



The Progressive Association



Of

Free Will Baptists

Of

Alabama

**Minutes from the 2015 Bi Annual meeting
held at Jones Chapel FWB Church on**

April 11th

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**Minutes from the Annual meeting held at
First FWB Church of Jasper on August 15th**

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Minutes from the Progressive Association Bi-Annual meeting held at Jones Chapel FWB Church on April 11th, 2015

The service began with Bro. Barry Kelly leading the congregation in the marvelous hymn, "At Calvary".

Rev. Barry Kelly welcomed the Association to Jones Chapel and led in prayer.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk, Rev. Barry Kelly. The seating of delegates were as follows: Jones Chapel: Virginia Jones, Frances Balentine; South Highland Church: Charlie Bee, Donnie Mayfield Sr.; Townley Church: Etta Jane White.

Rev. Chris Compton, Moderator, welcomed those visiting from outside the Association: Bro. Danny Williams, Director at Children's Home; welcomed Mike Nabors, new pastor at Gray's Chapel. Moderator also expressed thanks to Rev. Barry Kelly for being the clerk and requested all gather around him and pray for him as he embarks on God's new path for him in Texas.

Moved Immediately into Business Meeting

Moderator, Rev. Chris Compton opened the business session.

International Missions: Bro. Danny Williams gave the report. End of April is WMO offering.

Children's Home: Bro. Danny Williams gave the Children's Home report. We are very thankful for your faithful prayers and support for this ministry. Presently 19 children consisting of 11 girls and 8 boys. Mike Corley resigned as the director of the Children's Home. Bro. Danny Williams is the acting Director. Pray for the home. Three have been saved. Pray for house parents. Financially the home is ahead of last year. The Toy Run in December of 2014 was record year. It

generated \$86,000 in revenue. The home will be hosting the Mid-South Bible Conference.

Alabama State Executive Office Report: Bro. Danny Williams gave the state office's report. Acts 1:8 giving 2014 was \$512,000, \$35,000 was from the progressive association. Currently the office was running ahead in the area of giving this year. Pray for Tammy and Jamey in Uruguay. Alabama Mission work: Bay City; Pray. Russia, Mexico partnerships are going well. 8 church planters and two Bible schools. Bro. Rick Cash Director of the Alabama State office has resigned effective June 1. Search committee is in place and gathering names.

Christian Education Board: Rev. Chris Compton gave the report. Registration deadline on April 17th and competition will be on May 2nd.

Credentials Committee Report: Rev. Tim Baumgarten gave the report. We, the credentials committee, after meeting and examining Donny Mayfield, of South Highland Free Will Baptist Church, recommend him to the ordination of the office of Deacon. r/s/p. Jim Dorroh, Thomas Lloyd, Shiloh Hackett, Tim Baumgarten.

Executive Committee Report: Rev. Barry Kelly, Clerk, gave the executive committee report. Due to the weather that caused the rescheduling of this meeting from Feb. to April the executive committee examined all church letters and found all in good standing with all reporting by letter with dues. The executive committee examined Bro. Ben Campbell for ordination.

Motion was made to adjourn the Business Session.

The Association entered into the worship portion of the service. We received the offering while Jones Chapel played "What a Friend." Karen Jones sang "Who Am I." Rev. Chris Compton introduced the Ben Campbell as the first speaker. His text was from Matthew 16: 15-18. He shared a story about William Carry, father of modern missions. Discouragement can be prevalent in our line of work. However it is worth it. One promise to rid discouragement. Lot of people treat Jesus as just a prophet. We cannot do ministry alone we need Christ. Two-fold promise from

Jesus. Christ is the Head and Foundation of the Church. What a promise. "upon this rock I will build my church and the furies of hell shall not prevail against it.

Karen Williams sang "When He was on the cross I was on His mind."

Rev. Chris Compton prayed and introduced Rev, Thomas Lloyd to bring the second message. His message was entitled "It's time to renew the Kingdom." Text was from 1 Samuel 11:14-15. Complacency and Mediocrity are killers among God's work. It is time to renew the kingdom in me. Lord God, would you create in me a desire to do my best for you? Lord God, would you draw me nearer to Jesus than I have ever been. Lord, I want to renew the kingdom in me this morning.

Adjournment

Rev. Shiloh Hackett dismissed in prayer and blessed the food.

Ministers in Attendance: Thomas Lloyd, Shiloh Hackett, Tim Baumgarten, Chris Compton, Jack Allen Jones, Barry Kelly, Jerry White, Ben Campbell, Michael Nabors.

Deacons in Attendance: James Dorroh, James Trout, Paul Liles.

Visitors in Attendance: Danny and Karen Williams, Virginia Jones, Frances Balentine, Rhonda Jones, Etta White, Zack Avera, Charlie Bee, Donnie Mayfield.

The next meeting is scheduled to be at First FWB Church Jasper on August 15th, 2015 with speaker Clint Morgan.

Minutes from the Progressive Association Bi-Annual meeting held at First Free Will Baptist Church of Jasper on August 15, 2015

The service began with Bro. Michael Phenicie leading the congregation in the hymn "Lily of the Valley".

Mrs. Alicia Phenicie sang the special: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Rev. Chris Pscheirer welcomed the Association to First FWB Church of Jasper and led in prayer.

The meeting was called to order by Asst. Moderator, Rev. Shiloh Hackett. The seating of delegates were as follows: First FWB Church of Jasper: Mary Francis Phenicie; Louis Hanes; Alicia Phenicie.

Rev. Chris Compton, Moderator, gave thanks to First Jasper and welcomed those visiting from outside the Association: Bro. Danny and Karen Williams, Director at Children's Home; Ashley Culp, Director of Trinity Camp, and Dr. Rusty Russell, Senior Pastor at Peace Church in Wilson, N.C.

The Moderator also appointed to the Auditing Committee: Bro. James Dorroh, and Rev. Ben Campbell. He appointed to the Obituary Committee: Bro. Buddy Trout, and Rev. Thomas Lloyd.

Rev. Mike Nabors, Pastor of Gray's Chapel FWB Church, gave the devotion "There is still Glory in His Church". His text was Ephesians 3:21. His main points were 1. Peace in God's Church, 2. Power in God's Church, 3. Hope in God's Church.

Moved Immediately into Business Meeting

Moderator, Rev. Chris Compton opened the business session.

Treasurer's Report: Rev. Shiloh Hackett gave the Treasurer's Report.

Financial Records 8/1/15 – 7/31/15

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| Beginning Balance (New Account) | | \$0 |
| Income: | | |
| Beginning Deposit | | \$ 1200.00 |
| August Church Dues | | \$ 1305.00 |
| Remaining Balance Jasper Bank | \$ | 308.32 |
| August Offering Received | \$ | 152.00 |
| February Church Dues | \$ | 1305.00 |
| April Offering Received | \$ | 46.00 |
| Total | | \$4,316.32 |

Disbursements:

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| Moderator Salary (Aug) | \$ 50.00 |
| Clerk Salary (Aug) | \$ 100.00 |
| Speaker Fee Aug (David Crowe) | \$ 150.00 |
| AL State Assoc. (Hole Sponsor) | \$ 100.00 |
| Reimbursement Barry Kelly (Supplies for Minutes) | \$ 220.00 |
| Bank charges (Statement fee 9/14-1/15) | \$ 15.00 |
| AL State Association Dues | \$ 1665.00 |
| Office Depot (Clerk Supplies) | \$ 25.32 |
| USPS (Stamps) | \$ 9.80 |
| Moderator Salary (Apr) | \$ 50.00 |
| Clerk Salary (Apr) | \$ 100.00 |
| Speaker Fee Apr (Thomas Lloyd) | \$ 150.00 |
| Speaker Fee Apr (Ben Campbell) | \$ 150.00 |
| Total | \$2,785.12 |

Ending Balance as of July 31, 2015

\$1,531.20

Clerk's Report: Bro. Shiloh Hackett gave the Clerk's report. Clerk's Report The Executive Committee met on July 7, 2015. The members of the Executive Committee in attendance were Moderator Chris Compton, Assistant Moderator Shiloh Hackett, Assistant Clerk Buddy Trout and by conference call Tim Baumgarten and Thomas Lloyd. The Executive Committee planned the program and speakers for the Annual Meeting at Jasper and made nominations for officers and boards to be presented to Progressive Association. The devotional speaker will be Bro. Mike Nabors and the guest speaker will be Dr. Rusty Russell speaking on discipleship. The locations for the 2016 meetings will be First Russellville in February and First Northport in August. Bro. Clint Morgan will be speaking at the meeting in February and arrangements for the August meeting are TBD.

A letter of good standing was sent in for Bro. Barry Kelly to the requesting association.

Children's Home: Bro. Danny Williams gave the Children's Home report. We are very thankful for your faithful prayers and support for this ministry. Averaging 20 Young People this year. Licensed to serve 6-18 years of age. The young people went to two camps this summer. There were 3 salvation decisions. There is a Spiritual Battle going on. Groups have been coming to do work at the Home. The 3M Plant came and did some work. Praying that God would give us vision. The Home is running ahead of Budget Needs due to the Lord providing.

Alabama State Executive Office Report: Bro. Danny Williams gave the state office's report. Currently the office was running ahead of budget as of July. Pray for Tammy and Jamey in Uruguay. They are on Medical Leave but will be returning Aug. 19. . Alabama Mission work: Bay City; Pray! They are averaging 75 per service, but 150 call it home. Russia, Mexico partnerships are going well. Billy Bevan- Church Revitalization- Eastside FWB Church Dothan, AL. Looking for someone to come help!

Trinity Camp: Bro. Ashley Culp gave the report. He's been there 15 seasons. Went full time in 2009. Been helping local churches who are without a pastor by filling the pulpit. Thank you for all the support! Finished the year in the black. Had 42 salvation decisions, 4 called to preach, and 3 called to missions. Also were able to build new staffing quarters that were paid off in 4 months.

Christian Education Board: Rev. Riley Young gave the report. Registration deadline on April 17th and competition will be on May 7th at Sulphur Springs FWB Church in Northport.

Credentials Committee Report: Rev. Tim Baumgarten gave the report. We, the credentials committee, after meeting and examining Mike Nabors, recommend that he be accepted to the association. r/s/p. Jim Dorroh, Bro. Michael Phenicie, Tim Baumgarten.

Motion was made to adjourn the Business Session.

The Association entered into worship singing "I Am Thine, O, Lord", followed by an offeratory hymn played by First FWBC of Jasper. Ruby Pikes then sang "He is Mine".

Moderator Chris Compton introduced our speaker, Dr. Rusty Russell.

Dr. Russell gave a wonderful message on Discipleship: Why We Should Eat With Sinners. Not only looking at why we disciple but also how we should disciple. The church tends to have two approaches to discipleship: Isolation & Interaction. We have to go in so that they can get out! Dr. Russell also provided numerous discipleship resources.

Adjournment

The Association dismissed in prayer and blessed the food.

The next meeting is scheduled to be at First Free Will Baptist Church of Russellville on February 20, 2016.

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 obligation 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, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprise 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.

Constitution

Article 1: This association shall be known as the Progressive Association of the Free Will Baptist of Alabama and bordering states.

Article 2: This association shall be composed of ministers, deacons, and delegates of different churches forming the same.

Article 3: This association shall adopt as its Articles of Faith, the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article 4: All ministers and churches wishing to become members of this body must willingly submit to the Articles of Faith, Constitution, and all rules of the same.

Article 5: Each church in this association shall be entitled to three delegates for the first one 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 the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and three (3) elected members elected for terms of 1, 2, and 3 years each whose duties shall be to act on behalf of the Progressive Association when said association is not in regular session. A 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 1 for a 5 year term, 1 for a 4 year term, 1 for a 3 year term, 1 for a two year term, and 1 for a 1 year term. Then thereafter 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 three (3) 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. 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 by receiving an offering 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 C.T.S.

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 shall meet on the third Saturday of August.

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

Article 9: Item 1: The association shall determine at the annual association meeting where the meeting 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 2: The meeting 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 or to the by-laws of the Progressive 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 will send \$145.00 to the Bi-annual meeting in February and to the annual meeting in August.

Item 2: Each church shall send the church letter and dues to the clerk two weeks before each meeting.

Article 12: This association may exclude from the body any minister who teaches heresy, or any church that countenances his said teaching or that may be disloyal to the tenants of faith as held by this association and expressed in the Articles of Faith. The same discipline shall apply to any church excluded by the Ordaining Council.

BY-LAWS RULES FOR PREACHERS AND DEACONS

ITEM 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 of 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.

ITEM 2: All preachers shall attend all business meetings unless providentially hindered.

ITEM 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.

ITEM 4: All ministers will be required to strictly adhere to the teachings of the Free Will Baptist according to the Articles of Faith.

ITEM 5: No minister shall speak slanderously or cast personal reflections upon another minister that will hurt his influence or ministerial standing.

ITEM 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.

ITEM 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 the completion of such an examination, if he is found to be 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.

ITEM 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.

ITEM 9: That each preacher of this Association, with recommendation from their church, is given a renewal of their card of good standing each year. This request is to be in writing on the Annual Church letter.

ITEM 10: That no man is to be licensed or ordained that uses tobacco in any form.

ITEM 11: We use the ordination questionnaire as passed in the Associations 1963 session.

ITEM 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 1 Timothy. The term, a husband of one wife: means shall not have more than one living wife (that is, he shall not be married to one wife at the present times and there be a wife still living from previous marriage.) The same shall apply to the wife; she shall have only one living husband.

ITEM 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 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 of any form to be ordained as deacons or ministers. (e) Each deacon of this Association, with recommendation from their church, is given a card of good standing each year. (f) That no deacon be ordained who has more than one living wife, as defined in the rules for preachers in Item 12, or whose wife has more than one living husband.

ITEM 14: Anyone desiring to be ordained (a) must send a completed questionnaire with the church letter to the clerk two weeks before the Association meeting. (b) Anyone desiring to be licensed or ordained must meet with the Credentials Committee one hour before the opening of the session.

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, 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 with 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 at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who shall speak first and no member while speaking shall cast any reflection on any other 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 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 the 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 him 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 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.

Letter of Dismissal

This certifies that _____, is a regular member of the _____ FWB Church in _____, and is in good standing. We the _____ FWB Church commend them to the fellowship of God's people on _____. They are dismissed from our church and are privileged to unite with any other evangelical church.

_____ Pastor

_____ Clerk