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**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION BI-ANNUAL MEETING
SOUTH HIGHLAND FWB CHURCH
MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 20, 1999**

The day began with special music by the host church, South Highland FWB Church. After the special music, congregation was led in a hymn. The welcome was given by Bro. T.O. Lundy with the response given by Bro. Jim Dorroh. Our meeting was then called to order by the Association clerk, Bro. Michael Phenicie. We then had the seating of the Delegates, followed by the appointment of committees by the Moderator, Bro. Wayne Wilson. The committees were as follows:

Resolutions: Jerry Strickland, Phil Kimbrough, Tommy Bee.

Appreciation: Joyce Willis, Sandra Strickland, Shirley Quail.

We also had the following visitors: Bro. Rick Cash - State Promotional Office; Bro. Dennis Haygood - Home Missionary to South Huntsville.

Just before the devotion Bro. Tommy Bee sang "I've Come to Serve You". Our devotion was given by Rev. Ernie Emmons, pastor of the Grace FWB Church. Bro. Ernie began by recalling when he was saved in the church in one of the old Sunday School rooms. He remembered how God had done a wonderful thing that day in his life. His text was taken from Acts 3:1-11; 4:1-22, and Heb. 2:4.

People ought to know that the church is a place to find help. The world has the right to expect help from the child of God. When God moves on the scene, it is evident. Luke writes the account of how the man was crippled. When Peter and John called on the power of God, it says the bones came back together. Not everyone was happy about the miracle. This laid the ground work for the preaching of the resurrection of Christ. The Bible then tells of the audience that Peter and John preached too.

The Sanhedrin had the power and authority to enforce certain laws in the temple. If they thought you were against anything they could condemn you to death. As Peter and John preached, they were watched carefully. At some point, the guards were sent in and the apostles were arrested and taken to jail. As a result, the power of God moved, and many who heard believed and were saved. Peter being filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke with great power and answered the questions put to him. (Matt. 10:19).

Peter spoke boldly, and stated that he was given power and authority to do by Jesus Christ of Nazareth. After being interviewed, the council decided to threaten the apostles, and that they not preach this Jesus. Peter stated that he must obey God rather

than men. The council then released the apostles because they had no further reason to detain them.

After being released, they went back to the house of God and had a prayer meeting. Acts 4:23-37. The people of God came together to surrender to the power of God. Luke

24 tells of Peter wondering at the thing that happened, but 50 days later, Peter realized the power of God. God has a purpose for us, we only have to accept and believe. Bro. Ernie closed his devotion in prayer. Afterwards there was a short intermission.

After the break, the Association was called back for the Business session.

Appreciation : We the Appreciation Committee would like to say "thank - you" for hosting us today. We have enjoyed the good fellowship, the music program, the devotion, and we are looking forward to God's message and the lunch meal that has been prepared. We are excited about God's work among His people. Respectfully submitted: Sandra Strickland, Shirley Quails, and Joyce Willis.

Trinity Youth Camp: Bro. Rick Cash reported that he was seeing good results. Have received \$200,000 on Dec. 24 to go towards the new gym. On March 29-31 to have the Spring Retreat, and on April 9-10 to have a Ladies retreat. Things looking well for the upcoming summer camps.

State Promotion Office: Acts 1:8 Program is doing well according to Bro. Rick Cash. The goal for the year is \$192,000, and the final total on contributions was \$202,592. Because of the giving, 3 missionaries are going to the field in less than 18 months. Because of the giving, Bro. Dave Franks, Jr., is able to go back early and see a woman saved. Through the program money will also be shared by our Home Missionaries.

Also mentioned that on Sept. 25, there will be a "Model Church Seminar", with Stan Toler at the Northport Civic Center.

Christian Ed Board Report: The CTS Competition will be April 24 at Northport. This will be the District level. All interested need to contact Greg Smith, and also contact a FWB Bookstore for a list of rules. Competition will begin at 9:00 a.m. A letter with further details will be sent out at the first of March.

Alabama State Home Missions Report: Report given by Bro. Duane Taylor. He stated that we need to continue to support our missionaries. Dr. Change will be in service with Bro. Randy White April 6, at the Piney Grove FWB Church. Dr. Change is our consultant for the Korean works here in the states.

Our Annual Meeting will be Aug. 21, at the Russellville FWB Church.

Dennis Hayseed stated that work in South Huntsville is progressing slowly. They are gearing up for a promotion in March. Also trying to raise money for land and to build a building. Thus far there has been \$11,000 to come in.

David Potato has a great opportunity in Chicago to buy a facility one mile from where they are at now. It is actually a church building, and they need \$100,000 to secure the building. Building has a large auditorium as well as an educational wing.

Resolutions Committee: We the Resolutions committee recommend that \$150.00 be given to the State Promotion Office. That \$150.00 be given to Bro. Dennis Haygood to support the South Park work. That \$200.00 be given to the Eldridge FWB Children's Home.

We recommend that minutes be printed of the Annual and Bi-Annual and be in the pastor's hands by the end of the Association year.

We recommend that each church take a spiritual stand against the legalization of gambling in our state and determine to vote against any law approving such activities.

Respectfully submitted: Phil Kimbrough, Jerry Strickland, and Tommy Bee.

Following the business meeting, special music was done by Mrs. Duane Taylor. The message was delivered by Bro. Wayne Wilson, pastor of the Harmony FWB Church. His text was taken from Dan. 12:1-4, and Matt. 24:32-42. In 1998 a man wrote 88 reasons why Christ was coming back a certain time. The time came, and still we wait. We know it will be soon when Jesus will come. God said in His word that even the angels do not know the coming. God took the vine and cultivated it in Egypt, then replanted it in Canaan and protected it. The fig tree was cursed, and died in less than 24 hours. In 70 AD, Israel was destroyed and sent to other areas. Israel ceased for a number of years to be a nation except in the heart of God. In 1948, Israel was reinstituted. The church continued during this time to thrive. When you see the fig tree bud, then you will know the time is at hand.

There will be a time when people will turn from God. There will be a world of vast travel, knowledge, pouring out of the Word of God, and there would be a vast mental instability.

Now we are looking at the dawn of a new age, where computers will falter with Y2K and create problems worldwide. People today are using a smart card to do daily business. Don't have to carry money, just use a credit type card to spend money. This

is leading to an implant of a chip to do business. God is calling us to wake-up and get serious. This world thinks that the advancement of technology will be to our best interest. Law has been signed that states a drivers license have all the information about us to do business, and that we will have to have it to do anything.

Daniel was given a vision of the revised Roman Empire. Europe is working towards a universal currency. The economy is so great that the average American has turned their back on what is happening in the White House. Ezekiel 16:49-51. Sodom thought they were getting away with things, but in the end, God judged the city with destruction.

There is coming a day when they will be looking toward of the taking of Jerusalem. People over the year have stated that certain parts of Israel belong to the PLO. According to the scriptures, this is not so. A modern day Greek scholar states that when it says in the days preceding the second coming then things will happen. We as Christians need to come together to worship God. We need to get concerned about the lost, and work fervently to accomplish something for God. Bro. Wayne closed in prayer.

After the message, the Credentials Committee gave their report.

Upon examining all the church letters, We the Credentials Committee make the following recommendations: 1. We recommend that Bro. Zills of South Highland FWB Church be ordained as deacon by the church. 2. We recommend that Bro. Borden of Cave Springs FWB Church be ordained as a deacon by the church. 3. We recommend that Bro. Quials of Cave Springs FWB Church be ordained as deacon by the church. 4. We recommend that Bro. McGuire of Gray's Chapel FWB Church be relicensed to preach the gospel.

Respectfully submitted: Ron Edgil, Tommy Lewis, Jack Willis, and James W. Dorroh.

Bro. Jerry Strickland stood and voiced his feelings concerning the lack of support of some churches to the Association meetings. Unknown about what to do, but need to make it a matter of prayer.

The meeting was closed in prayer and the body was dismissed for a time of fellowship around the noon meal.

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA
AUGUST 21, 1999**

The day began with special music by the Russellville Church, "Stream of Living Water" and "Joy on the other side of Jordan". The congregation was then led in "Where the Soul Never Dies" and "Victory in Jesus". Our opening prayer was given by Bro. Jared Higginbotham with the welcome by Bro. Hobson Wilson and response by Bro. Jared. The meeting was then called to order by the Clerk: Michael Phenicie. The delegates were seated and Committees were appointed by the Moderator. Temperance and Resolution: Duane Taylor, Jared Higginbotham, and Jerry Strickland Appreciation: Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Reed, and Mrs. Fretwell Obituary: Mike Rodriguez, Brian Kesterson, and Jerry Sanford Treasurer: Allecia Phenicie, Charles Fowler, and Bobby Sargent Our visitors for the day were: Bro. Smith, Russellville, and Rev. Rick Cash, State Promotion.

Just before the devotion, Russellville presented in song, "When Men Pray". Our devotion for the day was given by Bro. Brian Kesterson, pastor of the First FWB Church, Jasper. His text was taken from I Tim. 2:1-8. Theme - Prayer. Read a letter written by a 12 year old concerning the laws against prayer. We need to become praying people. Paul states that prayer needs to be going up from the hearts of God's people. Prayer makes the difference. Through the power of prayer, we as Christians need to raise a wall around our church for defense. Satan will send his demons to try and destroy. People are looking for answers, but not coming to the church. II Chron. 7:14. Follow the Lord's will instead of our own. Solomon stated, God's people need to 1. Humble themselves; 2. Pray and seek His face; 3. Turn from their wicked ways. We need to search out and destroy the sin that might exist in the camp. We are slipping away from the principles of God. We must step up and become praying people. Bro. Brian closed in prayer.

Following the devotion, there was a short intermission. The congregation was led in singing "What a day that will be". Bro. Wayne Wilson led the Association in the Business Meeting.

Item 1: Reading of the nominations of the Executive Board: We the Executive Board of the Progressive Association met in Muscle Shoals on July 14, 1999. The following members were present: Wayne Wilson, Danny Dwyer, Jared Higginbotham, Michael Phenicie, Allecia Phenicie, and Jared Higginbotham. We the Board make the following Recommendations for officers for the upcoming year.

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

Executive: John Reed to replace self - Three year term
Credentials: Rev. Roger Bennett to replace Ron Edgil - 5 year term
Christian Ed. Board: Mike Rodriquez to replace Doug Dickey - 3 year term
Brian Kesterson to replace self - 5 year term
Trinty Youth Camp: Greg Smith to replace self - 3 year term
Children's Home Board - John Reed to replace self

Respectfully submitted:
Michael Phenicie - Clerk

Item 2: Bro. Rick Cash - Trinity Youth Camp report - Bro. Rick gave the Financial report as well as an update of coming events. See report in pages following. Money had been given towards the gym, and as a result the camp was debt free. A video tape had been made and is for sale with proceeds going towards funding the camp. Projects in the works: new mattresses had been purchased for the dorms. The dorms had also been insulated also. During the summer camp there had been 10 different states represented. Camp was a great success with many decisions made.

Item 3: Promotion Office: Bro Rick gave information of the Acts 1:8 program. There was 14 of the 17 churches in the Progressive are active. Land has just been bought for the work in South Huntsville. The Office is in the black at present, but still need funds to operate. There is to be a one day seminar in Northport for pastors and leaders. Dates to be announced.

Item 4: Temperance and Resolutions reports read by Bro. Duane Taylor
We the Resolution Committee resolve that we give our State Promotional Office \$200.00.

We the Temperance Committee recommend the following: That we will flee from the appearance of evil.

That we take a strong stand against the Lottery. May we encourage our people to go and vote NO when this comes up for a vote this fall. May we take the stand on Bible principles that God would have us take. May we ever pray: "Open thou mine eyes, that I

may behold wondrous things out of thy Law." Also, "That we might not sin against God."

Respectfully submitted: Dluane Taylor, Jared Higginbotham, and Jerry Strickland.

Item 5: Appreciation Committee - We the Appreciation committee want to say "thanks" to the Russellville Church for the hospitality of having this meeting. The special singing has been wonderful. We are looking forward to the noon hour fellowship and meal that has been prepared.

Respectfully submitted: Joyce Willis, Ann Reed, and Frances Fretwell

Item 6: Obituary Committee: The following saints have passed on this past year to the Streets of Gold.

South Highland: Floyce Wheat and Wallie Zillis

Sulphur Springs: Merle Dyer and Robert Ervin

Item 7: Financial Report - given by Treasurer Allecia Phenicie

See the report in pages to follow.

Item 8: Credential Committee - Report given by Bro. Tim Baumgarten

We the Credentials Committee make the following recommendations:

1. After reviewing all of the church letters, we found them to be in order and we recommend that cards of good standing be given to all of the ordained ministers and deacons pre request of their local church.
2. We ask the Association to extend for one year the licenses of Kevin Hester and Joel Borden from the Russellville FWB Church.
3. We recommend that the Bi-Annual meeting in Feb. 2000, be held at the Jasper Church.
4. We request that the Association grant Rev. Cliff Holland a letter of good standing to the Midway Assoc. of FWB in Georgia.
5. We request that the Association grant Bro. Doug Dickey a letter of good standing to the Central Texas District of FWB.
6. We request the Association grant Pleasant Grove FWB Church a letter of good standing to the Mt. Moriah Association of Alabama.
7. We request the association grant Rev. Tim Smith a letter of good standing to his new association in Texas.
8. We request that the Association grant a license to preach the gospel to Joel Franks who is a member of the First FWB Church in Northport.
9. We request that the Association receive Rev. Billy Smith of the First FWB Church of Fayette, from the Mt. Moriah Association based on receipt of a letter of good standing.

10. We request that the Association receive Rev. Randy Key of the Dooertown FWB Church based on a letter of good standing from his previous association.

11 We recommend that the Association ordain Bro. Tony McGuire of the Grays Chapel FWB Church. The church has requested that they conduct the ordination service in their church at a future date.

12. We recommend that the Caves Springs FWB Church host the Annual meeting in August 2000.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Tim Baumgarten, Rev. Tommy Lewis, and Rev. John Reed.

Motion made to accept all item of the business meeting as read. Motion was second and carried.

It was mentioned that we would need delegates for the Alabama State Meeting. Bro. Charles Fowler was appointed.

Just before the message, Bro. Rick Cash was given the floor concerning the up coming vote on a state lottery. It was stated that we as FWB needed to oppose this issue completely.

Just before the message, special music was presented by the Russellville Church. Our speaker for the day is Bro. Tommy Lewis, pastor of the Praise FWB Church. His text was taken from II Tim. 1:1-7. Paul was talking to Timothy about the operation of the church. Paul wanted to remind Timothy of things.

Verse 5 tells of the influence of Godly parents and how they play such a vital role in peoples lives.

How to operate on a day to day basis.

1. Verse 6 - Use the spiritual gifts that God has given us. Fire it up, get it going. If you are a blood bought, born again Christian you have a gift. We have a responsibility to use the gift we are given.

2. Verse 7 - Must not operate out of fear. God has given us love and a sound mind. We have a natural fear. We should fear sin, we should not be afraid to stand up for God. God told Gideon to go and tear down the idol altars. God had Elijah to go against Ahab and Jezebel. These two men did what they were told but operated in fear.

3. Verse 7 - Operate with power - not our own strength. Power here is same a dynamite. Operate with the power of Christ in our lives. Power gives us the ability to live victorious. Power comes from knowing Christ.

4. Verse 7 - Operate with love - Godly love. love is responsibility. God says, "If you love me, keep my commandments". Through love we help people overcome their sin and move on.

5. Verse 7 - Must operate with self control - sound mind (wisdom) , God controlled. God gives us the ability. James speaks of lacking wisdom and what to do.

To make these items work, we must get rid of self and operate under the guidelines of God. The meeting was closed in prayer by Bro. Wayne Wilson with the blessing on the noon meal.

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION BI-ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
JASPER, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 19, 2000**

Our day began with the Clerk calling the meeting to order for a special item of business. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator were absent. In their absence the clerk asked if the body would accept Bro. Duane Taylor as fill in. Motion was made, second and carried to allow Bro. Duane Taylor to serve as Moderator for this meeting. The congregation was then led in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Since Jesus came into my Heart". The welcome was given by Bro. Brian Kesterson with the response by Bro. Tommy Bee. The Delegates were seated following the singing, and the Moderator appointed the following committees.
Credentials: Tommy Lewis, Jerry Sanford, Roger Bennett, and James Dorrah.
Resolutions: Jim Markham, Jerry Strickland, and Tommy Bee.
Appreciation: Kim Oliver, Jennifer Lowe, and Sara Jean.

Just before the morning devotion, Allecia Phenicie sang, "What if I give All". The devotion was given by Bro. Phil Kimbrough, pastor of the Russellville FWB Church. His text was taken from James 5:13-20. His theme was Prayer.

1. Individual Prayer: Time set aside for personal prayer should be regular.
2. United Prayer: Pray together as a group of believers.
3. Believing Prayer: Prayer of faith.
4. Intercessor Prayer: Pray for one another.
5. Fervent and Effectual Prayer: Getting down to business with God.
6. Definite Prayer: Praying for specific items.
7. Effectual Prayer: Prayer that gets results - Example: Elijah on Mt. Carmel.

God will answer prayer in 4 different ways.

1. Direct answer: Example of Peter being in jail and then being let out by the angel. Paul and Silas in the Phillipian jail.
2. Delayed Answer: God waits and answers on His time frame and not ours.
3. Different answer: God may give what we need and not what we ask for.
4. Denied answer: Sometimes God just says **NO!!!**

God answers every prayer and answers it in His divine way! Moses asked to go into the Promise Land after he sinned, and God said NO! When God says no it is for our best! Bro. Phil closed in prayer.

The Association then took a short break followed by the Business Session.

Our Business session began with Committee reports:

Resolutions: Bro. Jerry Strickland - We the Resolutions Committee recommend:

1. That we have the speaker Bro. Van Dale Hudson an honorarium of \$50.00.
 2. That today's offering be designated to the Children's Home in Eldridge.
 3. That all pastors attend our Associational meetings and encourage their membership to attend.
 4. That the Executive Committee consider increasing church dues due to increase from the State Association.
- Respectfully submitted: Jerry Strickland, Tommy Bee, and Jim Markham.
- Motion made, second, and approved.

Credentials: Bro. Tommy Lewis : We the Credentials Committee make the following recommendations;

1. We recommend the letter be accept upon receipt.
 2. Upon examining Bro. Steven Simpson, we recommend he be accepted into the Progressive Association as as ordained minister.
 3. We recommend Michael Oliver be licensed as a minister for one year .
 4. We recommend the acceptance of Bro. David Crowe pending a letter of good standing from the Mt. Morriah Assoc.
 5. We recommend a transfer of license for Bro. Joel Franks to the Green River Assoc.
 6. We recommend that a license to preach be renewed for Tim Shariett of Cordova.
- Respectfully submitted Credentials Committee.
- Motion made, second, and carried to accept each item.

Resolutions: Kim Oliver - We as the Appreciation Committee would like to thank the First FWB Church of Jasper for hosting the Association meeting. We also thank you for the preparation of the noon meal. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. May God bless your thoughtfulness.

Respectfully submitted: Jennifer Crowe, Kim Oliver, and Sara Jean.

Motion made to accept.

Financial Report: Allecia Phenicie - see following pages.

Promotional Office: Report given by Bro. Duane Taylor. Stated that the Acts 1:8 program doing well. Money coming in for the office is down. Need to remember to continue to support the Promotional Office so that Bro. Rick can continue to work for the State.

Following the Business meeting a special offering was taken to help with expenses at the FWB Children's Home in Eldridge. Mrs. Jan Duncan played the offeratory. The congregation was then led in singing "He Lives". Bro. Carlton Lambert then sang "Others" for the special music just before the message.

Our speaker for the day was Bro. Van Dale Hudson, Evangelist. His theme was "When Christ Rose Up".

1. Christ rose up to pray - Mark 1:35. Christ arose before the sun was up in order to pray and defeat the devil.
2. Christ rose up to serve - John 13:4. Jesus rose at the close of the Last Supper and girded a towel and washed the disciples feet. Feet washing is the most unique symbol of being a servant to man.
3. Christ rose up to die - John 12:30. The ultimate proof that God is good is His death on the cross. God gave up His Son in a deliberate sacrifice to all.
4. Christ rose up to never die again - Matt. 16:21. When Christ was put in the grave, it was only temporary.
5. Christ rose up to go to Heaven and then return - Acts 6:10.
6. Christ rose up to greet His departing member Stephen - Acts 7:54-60. When it comes time to go we as believers have a blessed Saviour waiting on us.
7. Christ rose up to receive the repentant sinner - Luke 15. The son rose up and realized his sin and went home. The father saw the son coming, rose up and ran out to meet the son.

Let us not give up, but keep on going for the Lord. Bro. Hudson closed in prayer.

Announced that the next meeting would be Aug. 19, 2000, at Cave Springs FWB Church, Town Creek.

Meeting closed with a final prayer and adjournment. Bro. Roger Bennett closed in prayer with the blessing on the noon meal. Lunch was served in the Fellowship Hall.

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1998-1999
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AT AUGUST 21, 1999**

Balance - August 15, 1998	\$1,663.54
Receipts	
Dues and Offerings	\$2,031.00
Entry Fee for Competition	<u>\$ 440.00</u>
	\$2,471.00
Expenditures	\$2,842.69
Present Balance	\$1,291.85
List of Expenditures:	
Wayne Wilson - Moderator	\$107.40
Michael Phenicie - Clerk	\$200.00
State Promotional Office	\$450.00
Trinity Youth Camp	\$100.00
Dennis Haygood	\$250.00
Fred Jones	\$100.00
FWB Children's Home Eldridge	\$357.00
AL State Accoc. Dues	\$850.00
Postage	\$ 33.29
Judges for CTS	\$150.00
CTS Competition Awards	\$ 15.00
State CTS Entry Fees	<u>\$230.00</u>
Total:	\$2,842.69

Respectfully Submitted:

Allecia E. Phenicie
Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT
BI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
FEBRUARY 19, 2000

Balance for August 1999	\$1,291.85
Reciepts - Dues and Offerings	\$ 960.00
Expenditures	\$1,710.00
Present Balance	\$ 541.85

List if Expenditures:

Alabama State Promotional Office	\$200.00
Wayne Wilson - Moderator	50.00
Michael Phenicie - Clerk	100.00
Al State Assoc. Dues	<u>\$1,360.00</u>
Total	\$1,710.00

Respectfully submitted:
Allecia E. Phenicie
Treasurer

Cash Flow Report
9/1/98 Through 5/20/99

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Category Description	9/1/98- 5/20/99
INFLOWS	
AI State:	
Belk FWB	68.21
Brilliant	263.43
Cedrom Grove	133.41
Cooper	178.34
Eastside, Dothan	40.00
Fairview, Hamilton	125.00
Fayette	2,198.99
Florence	55.00
Forestdale	525.00
Jasper Assn.	500.00
Liberty FWB J	1,518.04
Madison	10.00
ML Harmony	873.11
ML Olive	1,070.00
New Center Pt	843.76
New Liberty, Bankston	100.00
Piney Grove	100.00
Pocahontas	64.32
Prog. Assoc.	100.00
Red Bay	665.21
Reimbursement	12.52
South Highland	647.20
Southpark	160.00
Springfield FWB	275.00
Sulligent	2,044.70
Sulphur Springs	248.00
Union Ch., W	125.00
Winfield	2,727.00
WNAC	18.00
AI State-Other	147.08
TOTAL AI State	15,636.32
Amory FWB	464.98
Beaverton FWB	500.00
Belk FWB	785.76
Bethlehem FWB	100.00
Brilliant FWB	150.00
Camp Fees	31,851.00
Camp Rental	7,056.50
Carbon Hill	100.00
Cave Springs	120.00
Cedrom Grove	150.00
Citizens Bank	25.00
Doverlown	100.00
Eldridge FWB	200.00
First, Pearl	800.00
Forestdale FWB	100.00
Free W Chapel	573.79
Free Water FWB	349.44
Gateway FWB	10.00
Individuals	302,200.52
Int Inc	2,786.16
Jasper FWB	1,069.66
Misc. Income	219.00
New Liberty FWB	800.00
Piney Grove FWB	9,835.00
Red Bay FWB	960.56
Russellville FWB	430.53
Shady Grove FWB	1,344.81
Snack shop	5,668.15
South Highland	400.00

Cash Flow Report
9/1/98 Through 8/20/99

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Category Description	9/1/98- 8/20/99
Townley FWB	200.00
Union Chapel J	325.00
Vernon FWB	1,108.87
Winfield FWB	250.00
WNAC	102.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	386,593.05
OUTFLOWS	
Advertising	292.73
Bank Chrg	146.98
Board	53.69
Bus. Insurance	6,398.00
Clean Supplies	1,141.41
Concessions	3,199.07
Construction	193,250.20
Equipment	7,743.43
Food	12,725.09
Honorarium	3,800.00
Life guard	900.00
Loan	10,399.11
Misc.	359.98
Music Tape	12,510.00
Office	292.47
Paper Supplies	2,802.44
Pool	2,537.08
postage	596.24
Program	941.79
Recreation	2,203.77
Repair-Utkeep	7,499.44
Salary:	
Bonus	1,000.00
Insurance	1,100.00
Retirement	1,950.00
salary	1,500.00
scholarship	1,350.00
TOTAL Salary	6,900.00
Telephone	2,021.46
Travel	1,462.39
Travel Evg.	1,456.00
Utilities:	
Electric	7,287.29
Garbage	246.00
Gas	898.64
Water	1,766.85
TOTAL Utilities	10,198.78
Wages:	
maintenance	2,102.00
secretary	1,165.50
staff	7,950.00
TOTAL Wages	11,217.50
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	303,079.05
OVERALL TOTAL	83,514.00

9/1/98 Beginning Balance \$ 776.42
8/20/99 Ending Balance \$ 84,290.43

CAMP	ATTENDANCE	SAVED	PREACH	MISSIONS	REDED	FULL TIME
MIDSOUTH	50					
Tn VD Banq.	86					
Adult Banq.	160					
P. Wives	12					
Spr Retreat	45					
TEEN I	36	1	1	1	25	1
TEEN II	62	4		1		
JUNIOR I	142	15	1			
JUNIOR II	26	1			15	
JUNIOR III	88	12				
TEEN III	174	2	12			13
FREEDOM	92	1				
GATEWAY	75	6				
CALVARY	92				40	
NEW HOPE	78	8				
MEN	50					
PASTORS	15					
LADIES	70					
TOTALS	1353	50	14	2	80	14

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.

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.



