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of

Free Will Baptists

of Alabama

MINUTES OF THE

63RD ANNUAL SESSION

PLEASANT GROVE

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

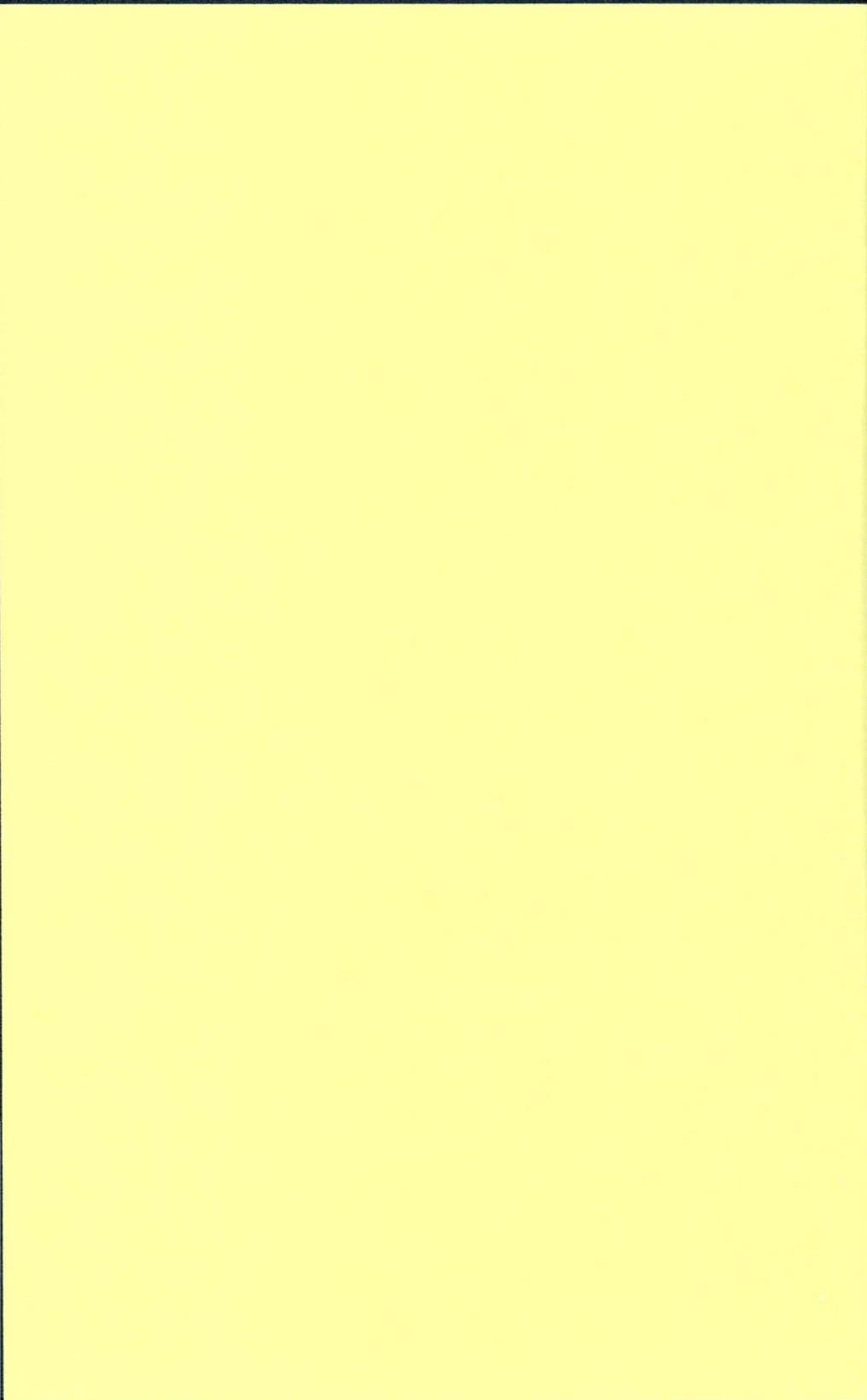
PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

AUGUST 20, 1994

1995 SESSION

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AT FEBRUARY MEETING



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PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION BI-ANNUAL MEETING
CAVE SPRINGS F.W.B. CHURCH
FEBRUARY 19, 1994

Service began with the congregation singing "At the Cross". Special music by the Cave Springs Choir "Heavenly Light". There was also a special song, "Master of the Sea". the welcome was given by Bro. Ron Edgil, with the response given by Bro. J.D. Norris. Meeting then called to order by the clerk with the reading of the delegates, which were approved by the body. The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator.

Appreciation: Mrs. Randolph, Barbara South, Allecia Phenicie.

Credentials: Roger Raper, Ron Edgil, Jerry White, Rick Powers.

Resolutions: Rick Cash, Dickie Anderson, Wayne Wilson.

The following visitors were recognized by the Moderator: David Outlaw and Fred Jones.

Just before David Outlaw gave the morning devotion, Angie Outlaw sang "How Beautiful the Body of Christ". David's devotion was taken from II Tim. 3:16 - 4:5. Paul sets the doctrine foundation in v. 16. Paul says it is reliable and revelant. Paul also goes on to say "I charge thee" or "I dare thee before Christ". He then gives 3 commands:

1. Communicate the scripture - preaching, God has ordained it through out the years.

Noah preached for 120 years. Nathan preached to King David. Jonah walked thru the streets of Nineveh preaching and the people repented. Jeremiah said when he stopped preaching it felt like a fire shut up in his bosom. John the Baptist preached to Israel "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand". Peter preached at Pentecost and many were saved. Paul preached to numerous of people that salvation is by faith.

2. Source of our communication - the Word of God. It is able to make one wise. It is able to nurture. We should never settle for anything less than the word of God.

a) The Word will control the servant: we are to always be ready to preach the Word of God, "Be instant in season and out of season". We as Christians must always be ready no matter what the time.

b) The Word will correct the sinner: will reprove, expose, and confront. Paul had to rebuke early heresies in Galatians. We are to reprove, rebuke, and exhort with much longsuffering. Closed the time in prayer.

After a short intermission the meeting resumed with the Business Session.

Report of the Credentials Committee:

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

a. Remind the churches February dues are \$60.00.

b. August meeting - fee will be \$.50 per active member.

Motion made to accept.

II. The Russellville Church request that Kevin Hester and Joel Borden's license to preach be renewed for one year.

a. Rev. Malone Cobb be accepted into our association from South Georgia Association. Motion made to renew the license and accept Bro. Cobb.

III. First FWB Church Florence request that Bro. Anthony McGuire's license to preach be renewed.

a. We recommend that his license be renewed. Motion made and approved.

IV. Fayette request that Bro. Mike Cash license to preach be renewed. Motion made and approved.

Respectfully submitted: Roger Raper, Rick Powers, Ron Edgill, and Jerry White.

CTS Report by Bro. Wayne Wilson:
Competition District Level will be April 30, 9:00 a.m. at the Northport FWB Church. Entry needs to be in by April 1.
Motion made to accept.

Foreigh Missions Report by Bro. Jerry White.
Mention about the new plan, "Get Away Plan".
April will be missions month for the FWB.
Other plans churches can use: Co-operative, Designed, Special. Special days during the year.

April: Laura Bell Barnard World Missions

Sept: Rest of the Family

Nov: Benjamin Randall Home Missions

Dec: Paul Ketterman Christmas Fund

Motion made to accept.

Appreciation Report: We the Appriclation Committee would like to thank the Cave Springs Chrch for hosting the Semi-annual Progressive meeting. We have enjoyed the wonderful spirit, good singling and the devotional thoughts. We are looking foward to the preaching of God's Word, the fellowship and the good food afterwards.

Respectfully submitted: Elree Randolph,
Allecia Phenicle, Barbara South.

Motion made to accept.

Youth Camp Report: Bro. Rick Cash

The spring retreat will be March 31 - April 2
Jr. Camp is June 20 - 24: Tim Bumgart speaker
Teen Camp is June 27 - July 1: Rick Bowling speaker.

Please continue to support the camp financial in order to have some items paid for.

Motion to accept.

Resolutions Report:

Resolve to give the speaker of the day Bro. Fred Jones an honorarium of, \$50.00 to pay for traveling expenses. Fred is now a home missionary here in the state of Alabama in the city of Prattville.

Motion made, second, and approved.

Women's Auxillary District Meeting will be March 5 at the Russellville Church.

Alabama Home Missions Report: Bro. Duane Taylor. New Members: Dennis Haygood now Sec/Treas. Theme for this year is Spring into Missions.

The service continued after the Business Meeting with Special Music by the Cave Springs trio singing "He's the One". Our speaker for the day is Bro. Fred Jones, future missionary to Prattville. He mentioned that before he can start working there he must have at least \$15,000 in his account. Goal to be working is May 1. His prayer request is to find a place to live and building to start a church. Looking for 3 acres to build on. The population is about 26,000 with 10,000 in the rural areas. Montgomery is 10 minutes away with a population of 290,000.

His text is taken from Acts 13:49.

America is a wonderful country, but we are in a terrible moral crisis: America is #1 in: Divorce, teen pregnancy, drug use, abortion, and illiteracy. There is only one solution for all of this and that is Jesus Christ. Our goal should be to publish Christ throughout the region. With everyday, we are losing our privileges. We are losing our God given rights. God gave us the commandment to go out and preach. We must let people know that Jesus is alive and on the throne. We need to be willing to get out and publish the Word of God. No matter where we go or what we do, we need to get out and go. We have an absolute responsibility to lift up the Word of God. When we go out and do our part, God will then take the Word of God and touch the heart of man. The devil is still winning the battle, we as Christians are losing more than we are gaining. Cults are growing by leaps and bounds because they have the approval of Satan. Mormons and Jehovah Witness are everywhere. Men of the Bible were men who said God forbid if I don't go and preach. These were men who were not looking for glory and names in lights.

God's perfect will: being sold out completely.

God's permissive will: doing what we think is right.

Too many times we want to do it our way and not God's way. We get caught up in the worldly affairs instead of Godly affairs.

Service was closed in prayer..

Special announcements:

Bible Conference: April 22 & 23, Grace FWB Church, speaker: Jerry Edgill.

Annual Progressive: Aug. 20, Pleasant Grove

Old Time Camp Meeting: March 11 & 12, Jasper

Attendance for the day: 60

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 20, 1994
PLEASANT GROVE F.W.B. CHURCH

Service began with singing of Victory In Jesus. Opening prayer: Malone Cobb. Special music by Youth of church, "His Love Reaches Down". Welcome: Phillip Houston. The Response was given by Jack Willis. Called to Order by clerk, with seating of delegates that was approved and accepted.

Committees appointed by Moderator:

Obituary: Malone Cobb, Mike Sargent, Jerry Vess.

Temperance: Dickey Anderson, Jerry Strickland, Roy Goolsby.

Auditing: Jimmy Fuller, Edwin Kimbrough, Jack Willis.

Resolutions: Rick Cash, J.D. Norris, Wayne Wilson.

Appreciation: Joyce Willis, Barbara South, Dorris Kimbrough.

Reading of the Executive Board Report on nominations.

Moderator: Duane Taylor

Assistant: Wayne Wilson

Clerk: Michael Phenicle

Assistant: J.D. Norris

Treasurer: Jimmy Fuller

Assistant: Joyce Willis

Executive: Malone Cobb

CE Board: Freddy Beem

Youth Camp: Roger Raper

Doug Dickey

Credentials: Ron Edgill

Visitors: Bro. Doug Dickey, Associate of Florence FWB Church.

The congregation was then led in singing "Jesus Hold my Hand", with special music by Emily Powers, "He Is Here".

Bro. Taylor asked Rick Cash to give a Youth Camp Report. Increase in attendance at camps. Still owe about \$20,000 on items. Had some good times, with many decisions this year. Report approved.

Just before our morning devotion Wayne Wilson led in prayer. The devotion for the day was by Tim Smith. His text was taken from II Peter 1:13. We need to be stirred up for God. We jump up and down when something happens on the TV, but let it happen in the church and we don't get excited. In today's time we need to realize that the end of the game is near. It is like the bottom of the ninth with two out. Don't let the perfect pitch go by, we need to go down swinging. Need to get out and proclaim the gospel of Christ. We need a renewing and a refreshing of God's Holy Spirit. Need to give God our lemons and let him make the lemonade just right. God can and will lead you by light during the dark times and shade us during the light times. The church may be reaching out, but the world is going out further. The greatest thing we can do is tell someone else about Christ. We need to walk the walk and not just talk the talk. We need to exercise the deeds and not just the doctrine. We as believers have got to do something, Christ died for us, we need to do something for Him. Closed in prayer, with a short intermission.

The meeting resumed with the Business Session:

Credentials report:- Jerry White

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

1a. No letter recieved from Florence.

2. Upon request from the churches in the Association, we recommend that a card of good standing be given to all ministers and deacons.

3. Upon request from Russellville FWB Church, we have examined Bro. Tim Smith, and recommend that he be given a license to preach for one year.

Respectfully submitted: Rick Powers, Jimmy Fuller, Jerry White.

Motion made, second, and carried to accept all items.

Information given on the Pastor's/Worker's conference. The meeting will be February 13-15, at Eastside FWB Church in Dothan, AL. State Meeting will be Nov. 10-11, at South Highland.

Obituary report: Jerry Vess

We the members of the Obituary committee would like to recognize the passing of of the following brothers and sisters from the following churches listed below:

Cordova:

Opal Nichols

Ethel Savage

Grant Fields

Claudie Kitchens

George Kelly

Bridle Kitchens

Lovelle Short

Margaret Witulsky

Fayette:

Robble Kenedy

Harmony:

Methel Campbell

C.L. Denhim

Dennis Wilson

Russellville:

Blanche Mitchell

Opal Hulsey

Jasper:

Ed Voss

Sulphur Springs:

Mary Jane Davis

South Highland:

L.C. Harris

Townley:

Hazel Tittle

Tracy Howard

A time of silent prayer was observed with a closing prayer by Malone Cobb.

Temperance committee: Dickey Anderson

We the Temperance committee recommend the following:

1. That we as individual Christians and cooperate FWB's live lives worthy of the gospel of Christ. This entails dedication, committment, and faithfulness to the cause of Christ. For the glory of God and for the good of His church.

2. That we challenge and encourage one another to faithfulness to the cause of Christ, obedience to His Word, and submission to one another.

3. That we as FWB abide by the teaching and the doctrine of the FWB Treatise.

Respectfully submitted: Roy Goolsby, Jerry Strickland, Dickey Anderson.

Motion made to accept.

Resolutions committee: Rick Cash

Whereas there is a need to involve our churches in supporting our denomination causes. Therefore be it resolved that:

1. We adopt The Together Way plan as our sources of giving.

2. All the churches of the association be urged to give to the Together Way plan.

Respectfully submitted: Rick Cash, J.D. Norris, Wayne Wilson.

Motion made to accept.

Appreciation committee:

We the Appreciation committee wish to express our thanks to you for all the many provisions you have made for us. The good fellowship of Christians, the singing, the message, and also the good meal we are anticipating. Most of all we appreciate the presence of the Holy Spirit with us today.

Respectfully submitted: Joyce Willis, Barbara South, Doris Kimbrough.

Motion made to accept.

Executive committee report:

given by Moderator Duane Taylor.

Motion made to accept the recommendations as given.

Motion made to put all names and addresses of ordained ministers in the minutes and send a schedule to each one each meeting time. There was a second and approved by the body.

Auditing report: Jimmy Fuller

We the Auditing committee have examined the books for the Progressive Association and Camp Proyuka, and found them to be in order. Respectfully submitted: Jimmy Fuller, Edwin Kimbrough, Jack Willis.

See following pages for a complete financial report.

Alabama State Missions Report:

"Spring into Missions"

Missions project: do what we can to raise money for Fred Jones missionary to the city of Prattville, a new work that is just being opened.

Up coming meetings: Feb. Russellville
Aug. To be announced.

State Meeting Delegates: Power given to Moderator to appoint at meeting. With no other business the Business Meeting was closed.

Our special speaker for the day was Bro. Doug Dickey, new associate at the Florence FWB Church. Before the message, Roy Goolsby sang a special entitled "Thank you Lord for giving your Life". Doug's message was "Reactions", everything dosen't all seem to be what they look like. Reactions are very important especially as leaders. When people become involved in things, we sometimes speculate, we condemn, we have a real concern. It is easy for us to react in the wrong way. Let your love be without hyprocisy. Phil. 2:1-5 gives a true picture of leaders in Christ. Don't be a cheap imitation, be genuine. We have a great responsibility.

1. Moses saw a need - took things into his own hands. We get busy doing the work and forget the one we are working for. Prov. 21; Matt. 26:33; I Cor. 10:12. Need to listen to God's word. We make mistakes by our own stupidity, and try to get out by our own.

2. Moses profited from failures: Ex. 3:11, a wise man learns from mistakes of others. Failures point out our own limitations. Matt. 9:10; Lk. 9:49-50; Phil. 1:16-18.

3. Moses recognized his commission from God. Ex. 7; obedience brought about confidence. Deut. 5:29, selective obedience is only convenience obedience. We need to be quick to obey God. We need to make a die-hart decision before anything ever happens.

4. Moses endured all perseverance: Ex. 16:1-12. During Moses time of leading the children of Israel, there are at least 8 times that murmuring is mentioned. Moses only lost control of himself one time even under the problems he was dealing with. Sometimes we become blinded by the circumstances and give up to easy.

5. Moses had a tender heart. Moses asked to have his name blotted out before the peoples names were. Need to realize the things that are important. Got to have the right attitude in all things. Message was closed in prayer.

Bro. Taylor gave some closing thoughts concerning what was preached upon. Discussion was then brought up concerning the up coming Pastors/Workers Conference. Motion made and carried that if funds permitted, the Association would give \$500.00. Information was also given concerning the upcoming Benjamin Randall Offering. Mentioned the Harmony FWB will be in revival in the up coming week.

Rick Powers then gave some final instructions concerning the lunch hour and what to do. The final Adjournment prayer as well as the blessing was offered by Mark Cash.

Total Attendance: 50 people

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1993 - 1994
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AT AUGUST 20, 1994

BALANCE - AUGUST 21, 1993 ----- \$1,884.24

RECEIPTS FOR 1993 - 94:

Dues & Offering ----- \$1,703.00

Entry Fees From District Competition - 646.00

\$2,349.00

\$4,233.24

EXPENDITURES:

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

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

Stamps, Telephone & Supplies ----- 83.10

Alabama State Association Dues 93 --- 480.00

Alabama State Association Dues 94 --- 800.00

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

Honorarium ----- Fred Jones ----- 50.00

Honorarium ----- Norman McFall ----- 50.00

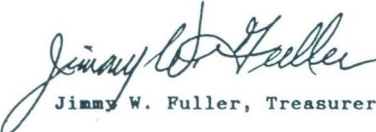
State C.T.S. Entry Fees ----- 474.00

C.T.S. Awards For District ----- 140.16

2,877.26

ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 20, 1994

\$1,355.98
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Jimmy W. Fuller, Treasurer

CAMP PROYUKA REPORT 1994

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Balance Brought Forward.....	\$3,355.59
Received from 1994 Camp Sessions	
TEEN WEEK.....	\$3,090.00
76 CAMPERS @ \$40	
2 CAMPERS @ \$10	
2 CAMPERS @ \$15	
7 Non - paying Campers	
JUNIOR WEEK.....	\$5,570.00
137 CAMPERS @ \$40	
3 CAMPERS @ \$30	
8 Non - Paying Campers	
Offering.....	\$95.15
Interest.....	<u>\$37.76</u>
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$8,792.91
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR.....	\$12,148.50

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Wood Fruitticher Institutional Foods.....	\$2,723.24
Trinity Camp (Rent, Lifeguard, Ins., etc.).....	\$2,295.00
Trinity Camp (Water-Slide Payment).....	\$2,000.00
Fence.....	\$417.85
Rick Bowling - Teen Camp Evangelist.....	\$325.00
Danny Williams - Junior Camp Evangelist.....	\$325.00
Travel Expense.....	\$10.00
Recreational Supplies.....	\$169.30
Miscellaneous Groceries.....	\$264.31
Hardins - Bread Products.....	\$158.03
Miscellaneous Expense.....	\$256.10
Sports Inc - Trophies.....	<u>\$29.96</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$8,973.79
REMAINING BALANCE AUGUST 20, 1994.....	\$3,174.71

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

JUNIOR CAMP	
Total Campers Including Workers & Children.....	182
148 Campers	
34 Workers	
Total Decisions	51
27 Saved	
23 Rededication	
1 Answered The Call To Preach	
TEEN CAMP	
Total Campers Including Workers.....	105
87 Campers	
18 Workers	
Total Decisions	70
3 Saved	
60 Rededications	
3 Answered The Call To Preach	
2 Answered The Call To Missions	
5 Answered The Call To Full Time Service	

PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEETING
RUSSELLVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 5, 1994

The Progressive District Woman's Auxillary Convention was called to order by the president, Barbara South. Opening prayer was given by Bro. Jerry Strickland. Joyce Willis, Harmony Church, led singing of "My Jesus, I Love Thee". Vada Landers, Harmony, played the piano.

Clara Cobb of our host church welcomed us. Laura Hollingshead, Northport Church, gave the response. A time of prayer was observed in memory of LaVell Short, Cordova, and Mrs. Methyl Campbell, Harmony. Prayer by Laura Hollingshead.

The devotion was given by Carolyn Bowers, Northport, on "Spring Cleaning". Psalms 5:10.

Visitors were welcomed and ministers recognized. The roll call and seating of delegates followed. The reading of the treasurers report and minutes of prior meeting were given. Minutes and treasurers report were approved as read.

The appointment of committees are as follows:

REGISTRATION: Janice Burcham, Elree Randolph

CREDENTIALS: Dorothy Kimbrough, Betty Sargent, Jo Proctor

FINANCE: Wilma Davis, Clara Cobb, Bobbi Carter

RESOLUTION: Carolyn Bowers, Doris Kimbrough, Sandra Strickland

APPRECIATION: Robbie Gurganus, Theo Kuykendall

NOMINATION: Laura Hollingshead, Allecia Phenicle, Uleen Lowry

Our guest speaker was Fred Jones, Home Missionary in Alabama. Bro. Jones' wife, Barbara, also spoke to us giving her view-point on their mission work.

After a delicious meal, our sessions resumed with singing "Victory in Jesus" led by Clara Cobb; Allecia Phenicle played the piano.

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

REGISTRATION: We the registration committee wish to report the following in attendance: Delegates - 14; Visitors - 18; Ministers - 4. Total - 36. Janice Burcham & Elree Randolph.

CREDENTIALS: We the credentials committee examined the following Auxiliary reports and found them correct: Cordova, Harmony, Jasper, Northport, Pleasant Grove, Russellville, Sulphur Springs, with no reports from Townley and Fayette. Dorothy Kimbrough, Jo Proctor, Betty Sargent.

FINANCE: We the finance committee have examined the treasurer's report and found it in order. There were two churches that did not report. Wilma Davis, Clara Cobb, Bobbi Carter.

RESOLUTION: 1. Be it resolved that the secretary send each local president a list of the district officers names, addresses, and phone numbers to encourage better communication for auxiliary members and officers.

2. Be it resolved that a news letter be sent to each local president after the National meeting in July of the next years events, meetings, and projects, along with an update on National and State WNAC.

3. Be it resolved that each local auxilliary encourage better attendance to District, State, and National Auxilliaries meetings. Suggestions and ideas may be submitted to the District Officers. Carolyn Bowers, Sandra Strickland, Doris Kimbrough.

APPRECIATION: We the appreciation committee wish to express our thanks to the Russellville Church for hosting the meeting and for their warm hospitality and the delicious meal. The wonderful devotion and special music blessed each of us. The challenge given to us on prayer by Bro. and Sis. Jones was such an inspiration to all. Thanks to God most of all for His many blessings manifested to us by the wonderful day He had given us. Robble Gurganus, Theo Kuykendall.

NOMINATION: we the nominating committee submit the following slate of officers:

Clara Cobb: President

Carolyn Bowers: Vice President

Barbara South: Sec/Treas.

Bobbi Carter: Assistant Sec/Treas.

Betty Sargent: Field Worker

The slate of officers was voted on and accepted as there were no nominations from the floor.

Delegates to the State meeting will be appointed at Springfield FWB Church, Vernon, May 7, 1994, at 9:00 a.m.

Northport will host our meeting in 1995.

There being no further business, we adjourned in prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Clara Cobb, Acting Secretary.

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 fo 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.

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 of called conference provided a quorum is present, said quorum being seven members or more.

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

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

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

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

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

RULES FOR PREACHERS & DEACONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



