

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

**55th ANNUAL SESSION**

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

**1987 Session  
SULPHUR SPRINGS  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Route 5  
Northport, Alabama  
August 14, 15, 1987**



## OFFICERS FOR 1986-87

- Moderator ..... Rev. Eugene Hales  
501 E. 22nd Street, 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  
Rt. 2, Box 67, Jasper, AL 35501
- Treasurer ..... Bro. Charles Davis  
900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661
- Asst. Treasurer ..... Mrs. Duane Taylor  
608 East State St. Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Rev. Glen Bobo ..... Three Year Term  
911 Fairway Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805
- Rev. Earnest T. Sargent ..... Two Year Term  
Rt. 1, Box 36, Cordova, AL 35550
- Rev. Jerry White ..... One Year Term  
504 Green Ave. Cordova, AL 35550

## **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Rev. Jerry White .....	5 Year Term
Bro. Edwin Kimbrough .....	4 Year Term
Rev. Charles Hollingshead .....	3 Year Term
Bro. Randy Jackson .....	2 Year Term
Rev. Eugene Hales .....	1 Year Term

## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Rev. Ernie Emmons .....	5 Year Term
Bro. Loyd Martin .....	4 Year Term
Dr. Gwyn Pugh .....	3 Year Term
Rev. Jerry White .....	2 Year Term
Bro. Charles Davis .....	1 Year Term

## **NORTHWEST ALABAMA YOUTH CAMP BOARD**

Rev. Randy Wright .....	3 Year Term
Rev. Tommy DuBose .....	2 Year Term
Rev. Eugene Hales .....	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**

### **BETHEL**

Rev. D. Keith Bartlett .....	734-6655
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### **CORDOVA**

Rev. Jerry White .....	483-6272
504 Green Avenue, Cordova, AL 35550	

### **DOVERTOWN**

Rev. Randy Key .....	483-7237
Route 1, Cordova, AL 35550	

### **ELDRIDGE**

Dr. Levy Corey .....	924-9789
P.O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554	

FAYETTE

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

FLORENCE

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

HACKLEBURG

No Pastor At Present

HARMONY

Rev. George E. Ritter ..... 446-5081  
Rt. 2 Box 183-A, Leighton, AL 35646

HUNTSVILLE

Rev. Glen Bobo ..... 539-1037  
911 Fairway Dr., Huntsville, AL 35805

JASPER

Rev. Eugene Hales ..... 384-3668  
501 East 22nd Street, Jasper, AL 35501

JONES CHAPEL

Rev. Ernie Emmons ..... 764-4637  
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Rev. Richard Bowers ..... 333-1724  
19 Vestavia Hills, Northport, AL 35476

PLEASANT GROVE

Rev. Danny Thompson ..... 744-6043  
325 4th Street, Pleasant Grove, AL 35127

RUSSELLVILLE

No Pastor At Present

SOUTH HIGHLAND

Rev. Duane Taylor ..... 383-3361  
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SULPHUR SPRINGS

Rev. Earnest T. Sargent ..... 483-7962  
Route 1 Box 36, Cordova, AL 35550

TOWNLEY

Rev. Tommy DuBose ..... 924-8926  
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VICTORY

Pastor has resigned

## CHURCHES AND CLERKS

### BETHEL

Mr. Benny Lindsey, Rt. 2, Box 2401, Vinemont, AL 35179

### CORDOVA

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

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### FAYETTE

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### JASPER

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### JONES CHAPEL

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### PLEASANT GROVE

Katherine Houston, 933 12th Avenue, Pleasant Grove, AL 35127

### RUSSELLVILLE

Mrs. Grady Randolph, P.O. Box 83, Russellville, AL 35653

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## SULPHUR SPRINGS

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

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## VICTORY

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Charlie Higginbotham

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Leighton, AL 35646

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Hackleburg, Al

Harold A. Pitts

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Charles Hollingshead

3705 29th St., Northport, AL 35476

Richard Hendrix

Hackleburg, AL

## CHURCH DEACONS

BETHEL

Benny Lindsey, Rt. 2, Box 2401, Vinemont, AL 35179

## CORDOVA

Winford Russell, 103 McCrory, Cordova  
Earl Richardson, Rt. 1, Box 211, Cordova  
Jesse Ryland, 235 Branch St., Cordova  
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  
Buddy L. Armstrong  
George Capps  
Sam Hudson

## HARMONY

John H. Lowery, Rt. 2, Box 18, Leighton  
Guy Grissom, Church St., Leighton  
Hillard Jeffreys, Rt. 2, Box 18, Leighton  
Billy Kidd, Rt. 2, Leighton  
Don Brumley, Rt. 3, Leighton  
Melvin D. (Jack) Willis, Rt. 1, Town Creek

## JASPER

Robert Barnes, Rt. 3, Box 493, Jasper  
Bobby Sargent, Rt. 9, Box 476, Jasper  
Ray Bevis, 1602 Old Hwy. 78 E. Jasper  
Leon O'Rear, 1002 Valley Rd., Jasper  
John Wade, 2505 13th Ave. East, Jasper

## JONES CHAPEL

Dallas Jones

#### NORTHPORT

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

#### PLEASANT GROVE

W. A. Rawls, 1727 27th St., Ens., Birmingham

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

Hobson Wilson, N. Jackson St., 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

Alfred Boshell, Townley

William Dutton, Rt. 2, Box 141, Carbon Hill

#### VICTORY

Not Listed

55th ANNUAL MEETING  
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
OF ALABAMA

FRIDAY MORNING:

The 55th Annual Meeting of the Progressive Association convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Pleasant Grove, Alabama on August 29, 1986. The service was opened by congregational songs, "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Jesus Saves", directed by Bro. Randy Jackson. The welcome was given by Bro. W. A. Rawls, Deacon of the host church. Response was given by Mrs. Reba Ritter and Rev. Duane Taylor.

Moderator's Message was given by Rev. Eugene Hales from II Cor. 1:1-11, with the main thought taken from verse 8, "Pressed out of measure". This was a stirring and timely message, showing the power of God to deliver His people from troubles that will sure come to us all as we go through life.

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 were recognized as follows: Rev. Duane Taylor, new pastor of South Highland Church, Muscle Shoals, Mr. Wendell Miller, of Minister's Life Insurance, and Timothy Hales.

There was a motion and second to adopt the printed program as the meeting agenda; motion carried. An offering was received in the amount of \$21.00. Prayer by Bro. Frank Owen.

Congregational songs, "Joy Unspeakable" and "Who Is On The Lord's Side" were sung, and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hunter, of the Huntsville Church, sang "He Will Calm The Troubled Waters". Rev. Glen Bobo, pastor of the Huntsville Church, preached from III John 2, showing that in order to have the prosperity of God, that His people must be present; must be motivated; and must be involved. This was an inspiring message to our hearts. At the close of the message, "Have Thine Own Way" was sung.

At this time the following reports were given: Children's Home by Rev. Tommy DuBose, in the absence of Dr. Levy Corey, Superintendent, who was hospitalized for surgery. A good report of the work there was given and recieved by motion, second, and vote. The District Woman's Auxiliary Report was given by Mrs. Reba Ritter, District President. M/S/C to receive report. Treasurer's Report was given by Bro. Charles Davis, M/S/C to receive report.

At this time Committees were appointed as follows:

Appreciation .....	Carol DuBose, Lorene Ryland Avalene Davis
Obituary .....	W.A. Rawls, Joe Sularin Charles Davis
Temperance .....	Tommy DuBose, Glen Bobo Randy Jackson

Auditing .....	E.T. Sargent, Thomas Hunter Randy Wright
Resolutions .....	Danny Thompson, Ernie Emmons Frank Owens
Nominating .....	Rick Cash, Carlton Lambert Jerry White

Following the appointment of Committees, we were dismissed for a delicious noon meal served in the Church Dining Room.

The afternoon session began with singing "Standing On The Promises" followed by a Ladies Sextet composed of Linda Woodruff, Katherine Houston, Judy Scott, Vickie Moore, Mary Kearney, and Margie Tyree, accompanied by Kay Thompson, singing "Someone is Praying For You".

After this beautiful number the Moderator introduced Rev. Duane Taylor, new Pastor of the South Highland Church, who preached a power-filled sermon from Genesis 17 on the subject, "God Is Enough". He presented God is enough in Methods, Men, and Message, and is enough for Salvation, Satisfaction, Soul-winning, and Service.

Business was resumed and the following reports were given:

Resolutions Committee Report by Bro. Danny Thompson. M/S/C to accept report and act on it item by item. Item 1 involved a Constitutional change and was tabled by M/S/C. Item 2 was adopted by M/S/C.

Clerk's Report by Bro. George E. Ritter. M/S/C to accept report.

The State Association Meeting November 6, 7, and 8 at the South Highland Church, Muscle Shoals, was announced and meeting was adjourned until 7:00 P.M. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Tommy DuBose.

## FRIDAY EVENING

The evening service opened with congregational singing "Jesus Saves" and "To God Be The Glory", directed by Bro. Carl O'Donnell, Pleasant Grove Choir Director. Pastor Danny Thompson led the Chorus "Jeremiah 33:3" and "Howdy Time" was enjoyed by people greeting each other. The White Sisters from Cordova sang two duet numbers, "To Be Like Jesus" and "I'm The One". Pastor Thompson turned the service over to Association Clerk, Bro. George E. Ritter, who preached from Exodus 10: 24-26 on the subject, "Do It God's Way". After the message, Bro. Thompson gave an invitation, and the altar was filled with people for prayer as the Holy Spirit spoke to our hearts.

## SATURDAY MORNING

The session opened with a congregational song, "Heavenly Sunlight", led by Bro. Randy Jackson.

Good devotional thoughts were brought to us from I Cor. 1: 21, 31 by Bro. Philip Houston, Sunday School Superintendent of the Pleasant Grove Church. Bro. Richard Hendrix led in prayer.

Business was resumed with the following committee reports given:

Auditing Committee Report by Bro. E.T. Sargent M/S/C to received report.

Appreciation Committee Report given by Sis. Lorene Ryland. M/S/C to receive report with a standing vote.

Obituary Committee Report given by Bro. W.A. Rawls. M/S/C to stand for silent prayer and Bro. Rick Cash to pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the lives of those who have served with us in our Churches and Association.

Temperance Committee Report given by Bro. Tommy DuBose, who read James 1: 19-22. M/S/C to receive report.

Teen Youth Camp Report by Bro. Rick Cash. M/S/C to receive report.

Junior Youth Camp Report by Bro. Eugene Hales. M/S/C to receive report.

Credentials Committee Report given by Bro. Jerry White. M/S/C to receive report and take action item by item. All eight (8) items were adopted by M/S and vote. It was moved and seconded that the Executive Committee examine Bro. John Wade for Deacon at the Jasper Church. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report was given by Bro. Rick Cash. M/S/C to receive report. The following were elected:

Moderator .....	Rev. Eugene Hales
Asst. Moderator .....	Rev. Richard Bowers
Clerk .....	Rev. George E. Ritter
Asst. Clerk .....	Rev. Carlton Lambert
Treasurer .....	Bro. Charles Davis
Asst. Treasurer .....	Mrs. Duane Taylor
Executive Committee .....	Rev. Glen Bobo, 3 years
Board of Christian Education .....	Rev. Jerry White, 5 years
Credentials Committee .....	Rev. Ernie Emmons, 5 years
Northwest AL Youth Camp Board ..	Rev. Randy Wright, 3 years
Progressive Youth Camp Committee .....	Rev. Rick Cash, 1 year
	Rev. Danny Thompson, 1 year
	Rev. Eugene Hales, 1 year

M/S/C to take Item 1 of Resolutions Committee report from table. Item 1 was adopted by Motion, second, and vote. The Annual Meeting will now be held the third (3rd) Saturday and the Friday preceding it in August. This involves a change in ARTICLE 8, Item 1 of the Constitution of the Progressive Association to read as follows: The association's annual meeting will be on the third Saturday and the Friday preceding it in August.

Association meetings will be as follows: November 15, 1986, Harmony Church, Rt. 2, Leighton. February 21, 1987, Cordova Church, Cordova. May 16, First FWB Church, Jasper. The Annual Meeting will be August 14, 15, at Sulphur Springs Church, Rt. 5, Northport.

Registration included 19 Ministers, 9 Deacons, 19 Delegates, and 27 Visitors. The actual attendance was much more than the registration indicated.

M/S/C to adjourn business and begin the 11:00 O'Clock Service. Congregational song, "My Saviour's Love" was sung, and then Bro. and Mrs. Randy Jackson sang "He Hath Surely Borne Our Sorrow".

The final sermon of this Annual Meeting was by Dr. David Crowe, preaching on "What It Takes To Have Revival". Hearts were stirred as Bro. Crowe preached the Word with compassion and evangelistic zeal.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **APPRECIATION COMMITTEE**

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our thanks to the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality shown to the Progressive Annual Meeting. We had a bountiful meal, and we appreciate the attractive arrangements for the tables. We commend the Association Committee in selecting the speakers and their inspiring messages. Most of all we appreciate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol DuBose, Avalene Davis,  
Lorene Ryland

### **AUDITING COMMITTEE**

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

We have also checked the Books of the Youth Camp Treasurer, and find them to be correct.

Signed - Bro. E.T. Sargent, Chr.  
Bro. Randy Wright, Bro. Tom Hunter  
Bro. W.A. Rawls

### **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Item 1. Due to our Quarterly Meetings being held on the 3rd Saturday of the month and due to the conflict with the National Woman's Auxiliary retreat; be it resolved that our Annual Meeting be held on the 3rd Saturday and the Friday preceding it in August.

Item 2. Due to repairs and improvements at the Northwest Alabama Youth Camp that are needed; be it resolved that the Northwest Alabama Camp Board investigate these needs and challenge each Association (Jasper, Vernon, Progressive) to take one of the buildings as a project, to air condition, re-roof, insulate, etc.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Owens, Ernie Emmons  
Danny Thompson

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

The Word of God addresses the subject of temperance in James 1: 19-22.

"Self-control and temperance through the help of the Holy Spirit are the keys to putting away wrath and putting on the righteousness of God. We must also become doers of the Word through practice and not be hearers only.

Therefore, we recommend that we be in full support and practice of our Free Will Baptist Church Covenant that sets a tremendous pattern for right living.

Respectfully submitted,  
Glen Bobo, Randy Jackson,  
Tommy DuBose, Chmn.

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee report the following deceased members:

Townley .....	Troy Mitchell
Russellville .....	Mollie Williams
	Walker Cummins
Sulphur Springs .....	John Essary
Cordova .....	Gertie Reed
	Louella Thompson
	Eva Thompson
	Sara Banks
	Stella Busbin
Jasper .....	Roy Mann
Pleasant Grove .....	Charles Shikles

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

Respectfully submitted,  
W.A. Rawls, Chmn  
Charles Davis, Joe Sularin

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Item 1. We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the Church Letters from Bethel, Cordova, Fayette, Dovernport, Jasper, Sulphur Springs, Russellville, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Jones Chapel, Eldridge, Harmony, Florence, South Highland, Huntsville, and Townley, and find them in order. (No letter from Hackleburg and Victory Churches).

Item 2. We recommend that Rev. Randy Wright be received in our Association upon a letter of good standing from the West Tennessee Association.

Item 3. We recommend Rev. Duane Taylor be received in our Association. We have received a letter from the Northern Quarterly of Cumberland Association giving him a letter of good standing.

Item 4. Upon the request of Harmony Church we recommend that Alan Fretwell's License to preach be renewed.

Item 5. We recommend that the Deacons and Ministers be given cards of Good Standing as requested by their Churches.

Item 6. Upon request from the Polk Bayou Association, Tuckerman, AR, we recommend that Rev. Hoover Lewis be given a letter of Good Standing.

Item 7. We have examined Bro. Kenneth Lollar upon the request of Huntsville FWB and recommend that he be given a card of Good Standing.

Item 8. We recommend that Bro. Leo Sims be ordained by the Huntsville Church as Deacon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry White, Rick Cash,  
Lloyd Martin, Charles Davis

(Clerk's Note: The Church Letter and a check from the Hackleburg Church for National Association Expense and dues to our Association were received late).

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee submit the following nominations:

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	Rev. Danny Thompson, 1 year
	Rev. Eugene Hales, 1 year

Signed, Rick Cash, Carlton Lambert, Jerry White

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1985-86  
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION**

BALANCE AUGUST 23, 1985 ..... \$1,125.63

RECEIPTS FOR 1985-86:

Dues and Offering ..... \$2,167.10

Fees for National Association ..... 135.00

(Pleasant Grove-\$45.00, Russellville-\$45.00,

(Townley-\$45.00 ..... \$2,302.10

3,427.73

EXPENDITURES:

Bro. George Ritter, Clerk ..... 200.00

Bro. Eugene Hales, Moderator ..... 100.00

Stamps & Telephone ..... 55.53

Free Will Baptist College ..... 50.00

Youth Camp ..... 500.00

Pastor & Worker's Conference ..... 300.00

Cash & Carry Printers:Printing of Minutes ..... 267.50

Bronco West ..... 50.00

Alabama C.E. Board ..... 250.00

Alabama State Association Dues ..... 320.00

2,093.03

ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 22, 1986 ..... \$1,334.70

CHARLES DAVIS, TREASURER

## CAMP PROYUKA REPORT 1986

### STATEMENT OF INCOME

Balance Brought Forward ..... \$4,412.16

#### Received from 1986 Camp Sessions

Teen Week ..... \$2,335.00

92 Campers @ \$25.00

3 Campers @ \$10.00

1 Campers @ \$15.00

1 Non-paying Camper

Junior Week ..... \$4,575.00

183 Campers @ \$25.00

84 Non-paying Campers

Interest on Certificate of Deposit ..... 232.02

Return on Canteen ..... 1,208.76

Refund on Supplies ..... 303.29

Progressive Association - for 3 tables ..... 206.70

TOTAL INCOME ..... \$8,860.77

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR ..... \$13,272.93

### STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Ivies Supermarket-Groceries ..... 54.75

Food Way-Groceries ..... 31.37

Sports, Inc.-Recreation ..... 38.90

Sav-More Foods-Groceries ..... 86.56

Nate Ange-Teen Camp Evangelist ..... 250.00

Nate Ange-Travel Expense ..... 290.00

North West AL Youth Camp-Rent 2 weeks ..... 400.00

Hardin Bakery-Bread Products ..... 22.36

Brian Peters-Junior Camp Evangelist ..... 250.00

Brian Peters-Travel Expense ..... 290.00

Tom's-Canteen Supplies & Drinks ..... 1,080.99

Red Diamond Institutional Foods ..... 3,071.17

Security Mutual Life-Camper Insurance ..... 363.12

Wal-Mart & Fred's-Supplies ..... 46.51

Piggly-Wiggly-Groceries ..... 113.30

Barbara's Florist-Flowers ..... 28.00

Gas for Camp Vehicles ..... 87.00

Nelson Grocery-Croceries, ice ..... 113.39

Postage and Telephone ..... 55.92

Randy Sawyer-Teen Services ..... 75.00

Chapel Film Service ..... 47.50

Hall Brothers-2 ping pong tables ..... 390.00

Market Services of Alabama-50 chairs .....	361.13
Stanley Webb-Air Conditioner for Kitchen .....	250.00
Websters-3 folding tables .....	206.70
Hackleburg Florist-Flowers, Sabrina Johnson Funeral .....	35.00
Roberts-Nickols Hardware-Recreation .....	44.46
First Church Florence-Refund on Camp Fees .....	<u>750.00</u>
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	 \$8,833.13
 BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD—AUGUST 28, 1986 .	 \$4,439.80

### ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

#### Teen Camp

Total campers including workers	117
79 Campers	
20 Workers	
Total decisions	80
8 Saved	
69 Other decisions	
4 Called to preach	

#### Junior Camp

Total campers including workers	224
187 Campers	
27 Workers	
Total decisions	85
45 Saved	
19 Rededications	
21 Other decisions	

Respectfully Submitted,

Eugene Hales, Treasurer and  
    Junior Camp Director  
Rick Cash  
    Teen Camp Director  
Danny Thompson

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL CLERK'S REPORT  
1985-86**

Our Association has met in regular session for Quarterly Conferences as follows: November 16, 1985 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Russellville, AL; February 15 at South Highland Free Will Baptist Church, Muscle Shoals, AL; and May 17 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Fayette, AL.

At the November meeting it was voted to give \$300.00 to the Pastors' and Workers' Conference to be held in Guin February 10-12, 1986; for the Association to purchase 3 folding tables for the Youth Camp; to receive into our fellowship Rev. Harold Pitts, and Rev. John Kruger upon receipt of letters from their Associations.

At the February meeting Bro. Carlton Lambert was unable to attend, so Bro. Broncho West, evangelist and chalk artist, who was in revival at that time in the Jasper Church, brought the 11:00 O'Clock message. It was voted to give Bro. West a \$50.00 honorarium, to adopt "Target 90" and the Advance Celebration of the FWB Foreign Missions Department. The three year goal for Advance Celebration for our Association is \$75,000.00

Two deacons were approved for ordination by the Northport Church, another was received into our Association pending a letter of recommendation from the Mt. Moriah Association. Dr. Levy Corey, Superintendent of the children's Home at Eldridge was received into our Association pending a letter of recommendation from the North Central Association in IL.

At the May meeting it was voted for each member church of our Association to bring its \$45.00 offering for 1987 National Association expense to the Annual Meeting August 29 and 30, 1986, if it has not already been sent to our Association treasurer. It was also voted to pay \$250.00 for entrance fees for State CTS competition for the 24 entrants from our Association. The new report from Churches to Quarterly Meeting or District Associations was also approved.

Licenses to preach were extended for another year for Brent Nix, Steve Michael, and Mike Rodriguez was granted license to preach.

Two new Churches were received into our Association. They are First FWB, Huntsville, and First FWB, Hackleburg. Their Pastors, Bro. Glen Bobo and Bro. Richard Hendrix, were both accepted pending letters of recommendation, also Bro. Donnie Gunnin, of the Hackleburg Church was accepted as a Minister. Deacons Kenneth Lollar and Leo Sims from the Huntsville Church were received, and Deacons F.E. Gunnin and D.C. Kennedy were received from the Hackleburg Church.

Two of our Churches have had pastoral changes this year. Dr. Levy Corey is now Pastor of the Eldridge Church, and Rev. Duane Taylor is the Pastor of the South Highland Church, Muscle Shoals.

The Executive Committee was authorized by the association to examine Harold Vincent and Johnny Jones for the office of Deacon in the Sulphur Springs Church when the Association was not in session. (Approved at the November Meeting).

Respectfully submitted,  
George E. Ritter, Clerk

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
QUARTERLY CONFERENCE**

**May 17, 1986**

**First Free Will Baptist Church  
Fayette, Alabama**

The Progressive Association Quarterly Conference opened with congregational songs, "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship", and "Draw Me Nearer", led by Bro. Jackie Kelley. The Moderator made some opening comments.

The welcome was given by Bro. Billy Hamm, of the Host Church, and the response was given by Bro. Robert Barnes, of the Jasper Church, using Psalms 122:1.

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 committees appointed as follows: Appreciation Committee: Elree Randolph, Matties Pearl McCormack, and Etta Jane White. Resolutions: Rev. Danny Thompson, Rev. H.A. Pitts, Rev. D. Keith Bartlett.

After a congregational song, "To God Be The Glory", Mrs. Kay Thompson sang "It Will Be Worth It All", accompanied by Mrs. Betty Jeffreys.

Rev. Carlton Lambert preached from Philippians 2:5-11, telling some of the things Jesus became (Flesh, Poor, a Servant, Sin, Obedient unto death, First fruits, Author of Eternal Salvation, High Priest) that we may become the Children of God, bringing a good, sound message from the Word of God.

The congregation then sang "He Lives", and we were dismissed for a brief intermission.

Following the intermission, service resumed with singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms", "Tell Me The Story Of Jesus", and "Christ Returneth". Rev. D. Keith Bartlett then sang "I Will Glory In The Cross", accompanied by Mrs. Janet Bartlett.

Dr. Levy Corey, Superintendent of the Children's Home at Eldridge preached a good message from Numbers 13:33 and 21:4, using reference Scriptures Philippians 4:4, II Corinthians 1:3, Philippians 4:5-7, and Psalms 37:5.

After a delicious meal served by the Host Church conference was resumed at 1:00 P.M. by singing "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus". Mrs. Betty Jeffreys then sang "Sheltered In The Arms of God", accompanied by Mrs. Kay Thompson.

Rev. Richard Hendrix spoke from Revelation 12:12 on the subject, "When Satan Is At His Worst", bringing a stirring warning of satanic power and influence in the world. Moderator Rev. Eugene Hales led in prayer.

Bro. Thomas Hunter, Choir Director at the First FWB Church of Huntsville, and Mrs. Hunter sang "I Know A Man Who Cares".

Business was resumed and the following reports were given:

Appreciation Committee: We, the Appreciation Committee thank you for this opportunity to express our thankfulness to the Host Church for their wonderful hospitality, the delicious and abundant

meal. We praise the Lord for the messages in song, the musicians, and the men of God who have fed us from God's Word. Respectfully submitted, Elree Randolph, Mattie McCormack, Etta Jane White. The report was adopted by motion, second, and vote of the Body.

Resolutions Committee: Item 1. Whereas we have 24 young people to participate in the State CTS competition, and whereas there is a need of \$250.00 for entrance fees, Be it resolved that our Association pay these fees. Item 2. Whereas the National Association has adopted a new form for reporting to a Quarterly Meeting that is more uniform, Be it resolved that our Association adopt the use of this form. Submitted by Bro. Keith Bartlett, Bro. Harold Pitts, Bro. Danny Thompson. Both resolutions were adopted by motion, second, and vote of the Body.

Credentials Committee: 1. We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the letters of the Bethel, Cordova, Doytown, Eldridge, Fayette, Harmony, Jasper, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Russellville, Sulphur Springs, South Highland, and Townley Churches and found them in order. No letter from Florence, Jones Chapel, and Victory. Clerk's note: Letters and fees were received later from the Florence and Jones Chapel Churches. Item 2. On request from the Russellville Church, we recommend that Bro. Brent Nix's license to preach be extended for one year. Item 3. On request from South Highland Church, we recommend that Bro. Steve Michael's license to preach be extended for one year. Item 4. On request from the Fayette Church we recommend that Bro. Mike Rodriguez be given a license to preach for one year. Item 5. On petition for membership from 1st FWB Church at Hackleburg, we recommend that the Church be received as a member of the Progressive Association. (a) We recommend that Bro. Richard Hendrix be accepted as a Minister upon receipt of a Card of Good Standing from the Coastal Association, North Carolina. (b) Also that Bro. Donnie Gunnin be accepted in our Association as Minister in Good Standing. (c) Church requests that Bro. F.E. Gunnin and Bro. D.C. Kennedy be received as ordained deacons. Item 6. Upon the petition from the 1st FWB Church at Huntsville, we recommend that it be received as a member of the Progressive Association. (a) That Bro. Glen Bobo be accepted as Ordained Minister in our Association. (b) That Bro. Kenneth Lollar and Bro. Leo Sims be accepted as Deacons in our Association. Respectfully submitted, Charles Davis, Tommy DuBose, Loyd Martin, Jerry R. White. Items were considered individually, and all were approved by motion, second, and vote of the Body.

The Moderator gave the Right Hand of Fellowship in behalf of the Association, and then Conference adjourned.

Registration: 13 Ministers, 11 Deacons, 23 Delegates, and 17 Visitors for a total of 64 who registered.

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**November 16, 1986**  
**First Free Will Baptist Church**  
**Russellville, AL**

The Progressive Association Quarterly Conference opened with a congregational song, "Victory In Jesus", led by Bro. E.T. Sargent. Rev. Ernie Emmons led in prayer.

The welcome was given by Bro. P.W. Kimbrough 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, delegates were seated, visitors were recognized, and committees appointed as follows:

Appreciation: Janet Bartlett, Merinda White, Mattie Welborn.

Resolutions: Hillard Jeffreys, Rev. Danny Thompson, Rev. E.T. Sargent.

Rev. E.T. Sargent led in singing "There's Within My Heart A Melody" and then special music was rendered by the Harmony Choir, directed by Bro. John H. Lowery, and accompanied by Mrs. Vada Landers, Harmony Church Pianist. The songs were "Sing Me A Song About Jesus" and "It Could Happen In A Moment".

Rev. Ricky Cash then preached an excellent message from Romans 1:15, 16, using the thought "I am ready". (Ready to serve, ready to die ready to suffer, ready to be sacrificed).

After a brief intermission Bro. Sargent led in singing "At the Cross". An offering was received, the Moderator led in prayer, and then Angie Kimbrough sang a medly of songs, accompanied by Mrs. Rebecca Pugh.

Rev. Harold Pitts preached an outstanding message using II Corinthians 5:1, 10, 14, 17. He concluded the sermon with prayer, and "Trust and Obey" was sung for the invitation.

After a delicious meal served by the Host Church, conference was resumed at 1:00 P.M. by singing "Joy Unspeakable", led by Bro. Sargent. John Hendrix, a resident of the Children's Home at Eldridge, sang "How Great Thou Art" accompanied by Mrs. Rebecca Push.

Bro. Steve Michael spoke on Psalm 23, emphasizing that God leads us and uses everything around in doing so. We need to look around us, at ourselves, and at God's Word.

Business was resumed with the following reports given:

Credentials Committee: Item 1. All Churches but Victory reported. Item 2. We recommend that Rev. Harold Pitts be received in good standing on receipt of a letter from the Vernon Association. Item 3. We recommend that Rev. John Kruger be received in good standing on receipt of a letter from the West Fork District Association of FWB of Texas. Item 4. We recommend that the Executive Committee examine Harold Vincent and Johnny Jones for the office of Deacon in the Sulphur Springs Church.\*

A motion to receive the Credentials Committee report and act on it item by item carried, and each item was approved by Motion, second, and vote of the conference.

Appreciation: We, the Appreciation Committee, want to extend our thanks to the Russellville church for the warm spirit we felt here today. The messages in song and the preaching services were both moving and challenging. May the Lord help us to follow through and do those things which we've heard today. After this spiritual food we were richly blessed with a bountiful supply of delicious physical food. We thank everyone for all the work they've done. The report was adopted by a motion, second, and vote of the body.

Resolutions: Item 1. It is recommended that \$300.00 be given for the Pastors' and Workers' Conference that will meet at Guin February 10-12, 1986. Item 2. It is recommended that the Association purchase three folding tables for the Youth Camp. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to receive report and act on it item by item. Report was signed by Rev. E.T. Sargent, Bro. Hillard Jeffreys, and Rev. Danny Thompson. Both items were adopted by motion, second, and vote of the body.

Meeting adjourned.

Registration: 13 Ministers, 9 Deacons, 17 Delegates, and 31 Visitors for a total of 70 who registered.

\*Credentials Committee Report signed by Gwyn Pugh, Loyd Martin, Hoover Lewis, Charles Davis, and Jerry White.

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
QUARTERLY CONFERENCE**

**February 15, 1986**

**South Highland Free Will Baptist Church  
Muscle Shoals, Alabama**

The Progressive Association opened with singing "Victory In Jesus" and "It Is Well With My Soul", led by Bro. Tommy Bee.

The welcome was given by Bro. Tommy Bee, and the response was by Bro. Hillard Jeffreys.

Rev. Harold Pitts offered 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 committees were appointed as follows:

Appreciation: Geneva Martin, Shelia McCrary, and Elree Randolph.

Resolutions: Rev. Ricky Cash, Bro. Clint Short, and Dr. Gwyn Pugh.

Bro. Bee led in singing "To God Be The Glory" and then Randy and Sandra Jackson, from the Jasper Church, sang "Now I Belong To Jesus".

Rev. Carlton Lambert was scheduled to preach, but was not able to attend, so Rev. Broncho West, Evangelist and Chalk Artist, who was in revival at the Jasper Church brought a great message, "God shall supply all your need". He also did some "Gospel Magic" on the theme of God's abundant supply from I Kings 17:8-16.

After a brief intermission the 11:00 O'Clock service began with Bro. Randy Jackson leading "Jesus Saves". Prayer was by Rev. Ernie Emmons, and the White Sisters from the Cordova Church sang "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul".

Rev. Danny Thompson preached a stirring message from Psalms 26 on "Backsliders".

Following a delicious meal served by the Host church, the afternoon session was opened by Dr. Gwyn Pugh leading the congregational song, "I Will Thy Pilot Be". A ladies trio, composed of Willia Jean Lewis, Angela Mayfield, and Shirley Newman, of the South Highland FWB Church sang "Saved, Saved". They were accompanied by Betty Jeffreys from Harmony Church.

Bro. John Warren spoke from Romans 8:31,32, giving a good devotion on the provision of God for His people.

Business resumed with the following reports given:

Appreciation Committee: We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our thanks to South Highland Free Will Baptist Church for their warm welcome at our Progressive Quarterly Meeting, for the spiritual food that was received from the Word of God, and for the challenge that was given to each of us as a Christian.

We commend the women of the Host Church for the delicious food. Respectfully submitted, Geneva Martin, Chairman, Shelia McCrary, Elree Randolph, M/S/C to adopt the report.

Credentials Committee: Item 1. The Credentials Committee have examined the Church Letters from Sulphur Springs, South Highland, First Russellville, Harmony, First Florence, Victory, Townley, First Pleasant Grove, First Fayette, First Jasper, Cordova, Jones Chapel, Bethel, Dovertown, Eldridge, First Northport, and find them in order. Item 2. According to the request of the First Church Northport, we have examined Bro. Murray Renfro, Bro. Oliver A. Johnson for ordination as deacons. We recommend them to be ordained in their local church at the request of the church. We also examined Bro. Douglas Galloway, who has already been ordained. We recommend that he be received upon a letter of good standing from the Mount Moriah Association. Item 3. We have, in compliance with the Eldridge Church's request, examined Bro. Levy Corey, new Pastor of the Eldridge Church, and who has accepted the responsibilities of Superintendent of the Children's Home in Eldridge. We recommend him to our Association, upon receiving a letter of good standing from the North Central Conference in IL. Item 4. We met with the Pastor, Bro. Richard Hendrix and several members from the Free Will Baptist Church in Hackleburg as to the possibility of coming into the Progressive Association. Item 5. We have received a letter of good standing from the Vernon Association concerning Bro. Harold Pitts. Signed, Jerry White, Loyd Martin, Charles Davis, Gwyn Pugh, Hoover Lewis. M/S/C to receive report and consider item by item. All items adopted by motion, second, and vote of the body.

Resolutions Committee: Be it resolved: 1. We give Bro. Broncho West \$50.00 honorarium in appreciation for sharing with us. 2. Adopt "Target 90" as an Association project and encourage church participation. (National Challenge-100 new churches, 50,000 new members by 1990. 3. Adopt the Advance Celebration of Foreign Missions Dept. and encourage participation. Signed: Rick Cash, Clint Short, Gwyn Pugh. All items adopted by motion, second, and vote. Three year goal for Advance Celebration \$75,000.00 for our State Association.

Final adjournment.

Registration: 15 Ministers, 9 Deacons, 13 Delegates, 20 Visitors for a total of 57 who registered, although several in attendance did not register.

**MARCH 1, 1986**

**NORTHPORT, AL  
PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT AUXILIARY**

The meeting was called to order by our President, Mrs Reba Ritter. Our opening prayer was prayed by Mrs. Pitts. The welcome was given by Hazel Wheat from Northport using I Peter 4:9. Theila McCrary of Harmony responded to the welcome.

Our visitors and ministers were recognized at this time. Seating of Delegates are as follows:

Cordova: Pat Sanders, Lorene Ryland, Lovelle Short  
Fayette:

Harmony: Barbara South, Rachel Fretwell, Chris Grissom  
Jasper: Karen Cross, Sandra Jackson, Rose Hales, Linda Morgan  
Northport: Laura Hollingshead, Bobbie Carter, Carolyn Bowers  
Pleasant Grove: Renea Martin, Lillian Crawley, Katherine Houston  
Russellville: Jo Proctor, Dorothy Kimbrough, Margie Nix  
Sulphur Springs: Geraldine Strickland, Eloise Jones,  
Nancy Kuykendall

Townley:

Reading of the minutes followed. (carried) Treasurers report was given (m/s/c). Committees were appointed. Please see reports.

Each auxiliary took part in the program. We began with Cordova. Pat Sanders gave a wonderful talk on the goal for our meeting. Her scripture reference was Colossians 3:23. It was very encouraging and challenging.

Harmony came next with a skit entitled "The Field Is The World". This was a touching message to each one to use your talent for the Lord. They closed with special music "My House Is Full But My Field Is Empty".

Jasper followed with recitation by Sandra Jackson entitled "Miracle at Midnight". It too was very touching. It really brought out selfless love. Isn't that what missions is about?

Northport used scriptures Luke 9:23, Matthew 10:38. The skit was entitled "The Unwanted Cross". It brought a good message for the things of this world that keeps us from carrying the cross for Christ. They closed with special music "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone".

Pleasant Groves skit "The Flame Is The Same" bore home the point that God is no respecter of persons. All can be saved regardless of race. Special music followed by Rebecca Houston, "Jesus Loves The Little Children".

Russellville began with the song "Who's My Neighbor". It was based on the scripture of the Good Samaritan. It was refreshing. Taking a little time and trouble renders great reward.

An offering in the amount of \$64.71 was received.

Our message was brought by Bro. Bowers. His scripture reference was taken from Acts 16:9. He issued a real challenge to each lady there. We dismissed in prayer for the lunch hour.

After a most delicious lunch we reconvened. The reports were the first order of business after lunch. They are as follows:

## APPRECIATION:

We the appreciation committee wish to express our appreciation to the host church, Northport Free Will Baptist for their cordial hospitality in having the District Woman's Auxiliary meeting here today. Also, thank you for the delicious meal.

Katherine Houston,Chr., Vera Woods, Linda Morgan

## FINANCE:

We the finance committee have examined the treasurers record and find it in order.

Laura Hollingshead, Chr., Jo Proctor, Margie Nix

## REGISTRATION:

Ministers - 5, Delegates - 27, Visitors - 35. Total 67

Essie Collins-Chr., Hazel Wheat, Marie Gray

## RESOLUTION:

Be it Resolved:

I. That a representative of each auxiliary present check with the Sec./Treas. to make sure she has a correct name and mailing address for each local auxiliary mailing and that the secretary mail the necessary reporting forms to this person at least 1 (one month before a scheduled meeting. M/S/C

II. That each auxiliary be encouraged to remember the Childrens Home also during times other than the Holidays., M/S/C

III. That district officers are elected every other year instead of annually. M/S/C

Carolyn Bowers-Chr., Rose Hales, Renee Martin

## NOMINATING:

President ..... Reba Ritter

Vice-President ..... Betty Jeffreys

Sec./Treas. .... Linda Woodruff

Asst. Sec/Treas. .... Kay Thompson

Field Worker ..... Carolyn Bowers

Kay Thompson-Chr., Dorothy Kimbrough, Lovelle Short

## CREDENTIALS:

The credentials committee examined the following auxiliary reports and found the following correct:

Cordova

Harmony

Pleasant Grove

Russellville

Northport

Sulphur Springs letter unaudited

Fayette and Jasper no letter

A refund of \$3.75 to Harmony and Northport for overdues.

Betty Jeffreys-Chr., Pat Sanders, Lillian Crawley

There was a move made for the President to appoint delegates at the state when they arrive in Dothan.

Our project for each auxiliary to make 42 cross book marks for the 87 convention. There was a move made that the dues to our district be raised to \$3.00. Carried. Sulphur Springs was the last participant in the program. Debbie gave a challenge to every woman to submit to God's will. Special music also by Debbie entitled "Whatever It Takes".

Our congregational song was "Lord of Harvest". The installation was presented by Sandra Jackson using scripture reference Esther 4:16. The title was "Offering Yourself". The prayer of dedication was offered by Bro. Ritter. Russellville asked for the district meeting next year and Cordova in 88. The meeting was adjourned.

## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the Will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## LETTER OF DISMISSION

This certifies that \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

is a regular member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Free Will

Baptist Church at \_\_\_\_\_, in good

standing as such. We commend \_\_\_\_\_  
to the fellowship of God's people, and is this day dismissed from the church  
and is privileged to unite with any other evangelical church.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

## SUGGESTED GUIDE LINES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. We agree as members of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists to co-operate in every move for betterment of our denomination and extension of God's Kingdom throughout the world.

2. We agree to meet in conference quarterly or oftener if necessary to transact the business of the church.

3. The moderator shall be chosen by the suffrage of the church in the absence of the pastor. The Moderator shall observe good order and explain all questions before he takes the voice of the church on them, and shall have the liberty of speech as any other, but not vote unless there is a tie, when he shall give the deciding vote.

4. It shall be the duty of all members to fill their seats during conference and bear their part of the expenses.

5. No member shall leave their seat during the conference without permission from the moderator.

6. No member shall arraign another before the church for any grievance without first taking gospel steps. See Matthew 18:15-17.

7. All business brought before the church by motion and second in gospel like order shall be attended to by the church unless withdrawn by the mover.

8. Any person wishing to speak shall arise and address the moderator and if two arise at the same time, the moderator shall decide who shall speak first and no member while speaking shall cast any reflection on any person but shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration.

9. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the church and not more than five minutes at a time.

10. It shall be the duty of all church members to be present at all church meetings to vote on all questions that come before the church when called on by the moderator or any member of the church who desires to obtain the mind of the whole church.

11. If any member shall remain silent during the transaction of business of the church and afterward complain of what was done the same shall be deemed disorderly and the member so offending shall be dealt with accordingly.

12. We agree to do all business by a majority of the members present at any regular or called conference provided a quorum is present, said quorum being seven members or more.

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

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

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

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

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

## RULES FOR PREACHERS & DEACONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 8. Item 1. The association's annual meeting will be on the third Saturday and Friday preceding it 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.



