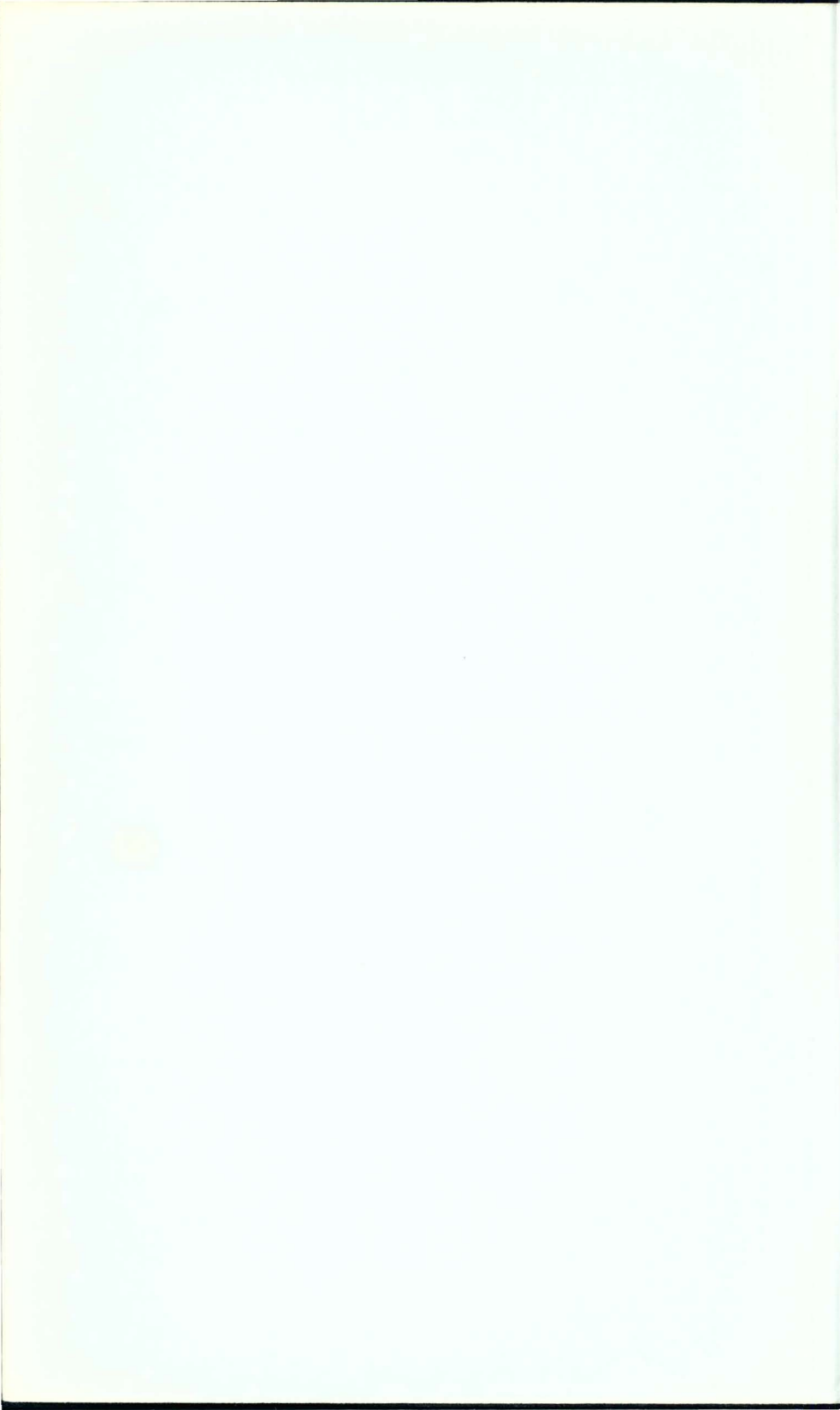


**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA**

**MINUTES OF THE  
59th ANNUAL SESSION**

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA  
AUGUST 18, 1990**

**1991 Session  
CORDOVA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
August 17, 1991**



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The Executive Board met on June 16, 1990 at the First F.W.B. Church, Jasper to take care of upcoming nominating suggestion for the new year's officers. Members present were Duane Taylor, Wayne Wilson, Jerry Sanford, Elzo Bevan, Michael Phenicie. The following items were discussed:

1. To recommend to the Progressive Association that the body vote to have either a Bi-Annual or Quarterly meeting and to close at lunch. If Bi-Annual, then Article 8 Items 1 & 2 would have to be ratified.
2. To grant a letter of good standing concerning Bro. Tim Osborn up to the time that Victory F.W.B. Church, Russellville pulled out of the Progressive Association.
3. To accept Bro. Freddy Beem into our Association on a statement of faith due to the fact his church was not a member of any Association.
4. To submit a list of names to the Association concerning new officers for the year and vacant offices on committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Phenicie  
Clerk

**PROGRESIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
59th ANNUAL MEETING**

**August 18, 1990**

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA**

Our service began with special music by the Thompson family. The congregation was then led in singing "To God Be the Glory". Our opening prayer was led by Bro. Denzil Durbin. The welcome was given by Bro. Philip Houston with the response by Bro. Jimmy Fuller. The meeting was then called to order by the Clerk with the seating of delegates. The following Committees were appointed for the meeting:

Obituary: Ken Bozeman, Dennis Miles, Charles Fowler

Appreciation: Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Beem, Mrs. Bowers

Temperance: Roger Raper, Jim Mutchler, Joe Sularin

Auditing: Jimmy Fuller, Richard Bowers, Jim Fairchild

Resolutions: Rick Cash, Danny Thompson, Jerry Sanford

The following visitors were recognized at the meeting: Bro. Len Scott, Associate of the Northport Church.

Just before the first message Linda Woodroph sang, "Come Morning I'll Walk by the River". The First speaker of the day was Bro. Kenneth Bozeman, pastor of the Townley F.W.B. Church. His text was taken from Deut. 8:1-3 and Jn. 3:16.

(1.) Motive of God's action: Love. God is not motivated by the good He sees in man. God loved us when we were without strength.

(2.) Method of God's action: Giving. God has given us grace. There is no other way to obtain it. Example: David showing of kindness to Mephiboseth, Jonathan's son.

(3.) Means of God's Action: Life. God has given us life. We can experience the abundant life because of Christ. Christ paid the penalty of death for us.

We as Christians need to learn to feed on the nuggets. We sometimes get clogged up with the complicated things and forget the simple things. Closed with the reading of II Cor. 5:14,15, and then prayer.

After a short break, Jim Fairchild sang "See Jesus Just as He Is", and the congregation than was led in singing "It is Well with My Soul". The second message was by Bro. Dale Burden, pastor of Gateway F.W.B. Church, Virginia Beach, VA. His theme was "The Crown Has Fallen". What is God's answer to the decline? Build some fires in the hearts of men. Christ not only preached the truth, but also went about in the Spirit of truth. II Tim. 2:2. In order for us to grow, we must pass it on! Joshua 4:5-7, 21-24 tells of when God told Israel to take stones out of the Jordan River for a memorial, in order for them to tell generation after generation. The

people were commanded to tell their children about the true God. Many of us do not have monuments to show people what has happened in our lives. We show people of men past, but nothing today. Men who truly know God, will make a great impact. We need to stand in the power of God and not words of men. Isaac knew when they came off of Mt. Moriah, that Abraham knew God. First chair Christians are the ones that pass on the ways of God. The second chair Christian does not pass it on. Too many people are trying to be successful. We need more Joshua's in order to reach the next generation. In order for us to get on the right track, we have got to deal with some things in our lives, and get back to the basics. We must burn some bridges. Time of prayer was called around the altar. Bro. Taylor closed in prayer.

Following the second service we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Rick Cash for the noon meal. The host church, provided a wonderful lunch for the Association.

The afternoon service begin with the congregation singing "Beulah Land" with special music. The final message of the day was by Bro. Danny Thompson, entitled "Doing a Great Work", taken from Neh. 6:1-4. Much of God's work is being reproached. Nehemiah had a great work that laid ahead of him in the rebuilding of Jerusalem. 1. The Task: Nehemiah said he was doing a great work. When you start a work for God, be prepared for temptation to quit. Nehemiah said he couldn't afford to quit because God's people would be destroyed. 2. The Temptation: other nations tried to discourage him. 3. The Tenacity: we must come to a point where we won't quit, learn to stay in the battle.

Characteristics of a good worker: 1. Dedication - appearance to others and affections for others; 2. Daring - Courage: need to be committed regardless; 3. Determination - II Tim. 3:12, opposition will come, can we stand. Some folks will question our method, but we must remember our mission; 4. Direction - Ps. 119:105, follow God's roadmap and the Spirit of God; 5. Death - dying to self. Stay in the place where God puts you! Bro. Danny then closed in prayer.

Bro. Taylor, Moderator of the Association, conducted the business session of the meeting. The following reports were read and voted on. Credentials report: Motion made/second/carried to adopt item by item. Appreciation report: MM/S/C to receive. Temperance report: MM/S/C to receive. Obituary report: MM/S/C to receive. Auditing report: MM/S/C to accept. Resolutions report: MM/S/C to accept. Nominating report: MM/S/C to accept. A motion was made to replace Bro. Malone Cobb with Bro. Denzil Durbin on the Credentials Committee due to the fact Bro. Cobb left the Association. The vote was majority to accept. Motion was made to change the meeting to the following form: the Association to continue meeting four (4) times a year, and to close the meeting at lunch. The motion was second and carried. Motion made/second/carried to have the Progressive Association at the following churches for the upcoming year:

November meeting: Sulphur Springs; February meeting: Russellville;  
May meeting: South Highland; August meeting: Cordova.

Motion made/second/carried to receive the following information concerning the Trinity Youth Camp: Jr. Camp evangelist - Frank Owens; Teen Camp evangelist - Karl Sexton. Motion made to adjourn.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

1. We the Credentials Committee, have examined the church letters from Bethel, Cave Springs, Cordova, Dovertown, Harmony, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Praise, Russellville, South Highland, Sulfur Springs, Townley, Jasper, Fayette, and Jones Chapel, and find them in order. No letters from Eldridge and Florence. MM/S/C

1a. We recommend upon the request from Bethel, Cave Springs, Cordova, Dovertown, Harmony, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Praise, Russellville, South Highland, Sulfur Springs, Townley, Jasper, Fayette, cards of good standing be given for pastors and deacons. MM/S/C

2. Upon request from Grace F.W.B. Church, Florence, we recommend they be received into our Association, and their pastor be given a card of good standing. MM/S/C

3. Upon request of First Church Jasper, we have examined Bro. Don Argent and recommend that the church ordain him as deacon. MM/S/C

4. We recommend that Bro. Len Scott be received into our Association upon receiving a letter of good standing from the Central Association, Arkansas. MM/S/C

Respectfully submitted,  
Bro. Lloyd Martin  
Bro. Freddie Beem  
Bro. Jerry White

### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

We the Appreciation Committee express our thanks to Pleasant Grove Church for hosting our Annual Meeting. We wish to thank the ladies for the delicious sack lunch. We also are thankful for the inspiring messages we received today. MM/S/C

Respectfully submitted,  
Avalene Davis  
Carolyn Bowers  
Annette Beem

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

We the Temperance Committee make the following recommendation: that all F.W.B. Christians live according to the moral standards of the New Testament teachings. MM/S/C

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Mutchler  
Joe Sullivan

## **OBITUARY COMMITTEE:**

We the Obituary Committee report the following names of deceased given by the churches in our Association since our annual meeting in 1989:

Cordova: Bro. Jessie Ryland, Bro. Vonnie Sargent  
Dovertown: Sis. Ida Reeves, Bro. Otis Moore, Bro. Otis Mallard  
Russellville: Bro. John Henry Cummins  
Sulphur Springs: Bro. Lee Scrivner, Bro. Ray Woods,  
Sis. Savannah Collins  
Fayette: Bro. Hugh Gilliam, Bro. Loyal Maddox  
Townley: Bro. James Studdard, Bro. Fred Smith

We the Obituary Committee move that we have a moment of silent prayer, and that Bro. Jerry White offer prayer. MM/S/C

Respectfully submitted,  
Bro. Kenneth Bozeman  
Bro. Charles Fowler  
Bro. Dennis Miles

## **AUDITING COMMITTEE:**

We the Auditing Committee have examined the books of the Association Treasurer, and found them to be in order. The books of the Youth Camp Treasurer were not available for audit, but will be submitted for audit. An opinion of the audit will be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Association at that time. MM/S/C

Respectfully submitted,  
Bro. Jimmy Fuller  
Bro. Richard Bowers  
Bro. Jim Fairchild

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

We the Nominating Committee make the following recommendations for the upcoming year:

Officers: Moderator: Bro. Duane Taylor  
Assistant: Bro. Wayne Wilson  
Clerk: Bro. Michael Phenicie  
Assistant: Sis. Allecia Phenicie  
Treasurer: Bro. Jimmy Fuller  
Assistant: Sis. Barbara Taylor

Board of Christian Education: Edwin Kimbrough - 5 year term  
Freddy Beem - 4 year term

Credentials Committee: Lloyd Martin - 5 year term  
Winford Russell - 2 year term

Camp Board: Rick Cash - 3 year term

Executive Committee: Jerry White - 3 year term

Motion made/second/carried to accept.

Respectfully submitted,  
Duane Taylor, Wayne Wilson,  
Jerry Sanford, Elzo Bevan,  
Michael Phenicie

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1989-1990  
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION**

BALANCE - AUGUST 16, 1989 ..... \$500.16

RECEIPTS FOR 1989-90:

Dues & Offering ..... \$1,953.00

C.T.S. Entry Fees From Churches ..... 220.00

\$2,173.00

\$2,673.16

EXPENDITURES:

Bro. Duane Taylor, Moderator ..... \$100.00

Bro. Michael Phenicie, Clerk ..... 200.00

Bro. Micky Crane, Love Offering ..... 40.00

Bro. Greg Rucker, Honorarium ..... 40.00

Bro. Richard Hendrix, Honorarium ..... 40.00

Stamps & Telephone ..... 64.36

Alabama State Association Dues ..... 340.00

Pastors & Workers Conference ..... 700.00

Cash & Carry Printers ..... 304.95

Flowers (White Family) ..... 29.43

C.T.S. Competition Kits ..... 33.98

C.T.S. Competition Metals ..... 138.60

C.T.S. State Competition Entry Fees ..... 175.00

\$2,206.32

ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 18, 1990

\$466.84

Jimmy W. Fuller, Treasurer



# CAMP PROYUKA REPORT 1990

## STATEMENT OF INCOME

Balance Brought Forward .....	\$1,196.36
Received from 1990 Camp Sessions	
Teen Week .....	\$2,632.75
71 Campers @ \$35	
3 Campers @ \$30	
4 Campers @ \$11	
1 Camper @ \$13.75	
2 Non-paying Campers	
Junior Week .....	\$4,000.00
113 Campers @ \$35	
1 Camper @ \$25	
1 Camper @ \$20	
1 Non-paying Camper	
Gifts To Camp .....	\$39.00
Miscellaneous .....	\$14.71
Interest on Certificate of Deposit .....	\$41.14
TOTAL INCOME .....	\$6,727.60
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR .....	\$7,923.96

## STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Wood Fruitticher Institutional Foods .....	\$2,341.49
Red Diamond Institutional Foods .....	\$150.58
Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp Rent 2 weeks .....	\$700.00
Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp-Lifeguard 2 weeks .....	\$300.00
Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp-Paper Products & Ins. ....	\$792.18
Karl Sexton - Teen Camp Evangelist .....	\$250.00
Frank Owens - Junior Camp Evangelist .....	\$250.00
Travel Expense .....	\$198.00
Recreational Equipment .....	\$489.98
Miscellaneous Groceries .....	\$70.13
Sunbeam - Bread Products .....	\$136.28
Miscellaneous Expense .....	\$177.68
Sports Inc - Trophies .....	\$48.15
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	\$5,904.47
REMAINING BALANCE AUGUST 18, 1990 .....	\$2,019.49

## ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

### Junior Camp

Total Campers .....	150
Including Workers & Children	
116 Campers	
26 Workers	
8 Workers	
Total Decisions .....	43
14 Saved	
19 Rededication	
10 Other	

### Teen Camp

Total Campers .....	100
Including Workers	
82 Campers	
18 Workers	
Total Decisions .....	82
7 Saved	
74 Rededications	
2 Other	

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
QUARTERLY MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 1989  
CORDOVA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
CORDOVA, ALABAMA**

The service began with special music by Todd Parish and Merinda White singing Beulah Land and other choruses. The congregation then sang Victory in Jesus. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Danny Thompson. The welcome was given by Bro. Lundy with the response by Rev. Wayne Wilson. The Quarterly Meeting was called to Order by the Association Clerk. A motion/second carried to seat the delegates. The Moderator then appointed the following committees: Credentials: Rev. Jerry White, Rev. Wayne Wilson, and Bro. Winford Russell; Resolutions: Bro. Jimmy Fuller, Rev. Roger Raper, Rev. Danny Thompson; Appreciation: Janice Burcham, Allecia Phenicie, Dorothy Kimbrough.

Before the first message Todd Parish sang "People Need the Lord", as the special. The first message was by Rev. Mickey Crane, pastor of New Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Crane's theme was "There is Victory in Jesus". In today's society, discouragement is running wild. There is no place to stop and wave the white flag in surrender, we must "Go On". Exodus 15:23-26. We find here in Exodus that the battle is won by the Lord. In vs. 16 it tells us that the people were purchased by the Lord. The devil's weapon is like the old slingshot in comparison to the armor that God provides us with. The battle is the Lord's, and he has never lost a battle. The only way the devil is going to have a victory, is that he will have to kill Jesus again. When there is a burden, if we will look there is always a blessing.

The people here in Exodus came to Moses and cried concerning what to drink, and the first thing he did was go to the Lord in prayer. The Lord gave him an answer in a tree. This is not the only tree that was cut down. There was one cut down close to Calvary upon which Christ was hung on to die for our sins. Verse 27 stands out by itself. The people had had some bitter times, but then came to Elim where there was much good water. It was just a little ways from Marah to Elim. God provided water and shade to comfort the people. There will come dry spells and bitter spells, but don't give up on the Lord. Keep on, keep on, keep on. Bro. Mickey closed in prayer. After prayer there was a short break.

The service resumed with congregation singing "Love Lifted Me". The special music was by Todd Parish and Merinda White singing "Somebody Touched Me". The second message of the day was by Rev. Rick Cash pastor of the First F.W.B. Church, Fayette. Bro. Rick's text was I Kings 19:1-13. Every man of God has a battle with discouragement. There are the mountains as well as the valleys. God talked to Elijah there on the mountain and said "What doest thou here Elijah", vs. 9. There are three implications we see here in I Kings.

1. Something should be done, because of the direction God's people were going. Problems had sprung up at the division of the kingdom under Rehoboam. The people left the worship of God, and began to worship idols. Israel had gone from a perverted worship of God to an open embracing of worshipping idols. Went from following Solomon to being



ruled by Ahab and Jezebel. Today is no better. We see liberal politicians saying we can't talk about Jesus in our public school system, but the philosophy of Stalin is acceptable. Our forefathers wrote the Constitution out of a prayer meeting, yet today it is wrong to pray in school and just before football games. It is no wonder police must patrol the schools. We teach our children that they come from animals. Everything is coming apart all around us something must be done.

2. Something could be done. Isa. 50:2. God has all the power to do. He has never left. God could rain fire and brimstone and start over. God can take a man like Saul of Tarsus, and turn him around.

3. Something should be done by and through God's man. God chooses humans to do his work. II Cor. 5. Paul says we are ambassadors for Christ. We are the highest representation of heaven there is. We fail so much, and do such an inadequate job, yet God still uses us. John 9:5. Christ speaks of the light, and we are his lights to a lost and dying world. We should be like David and run and meet the giant head on. The battle is the Lord's. II Cor. 10:4.

God has given us the weapons to fight, let us take them up and charge, instead of just trying to hold our own. The question arises, "What should I do?" 1. Make yourself available as you are. 2. Just stay faithful - II Kings 2:1,4,6; Elijah said, "The Lord has sent me". We can make a difference where ever we are! 3. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Elijah heard God in a still small voice.

Bro. Cash then closed in prayer.

Bro. Jerry White, pastor of the host church, came to the front and gave instructions concerning the lunch hour, and then led in the blessing.

Following the wonderful lunch, the congregation was led in singing "To God Be the Glory". Opening prayer was by Bro. Wayne Wilson. The special music was provided by Kenny Harbison of the Dovertown F.W.B. Church. The final message of the day was delivered by Rev. Jerry Sanford, pastor of the Dovertown Church. Bro. Jerry's text was Isa. 6:1-7. Isaiah becomes aware of God's burning holiness in comparison to his own sinful nature. When God got a hold of Peter's heart, he was a different man. Today we need to allow God to show us our impurities. We have people in our churches who know more about competition instead of consecration. Joshua 7 - God said Gideon, I will give the Midianities to you, but you must do as I ask. We need to have some holy men in our pulpits to get us back in perspect. We need men with backbones. We can go to ballgames and scream our heads off, but come to the house of God, and can barely tell if people are breathing. Ps. 139:7-10 says, We cannot flee from the presence of God. He is always there. The problem with our churches today is that they are barren. You can be anything you want, and unless you get Christ into your life, you are heading straight to Hell! We need to be like Isaiah and be touched by the fire of God. Like Isaiah said, "Woe is me, for I am a man of unclean lips". God is ready to give us something, if we are ready to take!

After the message, the Moderator took charge for the Business session of our meeting.

The first item of business was the report from the Credentials Committee. Motion made, second, and carried to adopt item by item.

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

Item 2. Upon the request from First F.W.B. Church Russellville, we have examined Bro. Joey Borden and recommend he be licensed to preach for one year. Motion made, second, carried.

Item 3. We recommend that a letter of good standing for Bro. Allen Jones be sent to the Little Brown Creek Association, Mississippi. Motion made, second, carried.

Item 4. We recommend that the Praise Free Will Baptist Church, Cottondale, Alabama be accepted into our Association. Motion made, second, carried.

Part a. We recommend that their pastor, Bro. Freddy Beem, be received into our Association upon a letter of good standing from the Vernon Association of Alabama. Motion made, second, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Wayne Wilson  
Bro. Winford Russell  
Rev. Jerry White

A motion was made and carried to replace Dallas Jones with Winford Russell on the Credentials Committee.

The Resolutions Committee was recognized. Motion made, second, and carried to adopt item by item.

We the Resolutions Committee present the following two resolutions to the Progressive Association:

Item 1. Present a Forty dollar (\$40.00) honorarium to Bro. Micky Crane of the Bear Creek Association. Motion made, second, and carried.

Item 2. Present Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) honorarium to the State Pastors & Workers Conference. Motion made, second, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jimmy Fuller  
Danny Thompson  
Roger Raper

The last item of business was to recognize the Appreciation Committee. We the Appreciation Committee express our thanks to the Cordova Church for hosting our Quarterly Meeting. We would like to thank the ladies for the excellent meal and the lovely decorations in the fellowship hall. We are also thankful for the spiritual blessings we received today.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Burcham  
Dorothy Kimbrough  
Allecia Phenicie

After the business was taken care of Bro. Taylor then recognized Bro. Rick Cash concerning the Trinity Youth Camp. A current Financial Report was prepared and presented to the Association. A motion was made, second and carried to accept. Other information was that the Camp weeks for the summer were to be the third and fourth weeks of June. Jr. Week - June 18-22 and Teen Week - June 25-29. There is also going to be a Retreat during AEA Week.

Other information presented:

Pastors/Workers Conference, Feb. 12-14, 1990

Walk-a-Thon - April 7, 1990

Next Quarterly meeting scheduled for Feb. 17, 1990 at the Russellville Church.

Final adjournment by Bro. Freddie Beem pastor of the Praise F.W.B. Church.

## TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

September 27, 1989 - August 16, 1990

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 329.21
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### RECEIPTS:

#### JASPER ASSOCIATION

\$ 6,322.05

Jasper Association .....	\$ 500.00
Brilliant .....	671.05
Carbon Hill .....	125.00
Cedrom Grove .....	167.30
Free Water .....	200.00
Liberty .....	163.75
Mt. Olive .....	1,320.00
Pocahontas .....	1,507.00
Red Bay .....	573.92
Shady Grove .....	200.00
Winfield .....	759.03
New Liberty .....	135.00

#### PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

\$ 4,766.59

Bethel .....	\$ 125.00
Cordova .....	5.00
Davis Chapel .....	52.00
Fayette .....	2,101.13
Florence .....	500.00
Jasper .....	776.09
Pleasant Grove .....	407.37
South Highland .....	600.00
Sulphur Springs .....	200.00



**VERNON ASSOCIATION**

\$ 2,863.96

Vernon Association .....	\$ 100.00
Belk .....	358.53
Cooper .....	171.33
Mt. Harmony .....	275.00
New Center Point .....	234.00
Piney Grove .....	385.00
Springfield .....	1,015.00
Union Chapel .....	150.00
Vernon .....	175.10

**OTHER**

\$ 9,254.95

Camp Fee: Jasper Association .....	1,442.00
Progressive Association .....	1,792.18
Vernon Association .....	1,341.00
Vernon Association (Bal/1989) .....	300.00
Retreat - Spring Spectacular .....	132.87
Martin Reunion .....	175.00
Alabama State Woman's Auxiliary .....	25.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Amory, Mississippi .....	84.00
General Insurance (Refund) .....	700.00
Individuals & Misc. Income .....	59.10
Concessions .....	3,138.80
Rental of Equipment .....	55.00
Alabama Home Missions .....	10.00

**TOTAL**

\$23,536.76

**TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR**

\$23,536.76

**EXPENDITURES:**

Electric .....	\$ 2,966.52
Water .....	889.39
Telephone .....	786.00
Gas .....	238.79
Camp Insurance .....	2,175.00
Pest Control .....	90.00
Appreciation Supper, Board Expense, Meals, etc. ....	1,059.24
Postage, Office Supplies, Bank Charge .....	128.75
Repair and Upkeep .....	1,585.77
Paper Products .....	1,446.33
Lifeguard .....	900.00
Pool Chemicals .....	458.01
Promotional Products .....	616.27
Concession .....	652.21
Garbage Trailer .....	225.00
Ice Machine .....	500.00
Loan Payment .....	7,661.65
Transfer to Savings .....	705.56

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

\$23,084.49

**BALANCE IN BANK AS OF AUGUST 16, 1990**

\$ 452.27

Savings Account Balance \$1,750.01  
(Designated for Kitchen Worker's Building)

Secretary/Treasurer: Dennis Haygood  
Route 2, Box 376  
Guin, Alabama 35563



**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
QUARTERLY MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 1990  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA**

The day began with special music by Amy Hester and Kristi Wilson. The congregation then sang "I'll Fly Away". The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Denzil Durbin with the Welcome by Rev. Wayne Wilson and the Response by Bro. Buddy Troutt. The meeting was called to order by the Association Clerk. Motion was made and carried to seat the delegates. The Moderator recognized the following visitors: Rev. Jim Mutchler, pastor of the Bethel F.W.B. Church, and also Rev. and Mrs. Greg Rucker. The following committees were appointed: Resolutions; Roger Raper, Denzil Durbin, Danny Thompson; Appreciation: Monica White, Shelia Bozeman, Mrs. Bowers.

Before the first message our special music was by Mrs. Jackson, singing "Family of God". The first speaker was Rev. Elzo Bevan, his text was taken from Matt. 25:14-30, "Stewardship". Steward: one who manages another's financial property. All Who are saved are stewards or servants of and for the Lord. Peter says be a good steward of the things of God. Luke 19:13, Christ says occupy till I come. Paul says that it is required of God that a man be found faithful. The word servant is mentioned 111 times, and means serving without bondage.

Characteristics of Good Stewards: (1) Responsible servant to God. We are to be responsible as a witness, Acts 1:8; not just enough to put a sign out, we must go out. We are to be responsible in our walk, we must walk in a way that people can tell we have been with Jesus. We are to be responsible in our worship, Heb. 10:25. We are to be responsible in our wealth, tithing. (2) Dependable servant of God. Christ said "Let your light so shine before men . . ." Daniel was such a man even in captivity, Daniel 1:8; 6:10. Paul told Timothy to stand fast. (3) Accountable servant of God. Paul said we would stand before the Judgement Seat of Christ. Ezek. 22:30, God sought for a man to stand in the hedge and fill the gap, but could not find one.

As stewards of God we should be waiting, witnessing, and working. Bro. Bevan closed in prayer.

Following a short break the meeting resumed with Bro. Cash giving information concerning Camp. Jr. Week, June 18-22, Frank Owen: Evangelist, Teen Week, June 25-29. There is to be a Board Sponsored steak supper March 10, 6:00 p.m. AEA Retreat will be March 15-17.

The congregation was led in singing "Till the Storm Passes By". Followed by Mrs. Taylor singing "Two More Hands" for the special music. The second message of the day was by Rev. Greg Rucker, pastor of the Liberty F.W.B. Church, Guin, Alabama. His text was taken from Acts 26:13-23. Paul shared his testimony about how he met the Lord while before King Agrippa. Paul like others had many good attributes. He was highly educated, and had a warm personality, but his greatest attribute was his tenacity (Determination). Too many times people give up when the going gets tough. Paul started well and ended well. Three safeguards to keep us on the right path.

1. Start well: ground yourself in good habits. Paul started out strong. Acts 9. Paul said, "Lord what will thou have me to do." We must have a determined Spirit.

2. Surround ourselves with Godly friends - Acts 27:3. Paul was always grateful for friends who helped him. Good example: David and Jonathan - I Sam. 23. We are independent of one another, we need fellowship. Ecc. 4:9-12.

3. Secure our mind to think on heavenly things. Heb. 12:1-3. Example of Caleb and Joshua: these men had to stay true to God while they were in the wilderness for 40 years. The love of Christ constrains us to reach others. People have failed because they have dropped their safe guards. Isa. 40:31.

There are many times when we just go through the the motions. We need to take time and get fresh oil. Closed in prayer.

Information was given concerning the Walk-a-thon for Missions April 7. Prayer for lunch was led by Bro. Danny Thompson.

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing", the special music was "The Haven of Rest" with opening prayer by Bro. Jerry White. The final message of the day was by Bro. Freddy Beem, pastor of the Praise F.W.B. Church. His message was entitled "Where You Are!" from I Kings 17:1-9. In today's time we don't have the backbone like we used too!

1. What is a desert? Can mean wilderness, hot, dry, burning sand. God sent Elijah to the desert to train him a while. God has a desert place for us where he leads us to train us. While Elijah was by the brook he drank of the brook, and was fed by the ravens . . . We go through deserts in our lives for a purpose.

2. Why was Elijah there? Was it because he disobeyed God. No! God sent him there for a purpose.

3. Why did he stay there? a. Because God said "Get thee hence". V. 3 It is easy for us to leave before God is ready for us to. b. Elijah stayed because he knew God would provide. If God put us in this situation would we believe or doubt? c. God tells us to be contented. Many times we don't know why the east winds are blowing against us, but we must learn to spend time with Jesus, to help us make it through. God has a desert for us somewhere, sometime. Bro. Freddy closed the message with prayer.

Bro. Taylor opened the business session with information concerning Pastors/Workers Conference. To be at Pleasant Grove. It was also mentioned the April was Missions month. Bro. Taylor then asked for the reading of the reports. Bro. Jerry White gave the Credentials Committee report. Motion made/second/carried to accept item by item.

1. We the Credentials Committee, have examined the church letters from: Bethel, Cave Springs, Cordova, Dvertown, Eldridge, Fayette, Florence, Harmony, Jasper, Jones Chapel, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Praise, Russellville, Sulfur Springs, South Highland, and Townley, and find them in order. MM/S/C to accept.

2. Upon the request from Townley F.W.B. Church, we recommend that Rev. Kenneth Bozeman be received into the Association upon receiving a letter of good standing from the First Kansas Assoc. MM/S/C to accept.

3. Upon the request from the Bethel F.W.B. Church, we recommend that Rev. Jim Mutchler to be received into the Association upon receiving

a letter of good standing from the Saline Assoc. Arkansas. MM/S/C to accept.

4. Upon the request from the Florida Liberty F.W.B. Assoc. We recommend a letter of good standing be sent for Rev. Allan Austin. MM/S/C to accept.

5. We recommend a letter of good standing be sent for Rev. Randy Wright to the Vernon Association. MM/S/C to accept.

6. Upon the request from the Victory F.W.B. Church that they be allowed to withdraw from the Association, we recommend that their request be granted. MM/S/C to accept.

Respectfully submitted,

Winford Russell  
Ron Edgil  
Malone Cobb  
Jerry White

#### Resolutions Committee:

We the Resolutions Committee recommend that we give an honorarium of forty dollars (\$40.00) to Bro. Rucker, our visiting evangelist. MM/S/C to accept.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Raper  
Danny Thompson  
Denzil Durbin

#### Appreciation Committee:

We the Appreciation Committee express our thanks to the Russellville church for hosting the Quarterly meeting. We want to thank the ladies for the delicious meal that they prepared. The facilities, the church, the fellowship are all exceptional. Also for the spiritual food that we have received, we want to say thank you. MM/S/C to accept.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Bowers  
Monica White  
Sheila Bozeman

Information was given concerning CTS Competition. To be held April 28, at 10:00 a.m. at the Pleasant Grove Church.

Motion Made/second carried to adjourn. Closing prayer by Bro. Bart Baird.



**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
QUARTERLY MEETING MAY 19, 1990  
CAVE SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
TOWN CREEK, ALABAMA**

The day began with special music. The congregation then sang "Love Lifted Me". The welcome was given by Bro. Ron Edgil, with the response by Bro. Buddy Troutt. The meeting was then called to order by the clerk with a motion/second/carried to seat the delegates. Bro. Taylor then recognized the visitors: Bro. Richard Hendrix. The following committees were appointed: Appreciation: Jane Jackson, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Bray; Resolutions: Danny Thompson, Jim Fairchild, Denzil Durbin.

Before the first message of the day Kristi Wilson and Amy Hester sang a couple of songs for special music. Our first speaker was Rev. Richard Hendrix pastor of the Madison F.W.B. Church, Madison, AL. "Promise of the Lord's Coming" taken from John 14:1-4. Everyone is interested in the future predictions. Down through the ages, people have depended on astrologers concerning the future. The Bible should only be the source for future consultations. One third of the Bible is prophecy. The Lord's second coming is listed here. People are not really interested in seeing the Lord come back, they are just curious. The writing of the 2nd coming was meant to be an encouragement of deeper commitment. The person who is truly looking for Jesus will live a fully committed life. 1. Our worship will be different: The believer will be faithful in meeting with others. Heb. 10:25. If we lived like we should, we wouldn't have to be begged to come back to church. 2. Our work will be different: I Cor. 15:58. a. The Lord has not forgotten our work as we labor in love. We should not work just because we get attention. Why do we work? We must live with the return of the Lord in mind. I Cor. 3:12-15, James 5:9. b. The return is soon. Time is limited. 3. Our witness will be different: there will be a sense of urgency and concern. I Thes. 4:16-17. 4. Our walk will be different: the way a Christian conducts his life. Phil. 3:18-21. Salvation has given us a citizenship in heaven. Times are not easy. Sin is a forgotten concept. Titus 2:11-13. How soon will the Lord return? No one knows, but we must keep watching. Are we ready to see the Lord return? The greatest problem concerning the second coming is the interest out of curiosity and not concern. Closed in prayer followed by a short break.

After break, Bro. Phil Cooper sang for the special music, "He Hideth My Soul, and A Wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord". The second speaker of the day was Rev. Tom Malone, president of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN. "Story of the trial of a godly man", Job 1:1-10. God put Job on display. God calls attention to Job's wealth, protection, enemy.

1. Job's wealth: vs. 1,2,3. rich in character: Job feared God and excheweth evil. A man can have a bank account but be bankrupt spiritually. God called Job perfect: to be blameless and sincere. Fearing God and sunning evil go hand in hand. Rich in children: 7 sons and 3 daughters. Job tried to teach his children right. He prayed for them continually. Job taught his children how to enjoy themselves. Rich in possessions.

2. Job's protection: had a circle about him, his house, his possessions. Thank God for the circle of defense He has put about us. Satan can not touch the obedient child without God's permission. The angel of the Lord camps about those who are in the wil of God.

3. Job's enemy: Satan set his eyes on Job. Satan wanted Job to curse God. What was Satan after? a. to destroy: eventually; b. to get influence over and with others. There are some things we can't do because of influence. How important is influence - ask Lot! If Satan can get our influence, he can get anything he wants. Bro. Malone closed with a time of committment prayer around the altar. After the prayer we were dismissed for lunch.

The final segment of the day began with special music by Bro. Ron Edgil. The final speaker of the day was Bro. Jim Mutchler, pastor of the Bethel F.W.B. Church, Cullman, Alabama. His text was II Tim. 4:1-7, "Finishing the course" or "Seeking Finishers". Jesus came to this world to seek sinners. He did not come for religious purposes. We have lost sight of our purpose - to win souls. God ordained some to be teachers and administrators to help edify the flock. Promotion other causes will not satisfy or take care of our responsibility. Paul had both a balance and convictions in his ministry. Paul also had dedication and was willing to give his life for his ministry. We need to get out and reach souls for God. Closed in prayer.

1. We the Credentials Committee have examined the church letters from Bethel, Cave Springs, Cordova, Fayette, Harmony, Jasper, Jones Chapel, Northport, Praise, Russellville, Sulphur Springs, South Highland, and Townley, and find them in order. No letters were received from Dovern town, Eldridge, or Florence. MM/S/C to accept.

2. Upon request by the Pleasant Grove F.W.B. Church, we have examined and recommend that Bro. Philip Houston be ordained as a deacon by the church. MM/S/C to accept.

3. We have received a letter of good standing from First Kansas Quarterly Assoc. for Bro. Kenneth Bozeman. MM/S/C to receive

4. We have received a letter of good standing from White River Assoc. Indiana for Bro. Jim Fairchild. MM/S/C to receive.

Respectfully submitted,

Winford Russell  
Lloyd Martin  
Malone Cobb  
Jerry White

Appreciation Report: We the Appreciation Committee extend our thanks to Bro. Ron Edgil and the Cave Springs church for the warm welcome we received today. We also would like to thank the ladies for the delicious and bountiful meal. MM/S/C to receive.

Respectfully submitted,

Vada Landers  
Jane Jackson  
Mrs. Bray

Resolutions report: We resolve that Bro. Richard Hendrix be given an honorarium of forty dollars (\$40.00). MM/S/C to accept. We resolve that the fees to the State CTS Competitive activities be paid for those representing our Association. (Approx. \$122.00) MM/S/C to receive.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Thompson  
Cecil Durbin  
Jim Fairchild

The year has been a fairly good year in the Progressive Association. This past year, we have seen one church to leave the Association while also seeing two new churches come into the Association. The Lord has really blessed our Association greatly. This year there have been 110 baptisms. Many of our churches have grown this year. This coming year, let us make an extra effort to see more people come to know Jesus as their personal Saviour.

It has been an honor to be clerk of this Association. My prayer is that we as Free Will Baptists will continue to stand firm on the things we believe in and not allow our fundamental principles and doctrine to be watered down by the world around us. May God keep this Association strong in the faith, and may we be an ever present light to someone on the dark path of sin.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Phenicie, Clerk

Special Note: Attendance this past year to the Quarterly meetings was not all that great. We averaged about 75-85 people per meeting. Let's make the effort to come and support the meetings. Come with an open mind and an empty cup.

Youth Camp report:

Junior - First come-First serve basis. "God's Little Leaguers" Need to send one worker per five campers.

Teen - Carl Sexton: Evangelist. MM/S/C to receive.

Information given concerning the Walk-a-thon.

August 18 - Annual Meeting - Pleasant Grove

Final prayer by Bro. Philip Houston.



**ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT MEETING  
PLEASANT GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
MARCH 3, 1990**

Our Progressive District Womens Auxiliary meeting was called to order by our President, Etta Jane White. We were led in a congregational song by Renee Martin of Pleasant Grove. Bro. White of Cordova offered prayer.

The Credentials Committee was appointed. They were dismissed to meet. The committee was Clara Cobb, chairman, Elree Randolph and Merle Dyer.

The welcome was extended by Mary Kearney from the host church. The Cordova Auxiliary presented a skit entitled "Why Missions".

The Credentials Committee gave the following report: We the Credentials Committee gave the following report: We the Credentials Committee have examined the letters from 9 churches and find them in order. Clara Cobb, Chairman, Elree Randolph and Merle Dyer. This report was accepted by motion, second and vote.

Following this report we had roll call and then our delegates were seated. They are as follows:

Cordova - Lovell Short, Bess Russell, Annis Lois Burnett,

Cordova - Monica White

Fayette - not represented

Harmony - Barbara South, Opal Poston, Vada Landers

Jasper - Angela Tudor, Evelyn Bevis, Sandy Raper

Northport - Essie Collins, Wilma Davis, Mattie Reese

Pleasant Grove - Katherine Houston, Lillian Crawley,

Pleasant Grove - Mary Kearney, Geneva Martin

Russellville - Dorothy Kimbrough, Elree Randolph,

Russellville - Jane Jackson, Doris Kimbrough

Sulphur Springs - Vera Woods, Georgia Ervin, Merle Dyer

Townley - not represented

The reading of the minutes and the treasurers report followed. Both were approved. The committees were appointed following the sec/treas report. An offering was received.

After the break Sandy Raper, Jasper sang special music. Our guest speaker for the morning hour was Richard Hendrix, from the mission work in Madison, AL. He opened his message with prayer. He spoke to us on how to grow through losses we experience. He examined the losses Job suffered to test his character. He related that to the losses we have suffered to test our character. You can become bitter and resentful or follow Job's example.

Our major goal in life is to glorify God. God's goal through the trials is to shape us to be more Christlike. What we consider loss now often leads to greater gain later.

Lovelle Short asked the blessing on the noon meal. After a wonderful meal our session resumed with song.

Carolyn Hendrix was the afternoon speaker. She spoke on "How not to lose your first love." We can do that if we loose our daily awareness of the need for God.

Our reports followed:

APPRECIATION: We the Appreciation Committee wish to express our appreciation to Pleasant Grove Women's Auxiliary and church for the kind hospitality you've shown and the delicious meal that you have prepared. We are so thankful that we have a God that gives us so much love that we can share and experience together in worship and praise. Thank you. Sandy Raper, Barbara South

FINANCE: We the Finance Committee met and audited the treasurers records and found them in order. Laura Hollingshead, Vera Woods, Angela Tudor.

RESOLUTION: We the Resolution Committee recommend that we continue to include the maps. We also recommend that \$100.00 be given to Bro. Hendrix as a token of our appreciation in his coming to be with us. Opal Poston, Vada Landers.

REGISTRATION: We the Registration Committee submit that we had 21 Delegates, 20 Visitors, and 3 Ministers. Respectfully submitted by Mary Kearney, Monica White.

NOMINATION: We the Nominating Committee recommend the following for the Officers of the next 2 year term.

President:	Clara Cobb
Vice President:	Barbara South
Sec/Treas:	Linda Woodruff
Assistant:	Kay Thompson
Field Worker:	Laura Hollingshead

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Houston, Merle Dyer, Elree Randolph

Delegates to the state meeting will be as follows: Elree Randolph, Opal Poston, Wilma Davis, Mrs. Pitts, Mary Kearney, Angela Tudor. A motion was made for our president to appoint any other delegates that were needed.

Clara Cobb of Russellville presented the installation of officers. Essie Collins of Northport offered the prayer of dedication.

Bro. Hendrix dismissed our meeting with prayer. The 1991 meeting will be hosted by the Northport Church.

Submitted by,

Linda Woodruff  
Secretary/Treasurer

## CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## LETTER OF DISMISSION

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## RULES FOR PREACHERS & DEACONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE**

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





