

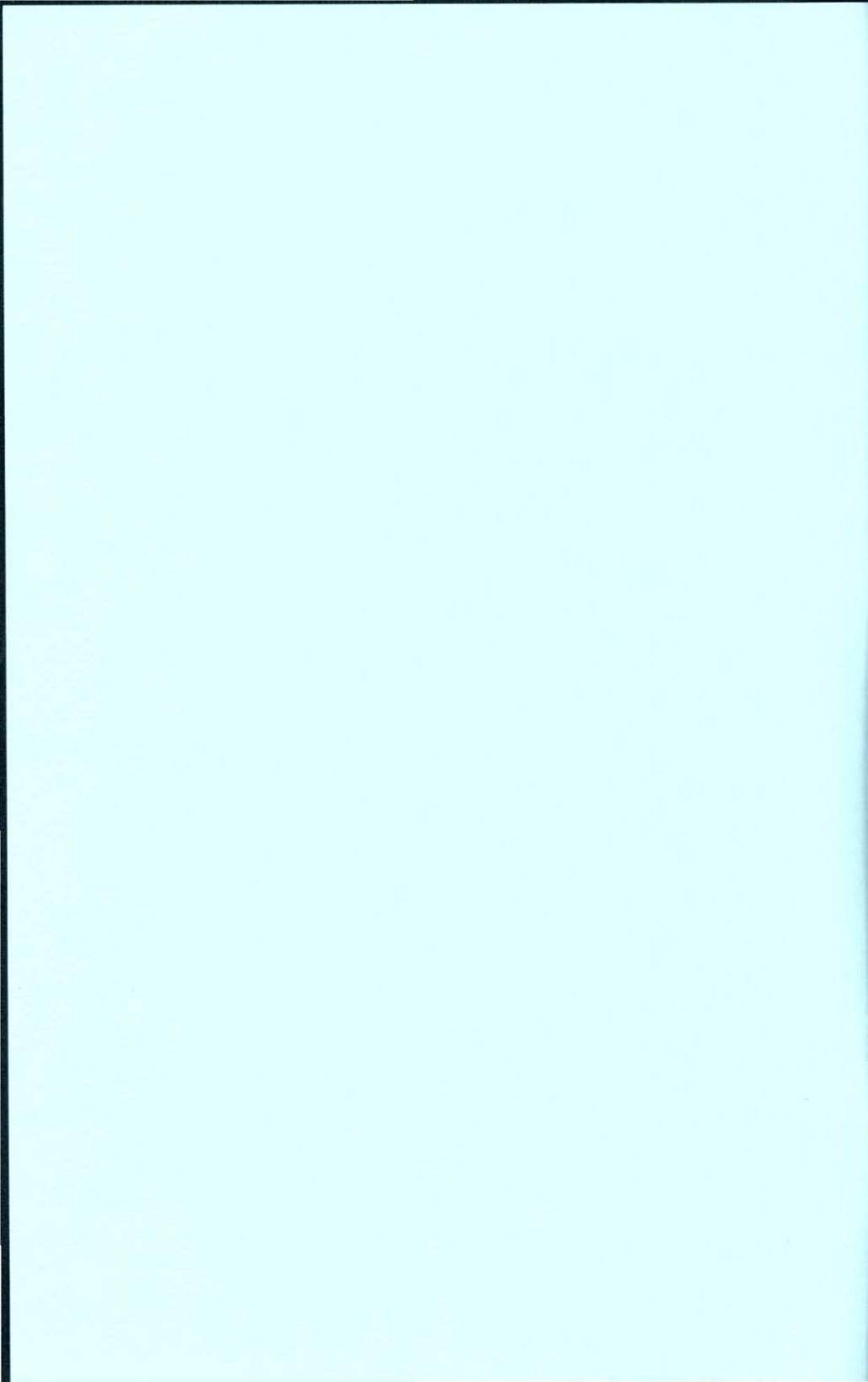
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PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING

November 16, 1991

Dovertown Free Will Baptist Church

Our meeting began with special music by the Dovertown trio. They sang "On the Third Day He Came out of the Ground", "Going to be Trouble Free", and "Tear Drops". The congregation was then led in singing "I'll Fly Away". Opening prayer was offered by Michael Phenicie. The Association was welcomed to the Dovertown church by the pastor, Bro. Jerry Sanford, with the response given by Bro. Duane Taylor. The Moderator then called the meeting into session with seating of the delegates and roll call. A motion was made and carried to accept the delegates. The following committees were appointed by the Moderator for the conference. Resolutions: Elzo Bevan, Wayne Wilson, Roger Raper; Appreciation: Lucy Cox, Allecia Phenicie, Mrs. Burnett. The following visitors were recognized: Bro. E.T. Sargent from the Vernon Assoc.

Just before the morning devotion, one of the Dovertown men sang "Joy Comes in the Morning", and "We Shall See Jesus". Our devotion was given by Bro. Larmar Cox, pastor of the Bethel F.W.B. Church. His text was taken from John 21:15-17 and Acts 20:28, "Feed the Flock". Christ told Peter 3 times to feed the flock. Several things that have to be done to care for sheep: tend, feed, shepherd, and guide. As spiritual leaders, God wants us to care for His flock.

1. Feed them the Word of God - II Tim. 2:15 - in order to feed them there must be some preparation.
2. Feed them prayer - I Thes. 5:17
3. Feed them holy living - Rom. 12:1-2
4. Feed them with soul winning
5. Feed them with love.

Bro. Cox closed in prayer and we were dismissed for a short intermission.

Following the intermission, the body returned to conduct the business session. The following reports were given.

Credentials Committee:

1. We the Credentials committee have examined the church letters from Bethel, Cave Springs, Cordova, Dovertown, Grace, Fayette, Florence, Jasper, Harmony, Northport, Praise, Russellville, South Highland, Sulphur Springs, and Townley and find them in order.

No letter was recieved from Eldridge or Pleasant Grove. Motion made, second to accept.

2. We have recieved a letter from the Jones Chapel F.W.B. Church stating on August 15, 1991 that they had withdrawn fellowship from the Progressive Assoc. Motion made, second to accept.

3. We recommend that a letter of good standing be sent to the Nothern Quarterly of the Cumberland Assoc. of Free Will Baptist of Tennessee for Bro. Danny Thompson. Motion made, second and approved.

4. We have recieved a letter of good standing for Bro. Len Scott from the Central Assoc. of Arkansas. Motion made, second to accept.

5. Upon request of the Dovertown F.W.B. Church, we have examined Bro. Michael Sargent for deacon and recommend the church be allowed to ordain him.

a. We recommend Bro. Jaidr Higginbotham license to preach be renewed for one year. Motion made, second and approved.

Respectfully submitted: Denzil Durbin, Winford Russell, and Jerry White.

Resolutions Committee:

We the Resolutions committee have the following resolutions for the body's approval:

1. To give \$500.00 in support of the Pastor's and Workers Conferance. Motion made, second and approved.

2. To give \$100.00 in support of the study group which will endeavor to come up with a plan to support all of our National Ministries. Motion made, second and approved.

*Gifts to be made as funds are available.

Respectfully submitted: Elzo Bevan, Wayne Wilson, and Roger Raper.

Appreciation Committee:

We the Appreciation committee want to express our thanks to the Dovertown F.W.B. Church for hosting our Quarterly meeting. Thank you for the warm welcome

and all the work which went into preparing for the day, the music, the meal, the message and wonderful fellowship. Motion made to accept.
Respectfully submitted: Lucy Cox, Annie Lois Burnett, and Allecia Phenicie.

Information: There will be a Youth Conferance Dec. 30-31 at the Fayette Church.

Just before the message, the congregation sang "When we all get to Heaven". The Dovertown trio then sang "Shelter in time of Storm". Our speaker for the day was Bro. Rick Cash, pastor of the Fayette F.W.B. Church. His text was taken from Acts 26:21-23. Paul is standing before King Agrippa giving a defense of his ministry. Paul told Agrippa that had he not obtained help, he could not have continued.

1. Comforting statement - Wherever Paul went, people wanted to kill him. The world in Paul's day was no friend of grace. God never forgets us, even when things look bad. Paul saw what was one heart-beat away from heaven. Paul was no different from us today! Why did Paul not quite - because God reached down and lifted him up. Why is it comforting? Acts 10 - Peter said that God is no respecter of persons. Paul recieved help in these areas: a. help over sin - battle between flesh and spirit; b. help in area of service. Hebrews tells us about our High Priest that has the same feelings as us. We are at best when we are at our least potentially and ability. God will then step in.
2. Challanging statement - Heb. 11:6, James 1. Types of faith: Dead faith and Dynamic faith.
3. Convicting statement - Wherever he went and then left, there was always a church in that city. Everywhere that Paul went God helped him. Phil. 1:6&12. Paul didn't always understand why things happened, but he knew it would help to futher the gospel. Phil. 4:22 - Even though Paul was in jail, he continued to preach. Paul had a captive audience and was able to reach those of the household of Ceasur.

Bro. Cash closed message in prayer.

Following the message we were dismissed in a final prayer and then had a time of fellowship over the noon meal.

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING

February 15, 1992

First F.W.B. Church, Jasper

Our service began with the Ensemble singing "Hold my Hand", "Saved to the Utermost", "Meet you by the River", and "I know what Jesus did for me". Bro. Carlton Lambert then led the congregation in singing "Wonderful Grace of Jesus". Opening prayer was by Bro. Rick Cash. The welcome was given by Bro. Roger Raper with response by Bro. Jack Willis. The meeting was then called to order by the Clerk, followed by the seating of the delegates which was approved by the body. The following committees were appointed by the Moderator. Resolutions: J.D. Norris, Jerry Sanford, Philip Houston. Appreciation: Jane Jackson, Debora Hallmon, and Vada Landers. Credentials: Bro. Elzo Bevan appointed to give quorum. The following visitors were recognized: Jerry Strickland, Harmony; Dewey Williams, Arley; Rick Powers, Pleasant Grove.

Just before the morning devotion, Allecia Phenicie sang "It's My Deaire". Our devotion was given by the new pastor of Pleasant Grove F.W.B. Church, Bro. Rick Powers. His text was taken from Prov. 3:5-6. Why do people carry their heavy burdens instead of laying them at Jesus feet. We have directions and ingredients, but fail to listen to the Word of God. We have become so modernized, we have left the scriptures out. We need to experience true revival. II Chro. 7:14. We have become so popularized we have left the Holy Spirit out. Trusting in God is the foundations upon which to lay all other trust. We should trust God in all the acknowledgements and testimony. We should trust in the Lord for all our rewards. We need to stop being dependent on ourselves and start relying on the Holy Spirit. Rick closed devotion in prayer. After the prayer, we took a short intermission.

After the break, the body convened to conduct the business part. The Moderator asked the committees to give their reports.

Resolutions: Be it resolved that we:

1. Promote our youth camp.
2. Stress the importance to our youth about attending our Bible Colleges.

3. That we set aside time in week for prayer and fasting for the success of our Sunday Schools and for souls to be saved and for revival to sweep our Denomination.

4. That we give an honorium to our guest speaker: Bro. VanDale Hudson.

5. Take and send a love offering to Bro. Guy Owens to help in his expense for his hospital stay.

6. Look into the possibility of dividing the Assoc. into sections, Northern and Southern Quarterly.

Motion made, second to adopt item by item. All items were unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted: J.D. Norris, Jerry Sanford, and Philip Houston.

Appreciation:

We wish to thank the Jasper church for the warm hospitality and wonderful food we will partake of later. We also wish to thank the church for opening up its doors to the Progressive Assoc. Our hearts have been richly blessed by the great preaching we have heard today.

Respectfully submitted: Jane Jackson, Debora Hallmon, Vada Landers.

Information: Camp report - Rick Cash

March 3 will be work day at camp. April 2-4 is Spring Retreat. April 11, there will be a steak dinner at Quincy's. July 6-10 is Junior Camp, July 13-17 is T Teen Camp. We are having central heat/air being put in both boys and girls dorm.

Credentials:

1. We the Credentials committee have examined the church letters for Bethel, Pleasant Grove, Jasper, South Highland, Grace, Harmony, Townley, Sulphur Springs, Russellville, Northport, Praise, Cave Springs, Cordova, Dovertown, Eldridge, Fayette, Florence and find them in order. Motion made, second to accept.

2. Upon request from Northport F.W.B. Church, we have examined Bro. Michael Dankson and recommend that the church be allowed to ordain him. Motion made, second and approved.

3. By request of Russellville F.W.B. Church, we recommend that Kevin Hester license to preach be renewed for one year. Motion made, second and approved.

4. By request of Pleasant Grove F.W.B. Church, we recommend that Bro. Rick Powers be accepted into the Association upon receiving a letter of good

standing and recommendation from the Cumberland Assoc.
Motion made, second and approved.

5. By request of Harmony F.W.B. Church, we recommend that we recieve Bro. Jerry Strickland in our Assoc. upon recieving a letter of good standing and recommendation from the Tennessee River Assoc.
Motion made, second and approved.

6. We recommend that a letter of good standing for Bro. Len Scott be sent to the East Central District of IL. Motion made, second and approved.

7. We have recieved a letter of good standing for Bro. Jay Baines.

Respectfully submitted: Jerry White: Chairman.

Our message for the day was given by Bro. VanDale Hudson, evangelist. Just before the message, Mrs. Louise Haynes sang "Grand Home Coming". Bro. Hudson's title was "What Jesus Claimed for Himself". taken from Matt. 27:39-43. During the life of Christ, He claimed and professed to be the Son of God. If Jesus was not the Son of God, He was the greatest deciever and liar. Christianity is a supernatural experience. When we meet Jesus one on one, we are never alone, because He sends the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. Jesus should be on our minds. Claims of Jesus:

1. Pre-existence: here before creation, Gen. 1:1; Micah 5:2, goings from everlasting. John 4, told the woman that He was before Abraham.

2. Supernatural birth: John 3:16, came into the world different; I Tim. 3:16, Heb. 3.

3. Sinlessness: Jesus was the only one who could claim this. Pilate told the truth when he said, "I find no fault in this man".

4. Omnipotent: all power, Matt. 9:35; power over sickness, demons, natural elements, and death. Luke 7:11-18.

5. Power to forgive sins: Luke 5:20-24, the pope with his fancy ways can not forgive sins. We need to be careful of the Big C's, cults, catholics, and charismatics Calvinists, they think they are the only ones that are right.

6. Absolute equality with God: John 10:24-33.

7. Will make a physical and personal return to the earth: John 14:15-26.

Bro. Hudson closed in prayer.

Just before dismissing for the day and lunch, a special love offering was taken up for Bro. Guy Owens who has been hospitalized for a major heart attack. Were dismissed in prayer and reminded about next meeting at Townley F.W.B. Church in May.

May 16, 1992

Townley Free Will Baptist Church

The service began by singing Victory in Jesus, followed by special singing by Bro. Jay Baines and ladies from the church. They sang "He was wounded for our Transgressions" and "Amazing Grace", the singing was a blessing to all. After the special, the congregation was led in singing "Rescue the Pershing". Opening prayer was offered by Bro. Jimmy Aldridge, with the welcome given by Bro. Jay Baines and the response by Bro. Roger Raper. Bro. Taylor recognized the following visitors: Bro. Calvin Bevans, Bro. W.J. Robert, Bro. Jimmy Aldridge, Bro. Randy Wright. Bro. Taylor then appointed the following committees: Resolutions: Elzo Bevans, Roger Raper, Ray Bevis. Appreciation: Carlton Lambert, Willie Hudson, Joe Sularian.

The special music before the devotion was "Consider the Lillies", sung by Jay and Annette Baines and Brenda Edgil. Our devotion for the day was given by Bro. Jerry Strickland, pastor of the Harmony F.W.B. Church. His text was taken from I Tim. 2:1-5. God's word is our strength. We were asked to hold up Jesus and to get back to the basics. Satan has a strong hold on people, young and old. Jesus is the answer for mankind today. Bro. Jerry concluded in prayer, and then the meeting took a short break.

After the intermission, Bro. Taylor called for the committee reports.

Credentials:

1. We the Credentials committee have examined the have examined the church letters from Cordova, Praise, Jasper, Fayette, Cave Springs, Grace, Sulphur Springs, Pleasant Grove, South Highland, Northport, Townley, Florence, Harmony, and Russellville and find them in order. No letter recieved from Eldridge. Motion made to accept.

2. We have recieved a letter of good standing for Bro. Jerry Strickland from the Tennessee River Assoc. Motion made to accept.

3. We recommend that Bro. Denzil Durbin be given a certificate of ordination from the Free Will Baptist to replace one that was lost, ordained July 1957. Motion made and approved.

Respectfully submitted: Ron Edgil, Jerry White, and Denzil Durbin.

Bro. Taylor gave the following Resolutions report:
We the Resolutions committee offer the following items for the consideration of the body;

1. To encourage pastors to promote and attend the Quarterly Meetings. Also, that we encourage our people to take part by getting involved. Motion made to accept.
2. To give our visiting speaker an honorarium of \$40.00. Motion made and approved.

Respectfully submitted: Elzo Bevan, Roger Raper, and Ray Bevis.

Bro. Carlton Lambert gave the following Appreciation report: We the Appreciation committee are grateful to the Townley Free Will Baptist Church for hosting the Quarterly meeting of the Progressive Association. We appreciate the warm welcome, the fellowship, the special music, and the tasty food at the lunch hour. Motion made to accept.

Respectfully submitted: Carlton Lambert, Joe Sularian, and Wiley Hudson.

After the main business items were taken care of, Bro. Taylor opened the floor for other reports. Bro. Rick Cash gave the Trinity Youth Camp report. Bro. Taylor reported about the Alabama Missions Walk-a-thon. Bro. Jimmy Aldridge gave information concerning Don and Billie Sexton. Bro. White gave an update concerning the upcoming Pastor's/Workers conference, Feb. 8-10. Information was also shared concerning how the Lord is blessing the Children's Home. Bro. Taylor reminded everyone that the Progressive Assoc. annual meeting was to be at Sulphur Springs F.W.B. Church in August. At the close of the business session, prayer was offered, with the request for Bro. Pat Burttram and Bro. Bill Foster.

Following prayer, the congregation was led in singing "Showers of Blessing", with special music by Bro. Jay Baines singing "The Blood will never lose it's power". The morning message was delivered by Bro. Randy Wright, pastor of the Piney Grove F.W.B. Church, Guin, AL. Bro. Randy took his text from Eph. 8:13-23 with the idea of "Start Right - Stay Right". Moses was judging the people, but he was wearing himself out. Jethro his father-in-law warned him that his job was getting to big for him and he needed to get some help. Preachers need to realize this and start preaching the wörd and get help where needed.

At the close of the message, Bro. Randy challanged the people by giving an invitation, and the altar was filled. Bro. J.D. Norris was asked to close in prayer. After the service was closed, some instructions were given concerning lunch. Bro. Rick Cash offered the closing prayer and thanked God for the noon meal.

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PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

August 15, 1992

Sulphur Springs Free Will Baptist Church

The meeting began with singing of two congregational hymns, and then the opening prayer by Bro. Jimmy Fuller. The welcome was given by Bro. Elzo Bevan, with the response given by Bro. Wayne Wilson. The meeting was then called to order by the clerk, and Bro. Taylor then appointed the following committees after a motion was made to accept the delegates.

Credentials: Jerry Strickland and Elzo Bevan to help Jerry White. Appreciation: Allecia Phenicie, Joyce Willis, and Annette Baines. Obituray: Jerry Sanford, Charles Fowler, Mike Sargent. Auditing: Jimmy Fuller, Jay Baines, Richard Bowers. Resolutions: Rick Cash, Mike Powers, Wayne Wilson. Temperance: J.D. Norris, Jack Smelly, Freddy Beem.

After the committees were appointed, Bro. Taylor asked the clerk to read the recommendations from the Executive Board.

We the Executive Board make the following recommendations to the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptist:

1. Nominations for officers as follows:

Moderator: Rev. Duane Taylor

Assistant: Rev. Wayne Wilson

Clerk: Bro. Michael Phenicie

Assistant: Rev. J.D. Norris

Treasurer: Bro. Jimmy Fuller

Assistant: Mrs. Barbara Taylor

Executive Board: Rev. Jerry Sanford - 3 years.

Board of Christian Ed.: Rev. Wayne Wilson
3 years.

Credentials Committee: Bro. Jimmy Fuller to
replace Bro. Lloyd Martin,
3 years.

Bro. Windord Russell -
5 years.

Trinity F.W.B. Youth Camp: Rev. Frank Owens -
3 years.

2. That the Progressive Association meet twice a year, February and August, with the recommendation that the Executive Board be given the power to handle any special business items, such as Pastor/Deacon letters, that would arise between meetings.

3. That the two meetings be held as follows: one in the Northern section, and one in the Southern section.
4. That Article 11 Item 2, be changed to read each church send \$60.00 in February.
5. That Article 7 Item, be changed to read the salary of the Clerk be \$100.00 per meeting. The salary of the Moderator be \$50.00 per meeting.
6. That Article 7 Item 2, read the above officers shall serve for all Progressive Association meetings.
7. That Article 8 Item 2, read the Association shall meet on the third Saturday in February.
8. That Article 10, be changed to read, **any** changes made to the Constitution and/or By-Laws of the Association be brought before the Executive Board prior to the Annual secession, and the Executive Board bring the recommendations before the body.

Item 1: Any changes must have a two-thirds majority vote.

Respectfully submitted: Duane Taylor, Wayne Wilson, Jimmy Fuller, Jerry White, Michael Phenicie.

Our meeting continued with special music provided by the Harmony F.W.B. Church, Mrs Joyce Willis.

Bro. Taylor then gave the morning devotion taking his text from Matt. 5:14, with his theme being "Things that are crippling our churches".

1. Absentism is killing our churches. People not attending or not being faithful.
2. I don't care - It doesn't matter. Many people do not know true salvation.
3. Worldliness: I Jn. 2:15-16. All the world is seeing in the churches is themselves.
4. Unfaithfulness: in prayer, tithing, attendance, and Bible reading. We need to tell God often that we love Him.
5. Selfishness: people many times only come when they can do their thing.
6. Neglect: most of us could do better.
7. Compromise: there is no room. Give the Devil just a little, and he will take it all.
8. Contention: no place in the local church. Need to go to God in prayer over the matter.
9. Ignorance: if you lack wisdom ask of God.
10. Dry Eyes: people don't see that we are convinced of what we are telling them.

Bro. Taylor closed the devotion with prayer, which was followed by a short intermission.

Following the break, Bro. Taylor opened the floor for the reports of the committees. First item of business was the reading again of the Executive Board recommendations. Motion made, second and approved 20-4 to have two meetings per year. Items concerning the changes in the Constitution and By-Laws were tabled.

Obituary committee report given by Bro. Jerry Sanford:

We the Obituary committee report the following home going of God's saints given by churches in our Association since our annual meeting Aug. 1991.

Sulphur Springs
Mrs. Ila Scrivner
Mrs. Jessie N. Jones
Verdo Morris

Harmony
Kenneth Poston
Thomas Lowery

South Highland
Billy Britnell
Harvey Welbon
Dolly Sanford
Charlse Davis

Dovertown
Rev. Lee Estill
Ellie Sargent
Jasper
Mrs. Sickie

Russellville
Charles Bray

A time of silence was given in remembrance of these wonderful people. Motion made to accept report.

Credentials report given by Bro. Jerry White:

1. We the Credentials committee have examined the church letters from Pleasant Grove, Florence, Townley, Fayette, Cordova, Russellville, South Highland, Jasper, Cave Springs, Harmony, Praise, Grace, Sulphur Springs, Dovertown, and Northport, and find them in order.
 - A. We recommend all ministers and deacons be given a card of good standing as their churches request them.
 - B. Just a reminder that annual dues are 50¢ per active members.
2. We recommend that we accept Bro. Bart Baird's letter rescinding his Free Will Baptist

credentials. He has joined and is pastoring a Southern Baptist Church.

Motion made to accept all the recommendations.
Respectfully submitted: Jerry White, Jerry Strickland, Elzo Bevan.

Appreciation report given by Allecia Phenicie:

We the Appreciation express our thanks to the Sulphur Springs 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. Motion made to accapt.
Respectfully submitted: Allecia Phenicie, Annette Beem, Joyce Willis.

Temperance report given by Bro. J.D. Norris:

1. We recommend that all F.W.B. live a life that is above reproach and that we all strive to bring honor and glory to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
2. To make every part of our life and church committed to reach the lost and dying world to a saving knowledge of Christ.
3. To uphold all doctrine and teachings of our F.W.B. Denomination.

Motion made to accept the report.

Respectfully submitted: J.D. Norris, Freddie Beem, and Jack Smelly.

Auditing report given by Bro. Jimmy Fuller:

We the members of the Audit committee have examined the financial records of the Progressive Assoc. and Camp Proyuka (Trinity) and find them to be in order. *Refer to reports*. Motion made to accept.
Respectfully submitted: Jimmy Fuller, Richard Bowers, Jay Baines.

Nominating Committee report given Bro. Taylor:

Motion made to accept all nominations as appointed by the Executive Board. Respectfully submitted: Executive Board. (Refer back to recommendations).

Trinity Youth Camp report given by Bro. Nick Cash: Things are looking well for the summer season, as well as the good results we just experienced. Plan to put in a water slide. Will take approx. \$20,000 to completely set up.

Pastor's/Workers Conferance report given by Bro. Jerry White: Conferance will be at the Eastside Free Will Baptist Church in Dothan Feb. 8-10.

Progressive Association meetings:

February - South Highland

August - Dovertown

Following the business meeting, Jay Baines sang a special song "God leads His dear Children". Our special speaker for the day was Bro. Mark Thomas, missionary to Colorado. His message was entitled, "Cannibals in our churches", with his text taken from Gal. 5:14-25. Bro. Mark told of how there are three tribes, and that people who are in key positions are hurting instead of helping.

1. Love to fight: it is good to take a stand, but don't need to have contentions. 5:26. Easy to let our self-ambitions get in the way. Need to be careful what we fuss and fight about.

2. Live in the flesh: carnality, as believers, we have the Spirit of God living inside us. Which ever nature that you feed, that will be the strongest.

3. Lose the fruit: there are some things you can't live in and go to heaven. Those of the world get distracted by Christians who are out of line with God. We can accomplish things with people without hurting their feelings. Closed in prayer with a time at the altar.

Visitors: Billy Brown from Randall House.

CAMP PROYUKA REPORT 1992

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Balance Brought Forward.....	\$2,055.70
Received from 1992 Camp Sessions	
TEEN WEEK.....	\$5,920.00
148 CAMPERS @ \$40	
2 Non - paying Campers	
JUNIOR WEEK.....	\$4,800.00
120 CAMPERS @ \$40	
1 Non - Paying Camper	
Misc.....	\$266.71
Offering.....	\$120.00
Interest.....	\$42.60
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$11,149.31
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR.....	\$13,205.01

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Wood Fruitticher Institutional Foods.....	\$3,417.60
Trinity Camp (Rent, Lifeguard, Ins., etc.).....	\$2,175.00
Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp Gift.....	\$1,000.00
Nate Ange - Teen Camp Evangelist.....	\$400.00
Danny Thompson - Junior Camp Evangelist.....	\$400.00
Travel Expense.....	\$425.01
Equipment.....	\$743.00
Recreational Equipment.....	\$87.58
Miscellaneous Groceries.....	\$286.73
Sunbeam - Bread Products.....	\$199.08
Miscellaneous Expense.....	\$144.87
Sports Inc - Trophies.....	\$52.43
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$9,331.30
REMAINING BALANCE AUGUST 15, 1992.....	\$3,873.71

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

JUNIOR CAMP

Total Campers Including Workers & Children.....	158
121 Campers	
37 Workers	
Total Decisions	39
13 Saved	
26 Rededication	

TEEN CAMP

Total Campers Including Workers.....	180
150 Campers	
30 Workers	
Total Decisions	94
3 Saved	
78 Rededications	
9 Surrendered To The Call To Missions	
4 Answered The Call To Preach	

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1991 - 1992

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AT AUGUST 15, 1992

BALANCE - AUGUST 17, 1991 ----- \$411.82

RECEIPTS FOR 1991 - 92:

Dues & Offering ----- \$2,086.46

Entry Fees From District Competition - 1,037.00

\$3,123.46

\$3,538.28

EXPENDITURES:

Bro. Duane Taylor, Moderator ----- 100.00

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

Stamps, Telephone & Supplies ----- 79.07

Alabama State Association Dues ----- 510.00

Mid South Pastor's & Workers ----- 500.00

Printing (Minutes) ----- 224.70

Love Offering -- Guy Owen ----- 175.46

Honorarium ----- Fred Warner ----- 40.00

Honorarium ----- Van Dale Hudson ----- 50.00

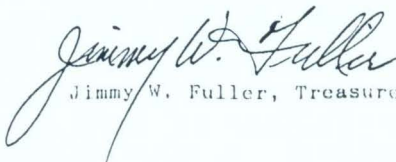
State C.T.S. Entry Fees ----- 823.00

C.T.S. Awards For District ----- 215.06

2,917.29

ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 15, 1992

\$620.99
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Jimmy W. Fuller, 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 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 Baptist 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; 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 of 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. 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 Baptist.

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 shall serve for all Progressive Association meetings.

Item 3: The salary of the clerk shall be \$100.00 per meeting. The salary of the moderator shall be \$50.00 per meeting.

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

Item 2: The Progressive Association shall meet on the third Saturday in February.

ARTICLE 9: The association shall determine at the annual association where the 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.

Item 1: That the meetings of the association be held as follows: one in the Northern section, and one in the Southern section.

ARTICLE 10: Item 1: Any changes made to the Constitution and/or By-Laws for the Association shall be brought before the Executive Committee prior to the Annual secession, and the Executive Committee bring the recommendation before the body.

Item 2: Any changes must have a two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE 11: Item 1: That each church send 50 cents for each active member for the association expense at the annual meeting.

Item 2: Each church send \$60.00 to the February 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 his 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.



