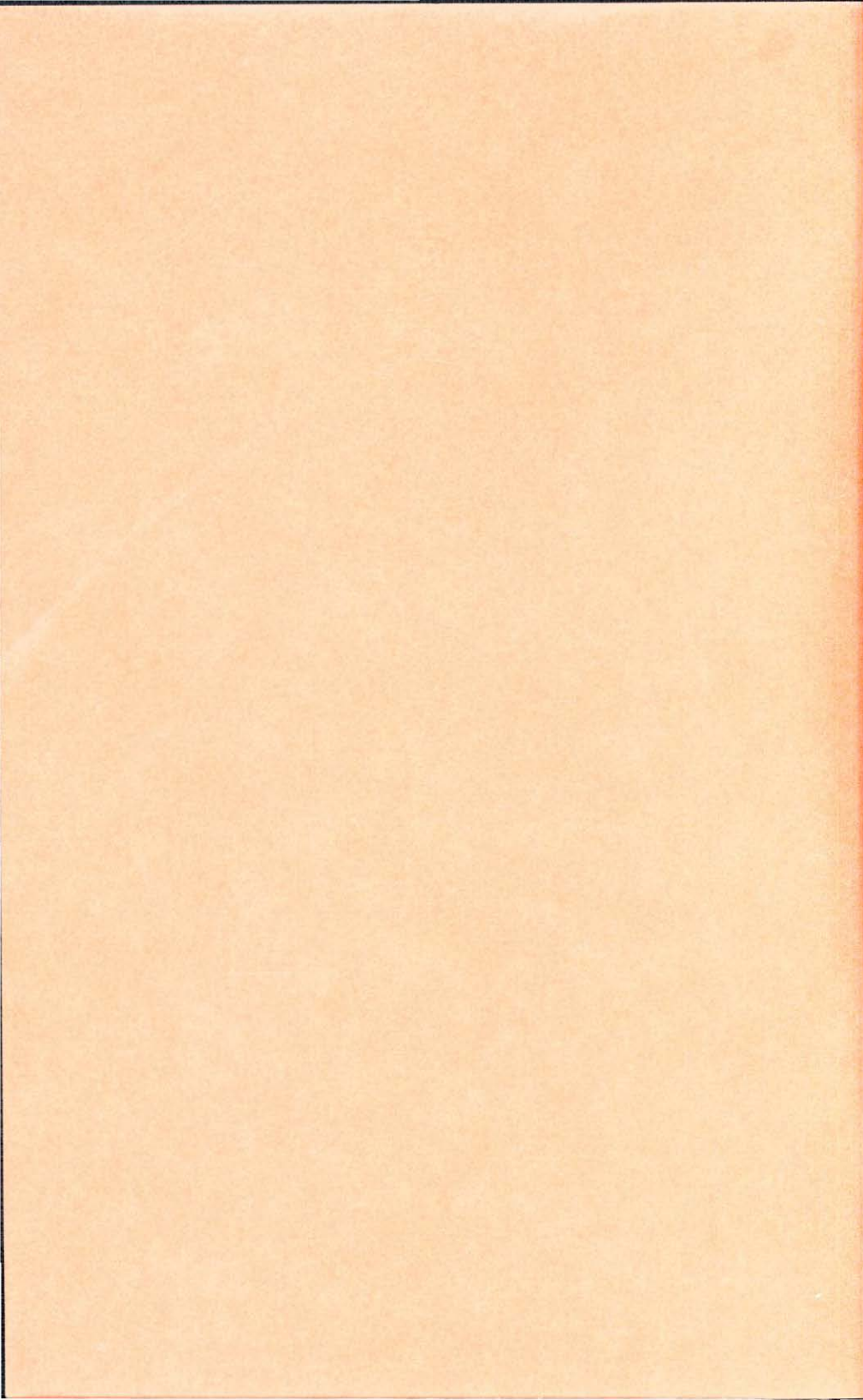


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OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
OF
ALABAMA

Minutes of the 2004 Sessions

Bi-Annual
First Free Will Baptist Church
Jasper, Alabama
February 21, 2004

Annual
Cave Springs Free Will Baptist Church
Florence, Alabama
August 21, 2004



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Florence

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Jim Dorroh
Billy Gamble
Sam Hudson
Allan Morgan
Wayne Suggs
Jim Thompson
Ronnie Wiginton

Grace

Not Available

Gray's Chapel

Billy Ray Curbow
Don Holden
Jacob Patrick

Harmony

Not Available

Jasper

Ray Bevis
Randy Frazier
Michael Phenicie
Bobby Sargent

Northport

Bobby Ayers
Sam Key
Ricky Latham
John Nicholson
Bud Reece
Murray Renfroe
Bob Wilson

Roden

Not Available

Russellville

Jimmy Fuller
Edwin Kimbrough
Terry Prince
Hobson Wilson

South Highland

Tommy Bee
James "Buddy" Troutt
David Zills

Townley

Alfred J. Boshell
William L. Dutton
R. M. Edgil

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Hershel Beard
Phil Cooper
Charles Hollingshead

Burlon Jones
Carlton Lambert
Roger Raper

Jerry Strickland

Progressive Association Bi-Annual
First FWB Church, Jasper
February 21, 2004

The day started with the congregation singing "Standing on the Promises". The opening prayer led by Bro. Jimmy Aldridge. Bro. Roy Helms gave a special welcome, and also spoke of information concerning the 10 Commandment movement. Two songs to be sold to help the Acts 1:8 plan that Bro. Roy wrote.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk with the seating of the delegates. Motion made, second, and approved as read. The Moderator then dismissed the Credentials Committee. The following committees were then appointed for the day. Resolutions, Appreciation, & Obituary: Greg Rucker, Chris Towe, & Dot Reeves.

The following visitors were acknowledged:
Bro. Dave Franks, Bro. Jimmy Aldridge, Bro. Randy Key, Bro. Ashley Culp, Bro. Rick Cash, & Bro. Warren.

The service continued with special music by Mrs. Ruby Pike singing "On Holy Ground". The devotion for the day was given by Bro. Chris Towe, Pastor of Gray's Chapel FWB Church. His text was taken from Matt. 28:18-20, known as the Great

Commission. It is telling us what our Lord wants us to do until the day he comes back.

Vs. 18 – The authority given by Jesus. Jesus is still Head of the Church. God is in control. God could have given the angels power to spread the gospel, but instead he chose sinful man. There are souls out there that can be reached.

Vs. 19 – The Assignment – We are commissioned to go and teach and reach all groups of people.

Heb. 2:9 & Jn. 3:16 – There is no such thing as a limited atonement.

I Cor. 15 tells that there is a problem today. There is a whole generation missing in our churches. We have missed out reaching out to the young people. Who are we to pick and choose who should come to Christ. If we don't have something at the church for all age groups, the world will. Lk. 18:16, how can we leave out little children. The scripture also demands discipleship. If we had to report spiritually maturity, how would we list it. In many cases, the sanctuary is the adult nursery. We need to address the issue and get busy.

Vs. 20 – The Assurance – As Caleb followed the Lord fully, God wants our complete obedience. We must preach the whole counsel of God. Closed in prayer with intermission following.

The day continued with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace", and prayer by Bro. Duane

Taylor. Bro. Danny then called the Business Secession to order. Bro. Phil stated that he needed to meet with folks concerning CTS Competition. Credentials Committee: Bro. Tim Baumgarten

1. The Credentials Committee has reviewed all church letters, and we find all of them in order with the exception of Grace and Harmony which have not submitted letters.
2. We also recommend that the annual meeting of the Progressive Association meet at Cave Springs in August, and Russellville in February.
3. We also recommend that we receive Bro. Chad Kivette into the Assoc. based upon the recommendation from the First FWB Church in Northport.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Tim Baumgarten,
Rev. Duane Taylor, Rev. Phil Kimbrough,
Bro. Jim Dorah, & Bro. Tommy Bee.

Motion made, second, & accepted to adopt item by item.

Resolution, Obituary, & Appreciation: Bro. Greg Rucker

We, the Resolutions Committee, resolve to offer:

1. Our appreciation to the 1st FWB Church of Jasper for hosting our meeting of the Progressive Assoc. today, and in advance, thank you for the meal that is being prepared for us today.

2. We also would like to remember our brothers and sisters who have died and that await us on the other side.

Florence: Alta Austin

Frances Jackson

Mrs. "Charlie" Wanner

Cave Springs: Hershel Coan

Bobbie Jo Mitchell

Clyde Cameron

Mary Lou Lane

Jasper: Mary Honeycutt

Respectfully submitted: Greg Rucker, Chris Towe, and Dot Reeves.

Special prayer led by Bro. Danny Dwyer

State Promotional Office: Bro. Rick Cash

Reported that overall giving is down. Talked about the importance of the Acts 1:8 and how it was working to help our present missionaries.

Trinity Youth Camp: Bro. Ashley Culp

Acts 9:15 – 1. Who would of thought Saul would have been anything?

2. Who would of thought we would be anything?

3. Who will be the next person to be anything?

To God be the Glory! This is the 30th year that this camp facility has been in operation. God continues to bless each and every day. I submit to you the following report for the Progressive Association: With 4 rentals left on this year, it looks like we well

exceed previous numbers and stats. Praise God!
My goal for 2004 was to exceed 2,000 in attendance. Right now we have had 1,974 attending and with that 93 salvation decisions, 213 rededication's, 12 men answered the call to preach, and 8 answered the call to missions. I have already confirmed the speakers for 2005. They will be in print at the State Association in Madison. Please continue to pray for this vital ministry. You've just heard the results of camp, so I'm asking you to get your church involved. If you can help us financially, I would be grateful. To you, who are so faithful, thank you. If I can ever be of help to you please contact me. God Bless.
Ashley Culp, Administrator

Children's Home: Bro. Randy Key
Home presently has 24 children.
Things are doing very well. The children are in the Winfield School system and doing well in academics and sports. March 5, there will be a benefit singing at Trinity Youth Camp for the Home.

Bro. Jimmy Aldridge gave greetings from the newly formed Walker Co. Association of FWB of Alabama. There are presently 6 churches in the Assoc. and they just had their first meeting.

Financial Report: Allecia Phenicie

Began in Aug. \$2,075.90

Deposit: \$ 639.00

Paid out: \$1,635.00

Ending: \$1,079.90

Motion made, second, and approved to accept.

Moderator made a motion then to close the business meeting and approved.

Special Music: Allecia Phenicie – “Thank you”, by Ray Boltz. Bro. Dennis Reeves of the Townley FWB Church was the main speaker of the day.

Text taken from Job 39:19-25. In this passage God is describing a warhorse. The horse is a great value to mankind, strong, brave, smart, & obeys.

Wild horse is a danger, no value, strong, proud, fight to death. Is a very selfish breed. Before being saved we are like the wild horse. In order for the horse to be used, (1.) he must be Broken. God has to break us before we can be used. By nature, we want to do what we want, when we want, & how we want. (2.) He must be well trained. (3.) He must be used on a regular basis. Jn. 3:30, “He must increase, but I must decrease”. We must do without expecting to receive the glory. Three types of horses: Draft, Saddle, and Kids. God’s got a place for you. (4.) He must have the wire edge worked off! Bro. Reeves closed his message in prayer.

A special offering was taken at the close of the service for the Assoc. General Fund. Prayer by Bro. Ray Bevis. Meeting closed with the noon meal and prayer lead by Bro. Phil Kimbrough.

Progressive Association Annual Meeting
August 21, 2004
Cave Springs FWB Church, Town Creek

The meeting began with congregation singing "Mansions over the Hilltop". Opening prayer by Bro. Greg Rucker. The special music by the Cave Springs church, "I'll be back". The welcome by the pastor, Bro. Greg Rucker. The following visitors were recognized: Cliff Donho & Bill Campbell. Bro. Phil Kimbrough assumed the Moderator position because Bro. Danny Dwyer had left the area. The Moderator appointed the following committees: Credentials: Tim Baumgarten, Duane Taylor, Roy Helms, Jerry Strickland, and Tommy Bee.
Resolutions: Don Holder & Greg Rucker
Obituary: Bobby Sargent & Chris Towe

The meeting was then called to order by the clerk with the seating of the delegates. Motion made, second, and approved to accept. The clerk then read the recommendations from the Executive Board for Officer nominations. This was then tabled until the business secession.
Moderator: Rev. Phil Kimbrough
Assistant: Rev. Jerry Strickland
Clerk: Michael Phenicie
Treasurer: Allecia Phenicie
Assistant for both: Chris Towe

Executive Committee:

Tim Smith – 2007
Duane Taylor – 2006
Roy Helms – 2005

Credentials Committee:

Greg Rucker – 2009
Tommy Bee – 2008
James Dorroh – 2007
Roy Helms – 2006
Tim Baumgarten – 2005

Christian Ed. Board:

Terry Prince – 2008
Tim Smith – 2007
Jerry Strickland - 2006
Phil Kimbrough – 2005

Trinity Youth Camp

Michael Phenicie – 2007
Tim Baumgarten – 2006
Duane Taylor – 2005

Children's Home Board Member

Roy Helms – Jasper Church

The special music and devotion by Bro. Cliff Donho, Home Missionary. Ecc. 12:13 – We are not living in the times like this verse. Man does not have a true fear of God like in the past. We live like we want to. We are living like Rom. 3:18.

He also gave information concerning the start of the Cornerstone FWB Church in Nashville. Just started the Faith program on Sunday morning. Going to be self supporting after 3 ½ years. Half of the support for the church comes from Alabama. Closed in prayer, with a short intermission.

The meeting continued with the Business secession. Resolutions report:

We, the Resolutions committee resolve that:

1. We give Bro. Cliff Donoho and Bro. Randy Key \$200 each to help defray their expenses.
2. Discuss and make inquiries into reason behind 2 churches not reporting to Association. There is a need to inquire as to their intentions in the future regarding their fellowship with us.

Respectfully submitted: Don Holden & Greg Rucker

Trinity Youth Camp – Duane Taylor
Camp in it's 30th year, and doing well. Summer went well and had numerous decisions.

Alabama Home Missions: 3 Missionaries

Fred Jones – new work to be started

Dennis Hagood – doing well health wise

Wayne Wilson – making progress

Appreciation: Mrs Helms

Obituary – Chris Towe
Read from John 11: 32-35

Russellville
James Osborne
Jean Osborne

Jasper
Mary Honeycutt
James Argent
Hazel Sherer

South Highland
Mattie Wellborn

Roden
Mildred Berryman

Cave Springs
Herschel Coan
Clyde Cameron
Barbara Mitchell
Judy Bradford
Elsie Parker

Florence
Charlie Wanner
Frances Jackson
Mary Shook
Robert Johnston
Billy Staggs
R.D. Pierce
Teresa Edgil
Alta Austin
Ellen Faulkner
Lettie Region

We the Obituary Committee respectfully honor and
remember these who have left this walk of life to
meet the Lord.

Respectfully submitted: Bobby Sargent, Chris
Towe

Financial Report: Michael Phenicie
August 2003 to July 2004

Began	\$2,075.90
Deposit	\$1,876.00
Expenses	\$1,785.00
Ending	\$2,166.90

Expenses:

Moderator	\$100.00
Clerk	\$200.00
State Dues	\$1,485.00

Respectfully submitted:

Allecia Phenicie, Treasurer

Motion made, second, and approved to accept.

Progressive Association officers and board members for 2005. Motion made, second, and carried to accept the nominations as read.

Credentials Committee: Tim Baumgarten

The Credentials Committee has examined all church letters and find all in order with the exception of Harmony and Grace.

Respectfully submitted: Tim Baumgarten, Duane Taylor, Roy Helms, Jerry Strickland, and Tommy Bee.

Meetings of the Progressive Association:

February 2005: Russellville

August 2005: Jasper

Motion made, second, and carried to give the Moderator or Assistant to appoint delegates at the State meeting.

Motion made, second, and carried to give pastors and deacons cards of good standing upon request of church.

Business secession closed with the receiving of a special offering.

Special music by Cave Springs "El Shadia".

Key Note Speaker: Bro. Randy Key, Director of the FWB Children's Home. Gave information concerning the Home. 21 Children presently at the Home. Had a very busy summer. In the Winfield school system, who is sending tutors every Tuesday and Thursday night at no charge. Trying to do some cut backs. Phasing out the 15 passenger vans and going smaller.

Text taken from Eph. 6:10-13. Title could be:

How to be strong in the Lord

How to survive the storm

How to keep from becoming weak in well doing.

We are living in dishearting and disappointing times. Gal. 6:9 If not careful we will become

weary and tired, and may even become spiritually depressed. Many Christians have gotten away from true spiritual things. The attack is being made on Fundamentalists, Bible believing folks.

How to remain strong:

1. Recommit ourselves back to God. Back to the Word, work, will, and way of God.
2. Renew our minds back to God. Rom. 12:2. This is a continuous process. Spend time with God daily! Isa. 26:3.
3. Refocus our heart and life back of Christ. Col. 3:1-2 He needs to be the master center piece.
4. Reaffirm our faith. From time to time we need to make a statement of declaration. Majority of our churches do not have the Holy Spirit in the services. We need to stop at the spiritual service station.
5. Reinforce the soon coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Bro. Key closed his message in prayer.

Bro. Greg Rucker gave some closing thoughts. Closing prayer by Bro. Bill Campbell. Everyone then convened to 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 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 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: The Association will set the dues for the February meeting at the August meeting respectfully as per the need.

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 be careful of one another's happiness and reputation and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able 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 Associations 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, A 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.



*But ye shall receive power, after that the
Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall
be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,
and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and
unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Acts 1:8

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