

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

**54th ANNUAL SESSION**

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

**1986 Session  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
1025 Pleasant Grove Road  
Pleasant Grove, Alabama  
August 29,30, 1986**



## OFFICERS FOR 1985-86

Moderator .....	Rev. Eugene Hales 501 E. 22nd St. Jasper, AL 35501
Asst. Moderator .....	Rev. Richard Bowers 19 Vestavia Hills, Northport, AL 35476
Clerk .....	Rev. George E. Ritter Rt. 2 Box 183-A, 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. Earnest T. Sargent .....	Three Year Term Rt. 1 Box 36, Cordova, Al 35550
Rev. Jerry White .....	Two Year Term 504 Green Ave., Cordova, AL 35550
Rev. Eustace Riggs .....	One Year Term Rt. 1 Box 184, Russellville, AL 35653

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Bro. Loyd Martin .....	5 Year Term
Dr. Gwynn Pugh .....	4 Year Term
Rev. Jerry White .....	3 Year Term
Bro. Charles Davis .....	2 Year Term
Rev. Hoover Lewis .....	1 Year Term

## NORTHWEST ALABAMA YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Rev. Tommy DuBose .....	3 Year Term
Rev. Eugene Hales .....	2 Year Term
Rev. Danny Thompson .....	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

## CHURCHES AND PASTORS

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### DOVERTOWN

Rev. Randy Key .....	
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- FAYETTE  
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Rev. Tom Malone ..... 764-2337  
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- PLEASANT GROVE  
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## CHURCHES AND CLERKS

- BETHEL  
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#### CORDOVA

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

#### DOVERTOWN

Jane Hyche, Rt. 1, Box 56, Cordova, AL 35550

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#### HARMONY

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

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Mrs. Merle Dyer, Rt. 5, Box 227, Northport, AL 35476

#### TOWNLEY

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#### VICTORY

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Ivory Coast, West Africa

Arlis Barksdale

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Russellville, AL 35653

Lee Estill

Rt. 1, Cordova, AL 35550

Charlie Harbinson

Rt. 1, Cordova, AL 35550

Charlie Higginbotham

Rt. 1, Cordova, AL 35550

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Rt. 5, Russellville, AL 35653

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Burlon Jones

## CHURCH DEACONS

### BETHEL

Benny Lindsey

### CORDOVA

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Earl Richardson, Rt. 1, Box 211, Cordova

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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 Burleson

James Melton

James Dorroh

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

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Clyde Hood, Rt. 2, Box 218, Jasper  
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Dallas Jones

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Samuel A. Key, 16 Forest Manor, Northport  
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



# 54th ANNUAL MEETING PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA

## FRIDAY MORNING:

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Progressive Association convened at the Cordova Church, Cordova, Alabama on August 23, 1985. The service was opened with congregational songs, "Joy Unspeakable" and "My Saviour's Love", led by Bro. Randy Jackson, Minister of Music and Youth at the Jasper Church. Mrs. Randy Jackson was the pianist. Rev. E.T. Sargent led in prayer.

Following opening remarks by the Moderator, Rev. Eugene Hales, the welcome was given by Bro. Joe Sularin and the response was given by Bro. Keith Morgan, Principal of Victory Christian Academy.

Rev. Robert Crawford led in a prayer for healing for Bro. George Ritter, who was in the hospital with a possible heart attack.

Moderator's Message by Rev. Eugene Hales from I Timothy 3, answering the question, "What is really expected of me?" 1. Obey God's will in my life. 2. Be a FREE WILL BAPTIST preacher, deacon, teacher, etc. 3. Be an example in the church you serve. 4. Pastor should be the leader of the church. 5. Every Free Will Baptist deacon, preacher, teacher (all leaders) to follow the Free Will Baptist Treatise. 6. Every preacher, deacon, leader be loyal to our denomination. 7. Every preacher, deacon, leader, delegates to Association etc. to cooperate with our denomination. Prayer by Rev. Hales.

Meeting called to order by Rev. Carlton Lambert, Assistant Clerk, and roll-call of the Delegates was read by Willia Jean Lewis, who is assisting Bro. Lambert. Delegates were seated, Deacons, Ministers, and Visitors were recognized, and the following Committees were appointed:

Appreciation .....	Geneva Martin, Carolyn Bowers Avaleen Davis
Auditing .....	Jerry Herron, Jo Ann Riggs Elree Randolph
Resolutions .....	Tommy DuBose, Hoover Lewis Richard Bowers
Temperance .....	E.A. Riggs, Vernon Walker Robert W. Barnes
Obituary .....	Lorene Ryland, Karen Cross Carol DuBose
Nominating .....	Danny Thompson, Keith Bartlett Lloyd Martin

E.T. Sargent was appointed to serve on the Credentials Committee due to absence of standing member.

Following a brief intermission, congregational songs "Victory In Jesus" and "He Brought Me Out", led by Bro. Jackson were sung. An offering of \$44.35 was received, and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Jackson sang "Bought With A Price".

Rev. Ernie Emmons, Pastor of Jones Chapel Church preached from John 4:35 on "Preparing The Field" in keeping with the Meeting Theme, "The Harvest Fields". He used the parable of the sower, and brought a good, challenging message. Bro. Emmons closed the message with prayer, and Bro. Hales prayer of consecration for each one to be used in the harvest.

The noon meal was served, prayer by Bro. Hoover Lewis. A delicious meal and good fellowship were enjoyed by all present.

The afternoon session began with congregational song, "Jesus Saves", and then the White sisters sang "We're Not Strangers Anymore".

Rev. Harold Pitts preached from Joel 1:1-4,7,10-12 on "Preserving The Harvest". He reminded us of "Pests" that destroy the crop-that prey on weak people, and challenged us to "Preserve the Harvest".

1. Ministry must be based on the Word of God.
2. Every person who knows the Lord needs to be put to work.
3. Every person should be a soul-winner. Bro. Pitts closed with prayer.

Business resumed and the following reports were given:

Rev. Robert Crawford gave a report on Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Rev. Carlton Lambert gave a report on the Children's Home, stating that this year they had cared for 20 boys and girls, having 16 there at the present time. He requested prayer, stating that "It's hard to love the unloved".

Clerk's report was given by Willia Jean Lewis, and approved as read.

Bro. Charles Davis gave the Treasurer's report. M/S/C to receive report.

Adjourned at 2:45. Dismissal prayer by Rev. Danny Thompson, Pastor of Pleasant Grove Church.

At 5:00 P.M. the ladies of the Host Church served a delicious Salad Bar to those present for the evening meal.

## FRIDAY EVENING

The evening service opened with congregational songs "To God Be The Glory" and "At Calvary" led by Bro. Clint Short, with Miranda White at the piano and Lovelle Short at the organ.

The Gospeliers from the Cordova Church sang three special numbers, "I've Got My Foot On The Rock", "I'm Bound For That City", and "I've Come Too Far To Turn Back", which were a blessing to all present.

Rev. Eustace Riggs, Pastor of Victory Church, Russellville, preached from Isaiah 55:10 and 11 on "Harvesting The Field". He emphasized the Purpose, the Power, and the Prosperity of the Word of God, and challenged us to have compassion for lost people, to render consistent service in the "Harvest", and to work toward the end of the "Harvest".

## SATURDAY MORNING

The session opened with a congregational song, "Have Faith In God" led by Bro. Clint Short, with Lovelle Short as pianist.

Devotion from Isaiah 43:1,2,7,10,11 on "God's faithfulness to His Word" by Bro. Winfred Russell. Rev. Robert Crawford led in prayer.

Business was resumed with the following Committee Reports given: Appreciation Committee by Geneva Martin. M/S/C to receive report. Obituary Committee by Lorene Ryland. M/S/C to receive report.

Temperance Committee by Rev. Eustace Riggs. M/S/C to receive report.

At this time other Committee Reports were not ready, so places for the Quarterly Conferences for November, '85 and February and May, '86 and the Annual Meeting in August of '86 were decided as follows:

November Quarterly Conference to be at First FWB Church, Russellville.

February Quarterly Conference to be at South Highland FWB Church, Muscle Shoals.

May Quarterly Conference to be at Fayette FWB Church, Fayette.

The Annual Meeting will be August 29,30 at First FWB Church, Pleasant Grove.

The Resolutions Committee Report was presented and resolutions passed by M/S and full vote.

The Youth Camp Report was given by Rev. Eugene Hales. M/S/C to receive Camp financial report. Bro. Rick Cash then gave a report on the Teen Camp and Bro. Hales reported on the Junior Camp.

The Nominating Committee Report was given by Rev. Danny Thompson, and all nominees were elected with the exception of Rev. Carlton Lambert to the Executive Committee. Bro. Lambert nominated Bro. E.T. Sargent, who was elected.

The 11:00 O'Clock preaching service began with the song, "Victory In Jesus" led by Bro. Clint Short.

Mrs. Kay Thompson and Mrs. Linda Woodruff from the Pleasant Grove Church sang a duet number, "Wherever He Leads".

Rev. Tommy DuBose, Pastor of the Townley Church preached on "Cultivating The Field" from John 4:34-38, Mark 4:3-8, and 4:26-29. This was an excellent message on presenting the true Word of God in a cooperative way that souls might know their need and that we realize there is a work for all to do, and that one may labor and another reap, but that it is God who actually gives the increase.

Business was resumed and remaining reports were given.

Auditing Committee Report was given by Bro. Jerry Herron, and was received with notation of correction in Youth Camp Treasury balance of \$300.00 more than books showed.

The Credentials Committee Report was given by Rev. E.T. Sargent. M/S/C to receive report and act on it item by item. All items approved.

M/S/C to give Bro. Carlton Lambert and Mrs. Hoover Lewis \$25.00 each for clerical work. They requested that the money to be given to Free Will Baptist Bible College from the Progressive Association.

It was announced that the State Association would meet in Huntsville November 7,8, and 9. M/S/C that Moderator appoint Delegates at the State Association.



M/S/C to adjourn Meeting. Closing prayer by Bro. Joe Sularin.

The report of the Progressive District Woman's Auxillary which was not given at the Annual Meeting was mailed to the Association Clerk and will appear in the minutes.

Clérk note: The letter and \$300.00 check for dues to the Annual Meeting were received from the Florence Church and check forwarded to the Treasurer.

Registration included 16 Ministers, 8 Deacons, 20 Delegates, and 14 Visitors. The attendance was much larger than the registration indicated.

The work of Bro. Lambert and Sis. Lewis in recording the proceedings of the Annual Meeting are greatly appreciated. A big "Thank You" to both of them. (Bro. Ritter)

### **APPRECIATION COMMITTEE**

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our thanks to the Cordova Free Will Baptist Church, for their hospitality shown to the Progressive Annual Meeting. The food was delicious and the fellowship sweet. We commend the Association Committee in selecting the speakers and their inspiring messages on "The Harvest Fields". The fields are truly white for Harvest, for Free Will Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,  
Geneva Martin, Carolyn  
Bowers, Avaleen Davis

### **AUDITING COMMITTEE**

We, the Auditing Committee, have checked the books of the Youth Camp Treasurer, and found the total balance to be \$300.00 more than Treasurer's book shows.

Signed - Jerry Herron, Chr.  
Jo Ann Riggs, Elree Randolph

We, the Auditing Committee, have checked the books of the Association Treasurer and find them to be correct.

Signed - Jerry Herron, Chr.  
Jo Ann Riggs, Elree Randolph

Post Script for Camp Books, "Error in addition -- had not received Bank Statement to reconcile. Book Corrected."

### **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

We, the Resolutions Committee, submit the following resolutions:

Whereas the Youth Camp ministry is a vital work to our Association and, Whereas there is a need for maintenance, improvements, equipment, etc. and, Whereas many of our young people have surrendered to full time Christian service at camp,

Be it resolved that each church of our association support the camp through their budget with a gift of \$20.00 a month if possible.

Be it also resolved that we designate \$500.00 from the Association Treasury to go for repairs and maintenance.

Signed, Tommy DuBose  
Hoover Lewis, Richard Bowers

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Since the Scripture tells us to be temperate in all things, I Cor. 9:25, We, the Temperance Committee recommend that we go on record as being opposed to anything, be it alcohol, drugs, too much food (which is Gluttony), or whatever might defile the body, which is the temple of God. Special emphasis should also be placed on Biblical values relative to entertainment and literature.

Respectfully submitted,  
E.A. Riggs, Vernon Walker,  
Robert W. Barnes

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE

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

Cordova .....	Myrtle Morrow
	C. C. Winsett
	Josephine Plunkett
Russellville .....	G.W. Kilpatrick
Jasper .....	Virginia Anton
Harmony .....	Hayden Lowry
Townley .....	Hollis Gerthrie
South Highland .....	Janie Jordan
Pleasant Grove .....	Fred Crowe

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorene Ryland, Karen Cross  
Carol DuBose

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee have examined letters from all churches. Received and find them in order.

We would ask that all Church Clerks request a card of good standing in our Annual Church Letters.

Also, check dues to be sent to the Annual Meeting, which is 50¢ per active member of the Church.

Received letter from Gulf Coast Association for Bro. Ernie Emmons as requested for good standing.

Received from Vernon Association a letter of good standing for Bro. Tommy DuBose.

Item I. Letters for cards of good standing received from following  
Russellville, South Highland, Sulphur Springs, Cordova, Jasper,  
Dovertown, Victory.

Item II. Churches not requesting cards of good standing:  
Pleasant Grove, Jones Chapel, Northport, Townley, Harmony,  
Bethel, Fayette.

- Item III. No letter from Florence Church.
- Item IV. Upon request of Victory Free Will Baptist Church, we recommend that Bro. Tim Riggs be granted license to preach for one year.
- Item V. We recommend that Bro. Tim Osborn be granted a license to preach for one year.
- Item VI. We recommend that Bro. Derek Washington be granted license to preach for one year.

Submitted by:  
 Jerry White, Hoover Lewis,  
 Charles Davis, E.T. Sargent

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We place the following named in nomination for specified positions:

Moderator .....	Rev. Eugene Hales
Ass't Moderator.....	Rev. Richard Bowers
Clerk .....	Rev. George E. Ritter
Ass't Clerk .....	Rev. Carlton Lambert
Treasurer .....	Bro. Charles Davis
Ass't Treasurer .....	Mrs. Hoover Lewis

Executive Committee .....	Rev. E.A. Riggs (1 yr. unexpired term)
	Rev. E.T. Sargent, 3 years
Board of Christian Ed. ....	Bro. Edwin Kimbrough, 5 years
N.W. Alabama Youth Camp Board .....	Rev. Tommy DuBose, 3 years
Credentials Committee .....	Bro. Loyd Martin, 5 years
Youth Camp Committee.....	1 year
	Ricky Cash, Danny Thompson, Eugene Hales

Submitted by:  
 Rev. Danny Thompson  
 Rev. Keith Bartlett  
 Bro. Loyd Martin



THE FOLLOWING OFFICES MUST HAVE NOMINEES FOR EACH POSITION WITH PRESENT TERM EXPIRING IN 1985:

OFFICE		END OF TERM NOMINEE	
Moderator	Rev. Eugene Hales	'85	Rev. Eugene Hales
Asst. Moderator	(Office Vacant)	'85	Rev. Richard Bowers
Clerk	Rev. George E. Ritter	'85	Rev. George Ritter
Asst. Clerk	Rev. Carlton Lambert	'85	Rev. Carlton Lambert
Treasurer	Bro. Charles Davis	'85	Bro. Charles Davis
Asst. Treasurer	Mrs. Hoover Lewis	'85	Mrs. Hoover Lewis

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Jerry White	'87	
Unexpired Term of Bro. Travis Carter	'86	Rev. Eustace Riggs '86
Rev. Carlton Lambert	'85	E.T. Sargent '88

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ED.

Rev. Charles Hollingshead	'89	
Rev. Hoover Lewis	'88	
Rev. Eugene Hales	'87	
Rev. Ricky Cash	'86	
Bro. Edwin Kimbrough	'85	Bro. Edwin Kimbrough '90

### N.W. AL Youth Camp Board

Rev. Eugene Hales	'87	
Rev. Danny Thompson	'86	
Rev. George E. Ritter	'85	Rev. Tommy DuBose '88

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dr. Gwyn Pugh	'89	
Rev. Jerry White	'88	
Bro. Charles Davis	'87	
Rev. Hoover Lewis	'86	
Bro. Travis Carter	'85	*Bro. Loyd Martin '90

### YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

Rev. Ricky Cash	'85	Ricky Cash '86
Rev. Danny Thompson	'85	Danny Thompson '86
Rev. Eugene Hales	'85	Eugene Hales '86

\*In compliance with Article 6, Item 2, of the Constitution of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists, a Deacon must be nominated for the Credentials Committee.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the Nominating Committee submit the following recommendations:  
Rev. Danny Thompson, Rev. Keith Bartlett, Bro. Loyd Martin

# **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1984-85** **PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION**

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

## RECEIPTS FOR 1984-85:

August 1984 Associational Dues, Love Offering, 1,122.00  
and Printing of Minutes (\$10)

Quarterly Conference Dues .....	<u>1,032.94</u>	2,154.94
		<u>3,410.93</u>

## EXPENDITURES:

Bro. George Ritter: Clerk .....	200.00	
Bro. Eugene Hales: Moderator .....	100.00	
Benevolent Fund of Nat'l Assn. of Free Will Baptist	200.00	
Montgomery Land Fund .....	100.00	
Pastor's & Worker's Conference .....	300.00	
Alabama State Association Dues .....	300.00	
Cash & Carry: Printing of Minutes .....	309.23	
Progressive Association: C. T. S. ....	200.00	
Progressive Association: Youth Camp .....	500.00	
Postage, Telephone Calls, Envelopes .....	<u>76.07</u>	<u>2,285.30</u>

ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 22, 1985 ..... 1,125.63

'CHARLES DAVIS, TREASURER

## CAMP PROYUKA REPORT 1985

### STATEMENT OF INCOME

Balance Brought Forward ..... \$4,230.03

#### Received from 1985 Camp Sessions

Teen Week ..... \$2,197.50

86 Campers @ \$25.00

1 Camper @ \$20.00

1 Camper @ \$15.00

1 Camper @ \$12.50

Junior Week ..... \$4,675.00

187 Campers @ \$25.00

4 Non-paying Campers

(2 earned campers being campers of the  
week last year and 2 small children of  
camp workers)

Interest on Certificate of Deposit ..... 236.18

Return on Canteen ..... 1,663.64

Refund on Supplies ..... 35.00

Missionary Offering from Campers

(for Ricky Bowling) ..... 48.00

TOTAL INCOME ..... 8,855.32

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR ..... \$13,085.35

### STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Jimmy Aldridge-Camp Missionary 1984 ..... 500.00

Northwest AL Youth Camp-Donation

August 25 and June 3 ..... 1000.00

Select Service & Supply Co.

Recreation Equipment ..... 409.19

Sav Mor Food-Groceries ..... 121.18

Black Hardware-Plastic Pipe ..... 8.48

Tim Trimble-Teen Camp Evangelist ..... 250.00

Northwest AL Youth Camp-Rent 2 Weeks ..... 400.00

Harbin Bakery-Bread Products ..... 83.41

Randy Wright-Junior Camp Evangelist ..... 250.00

Tom's Canteen Supplies & Drinks ..... 1,357.39

Red Diamond Institutional Foods ..... 3,067.47

Security Mutual Life-Camper Insurance ..... 451.52

Rick Bowling-Camp Missionary ..... 250.00

Wal-Mart - Supplies ..... 95.09

Piggly Wiggly - Groceries ..... 211.01

Barbara's Florist ..... 36.00

Gas for Camp Vehicles ..... 88.75

Nelson's Grocery - Groceries ..... 53.70

Mitchell's Grocery - Watermelons ..... 40.00

\$8,673.19

**ATTENDANCE SUMMARY:**

Teen Camp	
Total campers including workers .....	107
89 Campers	
18 Workers	
Total decision .....	60
8 Saved	
48 Other decisions	
2 Called to Preach	
2 Called to Mission Field	
Junior Camp	
Total campers including workers .....	225
191 campers	
34 workers	
Total decisions .....	56
33 saved	
13 rededications	
10 other decisions	

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

MARCH 2, 1985

SULPHUR SPRINGS, AL  
PROGRESSIVE WOMANS AUXILIARY

The meeting was called to order by our President, Mrs. Laura Hollingshead of Northport. We opened with prayer.

Mrs. Geraldine Strickland led us in singing "I Will Work" and "Stand Up for Jesus."

Mrs. Vera Woods of Sulphur Springs gave the welcome address with Mrs. Elree Randolph giving the response.

Mark 4:19 was the scripture used by our President in her talk with the theme "Go Home to the Lord."

Mrs. Lovelle Short of Cordova gave a very interesting talk on the Teaching of Special Children. It was inspiring to learn how the Lord led her to service with special children. The trials are many according to Mrs. Short but the rewards are great.

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

Cordova: Lovelle Short

Fayette: Pat Sanders, Patricia Wheat, Lydia Kelly & Sally Cash  
Jasper:

Harmony: Betty Jeffreys, Chris Grissom, Reba Ritter, & Barbara South

Northport: Marie Truhett, Essie Collins, Wilma Javis, & Carolyn Bowers

Pleasant Grove: Geneva Martin, Kay Thompson & Martha Hill

Russellville: Joe Proctor, Doris Kimbrough, Dorothy Kimbrough

Sulphur Springs: Inez Vintson, LaWanda Williamson, Merle Dyer

Townley:

The committees were appointed (SEE REPORTS)

The minutes were read and approved as read. The treasurers report was given and accepted.

We were - led in a song "Heavenly Sunshine." Our special music was sung by the Harmony Church entitled "Little Is Much When God is in It."

Our guest speaker was Mrs. Robertson, the wife of the Mayor of Northport. It's encouraging to know you can live a christian life in any position you have in life. She was presented a gift in appreciation.

We were dismissed in prayer by Laura Hollingshead for the lunch hour.

Our opening song on reconvening was "Footprints of Jesus" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." The special music was presented by Mrs. Jeffreys of Harmony entitled "Grace Covers". The Northport church put on a skit entitled "Parade of Pious Personalities." We were led in the song "Praise Him, Praise Him."

#### REPORTS AND COMMITTEES:

##### Appreciation:

We the appreciation committee wish to express our appreciation to the host church for their cordial hospitality. Also the delicious meal. M/S/C  
Essie Collins, Barbara South, Martha Hill



Finance:

We the finance committee have examined the treasurers record and find it in order M/S/C

Linda Woodruff, Merle Dyer, Chris Grissom

Registration:

We the registration committee submit the following:

Officers - 4, Delegates - 17, Visitors - 28, Ministers - 2, Total - 52. M/S/C

Dora Kykendall, Traci Bolton

Resolution:

We the resolution committee recommend that:

1. The district auxiliary officers meet together once in the year with the President calling the meeting.
2. 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. M/S/C

Doris Kimbrough, Reba Ritter, LaWanda Williamson

Nominating:

We the nominating committee would like to present this slate of officers to you.

President .....	Reba Ritter
Vice President .....	Betty Jeffreys
Sec./Treas. ....	Linda Woodruff
Assistant Sec./Treas. ....	Kay Thompson
Field Worker .....	Carolyn Bowers M/S/C

State delegates were appointed as follows:

Kay Thompson, Etta Jane White, Carolyn Bowers and Geneva Martin. There was a motion made to give the President authority to appoint the rest of the delegates at the State meeting-carried. Mrs. Carolyn Bowers had charge of the installation of officers. The program was entitled "Rainbows."

Closing prayer was by Bro. White, Cordova. The meeting next year goes to Northport, Saturday, March 1, 1986.

Offering received - \$32.83 goes to Montgomery Land Fund.

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**Sulphur Springs Free Will Baptist Church**  
**Northport, AL**  
**November 17, 1984**

The Progressive Association Quarterly Conference opened with a congregational song, "Victory In Jesus", led by Pastor E.T. Sargent, of the host Church. Rev. Eustace Riggs led in prayer and "Send The Power Just Now" was sung.

The welcome was given by Bro. Wiley Hudson, and the response was by Bro. Allen Thompson.

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:

Appreciation: Reba Ritter, Lovelle Short, and Avalene Davis.

Resolutions: Rev. Hoover Lewis, Jack Willis, and Harold Vinton.

The congregation then sang "Hallelujah Side." Some testimonies were given and then Mrs. Joyce Willis and Miss Paul Willis sang "In The Garden." Rev. Rick Cash then preached on "The Wisdom Of Winning" in keeping with the Conference Theme. After the challenging sermon on this timely subject, there was a brief intermission.

Congregational song "Joy Unspeakable" was sung, and Rev. Frank Owens preached a good sermon on the subject, "The Wisdom Of Witnessing."

After a delicious meal served by the host church the meeting reconvened with congregation song, "Some Day". Bro. B.J. Sargent, Jr. read II Timothy 2:24-26, and offered prayer.

There was a Panel Discussion conducted with panel members Rev. Rick Cash, Rev. Hoover Lewis, and Rev. Danny Thompson fielding questions on spiritual needs, the art of winning souls, and how to follow up those won to Christ by home Bible Study.

Business resumed at 2:00 P.M. with the following committee reports presented:

Credentials: We the Credentials Committee have examined the letters of the Progressive Association Churches and find them in order. Bethel Church did not have a letter. The Jasper Church recommends that Bobby J. Sargent, Jr. be licensed to preach. We recommend this.

The Northport Church recommends that Rev. Richard Bowers be accepted into our Association with a letter of good standing from the Social Band Association in Arkansas.

The Sulphur Springs Church recommends Bro. E.T. Sargent be accepted in the Progressive Association with letter of good standing from North Alabama Association.

This being all the business of this committee, we recommend this report be accepted.

Signed: Jerry White,  
Hoover, Lewis, Charles Davis,  
Travis Ray Carter

M/S/C.

License was issued to Bro. Bobby J. Sargent, Jr. Letters requesting letters of good standing were sent to the Social Band and North Alabama Associations on Bro. Bowers and Bro. Sargent.

Appreciation: We, the Appreciation Committee, thank the Sulphur Springs Church for the warm welcome, delicious meal, and sweet fellowship. We commend the officers of the Association, and thank God for the speakers and singers and each one who took part, especially to the Lord. We're thankful that the Holy Spirit gave leadership.

Signed: Rebs Ritter,  
Avalene Davis, Lovelle Short

M/S/C.

(Rising vote of Thanks)

Resolutions: Be it resolved that we give a positive response to the State Association's idea of a State Promotional Director. Also, we further recommend the feasibility of a State Book Store be considered.

Signed: Hoover Lewis  
Jack Willis, Harold Vinton

M/S/C.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, carried.

Registration included 12 Ministers, 4 Deacons, 22 Delegates, and 7 Visitors. There were many in attendance who did not register.

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
QUARTERLY CONFERENCE  
Townley Free Will Baptist Church  
Townley, Alabama  
Saturday, February 16, 1985**

The Progressive Association Quarterly Conference opened with congregational songs, "When Jesus Put A Little Sunshine In" and "At Calvary", led by Bro. Boshell.

Host Pastor Lamar Cox gave the welcome and the response was by Bro. Charles Davis.

The meeting was called to order by the clerk, and the Moderator took charge. Roll call of Delegates was made, visitors recognized. Rev. Ernie Emmons, pastor of Jones Chapel Church was welcomed by our Moderator. Delegates were seated and the following committees were appointed:

Appreciation: Lorene Ryland, Marie Gray, Janet Bartlett.

Resolutions: Edwin Kimbrough, Joe Hyche, Joe Black.

Congregational song, "When Jesus Comes In The Clouds" was led by Bro. E.T. Sargent. The Gospelsaires, from Cordova Church sang "I'm Bound For That City" and "I'll Meet You By The River".

Rev. Keith Bartlett preached on "The Compelling Command" in keeping with the Conference theme, Church Outreach, Luke 14:23b. This was a challenging message teaching that we are servants of the Great Supper, not the host of it. We are to faithfully serve a Great Supper to all who will accept it.

The 11:00 O'Clock service opened by singing "To God Be The Glory", led by Bro. Boshell. The Harmony Church Choir sang two special numbers, "New Grace" and "Let Me Be A Witness", directed by Bro. John H. Lowery, and accompanied by Mrs. Vada Landers.

An offering was received after prayer by Bro. E.T. Sargent. Rev. Richard Bowers, new pastor of the Northport Church, preached on "The Compelling Responsibility". He used the comparison of the Church as God's Farm, and brought an excellent message on laboring for and with God.

Following a delicious meal served by the host Church, we reconvened by singing "O Lord, Send The Power Just Now", led by Bro. Boshell. Donna Landers, from the Harmony Church sang "Christ Means More To Me Than You'll Ever Know".

Bro. E.T. Sargent gave the Devotional from Psalms 8:3-6 and John 1:23.

Paula Willis from the Harmony Church sang "No Other Word."

Business resumed, and the following committee reports were given:

Appreciation: We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our thanks to the Townley F.W.B. Church 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 and the good singing.

Respectfully submitted:  
Lorene Ryland, Janet Bartlett  
Marie Gray



M/S/C.

Resolutions: No report.

Credentials: We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the Church Letters from Cordova, Northport, Harmony, Fayette, Sulphur Springs, Townley, Eldridge, Jasper, Russellville, Florence, South Highland, Pleasant Grove, Dovertown, Bethel, and find them to be in order. (No letter from Victory).

We have examined Randy Key and recommend that he be approved for ordination in Dovertown Church.

We recommend that Roger Raper be given a recommendation to North Alabama Assoc. of F.W.B.

We received letter of recommendation for Bro. Richard Bowers from Arkansas.

We were approached by Ernie Emmons concerning Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church becoming a member of Progressive Association.

Respectfully submitted:  
Charles Davis, Hoover  
Lewis, Gwyn Pugh,  
Jerry White

M/S/C.

Meeting Adjourned.

Of those who registered, 12 were Ministers, 13 Deacons, 24 Delegates, 20 Visitors. Again, many of those in attendance did not register.

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Harmony Free Will Baptist Church  
Rt. 2, Box 183-A, County Line Road  
Leighton, AL 35646  
Saturday, May 18, 1985

The Progressive Association Quarterly Conference opened with congregational songs, "We Have Met To Worship", and "Something For Thee", directed by Bro. John H. Lowery. Rev. Hoover Lewis led in prayer.

The welcome was given by Bro. Jack Willis, Deacon Chairman of the Host Church, and the response was by Bro. P.W. Kimbrough.

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

Appreciation: Etta Jane White, Glenda Key, and Mrs. Hoover Lewis.

Resolutions: Rev. Rick Cash, Alan Fretwell, Terry McGregor.

Congregational song, "To God Be The Glory" was sung, and Rev. Philip Cooper sang "Let Me Touch Him". Dr. Gwyn Pugh preached from Hebrews 13:7,8,9a, on "Growth Through Preaching Christ". This was a stirring and challenging message on viewing our Lord yesterday, today, and forever.

An offering of \$38.57 was received, and "I Will Pilot Thee" was sung by the congregation. Bro. Tommy Bee then sang "Whatever It Takes", and Rev. Jerry White preached on "Growth Through Promoting Consistently", using Acts 2:41-47. He emphasized the need for vision, powerful preaching, lifting up our voices to God instead of complaining to men.

Following a delicious meal, the meeting reconvened, opening with the song, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus". The Harmony Church Choir then sang a special number, "I Am His". Rev. Randy Key then preached on "Growth Through A Prevailing Climate", using Acts 2:47. He pointed out the need for spiritual growth, numerical growth, and individual growth in the things of God in order for the Church to grow.

Business resumed with the following reports given:

Credentials: We, the Credentials Committee have examined the Church letters from Cordova, Northport, Harmony, Fayette, Sulphur Springs, Townley, Eldridge, Jasper, Russellville, Florence, South Highland, Pleasant Grove, Bethel, and find them in order. (No letter from Victory). CLERK'S NOTE: The letter and dues from Victory Church came the day of the Conference. The following recommendations were made:



- I. We recommend that Bro. Steve Michael be granted license for 1 year to preach the Gospel.
- II. We recommend that Alan Fretwell, Joey Brown, and Brent Nix licenses be extended for another year.
- III. We recommend that Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church be given membership in our Association. The Church in their regular meeting approved and adopted the By-Laws and Constitution of the Progressive Association.
- IV. We recommend that Pastor Earnest J. Emmons of Jones Chapel be granted a card of good standing in Progressive Association upon receiving a letter of good standing from the Gulf Coast Association.
- V. We recommend that Bro. Danny Thompson's letter of good standing from the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists be accepted.
- VI. We recommend that Bro. Tommy DuBose be accepted in the Progressive Association upon receiving a letter from Vernon Association. He now is pastor of the Townley Church.

Signed: Jerry White,  
Gwyn Pugh, Hoover Lewis,  
Charles Davis, E.T. Sargent

M/S/C.

Appreciation: Our grateful praise and thanks goes to the Host Church for the warm welcome, the bountiful and delicious food and the beautiful floral arrangements, which added loveliness and an atmosphere of warmth and relaxation during the noon meal.

We praise the Lord for the program committee for allowing God to direct them in the selection of topics and speakers and special music for this Associational Meeting.

Due to the speakers yielding to the direction of the Holy Spirit in the delivery of messages, our hearts have been challenged and minds have been renewed to better serve the Lord.

Signed:  
Appreciation Committee  
Glenda Key, Etta Jane White,  
Willia Jean Lewis

M/S/C.

Resolutions: Be it resolved that the balance of fees for State CTS Competition be given from our treasury. (\$175.00 to \$200.00 estimated amount)

Signed: Rev. Ricky Cash,  
Alan Fretwell,  
Terry McGregor

M/S/C.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, carried.

Those registering totaled 12 Ministers, 9 Deacons, 22 Delegates, 27 Visitors.

## 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 of called conference provided a quorum is present, said quorum being seven members or more.

13. These rules shall be read if considered necessary by the moderator, at the opening of each conference, and strictly enforced by the moderator.

14. Any member who willfully absents his or herself for a period of six months and fails to discharge their duty according to the Church Covenant shall be deemed as inactive and shall not be reinstated into full fellowship of the church until they have made restitution.

15. Any member desiring to move his membership from one church to another in the association must have a letter. Failing to do so, he is taken under the watch care of the church until he presents the letter.



16. That all inactive members of our churches be dropped from the roll after one year if they have been contacted and given an opportunity to prove themselves worthy to remain on the roll. If they show no interest in and have not attended or supported the church in one year we have a right to drop them according to our National Treatise.

17. The Pastor is ex-officio member of all boards and committees.

## RULES FOR PREACHERS & DEACONS

1. All ministers wishing to become members of the Progressive Association must be recommended by the church of which they are members and will be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as may be asked them. This must be done by the next Associational or Quarterly Meeting, after calling the pastor. Their church must recommend them for license or ordination where they have not received such.

2. All preachers shall attend all business meetings unless providentially hindered.

3. Any minister who behaves himself unbecomingly to his high and exalted calling shall be reported by the Credentials Committee to the Association, who shall deal with him.

4. All ministers will be required to strictly adhere to the teachings of the Free Will Baptists according to the Articles of Faith.

5. No minister shall speak slanderously or cast personal reflections upon another minister that will hurt his influence or ministerial standing.

6. All ministers shall be required to support and stand by all boards and committees appointed by the Association and do their utmost to make them a success.

7. An aspirant to the ministry must be recommended to the Credentials Committee by his church for license. The Credentials Committee shall examine him as to his life, doctrine, reputation and his convictions and abilities regarding the work of the ministry. Upon completion of such an examination, if he is found worthy, he shall be recommended to be licensed for a period of one year. He must have his license renewed annually and kept in force until ordination.

8. An applicant for ordination must have carried a license for at least one year immediately preceeding his application. (Any exception for the requirement for carrying a license for one year must pass by a two-thirds majority vote of his Quarterly Meeting or Association.) He must be recommended by the church of which he is a member. He must be examined by the Credentials Committee and have a call to pastor a church or be engaged in full time Christian service of such nature as to merit ordination. After examination, if he is worthy and sound in faith, he shall be recommended by the Credentials Committee for ordination.

9. That each preacher of this Association, with recommendations from their church, be given a renewal of their card of good standing each year. This request is to be in writing on the annual church letter.

10. That no man be licensed or ordained that uses tobacco in any form.

11. We use the ordination questionnaire as passed in the Association's 1963 session.

12. No person shall be ordained to the ministry nor shall the credentials of any minister be ratified until he is qualified to meet the conditions stated in the third chapter of 1 Timothy. The term, "husband of one wife" means he shall not have more than one living wife (that is, he shall not be married to one wife at the present time and there be a wife still living from a previous marriage.) The same shall apply to the wife, she shall have only one living husband.

13. Concerning the ordination of deacons: (a) He must be elected by the church of which he is a member. (b) He must be approved for the work of the church by the Credentials Committee. (c) Any local church in good standing in the association, if it so desires, may ordain deacons who are approved by the Credentials Committee and Moderator of the Association. (d) Be it resolved that no church recommend men who use tobacco in any form to be ordained as deacons or ministers. (e) Each deacon of this Association, with recommendation from their church, be given a card of good standing each year. This request is to be in writing on the annual church letter. (f) That no deacon be ordained who has more than one living wife, as defined in "rules for preachers," No. 12, or whose wife has more than one living husband.

14. Anyone desiring to be ordained (a) Must send in a completed questionnaire with the church letter to the clerk two weeks before the Associational meeting. (b) Anyone desiring to be licensed or ordained must meet with the Credentials Committee one hour before the opening of the session.

## CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This association shall be known as the Progressive Association of the Free Will Baptists of Alabama and bordering states.

ARTICLE 2. The association shall be composed of ministers, deacons, and delegates of different churches forming the same.

ARTICLE 3. This association adopts as its Articles of Faith the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE 4. All ministers and churches wishing to become members of this body must willingly submit to the Articles of Faith, Constitution, and all rules of the same.

ARTICLE 5. Each church in this association shall be entitled to three delegates for the first hundred members and one delegate for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE 6. Item 1. This Association shall have an Executive Committee composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and three (3) elected members, elected for terms of 3, 2, and 1 year each whose duties shall be to act in behalf of the Association when said Association is not in regular session. Minimum of four (4) members must be present to constitute a quorum.

Item 2. This Association shall elect a Credentials Committee composed of five (5) members, three (3) ordained ministers and two (2) deacons, who shall be elected to start with as 1 for 5 year term; 1 for 4 year term; 1 for 3 year term; 1 for 2 year term; and 1 for 1 year term. Then, hereafter elected one each year. Their duty shall be to approve all church letters and applications for membership of both churches and ministers, examining, ordaining, or approving the ordination, of all ministers or deacons and make a report of the same to the body.

Item 3. This Association shall elect a Board of Christian Education. This Board shall be composed of five (5) members to serve on a rotating basis with the term of one member to expire each year. A chairman shall be elected each year by this board immediately after the association. The purpose of this board shall be to promote the work of the Sunday School and Church Training Service within the said Association. This Board shall have full responsibility for the TNT Rally. It shall arrange and conduct any other meetings which are deemed necessary to accomplish its purpose.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 7. Item 1. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and treasurer, who shall be elected by the body.

Item 2. The above officers serve also for the Quarterly Meetings.

Item 3. The salary of the clerk shall be \$50.00 per meeting. The moderator shall be paid \$25.00 per meeting.



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

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

ARTICLE 9. The association shall determine at the annual association where the associational meetings will convene for the next year. This shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast. Only those churches that request a meeting at their church will be considered.

ARTICLE 10. The Constitution and/or By-Laws may be altered or amended at the Annual Session of the Association, provided it lies on the table from morning until evening, or evening until morning, and is read twice in open session.

ARTICLE 11. Item 1. That each church send 50 cents for each active member for association expense.

Item 2. Each church send twenty dollars to each quarterly meeting.

Item 3. Each church shall send church letters to the clerk two weeks before each meeting.

ARTICLE 12. This association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresy, or any church that countenances him in said teaching or that may be disloyal to the tenets of faith as held by this association and expressed in our articles of faith. The same discipline shall apply to any church which calls a minister for a pastor who has been excluded by the ordaining council.

## FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

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

	# of Members	Resident	Non-resident	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday School Average	CTS Members	Woman's Auxiliary	Prayer Meeting Attendance	Paid Pastor	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Children's Home	Value of Parsonage Property	Value of Church Property
Bethel	29	29	0	1	1	27			17	1,200.00	200.00	200.00				60,000.00
Cordova	188	145	43	2	8	113	79	16	56	11,625.00	3,567.00	2,662.52	1,022.80	1,3118.38	93,000.00	285,000.00
Dovertown	178	103	75	3	3	80	60		60	4,812.00	914.00	1,108.00		914.00	28,000.00	100,000.00
Eldridge	27	20	7	2		25	29		25		660.00	120.00	120.00			30,000.00
Fayette	210			1	3	191	93	20	70	10,140.00	2,188.05	6,979.33	2,087.48		40,000.00	600,000.00
Florence	1439					635			226							
Harmony	100	98	2	2	6	48	30	19	22	15,600.00	802.89	981.90	190.93	94.58	50,000.00	100,000.00
Jasper	249			2	5	145	119	12	90	10,400.00	1,742.59	1,656.10	152.91	510.00	30,000.00	300,000.00
Jones Chapel	43	43		1	1	43		16	35	2,250.00	500.00	200.00				150,000.00
Northport	135			3	4	104	88	12	60		3,208.00	1,051.00	2,351.00	816.00		
Pleasant Grove	96	93	3	2	4	58	39	9	30	11,700.00	377.76	377.76	277.02	277.02		
Russellville	153	109	44	1	4	118	76	11	50	10,285.00	832.77	403.16	80.00		50,000.00	250,000.00
South Highland	198			1	3	115	40		68	18,460.00	838.72	490.37	275.00		30,000.00	360,000.00
Sulphur Springs	140	83	57	1	1	59	46	10	30	9,225.00	2,787.50	360.00	500.00	1,058.53	30,000.00	75,000.00
Townley	157	106	51	1	4	67	50	12	30	3,950.00	444.40	396.60	100.00	200.00	50,000.00	125,000.00
Victory	46	45	1	1		42		15	25	12,700.00	810.44	788.08	571.54	71.94		150,000.00



