation Committee report was given by Mrs. Merle Dyer. M/S/C to receive report.

The Moderator then shared information on the National Benevolent Fund and Roll-Call Sunday.

Session adjourned until evening service.

#### FRIDAY EVENING

The evening service opened with congregational songs "Tell Me The Story of Jesus" and "Breathe On Me". Mrs. Betty Jeffreys sang a solo number before the message. Rev. George E. Ritter, Association Clerk preached from Romans 2:28, 29 on the subject of "Heartfelt Religion".

#### SATURDAY MORNING

The session opened with congregational singing and prayer by Bro. Samuel Key. Bro. Reedus Wheat gave an excellent devotion from Ephesians 6:11-17. The Moderator then called a 10 minute recess to allow the Committees to meet and complete their work. After the recess business was resumed and the following reports were given:

Obituary Report by Rev. Carlton Lambert. M/S/C to receive report.

Temperance Report was given by Rev. Charles Hollingshead. M/S/C to receive report.

Auditing report was given by Rev. Danny Thompson. M/S/C to receive report.

Resolutions committee report was given by Bro. Guy Grissom. M/S/C to receive report and act on it item by item. All items were approved by vote of the Body.

Credentials Committee report was given by Rev. Jerry White. M/S/C to receive report and act on it item by item. All items were approved by vote of the Body.

Nominating Committee report was given by Rev. Ricky Cash. M/S/C to receive report.

The following were elected:

Moderator .....	Rev. Eugene Hales
Asst. Moderator .....	Rev. Lamar Cox
Clerk .....	Rev. George E. Ritter
Asst. Clerk .....	Rev. Carlton Lambert
Treasurer .....	Bro. Charles Davis
Asst. Treasurer .....	Mrs. Hoover Lewis
Executive Committee for unexpired term .....	
	Bro. Travis Ray Carter, 2 years
Executive Committee .....	Rev. Jerry White, 3 years
Board of Christian Education ..	Rev. Charles Hollingshead, 5 years
N.W. Alabama Youth Camp Board	
To fill unexpired term .....	Rev. Danny Thompson, 2 years
	Rev. Eugene Hales, 3 years

Credentials Committee, unexpired term.	Rev. Hoover Lewis, 2 years
	Dr. Gwyn Pugh, 5 years
Progressive Youth Camp Committee .....	Rev. Ricky Cash, 1 year
	Rev. Danny Thompson, 1 year
	Rev. Eugene Hales, 1 year

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

November 17, 1984-Sulphur Springs FWB Church, Tuscaloosa County, AL

February 16, 1985-Townley FWB Church, Townley, AL

May 13, 1985-Harmony FWB Church, County Line Road, Leighton, AL

August 23 & 24, 1985-Cordova FWB Church, Cordova, AL

The 11:00 O'clock service opened with the song, "Face to Face" and prayer by Rev. Danny Thompson. Congregational song, "What a Friend" was sung and then Rev. Carlton Lambert sang "How Great Thou Art". Bro. Samuel Key offered prayer and an offering was received. Red. Lamar Cox, Assistant Moderator preached a challenging sermon on "Stepping Out", using Matthew 14:22-23. He pointed out the following things which happen when people step out on faith:

1. They will experience something special.
2. They open themselves to criticism.
3. They will have their faith tried.
4. They will have opportunity for failure or success.
5. God will use those who step out.

The State Association Meeting was announced. It will convene at Eastside FWB Church, Dothan, AL November 8-10. Our Moderator will appoint Delegates there.

Final Adjournment was made and another delicious meal was served by the Host Church.

Registration was as follows:

Ministers, 13

Deacons, 9

Delegates, 18

Visitors, 34

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

## AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee have examined the financial records of the Progressive Association and find them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Samuel Key  
Betty Jeffreys

## APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank the Northport Church for the gracious way in which they have entertained the Progressive Association. The hospitality and the food were great.

We would love to commend Bro. Eugene Hales and Bro. Ritter for their work. Most of all the sweet fellowship one with the other and the Holy Spirit.

Respectfully submitted,  
Merle Dyer

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Since we are admonished in the Scriptures to be temperate in all things, we should take heed to the Word. Most of our people who are involved in our Church activities have little difficulty with alcohol, but many of our Church people do have problems with over eating and with prescription drugs, therefore we should take special care in these areas.

We also would like to encourage our people to support the various drug awareness programs of their communities.

Special emphasis should also be placed on Biblical moral values relative to entertainment and literature.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles O. Hollingshead, Chairman  
Reedus Wheat, John Warren

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Resolutions Committee recommend that the Progressive Association give:

1. \$200.00 to the Benevolent Fund of the National Association.
2. \$100.00 to the Montgomery Land Fund.
3. \$300.00 to the Pastors' and Workers' Conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Guy Grissom, Chairman  
Jimmy Aldridge  
Jerry R. White

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, report the following decease members:

Sulphur Springs .....	Mrs. Margaret Moss Mrs. Zora Essary Mrs. Reppie Essary Mrs. Reppie Scrivner Mrs. Molly Milligan Mrs. Mildred Jones
Cordova .....	Mr. Grady Robinson Mr. L.M. Honeycutt Mr. Ancil Hill Mr. Martin Mitchell Mrs. Drucilla Hunter Rev. Brack Aaron
Jasper .....	Mr. Trannie Williams Mr. Verner Herron
Fayette .....	Mrs. Annie Bell Kelley
Townley .....	Mr. Eugene Townley Mr. K.D. Edgil
Russellville .....	Mrs. Ida Cummings
Pleasant Grove .....	Mr. Farrell Capps

We, the Obituary Committee, recommend that the Body stand for a special prayer in memory of these who have gone to be with the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Carlton Lambert, Chairman  
Elree Randolph  
Eva Hamm

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

The Board of Christian Education met August 25, 1984 at South Highland Freewill Baptist Church, in Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

Edwin Kimbrough was elected to serve as Chairman, along with the responsibility to direct the The District Competition Rally, with the assistance of Bro. Eugene Hales.

Members of the Board are Bro. Eugene Hales, Bro. Hoover Lewis, Bro. Rick Cash, Bro. Charles Hollingshead and Bro. Edwin Kimbrough.

Below is a listing of expenditures for District Rally.

Balance from 1983 ... \$ 87.53	Fees Paid:
Fees (collected)..... 325.00	Russellville ..... \$115.00
Offering from Qt. Meet. <u>64.32</u>	Muscle Shoals ..... 40.00
Total 476.85	Cordova ..... 110.00
Fees to State Rally .... <u>220.00</u>	Jasper ..... 50.00
Total 256.85	Victory ..... <u>10.00</u>
Awards and Supplies . <u>221.10</u>	325.00
Bal. 35.75	

## 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. Carlton Lambert	1 year
Treasurer	Bro. Charles Davis	1 year
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. Hoover Lewis	1 year
Executive Committee	Rev. Jerry White	3 years
Executive Committee	Bro. Travis R. Carter	2 years
Board of Christian Ed.	Rev. Charles Hollingshead	5 years
N.W. AL Youth Camp Bd.	Rev. Eugene Hales	3 years
N.W. AL Youth Camp Bd.	Rev. Danny Thompson	2 years
Credentials Committee	Dr. Gwyn Pugh	5 years
Credentials Committee	Rev. Hoover Lewis	2 years
Progressive Youth Camp Committee	Rev. Ricky Cash	1 year
	Rev. Danny Thompson	1 year
	Rev. Eugene Hales	1 year

Respectfully submitted,  
 Rev. Ricky Cash, Chairman  
 Bro. Hillard Jeffreys  
 Dr. Gwyn Pugh

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1983-84  
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION**

BALANCE AUGUST 23, 1983 .....1,068.81

RECEIPTS FOR 1983-84:

August 1983 Associational Dues .....	958.50
Quarterly Conference Dues .....	870.00
Printing of Minutes: Woman's Auxiliary .....	10.00
Helen Welch:	
Student-Free Will Baptist Bible College (Car Fund) .....	120.20 .. 1,958.70

3,027.51

EXPENDITURES:

Bro. George Ritter: Clerk .....	200.00
Bro. Hoover Lewis: Moderator .....	25.00
Bro. Eugene Hales: Moderator .....	75.00
Bro. Hoover Lewis: Love Gift .....	50.00
Randall House Publications: Forms .....	14.30
National Home Missions .....	200.00
Cash & Carry Printers: Printing of Minutes .....	246.10
Alabama State Association: Dues .....	280.00
Pastor's & Worker's Conference .....	300.00
George Ritter	
Postage \$25, Phone Calls, Misc. \$16.12 .....	41.12
Alabama State Missions: Digest .....	140.00
Helen Welch Car Fund:	200.00
Graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee	
from the Children's Home .....	1,771.52

ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 23, 1984 ..... 1,255.99

CHARLES DAVIS, TREASURER

## CAMP PROYUKA REPORT 1984

### STATEMENT OF INCOME

Balance Brought Forward .....	\$2900.14
Received from 1984 Camp Sessions	
Teen Week .....	\$1685.00
65 campers @ \$25.	
3 campers @ \$20.	
1 non paying camper	
Junior Week .....	\$3630.00
142 campers @ \$25.	
5 campers @ \$10.	
1 camper @ \$ 5.	
2 campers @ \$12.50	
1 non paying camper	
Return on Canteen .....	\$1426.53
Refund of Supplies .....	63.00
Sale of Recreation Equipment .....	<u>40.00</u>
 Total Income .....	 <u>\$6844.53</u>
 Total To Account For .....	 \$9744.67

### STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

North West Al. Youth Camp-rent 2 weeks .....	400.00	
Pepsi Cola Company .....	763.20	
Tom's Canteen Supplies .....	385.51	
Steve Piggot-Teen Camp Evangelist .....	350.00	
Mutual Security Life-camp insurance .....	356.32	
Harbin Bakery-bread and rolls .....	75.88	
Danny Thompson-Junior Camp Evangelist .....	250.00	
Sysco Foods-groceries and supplies .....	2357.04	
Sav-Mor Foods-groceries .....	94.72	
Piggly Wiggly-groceries and supplies .....	157.13	
Winfield F.W.B Church-paper .....	10.00	
Chapel Film Service-film rental .....	79.00	
Recreation Equipment .....	117.81	
Wal-Mart-paper supplies .....	57.68	
Miscellaneous supplies .....	31.35	
Gas For Camp Vehicles .....	<u>28.50</u>	
 Total Disbursements .....	 \$5514.64	 <u>\$5514.64</u>
 Balance Brought Forward - August 24, 1984 .....	 \$4230.03	 \$4230.03

**MARCH 3, 1984**                      **PLEASANT GROVE, AL.**  
**PROGRESSIVE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**  
**THEME: ASK OF ME**

The meeting was called to order by our President, Mrs. Patricia Wheat. Mrs. Walden led us in prayer.

Mrs. Linda Woodruff of Pleasant Grove gave the welcome address with Mrs. Lovelle Short of Cordova giving the response.

The devotion was given by the Northport Church. They presented a skit entitled "All Flopped." The visiting ministers and visitors were recognized. Roll call and seating of delegates was next on the program. The delegates were as follows:

Pleasant Grove: Linda Woodruff, Katherine Houston, Deliska Pickett

Northport: Sarah Crawford, Theo Kuykendall, Laura Hollingshead, Barbara Fletcher, Wilma Davies

Fayette: Patricia Wheat

Townley:

Cordova:

Russellville: Jo Proctor, Dorothy Kimbrough, Doris Kimbrough, Elree Randolph

Sulphur Springs: Geraldine Strickland, Merle Dyer, Vera Woods

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

Mrs. Kay Thompson of Pleasant Grove sang a special "I Will Go." Due to the health of Jimmy Aldridge; Bro. Rick Bowling brought the morning message from John 7:37-39. Bro. Willis Rawls dismissed the service for lunch.

After a bountiful lunch the service began with the song "He Giveth More Grace" sung by Mrs. Kay Thompson of Pleasant Grove.

Mrs. Lynda Bowling filled the hour with an inspiring message. She is from Alabama and a missionary to Uruguay. She shared with us their calling to the mission field, giving a special prayer request for the needs to be able to leave. Her scripture reference was from Psalms 2:8.

Reports and Committees:

Appreciation:

We would like to express our appreciation to the host church for the warm welcome, good food and good fellowship. We especially enjoyed the fine message from Bro. Bowling.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Davies

Lorene Ryland

Geraldine Strickland

M/S/C

Finance:

We the finance committee have examined the Treasurers records and find them incomplete at present.

Linda Woodruff

Laura Hollingshead

Jo Proctor

M/S/C

Registration:

We the registration committee wish to submit the following: Officers - 2, delegates - 15, visitors - 23, ministers - 2. Total 40.

Deliska Pickett  
Tina Basham  
Carrie Moore

M/S/C

Resolution:

We the resolution committee recommend that: 1. Each auxiliary be sent a program of the annual meeting a month in advance of date. 2. To take the money left over, and add to if need be, to buy some equipment for the Youth Camp, such as kitchen aid mixer or food processor or any other equipment needed. 3. The district auxiliary officers meet together once in the year with the President calling the meeting. 4. Each auxiliary send the names and addresses 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. 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. 6. That each auxiliary encourage all our senators to object to the law permitting abortion. 7. 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 news letter and support this campaign with phone calls and letters.

John Wilderman  
National Federation for Decency  
Tupelo, Mississippi

Respectfully submitted,  
Lovell Short, Chr.  
Dorothy Kimbrough  
Vera Woods

Sulpher Springs of Northport, AL has asked for the 1985 convention. M/S/C to vote on each item. All items carried.

Nominating:

We the nominating committee submit the following as recommendations for the Officers for the following 84-85 year.

President ..... Barbara Fletcher  
Vice-President ..... Laura Hollingshead  
Secretary Treasurer ..... Linda Woodruff  
Assist. Sec.-Treas. .... Kay Thompson  
Field Worker ..... Reba Ritter

Respectfully submitted,  
Katherine Houston  
Elree Randolph  
Theo Kuykendall

M/S/C

State delegates were appointed as follows:

Russellville ..... Doris Kimbrough  
Northport ..... Laura Hollingshead  
Sulpher Springs ..... Geraldine Strickland  
Pleasant Grove ..... Deliska Pickett  
Harmony ..... Rachel Fratwell

Mrs. Merle Dyer had charge of installation of new officers. Prayer of dedication was given by Reba Ritter. Meeting was dismissed by prayer.

Harmony Women's Auxiliary joined the Progressive District at this meeting.

## PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING

November 19, 1983

First Free Will Baptist Church  
Pleasant Grove, Alabama

The Progressive Association Quarterly Conference opened with a congregational song, "At Calvary". Rev. Hoover Lewis led in prayer.

The welcome was given by Bro. Wm. L. Martin, Deacon of the host Church, and the response was given by Bro. Clyde Hood.

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: Rev. Hoover Lewis, Bro. Wm. L. Martin,

Resolutions: Bro. Guy Grissom

Appreciation: Lorene Ryland, Willie Barnes, Etta Jane White

The congregation sang "Faith Is The Victory" and "Send The Light". Mrs. Linda Woodruff sang "He Did It All For Me", accompanied by Mrs. Mary Kearney. Rev. Roger Raper then preached from I Chron. 16:7-36, on Thanksgiving. This was a good message reminding us to Give thanks; Make known His deeds; Remember His marvellous works; Be mindful of His covenant.

Following a brief intermission, the Doxology and "To God Be The Glory" were sung. Rev. Elzie Gilliam then led in prayer and the White Sisters from the Cordova Church sang "Consider The Lilies". Rev. John Freeman then brought a good message from II Timothy 4:1,2 on the charge to preach the Gospel.

After a delicious meal served by the Host Church the meeting reconvened at 12:45 with Bro. C.W. O'Donnell leading "I Remember Calvary". Rev. Eugene Hales led in prayer, and "Draw Me Nearer" was sung. Rev. Terry Hamilton then brought a challenging message from Haggai 1:1-8, 12-15.

Business resumed, and the following committee reports were given:

Credentials: We have examined the letters of the following Churches: 1st FWB, Jasper; Dovertown, 1st FWB, Pleasant Grove; Cordova, 1st FWB, Florence; South Highland; Harmony; Sulphur Springs; 1st FWB, Northport; 1st FWB, Russellville; and Townley. There were no letters from Fayette, Victory, and Eldridge Churches. We recommend that the delegates of the Churches listed above be seated.

Signed:

Jerry White

Charles Davis

E. Dwight Fletcher M/S/C

Resolutions: Upon request of the Children's Home Board for the Progressive Association to give \$200.00 to the Miss Hellen Welch car fund for graduation, since she is the first person from the Children's Home to graduate from Free Will Baptist Bible College we recommend that an offering be received today and one in February toward this amount. If needed and available, the associational Treasurer finish out the \$200.00.

Signed: Rev. Hoover Lewis

Guy Grissom

Wm. L. Martin M/S/C

The offering received for this fund was \$63.00.

Appreciation: We appreciate the good food, beautiful decorations, the hospitality of the Host Church, the ones who prepared the program, and the spiritual food we received through the ministers who preached God's Word.

Respectfully submitted:

Lorene Ryland

Willie Mae Barnes

Etta Jane White

M/S/C

There was a motion, second, and vote that carried to cooperate in raising funds for supporting the National Association to be held in Birmingham in 1987. There was also a motion, second, and vote that carried to cooperate in sending \$140.00 this year to support the Alabama Digest.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Registration: 10 Ministers, 11 Deacons, 27 Delegates, 40 Visitors, total of 88.

## PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING

February 18, 1984

First Free Will Baptist Church

Florence, Alabama

The Progressive Association Quarterly conference opened with a congregational song, "Draw Me Nearer" led by Rev. Phil Cooper, Music Director of the Host Church. The Moderator led in prayer.

The welcome was given by the host Pastor, Rev. Tom Malone, and the response and prayer were given by Bro. Joe Sularin.

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 needed committees were appointed. Visitors were Missionary Rick Bowling, Pastor and Mrs. Keith Bartlett, and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Lindsey from Bethel Church, Cullman AL

Resolutions Committee:

Rev. Dickie Dees

Bro. Sam Postlewaite, Bro. W.A. Rawls

Appreciation Committee:

Mrs. Lorene Ryland

Mrs. Betty Jeffreys, Mrs. Avalene Davis

A congregational song, "Higher Ground" was sung, and Bro. Phil Cooper sang a special Gospel Medley, including "Old Fashioned Meeting" and "Jesus Took My Burden", that was a blessing to all present.

Bro. Dickie Dees preached a strong message from Joshua 1:1-7 and Exodus 12:14, 24-27 on "Influence of Parents".

Following a brief intermission the congregation sang "I Am Resolved" and Bro. and Mrs. Ritter sang "Jesus Will Walk With Me". An offering of \$57.20 was received to apply on the Automobile Fund for Hellen Welch of the Children's Home.

Foreign Missionary Jimmy Aldridge then preached a stirring message from Psalms 2:1-12, on the subject, "Why do the heathen rage?" The answers he gave to this question were definitely what people need to hear in this generation. He closed with Acts 4:25, 26.

After a bountiful meal served by the Host Church, the meeting reconvened with singing "At The Cross". Mrs. Debra Dees sang "Fill My Cup, Lord", and was a blessing to all.

Bro. Sam Postlewaite brought the devotion from Psalms 37:1-5, sharing with us the negative and positive commands in this portion of God's Word. Missionary Rick Bowling led in prayer.

Business resumed, and the following committee reports were given

Credentials: We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the Church letters from Cordova, Dovertown, Eldridge, 1st, Fayette; 1st, Florence; 1st, Jasper; 1st, Northport; 1st, Pleasant Grove; 1st, Russellville; Harmony, South Highland, Sulphur Springs, Townley, and Victory and find them in order with fees enclosed. We recommend the delegates be seated.

Upon request of Harmony FWB, we recommend that Alan Fretwell's license to preach be extended one year.

Upon request, we recommend that a letter of good standing be granted to Bro. Wayne Wilson, former pastor of Harmony Church who moved to Georgia.

We met with Bro. Keith Bartlett and Bro. Benny Lindsey from Bethel FWB Church of Vinemont (Cullman) AL. This Church has requested membership in the Progressive Association and requested that Bro. Bartlett be ordained in this association. (He has a letter of good standing from the Wolverine Association of Michigan where he was licensed). Both men were given questionnaires (minister for Bro. Bartlett, deacon's for Bro. Lindsey) to be filled out and they are going back to the Church with a copy of our Constitution, Bylaws, Articles of Faith which will be ratified and they plan to return at our next session for action by this Body, the Lord willing.

Signed:

Rick Cash

Jerry White

Charles Davis

E. Dwight Fletcher

M/S/C

Appreciation: We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, for their hospitality shown to the Progressive Association. The food was delicious. Also, we commend the committee in selecting the speakers and for their inspiring messages.

Respectfully submitted:

Betty Jeffreys

Lorene Ryland

Avalene Davie

M/S/C

There was no report from the Resolutions Committee.

Although there was a large attendance, the small number who registered was as follows:

13 Minister, 11 Deacons, 16 Delegates, and 7.Visitors.

Meeting Ajourned.

# PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING

May 19, 1984

First Free Will Baptist Church  
Russellville, Alabama

The Progressive Association Quarterly Conference opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Edwin Kimbrough, who then gave the welcome. Bro. Guy Grissom gave the response and Rev. Lamar Cox led in prayer.

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 needed committees appointed. Visitors were Bro. Bill Foster from Randall House Publications, and Rev. Joe Haas, representing Southeastern Free Will Baptist College.

Resolutions Committee:

Sam Postlewaite  
George Gray, Wm. L. Martin

Appreciation Committee:

Sis. Kay Thompson  
Sis. Louise Walker, Sis. Lucy Cox

The congregation sang "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name" and Mrs. Lucy Cox sang "He Touched Me", accompanied by Sis. Rebecca Pugh. Rev. Danny Thompson, new Pastor of the Pleasant Grove Church, preached a challenging message from Numbers 25:1-18, using the subject "Zealous for his God".

Following a brief intermission the congregation sang "At The Cross" and then Bro. Bill Foster and Rev. Joe Haas were given time to bring greetings from the organizations they represent and to tell the conference about their work.

An offering was received following prayer by Rev. Ricky Cash, and a young Girl's Quartet from First FWB, Jasper sang "Rainbow" and "Miracle".

Rev. Hoover Lewis preached a strong message from Jonah 1:1-3, 17 and 3:1-3 pointing out how prone God's people are to go in the wrong direction.

After a delicious meal served by the Host Church, the meeting reconvened with congregational singing, followed by a solo, "We Shall Behold Him" by Sis. Rebecca Pugh.

Rev. D. Keith Bartlett gave an excellent devotion from Luke 15:25-32 on "Four Dangers to the Church-reared Child".

Bro. and Mrs. Ritter sang "I'm Standing On The Solid Rock".

Business resumed and the following Committee Reports were given:

Credentials: The Credentials Committee has examined the letters of the following Churches and find them in order including appropriate fees: Cordova, Dvertown, First, Fayette; First, Florence; First, Jasper; First, Northport; First, Pleasant Grove; First, Russellville; Harmony, South Highland, Sulphur Springs, Townley, Victory. The Eldridge Church enclosed \$12.50 dues.

Bethel FWB Church of Cullman seeks membership in the Progressive Association. Having adopted the Treatise as well as local Association guidelines, we recommend that they be received.

We also met with Keith Bartlett from the Bethel Church and having examined him we recommend that he be received into the Association as a licensed minister and be ordained at his Church.

We examined Bro. Benny Lindsey, who is seeking to come into the Association as an ordained Deacon in the Bethel FWB Church of Cullman. Upon satisfactorily answering questions we recommend that he be received and his credentials be ratified.

We recommend that Bro. William Baird be granted a card of good standing from this Association. (He has never transferred his credentials since resignation from Harmony) to the Cumberland Association, Northern Quarterly in Tennessee.

We examined Bro. Brent Nix of the First FWB Church of Russellville which recommended that he be licensed to preach. Having satisfactorily answered the questions asked him, we recommend that he be granted a license to preach the Gospel for one year.

Upon recommendation of the First FWB Church of Russellville, we recommend that Joey Brown's license to preach the Gospel be extended for one year.

Upon request of the Cordova FWB Church we have examined Bro. Jerry Herron and Bro. George Kelly. These men are candidates for ordination as deacons in the Cordova Church. Having satisfactorily answered questions placed before them, we recommend that they be ordained as deacons by their local Church.

Upon request of Pleasant Grove Church we have examined Bro. Danny Thompson, who is seeking to come into the Progressive Association as an ordained minister. We recommend that he be received and granted a card of good standing upon receiving a letter of good standing from the South Georgia Association.

Signed:

Rick Cash

Jerry White

Charles Davis

E. Dwight Fletcher

Motion was made to accept report and deal with recommendations item by item. Motion Carried. All items carried by motion, second, and vote of the Body.

Appreciation: We, the Appreciation Committee wish to commend the First Free Will Baptist Church of Russellville for the wonderful hospitality shown and the delicious meal we enjoyed.

We are thankful for the good singing and preaching which challenged us all to greater service for God. Surely the presence of the Lord was felt throughout the day.

Respectfully submitted:

Kay Thompson

Louise Walker

Lucy Cox

M/S/C

The Directors of Teen and Junior Youth Camps made announcements on Camp plans and dates.

State CTS Competition June 1 and 2 was announced. Motion was made to apply the offering of \$64.32 received this morning to CTS Competition costs. Motion was seconded and carried by vote of the Body.

The Right Hand of Fellowship was extended to those who were received into the Association.

Those registered were: 11 Ministers, 8 Deacons, 23 Delegates, 21 Visitors.

Meeting Adjourned.

**CLERK'S REPORT TO THE PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
1983-84**

Our Association has met in regular session for Quarterly Conferences as follows: November 19, 1983 at First FWB, Pleasant Grove, AL.; February 18, 1984 at First FWB, Florence, AL; and May 19, 1984 at First FWB, Russellville, AL.

At the November meeting it was voted to give \$200.00 to the Miss Hellen Welch car fund. She is the first person from the Children's Home, Eldridge, AL to graduate from FWBBC.

It was also voted to cooperate in raising funds for supporting the National Association to be held in Birmingham in 1987.

Our Association voted to cooperate in sending \$140.00 this year to support the Alabama Digest.

At the February meeting Bro. Alan Fretwell's license to preach was extended for one year and a letter of good standing was granted to Bro. Wayne Wilson, who is now pastoring in Georgia. The pastor, Bro. D. Keith Bartlett, and Bro. Benny Lindsey and their wives from the Bethel FWB Church were present, and petitioned for membership and ordination in our Association. They were given questionnaires, copies of our Constitution and By-Laws and Articles of Faith to present to the Church, and upon ratification by the Church, will come to the May Conference for action by this Body.

At the May meeting the Bethel FWB Church of Cullman, AL was received into the Progressive Association. Bro. D. Keith Bartlett was received as a licensed minister and approved for ordination. Bro. Benny Lindsey was received as deacon of the Bethel Church. Bro. William Baird, former pastor of Harmony Church was granted a letter of good standing to the Cumberland Assoc. Northern Quarterly in TN.

Bro. Brent Nix, of First FWB Church, Russellville was granted license to preach the Gospel for one year.

Bro. Joey Brown's license was extended for one year.

Bro. Jerry Herron and Bro. George Kelly from the Cordova Church were approved for ordination as Deacons, to be ordained at their local Church.

Bro. Danny Thompson, new pastor of the First FWB Church of Pleasant Grove was received into our Association as an ordained minister, pending a letter of good standing from the South Georgia Association.

The Executive Committee acted on two items when the Association was not in session.

1. A letter of good standing for Bro. Harold A. Pitts was sent to the Vernon Association.

2. Ordination of Bro. John Freeman was approved upon recommendation of the Credentials Committee. Bro. Freeman has accepted a pastorate in Georgia, and since he was qualified for ordination, it was thought best to have him ordained here instead of going to a new association and requesting ordination upon arrival. He was ordained at South Highland FWB, Muscle Shoals.

Respectfully submitted,  
George E. Ritter, Clerk

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

The Progressive Association Executive Committee acted on two items of business when the Association was not in session.

A letter of good standing for Rev. Harold A. Pitts was sent to the Vernon Association where he went from our Association.

Ordination of Rev. John Freeman was approved upon recommendation of the Credentials Committee. The reason for this action was that Bro. Freeman had accepted a call to a pastorate in Georgia and since he had spent more than the required time preaching under license, and that it would be much better for him to be ordained in this Association instead of going to another association and then request ordination upon arrival there.

Respectfully submitted,  
George E. Ritter, Clerk

## 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 provisionally 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 Property	Value of Church Property
Bethel	18	18		0	1	24										50,000.00
Cordova	232	197	35	2	9	125	74	11	53	10,400.00	3,586.00	3,312.00	1,155.00	1,597.00		
Dovertown	159	95	64	3	3	60	50			4,760.00	1,277.00	1,493.00		1,252.00		100,000.00
Eldridge	31	33	8	2		24	27		25		360.00		190.00	470.00		30,000.00
Fayette	200			1	3	193	96	12	75	10,140.00	1,078.25	4,195.32	22.00	910.14	40,000.00	640,000.00
Florence	1391			5	8											
Harmony	99	97	2	2	6	43	30	13	25	8,250.00	588.95	796.07	40.00		50,000.00	150,000.00
Jasper	244	151	93	3	6	156	119	12	105	10,400.00	2,769.28	2,201.00	205.58	435.00	30,000.00	300,000.00
Northport				2	4	89	88	12	53	15,300.00	2,770.00	1,078.00	2,499.00	566.00	60,000.00	540,000.00
Pleasant Grove	125	121	4	2	4	50	39		25	11,700.00	345.60	628.78	276.39	560.00	58,000.00	150,000.00
Russellville	195	130	65	2	5	106	58	11	35	10,800.00	857.65	289.13	1,140.00		50,000.00	200,000.00
South Highland	199	199			3	138	50			13,177.50	1,094.22	3,168.32	938.07	1,799.89	30,000.00	330,000.00
Sulphur Springs	140	80	60	1	1	61	46	10	30	10,090.00	780.00	460.00	400.00	925.24		105,000.00
Townley	159	108	51	1	4	70	50	12	37	13,005.00	2,672.50	1,757.14			50,000.00	175,000.00
Victory	43	38	5	1		42		12	30							



