

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

56th ANNUAL SESSION

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

**1988 Session
CORDOVA
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
414 First Street
Cordova, Alabama
August 20, 1988**



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

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Bro. Samuel Key	5 Year Term
Rev. Malone Cobb	4 Year Term
Bro. Loyd Martin	3 Year Term
Rev. E.T. Sargent	2 Year Term
Rev. Jerry White	1 Year Term

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Rev. Ricky Cash	3 Year Term
Rev. Randy Wright	2 Year Term
Rev. Tommy DuBose	1 Year Term

PROGRESSIVE YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

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

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DOVERTOWN

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ELDRIDGE

None

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Ken Akers
Charles Bray

**56th ANNUAL MEETING
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF ALABAMA**

FRIDAY MORNING

The 56th Annual Meeting of the Progressive Association convened at the Sulphur Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Northport, Alabama on August 14, 1987. The service was opened by a congregational song, "Joy Unspeakable", followed with prayer by Bro. Joe Sularin, and "Some Day", led by Host Pastor E.T. Sargent. The welcome was given by Rev. Sargent, and the response was by Bro. Charles Davis, Deacon of the South Highland Church.

Moderator's Message by Rev. Eugene Hales from Matthew 6:33 on "Establishing Our Priorities" set the tone of the entire Conference for a moving of the Holy Spirit as the theme, "Heirs of Eternal Life" was followed in the other messages in the conference. Following the Moderator's Message, the Association was called to order by the Conference Clerk, and the Moderator took charge to begin business.

The Program agenda was adopted by motion, second, and vote of the body.

Motion and second to seat delegates both present at roll call of delegates and those who were named in the Church Letters who had not yet arrived carried.

Visitors were recognized and Brother Jamie Allen, Student Intern at the Northport Church gave a testimony. Misses Kristie Renee Kruger and Kristi Dawn Akers were recognized.

After a brief intermission, congregational song "I Feel Like Traveling On" was sung, and Mirenda White sang "He Came To Me".

Rev. Jerry White preached a wonderful message on "Salvation Of Life" from Titus 3:3-7, bringing out the thoughts of incidents and ingredients in salvation that are recorded in the Word of God. He then concluded with the results that these bring to the life that embraces Christ.

The following committees were appointed:

Appreciation	Clara Cobb, Reba Ritter
Obituary	Joe Sularin
Temperance	Rev. Ernie Emmons, Rev. Wayne Wilson
Auditing	Rev. E.T. Sargent, Bro. Ken Akers
Resolutions	Rev. Malone Cobb, Rev. Tommy DuBose
Nominating	Rev. Danny Thompson, Rev. Rick Cash.

Dismissal prayer and blessing on the noon meal was given by Rev. Thomas Scott, who was visiting our Association.

Following a delicious meal provided by the Host Church, the meeting was reconvened at 1:05 P.M. by singing "Victory In Jesus". Brother Ritter sang "After" in keeping with the conference theme, and was accompanied by Mirenda White.

Rev. Rick Cash preached on "Sanctification Of Life", using I Thessalonians 4:1-7 for the Scripture reading. This was a Spirit-filled message on the practical aspect of being made holy by the power of God, and growing in this process as the heirs of eternal life.

After Bro. Cash concluded the message, business was resumed with the following reports given:

Junior Youth Camp Report by Rev. Eugene Hales, M/S/C. Teen Youth Camp Report was given by Rev. Rick Cash, M/S/C. District Woman's Auxiliary Report was given by Mrs. Reba Ritter, District President, M/S/C. Association Clerk's Report was given by Rev. George E. Ritter, M/S/C. Treasurer's Report was given by Associational Treasurer, Bro. Charles E. Davis, M/S/C. Each of the foregoing reports was received. The meeting was then adjourned until 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY EVENING

The evening service opened with the congregation singing "Living By Faith", followed by Rev. Elza Gilliam leading in prayer. "Glad Reunion Day" and "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus" were sung, and Bro. Jamie Allen sang "My House Is Full, But My Fields Are Empty". Rev. Randy Key preached a powerful message on "Stewardship Of Life" from Titus 3:7. This was a blessing and challenge to all who were present. At the close of the message many were gathered at the altar for prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING

The session opened with a congregational song, "I'll Live On", led by the Host Pastor, and Rev. Charles Hollingshead brought devotional thoughts from Psalms 31 and 133:1 and from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 1:3, 20; 2:6; and 3:7-12, directing our thoughts to unity, cooperation and blessing in serving God and enjoying the "heavenly places" He provides us.

After an intermission the meeting was begun by singing "When Jesus Comes In The Clouds" and then reports were resumed. Children's Home Report was given by Rev. Jerry White, and was received by motion, second and vote.

Appreciation Committee Report given by Mrs. Clara Cobb, received by motion, second and vote.

Obituary Report given by Bro. Joe Sularin, received, M/S, Standing Vote and prayer by Rev. Charles Hollingshead following a moment of silent meditation.

Temperance Committee Report given by Rev. Wayne Wilson, received M/S/C.

Auditing Committee Report was given by Rev. E.T. Sargent, received M/S/C.

Resolutions Committee Report was given by Rev. Tommy DuBose. Item 1 involved a Constitutional change. Motion to table Item 1 seconded and carried. Motion to adjust agenda to meet after lunch to take care of Item 1 seconded and carried. Items 2 and 3 M/S/C.

Congregational song, "I'm In The Gloryland Way" was sung, and then Bro. and Mrs. Ritter sang "When We See Christ", accompanied by Mrs. Clara Cobb.

Rev. Harold A. Pitts preached on "Glorification Of Life" from Isaiah 43:7, Psalms 84:11, and I Corinthians 6:19, 20. This was a great message, blessed of God as God's man poured his heart out to us, and was concluded by prayer around the altar.

We were dismissed for lunch, and then, as was voted earlier, the meeting was resumed at 12:35 to take care of remaining business.

A verbal report of the Christian Education Board was received from Rev. Eugene Hales.

The Nominating Committee Report was given by Bro. Danny Thompson, and a motion was made, seconded, and voted to elect the entire slate of nominees by acclamation.

Motion to take recommended Constitutional change off the table and act on it was seconded, voted on and carried. The Constitutional change then was passed by motion, second, and vote of the body. Article 8, Item 1 is amended by deletion of "and Friday preceding it". The reading of Article 8, Item 1, is now "The association's annual meeting will be on the third Saturday in August".

Delegates to the Alabama State Association Meeting at the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church November 5-7 selected at this meeting are Mrs. Reba H. Ritter, Mrs. Harold Pitts, and Mrs. Clara Cobb. Final adjournment, M/S/C.

Meetings of the Progressive Association will be as follows: November 21, 1987, First Free Will Baptist Church, Pleasant Grove, AL; February 20, 1988, First Free Will Baptist Church, Russellville, AL; May 21, 1988, First Free Will Baptist Church, Fayette, AL. The Annual Meeting will be August 20, 1988 at the Cordova Free Will Baptist Church, Cordova, AL.

Registration was as follows: 16 Ministers, 3 Deacons, 12 Delegates, and 13 Visitors. Although the attendance was small, there were others who did not register.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee, express thanks to the host Church for their warm welcome and delicious meals. We thank the Lord for the sweet Spirit that prevailed in all the services: in singing, and in the inspiring and challenging messages. We commend those who make up the program, and we ask God to give them leadership in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Cobb, Chairman; Reba Ritter

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the financial records of the Progressive Association and Camp Proyuka Report and find them in order.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. E.T. Sargent, W.R. Hudson,
Ken Akers

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

In II Peter 1, Peter began by saying that our Christian life begins with faith in Jesus Christ.

After having demonstrated this initial faith, we are to pursue with all diligence, to increase that faith; and add virtue, knowledge, and then temperance.

God's Word says, greater is he that controlleth his spirit than he that taketh the city.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Wilson, Jimmy Fuller

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee make the following recommendations:

Item 1: We recommend that the Annual Association be held on Saturday only due to the lack of attendance and working conditions of our people.

Item 2: We also recommend that our Pastors encourage our people to attend these meetings.

Item 3: We recommend that our Pastors and Deacons be required to attend the Associational Meetings in order to receive the card of good standing, unless an acceptable excuse is presented.

Respectfully submitted,
J.M. Cobb, Ken Akers,
Tommy DuBose

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, report the following names of deceased given by the Churches in our Association since our Annual Meeting in 1986:

Cordova Rosa Franklin, Omie Nations, Della Swindle
Russellville Gilbert Hester, Lester Prince, Ben Howell, Grady
Corbell
Townley Geneva H. Smith
Harmony James P. Crosswhite, Virgie Briley
Fayette Alvis Hollingshead
Sulphur Springs Paul Jones
Northport Mrs. Lottie Turner, Mrs. Moda Poole

We, the Obituary Committee move that we have a moment of silent prayer, and that Rev. Charles Hollingshead offer prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Sularin, Jerry Sanford

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Item 1. We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the church Letters from Sulphur Springs, Hackleburg, Jasper, Harmony, Bethel, Cordova, Fayette, Pleasant Grove, South Highland, Doyertown, Jones Chapel, Eldridge, Victory, Russellville, Northport, Townley, and find them in order. No letters were received from Huntsville and Florence. (Clerk's Note: Reports and checks for annual dues were received from the Huntsville and Florence Churches late, and checks forwarded to the Association Treasurer).

Item 2. Upon the request from the Harmony Church, we recommend that Bro. Alan Fretwell's license to preach be renewed.

Item 3. Upon the request from the Victory Church, we recommend that Bro. Tim Osborn's license to preach be renewed.

Item 4. Upon the request from the Northport Church, we have examined Jamie Allen and recommend that he be licensed to preach for one year.

Item 5. We recommend that Ministers and Deacons be given cards of good standing as requested by their Churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry White, Ernie Emmons,
Charles Davis

As a Member and Chairman of the Credentials Committee, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Bro. Charles Davis for several years of faithful service.

Bro. Ernie Emmons

A letter expressing appreciation to Bro. Davis has been sent to him by the Association Clerk.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following report was submitted by the Nominating Committee to the Association:

Moderator	Rev. Eugene Hales
Asst. Moderator	Rev. Duane Taylor
Clerk	Rev. George E. Ritter
Asst. Clerk	Rev. Carlton Lambert
Treasurer	Bro. Charles Davis
Asst. Treasurer	Mrs. Duane Taylor
Executive Committee	Rev. Jerry White, 3 years
Board of Christian Education	Rev. Wayne Wilson, 5 years
Credentials Committee (2 year unexpired term)	Rev. E.T. Sargent, 2 years
Credentials Committee (Full 5 year term)	Bro. Samuel Key, 5 years
Credentials Committee (4 year unexpired term)	Rev. Malone Cobb, 4 years
Northwest AL Youth Camp Board	Rev. Ricky Cash, 3 years
Progressive Youth Camp Committee	Rev. Ricky Cash, 1 year
	Rev. Danny Thompson, 1 year
	Rev. Eugene Hales, 1 year

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Ricky Cash,
Bro. Danny Thompson

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1986-87
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

BALANCE AUGUST 22, 1986 \$1,334.70

RECEIPTS FOR 1986-87:

Dues and Offering	<u>\$2,715.53</u>
	\$4,050.53

EXPENDITURES:

Youth Camp	706.70
Bro. George Ritter, Clerk	200.00
Bro. Eugene Hales, Moderator	100.00
Bro. David Crow	25.00
Stamps & Telephone	66.77
Alabama State Association Dues	360.00
A&M Printers	33.92
Cash & Carry Printers: Printing of Minutes	304.95
Pastor & Worker's Conference	300.00
Alabama State Association-National	680.00
Alabama Christian Education Board	125.00
Home Missions	50.00
Repair of Typewriter	<u>47.50</u>
	<u>2,999.84</u>

ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 14, 1987 \$1,050.69

CHARLES DAVIS, TREASURER

CAMP PROYUKA REPORT 1987

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Balance Brought Forward.....	\$4,439.80
Received from 1987 Camp Sessions	
Junior Week	\$1,470.00
49 Campers @ \$30.00	
Teen Week	\$1,539.00
50 Campers @ 30.00	
1 Camper @ 24.00	
1 Camper @ 15.00	
2 Non-paying Campers	
Interest on Certificate of Deposit	156.73
Return on Canteen	748.46
Refund on Supplies	232.54
Campers Offering for Richard Hendrix	<u>13.86</u>

TOTAL INCOME	\$4,160.59
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$8,600.39

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Ivies Supermarket-Groceries	48.68
B&B Quick Shoppe-Drinks	44.87
Sav-Mor Foods-Groceries	166.16
Al Hamm-Teen Camp Evangelist	250.00
B&K Electric-Exhaust Fan	10.95
North West Al. Youth Camp-Rent 2 Weeks	600.00
Hardin Bakery-Bread Products	51.82
Bronco West-Junior Camp Evangelist	250.00
Bronco West-Travel Expense	100.00
Tom's-Canteen Supplies and Drinks	631.42
Red Diamond Institutional Foods	2,164.82
Mutual Security Life-Camper Insurance	203.68
Wal-Mart & Fred's-Supplies	73.94
Mini-Mart-Groceries & Supplies	52.02
Super Drugs-First Aid	8.11
Gas for Camp Vehicles	60.50
Nelson Grocery-Groceries, Ice	39.27
Postage & Telephone	41.80
Cornerstone Film Service-Film Rental	99.56
Suzanne Anglin-Lifeguard	100.00
Michael Phenicie-Lifeguard	100.00
Al. State Missions for Richard Hendrix	<u>13.86</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$5,111.46
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BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AUGUST 14, 1987 ..	\$3,488.93
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ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Junior Camp

Total campers including workers	72
49 Campers	
23 Workers	
Total decisions	41
8 Saved	
12 Rededications	
21 Other decisions	

Teen Camp

Total campers including workers	65
54 Campers	
11 Workers	
Total decisions	
Total decisions	35
10 Saved	
25 Rededications	

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

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CLERK'S REPORT
1986-87**

Our Association has met in regular session for Quarterly Conferences as follows: November 15, 1986, Harmony, Rt. 2, Leighton; February 21, 1987, Cordova Free Will Baptist, Cordova, AL; May 16, 1987, First Free Will Baptist, Jasper, AL.

At the November meeting it was voted to give \$300.00 to the Pastors and Workers Conference. A letter of good standing was granted for Bro. John Warren, who has gone to the Jasper Association. Bro. Malone Cobb was received into our Association pending a letter of good standing from the South Georgia Association. Bro. Alan Austin was granted license to preach for one year.

At the February meeting deacons Bro. Charles Bray and Bro. Ken Akers were received into the Association at the request of Victory Church. Bro. Wayne Wilson was received into our Association pending a letter of good standing from the Georgia Union Association. Bro. Greg Rucker was granted license to preach for one year at the request of the Florence Church. A letter of good standing was granted to Dr. Gwyn Pugh, who has gone to the West Tennessee Association. Letters of good standing were received for Bro. Randy Wright and Bro. Malone Cobb.

At the May meeting it was voted to send a \$50.00 honorarium to National Home Missions in appreciation of Bro. Roy Thomas, Home Missions Director, preaching at our Quarterly Conference. It was also voted to send \$125.00 to pay registration fee for our CTS contestants to the Alabama State Competition. The Association voted to pay \$500.00 on the purchase of a new chest type freezer for the Northwest Alabama Youth Camp. Bro. Steve Michael's license to preach was extended for one year. Letters of good standing were received for Dr. Levy Corey and Bro. Wayne Wilson. Bro. Tommy Johnson was approved for ordination as Deacon in the Fayette Church when convenient for them.

Two of our Churches have had pastoral changes this year. Rev. Malone Cobb is now Pastor of Victory Church, Russellville, and Rev. Wayne Wilson is now Pastor of First Church, Russellville. The Pastors of Dooertown and Jones Chapel Churches have just recently resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
George E. Ritter
Association Clerk

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
QUARTERLY MEETING
November 15, 1986
Harmony Free Will Baptist Church
Leighton, Alabama

The Progressive Association Quarterly Conference opened with congregational songs, "Living By Faith" and "Beulah Land", led by Bro. John H. Lowery.

The welcome was given by Bro. Jack Willis and the response was by Bro. Buddy Troutt.

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: Janet Bartlett, Dorothy Kimbrough and Carol DuBose.

Resolutions: Rev. E.T. Sargent, Bro. Steve McCrary, Rev. Rick Cash.

Bro. John H. Lowery led the congregation in singing, "I See Jesus", and the choir of Harmony Church sang "Another Look At Calvary".

Rev. Tommy Dubose preached from Isaiah 61:1-4, 10 on the shepherd-sheep relationship, referring to the Pastor and the Church. This was a challenging and inspiring message on the ministering to the people of God by God's man.

After a brief intermission, service was resumed by singing, "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul". Bro. and Mrs. Ritter sang "His Name Lives On". An offering of \$43.95 was received.

Rev. Keith Bartlett preached from Hebrews 2:1-3, 3:12-15, 4:1-2 and 5:11-14, on the subject, "How Christians Stunt Their Growth". He summarized the message by stating that the key to growing up as a Christian is to remain teachable.

We were dismissed for a delicious meal served by the host Church, and then reconvened at 1:00 P.M. Congregational songs "His Name Is Wonderful" and "What A Beautiful Day" were led by Bro. Lowery, and Rev. Philip Cooper and his daughter sang "He's Still Working on Me".

Bro. Alan Fretwell, Licensed Minister from Harmony Church, preached a good message from John 3:14 on the "lifting up" of Christ.

Business resumed with the following reports given:

Appreciation Committee: We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our thanks to Harmony Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality shown to the Progressive Quarterly Meeting. We thank you for the time and care spent so that we might enjoy our meal; and enjoy it we did. We commend the Association Committee in selecting the speakers who delivered their inspiring messages. Special music was appreciated by all. Respectfully submitted, Carol DuBose, Janet Bartlett, Dorothy Kimbrough. The report was adopted by motion, second and vote by the body.

Resolutions Committee: Item 1. We, the Resolutions Committee, recommend the Progressive Association send \$300.00 to the Pastors' and Workers' Conference. Item 2. We, the Resolutions Committee would like to encourage our Pastors to excite our church members to attend our Association meetings. We would also ask that they get

members involved in visitation in their communities. Signed: Bro. E.T. Sargent, Bro. Rick Cash, Steven McCrary. All items were adopted by motion, second, and vote of the body.

Credentials Committee: We, the Credentials Committee have examined the Church letters from: Dovertown, Harmony, Bethel, Fayette, Jasper, Cordova, Russellville, Hackleburg, Townley, Jones Chapel, Sulphur Springs, Northport, South Highland, Pleasant Grove, Eldridge, Florence, and Victory, and find them in order. No letter from Huntsville. (Clerk's Note: The Huntsville letter and dues were received later).

Item 2. Upon request of Bro. John Warren, we recommend that card of good standing be sent to the Jasper Association. He is presently pastoring Cedrom Grove FWB Church at Carbon Hill.

Item 3. We have received a letter of good standing for Bro. John Wade as Deacon from Faith Church.

Item 4. We recommend that Rev. Malone Cobb be received in our Association upon a letter of good standing from the South Georgia Association of FWB.

Item 5. Upon request from Florence Church we have examined Bro. Alan Austin to be licensed to preach and recommend that license be granted. Respectfully submitted, Ernie Emmons, Charles Davis, Jerry White. All items were adopted by motion, second and vote of the body.

Meeting was adjourned.

Registration: 12 Ministers, 5 Deacons, 18 Delegates and 21 Visitors for a total of 56. Again, there were several in attendance who did not register.

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

February 21, 1987

**Cordova Free Will Baptist Church
Cordova, Alabama**

The Progressive Association Quarterly Conference opened with congregational song, "Let Him Have His Way With Thee".

The welcome was given by Bro. Joe Sularin, of the Cordova Church, and the response was given by Bro. Loyd Martin of the Pleasant Grove Church.

The meeting was called to order by the Association Clerk, and the Moderator took charge. Roll call of Delegates was made, Delegates seated, and visitors were recognized. Rev. E.T. Sargent was appointed to serve on the Credentials Committee.

Congregational songs, "At Calvary" and "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" were sung, and the Trio from Dovertown Church, Gerald Hallman, Deborah Hallman, and Claudette Miles, accompanied by Joe Hyche, sang "The General" and "When He Sees Me".

Rev. Randy Wright preached from Proverbs 4:23, using thoughts on Keep Commandments, Keep Sound Wisdom, Keep Silent In The Church, Keep From Idolatry, Keep Your Tongue, Keep Mercy And Judgement, Keep Yourself Pure, and Keep In The Love Of God.

After a brief intermission, congregational songs, "Where He Leads I'll Follow" and "Sunlight" were sung. Special music by Randy and Sandra Jackson was rendered in singing "Give Them To Jesus" and "Christ Means More To Me Than You'll Ever Know".

At this time, the Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Appreciation: Karen Cross, Nancy May Hall and Charlotte Wright.

Resolutions: Rev. Carlton Lambert, Rev. Alan Fretwell and Rev. Tommy DuBose.

Rev. Malone Cobb preached on the subject, "Only One", using Isaiah 55:1-3, 6, 7 and Ephesians 4:5. He declared there is only One God, One Saviour, One Way To Heaven, One Door (Repentance and Faith), One Mediator, One Alternative (Repentance or Eternal Punishment).

Announcements giving Youth Camp dates, Northwest Alabama Youth Camp Rally Day, March 21, were given and then Rev. Richard Hendrix gave a report on his Home Missions itinerant, noting that 22 have been saved in the services he has had, and that there was still a need for \$700.00 in monthly support for the work in Huntsville that he will begin.

After a delicious lunch, the meeting reconvened by singing "Have Faith In God". The White Sisters from the Cordova Church sang "Great Are You, Lord".

Rev. Donnie Gunnin preached a strong message from Nehemiah 4:7 on "Conspiracy In The Church", bringing out thoughts that this involves murder, treason, destroying another human being, and pointed out that the invasion of another Pastor's work is conspiracy, concluding with the thought that we need to know who our enemies are!

Business was resumed with the following reports given:

Resolutions: No report.

Credentials: We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the letters from the following Churches and find them in order: Jones Chapel, Townley, Bethel, South Highland, Sulphur Springs, Northport, Harmony, Dovertown, Eldridge, Jasper, Russellville, Victory, Florence, Fayette, Cordova, Pleasant Grove, Huntsville and Hackleburg. Item 2: The Victory Church has ordained Bro. Charles Bray and Bro. Ken Akers as Deacons. We have met with them and examined them and recommend that they be received into the association. Item 3: Upon the request from the Russellville Church, we recommend that Bro. Wayne Wilson be accepted into the Progressive Association upon receiving a card of good standing from the Georgia Union Association. Item 4: According to existing By-laws of the Progressive Association, Bro. John Kruger must receive a letter of good standing from West Fork District, Texas. Item 5: Upon request from the Florence Church, we recommend that Bro. Greg Rucker be given license to preach for one year. Item 6: Upon request from the West Tennessee Association, we recommend that Bro. Gwyn Pugh be given a letter of good standing. Item 7: We received a letter from West Tennessee Association stating that Bro. Randy Wright is in good standing. Item 8: We received a letter from South Georgia Association that Bro. J.M. Cobb is in good standing. Report adopted item by item, motion, second and vote.

Announcements were made concerning need for workers in the National Association to be held in Birmingham in July, Call-A-Thon Sunday, April 26, and District CTS Competitive Activities May 9 at First FWB Church, Jasper.

Meeting was adjourned.

Registration: 17 Ministers, 15 Deacons, 25 Delegates, and 18 Visitors, for a total of 75. Some who were present did not register.

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY MEETING

May 16, 1987

First Free Will Baptist Church
Jasper, Alabama

The Progressive Association Quarterly Conference opened at 9:45 A.M., following an inspirational Musical Medley by Randy and Sandra Jackson, which began at 9:30. Bro. Randy Jackson led the congregation in singing "My Saviour's Love".

The welcome was given by Bro. Charles Hall and the response was given by Bro. Charles Bray.

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 were appointed as follows:

Resolutions: Rev. Danny Thompson, Rev. Duane Taylor, Rev. E.T. Sargent.

Appreciation: Etta Jane White, Reba Ritter, Kay Thompson.

Rev. Duane Taylor led the congregation in singing "Joy Unspeakable", and the White Sisters from the Cordova Church sang a trio number, "He Is Ever Interceding".

Rev. Wayne Wilson preached from Acts 3:1-11 a stirring message on the need for excitement in the Lord.

Following a brief intermission, Rev. Taylor led in singing "Victory In Jesus", and Rev. Richard Hendrix reported on Huntsville Mission plans, a Walk-a-Thon at Nashville, and a Bike-A-Thon at Dooertown for Home Missions. Mrs. Kay Thompson, accompanied by Danielle Thompson, sang a solo, and an offering of \$37.38 was received.

Rev. Roy Thomas, General Director of Free Will Baptist Home Missions, preached from Deuteronomy 8 on the subject, "Why Tell America?" This was a challenging message and revealed some startling statistics on the status of religion in America.

We were dismissed for a delicious meal served by the Host Church, and following this time of food and good fellowship, reconvened at 1:05 by singing together "On Christ The Solid Rock I Stand". Bro. and Mrs. Randy Jackson sang a duet and then Rev. Ernie Emmons preached from I Corinthians 2:13, 14 and 3:1-3, bringing a good message on man in his various stages of life as Natural, Spiritual, Carnal, and Mature, showing the need to be truly "risen with Christ", knowing that our lives should indicate this relationship with Him.

Business was then resumed with the following reports given:

Appreciation Committee: We, the Appreciation Committee, want to thank the Jasper Church for their warm welcome and delicious meal. We appreciate the specials in song and spirit-filled messages. Respectfully submitted, Etta Jane White, Reba Ritter, Kay Thompson. Report was adopted by motion, second, and "standing vote" of the body.

Resolutions Committee: Item 1. Recommend that a \$50.00 honorarium be sent to the National Home Missions Department. Item 2. Recommend that the Registration Fee of our young people to the State CTS competition (\$125.00) be paid. Respectfully submitted: Duane Taylor, E.T. Sargent, Danny Thompson. Report was adopted by motion, second and vote of the body.

Credentials Committee: We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the Church Letters from Bethel, Pleasant Grove, South Highland, Harmony, Jasper, Florence, Cordova, Dovertown, Fayette, Townley, Sulphur Springs, Russellville, Northport, Jones Chapel, Eldridge, and Victory, and find them in order. No letters from Hackleburg and Huntsville. (Clerk's Note: Letters and dues from Hackleburg and Huntsville were received later). Item 2. Upon the request from South Highland, we recommend that Bro. Steve Michael's License to Preach be renewed for one year. Item 3. We received a letter of good standing for Bro. Levy Corey from North Central District Association in Illinois. Item 4. We received a letter of good standing for Bro. Wayne Wilson from Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists. Item 5. Upon request from First FWB Church at Fayette, we have examined Bro. Tommy Johnson as a Deacon and recommend that the Church ordain him. Respectfully submitted: Ernie Emmons, Loyd Martin, Charles Davis, Jerry R. White. Report was adopted item by item (items 3 and 4 as information) by motion, second, and vote of the body.

The need for a new chest-type freezer for the Northwest Alabama Youth Camp was presented, and after discussion, a motion was made to pay \$500.00 toward the purchase of the much needed equipment. Motion was seconded and passed by vote of the body.

Meeting was adjourned.

Registration: 12 Ministers, 6 Deacons, 17 Delegates, 12 Visitors, for a total of 47. Again, several were in attendance who did not register.

MARCH 7, 1987

**RUSSELLVILLE, AL
PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT AUXILIARY**

Our annual Progressive District meeting was called to order by our President, Mrs. Ritter. Carolyn Bowers of Northport opened our meeting with prayer. The Russellville Auxiliary presented a skit to welcome us. Fayette responded to the welcome using Psalms 122.

Our visitors and ministers were recognized. The seating of delegates are as follows:

Cordova: Etta Jane White, Lorene Ryland, Lovell Short, Patricia Sanders.

Fayette: Martha Bynum, Tammy Keeton, Linda Tiley, Pearl Hopson.

Harmony: Betty Jeffreys, Euleen Lowry, Rachel Fretwell, Barbara South.

Jasper: not represented.

Northport: Laura Hollingshead, Carolyn Bowers, Essie Collins, Mattie Reece, Wilma Davis. Alternate: Theo Kuykendall.

Pleasant Grove: Kay Thompson, Katherine Houston, Geneva Martin, Mary Kearney.

Russellville: Elree Randolph, Janice Jackson, Tina Kiplinger, Betty McKinney, Jane Jackson.

Sulphur Springs: not represented.

Townley: Carol Dubose.

Reading of the minutes and treasurer's report followed. Both were approved. Appointment of committees was next. Please see reports.

The morning devotion was presented by Carolyn Bowers. Her scripture reference was Galatians 5:22 and she spoke on Planting A Garden. Consider your heart as a garden. How does your spiritual garden grow? The fruits are found in Matthew 7:16-17. We were encouraged to plant them in our life.

Carol DuBose read a poem entitled, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go".

Our morning message began with special music. Timothy Hales sang "Jesus Loves Me" and our speaker, Bro. Eugene Hales, sang "Win The Lost at Any Cost" and then brought the message from Luke 24:44-53. His subject was "A Pastor's Concept of Missions". He spoke of the mandate from God. The importance, the urgency and plea that the gospel gives of "Come Unto Me". To pass the gospel from generation to generation, city to town until it covers the world. He gave the things you must do before you witness: 1). Commune with God; 2). See that you are finely tuned; 3). Have the touch of God which gives the burden for souls; 4). Joy—which comes from obedience.

An offering in the amount of \$67.00 was received. We were dismissed for lunch by prayer.

After a delicious lunch, our afternoon session began with the Pleasant Grove Auxiliary singing, "Surely The Presence of the Lord". Etta Jane White from Cordova presented a devotion on "Recipe for Life" from II Timothy 2:15. She encouraged each lady to saturate her life with God's work.

This was followed by the reports from our committees. They are as follows:

APPRECIATION

We the appreciation committee wish to express our thanks to the Russellville Free Will Baptist Church for hosting this meeting and for a banner welcome. We would also like to thank Mrs. Ritter for planning and hosting this meeting. We appreciate the bountiful meal and friendly fellowship.

Sara Nell Galloway, Chairman
Lorene Ryland, Linda Tilley

FINANCE

We the finance committee have examined the treasurer's records and have found them to be in order.

Kay Thompson, Tina Kiplinger,
Patricia Sanders

REGISTRATION

We the registration committee submit the following report with 27 delegates present, 4 ministers, 1 deacon, 4 children and 29 visitors present, giving a total present of 65.

Janice Jackson, Wilma Davis
Uleen Lowery

RESOLUTION

Be it Resolved:

I. That each local auxiliary send their monies through our District Treasurer in order to be reported.

II. That since the purpose of our Auxiliary is to teach and promote missions, that greater emphasis be put on missions in our monthly meetings. This must be accomplished through the use of Hot Line and Mission literature made available through our National Office.

III. That if money has not already been sent for the National Association expense in Birmingham, that it be sent as soon as possible. Also, be much in prayer for those on the Program and those planning the program.

IV. That we continue to pray and support the Alabama Mission Work.

Katherine Houston, Elree
Randolph, Laura Hollingshead

CREDENTIALS:

The credentials committee has examined the District Reports from the following Auxiliaries and have found them in order:

Cordova
Fayette
Harmony
Jasper
Northport
Pleasant Grove
Russellville
Sulphur Springs
Townley

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Jeffreys, Geneva Martin,
Betty McKinney

Harmony Auxiliary presented a skit entitled "Invisible Guest". Anytime we make an excuse, we miss a blessing.

The attendance award went to Elree Randolph of Russellville. Next year's meeting will be at Cordova and in Harmony for 1989.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in J̄esus 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 the third Saturday 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.



