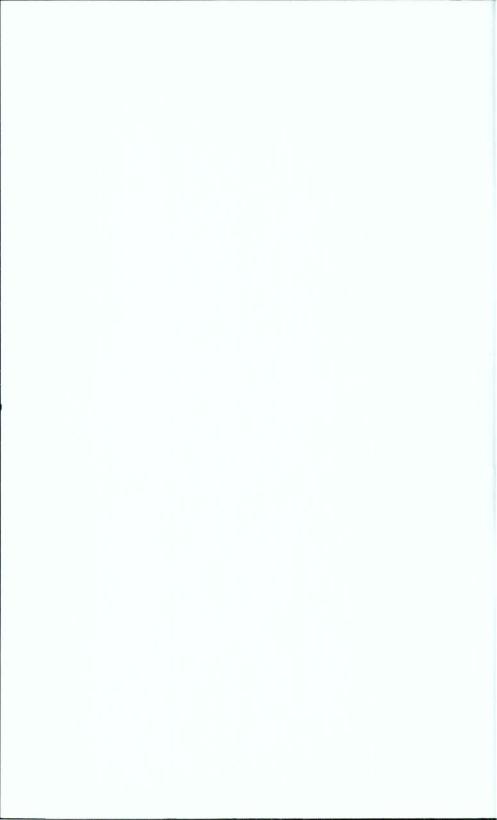
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MINUTES OF THE 57th ANNUAL SESSION

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SULPHUR SPRINGS

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Joel F. Smith R.M. Edgil Alfred Boshell William Dutton

VICTORY

Ken Akers Charles Bray Thomas Burchan Wayne Mayfield

57th ANNUAL MEETING PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA

The 57th Annual Meeting of the Progressive Association convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 414 First Street, Cordova, Alabama, on August 20, 1988. Services began by singing "Who Is On The Lord's Side" led by Bro. Randy Jackson, accompanied by his wife Sandra on the piano. Special music given by Randy and Sandra Jackson, "It's Different Now". Welcome given by Bro. Jerry Sanford of the Cordova Church. Response given by Bro. Randy Jackson of the Jasper Church.

Meeting called to order by the Assistant Clerk. The following committees were appointed:

Nominating: Rev. Danny Thompson, Rev. Ernie Emmons Rev. Malone Cobb

Auditing: Bro. Jimmy Fuller, Bro. Randy Jackson
Bro. Jack Willis

Resolutions: Bro. Randy Wright, Rev. Jerry Sanford Bro. Charles Hollingshead

Obituary: Rev. Richard Bowers, Rev. Harold Pitts

Appreciation: Sis. Vada Landers, Sis. Duane Taylor
Sis. Geneva Martin

Temperance: Sis. Clara Cobb, Sis. Sandra Jackson

Special music was then given by Mrs. Duane Taylor, "I Don't Need To Understand", and also by Randy and Sandra Jackson, "It Is Well".

Bro. Duane Taylor, Assistant Moderator, brought the first message from Isaiah 54:7-8. Bro. Danny Thompson was scheduled to speak, but was not present because of car trouble. Bro. Taylor's message entitled "Why God sometimes Hides His Face". Occasions were given from Biblical accounts when God hid His face from various Biblical characters. Reasons were given why God sometimes hides His face from us. Prayer by Bro. Taylor.

Motion made, second, and carried to seat the delegates. Intermission at 10:45 to 11:00 a.m.

Congregation singing, "Standing on the Promises" and "He Keeps Me Singing" led by Bro. Randy Jackson. Special music by Mrs. Duane Taylor, "I Had A Vision Of Heaven".

The second message of the day by Bro. Ernie Emmons in place of Rev. Tom Malone, who had a funeral and could not be present. Bro. Emmons spoke from Ephesians 6:10-12, "Putting on the Whole Armor of God". He spoke of how we are fighting a spiritual warfare. He spoke of how that there are good and evil spirits in the spiritual realm. In this warfare, the prize is the souls of men. Prayer by Bro. Ernie Emmons with dismissal for the noon meal provided by the host church.

Following the delicious meal provided by the Host Church, the meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m. by singing "When The Roll is Called Up Yonder" led by Bro. Jackson. Another congregational song was sung "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Bro. Jackson. Special music by Mrs. Landers and Mrs. Willis of Harmony Church, "Something's Missing".

Rev. Wayne Wilson of Russellville Church preached in the afternoon. His message was entitled "Three Kinds of People", taken from I Corinthians 2:14 - 3:4. The three types given were Natural. Carnal, and Spiritual. There are characteristics that distinguish each. After Bro. Wilson concluded his message, business was resumed with the following reports given: Credential report by Bro. Jerry White. Received item by item, M/S/C. Resolutions report given by Bro. Randy Wright, M/S/C. Nominating report given by Bro. Ernie Emmons. Received. Opportunity given for other nominations for each office. The slate of officers nominated by the Nominating Committee were elected by majority vote. Youth Camp reports given by Bro. Rick Cash and Bro. Danny Thompson, M/S/C. Appreciation report given by Mrs. Landers, M/S/C. Obituary report given by Bro. Richard Bowers, M/S/C. Temperance report given by Mrs. Clara Cobb. M/S/C. Auditing report given by Bro. Jimmy Ruller, M/S/C. Treasurers report as prepared by Bro. Davis was passed out to the body and approved. Bro. Davis was not able to be present.

Meetings of the Progressive Association will be as follows: November, 1988, First Free Will Baptist, Russellville; February, 1989, Townley Free Will Baptist, Townley; May 1989, Victory Free Will Baptist, Russellville; August Annual Meeting, South Highland Free Will Baptist, Muscle Shoals. M/S/C.

Delegates to the Alabama State Association: Mrs. Barbara Taylor and Mrs. Harold Pitts.

Moved to send Bro. George Ritter a letter of commendation for 10 years of faithful service as Clerk of this Association. M/S/C.

Recognition of visiting ministers: Bro. R.C. Wiggins, Pensacola, FL. Moved to adjourn. M/S/C.

Registration was as follows: 14 Ministers, 10 Deacons, 27 Delegates, and 10 Visitors. There were many others who attended the meeting and did not register.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the Appreciation Committee, express thanks to the host church for their warm welcome and delicious meal. We commend those who make up the program, and we pray for wisdom in their leadership in the future. We thank the Lord for the inspiring and challenging message.

Respectfully submitted, Geneva Martin, Chairman Vada Landers Barbara Taylor

AUDITING COMMITTEE

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

> Respectfully submitted, Jimmy W. Fuller Randy Jackson Jack Willis

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We the Resolutions Committee make the following recommendations: Item 1: Be it resolved that the Progressive Youth Camp Committee be dissolved and that the Youth Camp Board assume the responsibilities of this committee.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Wright Jerry Sanford Charles Hollingshead

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, Sandra Jackson Clara Cobb

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, report the following names of deceased given by the Churches in our Association since our Annual Meeting in 1987:

CordovaMattie Johnson, Hattie GilbertSouth HighlandEdward Britnell, Mattie ChildersTownleyMauel Thomas, Hazel BensonRussellvilleMossie HoustonNorthportLouis Holloway

Obituary Report given by: Richard Bowers Respectfully Submitted: Huston Keller Janice Warren

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Item 1: We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the church letters from Sulphur Springs, Jasper, Harmony, Bethel, Cordova, Fayette, Pleasant Grove, South Highland, Dovertown, Jones Chapel, Victory, Russellville, Northport, Townley, and find them in order. No letter was received from Florence, Eldridge, and Hackleburg.

- Item 2: We recommend that cards of good standing be given for ministers and deacons as requested by the churches.
- Item 3: Upon request from Jones Chapel, we recommend that Rev. Allen Jones be received into the Association upon a letter of good standing from the Tennessee River Association.
- Item 4: Upon request from the Russellville Church, we have examined Bro. Jimmy Fuller as deacon, and recommend that Russellville Church be allowed to ordain him.
- Item 5: We recommend that a letter of good standing be sent for Rev. Eustice Riggs to the Saline Association in Arkansas.
- Item 6: Upon request from Northport Church, we recommend that Jamie Allen license to preach be renewed for 1 year.
- Item 7: Upon request of Cave Springs F.W.B. Church, we recommend that they be received into our association upon a letter of good standing from the Bear Creek Association.

Note: We have received a letter of good standing for Rev. Ron Edgil from the St. Francios Association, MO., and recommend that he be received in the Association.

Item 8: Upon request from the Huntsville Church, we recommend that they be dropped from the Progressive Association.

Item 9: Upon request from Harmony F.W.B. Church, we recommend that Rev. Barton Baird be received in our Association upon letter of good standing from Gulf Coast Association.

Respectfully submitted: E.T. Sargent Lloyd Sargent Malone Cobb Jerry R. White

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Moderator: Rev. Duane Taylor
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Wayne Wilson
Clerk: Bro. Michael Phenicie
Assistant Clerk: Rev. Barton Baird
Treasurer: Bro. Jimmy Fuller
Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Barbara Taylor
Executive Committee:
Board of Christian Education: Rev. Ernie Emmons, 5 years
Credentials Committee: Rev. Jerry White, 5 years
Youth Camp Board: Rev. Danny Thompson, 3 years

Respectfully submitted: Danny Thompson Ernie Emmons Malone Cobb

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1987-88 PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

BALANCE - AUGUST 14, 1987 \$1,050.69
RECEIPTS FOR 1987-88:
Dues & Offering \$2,380.76 C.T.S. Competition 365.00 \$2,745.76 \$3,796.45
EXPENDITURES:
Youth Camp \$500.00 Bro. Eugene Hales, Moderator 75.00 Bro. George Ritter, Clerk 200.00 Bro. Duane Taylor, Moderator 25.00 Bro. Nate Ange - Love Offering 75.00 Bro. Buddy Henry - Love Offering 25.00 Stamps & Telephone 54.98 Alabama State Association Dues 360.00 Pastors & Workers Conference 300.00 Susan Turnbough 200.00 State C.T.S. Competition 365.00 First FWB Russellville - Metals 293.45 Cook & Communication 304.05
Cash & Carry Printers
ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 5, 1988 \$1,018,07 Charles Davis, Treasurer

CAMP PROYUKA REPORT 1988

STATEMENT OF INCOME
Balance Brought Forward \$3,488.93
Received from 1988 Camp Sessions
Teen Week
52 Campers @ \$30
2 Campers @ \$6
1 Camper @ \$15 3 Non-paying Campers
Junior Week
71 Campers @ \$30
1 Camper @ \$18
5 Non-Paying Campers
Gifts To Camp\$22.00
Interest on Certificate of Deposit \$164.04
Refund On Supplies \$51.90
TOTAL INCOME
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR \$7,461,87
STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS
Red Diamond Institutional Foods
North West Al. Youth Camp-Gift \$1,000.00
North West Al. Youth Camp-Rent 2 weeks\$600.00
North West Al. Youth Camp-Lifeguard 2 weeks \$300.00
North West Al. Youth Camp-Paper Products
Dean Blakeney - Teen Camp Evangelist \$550.00
Richard Barnard - Junior Camp Evangelist \$400.00
Recreational Equipment \$434.46
Miscellaneous Groceries
Mutual Security - Insurance
Sunbeam - Bread Products
Miscellaneous Expense
Sports Inc Trophies
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$6,219.63
REMAINING BALANCE AUGUST 20, 1988

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Junior Camp			
Total Campers Incl	uding Workers	 	 105
77 Campers			
28 Workers			
Total Decisions		 	 33
14 Saved			
1 Rededication			
18 Other			
Teen Camp			
Total Campers Incl	uding Workers	 	 80
58 Campers			
20 Workers			
Total Decisions		 	 39
4 Saved			
35 Rededications			

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 1987 FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

Ladies and Girls from the host church provided special singing beginning at 9:30 A.M. and continuing until 9:45 A.M. This was a real blessing to the people as they came into the church for the conference.

Bro. W.A. Rawls led congregational singing, and then Bro. Loyd Martin gave the welcome. In the absence of Bro. Ken Akers, who was sick and unable to attend, Bro. Reedus Wheat, from the Fayette Church gave the response.

The Conference was called to order by the Clerk, the Moderator took charge. Roll call of Delegates was made, Delegates were seated, and the following committees were appointed: Resolutions; Rev. Wayne Wilson, Rev. E.T. Sargent, and Rev. Randy Wright. Appreciation; Mrs. Barbara Taylor, Mrs. Evie B. Kemp, and Mrs. Mattie P. McCormack.

Special music was rendered by the Dovertown Church Quartet, who sang "Climbing Up The Ladder", "I Want Us To Be Together In Heaven", and "When I Get Carried Away".

Rev. Duane Taylor preached on the subject "God's Word Is Taught" from Hebrews 13:8, using the thought, "Things that don't change". This was a sound Scriptural message that dealt with the need for the truth of God's Word to be taught.

After a brief intermission, we were favored again by the Dovertown singers, who sang "I've Never Been This Homesick Before", and "In Heaven Mommas Won't Cry", after the congregation had sung "Love Lifted Me".

An offering of \$67.01 was received following prayer by Rev. William Pate, then Rev. Levy Corey preached a stirring message on the subject "God's Word Is Applied" from Romans 4:19.

After the 11:00 Sermon, we were dismissed to enjoy a delicious meal served by the Pleasant Grove Church, and then the afternoon session began with the congregation singing "Revive Us Again".

Rev. and Mrs. Duane Taylor sang "How Great Thou Art" and Rev. E.A. Riggs preached on the subject "God's Word Is Preached", reading I Tim. 3:15 and II Tim. 3:16. This was a really challenging sermon on ministering the Word.

Business was resumed with the Credentials Committee Report presenting Special Item to ordain Bro. Steve Michael, new Pastor of Jones Chapel Church at this conference. This was passed by motion, second, and vote of the body. Rev. Duane Taylor gave the charge, and Bro. Michael was ordained. The remainder of the report was to be acted on item by item as follows: 1. We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the letters from Russellville FWB, Fayette, Harmony, Bethel, Florence, Huntsville, Jones Chapel, Dovertown, Northport, Sulphur Springs, Eldridge, Pleasant Grove, Townley, Victory, Jasper, South Highland, Cordova, and no letter from Hackleburg. 2. Upon

request from Cordova FWB Church, we recommend that Jerry Wayne Sanford be licensed to preach for one year. 3. Upon request from Dovertown FWB Church we recommend that Bro. William Pate be received in our Association upon a letter of good standing from Mt. Moriah Association. 4. Upon request from First Church at Huntsville, we have examined Bro. Jim Holt to be licensed to preach and recommend him to be licensed. 5. The Victory Church requested a Card of Good Standing for Bro. Roger Houston, but Bro. Roger was not present.

Respectfully submitted; E.T. Sargent, Loyd Martin, Jerry R. White

Items were passed on motion, second, and vote of the body.

November 21, 1987

Appreciation Committee Report: We, the Appreciation Committee, express thanks to the host Church, Pleasant Grove, for their warm welcome and delicious meal. We thank the Lord for the sweet Spirit that was felt in all services; singing and inspirational preaching. We commend those who make up the program, and ask God to give them leadership in the future.

Respectfully submitted; Barbara Taylor, Chmn. Mrs. Evie Kemp, Mrs. Mattie McCormack. Report was passed by motion, second, and

standing vote.

Reolutions Committee Report: We, the Resolutions Committee, recommend that the Progressive Association support Mid-South Pastors and Workers Conference with a \$300.00 gift and encourage all churches in this Association to give on an individual basis. 2. We, the Resolutions Committee, recommend that this Body help financially underwrite the medical expenses of Missionary Susan Turnbough (amount to be determined by the Progressive Association) amount set at \$200.00, and each Church encouraged to give also. 3. We recommend if you are giving at work to the United Way to designate to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Eldridge.

Bro. Wayne Wilson, Chmn., Bro. E.T. Sargent, Bro. Randy Wright.

All items passed by motion, second, and vote of the body.

Meeting was adjourned.

Registration: 16 Ministers, 9 Deacons, 21 Delegates, and 16 Visitors for a total attendance of 62 who registered. Again, some who were present did not register.

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 20, 1988 FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA

Following an Organ Medley Rev. Wayne Wilson led the congregation in "Jesus Keeps Me Singing". Brother Jimmy Fuller gave the welcome, and Bro. Jerry Wayne Sanford, from the Cordova Church,

gave the response, reading Psalm 122:1.

The Conference was called to order by the Clerk, and the Moderator took charge. Roll Call of delegates was made, delegates were seated, and Rev. Buddy Henry and Rev. Dennis Kizzire, visitors from other Associations in Alabama, were recognized. The following committees were appointed: Appreciation; Bro. Joe Sularin, Mrs. Agnes Akers, Mrs. Carol DuBose. Resolutions; Rev. Duane Taylor, Rev. Randy Wright, Rev. Keith Bartlett.

Bro. Edwin Kimbrough led the congregation in singing "My Saviour's Love", and Bro. Johnny Keptlinger sang a Special number, "I Know What Jesus Did For Me".

Rev. Steve Michael preached from Ezekiel 33:9, on the question, "What Shall I Do To Be Lost?" This was a thought provoking message dealing with neglect, turning away, and ultimately "working at being lost".

Rev. Dennis Kizzire gave a Home Missions report on the new work at Madison, AL, and spoke concerning the "March for Missions in March" to raise money to apply on the land purchase at Madison.

Bro. Edwin Kimbrough led the song "Stand Up For Jesus". Dr. Tom Malone led the offertory prayer and an offering was received. Rev. Philip Cooper and his family rendered special music before the 11:00 o'clock sermon.

Rev. Nate Ange preached from Proverbs 22:28 and II Timothy 4:1-5, bringing to mind that "Landmarks" are being moved little by little, and that we all need to be reminded of the holiness of God, the awfulness of sin, the reality of hellfire, respect for God's Word, reverence for the Holy Spirit, and the necessity of the Blood in its proper place. There was a dedicatory prayer at the altar.

After a delicious meal served by the host Church, Rev. Wilson led the congregation in singing "Victory In Jesus". The Harmony Church sang "It Could Happen In A Moment" and "Sweetest Halleluiah".

In the absence of Rev. Wm. Pate, Rev. Buddy Henry preached from I Thess. 5:1-8 on "The Enchanted Ground". He used quotations from "Pilgrim's Progress" and reminded us that lukewarmness, or sleepiness is a problem today. He spoke of Insensibility, Illusions, Inaction, and Insecurity, and said that the Lord's coming should awaken us, that souls that are lost should awaken us, and that we need to keep good christian company and keep our eyes on Christ.

Business resumed at 2:00 P.M. and committee reports were made as follows: Appreciation: We, the Appreciation Committee, want to express our thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church of

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Russellville for their warm hospitality and the most delicious meal. We want to thank the Lord for the warm Spirit that has prevailed here today. We want to thank the guest singers for their lovely music, and especially Bro. Ange for the soul-filling message. We commend everyone who has made up the program today, may God bless everyone here today. Respectfully submitted, Carol DuBose, Agnes Akers, Joe Sularin. Report was received by motion, second, and full vote.

Resolutions: Item 1. We recommend that a \$75.00 honorarium be given to Bro. Nate Ange. Item 2. We recommend that a \$25.00 honorarium be given to Bro. Buddy Henry.

Signed, Duane Taylor Randy Wright Keith Bartlett

Report was received and items adopted by motion, second, and full vote.

Bro. Jerry White gave a report on the Pastors and Workers Conference, and suggested that each church give \$100.00 to support the conference in 1989.

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Rev. Wilson reported that the CTS District competition would be held at the Russellville First FWB Church Saturday, May 14, beginning at 5:00 P.M.

Credentials Committee Report given by Bro. Jerry White as follows: We, the Credentials Committee have examined the Church Letters from Victory, Fayette, Dovertown, Russellville, Jasper, Florence, Northport, Bethel, Jones Chapel, Sulphur Springs, Eldridge, Cordova, Pleasant Grove, Harmony, Townley, and South Highland and find them in order. No letter from Hackleburg. 2. Upon the request from the Huntsville Church and Bro. Glen Bobo, we recommend that Bro. Bobo be issued a Certificate of Ordination to replace the one last given by the Tenn. River Association.

Respectfully submitted, Loyd Martin Malone Cobb Jerry R. White

Report received and adopted by motion, second, and full vote. Cards of Good Standing were issued to Huntsville Church Pastor and Deacons.

Meeting Adjourned.

Registration: 19 Ministers, 12 Deacons, 22 Delegates, and 37 Visitors for a total of 90 who registered.

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE MAY 21, 1988 FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH FAYETTE, ALABAMA

Bro. Randy Jackson led the congregation in singing "Heavenly Sunlight" to begin the conference at 9:45 A.M. Rev. Mike Rodriguez offered prayer, and "My Saviour's Love" was sung. The welcome was given by Bro. Philip Locke, of the Host Church, and the response was given by Bro. T.O. Lundy from the South Highland Church.

The Conference was called to order by the Clerk, and Rev. Duane Taylor, Assistant Moderator, took charge. Roll call of Delegates was made, Delegates seated, and the following committees were appointed: Resolutions; Bro. Jerry Wayne Sanford, Rev. Malone Cobb, and Rev. H.A. Pitts Chairman. Appreciation; Mrs. Sandra Jackson, Chairman, Mrs. Betty Lundy, Mrs. Betty Jeffreys.

Rev. Rick Cash, Teen Youth Camp Director, gave latest information on things being done at Youth Camp, noting improvements in Dining Hall, installation of new fans, purchase of 100 new mattresses, concrete floor poured for Tabernacle, and repainting of the swimming pool. Brother Cash also challenged the churches in our Association to give more financial and participation support to the Camp.

Congregation sang "Just Over In The Gloryland", and then Rev. Richard Hendrix, Home Missionary in Madison, AL preached from Romans 8:28, using the sermon title, "How do we know that all things work together for good?" This was a good sound message giving the following answers to the title question: 1. God is our father. 2. The Holy Spirit maketh intercessation. 3. The foreknowledge of God. 4. God is for us. 5. Christ makes intercession. 6. Nothing can separate us from His love.

Following the sermon Mrs. Barbara Taylor sang "Getting Used To The Dark", a song with a very thought-provoking message for every christian.

After a brief intermission, Mrs. Kay Thompson sang a special number, and Rev. Jimmy Aldridge preached from the 96th Psalm on the subject "Declare His Glory". He also used Isa. 66:18, 19, and 57:15. This was an inspirational message, reminding us that God has a purpose for all His people, and that in the world, we are truly to be "Ambassadors for Christ".

An offering of \$74.31 was received and the conference was dismissed for lunch.

After a delicious meal served by the host church, conference reconvened at 1:00 P.M. with singing "Victory In Jesus" led by Bro. Randy Jackson. Rev. Randy Wright then sang a medley "Zion's Hill" and "What a Day That Will Be", accompanied by Mrs. Sandra Jackson.

The Credentials Committee gave a partial report with the recommendation that Bro. Mike Rodriguez be ordained to the ministry at this meeting. The recommendation was passed unanimously and Rev. Rick Cash preached a very challenging message for preachers from Ezekial 22:30, 31. Rev. Randy Wright gave the charge and

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presented the Bible, and Rev. Cash led the ordination prayer and laying on of hands as all ordained authority gathered in the altar with Bro. and Mrs. Rodriguez.

Business was resumed with the Appreciation Committee report given by Betty Jeffreys, as follows: The Progressive Association would like to extend our appreciation to the Fayette Church for hosting the meeting today. We have found the accommodations very appropriate, the atmosphere cordial, and the meal delicious. Thank you for opening your Church to us. Respectfully submitted, Appreciation Committee, Sandra Jackson, Betty Jeffreys, Betty Lundy. Report was received by motion, second, and full vote.

Resolutions Committee report by Bro. Jerry Wayne Sanford as follows: Whereas it is believed to be in the best interest of the camp program to change the name of the N.W. Ala. FWB Youth Camp. Therefore be it resolved that the Progressive Association recommend that the Youth Camp Board select a name that they consider more suitable. Recommended that the Executive Committee check on the amount needed for CTS Competition entry fees and act on request if reasonable. Report adopted by motion, second, and full vote.

There was a motion, second, and vote to send \$500.00 to the Youth Camp; motion carried.

Final report of the Credentials Committee given by Rev. Jerry White as follows: 1. We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the Church letters from Sulphur Springs, Harmony, Cordova, Huntsville, Northport, Jones Chapel, Bethel, Russellville, Dovertown, South Highland, Pleasant Grove, Victory, Florence, Townley, Jasper, and Fayette. We find them in order. No letter from Hackleburg Church. 2. Upon request from the First FWB Church, Northport, we recomment that Mike Dankson be licensed to preach for one year. 3. We received a letter of good standing for Bro. William Pate from Mount Moriah Association. Respectfully submitted, Malone Cobb, Loyd Martin, E.T. Sargent, Jerry R. White. Report received and to be acted on item by item by motion, second, and vote of the body. All items carried, and License was issued to Bro. Mike Dankson of the Northport Church.

Meeting Adjourned.

Registration: 17 Ministers, 9 Deacons, 21 Delegates, and 15 Visitors, for a total of 62 who registered. Others attended who did not register.

PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT AUXILIARY MINUTES March 5, 1988

Our annual Progressive District meeting was called to order by our President, Mrs. Ritter. We were led in singing "To God be the Glory" by Betty Jeffreys. Our prayer was offered by Clara Cobb.

Cordova welcomed us, and Carolyn Bowers from Northport responded using Scripture Ephesians 5: 19-20. Our visitors and ministers were recognized. The seating of delegates is as follows: Cordova-Lovelle Short, Eva Bea Kemp, Etta Jane White, Patricia Sanders; Fayette-not represented; Harmony-Marie Gray, Sheila McCrary, Chris Grissom, Betty Jeffreys; Jasper-Sandra Jackson, Rose Hales, Louise Hayes, Alicia Phenicie; Northport-Marie Truhett, Wilma Davis, Carolyn Bowers; Pleasant Grove-Geneva Martin, Lillian Crawley, Mary Kearney, Katherine Houston, Kay Thompson; Russellville-Dorothy Kimbrough, Betty McKinney, Doris Kimbrough, Juanita Cook, Betty Whitehead; Sulphur Springs-not represented; Townley-Carol Dubose.

The reading of the minutes and treasurer's report followed. Both were approved. The appointment of the committees followed (see

Carol Dubose gave our devotion entitled "Fill a Worthy Place". Her Scripture was Psalms 115 and I Corinthians 1:27. We were encouraged to do our best where ever God has put us. If we do that, God will be glorified. Harmony Auxiliary sang "Another Look at Calvary". Our speaker, Marcia Ellison, missionary to Uruguay, spoke to us from II Timothy 4:8. We are to love the world and love His appearing. If we are Christians, we will love His appearing. Our love offering to the Ellisons was \$518.22.

We were dismissed for lunch by prayer and blessing of the food. After a delicious meal, our session was resumed with the Pleasant Grove Auxiliary singing a special. Marcia Ellison came back to speak to us on "How to be Beautiful, Famous, and Rich". She used Ecclesiastes Chapter three, stating that He hath made everything beautiful in His time; You will be famous if your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life; and you will live on streets of gold in a mansion. We were encouraged to read the Bible and believe it, as well as to look. listen, and be available for God to use us.

Our reports followed. They are as follows:

APPRECIATION: •

"We the appreciation committee wish to express our thanks to the Cordova Free Will Baptist Church for hosting the meeting and for the beautiful way they decorated the fellowship hall. We also would like to thank Mrs. Ritter for planning and hosting the meeting. We appreciate the delicious meal and the friendly, Christian fellowship.

Submitted by: Wilma Davis, Marie Grav.

Submitted by: Betty McKinney

FINANCE:

We the Finance Committee have examined the treasurer's records and have found them

to be in order.

Submitted by: Kay Thompson, Doris

Kimbrough, Pat Sanders

REGISTRATION:

Delegates-24, Visitors-38, Minister-1,

Deacons-1, Total Present 62

Submitted by: Lavell Short, Shelia McCrary,

Submitted by: Marie Truhett

RESOLUTION:

1. We recommend that in the upcoming year that each auxiliary strive to increase our special offerings. In doing so, make sure each offering is ear marked.

2. We recommend our officers appoint a committee to discuss the possibility of a district prayer retreat.

3. We recommend that a newsletter be sent to each local auxiliary informing them of different state and district projects.

Submitted by: Elree Randolph, Sandra

Jackson, Lillian Crawley.

CREDENTIALS:

We, the credential committee, have examined the letters from the following auxiliaries: Cordova, Harmony, Jasper, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Russellville, Sulfur Springs, Townley, Fayette. We find the letters to be correct.

Submitted by: Betty Jeffreys, Carolyn

Bowers, Carol Dubose.

NOMINATING:

President: Sandra Jackson Vice President: Etta Jane White Secretary Treasurer: Linda Woodruff Assistant Secretary Treasurer: Kay

Kay Thompson

Field Worker: Carol Dubose Submitted by: Etta Jane White, Louise

Haynes, Geneva Martin

Delegates to the State will be as follows: Reba Ritter-Harmony; Mary Kearney-Pleasant Grove; Jan Duncan-Jasper; Karen Cross-Jasper; Etta Jane White-Cordova; Pat Sanders-Cordova; Wilma Davis-Northport; Lillian Crawley-Pleasant Grove; Carolyn Bowers-Northport.

An opportunity for membership was extended. The Victory Auxiliary from Russellville was received. The installation of officers was administered by the Jasper Auxiliary. Carol Dubose of Townley led in a prayer of dedication for the officers. Our prayer of dismissal was given by Russellville.

Harmony Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary has invited the Progressive District Auxiliary Meeting there next year. Submitted by Linda Woodruff, Secretary Treasurer

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 convenant.

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.

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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 commendto the fellowship of God's people, and is and is privileged to unite with any otl	this day dismissed from the church
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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.
- 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.

 $\label{lem:association} \textbf{ARTICLE 8}. \quad \textbf{Item 1. The association's annual meeting will be on the third Saturday in August.}$

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.

