

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
OF
ALABAMA**

**MINUTES OF THE
2000 SESSIONS**

**CAVE SPRINGS FWB CHURCH
TOWN CREEK, AL
AUGUST 19, 2000**

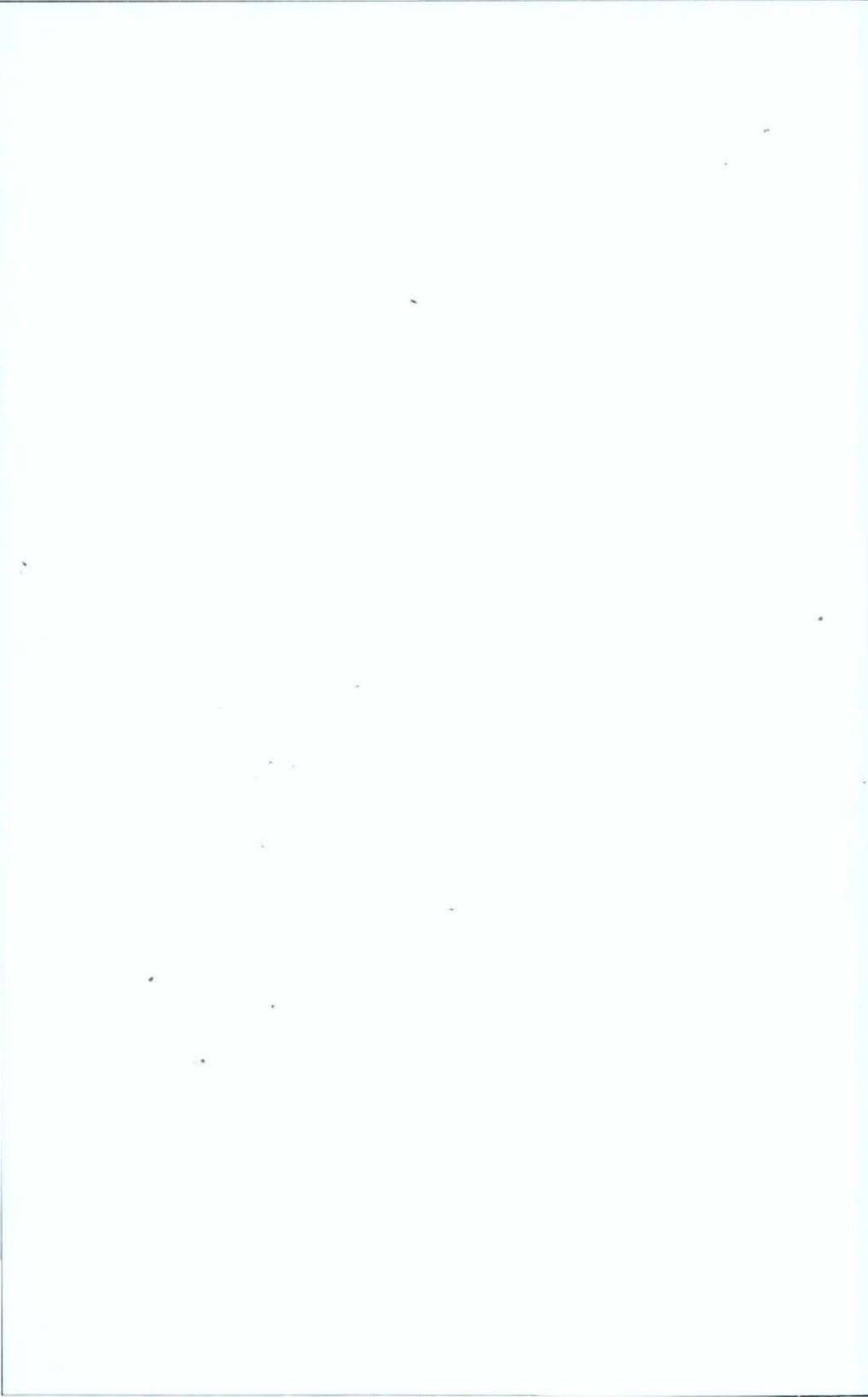






THE HISTORY OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON

1630	First settlement of the city of Boston by the Puritans from England.
1634	First meeting of the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
1639	First printing of the Boston News Letter.
1689	First election of a Mayor of Boston.
1711	First establishment of a public library in Boston.
1734	First establishment of a public school in Boston.
1773	First meeting of the Boston Tea Party.
1780	First establishment of a public hospital in Boston.
1793	First establishment of a public library in Boston.
1800	First establishment of a public school in Boston.
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2000	First establishment of a public school in Boston.
2010	First establishment of a public library in Boston.
2020	First establishment of a public school in Boston.



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Bro. James W. Dorroh - Five year term
Rev. Duane Taylor - Four year term
Rev. Tim Baumgarten - Three year term
Rev. Tommy Lewis - Two year term
Bro. Jack Willis - One year term

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Bro. Tommy Lewis - Four year term
Bro. Daryl Kimbrough - Three year term
Bro. Mike Rodriguez - Two year term
_____ - One year term

TRINITY YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Bro. Duane Taylor - Three year term
Bro. Michael A. Phenicie - Two year term
Bro. Tim Baumgarten - One year term

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Lewis Anderton
Darrell Quails
Ricky Borden

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Winford Russell
Clyde Pittman
Tony Pittman
Jerry Lee Herron
Bill Edd Gilbert

Dovertown

Lottie Foster
Dub Cordell
Ed Jean
Gerald Hallman
Mike Sargent

Fayette

L.J. Britnell
Billy Hamm
T.J. Johnson
Reedus Wheat
Mike Kimbrell

Florence

George Capps
Billy Gamble
Ronnie Wiginton
Jim Dorroh
Wayne Suggs
James Morgan
Allen Morgan
Jim Thompson
Sam Hudson

Gray's Chapel

Don Holden
Jacob Patrick
Billy Ray Curbow

Harmony

Jack Willis
Luther (Bud) Landers

Jasper

Bobby Sargent
Ray Bevis

Northport

Oliver A. Johnston
Samuel Key
Sebron Kuykendall
James Reece
Murray Renfroe
Bob Wilson
Doug Galloway

Townley

Alfred J. Boshell
Bill Dutton
R.M. Edgil

Russellville

Hobson Wilson
Edwin Kimbrough
Jimmy Fuller

South Highland

Tommy Bee
James "Buddy" Troutt
David Zills

Other Ordained Ministers:

Rev. Jimmy Aldridge: Cordova
Rev. Jerry W. Sanford: Cordova
Rev. Billy R. Smith: Fayette
Rev. Phil Cooper: Florence
Rev. Burlon Jones: Florence
Rev. Carlton Lambert: Jasper
Rev. Charles Hollingshead: Northport
Rev. Tommy Lewis: Northport
Rev. Hershel Beard: Russellville

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
CAVE SPRINGS FWB CHURCH
TOWN CREEK, ALABAMA
AUGUST 19, 2000

Our service began with special music by Tommy Ennis, "I'm called Home". The congregation was then led in singing "Blessed Assurance". The opening prayer was led by Bro. Danny Dwyer, with the welcome given by Bro. Harold Fretwell. The Association was then called to order by the Clerk with the seating of delegates. Nominations for the upcoming year's officers was read for consideration of the body. The following committees were appointed for the day:

Credentials: Duane Taylor, Danny Dwyer, James Dorrah
Temperance/Resolution: Phil Kimbrough, Jared Higginbotham, David Crowe

Appreciation: Elree Randolph, Jennifer Crowe, Ann Reed

Obituary: Harold Fretwell, John Reed, Matthew Hallman

Finance: Tommy Bee, Allecia Phenicie, Joyce Willis.

The following visitors were recognized:

Rev. Dennis Haygood - Missionary to South Huntsville

Bro. Ashley Culp - Trinity FWB Youth Camp Director

Bro. Carol Smith - Eldridge FWB Children's Home

Just before the devotion Judy and Faith Bradford sang a duet entitled, "Roll that Burden on Me". Our devotion was given by Bro. David Crowe, pastor of the Dooertown FWB Church. His text was taken from II Kings 22:11ff. The setting is the reign of Josiah who set out to rebuild the house of God. During the repairs, the Book of the Law was found. Vs. 8. When the Law was found and read, vs. 11 shows the response of the king.

1. He responds with a broken heart. The Bible is the greatest item we can have. We need to spend more time working on the inside instead of the outside. I Peter 1:24 & John 1:1. We have heard the Word of God so much that our heart has become callous. We need to learn how to respond to the Word of God.

2. Josiah also responded with a believing heart. Attitude controls actions.

3. Josiah also responded with a burdened heart; II Kgs. 23:1-3.

God's reaction to the response.

1. God strengthened his heart: his path was made straight.

2. God spared his life: vs. 19 & 20.

God promised he would not see some things, and that he would be gathered to his fathers in death. We need to eagerly pursue the things of God. Bro. David closed in prayer.

After the devotion the Association broke for a short break.

Following the intermission, the recommendations for nominations for officers from the Executive Committee were read. They are as follows:

Moderator: Bro. Wayne Wilson

Assistant Moderator: Bro. Danny Dwyer

Clerk: Bro. Michael Phenicie

Assistant Clerk: Bro. Jared Higginbotham

Treasurer: Sis. Allecia Phenicie

Assistant Treasurer: Sis. Joyce Willis

Executive Committee: Rev. Jared Higginbotham - 3 year term

Credentials Committee:

Rev. Duane Taylor to replace Rev. Roger Bennett - 4 year term

Bro. James W. Dorroh to replace self - 5 year term

Christian Ed. Board:

Rev. Tommy Lewis to replace Rev. Brian Kesterson - 4 year term

Two places were left blank for nominations from the floor.

Trinity FWB Youth Camp Board:

Rev. Duane Taylor to replace self - 3 year term

Bro. Michael Phenicie to replace Bro. Greg Smith - 2 year term

Eldridge FWB Children's Home:

Rev. John Reed

Motion was made to accept as read, second, and approved.

No nominations made for the CE Board.

The Executive Board also made the following recommendation concerning a change in the Constitution/By-Laws.

Article 11, Item 2: Each Church is to send \$60.00 to the February meeting.

Change to read: Each church is to send \$90.00 to the February meeting.

This change is being purposed because of the increase of fees incurred upon us as an Association by the State and National levels. Without doing so, we run the chance of not having enough money to cover the expenses.

We also recommend that the Children's Home no longer be listed as an organized church. According the Interim Director Ms. Linda Berry, the children are going to one of the local churches in Winfield for services. The church building located close to the home is no longer being used for services.

Motion made, second, and approved to accept both recommendations.

Resolutions & Temperance Committee:

- We the Resolution Committee resolve that we give our Home Missionary, Dennis Haygood, \$100.00 and receive a love offering.
- We recommend churches in the Progressive Association send an offering to the Children's Home to help with school clothes.
- We the Temperance Committee recommend the following:
 - a. That we flee from the appearance of evil.
 - b. That we praise God for the strong vote opposing the State Lottery.
 - c. That we encourage our members to pray diligently and go to the polls to vote in the upcoming local, state, and national elections.

Respectfully submitted: Phil Kimbrough, David Crowe, and Jared Higginbotham.

This was accepted by the body and a special love offering was received for Bro. Haygood.

Credentials Committee:

1. Examined letters of churches that were sent in and found them to be in order. Recommend that:
 - a. Churches that failed to send in their representation fee do so ASAP.
 - b. Cards of good standing be given to all ordained Ministers and Deacons as requested by each church.
 - c. Any churches not sending their reports - please do so ASAP.

2. Matthew Hallman be licensed to preach through his local church: Sulphur Springs FWB Church, and to the care & oversight of his Pastor, Rev. John Reed.
3. That Rev. Dennis Reeves be received into fellowship and good standing with the Progressive Assoc. He is the pastor of the Townley FWB Church. This pending the reception of a letter of good standing from the North Alabama Assoc.

Obituary Committee:

The following saints have gone on to be with the Lord this past year.

Charles Fowler: Praise
Bobby Haynes: Jasper
Ida Martin: Jasper
Unes McDougle: South Highland
Alma Ray Dawson: South Highland
Doris Mayfield: Russellville
Arbie lee Alred: Russellville
Carl Nix: Townley
Vernon Walker: Townley
Dauer Towns: Townley

The Association paused for a moment of silence in remembrance.
Respectfully submitted: Harold Fretwell, John Reed, Matthew Hallman.

Appreciation Committee: We the Appreciation Committee would like to say "thanks" to the Cave Springs Church for their hospitality of having this meeting. We appreciate those who have participated in the program through special singing and sharing of the Word of God. We are looking forward to the noon hour fellowship and meal that has been prepared.
Respectfully submitted: Elree Randolph, Ann Reed, Jennifer Crowe.

Auditing Committee: See insert concerning Financial Statement.
Respectfully submitted: Allecia Phenicie

Trinity FWB Youth Camp Report: Given by the new Director, Bro. Ashley Culp.
See the Financial Statement following pages.

TREASURES REPORT FOR 1999 - 2000

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AT AUGUST 19, 2000

Balance August 21, 1999	\$1,291.85
Receipts: Dues & Offerings	\$1,841.50
Expenditures	\$2,023.75
Present Balance	\$1,109.60

List of Expenditures:

Wayne Wilson - Moderator	\$ 100.00
Michael Phenicie - Clerk	\$ 200.00
State Promotional Office	\$ 200.00
Children's Home - Eldridge	\$ 80.75
Rev. Van Dale Hudson	\$ 50.00
U.S. Postmaster	\$ 33.00
AL State Assoc. - Dues	<u>\$1,360.00</u>
Total	\$2,023.75

Respectfully submitted:

Allecia E. Phenicie

Allecia E. Phenicie
Treasurer

Joyce Wilson
Tommy Bee

Cash Flow Report

9/1/99 Through 8/15/00

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Category Description	9/1/99- 8/15/00
INFLOWS	
Al State:	
Brilliant	250.44
Cedrom Grove	199.46
Cooper	345.00
Fayette	2,585.76
First, Jasper	192.16
Florence	100.00
Forestdale	210.00
Free Water	324.41
Jasper Assn.	500.00
Liberty FWB J	1,976.86
Mt. Harmony	1,290.90
Mt. Olive	1,000.00
New Center Pt	1,075.00
New Liberty, Bankston	300.00
Piney Grove	1,180.00
Pocahontas	153.24
Red Bay	1,609.44
South Highland	620.00
Southpark	100.00
Springfield FWB	275.00
Sulligent	1,765.88
Sulphur Springs	325.00
Union Ch., W	275.00
Vernon FWB	472.38
Winfield	2,090.00
WNAC	108.00
TOTAL Al State	19,323.93
Amory FWB	967.70
Beaverton FWB	1,000.00
Beik FWB	803.73
Cahaba River Assn	2,000.00
Camp Fees	31,605.00
Camp Rental	5,893.50
Charity FWB, Wendell	1,277.00
Citizens Bank	25.00
Fayette FWB	1,887.40
Free W Chapel	860.32
Free Water FWB	246.80
Grace Bapt	25.00
Individuals	1,710.00
Int Inc	2,425.25
Jasper FWB	701.98
Misc. Income	3,626.37
New Liberty FWB	250.00
Piney Grove FWB	440.00
Shady Grove FWB	1,141.15
Snack shop	5,601.50
Vernon FWB	888.04
WNAC	48.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	82,747.67
OUTFLOWS	
Advertising	75.00
Bank Chrg	128.29
Board	39.53
Bus. Insurance	6,337.00

Cash Flow Report

9/1/99 Through 8/15/00

Category Description	9/1/99- 8/15/00
Clean Supplies	534.04
*Concessions	2,504.90
Construction	6,268.03
Equipment	17,631.05
Food	11,966.76
Honorarium	4,200.00
Life guard	1,160.00
Medical	170.00
Misc	1,284.99
Music Tape	1,448.25
Office	1,851.47
Paper Supplies	2,850.42
Pool	1,778.75
postage	707.67
Program	957.84
Recreation	1,645.44
Renovation	46,439.74
Repair-Upkeep	2,893.21
Salary:	
Bonus	1,000.00
Insurance	1,100.00
Retirement	2,200.00
salary	5,225.00
scholarship	1,500.00
TOTAL Salary	11,025.00
Telephone	1,732.85
Travel	1,302.07
Travel Evg.	1,343.00
Utilities:	
Electric	8,659.67
Garbage	171.00
Gas	1,239.31
Water	1,835.46
TOTAL Utilities	11,905.44
Wages:	
maintenance	1,037.00
secretary	1,086.50
staff	7,855.00
TOTAL Wages	9,978.50
Uncategorized Outflows	0.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	150,259.24
9/1/99 Beginning Balance	\$77,213.24
8/19/00 Ending Balance	\$9,701.67

CAMP	ATTENDANCE	SAVED	PREACH	MISSIONS	FULL TIME
MIDSOUTH	50				
Tn VD Banq	80				
Adult Banq	130				
Spr Retreat	46				
TEEN I	28				
TEEN II	88	5		4	
JUNIOR I	108	16			
JUNIOR II	98	8			
JUNIOR III	64	6	2	5	3
TEEN III	168	3	8	9	68
FREEDOM	80	3			
CALVARY	114	4			
NEW HOPE	90	11			
MEN	30				
TOTALS	1174	56	10	14	71

Disbursements:

New Gym & Furnishings	\$206,058.93
Renovations (Includes insulation, painting, new beds & bedding, tile in showers, installing signs, installing vinyl siding, land- scaping, new tables)	48,741.90
Tina's Tape	13,958.25
Equipment (Includes office furniture, new riding mower, tractor, ice machine, copier, projector, walk-in freezer)	25,359.05
Debt Retirement	<u>10,399.11</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$304,517.24

The camp is presently debt free, and has had a total lift. There is still about \$8000 - \$9000 left from the gift that is on the money market that is to be used for building projects only. Church gifts giving is down, but the bills and normal expenses are still there. Please put the camp in your church budget.

Eldridge FWB Children's Home: Bro. Carroll Smith - House Parent. Gave a brief review of where the children come from. Gave specifics concerning what the needs of the Home were at the present time. Also stated that it is taking over \$200.00 per child to clothe them for school. Plans are in the making to tear down the old Big House. A company will be coming in to do the job, and will be paid by materials they can get out of the building. There are also plans to build another cottage for the younger girls. Gave a report of the total number of staff members and how they try to meet the needs of each child. The Home had a dedication service for the Multi-purpose building on July 22, 2000. The building was named the Carlton Lambert Building.

Items that were overlooked earlier in the business secession.

1. That we renew Kevin Hester's license to preach the gospel.
2. That the Progressive Assoc. have it's next meeting at the Sulphur Springs FWB Church in February 2001.

All the above items were accepted by the body.

The service continued with a special song entitled "He Grew the Tree". Our special speaker for the day was Bro. Dennis Haygood, pastor of the South Huntsville FWB Church. Bro. Haygood stated that the Acts 1:8 program had been a tremendous help to him as a missionary. He has run into some opposition and complacency people. Stated that most people are not looking for Bible believing, Bible teaching churches. Moved in November into the new building in the Jones Valley Area. At present time, the church does not have adequate classroom space. Because of this problem, the church has lost some families. Have overcome some problems to get some space. Still have some restriction problems. Have a building being built at present time, but waiting on paperwork to get building moved onto property. Bro. Dennis gave a story of a family he has been working on for 2 years. She just recently accepted the Lord, but the husband has not. She was raised Espocipal, and he is a Catholic/atheist. Asked that we pray for this family because of problems.

His text was taken from I Sam. 25:36-39. This is the story of the last days of a man. He was a drunk, heart is stone cold, has no feelings, and he dies. David is soon to be king, but he is running for his life from King Saul. Nabal was a rich and prosperous man. He was out sheering sheep for the wool and was having a great feast. David sent men to Nabal during this time to ask for provisions. The men gave great praise and tribute to this man, but became very outraged when asked for provisions. The sin of Nabal was ingratitude. Did not show gratitude, was unthankful, and unholy towards God.

Even though we may give our 10% to God, we may be very selfish with the other 90%. We are blessed to be a blessing to others. God does not give that we may sit down and say look what I have. Nabal became so selfish he claimed the bread, water, and so on. The Bible also shows that this man was evil in all his ways. Today's world is just the same. He was described by servants as the son of Belial.

After his wife heard of how he had reacted, she gathered up the items and took them to David. Abigail wanted to spare the lives of workers so that David would not commit great sin and slay innocent blood. Wife states he is like his name "a fool". Because of the intercession of Abigail, David stated he would let God judge. David had a right to be angry, but he listened to the woman God sent to stand in the way. She went back the tell her husband of her doings. After he became sober, she told him, and he became irritate. God allowed him to become like stone, and then die 10 days later.

Abigail knew how great David would be, and payed honor and tribute to him before the Lord. She was blessed because of her confession and grace she bestowed. She was accepted. After Nabal died, David sent word to Abigail that he wanted her to be his wife. David brought her into the royal family out of the pits of problems. Nabal was known as the son of the devil. When accepted by David, Abigail stated she would come and wash the feet of the servants. Agigail had a humble heart before the King appointed. She had the heart of gratitude (consecration). Need to learn how to serve because of the grace of God. Bro. Dennis closed in prayer.

The Association then adjourned to the fellowship hall for the noon meal. Bro. Wayne closed the service in prayer.

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

Our day began with congregational singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Since Jesus Came into My Heart". The welcome was then given by Bro. Brian Kesterson with the response by Bro. Tommy Bee. Our meeting was then called to order by the Clerk. Because of the absence of our Moderator and Assistant Moderator, a motion was made, second, and carried to appoint Bro. Duane Taylor to serve as Moderator for the day. The delegates were then seated for the day with the appointment of the following committees:

Credentials: Tommy Lewis, Jerry Sanford, Roger Bennett, James Dorrah.

Resolutions: Jim Markham, Jerry Strickland, Tommy Bee.

Appreciation: Kim Oliver, Jennifer Crowe, Sara Jean.

The service continued with special music by Allecia Phenicie, "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. "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 prayer and Effectual: getting down to business with God.
6. Definite prayer: praying for specific items - example: Elijah.
7. Effectual prayer: prayer that gets results.

Four answers that God gives:

1. Direct answer: example of Peter in jail and being let out. Paul and Silas in the Phillipian jail.
2. Delayed answer: God waits, 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.

Following the devotion, there was a short intermission.
After intermission the Association convened back with the
Business secession.

Resolutions: Bro. Jerry Strickland

We the Resolutions recommend

1. That we give speaker Bro. Van Dale Hudson an honorarium of \$50.00.
2. That today's offering be designated to the Children's Home at 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 an increase from the State Association.

Respectfully submitted: Jerry Strickland: chairman, Tommy Bee, and Jim Markhem.

Credentials: Bro. Tommy Lewis

1. We recommend the church letters be accepted upon receipt of representation fee.
2. Upon examine of Bro. Steven Simpson, we recommend he be ordained a Free Will Baptist Minister in the Progressive Association by his home church Sulphur Springs FWB Church.
3. We recommend Michael Oliver be licensed as a minister for one year in the Progressive Association by his home church.
4. We recommend the acceptance of Bro. David Crowe into the Progressive Association pending a letter of good standing from the Mt. Moriah Association.
5. We recommend a transfer of license for Bro. Joel Franks to the Green River Association of KY.
6. We recommend the license to preach be renewed for Bro. Tim Sherritt of Cordova FWB Church.

Respectfully submitted: Tommy Lewis, Jerry Sanford, Roger Bennett, James Dorrah.

Appreciation: Mrs. Kim Oliver

We as the Appreciation committee would like to thank the First Free Will Baptist 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, Sara Jean Promotional Office: report given by Bro. Taylor

ACTS 1:8 doing great by money coming in, but money for the office is down.

Financial report: Allecia Phenicie

TREASURER'S REPORT
For Bi-Annual Meeting
of Progressive Association
February 19, 2000

Balance - August 1999	\$1,291.85
Receipts - Dues & Offerings	\$ 960.00
Expenditures	\$1,710.00
Present Balance	\$ 541.85

List of Expenditures:

Alabama State Promotional Office :	\$200.00
Wayne Wilson - Moderator :	\$ 50.00
Michael Phenicie - Clerk:	\$100.00
AL State Assoc. of FWB Dues:	<u>\$1,360.00</u>

Total: \$1,710.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Allecia E. Phenicie
Treasurer

A Motion was made, second, and carried to accept all the reports as given. Following the Business secession, a special offering was taken up with special music by Mrs. Jan Duncan.

The congregation was then led in singing "He Lives", with special music by Bro. Carlton Lambert singing "Others". Our speaker for the day was Bro. VanDale Hudson, Evangelist. The title of his message 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 1:10

6. Christ rose up to greet His departing servant Stephen - Acts 7:54-60. When it comes time to go, we as believers have a blessed Savior 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 God. Bro. Hudson closed message in prayer.

Bro. Taylor made some final comments, announced that the next meeting would be Aug. 19, 2000, at the Cave Springs FWB Church, Town Creek, AL. The Progressive Assoc. was closed in prayer by Bro. Roger Bennett, with adjournment in the Fellowship Hall for the noon meal.

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 Baptist.

ARTICLE 4: All ministers and churches wishing to become members of this body must willing 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 Progressive 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, and two (2) deacons, who shall eb 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 Association 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 of 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 will 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 expenses at the annual meeting.

Item 2: Each church send ^{120.00}~~\$90.00~~ to the February meeting.

Item 3: Each church shall send the church letter to the clerk two weeks before each meeting.

ARTICLE 12: This Association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresy, or any church that countenances his in said teaching or that may be disloyal to the tenants 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 the 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 God sanctify each of us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LETTER OF DISMISSAL

This certifies that _____, is a regular member of the _____ Free Will Baptist Church in _____, is in good standing. We the _____ Free Will Baptist Church commend them to the fellowship of God's people on _____. They are dismissed from our 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 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, we 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 Matt. 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 from the roll according to our National Treatise.

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

RULES FOR PREACHERS AND DEACONS

1. All ministers wishing to become members of the Progressive Association must be recommended by the church of which they are members and will be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as may be asked them. This must be done by the next Association or quarterly meeting, after calling the pastor. Their church must recommend them for license or ordination where they have not received such.
2. All preachers shall attend all business meetings unless providentially hindered.
3. Any minister who behaves himself unbecomingly to his high and exalted calling shall be reported by the Credentials Committee to the Association, who shall deal with him.
4. All ministers will be required to strictly adhere to the teachings of the Free Will Baptist according to the Articles of Faith.
5. No minister shall speak slanderously or cast personal reflections upon another minister that will hurt his influence or ministerial standing.
6. All ministers shall be required to support and stand by all boards and committees appointed by the Association and do their utmost to make them a success.
7. An aspirant to the ministry must be recommended to the Credentials Committee by his church for license. The Credentials Committee shall examine him as to his life, doctrine, reputation, and his convictions and abilities regarding the work of the ministry. Upon completion of such an examination, if he is found worthy, he shall be recommended to be licensed for a period of one year. He must have his license 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.

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