

***PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF
ALABAMA***

***MINUTES OF THE
1998 SESSIONS***

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1997

***FIRST FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTHPORT, AL
AUGUST 15, 1998***



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1998-1999**

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Jim Thompson
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Allen Morgan
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Doug Galloway

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Doug Dickey	-	Florence	
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Roger Raper	-	Jasper	- Home Missionary
Charles Hollingshead	-	Northport	
Tony Tilley	-	Northport	
Hershel Beard	-	Russellville	

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION BI-ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH – RUSSELLVILLE, AL
FEBRUARY 15, 1997**

The service began with the congregation singing "Send The Light". Opening prayer by Bro. Randy Key with special music by Kristy McKinis of Russellville, singing "Amazing Grace" and Mrs. Tyree singing "Arise & Worship The Messiah". After this all the pastors were asked to stand to be recognized because of some new pastors in the area. The welcome was given by Bro. Phil Kimbrough, with the response by Bro. Charles Fowler. The reading of the delegates by the clerk, with the vote to accept the seats as read.

Bro. Taylor then appointed the following committees to serve for the day. Resolution: Bro. Tim Baungarten, Bro. Tommy Bee, Bro. Jerry Strickland. Appreciation: Sis. Joyce Willis, Sis. Rhea Fowler, Sis. Evelyn Bevis. The following visitors were recognized: Bro. Rick Cash and Bro. Van Dale Hudson.

Bro. Rick gave the Trinity Youth Camp report. He mentioned that he had been the full time director 18 months and was still doing well. His proposed budget for the year is \$122,000. Items that are still being worked on is the office area and the evangelist quarters. At the Valentine Banquet there were 181 in attendance. There are numerous camps, retreats, and conferences being planned at the camp. Through the camp many lives and homes are being reached. Please continue to pray. Up coming events: March 15 – Annual Steak Supper at 5:00 p.m. March 21-22 – Pastor's Wives Retreat with Sandy Hudson, March 31 – April 2 and April 3 – 5 AEA Spring Retreats. Information folders are now ready for summer camps.

The service continued with the congregation singing "When We All Get To Heaven". Prayer by Bro. Tommy Bee. The devotion brought by Bo. Duane Taylor. First he gave some information concerning the Alabama Home Missions Program and Churches. May 1 set aside for the Prattville work and June 1 for the South Huntsville work. Gave a challenge to churches to use the Spring into Missions theme to raise money for the works. All money would be divided as follows: 35% to Fred Jones and building fund, 35% to help Dennis Haygood get started, and 30% for administrative needs. Bro. Taylor mentioned that the churches that raise over \$1,000.00 the pastor would go to Lake Guntersville for a weekend. It was mentioned that in the last few years,

the churches have been lax in raising money for the home mission works. If the churches of Alabama don't support these works no one else will. Closed in prayer, with intermission after the prayer.

The day continued with the business session being opened with singing "Follow On". Resolution Committee: We the Resolution Committee recommend that we give speaker Bro. VanDale Hudson an honorarium of \$75.00. We also recommend due to the surplus of the general funds and the obvious needs presented, that we give the Alabama Spring Into Missions Promotion \$350.00, Trinity Camp \$350.00, and the Alabama State Promotional office \$100.00. Respectfully submitted: Tim Baumgarten, Tommy Bee, and Jerry Strickland. Motion made, seconded and approved. Appreciation Committee: We the Appreciation Committee: appreciate the warm welcome, the special music, the wonderful spirit, and are looking forward to the message by Brother VanDale Hudson. We are also looking forward to the wonderful meal we will be partaking of at the noon hour. Respectfully submitted: Rhea Fowler, Evelyn Bevis, and Joyce Willis. Motion made to accept.

Brother Tom Malone presented information concerning the Bible College, and asked that the churches take up a love offering by May 31 to help in some of the upcoming expenses. Brother Fred Warner presented information concerning FWB Foreign Missions. Stated that April was Missions month. April 27 is the Laura Bell Barnard World Missions Offering day.

The Credentials Committee report was given by Wayne Wilson and read as follows: We the Credentials Committee recommend the following:

1. That Gray's Chapel be granted permission to host the Association meeting in February, 1998 or August 1998
2. The Rev. Hershel Beard be granted a card of good standing in the Progressive Association. Pending a letter of good standing from the Jasper Association. He has united with the First FWB Church of Russellville.
3. That upon request of the First FWB Church of Florence, Brother Tony McGuire license to preach be renewed for another year by the Association.
4. That all the church letters is accepted.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that all items be accepted as read. Report respectfully submitted by: Jimmy Fuller, Dickie Anderson, Ron Edgil, and Wayne Wilson.

The Executive Committee made the following recommendation: Upon the request of the First FWB Church of Russellville, we recommend that Brother Tim Smith be ordained to preach the Gospel. Respectfully submitted: Duane Taylor, Wayne Wilson, Jerry Sanford, and Cliff Holland. This done Nov. 4, 1996.

Brother Wilson announced that CTS District Competition would be April 26, 9:30 a.m. at the Florence Church. It was also mentioned that the Russellville Master's Men would be sponsoring a Golf Tournament April 12 to help raise money for CTS.

Our service continued with Sister Jane Jackson singing "Look Unto The Hills", followed by Brother Carl Cook doing "The Lord's Prayer" in sign language. Brother Beard opened in prayer before the message. Our speaker for the day was Evangelist Van Dale Hudson. Many times God puts us in places or positions so that we can present the gospel. Folks out in the world are waiting for us to take the gospel to them. People will change their minds and hearts concerning Heaven & Hell if we just tell them. Brother Hudson's opening text was found in Matthew 24:1ff.

Significant signs of Jesus' soon return. The temple was destroyed and dismantled by the Romans in A. D. 70. Jews were crucified on trees until no trees were left. As we approach the year 2000, both Christians and the secular world feel we are on the verge of something happening. For the believer the coming of Jesus is our blessed hope in a time of the cold war.

There are 3 significant signs pointing to the Second Coming:

1. Militant Sodomy: Luke 17:22ff – The days will be as it was in Lot's days living in Sodom. The homosexuals look to President Clinton as a great friend and leader. The time has come when groups like Disney hire large numbers of homosexuals to work in their organization.

2. Medicine Resistance Sickness: (a) AIDS – becoming the leading cause of death. Reported an estimated 1 million Americans have AIDS. With 60% of these found in the homosexual community. It Take 4-10 years to show up and about 18 months to kill. It is a curse from a Holy God upon an immoral world. Gal. 6:8. The only cure is a purging fire of God. (b) Emboli – The virtual and complete melt down of the human body.
3. Middle East Conflict – On going problem between Israel and Arabs. Ps. 83:4 Though the Arabs have conflicts among themselves, they still have a common enemy and that is Israel. Islamic belief is that total destruction of Israel is the best. Ezekiel 38-39 states that God will destroy the Arabs in the Holy Land on behalf of Israel. Brother Hudson stated he feels America will not be a factor unless God intervenes. Brother Hudson closed his message in prayer.

After prayer, we were given instructions concerning the noon meal, then dismissed to enjoy the food and fellowship.

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH – FAYETTE, AL
AUGUST 16, 1997**

Service began with an opening song of "To God Be The Glory", with special music performed by the Church instruments. Opening prayer offered by Brother Danny Dwyer. The welcome was given by Brother Tim Baumgarten with the response by Brother Phil Kimbrough. The clerk with the seating of the delegates, which were approved, called the association into session. Brother Taylor recognized the following visitors: Roger Bennett, Alan Austin, John Warren, Kevin Taylor, Danny Dwyer, Conrad Willford, Jim Youngblood.

Brother Dennis Haygood missionary to South Huntsville was present and gave short presentation of his future plans. The first service to be held on September 7. They had been able to secure a building that would meet the needs of the church. The church will be presently located on Memorial Park. Still have some major needs to help get things going better.

Brother Scott Nicholson continued the service by singing "Without Him I Could Do Nothing". Brother Jeff King brought the devotion for the day. His text was taken from Luke 2:40-50. Jesus Christ is so much to us! The scriptures give little insight of the life of Jesus from birth to 12 years old, and then 12-30 years old, but does show a glimpse of just what He is thinking about. Jesus and His family had gone to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. Families traveled together for company and security.

Joseph and Mary supposed Jesus was among the families upon returning home from the feast. At times we suppose that Jesus is among us and He may not be. We don't plan on it, but it happens. Just as Joseph and Mary returned and sought Him, we to need to turn about face and seek Him, and put Jesus back into everything we do. Brother Jeff closed in prayer.

The following Committee was appointed by the moderator for the day:

Obituary: Phil Kimbrough, John Reed, Tommy Lewis.

Temperance: Jerry Strickland, Jeff King, Don Holden

Audit: Allecia Phenicie, Charles Fowler, and Jack Willis

Resolution: Jared Higginbotham, Danny Dwyer, and T. O. Lundy

Appreciation: Elree Randolph, Debra Hallman, and Barbara South

We were then dismissed for a short intermission.

The service continued with the following reports from the committees.

Audit report presented by Allecia Phenicie (see statement).

Appreciation: Deborah Hallman – We the Appreciation Committee wish to thank the Fayette First Free Will Baptist Church for the use of their beautiful facilities during the annual meeting of the Progressive Association. We thank the Lord for our safety of travel, the good fellowship, and the encouraging messages. We also thank the Fayette Free Will Baptist Church for their preparations for this meeting and for the delicious meal of which we will partake. Respectfully submitted: Elree Randolph, Barbara South, Deborah Hallman.

Resolution: Jared Higginbotham – We the Resolution Committee resolve that (1) Where as Brother Dennis Haygood is beginning the work in South Huntsville, we give the offering today to Brother Dennis in support of the work. (2) Where as Brother Kevin Taylor is our guest speaker today, we give a \$50.00 honorarium to him. Respectfully submitted: Jared Higginbotham, Danny Dwyer, and T. O. Lundy.

Temperance: Jerry Strickland – We as the Temperance Committee recommend the following: That we will aggressively do our part to be an example as Christian Witnesses. That we set ourselves apart as the Bible teaches to be Christ like. That the word be revealed in us each day, acknowledging Christ in a wicked and perverse world. Respectfully submitted: Jerry Strickland, Jeff King, and Donald Holden.

Obituary: Phil Kimbrough – The following is a list of saints who have gone on to be with the Lord in 1997:

Russellville: Oree Blythe, Ruby Tharp
Fayette: Evelyn Nichols
Praise: Peggy Patton
Cordova: Herman Taft
Dovertown: Lera Sargent, L. B. Foster, Ernest (Joe) Hyche
Harmony: Gladys Jeffreys, Joe Waldrep
Florence: Collman Burnett, Lloyd Burfield, Wilburn Parrish
Sulphur Springs: Rachel Moore, Clista Keller

Respectfully submitted: Phil Kimbrough, John Reed, and Joe Waldrep
We had a time of silence to remember these, then a prayer led by John Reed.

Executive: Duane Taylor – We the Executive Board make the following recommendations to the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptist having met on June 10, 1997.

Nomination for officers as follows:

Moderator: Rev. Wayne Wilson to replace Rev. Duane Taylor
Assistant: Rev. Danny Dwyer to replace Rev. Wayne Wilson
Clerk: Brother Michael Phenicie to replace self
Assistant: Rev. Jared Higginbotham to replace Rev. Tim Baumgarten
Treasurer: Sister Allecia Phenicie to replace self
Assistant: Sister Joyce Willis to replace self
Executive: Rev. Cliff Holland to replace self – 3-year term.
Credentials: Rev. Tommy Lewis to replace Rev. Richard Anderson – 5 year term
Rev. Tim Baumgarten to replace Rev. Wayne Wilson – 1 year term

Christian Ed. Board: Rev. Wayne Wilson to replace self – 5 year term

Trinity Youth Camp: Rev. Tim Baumgarten to replace Rev. Doug Dickey – 1 year term

Brother Gary Wilson to replace self – 3 year term

Children's Home Board: Rev. John Reed to replace self

We the Executive Committee recommend that Rev. D. L. Dwyer be received into the fellowship of the Progressive Association. A letter of good standing has been received from the church he pastored in North Carolina, the Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Sharpsburg, NC.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Duane Taylor, Rev. Wayne Wilson, Rev. Tim Baumgarten, and Rev. Cliff Holland
Delegates to the State meeting were appointed as follows:
Charles Fowler, Rhea Fowler, Barbara Taylor

Credentials: We the credentials make the following recommendations to the Progressive Association:

1. We have examined the letter from the churches in the Progressive Association and have found them to be in order.
2. We request that Jimmy Youngblood be accepted into the Progressive Association as a minister pending a letter of Standing form the Cahaba Valley Association
3. We request That Roger Bennett be accepted into the Progressive Association as a minister pending a letter of Good standing from the South Central Association in Illinois.
4. We request that Alan Austin be accepted into the Progressive Association as a minister pending a letter of good standing from Salem Association in Florida.
5. We request that Kevin Hester, member of First Free Will Baptist Church in Russellville, have his license to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ extended for another year.
6. We request that Joe Moddox, of First Free Will Baptist Church of Fayette, be given a license to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ for the period of one year.
7. The Executive Committee met with Rev. Danny Dwyer and approved his entering the Progressive Association as an ordained minister in good standing.
8. We move that the February, 1998 meeting be held at Gray's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

9. Rev. Richard Anderson asks to have a letter of good standing sent to North Quarterly in TN.

Respectfully submitted: Wayne Wilson, Richard Anderson, Jack Willis and Jimmy Fuller.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve and accept all committee reports as read.

Pastors Retreat – Sept. 22-24, Trinity Youth Camp, speakers will be Trymon Messer and Fred Warner

Mentioned that the work in Prattville doing well, Brother Fred is doing work on the building.

Camp report given by Brother Dennis Haygood for Brother Cash who was in revival.

A special offering was taken up for the work in South Huntsville.

Just before the message Gentry Wheat sang “The Power Of His Blood”. Brother Kevin Taylor, pastor of the Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Reform, AL was our keynote speaker. His text was taken from Acts 14:1-7. “A message from the past for today!” This is a picture of the church of past and today. Men here did not apologize for teaching the truth. As long as we stay faithful and true to God, He will provide.

1. The word of God is real – II Timothy 4:2, preach the gospel. The word of God has not changed over the years. God is not interested in our abilities but our availability.
2. Satan’s methods of penetration – people of today don’t want to hear the hard preaching. Matthew 10:16. No matter what happens show the people the love of God. “Be wise as servants and harmless as doves!” When the word of God is preached, the real and counterfeits will be seen. Many times we forget who the enemy is.
3. Soldiers methods of persistence – I Cor. 15-58. It is easy to quit instead of going on. When we do things, it must be done

in the power of God. In order to do, we must be willing to exhort and encourage. Prov. 3:5 & 6 applies to all no matter.

4. Serpents means of destroying – II Cor. 4:8-10. No matter our trust should not be in the things of the world, but of God!
5. Savior's method of protection – Salvation and prayer.
6. Strong morale lesson of perseverance – God will always have a place for us to serve if we will let Him work! Our churches want what THEY LIKE instead of what God wants.

Service was closed in prayer with the noon prayer and other announcements. Our next meeting will be at the Gray's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on February 21, 1998.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR 1996-1997
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AT AUGUST 16, 1997

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Balance – August 17, 1996

\$1,710.36

RECEIPTS FOR 1996-1997

Dues and Offerings	\$1,973.00
Entry Fees for District Competition	<u>\$ 670.00</u>

\$2,643.00

EXPENDITURES:

Duane Taylor, Moderator	\$ 100.00
Michael Phenicie, Clerk	\$ 200.00
Stamps, Telephone	\$ 54.88
Alabama State Assoc. Dues	\$ 850.00
Trinity Camp	\$ 350.00
Spring Into Missions	\$ 350.00
Alabama State Promotional Office	\$ 100.00
Dennis Haygood	\$ 75.00
VanDale Hudson	\$ 75.00
CTS Competition Awards	\$ 105.84
CTS Competition Kits	\$ 46.09
Judges of CTS Competition	\$ 150.00
State CTS Entry Fees	\$ 415.00
Wal-Mart for Attache Case, Clerk	\$ 26.96
Harland Checks, New Account	<u>\$ 45.46</u>

\$2,944.23

ENDING BALANCE 8-7-97

\$1,409.13

CASH FLOW REPORT
9/1/96 THROUGH 8/14/97

9/1/96-8/14/97

Category Description

INFLOWS

AL State	
Brilliant	\$ 228.45
Cave Springs	\$ 96.76
Cedar Creek	\$ 100.00
Cedrom Grove	\$ 297.17
Cooper	\$ 256.46
Ebernezer	\$ 250.00
Forestdale	\$ 325.00
Liberty J	\$ 624.00
Madison FWB	\$ 200.00
Mt. Olive	\$ 1,360.00
Pocahontas	\$ 811.32
South Highland	\$ 1,025.00
Springfield V.	\$ 765.30
Vernon FWB	\$ 803.54
 Total AL State	 \$ 7,143.00
Amory FWB	\$ 563.68
Belk FWB	\$ 745.80
Bethel Montv.	\$ 225.00
Camp Fees	\$28,682.85
Camp Offerings	\$ 301.25
Camp Rental	\$ 6,740.63
Cave Springs	\$ 74.00
Community FWB	\$ 289.70
Cooper FWB	\$ 221.90
Davis Chapel	\$ 200.00
Dovertown FWB	\$ 138.00
Faith FWB Ad	\$ 82.96
Fayette FWB	\$ 4,974.90
Florence FWB	\$ 150.00
Forestdale FWB	\$ 461.00
Free W Chapel	\$ 891.16
Free Water FWB	\$ 775.52
Freedom Baptist	\$ 150.00
Gateway FWB	\$ 862.64
Hamilton FWB	\$ 566.34
Individuals	\$ 4,158.37
Jasper Assoc.	\$ 647.62

CASH FLOW REPORT
9/1/96-8/14/97

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Camp Checking

Category Description

Jasper FWB	\$ 1,340.02
Landmark FWB	\$ 462.00
Lighthouse Bapt.	\$ 500.00
Macedonia FWB	\$ 79.00
Madison FWB	\$ 400.00
Mt. Harmony FWB	\$ 692.84
Mt. Olive FWB	\$ 142.00
Mt. Pleasant	\$ 200.00
Mt. Willing FWB	\$ 500.00
New Cent Pt.	\$ 737.94
New Liberty FWB	\$1,775.00
Northport FWB	\$ 40.00
Other Inc.	\$ 361.00
Ozark FWB	\$ 253.01
Piney Grove FWB	\$2,295.00
Pocahontas FWB	\$ 76.12
Prattville FWB	\$ 200.00
Progressive Assoc.	\$ 350.00
Red Bay FWB	\$1,227.36
Russellville	\$ 637.00
Shady Grove FWB	\$ 941.36
Snack Shop	\$7,921.57
Soul's Harbor	\$ 38.00
Splunge FWB	\$ 78.00
Springfield	\$ 100.00
Sulligent FWB	\$7,297.50
Sulligent Lo TN	\$ 75.00
Sulphur Springs	\$ 300.00
Teen III	\$ 175.00
Union Chapel J	\$ 225.00
Union Chapel V	\$ 300.00
Vernon FWB	\$1,609.90
Winfield FWB	\$5,201.93
WNAC Tn.	<u>\$ 199.00</u>

TOTAL INFLOWS

\$95,776.87

OUTFLOWS

Advertisement	\$ 691.75
Board	\$ 26.88
Bus Insurance	\$ 5,760.00
Cleaning Supplies	\$ 267.60
Concessions	\$ 3,758.87
Construction	\$ 7,352.26
Equipment	\$ 252.76
Food	\$12,053.71
Fuel	\$ 39.50
Honorarium	\$ 4,500.00
Insurance	\$ 1,275.55
Life Guard	\$ 1,050.00
Loan	\$ 3,752.00
Love Offering	\$ 301.25
Medical	\$ 34.48
Misc	\$ 1,055.53
Office	\$ 475.25
Paper Supplies	\$ 2,902.15
Pool	\$ 1,282.98
Postage	\$ 599.29
Program	\$ 551.95
Recreation	\$ 664.48
Repair-Upkeep	\$ 6,988.78
Retirement	\$ 1,700.00
Salary	\$21,325.00
Scholarship	\$ 1,500.00

Tax:

Soc Sec \$ 2,000.00

Total Tax	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone	\$ 1,467.73
Travel	\$ 2,146.53
Travel Evg.	\$ 580.00

Utilities:

Electric	\$ 7,499.62
Gas	\$ 974.44
Trash	\$ 171.00
Water	\$ <u>1,193.79</u>

CASH FLOW REPORT**9/1/96 Through 8/14/97****8/14/97****Camp Checking**

Total Utilities \$9,838.85
 Wages \$3,375.00
 Outflows other \$.00

Total Outflows \$99,570.13

Overall Total \$ -3,793.26

9/1/96 Beginning Balance \$ 4,741.72

8/14/97 Ending Balance \$ 948.46

CAMP	ATTENDANCE	SAVED	PREACH	MISSIONS	REDED	FULL TIME
TEEN I	46	2			30	
JUNIOR I	60	14			16	
TEEN II	80	1	2			14
JUNIOR II	77	12			14	
JUNIOR III	60				15	
JUNIOR IV	50	8			20	
TEEN III	146	8	3	1	80	14
TOTAL	519	45	5	1	175	28

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION BI-ANNUAL MEETING
GRAY'S CHAPEL FWB CHURCH, FLORENCE, AL
FEBRUARY 21, 1998**

Our service began with special music from the host church. The congregation was then led in singing "To God Be The Glory". The welcome was given by Bro. Jeff King pastor of Gray's Chapel with the response given by Bro. Duane Taylor. The Clerk Called the meeting to order with the seating of delegates. Our moderator then appointed the following committees for the day. Resolution: Duane Taylor, James Dorroh, Billy Cusborn. Appreciation: Joyce Willis, Barbara Taylor, Barbara South. Credentials: Ron Edgil, Tommy Bee, Jeff King, Tommy Lewis.

The choir from Gray's Chapel presented special music just before our devotion. Roger Bennett minister and worker from Eldridge FWB Children's Home gave the devotion for the day. His text was taken from Gen. 1:1-31. God said and it was so. This phrase mentioned 6 times in chapter 1. God also stated that what He had created "It was good". What God made and placed here in creation it was the very best, as stated in verse 31. God loved us enough that He sent His Son to die upon the cross to save us from our sins and give us cleansing, and it was good. Brother Roger closed prayer. After prayer the association was dismissed for a short intermission.

The association was brought back into session with some piano music as well as a congregation song. It was announced that the Ladies Auxiliary District Meeting would be March 7, 1998 at Russellville. The committee reports were given as follows:

Resolution Committee: Brother Duane Taylor

- (1) We recommend that we divide the offering today between the South Huntsville "Southpark FWB Church" and the Promotional Office of the State of Alabama.
- (2) Due to the fact that we have \$1,200.00 in the Progressive Association account, we recommend we give \$100.00 to the Prattville work; \$100.00 to the South Huntsville work; \$100.00 to Trinity Youth Camp; and \$100.00 to the promotional Office

Respectfully submitted: Duane Taylor, James W. Dorroh, and Billy Cusborn.

It was announced that District CTS Competition would be April 25, 9:00 a.m. at Florence Church. Acts 1:8 Plan: 42 churches have contributed. Asked to go back to our churches and promote the plan to buy shares to help raise money for missions still needed to support mission workers who are from our state.

Trinity Youth Camp information presented. There is a Pastor's Retreat planned, summer youth camp weeks are set with speakers, and also the annual Spring Break retreat is set. Bro. Rick Cash is now wearing two hats, Trinity Youth Camp Director and the Alabama State Promotional Director. Brother Rick mentioned that Roll Call Sunday is Sunday, March 29, and would need to call. It was also mentioned that the Spring Into Missions campaign is coming up and needed some support.

Appreciation Committee: Mrs. Joyce Willis

We the Appreciation Committee would like to express our appreciation to the Gray's Chapel Church for hosting our biannual meeting. The music has been inspiring and a great blessing to our hearts. We are looking forward to the message of the day from Brother Danny Dwyer. We are also looking forward to our noonday meal and fellowship with your people. Respectfully submitted: Barbara South, Barbara Taylor, Joyce Willis, Chairman.

Our annual meeting for August will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Northport. Just before the main message a special offering was taken with the money going to the South Huntsville work and the Promotional Office.

The service continued with special music from the host church. Our keynote speaker for the day was Brother Danny Dwyer, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence. His text was taken from I Timothy 1:1-20. Paul uses 3 blessings here: grace, mercy, peace. The substance of the message is the burden. Today is the time when we need to have life at the top. In all aspects we are dying from the top down. Paul gives some remedies.

- (1) Recipient of letter: Timothy
Paul reaped what a godly mother and grandmother started. Timothy was Paul's son in the faith. A leader of the early church. We are today charged to pass on what we know in the faith.
- (2) Residence of the Letter: Ephesus.
According to Acts 19 Paul charged Timothy to be careful. The city was known for numerous problems. Place for confusion: Disciples who knew only of the work of John the Baptist. Place known for numerous diseases. Place known for being a stronghold of Satan. Place known for moral depravity. Here Timothy was trying to live in a place where there was no thought of the true God.

In I Timothy 3, Paul tells of what we need to do to continue in the faith. In many places, it is presented that if we don't go to the "Spiritual Mecca" we are not spiritual at all. The scripture teaches that our local church is the place to go for the uplifting. The very best place for us to go is the word of God. We cannot minister life if we are dying ourselves.

Paul points Timothy to the vital aspects that are needed. The teaching of sound doctrine. The message of the church of today is clear, but we need to beware of things. (a) Solomon's warning: Vain Jangling - Getting away from God's doctrine and not following principles diligently. (b) Paul's own personal message/testimony. How we believe ought to affect how we behave. God in His infinite mercy spared Paul for a work. Don't stray from the sound truth of the gospel of God. Years ago people were labeled according to how close they wanted to get to God. Today it is based on

doctrine. (c) Possible results of rejecting the word of God. Verse 20 shows examples of true apostates. These men had been given up because of rejection. We as FWB have been pushed away from our true beliefs, and not really preaching the true word of God. When we cease to be different we become bland. We must be on guard of this. (d) What is Paul admonishing? Personal duty to the word and watch for potential disaster.

(3) We are to echo to others the word of God. There is a shipwreck today that is just as disastrous as that of the Titanic. This is our own lives without God. Brother Dwyer closed in prayer. Gray's Chapel then closed with "Crucified with Christ, Yet I Live".

Before being dismissed for the day and the noon meal, the Credentials Report was given by Brother Tommy Bee.

1. We move to receive Brother Brian Kesterson into the Progressive Association.
2. We move to accept the letter of resignation from Jimmy W. Fuller from the Credentials Committee.
3. We received a letter requesting a license to preach from Tim Sharitt from the Cordova Church. We move to continue this matter at the August meeting contingent upon completion of the license questionnaire for pastoral candidate.
4. We move that the license to preach for Tony McGuire be renewed for one year.
5. We recommend that Brother Edward Jean be ordained as a deacon by the Doovertown FWB Church.
6. We move to accept the letter of good standing for Rev. Jimmy Youngblood.
7. We move to accept all church letters.

Respectfully submitted: Tommy Bee, Jeff King, Tommy Lewis, and Ron Edgil

Brother Jeff King, host pastor, gave instructions concerning the meal then asked the blessing on the food, as well as gave the dismissal prayer.

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTHPORT, ALABAMA
AUGUST 15, 1998

Our service began with music by the organ and piano followed with congregation singing "Jesus Lifted Me, and Just Because He Lives". Brother Greg Smith led the opening prayer. Our special music by Greg Smith singing "It Is Well". Brother Bowers gave the welcome, with the response by Brother Strickland. Our meeting was then called to order by the clerk with seating of delegates. The delegates were approved as listed by churches. The moderator then appointed the following to serve on committees:

Credentials Committee: Brother Duane Taylor

Resolution Committee: Jerry Strickland, Phil Kimbrough, Harold Fretwell

Appreciation: Mrs. Elree Randolph, Mrs. Youngblood, and Mrs. Kimbrough.

Auditing: Allecia Phenicie, John Reed, Hared Higginbotham

Obituary: Richard Bowers, Brian Kesterson, Charles Hollingshead

The moderator then recognized the following visitors: Jerry Smith, Tabernacle FWB Church, Mt. Moriah Association, Rick Cash, Promotional Director & Trinity Youth Camp Director.

The service continued with Angie Kimbrough singing "Live In the Light". Brother Jared Higginbotham gave our devotion for the day, pastor of the Cordova FWB Church. His text was taken from Mark 13:35-37. Jesus made a profound statement here that we are to watch. We are living in dark and sinful times. The times are going to grow dramatically worse. Satan wants us to fall under his spell and allow him to work his mischief. He wants us to fall asleep. Jonah fell asleep and was caught in the storm. The five foolish virgins fell asleep and missed the bridegroom coming.

1. We must be awake because we live in sinful times Psalms 19:15. When we do relax and drift off into sleep we become slothful. We must proclaim the gospel.

2. We must be active. It is not the entire job of the pastor to reach the lost. It is our responsibility as believers. We must come together as one and do the work. It is time to be active and faithful (II Timothy 4). Paul was a good example. A contrast of Demas who left the faith for the pleasures of the world. Must be active in firmness. Daniel and 3 friends were good examples (Acts 20:24). We need to be firm in the doctrine of the Bible.

Brother Jared closed in prayer, which was followed by a short intermission.

The day continued with the instruments playing to bring everyone back in. Our business session continued with the various committees reading their reports.

Executive Committee: Brother Wayne Wilson
We the Executive Committee make the following recommendations to the Progressive Association for nomination of officers for the 1998-99 year.

Moderator: Wayne Wilson to replace Wayne Wilson
Assistant: Danny Dwyer to replace Danny Dwyer
Clerk: Michael Phenicie to replace Michael Phenicie
Assistant: Jared Higginbotham to replace Jared Higginbotham
Treasurer: Allecia Phenicie to replace Allecia Phenicie
Assistant: Joyce Willis to replace Joyce Willis

Executive Committee

Jared Higginbotham to replace Cliff Holland (2 year term)
Phil Kimbrough to replace Jerry Sanford (3 year term)

Credentials Committee

Tim Baumgarten to replace Tim Baumgarten (5 year term)
James W. Dorroh to replace Jimmy Fuller (2 year term)

Christian Education Board

Doug Dickey to replace Wayne Wilson (4 year term)
Brian Kesterson to replace Scott Nicholson (1 year term)
Daryl Kimbrough to fill vacant spot (5 year term)

Trinity Youth Camp Board

Duane Taylor to replace Gary Wilson for 3 year term
Tim Baumgarten to replace Tim Baumgarten for 2 year term

FWE Children's Home Board Member

John Reed to replace John Reed

This done in a special called meeting July 29, 1998.
Respectfully submitted: Wayne Wilson, Danny Dwyer, John
Reed, Michael Phenicie, and Allecia Phenicie

Motion made, second, and approved as read.

Appreciation: Mrs. Doris Kimbrough
We the Appreciation Committee would like to thank the
Northport Free Will Baptist Church for the use of the
church and the warm welcome we have received. "We have
been blessed by the music and messages. A special thanks
to the ladies for the food that we will be parking of."
Respectfully submitted: Betty Youngblood, Elree Randolph,
Doris Kimbrough.

Resolution: Brother Jerry Strickland
We the resolution committee recommend that \$300.00 be
given to the Alabama State Promotion Office. That
\$100.00 each is given to Fred Jones and Dennis Haygood to
support there missions work. That \$100.00 is given to
the Trinity Youth Camp. We also recommend that prayerful
support be given to these works and the men behind them.
Respectfully submitted: Jerry Strickland, Harold
Fretwell, and Phil Kimbrough.

Financial: Sister Allecia Phenicie
We the Financial Committee find the Progressive
Association account complete and in order.
Respectfully submitted: Allecia Phenicie, John Reed, and
Jared Higginbotham.

Obituary: Brother Charles Hollingshead

We the Obituary Committee wish to remember the following saints who have gone on to be with the Lord for this past Year.

Cordova: Ollie Harbinson, Lorene Ryland, Laterina Sanders, Nellie Ivey, Joe Terry, and Annie McClain

Jasper: A. J. Flippo, and Kirby Black

Russellville: Norris Moore, Estelle Balckwell, and Joe Proctor

South Highland: Leetha Louise McCrelless

Northport: Jerry Sargent and Kermit Crawford

Sulphur Springs: May Belle Espy, A. D. Franklin, Olan Krykendall, and Stacie Collins.

Respectfully submitted: Brian Kesterson, Richard Bowers, and Charles Hollingshead

A time of silent prayer was held in honor of these, then brother Wayne offered up prayer.

Trinity Youth Camp: Brother Rick Cash

Brother Rick stated that during the summer each week of camp averaged 98. He gave a list of results for the summer as well as a financial report. See insert. Also mentioned that there is a Men's retreat coming up as well as a fall pastor's retreat in October.

Alabama State Promotion Office: Brother Rick Cash

Stated that things were going well for the year. He was able to get into numerous churches around the state. Gave information concerning the Acts 1:8 plan and how well it was doing. Alabama is ahead in the proposed plan. Alabama did have to pick up support for one of the missionaries because another state was not able to meet their proposal.

Credentials: Brother Duane Taylor

We the Credential Committee make the following recommendations:

1. We request the Association grant Rev. Brain Welch a letter of good standing to the Cahaba River Association. To also state that we regret the delay in sending the letter.

4. We ask the Association to extend for one year the license of Kevin Hester of Russellville FWB Church.
5. We request that all ordained ministers and deacons be given a card of good standing that were requested by their local church.
6. We have examined all letters and find them in order. Townley and Gray's Chapel did not have reports filed at the meeting. We also request that all delegates be seated.
7. We request that the Association grant a license to preach the gospel to Tim Sharitt who is a member of the Cordova FWB Church. This license is for the term of one year.
8. We request that the Association grant a license to preach the gospel to Kris Shoemaker who is a member of the Eldridge FWB Church and also an employee of the Children's Home. This license is for the term of one year.

Respectfully submitted: Duane Taylor, James W. Dorroh, and Hershel Beard.

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

After all the reports were given a special offering was received to go towards the helping of the ministry of the Eldridge FWB Children's Home.

Just before the message of the day the Northport Trio came and sang "Let The Blood Of Calvary Speak For Me".

Our speaker for the day was Brother Rick Cash. His text was taken from Acts 5:32 with the thought being "We are witnesses of these things".

1. Possessions
2. Positions - Wherever we go or whatever we do we are a witness for Christ. People watch us to see how we act, so we better be right with God. Luke 22:56 - Peter is in the outer shadows. A lowly common person comes to Peter and points him out. Peter stated "I don't know Him". The time frame between Acts and Luke is 2 months. Peter's change of mind is a big contrast. Sometimes the environment makes a difference in how we act as Christians.

In Acts 3 Peter and John are going into the temple and are met by the lame beggar. After the meeting the man was changed and he came in leaping and rejoicing and praising God. The religious leaders became upset and put the men into prison and held them overnight. Peter and John were released the next day but not before being threatened and told not to preach in the name of Jesus. Peter knew that if he preached the gospel, his life would be on the line, but that did not stop him from proclaiming the gospel to the lost. The leaders were very determined to stop Peter and keep him quiet. Peter later stands before the highest judicial authority and states that "We ought to obey God rather than man". Peter goes on to state that we are His witnesses. But why the change?

1. The resurrection of Christ.
2. Spiritual feeling that had been repeated Acts 1:8&4:31
3. Set free and re-commissioned - lead out of prison by the angel of God.
4. Simple faith in the word of God.

In Matthew 28 Jesus stated "Go ye therefore and preach the gospel"! How to have revival - have the presence of God. How to have the presence of God - go out and tell.

The service was closed in prayer. Afterwards the final benediction was given with instructions for the noon meal.

Our next meeting will be February 1999 at the South Highland FWB Church in Muscle Shoals.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR 1997-98
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AUGUST 15, 1998

Balance - August 7, 1997	\$1,409.13
Receipts -	
Dues & Offerings	\$2,204.00
Entry Fee for Competition	<u>\$ 575.00</u>
	\$2,779.00
Expenditures -	\$2,524.59
Present Balance -	\$1,663.54

EXPENDITURES:

Duane Taylor, Moderator	\$ 60.00
Wayne Wilson, Moderator	\$ 50.00
Michael Phenicie, Clerk	\$200.00
Kevin Taylor, Speaker	\$ 50.00
Alabama Home Missions	\$462.00
Al State Promotional Office	\$162.00
Trinity Youth Camp	\$100.00
Postage	\$ 32.00
AL State Assoc. Dues	\$850.00
Judges for CTS Competition	\$150.00
CTS Competition Awards	\$ 35.91
CTS Competition Supplies	\$112.68
State CTS Entry Fees	<u>\$260.00</u>

\$2,524.59

Respectfully Submitted:

Allecia E. Phenicie
Treasurer

Cash Flow Report
1/1/98 Through 8/14/98

8/14/98

97 Camp-Checking

Category Description	1/1/98 8/14/98
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INFLOWS

AL State:

Brilliant	\$130.75
Cedrom Grove	\$198.40
Cooper	\$ 94.00
Eldridge	\$ 15.00
First Vernon	\$ 70.41
Forestdale	\$375.00
Free Water	\$ 20.00
Free Will Chapel	\$132.28
Harvest	\$ 10.00
Individual	\$220.00
Jasper Assoc.	\$500.00
Liberty, Guin	\$217.97
Macedonia	\$ 2.00
Mt. Harmony	\$375.00
Mt. Olive	\$805.00
New Center Pt.	\$444.66
Phillips Chapel	\$ 10.00
Pocahontas	\$254.32
Poplar Log	\$ 4.00
Prattville	\$ 21.00
South Highland	\$500.00
Springfield	\$175.00
Tabernacle	\$100.00
Union, Abbeville	\$ 35.00
Winfield FWB	\$1,411.00
WNAC	<u>\$ 32.00</u>

Total AL State

\$ 6,152.79

Amory FWB

\$ 87.63

Belk FWB

\$ 563.75

Calvary Baptist

\$ 500.00

Camp Fees

\$30,887.10

Camp Rental

\$ 4,194.75

Cedrom Grove	\$ 25.00
Citizen's Bank	\$ 37.50
Feyette FWB	\$ 3,366.94
First, Amory	\$ 232.35
First, Guin	\$ 224.71
First, Jasper	\$ 500.45
First, Pearl	\$ 332.73
Frist, Sull	\$ 600.00
First, Vernon	\$ 449.54
Florence FWB	\$ 100.00
Forestdale FWB	\$ 150.00
Free Water FWB	\$ 135.00
Freedom Baptist	\$ 350.00
Free Will Chapel	\$ 273.60
Gateway FWB	\$ 835.04
Hamilton	\$ 110.00
Hilltop FWB	\$ 230.00
Individual	\$ 2,352.95
Insurance Ref.	\$ 2,271.67
Jasper FWB	\$ 481.80
Landmark FWB	\$ 382.05
Mt. Moriah	\$ 50.00
New Center Point	\$ 212.67
New Liberty	\$ 400.00
Piney Grove	\$ 4,980.00
Prattville FWB	\$ 5.00
Progressive Association	\$ 100.00
Red Bay FWB	\$ 948.70
Shady Grove PC	\$ 943.67
Snack Shop	\$ 6,712.13
South Highland	\$ 343.00
Union Chapel J.	\$ 310.00
Vernon FWB	\$ 132.58
Winfield FWB	\$ 175.00
WNAC	\$ 50.00

TOTAL INFLOWS	\$71,190.10
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OUTFLOWS

Advertisement	\$ 648.74
Bank Charge	\$ 28.00
Bus Insurance	\$ 8,133.67
Canteen Cash	\$ 300.00
Cleaning Supplies	\$ 200.81

Concessions		\$ 3,338.46
Construction		\$ 215.44
Equipment		\$ 5,415.25
Food		\$10,921.89
Honorarium		\$ 2,775.00
Lifeguard		\$ 1,300.00
Loan		\$ 1,200.00
Misc.		\$ 432.45
Office		\$ 543.98
Paper Supplies		\$ 2,816.79
Pool Supplies		\$ 998.90
Postage		\$ 420.93
Program		\$ 1,283.92
Recreation		\$ 2,482.46
Repair & Upkeep		\$ 2,994.86
Salary:		
Insurance	\$ 800.00	
Retirement	\$1,350.00	
Social Security	\$ 500.00	
Salary - Other	<u>\$3,150.00</u>	
TOTAL SALARY		\$ 5,800.00
Scholarship		\$ 750.00
Telephone		\$ 1,153.89
Travel		\$ 756.73
Travel - Evg.		\$ 1,261.00
Utilities		
Electric	\$4,873.69	
Garbage	\$ 64.00	
Gas	\$1,006.77	
Water	<u>\$ 891.26</u>	
TOTAL UTILITIES		\$ 6,835.72
Wages:		
Maintenance	\$ 388.00	
Secretary	\$ 519.36	
Staff	<u>\$5,925.00</u>	
TOTAL WAGES		\$ 6,832.36
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		<u>\$69,841.25</u>
ENDING BALANCE		\$ 2,982.95

**PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
RUSSELLVILLE, AL
MARCH 7, 1998**

The Progressive District Woman's Auxiliary Convention was called to order by Vice-President Allecia Phenicie. Laura Hollingshead led in prayer. Congregational singing of "Thank You, Lord" and "Every Day With Jesus" was led by Allecia Phenicie. Luree Mann of the Russellville Auxiliary welcomed us. Response was given by Wilma Davis, Northport Auxiliary. Seating of delegates followed with Allecia Phenicie appointing the following Committees:

Credentials: Jan Duncan, Kim Oliver and Barbara South
Registration: Luree Mann and Elree Randolph
Resolution: Laura Hollingshead, LaWanda Williamson, and Doris Kimbrough
Nomination: Karen Cross, Kristi Ward, Wilma Davis

After congregational singing of "Oh, How I Love Jesus", Ann Reed gave our devotion with thoughts on our life reflecting Jesus using II Cor. 3:18.

Intermission was next at which time committees met. Our business session resumed with committee reports as follows:

Credentials: We the Credentials Committee have examined reports from the following auxiliaries and have found them to be correct. Cordova, Harmony, Jasper, Northport, Russellville and Sulphur Springs
Kim Oliver, Barbara South and Jan Duncan

Registration: We the Registration Committee wish to report the Following in attendance: delegates 12, members 7, Visitors 3, and ministers 1. The total registered was 23.
Elree Randolph and Luree Mann.

Resolution: We resolve to continue to encourage our younger women to join and participate in the Woman's Auxiliary. We resolve to encourage our young people to stay in church and church activities and guard against cults & Satanism. We resolve to encourage our members to support the Acts 1:8 program. Laura Hollingshead, Doris Kimbrough and LaWanda Williamson.

Nomination: We the nomination committee wish to present the Following slate of officers for the years 1998-99:

President – Allecia Phenicie
Vice President – Louise Haynes
Secretary Treasurer – Evelyn Bevis
Assistant Secretary Treasurer – Kristi Ward
Field Worker – Karen Cross

Signed Wilma Davis, Karen Cross, Kristi Ward

The motion was made and seconded to accept each report as read. The slate of officers presented by the nomination committee was passed with 100% vote of approval.

Delegates to the state meeting on May 2, 1998 at the Tabernacle Church, Northport, Alabama was appointed with the balance to be appointed at the meeting:

Northport – Laura Hollingshead and Wilma Davis
Sulphur Springs – LaWanda Williamson, and Ann Reed
Jasper – June Boland and Louise Haynes
Harmony – Barbara South

Karen Cross of Jasper gave a charge to our new officers for 1998-99. Our 1999 meeting will be hosted by Sulphur Springs, the first Saturday in March of 1999.

The following deceased members were honored in silent prayer:

Cordova -- Ollie Harbison

Harmony -- Gladys Jeffreys, Mable Posey, and Dinah Lowry Jones

Sulphur Springs -- Maebelle Espey and Rachel Moore

June Boland closed our silent prayer.

Everyone was blessed by the special music brought to us by Allecia Phenicie as she sang "Lord Of The Harvest".

Carolyn Hendrix, State Officer, spoke to use expressing her feelings and memories of Woman's Auxiliary and mission work. She announced Alabama Woman's Auxiliary Retreat for 1998.

Our guest and speaker, Cathy Corley of Madison, Alabama, who along with her husband Mike, are missionary appointees to Russia. Cathy, a nurse, and Mike have a background of 21 years in the military where Mike was taught the Russian language. We all enjoyed Cathy sharing their personal history with us and how the Lord has worked in their lives. She pointed out that we can be all God wants us to be if we will (1) Know Him (2) Love Him (3) Believe Him (4) Trust Him (5) Obey Him

Our love offering for Cathy and Mike Corley was \$200.00. Our prayers go with them as they are on intenerate now to raise needed funds to reach the mission field in Russia.

Our meeting in 1999 will be at Sulphur Springs Church in Northport.

There being no further business, we adjourned in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara South, Secretary - Treasurer

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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 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 a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer, and three (3) elected members, elected for terms of 1,2,and 3 years 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. The Executive Committee shall be allowed to examine pastors, associates, and deacons that need to be ordained when the association is not in session.

Item (2) This Association shall elect a Credentials Committee composed of five (5) members, three (3) ordained ministers, 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.

Item 4: The activities of this board shall be financed by an entrance fee or offerings as determined needed by the board.

Item 5: 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.

Item 6: 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 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 session, 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 the church letters to the clerk two weeks before each meeting.

ARTICLE 12: This Association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches hearsay, 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 excluded by the ordaining council.

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 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 the 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 to 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 GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. We agree as members of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptist 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 right to drop them according 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 AND DEACONS

10. 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.
11. All preachers shall attend all business meetings unless providentially hindered.
12. 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.
13. All ministers will be required to strictly adhere to the teachings of the Free Will Baptists according to the Articles of Faith.
14. No minister shall speak slanderously or cast personal reflections upon another minister that will hurt his influence or ministerial standing.
15. 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.
16. 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 renewal annually and kept in force until ordination.

8. An applicant for ordination must have carried a license for at least one year immediately preceding 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 I 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.



