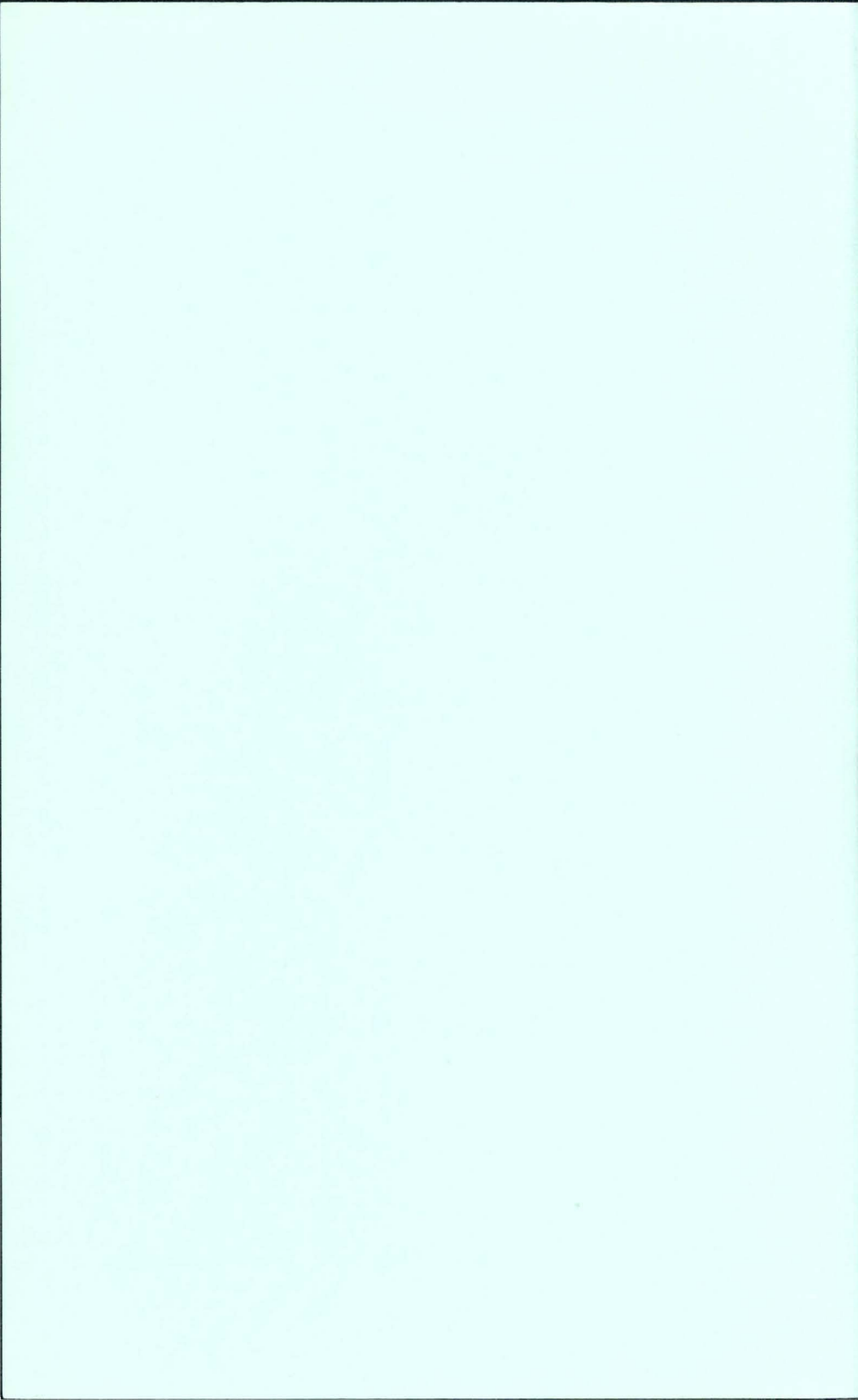


PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF ALABAMA

MINUTES OF THE
62ND ANNUAL SESSION
CORDOVA
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
CORDOVA, ALABAMA
AUGUST 21, 1993

1994 SESSION
PLEASANT GROVE
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
AUGUST 1994



CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in J  sus 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.

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George Kelly
Clyde Pittman
Winford Russell

Dovertown
Gerald Hallman
Lottie Forster

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Billy Hamm
I.J. Britnell
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T.J. Johnson

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Sam Hudson
Jim Dorroh
George Capps
Allen Morgan
James Morgan
Jim Thompson

Harmony
Jack Willis
Donald Brumley
Billy Kidd

Northport
Doug Galloway
Oliver Johnston
Samuel Key
S. Kuykendall
James Reece
Murray Renfro
X.L. Truhett
Bob Wilson

Pleasant Grove
Carl O'Donnell
Philip Houston

Russellville
Hobson Wilson
Edwin Kimbrough
Jimmy Fuller

South Highland
Tommy Bee
Buddy Troutt
Bryan Peebles

Sulphur Springs
Wiley Hudson

Townley
Alfred Boshell
R.M. Edgil
Bill Dutton

Jasper
Don Argent
Ray Bevis
Bobby Sargent

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
August 21, 1993 Cordova, AL

Services began with special music by the Cordova Church Choir, singing "Till the Storm Passes By". There was also special music by Jerry Edgil, "Victory in Jesus". The congregation sang "He Set Me Free". Our welcome was given by Bro. Jerry White with the Response by Bro. Jerry Strickland. He read from Prov. 29:18, with the challenge for people to be a part. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, with the seating of the delegates approved by the body. The following visitors were recognized: Jerry Edgil, Dikkie Anderson, and Norman McFall. The following Committees were appointed:

Obituary: Charles Fowler, Alfred Boshell, Joe Sularian.

Appreciation: Mrs. Beem, Fran Powers, Rhea Fowler.

Temperance: Elzo Bevan, Roger Raper, Jerry Sanford.

Audit: Jimmy Fuller, Freddie Beem, J.D. Norris.

Resolutions: Wayne Wilson, Jerry Strickland, Don Brumley.

The congregation was then led in singing "Where the soul never dies". Special music by the Cordova Choir, "Sweet Hour of Prayer". The devotion was given by Bro. Ron Edgil, pastor of Cave Springs. His text was taken from Rev. 22:20 - we need to pray for the coming of our Lord. Even though there are so many problems today, we still have a promise. We can put our complete stock in this promise that God will come back. Things to do now: Continue to serve the Lord. Matt. 25:35 - Serving the Lord is not only lifting our hearts but extending our hands to help others.

Paul called us ambassadors and we have the best interest of God. In today's time we need to want to be in the presence of the one who loves us. God will compensate us for service. Rev. 22:4. God will reward us for faithfulness. God knows whether we are saved or lost. Rev. 22:11. We need to be faithful in everything we do. Closed in prayer, with a short intermission.

The meeting resumed with the Business Session:

Obituary Report:

We the Obituary committee extend our sympathy to those family who have lost loved ones who were members of our FWB churches. May God bless and keep each family and may we never forget these our brothers and sisters in Christ. We submit the following names to be remembered:

Townley: Irma Cunningham

Jasper: Annie Mae Lambert

Northport: Jack Pool

Effie Johnston

Chris Sargent

Jimmy Brown

Russellville: Bunford Lawler

Lennie Corbell

Sulphur Springs: Mrs. Grace Jones

Mrs. Susie Watkins

Dovertown: Florence Pinegar

Cordova: Ludell Burcheat

Billy Gilbert

Stella Gilbert

Bill Winston

Donald Harbison

Cave Springs: Lyndon McElray

Therron K. Rutterford

Robert Landers

Respectfully submitted: Charles Fowler,
Joe Sularin, Alfred J. Boshell.

Temperance Report:

We the Temperance Committee recommend the following:

1. That we a FWB live a life that is above reproach, and endeavor to bring honor and glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in every aspect of our lives.
2. That we challenge and encourage one another to faithfulness.
3. That we as FWB abide by the teachings and doctrine of our FWB Treatise.

Respectfully submitted: Elzo Bevan,
Roger Raper, Jerry Sanford.

Appreciation Report:

We the Appreciation Committee wish to thank the Cordova Church for hosting the Annual Meeting of the Progressive Association. We wish to thank the church for their hospitality shown to us, and for the beautiful singing we have heard today. We also thank the church for the meal afterwards.

Respectfully submitted: Annette Beem,
Fran Powers, Rhea Fowler.

Resolutions Report:

We the Resolutions committee recommend that we give an honorium of \$80.00 to Bro. Norman McFall, missionary to Brazil.

Respectfully submitted: Wayne Wilson,
Don Brumley, and Jerry Strickland.

Auditing Report:

We the members of the Auditing committee have examined the books of the Progressive Association and the Progressive Youth Camp and have found them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted: Jimmy Fuller,
J.D. Norris, Freddy Beem.

CAMP PROYUKA REPORT 1993

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Balance Brought Forward.....	\$3,873.71
Received from 1992 Camp Sessions	
TEEN WEEK.....	\$2,845.00
71 CAMPERS @ \$40	
\$5 registration	
9 Non - paying Campers	
JUNIOR WEEK.....	\$5,245.00
131 CAMPERS @ \$40	
1 CAMPER @ \$5	
4 Non - Paying Campers	
Misc.....	\$106.00
Interest.....	\$77.59
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$8,273.59
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR.....	\$12,147.30

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Wood Fruitticher Institutional Foods.....	\$2,681.68
Trinity Camp (Rent, Lifeguard, Ins., etc.).....	\$2,380.00
Boozer & Kuykendall (Slide Payment).....	\$2,000.00
Jeff Jones - Teen Camp Evangelist.....	\$350.00
Richard Hendrix - Junior Camp Evangelist.....	\$350.00
Travel Expense.....	\$217.00
Recreational Equipment.....	\$246.56
Miscellaneous Groceries.....	\$214.79
Flowers, - Bread Products.....	\$164.50
Miscellaneous Expense.....	\$156.94
Sports Inc - Trophies.....	\$30.24
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$8,791.71

REMAINING BALANCE AUGUST 21, 1993.....\$3,355.59

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

JUNIOR CAMP

Total Campers Including Workers & Children.....	167
136 Campers	
31 Workers	
Total Decisions	60
10 Saved	
40 Rededication	

TEEN CAMP

Total Campers Including Workers.....	105
80 Campers	
25 Workers	
Total Decisions	50
5 Saved	
43 Rededications	
2 Answered The Call To Preach	

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1992 - 1993

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT AUGUST 21, 1993

BALANCE - AUGUST 15, 1992 ----- \$620.99

RECEIPTS FOR 1992 - 93:

Dues & Offering ----- \$1,773.00

Entry Fees From District Competition - 1,191.00

\$2,964.00

\$3,584.99

EXPENDITURES:

Bro. Duane Taylor, Moderator ----- 75.00

Bro. Michael Phenicie, Clerk ----- 150.00

Stamps, Telephone & Supplies ----- 48.27

Alabama State Association Dues ----- 0.00

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

Printing (Minutes) ----- 25.00

Honorarium ----- Jeff Flemming ----- 40.00

State C.T.S. Entry Fees ----- 724.00

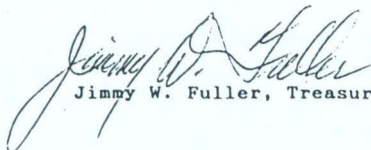
C.T.S. Awards For District ----- 138.48

1,700.75

ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 21,1993

\$1,884.24

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Jimmy W. Fuller, Treasurer

Executive Report:

We the Executive Board make the following recommendations for the up coming year officers:

Moderator: Rev Duane Taylor

Assistant: Rev. Wayne Wilson

Clerk: Michael Phenicie

Assiatant: Rev. J.D. Norris

Treasurer: Jimmy Fuller

Assistant: Mrs Barbara Taylor

Exec. Board: Rev. Jerry White

Board of C.E.: Darrell Kimbrough

Youth Camp: Rev. Rick Cash

Credentials: Rev. Jerry White

Credentials Report:

1. We the Credentials committee have examined the church letters from: Cave Springs, Cordova, Florence, Fayette, Pleasant Grove, Jasper, Dovertown, Townley, South Highland, Northport, Parise, Russellville, Grace, Sulphur Springs and find them in order. No letters recieved from Harmony or Eldridge.

1A. We recommend all ministers and deacons be given a card of good standing as their churches request them.

2. We recommend that Bro. Frank Owens be given a letter of good standing to the Northern Virginia Association of FWB.

3. We recommend that Bro. Dickie Anderson be recieved in our Association pending a letter of good standing be recieved from the Northern Quarterly of TN.

Respectfully submitted: Jimmy Fuller, Jerry White, Rick Powers, and Ron Edgil.

Pastors/Workers conf. update was given by Bro. L Jerry White. He also gave an update concerning the Children's Home and their special needs.

A report was given by Bro. Roger Raper concerning the success of the Youth camp during the summer. The water slide a big success, but still need funds. Also need funds for some other projects. Had a number of decisions during both weeks of camp.

Association meetings will be as follows:

February: Cave Springs
August: Pleasant Grove.

The service continued with the main message for the day. Just before the message, Allecia Phenicie sang "He's Been So Good to Me". Our speaker for the day was Norman McFall missionary to Brazil. Norman shared the needs they have concerning the financial needs and other needs of the field. Norman's thought for the day was "The proper attitude of ministering to others". Ministry (minister) is for everyone. Jesus Christ is the greatest example of one who ministered to the individual. John 4:1-42 touched the highlights. Christ said give water to anyone and even to the little children. The woman who Jesus ministered to had many strikes against her.

1. She was a woman.
2. She was married 5 times.
3. She was living with a man.

We need to learn to respond to the individual where they are and on their level. We have no right to pick and choose who we witness too. No matter what their status is. John 5:1-16. Jesus ministered to the man who was sick for 38 years. Matt. 9. Jesus moved with compassion seeing the multitudes. Christ asked if he wanted to be made whole. Christ healed the man when he said so. The Pharisees got upset because Jesus healed on the Sabbath. To truly minister to people, we must be willing to listen and get with people

one on one to help physically and spiritually.

John 8:1-11 - The Pharisees brought an adulterous woman before Jesus to ask for sentence. Jesus told the men to cast the first stone that was without sin. Christ did not condemn the woman, but told her to go and sin no more. We must preach against sin, but show the people how to live right. They need to know the truth that will set them free.

John 1:17 - Moses gave the law, but Christ gave grace and truth.

We need to learn to be good soldiers for the Lord. Need to learn to minister to the individual. Closed in prayer.

A final motion was made and carried to write a check to the Pastors/Workers Conference for \$500.00 as long as the money was available.

Final prayer of adjournment was offered, as well as the blessing on the noon meal.

PROGRESSIVE ASSOC. BI-ANNUAL MEETING
South Highland FWB Church
February 20, 1993

Our service began with special music by the South Highland choir.
"I've got that Old Time Religion"
Melody of "Feeling Mighty Fine",
"Sheltered in the Arms of God", and
"There is Strength for Every Need".
The congregational was then led in singing "I Shall Never Forget". Opening prayer was offered by Bro. David Sanderson, with the Welcome by Bro. Buddy Troutt, and the Response by Bro. Wayne Wilson. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk with the seating of the delegates. The following visitors were recognized: Jeff Fleming, Popular Log, Mike Rodriguez and Anthony McGuire, from Florence.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Resolutions: Elzo Bevan, J.D. Norris, Jerry Sanford.

Appreciation: Joyce Willis, Rhea Fowler, Jane Jackson.

The congregation was led in another song, "Keep on the Firing Line", with a special song by the Ladies Trio singing "I Can See Heaven". Just before the devotion the congregation sang "Victory in Jesus". Our devotion was brought by Bro. Philip Wright. His text was Luke 10:38-42 - "Choosing that good part - Going for the gold". As Christians we need to go for more than silver and bronze, but go for the gold. Yet there are too many of us Christians who are just sitting by.

How to go for gold (God)!

1. Get into the streets - Luke 14:23
Our primary task is to go out and reach the lost.
2. Spend time at the altar of God - Isa. 6:6. Get into the altar! The altar needs to be a familiar place to the Christian.

3. Get out of the world - II Cor. 6:17
Need to be separated from the world and
separated unto God. Our churches have
too much of the world in them.

4. Get to a fallen brother - Gal. 6:1.
Inseead of licking our fellow brothers
and sisters into the ditch, we should
reach down and lift them up. Don't need
friendly fire causalities. Need to be
number one and be all we can be. Closed
in prayer. A short intermission
followed.

The service was resumed with the
congregation singing "Solid Rock", with
the start of the Business Secession.
The following infromation was presented:
April is to be Foreign Missions Month.
Mark Riggs and Lonnie Sparks are no
longer with the mission board.
Rick Cash presented a Youth Camp report:
Teen Camp - June 7 - 11
Junior Camp - June 14-18
Primary Camp - July 8-10 Ages 6-8
Spring Break Retreat - April 1-3
Need help on the following items
(financial)

1. Heat pump to be replaced
2. Ice Machines
3. Insurance
4. Water Slide: should be ready by the
1st weel of camp. Still need offerings
to underwrite. About halfway with
funds.

District CTS Competition - April 17 -
Northport FWB Church
Missions Walk-a-thon: goal is \$20,000.

Appreciation Report:

We the Appreciation committee would like
to express our gratitude to the South
Highland Church for the warm welcome,
good singing and the good testimonies by
our young ministers. Also, for the
delicious meal we are looking forward
to.

Respectfully submitted: Jane Jackson,
Rhea Fowler, Joyce Willis.

Resolution Report:

1. Be it resolved that we give our guest speaker \$40.00 for an honorium.

2. Be it resolved that we go to the Cordova FWB Church for our Annual meeting. the 3rd Sat. in Aug.

Respectfully submitted: Elzo Bevan,
J.D. Norris, Jerry Sanford

Credentials Report:

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

2. We have recieved a letter of good standing for Rev. Rick Powers from North Quarterly of the Cumberland Assoc.

3. We recommend Rev. Mike Rodriguez be accepted into our Assoc. from the Maryland/New Jersey Conferance. He will be serving at the Florence FWB Church.

4. Upon request from the South Highland FWB Church, we recommend Bro. Phillip Wright be ordained to preach the gospel!

5. Upon request from the Florence FWB Church, we recommend that Bro. Anthony McGuire be given a license to preach the gospel.

6. Upon request from the Russellville FWB Church, we recommend that Kevin Hester and Joel Borden's license to preach the gospel be renewed.

7. Upon request from Mt. Moriah Association, we recommend that a letter of good standing be sent for Bro. Ken Bozeman.

8. Upon request from Sulphur Springs FWB Church, we recommend that Bro. Stene Simpson be given a license to preach the gospel.

9. Upon request from the Fayette FWB Church, we recommend that Mike Cash be given a license to preach the gospel.

Respectfully submitted: Jimmy Fuller,
Ron Edgil, and Jerry White.
All items accepted and approved by the
body.

Our service continued with special music
by Tammy Taylor. "Found His Loving Arms
Embracing Me". Our speaker for the day
was Jeff Fleming from the Popular Log

FWB Church, Hamilton area. His text was
taken from Isa. 60:1-5. "Arise, Shine".

People have a tendency of going
overboard being an optimist. As
Christians, we can see things the way
they are and know that God can help and
change. The prophet called the people
of Israel to stand and shine out. There
is a great opportunity for the church
today to stand and shine. The writer
says that even in darkness there can be
peace. These words were not written to
score us but to challenge us.

I Cor. 16:13; Gal. 5:1; Eph. 6:14; I
Thes. 3:18; II Thes. 2:15. Paul wrote
about standing fast and firm. Tradition
is the living faith of those now dead.
Traditionalism is the dead faith of
those now living. The enemy is standing
and fighting whether we do or not. The
one thing the world needs the most is
God. Matt. 5:14-16 - Jesus said to
shine. John 8:12; 9:5; Phil. 2. When
we accept the call fo Jesus Christ and
adopt the character of Jesus, then the
world will see Jesus shining thru us.
II Cor. 4:6 - Paul called himself a clay
pot through which Christ could shine.
Why shine? Because we have something
that the world needs. It can only be
found through the word of God getting
into the heart of man. What we have
needs to be shared instead of hoarded.
Jesus told his disciples that freely
have you been given, and freely shall
you give.

We stand and shine because we know it's
right. We need to be in the people

business and not base our success on numbers. We are on the winning side no matter what the world says. Ours is the victory not through our might but through the power of God. Daniel 3 gives a good example of standing and shining. Nebecarnazar realized after the furnace that there was a great God, and that all should worship Him. We must stand and shine for God. Closed in prayer, with a time of invitation and altar prayer. A final prayer of

adjournment was offered as well a blessing on the noon meal.

Special Called Executive Board Meeting

We the Executive committee met with Bro. Tommy Lewis, member of the First FWB Church in Florence, AL, for the purpose of examination to preach the gospel. Bro. Lewis was questioned about his salvation, his calling to preach, the Gospel, and his future plans. He will graduate from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in May. We the Board do recommend that Bro. Lewis be given a license to preach the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. Duane Taylor

Rev. Wayne Wilson

Jimmy Fuller

Rev. J.D. Norris

4/03/93

Clerks closing thoughts:

The year has been a good year for many of our churches. There have been people saved, and others who have found their way back to Christ. Satan wants to always put stumbling blocks in our way. We must be strong in the word of God to overcome the firey darts of Satan. Peter said in I Pet. 5:8 to be sober and vigilant. Many of our speakers have stressed to take a stand and shine for God. Paul said in I Cor. 1:17-18 that the purpose of every Christian was to preach the gospel, for through it is the power of God. Each one of us can minister to people at their level. May Christ continue to move in our hearts in the upcoming year.
Respectfully submitted:
Michael A. Phenicie

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.

We give our thanks, & I am, &c.

Respectfully,

Rich Pomeroy

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