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1997 Session Fayette Free Will Baptist Church August 16, 1997



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PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION BI-ANNUAL MEETING SOUTH HIGHLAND FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA FEBRUARY 17, 1996

Service began with special music by the host church choir: Majesty. Worship Him, Heavenly Love, Sheltered in the Arms of God, & His Grace is Sufficent. The congreation was then led in singing Wonderful Grace of Jesus by Bro. Tommy Bee. The welcome was given by Bro. T.O. Lundy of South Highland, with the response given by Bro. Tim Smith of Russellville. The Progressive Association was then called into secession by the clerk with the seating of the delegates. The following committiees were appointed by the Moderator for the day:

Resolutions: Cliff Holland, Phillp Wright, & John Reed.

Appreciation: Jane Jackson, Mrs. Reed, & Barbara South.

The following visitors were recognized:
Brian Welch: Pastor - Victory FWB Church
Tim Baungarten: Pastor - Fayette FWB Church
Dennis Haygood: Missionary - Huntsville
Bill Evans: Missions Director - National
Richard Cordell: Promotional Director
Alabama

Tommy Lewis: Pastor - Praise FWB Church
Phil Kimbrough: Pastor - Russellville FWB
Church

The service continued with the congreation sining Victory in Jesus. The special music was by Tammy Taylor, "Come Home". The devotion was given by Bro. Wayne Wilson, pastor of the Harmony FWB Church. His text was taken from II Cor. 2:12-17.

In the ministry there are times of great joy as well as great heartache. Bro. Wayne gave a brief summary of a letter that a minister wrote to a missionary friend about why he was quitting the ministry. Because of

discouragement he gave up the work and threw in the towel.

Paul wrote that he was distressed because of the church at Corinth. Paul loved these people, but because of the sin of the people, he was broken hearted. The people accused him of many wrong things, and most of the people believed it.

Paul later wrote in II Cor. II that the cares of the church was on him greater than physical perscutation. Paul was so discouraged that he could not preach at Troas, but he had to deal with it and overcome. Paul used the illustration of a Roman parade after a great battle had been won. God reminded David of where he was when God found him. He was out following the sheep in the fields. We may suffer some defeats, and get battered around, but if we stand fast, we can overcome.

After taking a short break, the day continued with the business secession.

Bro. Richard Cordell - State Promotion Director - gave a report of what was going on in the state. Stated that there were many projects in the works. Also mentioned that the churches in the state needed to get behind our new mission works.

Bro. Bill Evans - Board of Retirement - presented information concerning Free Will Baptist Bible College, and what we as FWB can do to help support the college in the future.

Bro. Dennis Haygood missionary to South Huntsville gave a report of what is happening in the area. Still out on depetation raising funds for the work. Have a good location for the church with many prospects. Bro. Dennis asked that we pray for finances and for workers.

Bro. Taylor continued with information concerning the annual Alabama Home Missions

"Spring into Missions" theme. Encouraged all the pastors and churches to do what we could to raise money for the missionaries.

Other information given was concerning the youth camp. March 23, 1996 at 5:00 p.m. there was to be a steak supper at Trinity Youth Camp for all pastors and wives. Youth retreats would be March 25-27 with Bro. Frank Owens, and March 28-29 with Bro. Nate Ange.

Appreciation Committee: read by Bro. Taylor We the Appreciation Committee wish to thank the South Highland FWB Church for the warm welcome and sweet hospitality shown to the Progressive Assoc. today. We especially appreciate the sweet spirit and the wonderful, special music.

In anticipation of the wonderful meal, we say thanks for all your effort!

God bless: Barbara South, Ann Reed, and Jane

CTS report: Bro. Wayne Wilson stated that District would be April 22 at the Northport FWB Church.

Credentials Report: given by Bro. Wayne Wilson.

We the Credentials Committee recommend the following:

- 1. That a license to preach be extended for 1 year from date of Feb. 17, 1996 for Bro. Anthony McGuire.
- 2. Bro. Tim Baumgarten be accepted as minister in good standing upon receipt of letter from the Cahaba River Assoc. of FWB to pastor the Fayette FWB Church.
- 3. Bro. Tommy Lewis be accepted into the Progressive Assoc. upon letter of good standing from South Georgia Assoc. of FWB to pastor Praise FWB Church, Tuscaloosa.
- 4. Bro. Phillip Kimbrough be received into the Progressive Assoc., as pastor of the

First FWB Church of Russellville - letter of good standing has been received from the Jasper Assoc.

- 5. Bro. Tony Tilley be recieved into the Progressive Assoc., from the Mt. Morlah Assoc. of FWB, and that credentials be received favorably letter is in hand.
- 6. Bro. John Reed be received into the fellowship of the Progressive Assoc., a letter of good standing has been received from the Vernon Assoc., to pastor the Sulphur Springs FWB Church.
- 7. That the candidates for licensery and/or ordination sent completed "type written" questionaire to the Association clerk, and that copies will be forwared to members of the Credentials Committee at least one week prior to the next scheduled Association meeting.
- 8. That church clerks record and send appropriate fees for the meeting to which they are reporting:
 February meeting dues are \$60.00 total August meeting dues are \$.50 per active member.
- 9. That Bro. Jared Higginbotham submit written questionaire for ordination and meet with the Executive Committee for final approval. Request is made by Cordova FWB Church for ordaining said candidate for pastorate.

Respectfully submitted by members of the Credentials Committee: Jimmy W. Fuller, Richard Anderson, Ron Edgil, Wayne Wilson.

There were no resolutions given at the meeting.

The service continued with special music by Tammy Taylor, "When Jesus Passes By". The speaker for the day was Bro. Tim Baumgarten pastor of the Fayette FWB Church. His text

was taken from Jude 3-10. "A call for contendors". Not everything that has the name of Christ is Christlike. The Idea of contendors sounded like a character of the O.T. We have allowed to much to go on instead of following the Biblical principles. Things we have to contend with:

1. Contend against False Prophets - Taking the grace of God and turning it into the lust of the flesh. v.4, Matt. 24:11

Differance between false & true, I Tim 6:3-8.

a. consent not to wholesome words.

b. consent not to doctrine according to godliness.

c. spirit of pride follows.

d. believing the blessings of the Lord are material.

Contend against skeptics - Rom. 1:20.
 filthy dreamers, defile the flesh, despise dominion, speak evil of digmities.

I Tim. 6:20-21 - false science

1I Peter 3 - scoffers will be willingly
ingorant - dumb on purpose

If we believe allthe theories that have been made up this world would be in a greater mess.

3. Contend against lukewarm - backslidden Christians. These people are a thorn in the flesh and doing their best to lead the church astray. These people seem to be the squeakest wheel.

We need some men and women who will stand against all the problems that are out there. Closed in prayer. An invitation was given at the close of the service.

Lunch was served by the host church following the close of the service.

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH NORTHPORT, ALABAMA AUGUST 17, 1996

The day began with special music by the host church being led by Bro. Tim Smith. The congreation was then led in three choruses by Bro. Tim. The welcome was given by Bro. Richard Bowers, with the response by Bro. Duane Taylor. The meeting was called to order by the clerk with the seating of delegates. The Moderator then appointed the following committees.

Credentials: Richard Anderson, Jimmy Fuller, Ron Edgil, Wayne Wilson, and Winford Russell. Temperance: Phil Kimbrough, Harold Fretwell, Darrell Quails.

Appreciation: Allecia Phenicie, Mrs. Randloph, Evie Kemp.

Obituary: John Reed, Charles Hollingshead, Tommy Lewis.

Audit: Jimmy Fuller, Jared Higginbothom.

Resolutions: Tim Baumgraten, Tim Smith, Richard Bowers.

The clerk then read the following recommendation from the Executive Board. We the Executive Board make the following recommendations to the Progressive Association of FWB.:

1. Nominations for officers -

Officers -

Moderator: Rev. Duane Taylor to replace Rev. Duane Taylor.

Assistant: Rev. Wayne Wilson to replace Rev. Wayne Wilson

Clerk: Bro. Michael A. Phenicie to repalce Bro. Michael A. Phenicie

Assistant: Rev. Tim Baumgarten to replace

Rev. J.D. Norris

Treasurer: Sis. Allecia Phenicie to replace Bro. Jimmy Fuller

Assistant: Mrs. Joyce Willis to replace Mrs. Joyce Willis

Executive Committee -

Rev. John Reed to replace Rev. John Reed: Three year term

Rev. Jerry Sanford to replace Rev. Jerry Sanford: Two year term

Rev. Cliff Holland to replace Rev. Cliff Holland: One year term

Credentials Committee -

Bro. Jack Willis to replace Bro. Winford Russell - Five year term

Children's Home Board -

Rev. John Reed to replace Rev. John Reed

Christian Education Board -

Rev. Scott Nicholson to replace Rev. Freddy Beem - Three year term

Rev. Greg Smith to repalce Greg Smith - Five year term.

Trinity Youth Camp -

Bro. Gary Wilson to repalce Rev. Roger Raper One year term

Rev. Greg Smith to replace Rev. Greg Smith - Three year term

- 2. The Executive Committee met on March 15, 1996 for the purpose of examining Rev. Jared L. Higginbotham into the ministry. The Executive Committee voted to allow him to be ordained at the Cordova Free Will Baptist Church. The ordination charge and time of ordination will be as Bro. Higginbotham chooses and as is convenient to the church.
- 3. Also at this meeting we had received a letter from the Tidewater Association for a letter of good standing for Rev. J.D. Norris. The Executive committee voted to grant this request.
- Bro. Taylor recognized the following visitors: Bro. Rich Cash, Trinity Youth Camp, Bro. Crawford, FWBBC, Bro.Richard Cordell, State Promotion, Bro. Dennis Haygood, Home Missionary, Members of the Gray's Chapel FWB Church.
- Bro. Rick gave a report concerning the good things happening at the camp. Mentioned that the camp was in the black financially, but still needed our continual support. Bro. Rick also mentioned the upcoming projects and camps.
- Bro. Crawford gave a report concerning FWBBC. The enrollment is approx. 357. Presented an overview of the new campus and told where the project stood. The land is paid for, but money is needed to start building.

The service continued with the Northport Trio singing "Jesus Cares for You". Our morning devotion was given by Bro. Scott Nicholson. His text was taken from Job 13:15. Job has had everything taken away and in the lowest pits of despair. Job said no matter what happened he would still cleave to God. Job's faith was great even though all was taken. The reason people are defeated is because we do not put our trust in him. God does not need better methods, but better men and women. We need to learn to put our complete trust in Him. A black evangelist found the

real truth of trusting God when he preached his wife's funeral. Abraham and Sarah had to learn how to trust God. Winners never quit and quitters never win. All of us may have trials and tribulations, but we just need to learn to just trust in Him. Isa. 40:31. Closed in prayer.

After a short break the day continued with the business secession. Bro. Cordell gave a brief report concerning his work as Promotional Director around the state. Things seemed to be going well, but stated that some churches were having problems finding pastors. Was mentioned that there will be a pastor's retreat at Forrestdale Sept. 9 - 10.

The report of the Executive Committee was then read again to the body. A motion to accept report as read was made and seconded. The motion was then approved by the body.

Information concerning the State Meeting. Delegates to the 1996 Alabama State Assoc. of FWB Nov. 7&8 will be Charles and Rhea Fowler.

The Progressive Assoc. will meet in the following places for 1997: Feb. 15, 1997 - Russellville FWB Church Aug. 16, 1997 - Fayette FWB Church

Temperance Report: We as the Temperance Committee recommend the following:

-That we might earnestly do our best to set an example as Christian workers. As the Bible says in the Gospel of John, "the word became flesh and dwelt among us".

-That when we live the word, the word becomes flesh among a wicked and perverse world who needs Christ.

Respectfully submitted: Phil Kimbrough, Harold Fretwell, Daryl Qualls Motion made to accept, second, & approved.

Appreciation Report: We the Appreciation Committee wish to thank the Northport FWB Church for the use of their beautiful facilities during the Annual meeting of the

Progressive Assoc. We thank the Lord for safety of travel, the good fellowship, and encouraging messages. We also thank the Northport FWB Church for their preparations for this meeting and for the delicious meal of which we will partake.

Respectfully submitted: Allecia Phenicie, Elree Randolph, Evie B. Kemp Motion made to accept, second, & approved.

Resolution Report: We the resolutions committee recommend that we give the speaker Bro. Dennis Haygood, our missionary to South Huntsville, an honorium of \$75.00 Respectfully submitted: Richard Bowers, Tim Smith, Tim Baumgarten.

Motion made to accept, second, & approved.

Obituary Report: We your Obituary Committee respectfully submit the following report of those within our fellowship who have departed to be with the Lord during this past year.

Russellville: Richard McGee Rowe Borden

Jasper Aubrey Roser

Townley:
Joe T. Amerson
Lorene Mitchell

Northport:
Jim Davis
Rev. Harold Pitts
X.L. Truhett
Flecher Collins
Ethel Collins
Sara Nell Galloway

Cordova:
Leslie Carter
Tharmar Page
Hattie Aldridge
Ruby Ingram
John Freeman

Fayette: Amanda Locke Fred Ham

Sulphur Springs: Wiley Hudson Blanche Jones

South Highland: Louie Dawson

Respectfully submitted: John Reed, Tommy Lewis, Charles Hollingshead.

The Credentials and Auditing committees gave their reports later. The service continued with special music by the Northport Quartet, "At the Name of Jesus". Our special speaker

for the day was Bro. Dennis Haygood, missionary to South Huntsville. After mentioning the special needs of the area, and what they were looking for in the area of land and needs, Bro. Dennis asked the pastor's to put him on church prayer list, and also help with financial support.

Bro. Dennis text was taken from II Tim. 4:1-8, "The Time has Come".

The time has already come when people turn away from the truth. The time is here when people would rather listen to fables and myths..

The reason being is that people Just don't know the word of God. It is sad when we as Christians know so little of the Bible. We are open prey to the false teachers that want ot come in.

Acts 17:11-12 - The people here searched the scriptures. They heard and went and looked to see if what Paul was preaching added up and was consistent.

The time has come when there is becoming a great apostasy but Biblical preaching must still be declared. II Tim. 3:15 - All of God's word is profitable. Satan does not want us to preach the gosped and tries to compromise the gospel. WHY??

- 1. When the gospel is preached and received, lost men & women are saved
- 2. When the gospel is preached and received, churches can experience revival and groweth. God will give revival if we ask for it. Revival is a reality if we seek it and believe.
- 3. When the gospel is preached and received, Christians will live Godly lifestyles. Paul said we need men who will preach the word of God faithfully.

When the Word of God is preached it will bring:

1. Conviction: The heart will be reproved - stirred, got the attention. When the Holy Spirit comes, He puts us under pressure. Messages we preach or teach should be aimed at the heart. Hearts need a strong dose of the word of God. Young people don't understand and comprehend right from wrong.

The gospel need to be preached stronger, harder, and more direct.

- 2. Caution: The heart will be rebuked have a sharp word of warning. Will tell what will happen according to the word of God. People feel they can do anything they want to and feel no harm or consquences. People would like to go to church and feel no hassle or pressure. Nothing will stop the problems man causes except God. Teens especially need to know the consequences of sin from the Word of God.
- 3. Comfort: The heart will be exhorted urged encouraged. We don't always know what people are expericing, but God does. Instead of trying to philosophize, give them the word of God.

To many times in todays society Biblical preaching is denied and rejected. Modern society wants something that makes them feel good. Something that will get them by. The time has come to preach the WORD and be faithful. Closed in prayer.

Bro. Taylor then called on Bro. Wayne Wilson to come and read the Credentials report. We the Credentials Committee make the following recommendations:

- 1. We have examined the letters (in hand) of the churches of the Progressive Assoc. and find that they are in order.
- 2. We have examined Bro. W.H. Cordill and recommend he be ordained by his home church, Dovertown FWB Church, as a deacon.
- 3. We have examined Bro. Jackie Pounders for licensure to preach the Gospel for 1 (one) year from this date of Aug. 17, 1996, and recommend him to the Progressive Assoc.
- 4. We recommend a letter of good standing be granted to Bro. Roger Raper in the First Colorado District Assoc.

- 5. We recomend that the Gray's Chapel FWB Church be received as a member church in the Progressive Assoc.
- 6. We recommend that Bro. Jeff King be accepted as a minister in good standing pending a letter of good standing from the Saline Assoc. in Arkansas.
- 7. We recommend that the following preacher's license be renewed for the period of one year by the Assoc. Joel Borden, Tim Smith, and Kevin Hester from the Russellville FWB Church.

Respectfully submitted: Winford Russell, Wayne Wilson, Richard G. Anderson, Ron Edgil, and Jimmy Fuller.

Motion made to accept all recommendations as read, second, and approved.

Auditing report: We the auditing committee have examined the records of the Progressive Assoc. and the Trinty Youth Camp and find them in order.

Respectfully submitted: Jimmy Fuller and Jared Higginbotham

Motion made to accept, second, and approved.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR 1995 - 1996

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT AUGUST 17, 1996

BALANCE - AUGUST 19, 1995		\$1,238.06
RECEIPTS FOR 1995 - 1996: Dues & Offerings	\$2,102.50	
Entry Fees For District Competition	_701.00	2,803.50
EXPENDITURES:		
Duane Taylor, Moderator	\$ 100.00	
Michael Phenicie, Clerk	200.00	
Stamps, Telephone	48.10	
Alabama State Association Dues 96	800.00	
Mid South Pastors Workers Conf	250.00	
Camp Proyuka	250.00	
State C. T. S. Entry Fees	513.00	
C. T. S. Awards For District Competition		
C. T. S. Competition Kits	22.95	(S2.331.20)

ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 17, 1996

Treasurer,

Jimmy W. Fuller

\$1,710,36

	9/1/95-		
Category Description	8/16/96		
INFLOWS			
AL C.E. Board		200.00	
AL Missions:			
AL State Assoc	50.00		
Belk FWB	141.39		
Brilliant FWB	25.00		
Cedrom Grove	47.32		
Cooper FWB	29.05		
Free Water FWB	40.00		
Liberty FWB J	60.00		
Mt. Olive FWB	1,093.00		
Total AL Missions		1.485.76	
AL State:			
Belk	152.31		
Brilliant	160.32		
Cedrom Gove	55.00		
Cooper	109.94		
Florence	125.00		
Forestdale	70.00		
Free Water	20.00		
Howard Grove	60.00		
	725.00		
Liberty J Macedonia	15.00		
Mt. Olive	1,165.00		
Pocahontas	247.56		
South Highland	750.00		
Springfield V	250.00		
Union Chapel V	25.00		
WNAC Tn	5.00		
Total AL State		3,935.13	
Amory FWB		341.58	
Beaverton FWB		250.00	
Beginning Bal		2.075.77	
Beginning Bal S		174.19	
Belk FWB		738.77	
Brilliant FWB		150.00	
Camp Fees		33.859.16	
Camp offerings		499.85	
Camp Rental		4,709.00	
Christian FWB		91.00	
Cooper FWB		95.00	
Cordova FWB		25.00	
Cornerstone		100.00	
Faith FWB Ad		96.00	
Fayette FWB		5.025.52	
Florence FWB		547.64	
Forestdale FWB		665.00	
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Free W Chapel		470.44	
Free Water FWB		668.00	
Gateway FWB		351.00	
General Ins.		352.00	
Grace FWB		250.00	
Guin FWB		145.00	
Haven FWB		200.00	
Immanuel FWB		200.00	
Individuals		10,427.68	
Int Inc		220.94	
Jasper Assc.		1,162.31	

Category Description	9/1/95- 8/16/96
Jasper FWB	1,799.46
Landmark FWB	116.02
Liberty FWB Ja	1,000.00
Love Joy FWB	203.50
Macedonia FWB	15.00
Madison FWB	200.00
Martin Hill FWB	100.79
Mt. Harmony FWB	1,495.00
Mt. Olive FWB	755.00
Mt. Pleasant	218.00
New Cent Pt.	504.35
New Liberty FWB	50.00
Northport FWB	1,258.00
Other (Timber)	1,461.75
Pearl FWB	1,000.00
Pearl SS Class	72.00
Piney Grove FWB	4,071.00
Pocahontas FWB	874.44
Prattville FWB	296.00
Progressive As.	4,752.55
Red Bay FWB	1,355.61
Shady Grove FWB	916.62
Snack Shop	7,570.84
South Highland	
The state of the s	276.25
Springfield	210.48
Sulligent FWB	1,170.00
Sulphur Springs	100.00
Union Chapel J	321.00
Union Chapel V	275.00
Vernon FWB	926.18
Winfield FWB WNAC Tn.	5,536.84 34.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	108,447.42
DUTFLOWS	
Advertisment	594.32
Bank Chrg	
Board	68.19 31.03
Bonus	
Bus. Insurance	500.00
C.D.	5,536.00
Clean Supplies	0.00
Concessions	270.44
Construction	4,509.06
	15,979.58
Equipment Food	4,085.49
	11,840.75
Honorarium	4,655.00
Insurance	1,200.00
Life Guard	1,100.00
Loan	5,710.67
love offering	276.85
Medical	78.82
Misc	70.28
Office	464.99
Paper Supplies	2,452.59
Pool	1,148.73
Postage	466.37
Program	633.99
Recreation	811.71

Category Description	9/1/95- 8/16/96	
Repairs-Upkeep Retirement	4,489.05 1,000.00	
Salary	17,200.00	
Tax: Soc Sec	1,500.00	
Total Tax Telephone	1,500,00 1,402.31	
Travel-Evg.	2,110.19 821.91	
Utilities:	6,922.20	
Gas Trash	1,134.69 24.00	
Water	1,891.70	
Total Utilities Wages	9,972.59 4,000.00	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	104,980.91	
OVERALL TOTAL	3,466.51	
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Fund Balances 9/1/95 Through 8/16/96

	Class Description		9/1/95- 8/16/96	
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1	Building Fund		-740.54	
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(OVERALL TOTAL		3,466.51	

ATTENDANCE	SAVED	PREACH	MISSIONS	REDED
82	5	3	2	20
120	4	1		31
60	7			42
114	8			20
46	7			14
71	10	1	1	31
105	4	1	2	47
598	45	6	5	205

PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEETING First Free Will Baptist Church, Jasper, AL March 2, 1996

The Progressive District Woman's Auxiliary Convention was called to order by Vice President, Carolyn Bowers. She led in prayer followed by reading Eph. 4:11-13.

Allecia Phenicie, Jasper, led singing "Victory in Jesus". Betty Sargent, Jasper, then led in prayer.

We were welcomed by the Jasper Church. Allecia Phenicie welcomed members, delegates, and visitors.

Jane Jackson, Russellville, brought our devotion, "Heart Problems". After information on heart problems, she sighted "Spiritial Heart Problems", are the number one cause of sin, Romans 3:23 and that Christ, our Great Physician has the remedy for the fearful heart, prideful heart, troubled heart. If we but ask, He will give us a new heart. She closed with prayer.

Everyone enjoyed and was blessed by the special music brought to by Patty Simpson, Sulphur Springs, "The Unseen Hand".

Barbara South, secretary - treasurer, read the minutes of the 1995 meeting and gave a treasurer's report. The reports were approved as read.

Laura Hollingshead led our prayer as we honored the following deceased members: Lovelle Short, Cordova; Sara Nell Galloway, Northport; Blanche Jones, Sulphur Springs.

Delegates to the State Meeting, May 4, 1996, at Unity FWB Church, Sylacauga, are as follows:

Sulphur Springs: Patty Simpson, Ann Reed Florence: Louise Jones, Helen Holland

Harmony: Barbara South, Phyllis Burcham Jasper: Allecia Phenicie, Louise Haynes Northport: Wilma Davis, Billie Jean Herring Cordova: Annie Lois Burnett, Evie Kemp Russellville: Jane Jackson, Elree Randolph

Vice President, Carolyn Bowers, appointed the following committees:
Credentials: Barbara South, Annie Lois Burnett, Louise Jones, Rick Gilliam.
Registration: Allecia Phenicie, Vera Woods, Mattie Reece
Finance: Betty Sargent, Celia Yerby, Laura Hollingshead
Resolutions & Nominations: Jane Jackson, Lawanda Williamson, Sandra Atchenson, Wilma Davis, Patty Simpson.

It was suggested that we have a special offering for Roger Raper, missionary to Fort Collins, Colorado. The motion was made to this effect. It was second and carried.

We had a break during which committees met. Following our break, Northport presented us with a very interesting program, "Patterned for Service".

After a delicious lunch, our secession resumed with committee reports as follows:

- -Credentials: We the credentials committee examined the following reports and have found them correct. Cordova, Florence, Harmony, Jasper, Northport, Russellville, and Sulphur Springs. No reports from from Fayette, Pleasant Grove, and Townley. Annie Lois Burnett, Louise Jones, Rick Gilliam, Barbara South.
- Registration: We the registration committee wish to report an attendance of 27. Allecia Phenicie, Vera Woods, Mattie Reese.
- -Finance: We the finance committee have examined the financial report and find it in order. Fayedde, Pleasant Grove, and Townley did not report. Betty Sargent, Cella Yerby, Laura Hollingshead.

-Resolution - Nomination: 1. Be it resolved that we continue to encourage attendance and participation in local, district, state, and national auxiliary meetings and functions.

2. We nominate as President, Louise Lones, Florence; Vice President, Allecia Phenicie, Jasper: Sec/Treas, Barbara South, Harmony; Field Worker, Annie Loise Burnett, Cordova. Patty Simpson, Lawanda Williamson, Sandra Atchenson, Wilma Davis, Jane Jackson.

Each report was approved as read. The slate of officers was accepted.

The meeting in 1997 will be in Russellville at the Golden Coral Restaurent. The Russellville Church will host.

There being no further business, we adjourned in prayer.

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Respectfully submitted,
Barbara South
Sec/Treasurer

CONSTITUTION

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

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

ARTICLE 3: This association shall adopt 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 chruch 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 1,2,3 years eash whose duties shall be to act in behalf of the Association when said Association is not in regular secession. Minimum of four (4) members must be present to constitute a guorum. The Executive committee shall be allowed to examine pastors, associates, and deacons that need to be ordained when the association is not in secession. Item 2: This Association shall elect a Credentials committee composed of five (5) members, three (3) ordained ministers and two (2) deacons, who shall be elected to start with as 1 for 5 year term, 1 for 4 year term, 1 for 3 year term, 1 for 2 year term, and 1 for 1 year term. Then hereafter elected one each year. Their duty shall be to approve all church letters and applications for membership of both churches and ministers, examining, ordaining, or approving the ordination of all ministers or deacons and make a report of the same to the body.

Item 3: This Association shall elect a Board of Christian Education. This Board shall be composed of five (5) members to serve on a rotating basis with the term of one member to expire each year. A chairman shall be elected each year by this board immediately after the Annual Association meeting. 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, 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 meeting 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: The 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 of 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 mojority vote.

ARTICLE 11: Item 1: That each chruch 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 the 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 and 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 excluded by the ordaaining council.

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

- 1. Call the church to order.
- 2. Call for peace of the church.
- 3. Opportunity for membership.
- 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 Jesus 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 convenant.

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

	Pastor
standing as such. We commendto the fellowship of God's people, and is this day and is privileged to unite with any other evaluations.	y dismissed from the church
Baptist Church at	, in good
is a regular member of the	Free Will
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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.

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 he 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.



