

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA

MINUTES OF THE  
60th ANNUAL SESSION

CORDOVA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
CORDOVA, ALABAMA  
August 17, 1991

1992 Session  
SULPHUR SPRINGS  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
August 15, 1992



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PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
CORDOVA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
CORDOVA, ALABAMA  
AUGUST 17, 1991

Our meeting began with special music by the Dovertown F.W.B. Quartet. The congregation began by singing "The Cleansing Wave". The welcome was given by Bro. Joe Sularian with the response by Bro. Mike Sargent. The meeting was then called to order by the Association clerk. Motion made, second, carried to seat the delegates as called by the clerk to represent each church. The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator.

Obituary: Wayne Wilson, Butch Wright, Joe Sularian  
Temperance: Jim Martin, Elzo Bevan, Ray Bevis  
Auditing: Jimmy Fuller, Freddy Beem, Roger Raper  
Resolution: Rick Cash, Jay Baines, Charles Fowler  
Appreciation: Allecia Phenicie, Annette Baines  
Nominating: Executive Committee

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. E.T. Sargent, Vernon Association, members of the Piney Ridge F.W.B. Church, Arley, AL, and Rev. Fred Warner, Foreign Mission Board.

Just before the morning devotion our special music was given by the Dovertown F.W.B. Quartet. Bro. Jay Baines, pastor of the Townley F.W.B. Church gave the devotion. His text was taken from Luke 9:28-42, the Transfiguration and healing of the man's son. As Christ humbled himself to become exalted, Peter became so excited, that he wanted to stay on the mountain top and build a tabernacle for each person represented. He did not want to share the glory with anyone. God sent his approval upon His Son. There are times when we have encounters and experiences with God, that we should keep to ourselves and allow it to change our lives.

The scripture tells of a down to earth need the very next day. This man had a need and did what he could to get to Jesus. The man asked the disciples for help and could not. Two reasons: 1. We are at times not prepared. 2. There are problems that only Jesus can handle. The situation here in Luke had three elements: (1) the boy was critical - deaf, dumb, demonic possessed. Jesus came to take charge - this was the devil's last throw on the boy. People need to be taken to Jesus for answers. Churches as a whole have lost concern, we need to get back to the basics. (2) concern of father great, (3) compassion of Saviour was sufficient. Jesus finished the job - not a half job.

Jesus is God of the mountain and the valley.

Jesus always makes a difference.

Jesus will meet us when and wherever we have a need.

Bro. Jay closed in prayer. Following the devotion, there was a short break.

The meeting continued with the business session. The first report was given by the Credentials Committee:

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#### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Item 1: We the Credentials Committee have examined the church letters from Dovertown, Jasper, Cordova, Pleasant Grove, Russellville, South Highland, Eldridge, Harmony, Northport, Sulphur Springs, Townley, Grace Praise, Cave Springs, Fayette, and find them in order.

1a. We recommend that all ministers and deacons upon request of their church be given a card of good standing.

No letter was received from Florence or Bethel.

Item 2: We recommend a letter of good standing for Bro. Jim Mutchler be sent to the West Tennessee Association.

Item 3: We have not received a letter from Jones Chapel in the past six months and their pastor has not come before the Credentials Committee. They were contacted by letter and have not responded. We recommend that the Association withdraw fellowship from them.

Item 4: Upon request from the Pleasant Grove F.W.B. Church, we have examined Bro. Jim Martin and recommend that he be ordained by the church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Edgil, Lloyd Martin  
Winford Russell, Denzil Durbin  
Jerry White

Motion made to accept item by item. All items were accepted by Association.

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We the Obituary Committee report the following names of deceased given by the churches in our Association since our annual meeting in 1990.

Cordova: Bro. Jesse Ryland, Dewayne Drummond, Bro. Fred Ables,  
Sis. Ada Naramore.

Fayette: Hugh Gilliam, Loyal Maddox, Nell Rainwater

Jasper: Sis. Ada Flippo, Sis. Minnie Bevis Jackson

Russellville: Russell Mears

South Highland: Georgia Haygood, Eunice Baker

Sulphur Springs: Johnny Gant

We the Obituary Committee move that we have a moment of silent prayer, and that Bro. Ron Edgil offer prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Butch Wright

Wayne Wilson

Joe Sularin

Motion made/second/to receive report

#### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

We the Resolutions Committee resolve to give an honorarium of \$40.00 to our visiting speaker Bro. Fred Warner.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Cash

Jay Baines

Charles Fowler

Motion made/second/carried to adopt.

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE:

We the Auditing Committee have examined the books of the Progressive Association and Camp Proyuka for the fiscal year 1991, and found them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

Freddy Beem

Jimmy Fuller

Roger Raper

Motion made/second/carried to accept.

\*\*\*See following page for complete report.

#### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

We the Appreciation Committee express our thanks to Cordova F.W.B. Church for hosting our Annual Meeting. We would like to express our appreciation for all the preparations that went into our meal. It has been a great privilege fellowshiping with our brothers and sisters.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Baines

Allecia Phenicie

Motion made/second/carried to accept.

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We the Temperance Committee make the following recommendations: That all F.W.B. Christians by the grace of God live faithfully to God's word. To live according to the moral standards of the scriptures. We encourage all F.W.B. Christians to uphold sound doctrine and be committed to win the lost, strengthen the brethren, and to make all attempts to recover those who have been entrapped by the snare of the devil.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Martin

Ray Bevis

Elzo Bevan

Motion made/second/carried to accept.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

We the Executive Board make the following recommendations.

Moderator - Bro. Duane Taylor

Assist - Bro. Wayne Wilson

Clerk - Bro. Michael Phenicie

Assist - Bro. J.D. Norris

Treasurer - Bro. Jimmy Fuller

Assist - Sis. Barbara Taylor

Executive Committee - Bro. Elzo Bevan

Christian Ed - Bro. Jerry White

Credentials Committee - Bro. Denzil Durbin

Camp Proyuka Board - Bro. Roger Raper

Motion made/second/carried to accept.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Taylor, Michael Phenicie

Wayne Wilson, Jerry White

Jerry Sanford, Elzo Bevan



Camp Proyuka Report: Given by Bro. Rick Cash  
Motion made/second/to accept.

General Information:

Pastors/Workers Conference -

February 10, 11, 12 at the Madison F.W.B. Church  
Alabama State Meeting -

November 7, 8, 9 at the Madison F.W.B. Church  
Progressive Association Meetings -

November 16, Dovertown; February 15, Jasper;  
May 16, Townley; August 17, Sulphur Springs

Motion made/second/to receive.

The service continued with special music by Monica White, "I Was the Reason". Our morning message was given by Bro. Fred Warner, National Foreign Missions Dept. He first gave information concerning the work in Brazil. Needed \$50,000 for the project, and the state of Alabama had contributed \$15,000. Bro. Fred's text was taken from Eph. 5:17. Dealing with the will of God. 1. There is such a thing as the will of God. 2. You can know what the will of God is! 3. Two aspects to God's will. (a) general will of God - things that are for everybody. (b) specific will of God - things that are for the individual. There is no such thing as a permissive will of God. You are either in or out. General will of God - (1) God's will for everyone to be saved. (2) God's will for all to be sanctified. (3) God's will for all to serve.

Sanctified means to be set apart. We are to have separation from sin, (reformation), and to separate ourselves unto God, (transformation). Isa. 52, I Thes. 4:3, 5:23. Sanctification is not a spiritual option. Eph. 4:7, 11-13. Heb. 12:28. Everyone who is saved has a place to serve. We don't all have the same gifts, but we have a place. Bro. Fred closed in prayer.

After the prayer Bro. Jerry White came and gave instructions concerning the noon meal. Following the meal, the day was concluded.

# TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1990 - 1991

## PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

BALANCE - AUGUST 18, 1990 ..... \$466.84

### RECEIPTS FOR 1990-91:

Dues & Offering ..... \$2,032.00

Entry Fees From District Competition ..... 545.00

\$2,577.00

\$3,043.84

### EXPENDITURES:

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

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

Stamps & Telephone ..... 68.17

Alabama State Association Dues ..... 540.00

Mid South Pastor's & Workers ..... 300.00

Printing (Minutes) ..... 208.65

Foreign Missions (Belo Church) ..... 300.00

Bro. David Tracey, Honorarium ..... 40.00

State C.T.S. Entry Fees ..... 445.00

C.T.S. Awards For District ..... 387.20

Bro. Rick Bowen, Honorarium ..... 40.00

\$2,629.02

ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 17, 1991

\$414.82

Jimmy W. Fuller, Treasurer

We the Auditing Committee have examined the books for the Progressive Association and Camp Proyuka for fiscal year 1991, and found them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Freddy Beem, Jimmy Fuller  
Roger Raper



# CAMP PROYUKA REPORT 1991

## STATEMENT OF INCOME

Balance Brought Forward .....	\$2,019.49
Received from 1991 Camp Sessions	
TEEN WEEK .....	\$3,142.75
87 Campers @ \$35	
1 Campers @ \$26	
2 Campers @ \$24	
1 Camper @ \$13.75	
1 Camper @ \$10	
2 Non-paying Campers	
JUNIOR WEEK .....	\$3,850.00
110 Campers @ \$35	
1 Non-Paying Camper	
Gifts To Camp .....	\$779.33
Interest .....	\$66.94
TOTAL INCOME .....	\$7,839.02
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR .....	\$9,858.51

## STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Red Diamond Institutional Foods .....	\$2,886.81
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 .....	\$868.00
Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp Gifts .....	\$1,662.00
Steve Kluth Teen - Camp Evangelist .....	\$325.00
Frank Owens - Junior Camp Evangelist .....	\$275.00
Recreational Equipment .....	\$95.35
Miscellaneous Groceries .....	\$121.42
Sunbeam - Bread Products .....	\$140.19
Luvel Dairy Products .....	\$30.64
Miscellaneous Expense .....	\$322.25
Travel Expense .....	\$28.00
Sports Inc. - Trophies .....	<u>\$48.15</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	\$7,792.81

REMAINING BALANCE AUGUST 17, 1991 ..... \$2,055.70

## ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

### JUNIOR CAMP

Total Campers .....	139
Including Workers & Children	
111 Campers	
28 Workers	
Total Decisions .....	75
23 Saved	
52 Rededication	

### TEEN CAMP

Total Campers .....	114
Including Workers	
94 Campers	
20 Workers	
Total Decisions .....	50
7 Saved	
40 Rededications	
2 Surrendered to Full Time	
Christian Service	
1 Answered the Call to Preach	

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
QUARTERLY MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 1990  
SULPHUR SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
NORTHPORT, ALABAMA

The day began with a congregational song followed by the welcome by Bro. Elzo Bevan with the response given by Bro. Don Brumley. Meeting called to order by the clerk with a motion made and carried to seat the delegates. The moderator then appointed the following committees: Resolutions: Jimmy Fuller, Freddy Beem, Danny Thompson. Appreciation: Allecia Phenicie, Annette Beem, Amy Scott. The Following visitors were present: Bro. J.D. Norris, Bro. Jimmy Aldridge.

Special Music by Sulphur Springs Church "Place Where the Hungry are Fed." Devotion given by Bro. Wayne Wilson, Matt. 24:32ff, Why and How I know the Lord is coming back! The Bible tells us that the Lord is coming back. Events are unfolding concerning the second coming. Germany coming back together, Cuba allowing Christians to worship without persecution, items concerning Israel. Three descriptions of Israel, vine: O.T. type of Israel, fig tree: John 15, in between time for Israel, olive tree: future tense of Israel. God plucked Israel off the tree and set them aside and grafted in the wild branch, the Gentile nation. Jesus cursed the fig tree because of no fruit. Tree could not live because it lost the blessing of its creator. What would God find if He came back looking for the blessing of its creator. What would God find if he came back looking for fruit in us. Israel was cast out from their homeland for many years until 1948 when Israel became a nation. Right now the church and Israel are side by side. Soon the church will be taken out. Closed in prayer.

After a short break, the following reports were given by the various committees.

#### CREDENTIALS:

We the Credentials Committee, have examined the church letters from Bethel, Cave Springs, Cordova, Dovertown, Fayette, Florence, Harmony, Grace, Jasper, Jones Chapel, Northport, Praise, Sulphur Springs, Pleasant Grove, Russellville, South Highland, and Townley, and find them in order. No letter received from Eldridge. Motion made/second/to receive.

2. Upon request from Dovertown F.W.B. Church, we have examined Jared Higginbotham and recommend that he be licensed for one year to preach the gospel. Motion made/second.

3. We recommend that Rev. J.D. Norris be received into our Association . We have received a letter of good standing from the North Florida Association. Motion made/second/carried.

4. We recommend that a letter of good standing for Bro. David Sanderson be sent to the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist. Motion made/second/carried.

5. We have received a letter of good standing concerning Bro. Jim Mutchler. Motion made/second to receive.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denzil Durbin, Lloyd Martin  
Jerry White

#### RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolve we give \$300.00 to Pastors/Worker Conference and give \$300.00 to the Belo Church in Brazil. Motion made/second/carried.

2. Resolve we seek a more economical means of printing the minutes of Association. Give power to the Executive Committee to proceed with as soon as possible. Motion made/second/carried.

3. To adopt the following: Whereas the Jefferson County Revenue Department has required ministers to pay a license fee for the privilege of performing ministerial duties and, Whereas some pastors have received letters of possible fines and penalties for failure to comply with this ordinance and, Whereas a number of local pastors have asked the Christian Law Association to represent us on the basis of the freedoms guaranteed in the first and fourteenth amendments of the U.S. Constitution, Be it resolved that the Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist give its support to those Free Will Baptist pastors who have chosen not to accept a license from the Jefferson County Department of Revenue. Motion made/second/carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Danny Thompson, Jimmy Fuller  
Freddy Beem

#### APPRECIATION:

We the Appreciation Committee would like to express our thanks to Sulphur Springs for hosting our Quarterly meeting. We wish to thank the ladies for preparing the meal. The fellowship and messages are always inspiring. Motion made/second/carried to accept.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aimee Scott, Allecia Phenicie  
Annette Beem



General information: Youth Camp - tin roof to be put on the boys dorm. Possibly by Spring Break a tin roof on the girls dorm. Camp: 3rd week of June for Juniors and 4th week of June for Teens.

Pastor's/Workers Conference to be Feb. 11-13 at the Pleasant Grove F.W.B. Church. Bro. Jimmy Aldridge gave information concerning the work Bro. Dave Franks is doing in Brazil. Planning to build a church with a cost of \$50,000 for the first unit. Also the annual Walk-a-Thon is scheduled for April.

#### NOMINATING:

Motion made/second/carried to replace Bro. Jim Fairchild with Bro. Frank Owens on the Trinity Youth Camp Board. Bro. Fairchild had recently left the area.

Just before the morning message, our special music was by the Doovertown Church. Mrs. Jackie Higginbotham spoke on the need to have a personal relationship with the Lord and not a religious relation with Him. She then sang "When He Reached Down for Me". Our speaker for the day was Bro. J.D. Norris, his text was taken from John 8:12, 21-24. Ministers and church folk need to start praying more for compassion. There are valleys we are going to have to go through, and we need to learn to help others. There is a great need to point others to the Light of the world. The joy of pastors is to share Jesus Christ with others. Problems and difficult times to all of us, and people need someone to turn to. Christians need to be there and let them know that Jesus is the answer. Many times in a crisis, people would rather have others near them instead of having someone telling them all the answers. We need to learn to point others to Christ through our actions.

Not only do we need more compassion, but we need to be a blessing to others. If people die in their sins, it is forever. Jesus only is able to change everyone. God is able to transform every sinner into a new creature! When a person becomes a Christian, he gets a new spirit, new speech, new character, and new actions. Your goals and plans will change. Faithful to the Lord that loves us and points others to Jesus Christ will be our desire. Jesus is the only one that can take a sinner and make him a saint. Death is coming, judgement is coming, Heb. 9:27, and as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement. Whether a great statesman, a great general, a great inventor, or a great artist, they all are powerless when the appointment of Death comes. Death is coming to all ages. We need to reach out and touch others with the love of Jesus Christ. If people die in their sins, we know where they are going, so we need to point them to Jesus. Closed in prayer.

After the noon meal, the meeting was adjourned.

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
QUARTERLY MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 1991  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA

The day began with special music by the Russellville Church youth group. The congregation was then led in singing "When We All Get to Heaven". Opening prayer was led by Bro. James Meldon. The welcome was given by Bro. Wayne Wilson, with the response by Bro. Buddy Troutt. The meeting was then called to order by the clerk with the seating of delegates. Motion made/second/carried to accept. Bro. Taylor then recognized the following visitors: David Tracey and Todd Parish. The following committees were appointed:

APPRECIATION - Linda Troutt, Annette Beem, Joyce Willis

RESOLUTIONS - Rick Cash, Roger Raper, Elzo Bevan

Just before the devotion, Todd Parish sang a special "I'd Rather Have Jesus", followed with a congregational song, "Leaning on Jesus". Bro. Frank Owens gave the devotion for the day. His text was II Cor. 9:1-2. What consumes our time. What do we invest our time into. Two words that describe our motives:

1. Passion - intense emotion, God wants us to have a passionate heart towards Him
2. Zeal - needs to be towards God

Our life needs to be consumed in serving God! The following is a list of things we need to be zealous towards: 1. love relation towards God! 2. Ps. 119:31 - eager for God's word! 3. family relationship 4. privilege of prayer - Col. 4 5. good works - Titus 2:14 6. exercise of spiritual gifts - I Cor. 14:12.

How does a person go about developing a passionate heart?

- a. See God as He is revealed in the Bible.
- b. Find the priorities that God is concerned about.
- c. Make heart hot with prayer.
- d. Discipline self to obey God's word.
- e. Put all into practice and you will want to do more.

Bro. Frank closed in prayer followed by a short intermission.

After the intermission, Bro. Taylor asked for the reports from the committees.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

Resolve that we give Bro. David Tracey a \$40.00 honorarium for sharing with us today. Motion made/second/carried to accept.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Cash, Elzo Bevan  
Roger Raper

## APPRECIATION:

We the Appreciation Committee wish to thank the First Church of Russellville for hosting the Quarterly meeting of the Progressive Association. We appreciate the warm welcome, the fellowship, and the special music; and also the food we will enjoy at the lunch hour. Motion made/second/carried to accept.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Troutt, Annette Beem  
Joyce Wilson

## CREDENTIALS:

We the Credentials Committee have examined letters from the following churches and find them in order: Cave Springs, Cordova, Dooertown, Eldridge, Fayette, Florence, Grace, Jasper, Harmony, Jones Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Praise, Russellville, South Highland, Sulphur Springs, Townley, Victory.

1. No letters received from Bethel or Northport.
2. Upon request from South Georgia Association of F.W.B., we recommend that a letter of good stand be sent for Rev. Malone Cobb.
3. Upon request from Dooertown F.W.B. Church, we recommend that Bro. Darryl Gurganus be licensed to preach the gospel.
4. Upon request from the Russellville F.W.B. Church, we recommend that Bro. Kevin Hester be given a license to preach the gospel. Motion made/second/carried to accept.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lloyd Martin, Denzil Durbin  
Jerry White

The following information was given: Youth Retreat - Spring Break Summer Youth Camp - Junior: June 17-21 and Teen: June 24-28. April 29 - May 4 is set aside for a work week at camp. CTS Competition District April 20, at 10:00 a.m. Walk-a-Thon for Missions is set for April 6.

With the business meeting over, the congregation was led in singing "I'll Fly Away", with special music by Amy Hester, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty". Our guest speaker for the day was Bro. David Tracey. Just before he spoke, he sang a song entitled "Jesus Has a Rainbow for You". Bro. David's message title was "Where Shall We Go" taken from Ezek. 22:30. God was looking for someone, but found none. God is looking for good people today to take a stand! What does God look for?

1. Looks on the inside - at the heart. Looks for a desire - where true love is! Ps. 38:9.
2. God is not looking for ability but availability. God can take a little bit and make a whole lot. Moses: took a staff and delivered a nation. David: look how small Goliath was next to God.
3. God is looking for



some lifers. Daniel: prayed everyday when others would not. God has got a life long plan for us. 4. God is looking for students of the word. Ps. 119:15-18. If we want to be used by God we must put some time into the book. 5. God is looking for men of perspiration (not afraid to work). God wants some workers. God can't use lazy folks. Elisha was out plowing a field when God called him. 6. God wants us to take a stand - people with concern and compassion.

Bro. David led in a short prayer, then opened the altar for a time of personal prayer and decision making. After the invitation and prayer, we shared in a time of fellowship at the noon meal.

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
QUARTERLY MEETING MAY 18, 1991  
SOUTH HIGHLAND F.W.B. CHURCH

Our meeting began with special music by the folks from South Highland, followed by a congregational song. The Association was welcomed to the church by Bro. Bryan Peebles with the response by Bro. Don Brumley. The meeting was then called to order by the clerk with the seating of the delegates. Motion made/second/carried to accept. The following visitors were recognized: Bro. Jay Baines and Bro. Rick Bowling. Bro. Taylor appointed the following committees: Resolutions: J.D. Norris, Jerry Sanford, Don Brumley. Appreciation: Mrs. Boshell, Mrs. Melton, Mrs. Burchman.

Just before Bro. Taylor gave the devotion for the day, Mrs. Taylor sang a special number. Bro. Taylor's text was taken from I Sam. 3:11-21. His thought was "Let Him do what seemeth good". Unless people become serious about God, no message will come. Prov. 28:9. If we will be obedient to God He will give us the desire of our heart. How do we react to the working of God in our lives? People today like Eli then have not disciplined their children. If we will let God work in our lives things will be for the best. The steps of a good man are in order. God's plan is the best plan, we just need to learn how to get in on it. God has a plan for us to do, we must find what He wants us to do. God holds the keys to all things. Bro. Taylor closed in prayer. We were then dismissed for a short intermission.

After our break, we returned with reports from our committeeed.

**CREDENTIALS:**

1. We the Credentials Committee, have examined the letters from Cave Springs, Cordova, Eldridge, Fayette, Dovertown, Florence, Jasper, Harmony, Pleasant Grove, Praise, Northport, Russellville, Sulphur Springs, South Highland, and Townley and find them in good order. No letters were received from Bethel, Jones Chapel, and Grace.
  2. We recommend that Bro. Jim Fairchild be given a letter of good standing to the Appalachian Association of Tennessee.
  3. We have examined Bro. Brian Peebles for deacon. We recommend that the South Highland F.W.B. Church be allowed to ordain him at a later date.
  4. We recommend that Bro. Jack Baines Jr., be accepted in our association upon receiving a letter of good standing from the White River Association of Indiana. Respectfully submitted: Jerry White, Lloyd Martin, Ernie Emmons. Motion made/second/carried to accept all items.
- RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Be it resolved that our churches pray for our National Association and if possible send them to the Convention.
2. Be it resolved that our churches support our youth camp financially and with children.

3. Be it resolved that we give an honorarium of \$40.00 to Bro. Rick Bowen our guest speaker. Respectfully submitted: J.D. Norris, Jerry Sanford, Don Brumley. Motion made/second/carried to accept.

#### APPRECIATION:

We the Appreciation Committee would like to thank the host church for the beautiful singing, warm welcome, and the meal prepared. Respectfully submitted: Mary Alice Boshell, Mable Melton, Janice Burcham. Motion made/second/carried to accept.

General Information: Week of camp for Juniors and Teens, and also a Financial report presented by Bro. Rick Cash. Motion made/second/carried to accept.

With the Business session complete, the congregation was led in singing "Victory is Mine". Our special music was by Tommy Bee "Lazarus Come Forth". The special speaker for the day was Bro. Rick Bowling, former missionary and now pastoring in Mississippi. His text was taken from I Thess. 1;1-10. Sin brings forth death no matter what form it takes. In order for us to reach folks, the church must offer more. How to accomplish that.

1. Remember the work of faith. Churches are not as effective as they could be because of sin in the pews and the pulpit.

2. Keep mind on the things of God. Jesus Christ can deliver us if we open our hearts and allow him too. The Holy Spirit has never changed, only us. We must be willing to pay a price.

3. Remember the labor of love. If we don't love our brother, we need to check on our spiritual condition. Jealousy in the pulpit is a sin. The only difference between a Christian and a sinner is the blood and power of God. When man falls and fails, always look to Jesus.

4. Remember the Patience of hope. II Cor. 5:6-10. We must all stand before the judgement of Christ. Eph. 2:8-10 - People who don't enjoy meeting with God's people need to check heart condition. We shouldn't have to beg Christians to be in the house of God. We must learn to sound out the gospel. Rom. 15:19. What we teach, is what we live. II Tim. 4:1-4. It will not always be easy to preach the gospel. We need to have sweet water flowing out of our mouths. The church at Thessalonica was an example to those around. How about us? II Cor. 6:17. Why is the church not effective, it has lost the power of God! Bro. Rick closed in prayer. A special offering was taken due to being low on funds. The Association was then dismissed for the noon meal and adjournment.



TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP  
FINANCIAL REPORT

August 17, 1990 - May 16, 1991

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$ 452.27

RECEIPTS:

JASPER ASSOCIATION \$ 5,484.70

Brilliant .....	\$ 278.00
Carbon Hill .....	221.90
Cedrom Grove .....	101.49
Free Water .....	200.00
Liberty .....	210.00
Mt. Olive .....	1,365.00
New Liberty .....	1,025.00
Pocahontas .....	657.00
Red Bay .....	549.95
Shady Grove .....	100.00
Winfield .....	776.36

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION \$ 4,342.71

Cordova .....	\$ 305.00
Fayette .....	1,150.20
Florence .....	128.51
Jasper .....	794.90
Pleasant Grove .....	314.10
South Highland .....	650.00
Progressive Youth Camp Fund .....	1,000.00

VERNON ASSOCIATION \$ 5,964.73

Vernon Association .....	\$ 661.00
Belk .....	336.09
Cooper .....	318.37
Decatur .....	45.00
Free Will Chapel .....	182.40
Love Joy .....	100.00
Mt. Harmony .....	225.00
Mt. Willing .....	131.25
New Centerpoint .....	717.00
Piney Grove .....	315.00
Springfield .....	1,175.00
Sulligent .....	500.00
Taylor Spring .....	100.00
Union Chapel .....	225.00
Vernon .....	933.62

\$ 315.00

# OTHER

Fayette Teens Retreat .....	\$ 75.00
Equipment Rental .....	10.00
Church Retreat .....	75.00
Individual .....	5.00
Fayette Teens Retreat .....	150.00

Transfer From Savings \$ 2,183.44

TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR \$18,742.85

## EXPENDITURES:

Electric .....	\$ 1,457.46
Water .....	501.33
Telephone .....	609.63
Gas .....	160.41
Camp Insurance .....	935.00
Pest Control .....	150.00
Appreciation Supper, Board Expense, Meals, etc. ..	1,104.01
Postage, Office Supplies, Bank Charge .....	157.00
Repair and Upkeep .....	1,312.10
Paper Products .....	447.63
Savings .....	462.37
Loan Payment .....	3,321.34
Roof - (Boys) .....	1,542.54
Roof - (Girls) .....	1,589.00
Trailer .....	3,000.00
Paneling and Insulation .....	<u>1,809.82</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$18,559.64

BALANCE IN BANK AS OF MAY 16, 1991 \$ 183.21

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

PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEETING  
NORTHPORT FREEWILL CHURCH  
MARCH 2, 1991

Our Progressive District Woman's Auxiliary was called to order by our Vice President, Barbara South. We opened with song, "What A Day That Will Be". Special music by Harmony: "It Is No Secret".

Bro. Bowers of Northport prayed. Carolyn Bowers of the host church welcomed us. Dorothy Kimbrough of Russellville gave the response using Psalms 2:4.

Our visitors and ministers were recognized at this time. The roll call and seating of delegates followed. The reading of the Treasurers report and minutes of the prior meeting were given. They were approved as read. The appointment of committees are as follows:

Resolution: Chairman - Kay Thompson, Opal Poston, Mrs. Kemp  
Nominating: Chairman - Carolyn Bowers, Merle Dyer, Billie Herring  
Credentials: Chairman - Elree Randolph, Annie Lois Burnett,  
Janet Swinea

Finance: Chairman - Geneva Martin, Theo Kuykendall,  
Dorothy Kimbrough

Registration: Chairman - Laura Hollingshead, Telisa Key, Amy Scott

Appreciation: Chairman - Lovell Short, Debbie Seahorn,  
Georgia Ervin

An offering was received at this time. After a break the Harmony Church sang; "I Want Us To Be Together in Heaven". Laura gave her testimony about what the Auxiliary has meant to her. She asked for a share time and several ladies shared their hearts.

Our guest speaker was Don McDonald, missionary to Japan. He used scripture reference II Peter 3:8. We need to be busy about the Lords business. There's an urgency to the things of God. When we lose the joy, we lose the urgency.

Lovelle Short of Cordova asked the blessing on the food. After a delicious meal, our session resumed with special song, "God Still Loves the World".

Ruth McDonald was the afternoon speaker. They were presented with a love offering basket.

We entered into the business. Our reports are as follows:

**RESOLUTION:**

Be it resolved that the President and the secretary secure the names and addresses of each local president and give these to our auxiliaries; that we might encourage each other to participate in and attend our district meeting.

Whereas our state dues have been raised, be it resolved that our district dues be raised from \$3.00 per member to \$3.50 per member.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Thompson, Opal Poston  
Evie Kemp



#### NOMINATING:

We the nominating committee submit the following: That Vice-President Barbara South become President and that Janet Seinea take the position of Vice-President for the remainder of this term.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Bowers, Merle Dyer  
Billie Jean Herring

#### CREDENTIALS:

We the Credential committee, have examined the letters from Cordova, Northport, Harmony, Jasper, Townley, Sulphur Springs, Pleasant Grove, Russellville and found them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elree Randolph, Annie Lois Burnett  
Janet Seinea

#### FINANCE:

We the Finance committee met and audited the treasurers records and found them in order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Geneva Martin  
Theo Kuykendall  
Dorothy Kimbrough

#### APPRECIATION:

We the Appreciation committee wish to express appreciation to Northport Woman's Auxiliary and church for the hospitality, the beautiful decoration and the refreshing spirit we have felt. We came expecting a blessing and we are thankful that we have a God that gives us so much love that we can share and experience together in worship and praise.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lovellette Short, Debbie Seahorn  
Georgia Erven

#### REGISTRATION:

We the Registration committee submit that we had 3 ministers, 23 delegates, 4 officers, 10 visitors giving a total of 40.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Hollingshead  
Telisa Key, Amy Scott

Delegates to the state meeting were appointed. Sulphur Springs asked for our 92 meeting and Harmony for the meeting in 93. Theo Kuykendall closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Linda Woodruff, Secretary

## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jēsus 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.





