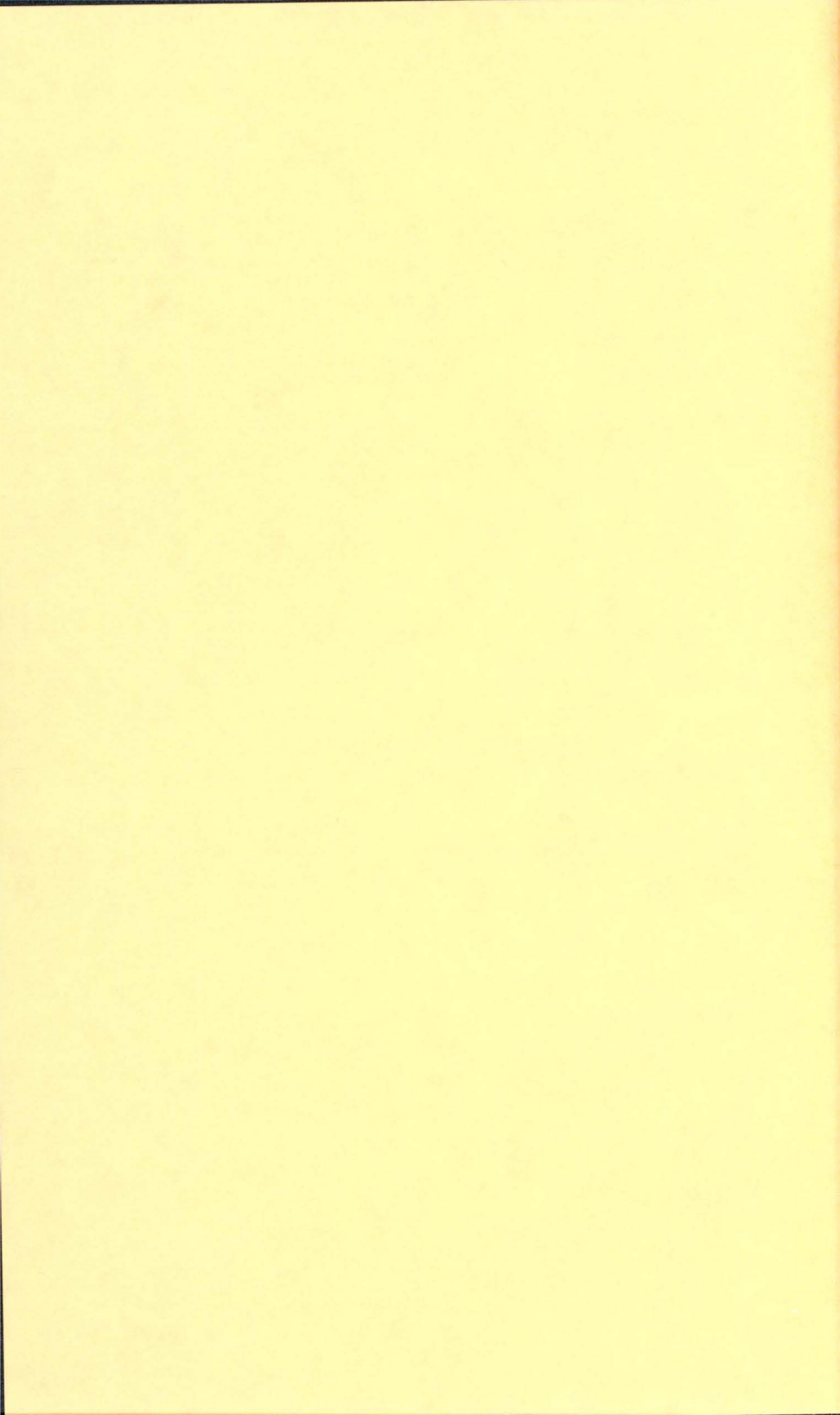


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MINUTES OF THE 2007 SESSIONS

**BI-ANNUAL SESSION
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Florence, Alabama
FEBRUARY 17, 2007**

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Progressive Association
Bi-Annual Meeting
February 17, 2007
First Free Will Baptist Church
Florence, Al. 35630

“The Praisemen” from the host church began our service with the “I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”. This was a wonderful song to start our service. The congregation then sung the hymn, “Showers Of Blessings”.

Bro. Michael Waddell, host pastor extended a gracious welcome to the Association. The clerk called the biannual meeting to order and delegates were seated.

The moderator, Bro. Phil Kimbrough, appointed the following Committees: Resolutions Committee, Dr. Charles Hollingshead, and Chris Towe; Appreciation Committee, Sister Allenica Phenice and Sister Amanda Webb. Before Bro. Jamie Lancaster brought the morning devotion, the “Praisemen” from Florence sung, “What A Lovely Name” and “Somebody Touch Me”.

Bro. Lancaster used I Kings 19: 1-14 as his text. Elijah was feeling sorry for himself and said, Lord, Let me die, The Lord allow him to rest then he told him, to arise and eat for the journey is great. Elijah found out that he wasn't alone and he heard God speak to him in a still small voice. Just remember that we are never alone. God has promise to be with us.

Those visiting the Association were Rev. Rick Cash, State

Bro. Allen Austin, Superintendent of Eldridge Children's Home;
Bro. Rodney Yerby, speaking for International Missions.

Bro. Jamie Lancaster gave the morning devotion using for his text I Kings 19:17-19. He requested that we pray for laborers to come to the field. In his message he reminded us that Elijah felt that he was alone but because we belong to God, we are never alone.

The Business session began with Bro. Allen Austin giving the Children's Home report. There are 18 children at the home at the present time. The home is certified for 30 and up to 32 by May 2007. One child from home was saved at Church on Wednesday night. Praise the Lord!

Dr. Charles Hollingshead gave the Resolutions Committee's report. We the Resolutions Committee do hereby and fore with recommend that we express our appreciation to Bro. Jamie Lancaster and Bro. Allen Austin with a gift of \$100.00 each for ministering to us today. We also recommend that each congregation participate in the coin bank program being conducted by International Missions.

Respectfully Submitted

Charles Hollingshead and Chris Towe

Bro. Rodney Yerby shared concerning the International Mission's offering in April and the funds would be used in Bible Institutes, etc to help change the world.

Bro. Cash gave his report concerning Acts 1:8 and how the Lord has bless since the start of this program. Bro. Tim Riggs has started a new church in the Mobile area and Bro. Dale McCoy will be pastor of the Prattville Church.

Bro. Duane Taylor gave the Youth Camp report, urging the churches to send their youth to camp this summer and to support the camp monthly.

The C.E. Board report was given by Bro. Terry Prince. District Competition would be held on April 14, at the Florence church. At the State Competition last year in Northport, there were 55 enter in the competition.

The Appreciation Committee Report was given by Sister Allecia Phenice. We want to thank the host church for allowing us to use their beautiful facility and the very delicious meal prepared for us.

The Treasurers report was given by Bro. Jerry White. Report was from August 2006 to February 1, 2007.

Beginning Balance	\$1564.15
Paid in	609.50

Total	2173.65
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Expenditures:

Phil Kimbrough	50.00
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Jerry White, Clerk	100.00
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U. S. Postal Service	39.00
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Al. State Dues	1215.00
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Total	1504.00
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Bal.	669.65
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Clerk's report was given by Bro. Jerry White. The Executive Committee voted to change the February meeting from Russellville Church to First FWB of Florence because Florence had requested by phone and letter but their letter got to the clerk late. Also we invited Bro. Jamie Lancaster to bring the devotion and Bro. Allen Austin to AM message.

The Credentials Committee report was given by Bro. Tim Baumgarten. We, the Credentials Committee, met and find all church letters to be in order.

Respectfully Submitted

Bro. Roy Helms, Bro. Jim Dorroh, Bro. Tommy Bee, Bro. Chris Towe, and Bro. Tim Baumgarten.

Bro. David Wiliford gave report on Free Will Baptist Bible College. He express thanks to all for their support of the Bible College. Bible Conference will be held on March 4-8 at the College. March 23rd would be an important day for the College concerning moving the campus.

Bro. Tim Baumgarten gave the State Home Missions report concerning the works in Mobile and Prattville.

Bro. Rick Cash before offertory prayer gave an update on Bro. Randy Wright's cancer treatment.

Bro. Michael Waddell and his wife, Mary Ann sung "How Deep The Father's Love" before Bro. Allen Austin delivered an encouraging message, " Anchors" , from Romans 5:1. The one who created Heaven and earth loves you and wants you anchor your whole being in Jesus Christ. Our faith in Jesus Christ is the only anchor we shall need in the storms of life.

Ministers Who Registered

Michael Waddell	First Church, Florence
Phil Cooper	First Church, Florence
J. Duane Taylor	South Highland FWB
Phil Kimbrough	First Church, Russellville
Charles Hollingshead	First Church, Northport
Tim Baumgarten	First Church, Northport
Chris Towe	Gray's Chapel
Rick Cash	Fayette

Roy Helms	First Church, Jasper
Heath Webb	Cave Springs
Chad Donoho	First Church, Northport
Jerry White	Townley
Allen Austin	Children's Home
David Wiliford	Bible College

Deacons Who Registered

Tommy Bee	South Highland
Jim Dorroh	First Church, Florence
Michael A. Phenice	First Church, Jasper
Ray Bevis	First Church, Jasper
Billy Gamble	First Church, Florence
Jim Thompson	First Church, Florence
George Capps	First Church, Florence
Ricky Borden	Cave Springs

Visitors Who Registered

Mary Woods	First Church, Florence
Laura Bowers	First Church, Florence
Kaye Cooper	First Church, Florence
David Darby	Jones Chapel
Allecia Phenice	First Church, Jasper
Etta Jane White	Townley
Gwen Johnson	Gray's Chapel
Dana Thompson	First Church, Florence
Buddy Armstead	First Church, Florence
Mat Matlock	Cave Springs

The Annual meeting took place on August 18, 2007 at the First Free Will Baptist Church at Jasper, Al.

Bro. Michael Phenice got our service off to a great start by singing "In The AM" and the host pastor, Bro. Roy Helms welcome everyone to the Jasper Church and led with prayer.

Bro. Phenice then led the congregation in "I AM Thine O Lord"

. Clerk read the delegates that attended and they were seated. The Clerk then read the proposed Constitution changes recommended by the Executive Committee on June 20, 2007.

Article 7: Item 1: On officers of Association need to add Assistant Clerk and Assistant Treasurer.

Article 6: Item 4: Add the Association has approved to give \$400.00 to CE Board for judges and awards if funds are sufficient.

Article 11 Item 1: Change that each church send \$75.00 to the annual meeting for Assoicational expense. Motion to table recommendation.

Bro. Phil Kimbrough, moderator appointed the following committees:

Resolution: Bro. Jerry Strickland and Dr. Charles Hollingshead.

Appreciation Committee: Linda Hall and Carol Randolph

Obituary Committee: Tommy Bee and Chris Towe

Before our devotion by Dr. Charles Hollingshead, Allecia Phenice brought shouts of AMEN and Praise God as she sung "The Anchor Holds". Praise the Lord for the anchor we have in Jesus Christ. Dr. Hollingshead used 1 John 2:1 and that as Christians that we sin not but if we do sin, we have an advocate. Doing

things God's way will always work.

Children's Home Report was given by Bro. Allen Austin. There are 22 children presently at the Children's Home. New computer setup will be on Friday, August 17, 2007.

Youth Camp report by Bro. Ashley Culp. The best camp ever at Trinity Camp with 208 campers. Several Churches had to be turned away. 17 answered the call to preach, J Duane Taylor Memorial Scholarship brochure will be available the coming year.

Bro. Phil Kimbrough gave a report on CE Board. The association youth received 23 trophies at National Association Meeting.

State Home Mission reported that Bro. Dale McCoy was doing well at Prattville. Bro. Tim Riggs and board had purchase an Assembly God Church property. The property has 3 acres, the church, classrooms and gym with option for additional land.

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Christians' House Report was given by the Area Minister, Rev. Mr. J. J. Williams, Secretary to the Christian House, New York, who said that the report was on the 17th August 1957.

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The FWBB College has had a steady growth with a 40% increase in preparing church leaders. Future of College looks great and thanks for your continual support. Report given by Bro. David Williford.

Bro. White gave the Treasurers Report:

Balance brought forward	669.65
Income from Dues & offering	1370.00
Competition Fees	1090.00
Expenses:	
Printing supplies	91.40
Postage	41.00
Judges	150.00
C.T.S. Competition	175.00
Fees to State Competition	970.00
Russellville Church	20.00
Allen Austin	100.00
Jerry White	100.00
Lamie Lancaster	100.00
Phil Kimbrough	50.00
Total Expense	1797.40
Balance	1282.25

After reviewing all the church letters, we, the Credentials Committee find them to be in order. The Roden Free Will Baptist Church has withdrawn from the Association. We have examined Phillip Jeffreys and Tony Berryman to be ordained on a future date at their home church, Cave Springs Free Will Baptist. After examination of Bro. Shilol Hackett and receiving a letter of good standing from the Western Piedmont Bible Fellowship, we recommend we receive into full fellowship of the Association.

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. Tim Baumgarten, Rev. Roy Helms, Rev. Chris Towe, and Bro. Tommy Bee.

Resolution Committee report given by Bro. Jerry Strickland,

1. Honorarium of \$100.00 be given to Bro. Rick Taylor.
2. That our churches give more attention to the individual needs of our church members. Help give them more spiritual, emotional and financial direction.

The Appreciation Committee would like to thank the Jasper FWB Church for hosting our annual meeting, the meaningful devotion given by Dr. Charles Hollingshead. The uplifting music and preparing a very delicious meal.

Respectfully submitted: Cindy Hall and Elree Randolph.

Clerk's Report: Executive Committee met at Bank's Barbecue in Haleyville on June 20, 2007 to plan the program for the Annual Meeting. Bro. Roy Helms open the meeting with prayer and Bro. Phil Kimbrough shared a devotion on how important it is to have an encourager like Barnabas in the church.

1. Bro. Kimbrough informed the committee that the South Highland church would be unable to host the annual meeting this time because of remodeling going on at this time.

2. Bro. Tim Baumgarten was contacted about Northport hosting the annual meeting and he said he thought their remodeling would be completed by that time.

3. On July 27, Bro. Phil was informed by Bro. Tim, that their remodeling was behind schedule and would not be able to host meeting in August.

4. Bro. Roy Helms and the Jasper church said they would be willing to host it for us.

5. The clerk informed the committee that the annual dues needed to be changed because of rising expense of the Association. The Committee voted to raise the annual dues to 75.00 per church.

6. The Constitution needed to be updated in the following:

Article 7: Item 1 needed to add Assistant Clerk, and
Assistant Treasurer.

Article 6: Item 4 The activities of this board shall be financed by an entrance fees or offerings as determined by this board. The Association shall give \$400.00 for judges and awards if funds are available.

Article 11 Item 1 That each church send \$75.00 to the Annual meeting in August for association expense.

The following was nominated to the association:

Moderator, Phil Kimbrough, Assistant Moderator, Jerry Strickland, Clerk, Jerry White, Assistant Clerk, Michael Phenice, Treasurer, Jerry White, Assistant Treasurer, Allecia Phenice; Executive Committee: Michael Waddell 2009, Roy Helms 2008, Chris Towe 2007, Chris Towe 2010

Credentials Committee: Rev. Roy Helms 2011, Rev. Tim Baumgarten 2010, Rev. Chris Towe 2009, Bro. Tommy Bee 2008, Bro. James Dorroh 2007, nominated James Dorroh 2010.

Christian Education Board;

Chad Donoho 2011, Kaye Wilson 2010, Rusty Pate 2009, Bro. Terry Prince 2008, Rev. Phil Kimbrough 2007 to replace himself 2012.

Trinity Youth Camp

Rev. Tim Baumgarten ask to be replaced Heath Webb 2009

Rev. J. Duane Taylor 2008 Rev. Roy Helms to fill term 2008

Bro. Mike Phencie 2007 to replace himself 2010

Children's Home Board

Rev. Roy Helms

Those attending meeting: Phil Kimbrough, Roy Helms and Jerry White.

Those nominated were elected by the Association.

Obituary Committee gave a report from the following churches:

Northport	Clara Mae Haynes
Russellville	Grady Randolph. Eudon Stephenson
	Bennie Pearl Whitehead
Jasper	Dot Wilson
South Highland	Rev. J. Duane Taylor
Submitted by Tommy Bee and Christ Towe	

A Motion to removed the recommendation on Constitution Changes from the table passed. All the changes to the Constitution were passed.

Our Biannual Meetings for 2008 will be at Jones Chapel on Feburay 16, 2008 and Northport on August 16, 2008.

Business meeting adjourned.

Offeratory prayer was given by Bro. Michael Phenice and then Bro. Roy Helms sung Acts 1:8 song that he had written.

Rev. Rick Taylor, pastor of Sulfur Springs Free Will Baptist Church was guest speaker. His text was from Ezekiel 37, God has the power even to make dry bones live and be his army. What can God do in your life? We can only speak the things we have seen and what we know, what we have experience with God.

Final Adjournment.

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 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 (4) members must be presented 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 1 for a 5 year term, 1 for a 4 year term, 1 for a 3 year term, 1 for a 2 year term, and 1 for a 1 year term. Then after 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

ITEM 4: The activities of this board shall be financed by an entrance fee or offerings as determined needed by the board. The Association shall give \$400.00 for the judges and the awards if the money is available.

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 of Free Will Baptist.

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, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant 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 day of August,

ITEM 2: The Progressive Association shall meet on the third Saturday in February.

ARTICLE 9: The Association shall determine at the annual associational 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 of 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 shall send \$75.00 to the annual meeting in August for Associational expense..

ITEM 2: Each church shall send \$120.00 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 loyal 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 to 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 DISMISSAL

This certifies that _____, is a
regular member of the _____
Free Will Baptist Church 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 OPERATION OF LOCAL

1. We agree as members of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptist to co-operate in every move for the 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 voting body 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, then 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 good 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 to 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 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 other 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 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.

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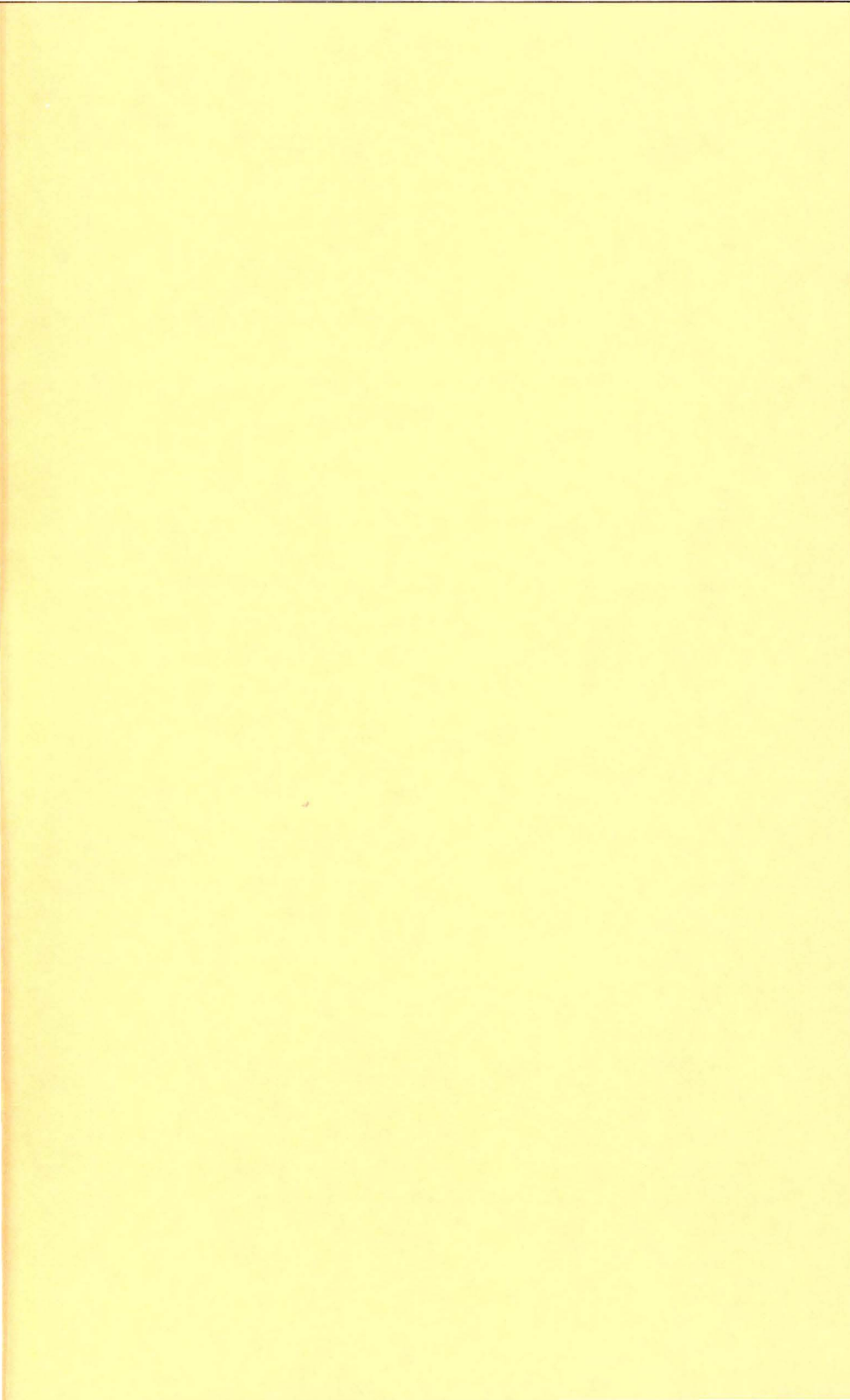
16. That all-inactive members of our churches be dropped from the roll after one year if they have been contacted and given an opportunity to prove themselves worthy to remain on the roll. If they show no interest in and have not attended or supported the church in one year we have the right to drop them from the roll according to our National Treatise.
17. The Pastor is an 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 question 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 shall 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 be found worthy, he shall be recommended to be license for a period of one year. He must have his license renewal annually and kept in force until ordination.
8. Any applicant for ordination must have 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-third majority vote of his Quarterly meeting or Association.) He must be recommended by the church 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 as to merit ordination. After examination, if he is worthy and sound of 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 1963 session.

2. 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.
3. Concerning the ordination of deacons: (a) He must be elected by the church which he is a member. (b) He must be approved for the work by the Credentials Committee. © 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 rule 12, or whose wife has more than one living husband.
4. Anyone desiring to be ordained (a) must be 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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