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FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA**

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**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA**

The Welcome was given by Bro. Hobson Wilson with the Response by Bro. Taylor. The first item of business was the seating of the Delegates. Motion made/second/carried. The following committees were then appointed:

Nominating: Bro. Danny Thompson, Bro. Phillip Jones
Bro. Butch Wright

The first message of the day was delivered by Rev. Jerry Edgil, pastor of the Gray's Chapel F.W.B. Church. His text was taken from Isa. 6:1-8, entitled: "Go for God". We need to be completely yielded to God, that He is all we want. The average Christian does not have a life changing meeting with God after salvation. A time when He moves daily, weekly, yearly with our lives. Isaiah saw a transforming event happen when he met God. There needs to be a Confrontation: 1. in a time of death - II Chro. 26:14-16. In a time of death, you can see the Lord. 2. in a time of disappointment, Isaiah lost a king but saw the King. 3. in a time of decay - Isa. 1:5. Isaiah saw sin all around him, and was torn apart until he took his eyes off the problem and put them on the Solver. 4. in a time of dissatisfaction. In today's time we are

killing our churches because we are not praising like they do in heaven. We must have an encounter with the God of heaven constantly. Not only must there be a Confrontation, there must also be Conviction, Confession, and Cleansing. Bro. Edgil then closed in prayer.

There was a short Intermission after the first message.

The service resumed after intermission with Merinda White singing "Cast your care upon the Lord". The second message of the day was delivered by Rev. Levy Corey, Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Eldridge. Before he spoke, Bro. Corey gave information concerning the problems the home was facing at the present time. Things were beginning to look better, and the problem concerning the state children was being taken care of.

Bro. Corey's text was Isa. 49:13-16. We need to learn to put the Lord in the middle of everything. Rom. 4:17-God knows what we are feeling, cause He sees all. He loves us so much that He wrote our names in the palms of His hands. God has plans for our lives and churches, but sometimes we get in a mess when we take over. God sees what we cannot. Bro. Corey then closed in prayer.

The lunch prayer was offered by Bro. Wilson. We were then treated to a wonderful lunch provided by the host church: First F.W.B. Church, Russellville.

After the lunch hour, the service resumed with the congregation singing, "Just Over the Hill Top". The special music was provided by the Ladies Quartet from Harmony, who sang "Triumphantly the Church will Rise". The trio then sang "I Can Hear the Distant Cry".

The final message was by Rev. Denzil Durbin pastor of the Jones Chapel F.W.B. Church. "The Man of God", Heb. 13:17-18. The pastor is called of God to lead the church to victory. We as Christians must realize that the pastor has a special job. Pastors are men who 1. have been appointed to guide. Men of God are not just preachers, but are guides. There are some hirelings out there, but there are those who care. 2. have been called of God. Every pastor must be an example, if not, then we need to look for a pastor who will be what he needs to be. A man needs to be educated concerning the Bible, whether it be by self or through a school. 3. have to be anointed by God. Men of God need to know what is right for his people. Pastors have to give an account for the souls they are entrusted with. Bro. Durbin then closed in prayer.

After the message, the Moderator then began the business session of the meeting. The following reports were given: Credentials committee by Bro. Jerry White. Motion made, second, and carried to adopt item by item. Appreciation Committee by Sis. Merinda White. Motion made, second to accept. Obituary Committee by Bro. Denzil Durbin. Motion made, second to accept.

Temperance Committee by Bro. P.W. Kimbrough. Motion made, second to accept. Auditing Committee by Bro. Jimmy Fuller. Motion made, second to accept. Resolutions Committee by Bro. Rick Cash. Motion made, second, and carried to adopt item by item. Nominating Committee by Bro. Danny Thompson. The floor was opened for nominations. Motion made and carried to accept as read.

Information was given concerning the Pastor's and Workers Conference in Dothan. The speakers for this year will be: Bro. Trymon Messer, Bro. Dale Burden, and Bro. Nate Ange. A motion was then made second and carried to give an offering of \$200.00 towards the conference.

The Progressive Association meetings will be as follows: November 1989 - Cordova F.W.B. Church; February 1990 - First F.W.B. Church, Russellville; May 1990 - Cave Springs F.W.B. Church; August 1990, Annual - Pleasant Grove F.W.B. Church. Motion made to accept.

Informtaion was then given by Bro. Cash and Bro. Thompson concerning youth camps. Final adjournment by Bro. Bart Baird.

Registration for the meeting was the following: Ministers, 11; Deacons, 11; Delegates, 16; Visitors, 15; for a total of 53. There were a number of people who did not register.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

1. We the Credentials Committee, have examined the letters from the following churches and find them in order: Bethel, Cave Springs, Cordova, Dovertown, Eldridge, Fayette, Florence, Jasper, Jones Chapel, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Russellville, South Highland, Sulphur Springs, Townley, Victory, Harmony.
 - a. We recommend that all ministers and deacons be given cards of good standing as requested by their churches.
2. Upon the request of the Fayette Church, we recommend that Rev. James Fairchild be given a card of good standing upon a letter of good standing from the White River Association, Indiana.
3. Upon the request of Rev. George Ritter, we recommend that a letter of good standing be given to him.
4. We recommend that the Hackleburg Church be dismissed from our Association.
5. We have received a letter of good standing on Rev. Denzil Durbin from the Boot Hill Association, Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Malone Cobb
Bro. Lloyd Martin
Rev. Jerry White

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

We the Appreciation Committee express our thanks to the Russellville Church for hosting our annual meeting. We congratulate them on the completion of their new fellowship hall and we wish to thank the ladies for the delicious meal they prepared. We're also thankful for the spiritual food we received today. It was truly a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,
Merinda White
Allecia Phenicie
Patti Wright

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We, the Obituary Committee, report the following names of deceased given by the churches at our Annual Association Meeting for 1989:

Cave Springs

Rev. Ferrell Blankenship

Jone's Chapel

Bro. Carl Blackburn

Cordova

Bro. Earl Richardson

Bro. Harry Roden

Bro. Archie Vance

Sis. Florene Sides

Sis. Dona Handley

Sis. Maudie Sides

Sis. Plums Wilson

Bro. Authur Lee Putman

Pleasant Grove

Rev. Albert Morris

Townley

Sis. Leonese Honeycutt

Bro. Fred Smith

Harmony

Bro. Edward Jeffreys

Bro. Claude Lowery

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Denzil Durbin

Rev. Elzo Bevan

Rev. William Pate

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

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

Bro. P.W. Kimbrough

Bro. Dallas Jones

Bro. Charles Bray

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

We the Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the Youth Camp Treasurer, and the Association Treasurer, and find them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Jimmy Fuller

Bro. Phil Cooper

Bro. Ken Akers

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

1. Whereas due to limited time during the Associational Meeting, we propose that the Executive Committee serve as the Nominating Committee for future meetings.
2. Whereas Associational attendance has been on the decrease, and other associations have gone to one or two meetings per year, we propose that the Executive Committee do a study and bring back recommendations to this body.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Rick Cash
Rev. Ron Edgil

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Moderator: Rev. Duane Taylor
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Wayne Wilson
Clerk: Bro. Michael Phenicie
Assistant Clerk: Rev. Bart Baird
Treasurer: Bro. Jimmy Fuller
Assistant Treasurer: Sis. Barbara Taylor
Executive Committee: Rev. Jerry Sanford-3 year term
Rev. Elzo Bevans-2 year term
Board of Christian Education: Rev. Roger Raper-4 year term
Credentials Committee: Bro. Dallas Jones-3 year term
Rev. Ron Edgil-5 year term
Trinity F.W.B. Camp: Rev. Jim Fairchild-3 year term

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Danny Thompson
Bro. Butch Wright
Bro. Phillip Jones

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1988-89
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

BALANCE - AUGUST 5, 1988 \$1,018.07

RECEIPTS FOR 1988-89:

Dues & Offering	\$2,050.50	
C.T.S. Competition	425.00	
		<u>\$2,475.50</u>
		\$3,493.57

EXPENDITURES:

Bro. Duane Taylor, Moderator	\$100.00	
Bro. Michael Phenicie, Clerk	200.00	
Bro. Dave Franks, Foreign Missions	800.00	
Bro. Dickey Dees, Love Offering	40.00	
Dr. Richard Cordell, Love Offering	40.00	
Stamps & Telephone	69.41	
Typewriter Repair	23.00	
New Blank Checks	30.52	
Alabama State Association Dues	360.00	
Pastors & Workers Conference	500.00	
State C.T.S. Competition Fees	300.00	
C.T.S. Competition Metals	236.23	
Cash & Carry Printers	294.25	
		<u>\$2,993.41</u>

ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 16, 1989	\$500.16
Jimmy W. Fuller, Treasurer	

CAMP PROYUKA REPORT 1989

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Balance Brought Forward	\$1,242.24
Received from 1989 Camp Sessions	
Teen Week	\$2,928.00
83 Campers @ \$35	
2 Campers @ \$14	
1 Camper @ \$30	
4 Non-paying Campers	
Junior Week	\$2,625.00
75 Campers @ \$35	
3 Non-Paying Campers	
Interest from bonds	\$49.51
Refund On Supplies	\$196.46
Returned Checks	<u>\$25.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,823.97
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$7,066.21

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Red Diamond Institutional Foods	\$2,669.08
TRINITY YOUTH CAMP	\$1,868.20
Jim Martin - Junior Camp Evangelist	\$250.00
Richard Hendrix - Teen Camp Evangelist	\$200.00
Randy Sawyer - honorarium	\$25.00
Nate Ange - honorarium	\$25.00
Travel Expense	\$148.00
Recreational Supplies	\$173.17
Miscellaneous Groceries	\$235.23
Sunbeam - Bread Products	\$93.63
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>\$182.54</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$5,869.85
REMAINING BALANCE AUGUST 19,1989	\$1,196.36

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Junior Camp

Total Campers Including Workers & Children	117
78 Campers	
26 Workers	
9 Worker's Children	
Total Decisions	53
14 Saved	
20 Rededications	
19 Other	

Teen Camp

Total Campers Including Workers & Children	114
89 Campers	
22 Workers	
3 Worker's Children	
Total Decisions	82
6 Saved	
24 Rededications	
52 Other	

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
QUARTERLY MEETING MAY 20, 1989
VICTORY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA**

The Day began with a special by the ladies of the Victory Church: "Give me Lord a Double Portion" and also "Keep Hanging On". The congregation was then led in singing "To God Be the Glory". The welcome was given by Rev. Malone Cobb pastor of Victory, followed by the response by Bro. Jimmy Fuller.

The Quarterly Meeting was then called to order by the Clerk, who then turned the service over to the Moderator, Bro. Duane Taylor. The first item of business was the seating of the Delegates. The following visitors were recognized: Rev. Elzo Bevan, pastor of the Sulphur Springs Church; Rev. and Mrs. Dickey Dees, pastor of the Piney Grove FWB Church; Vernon Assoc; Rev. Denzil Durbin, pastor of Jones Chapel; and Rev. Jerry Edgil, pastor of the Gray's Chapel. After the recognition of the visitors, the Moderator appointed the Committees as follows: Resolutions: Bro. Roger Raper, Bro. Ernie Emmons, and Bro. Jerry Sanford; Appreciation: Patty Right, Mrs. Davis, Doris Jones; Credentials: Bro. Jerry White, and Bro. Malone Cobb.

The congregation was then led in singing "Bound for the Promised Land". Just before the message the Learner Girls Trio from the First of Russellville sang "Love Never Gives Up" with the Learner Quartet singing "I'm going to live forever". The first message of the day was delivered by Bro. Wayne Wilson, pastor of the First FWB Church of Russellville. His Text was taken from Exodus 15:22-27. The Christian life is like the trek the Israelites took through the wilderness, we and they must rely on the Lord for guidance. Too many times we as Christians want the Cadillac ride, but God never promised that the road would be smooth and easy. Acts 14 said there would be much tribulation. The children of Israel had been 3 days without water, but when they found water, it was too bitter to drink. Instead of looking to God, they complained. We as Christians complain when the waters of life become bitter, instead of looking for a way to allow God to work, and perform a miracle. God always knows what is best for our lives. The children of Israel left Marah, and then found 12 wells of good water. We too, need to allow God to perform a physical, spiritual and grace miracle in our lives. After the message, there was a short break.

The service resumed with the congregation singing, "Living by Faith". The special music was by Bro. & Sis. Dees, "What a Saviour and Worth It All". The second message of the day was delivered by Bro. Dees, pastor of the Piney Grove FWB Church, Guin. His text was Ps. 137:1-4: "Words of Encouragement to Pastors". The strength of a church is determined by how we respond in the valley. Though we live in days of darkness, we can pick up the harp and sing unto God. The devil will always have someone there to say, "Hey, where is your song?" Many times people will hang up their harps and quit singing.

Five areas where we hang our harps up: 1. Zeal for God, 2. Zeal for love of family, 3. Zeal for prayer, 4. Zeal for the love of God, 5. Zeal for the love of church and church people. People will usually hang their harps up on family, friends, fame, and future. Closing prayer by Bro. Dees.

Lunch was provided by the host church.

After a wonderful lunch, the congregation started off the afternoon by singing "More About Jesus". Special music was provided by Rhonda Harmon of South Highland. The last message of the day was delivered by Bro. Ernie Emmons. The text was taken from James 1:13-16. Man's greatest problem is that we have a wicked heart. All men are solicited to do evil. The will of man is all that stands between probability and reality. I Cor. 9:27 says we have to keep all of us in subjection. To be used of God, we have to keep ourselves in check.

The business session of the meeting began with the reports of the committees. Credentials Committee - motion made, second, and carried to adopt item by item.

Item 1: We, the Credentials Committee have examined the church letters from Eldridge, Townley, Sulphur Springs, Victory, Russellville, Pleasant Grove, Northport, South Highland, Florence, Jasper, Jones Chapel, Dovertown, Cordova, Cave Springs, Fayette, and Bethel and find them in order. Motion made, second, and carried to accept.

Item 2: Upon the request from the Florence Church, we recommend that Bro. Allen Austin be ordained to preach the gospel. We recommend that the Florence church ordain him. Motion made, second, and carried to accept.

Item 3: Upon the request from the Jones Chapel Church, we recommend that Rev. Denzil Durbin be received into our Association upon a letter of good standing from the Boot Hill Association in Southeast Missouri. Motion made, second, and carried to accept.

Item 4: We have received a letter of good standing from the Northern Virginia Quarterly Conference for Rev. Elzo Bevans, pastor of Sulphur Springs FWB Church.

Item 4: We have received a letter of good standing from the North Alabama Association for Rev. Roger Raper, pastor of the First FWB Church, Jasper. Motion made, second, and carried to accept.

Item 5: Upon the request from the West Florida Liberty Association, we recommend that a letter of good standing be sent for Rev. Tommy Dubose. Motion made, second, and carried to accept.

Item 6: Upon the request from the North Alabama Association, we recommend that Rev. Richard Hendrix be given a letter of good standing. Motion made, second, and carried to accept. Respectfully submitted by Malone Cobb, Lloyd Martin, Charles Davis, and Jerry R. White.

Appreciation Committee - Our special thanks to Bro. Cobb and all of the members of Victory FWB Church for making us so welcome in this lovely church. The food was delicious, as we all **fully agree**. We appreciate the dedication of those who are in charge. We pray for wisdom in their leadership. We thank God for the manna received through the preaching of His Word. Respectfully submitted, Pattie Wright, Doris Jones, Avalene Davis. Motion made, second, and carried to accept.

Resolutions Committee: We the Resolutions Committee present two items for your consideration: Motion made, second, and carried to adopt item by item.

Item 1. To give Bro. Dickey Dees an Honorarium of \$40.00, as he has come and shared his heart with us today. Motion made, second and carried to accept.

Item 2: To set a new annual date and time for the district CTS competition. We present the following date for your consideration: The fourth Saturday of April, and to start at 10:00 a.m. Motion made, second and carried to accept. Respectfully submitted, Roger Raper, Jerry Sanford, Ernie Emmons.

Information given concerning the following areas: Youth Camp - Jr. Camp: July 3-7 with Teen Camp July 10-14. Request for workers for camp. The cost of a week of camp went up to \$35.00 per child. More funds needed in the amount of \$15,000.00 to help pay for some renovations.

Dennis Kezzire Night - May 27, 1989, 7:00 p.m. at the Trinity Youth Camp.

Information concerning the Pastors/Workers Conference to be held in Dothan, in February.

Yearly meeting of the Progressive Association set for Aug. 19 at the First FWB Church, Russellville, AL

Final Prayer by Bro. Bevan.

Registration: 15 Ministers, 10 Deacons, 32 Delegates, and 9 Visitors, for a total of 62.

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
QUARTERLY MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 1988
SOUTH HIGHLAND FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA**

Service began at 9:30 a.m. with special music by the choir of the South Highland F.W.B. Church, "Brethern We Have Met To Worship", and "I've Got That Old Time Religion". The ladies trio then sang a special number.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Tommy Bee, with the opening prayer by Bro. Ron Edgil. The welcome was given by Bro. Buddy Troutt and the response was given by Bro. Lloyd Martin.

The Conference was then called to order by the Clerk and the Moderator then took charge. Roll call of the delegates was made, followed by the seating of the delegates. Visitors were then recognized: Bro. Dave Franks, missionary to Brazil.

The following committees were appointed: Resolutions - Bro. Rick Cash, Bro. Wayne Wilson, Bro. Danny Thompson; Appreciation: Sis. Etta Jane White, Sis. Allecia Phenicie, Sis. Vada Landers; Credentials: Bro. Jerry White, Bro. Malone Cobb, Bro. Lloyd Martin.

The congregation then sang "Living by Faith", with the special music by the Harmony F.W.B. Church, "In the Garden". The first message of the day was delivered by Bro. Danny Thompson, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Church. His message was entitled "Playing Hurt", taken from II Cor. 4:8-9. Paul said that we are troubled (perplexed) on every side, but not hedged up! In the Christian life we have to learn to: 1. Keep playing when we hurt physically, I Sam. 17:3; 2. Keep playing when we hurt emotionally, II Cor. 7:5; 3. Keep playing because we have a never dying love, I Sam. 30:6; and 4. Keep playing hurt because of the rewards God will give us.

After a brief intermission, the congregation sang "Heaven's Jubilee", with special music Phil Cooper from the Florence Church. He sang "Fill My Cup Lord". The second message was delivered by Bro. Tom Malone, pastor of the Florence Church. He spoke on the temptation of Christ from Matthew 5. Bro. Malone showed how Christ gave God the glory, but did not become sensational, nor did He compromise. As Christians, in order to become what Christ wants us to be, we must become detached from things, and become attached to Jesus Christ. We must also be broken in spirit.

A wonderful lunch was provided by the host church, South Highland. The meeting resumed with a congregational song of "I Want to Know More About My Lord". The special music was by the Victory Church, "Teach Me to Pray Lord". The third message was delivered by Bro. Bart Baird, pastor of the Harmony Church. He spoke on "Why true preaching is Profitable", taken from Mark 1:14-15 and Luke 4:16-22. Good preaching will: 1. Take Aim: meet the need of people; 2. Must Contain: Phil. 3:12; 3. Must obtain: get in and change.

The business part of the meeting was resumed with the reports from the following committees.

Appreciation Committee: We express our heartfelt thanks to the South Highland Church for their warm hospitality and their time and efforts in preparing the lovely decorations and the delicious meal. Respectfully submitted, Etta Jane White, Allecia Phenicie, Vada Landers. Motion was made, second, and carried.

Credentials Committee: 1. We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the church letters from South Highland, Cave Springs, Victory, Northport, Jones Chapel, Russellville, Sulphur Springs, Jasper, Townley, Pleasant Grove, Fayette, Florence, Dovertown, Cordova, and Harmony. 2. Upon request from First F.W.B. Jasper, we recommend that Rev. Roger Raper be received in the Association upon a letter of good standing from the North Alabama Association. 3. Upon request of the Victory F.W.B. Church, that we ordain Bro. Tim Osborne as minister in this meeting. 4. Upon request of the South Highland F.W.B. Church, we recommend that James A. Troutt be ordained as deacon later by the local church. 5. Upon request from Davis F.W.B. Church of the Vernon Association, we recommend that Rev. E.T. Sargent be given a letter of good standing. 6. We have received a letter of good standing for Rev. Bart Baird from the clerk of Gulf Coast Association. 7. We have received a letter of good standing for the Cave Springs F.W.B. Church from the Bear Creek Association. 8. We have received a letter of good standing from the Tennessee River Association for Rev. Allen Jones. Respectfully submitted, Malone Cobb, Lloyd Martin, Jerry White. Motion made, second, and carried to adopt item by item.

After the business meeting, the Association proceeded with the Ordination Service for Tim Osborne. The message was delivered by Rev. Ron Edgil. His text was taken from Gal. 1:1, 12-16. Must have a renewed heart: conversion, must have a renewed mind: calling, and must know you have been called by God: consultation. Rev. Malone Cobb then gave the charge from II Tim. 2:15 - study the word; and II Tim. 4:1-3 - preach the word. Prayer of dedication by Rev. Tom Malone.

Before closing Bro. Dave Franks was given the floor to tell about the on going work in the country of Brazil. A motion was then made from the floor to give Bro. Franks a \$1,000.00. The motion was second and carried. Final adjournment prayer was led by Bro. Franks.

Registration: 11 Ministers, 12 Deacons, 26 Delegates, and 23 Visitors. The total registration was 72.

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
QUARTERLY MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 1989
TOWNLEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
TOWNLEY, ALABAMA**

The day was begun with special music by the Townley F.W.B. Church. Bro. William Pate then gave the welcome, followed by the response by Bro. Don Brumley. The meeting was then called to order by the Clerk, and the Moderator then took charge. The first item of business was the seating of Delegates and appointment of committees. The following committees were: Appreciation: Clara Cobb, Jeanette Wilson, Barbara Taylor. Resolutions: Roger Raper, Randy Wright, Keith Bartlett. Credentials: Jerry White, Malone Cobb, Lloyd Martin. Bro. Randy Wright then led the congregation in singing "Have His Way with Thee", followed by the special music by Mrs. Barbara Taylor singing "Till the Storm Passes By".

The first message of the day was delivered by Rev. Roger Raper, pastor of the First F.W.B. of Jasper. Bro. Raper's text was taken from II Chro. 26. He spoke on how as long as Uzziah sought God, he was made to prosper. Uzziah had everything going for him. Uzziah's heart soon became full of pride, and he took upon himself the office of priest. Proverbs 6:16, says that God hates pride. The Lord punished Uzziah with the disease of leprosy. God has cleansed us from sin, but Satan comes and gets us to think about how we do not need God. Bro. Raper went on to show Satan tried to distract Peter, Luke 22:31-34; 56-62. When Peter took his eyes off the Saviour, he fell. Peter had to fall to be great. Acts 3:1-8 shows the results of a man turning his life over to Christ. The eyes of the world are upon us. We have nothing to be proud of, but much to be thankful for! After singing "Higher Ground", there was a short intermission.

After the break, the congregation was lead in singing, "Solid Rock". The special music was done by Michael and Allecia Phenicie singing "Wonderful Peace". The second message of the day was delivered by Rev. Richard Cordell, pastor of the Guin F.W.B. Church. He spoke on Great Discoveries of the Christian Life taken from Matt. 13:44, 45, 46. The Bible is the most interesting thing in print or in person. The Bible is the inerrant word of God. There is nothing better than the Bible for governing our lives. People just do not read the Bible, like they do other books. People are feeding on the hog pens of the world instead of feasting at the banquet table of God. The Bible is our deterrent to SIN - Ps. 119:11. The Bible is our detergent for SIN - Ps. 119:9. The Bible is best understood when it is lived out through our lives. If a person forgets to feed on the Word of God, he can backslide while doing good things for God. Stories and illustrations are good, but they can't take the place of the Bible. The Bible is what turns things upside down. Prayer of closing by Bro. Cordell, with the dismissal prayer by Bro. Danny Thompson.

The afternoon began with a wonderful lunch provided by the host church Townley F.W.B. Church. Following lunch, the meeting resumed with the singing of "Stand Up for Jesus" by the congregation. Special music was provided by the Harmony Church ladies, singing "Grace Greater Than Our Sin". We were then led in prayer by Bro. Jerry Sanford. The third message of the day was delivered by Rev. Ron Edgil, pastor of the Cave Springs Church. He spoke from Matt. 18:1-5; 19:13. One of our greatest problems is that we are more concerned about greatness than humility. Our ultimate goal should be heaven. Bro. Edgil's thought was "When the child like spirit inside me dies". 1. We will cease to be perspective. 2. We will lose the simplicity of our faith. 3. We will lose a desire of fellowship and coldness will set in. 4. The future loses it glamour of excitement. The solution to coming back is looking to Jesus, Matt. 17:1-8. Bro. Edgil closed in prayer.

The business session of the meeting was resumed with the reports of the following committees: Appreciation: 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, Clara Cobb, Jeanette Wilson, Barbara Taylor. Motion made, second and carried to accept the report. Credentials: We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the church letters from Bethel, Cave Springs, Cordova, Dovern, Fayette, Florence, Pleasant Grove, Jasper, Jones Chapel, Northport, Russellville, South Highland, Sulfur Springs, Townley, and Victory and find them in order. Respectfully submitted, Malone Cobb, Lloyd Martin, Jerry White. Motion made, second and carried to accept the report. Resolutions: 1. We the Resolutions Committee recommend that the Progressive Association give to Bro. Richard Cordell an honorarium for sharing his heart with us in the associational meeting, in the sum of \$40.00. 2. We the Resolutions Committee make a motion that the motion to give Bro. Dave Franks \$1,000.00 be changed to \$800.00 due to a lack of funds in the treasure. Motion made, second and carried to adopt item by item.

After all the business was taken care of, information was given concerning the following things: Jr. Camp - July 3-8, Evangelist: Lloyd Martin; Teen Camp - July 10-14, Evangelist: Rick Messer; Youth Retreat - AEA Week. Bro. Wilson reminded us about District CTS Competition April 29, 1989, at 5:00 p.m., at Russellville; an Evangelism Conference was also scheduled for May 14, 15, at Russellville. Next Quarterly Meeting at Victory F.W.B. Church the third Sat. of May. Final Adjournment prayer offered by Bro. Rick Cash.

Registration: 12 Ministers, 11 Deacons, 17 Delegates, and 24 Visitors, for a Total of 64.

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT MEETING
HARMONY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 4, 1989**

Our annual Progressive District meeting was called to order by our President, Etta Jane White. We were led in song. Our prayer was offered by Bro. White of Cordova.

Barbara South of Harmony church welcomed us and Russellville church responded. Our visitors and ministers were recognized. The seating of delegates is as follows:

Cordova - Lovelle Short, Pat Sanders, Mary Ellen Sides, Billie Gay
Billie Gay O'Rear

Fayette - not represented

Harmony - Barbara South, Eulene Lowery, Joyce Willis

Jasper - Allecia Phenicie, Louise Haynes, Sandy Raper,
Evelyn Bevis

Northport - Laura Hollingsworth, Theo Kuykendall, Wilma Davis,
Essie Collins

Pleasant Grove - Mary Kearney, Katherine Houston,
Kay Thompson, Martha Hill

Russellville - Dorothy Kimbrough, Elree Randolph,
Bennie Pearl Whitehead, Luree Mann

Sulphur Springs - Merly Dyer, Georgia Erving

Townley - not represented

Victory - Joe Proctor, Estell Blackwell, Janice Burcham,
Clara Cobb

The reading of the minutes and treasurers report followed. Both were approved. The appointment of the committees followed (see reports).

Essie Collins from the Northport gave our devotion using Luke 24b and 26a. We looked to Christ as a conqueror. His Life and ministry did not portray that of a conqueror until he conquered death and the grave.

After the break, Jasper church sang special music "Look for Me". Bro. Rick Bowling, missionary to Uruguay, brought our morning message using scripture reference Ephesians 3:14-21. Jesus is sufficient in all things. Satan will bring you up only so far and then will drop you; but Jesus is the victory for us all. We were dismissed for lunch by prayer and blessing of the food by Kay Thompson, Pleasant Grove.

After a delicious meal, our session was resumed with the Pleasant Grove Auxiliary singing "Casting All Your Care Upon Jesus".

Lindsay Bowling was our afternoon speaker. She used Acts 1:8 and Romans 1:22. She shared her heart with us about the field of Uruguay and its people and the desire to return as soon as possible.

Our report followed:

- APPRECIATION:** We the Appreciation Committee wish to express our appreciation to the Harmony Woman's Auxiliary and church for the warm hospitality and delicious meal we have enjoyed here today. We thank God for His witnessing spirit we have felt today; witnessing our love for him and each other. We thank you. We wish to also thank you for the table favors. Louise Haynes chairman, Katherine Houston, Merle Dyer
- FINANCE:** We the Finance Committee have examined the treasurer's records and have found them to be in order. Allecia Phenicie chairman, Laura Hollingshead, Dorothy Kimbrough.
- REGISTRATION:** We the Registration Committee submit that we had 28 delegates, 3 ministers, and 29 visitors giving a total of 60 present. Evelyn Bevis, Barbara South
- RESOLUTION:** We the Resolution Committee recommend: 1) A map be included with the program so we can find our way. 2) That Bro. Bowling be given \$150 as a token of our appreciation for his coming to be with us. Clara Cobb chairman, Theo Kuykendall Wilma Davis
- CREDENTIALS:** We the Credentials Committee have examined the following letters of auxiliaries from Cordova, Victory, Harmony, Fayette, Russellville, Townley, Sulphur Springs, Pleasant Grove, Northport and Jasper and find these letters to be in order. Sandy Raper chairman, Uleen Lowry, Martha Hill.
- NOMINATING:** We the Nominating Committee recommend that Etta Jane White complete the second year term of Sandra Jackson as President. We also recommend Clara Cobb be Vice President to replace Etta Jane White. We nominate Laura Hollingshead as Field Worker to replace Carol Dubose. Elree Randolph chairman, Lovelle Short, Mary Kearney.

Delegates to the state will be as follows: Wilma Davis, Clara Cobb, Laura Hollingshead, Theo Kuykendall, Mrs. Pitts, Louise Haynes, Lovelle Short, Kay Thompson, Mary Kearney. A motion was made that the President could appoint delegates at the state meeting if needed.

Clara Cobb of Victory gave our prayer of dismissal. Pleasant Grove has invited the Progressive District to meet at their church next year. Northport will host the meeting in 1991.

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 covenant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

LETTER OF DISMISSION

This certifies that _____, 19 _____

is a regular member of the _____ Free Will

Baptist Church at _____, in good

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

_____ Pastor

_____ Clerk

SUGGESTED GUIDE LINES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULES FOR PREACHERS & DEACONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





