



**The Progressive Association**



**Of**

**Free Will Baptists**

**Of**

**Alabama**

**Minutes from the 2017 Bi-Annual meeting held  
at South Highland FWB Church of Muscle  
Shoals on  
February 18, 2017**

**&**

**2016 Annual meeting held at Northport FWB  
Church on  
August 20, 2016**



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#### Townley

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William Dutton



*Minutes from the Progressive Association Bi-Annual meeting held at South  
Highland FWB Church on February 18, 2017.*

The meeting was called to order by Clerk, Rev. Kevin Flannagin.

The seating of delegates were as follows:

Jasper- Allecia Phenicie, Mary Frances Phenicie  
South Highland- Charlie Bee

Rev. Tim Baumgarten, Moderator, welcomed all and asked prayer for Thomas Loyd's and Jerry White's wives. Opened in prayer

***Congregational Songs-*** Bro. Hugh Winsett led the singing of "We have come into His house" and "Brethren we have met to worship".

***Devotion-*** Bro. Alan Jones gave devotion from Psalm 42:5 & 11 & 43:5

1. Why are you cast down
  2. Our hope is in the Lord
  3. We can praise the Lord
- Why are we cast down? God already knows and He is in control.

**Intermission**

**Resumed Business Session**

Moderator, Rev. Tim Baumgarten opened the business session.

***Alabama State Executive Office Report:*** Given by Executive Secretary Bro. Danny Williams.

This past year's Acts 1:8 budget was \$566,000, a \$60,000 increase over the previous year. When we closed 2016, donations totaled \$530,800. That is obviously short of our goal, but a 5% increase (\$27,000) in contributions over 2015. Thank you for the \$39,052 which was donated by 7 of your Association's churches. You helped ministries from Alabama to Russia. To express it in other terms the Progressive Association funded Acts 1:8 for 24.5 days in 2016!

Bro. Tim Riggs and family in Semmes at the Bay City FWB Church are seeing visitors every week. Attendance is steady but more faithfulness in giving is needed. Bro. Tim announced at the State Meeting that he hopes to go self-supporting in April. Bro. Billy Bevan continues to lead the Eastside Church in Dothan as a revitalization project. Progress is being made and new families have been reached. For several Sundays they have had over 60 in attendance without any special days.

The State Missions Conference began January 7th and concluded February 5th. Sixty-five of our churches participated. Twenty-four missionary speakers came and shared their heart and ministry.

**Children's Home:** Given by Bro. Danny Williams. Our Children's Home is doing well. There are presently 13 children in residence. This number is down from our normal population, so please pray for God to bring us in contact with children who need our ministry. Mandy Mitchell, our social worker, is now our Director and doing an admirable job. The Toy Run and Benefit Ride in December set an amazing, new record in contributions. For the first time ever it surpassed \$100,000! (100,721)

**Trinity Camp-** Rev. Ashley Culp, Appreciation given to the association for continued support. Completed gym roof project of re-insulating roof for \$24,000. PTL, money came in before completion. Announced new project of changing metal roofs out on dorms due to continued leaks. Estimate cost of \$15,000. He gave dates for camps and shared the camp is rented for the remaining weeks of the summer.

**Credentials Committee Report:** Mike Phenicie gave the report. All churches reporting except Grays Chapel. Asking prayer for churches without pastors. Motion received to accept report, seconded. Vote passed.

**Treasurer's Report-**

**Progressive Association  
Financial Records 8/19/16 - 2/17/17**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$1,972.28</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
August Church Dues	\$ 435.00
February Dues Received as of 2/17/17	<u>\$1,015.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,450.00</u></b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Moderator Salary (Aug)(Tim Baumgarten)	\$ 50.00
Clerk Salary (Aug)(Riley Young)	\$ 100.00
Speaker Fee (Aug) (Hosea Correa)	\$ 150.00
Speaker Fee (Aug)(Tommy Franks)	\$ 150.00
Checks	\$ 27.25
Postage	\$ 9.40
Alabama State Association Dues (9 churches)	<u>\$1,665.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,151.65</u></b>
<b>Ending Balance as of February 17, 2017</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,270.63</u></b>

*Motion was made to adjourn the Business Session. MSC*

Moderator, Rev. Tim Baumgarten

*Congregational Songs:* Bro. Hugh Winsett led us in *Because He Lives*

*Offering received:* \$74.00

*Message:* Bro. Ashley Culp spoke from Joshua 1:1 & 2. In order to be recommended you have to be real. God's plan and methods are always the same.

1. Joshua's Resume- He was proven; He was a servant; He was patient; He had a vision
2. Joshua's Responsibilities- Commissioned to come and lead; he was to claim the land
3. Joshua's Resources- God's presence v.3; God's power v.5

Always be strong. Step up and be the man. Moses is gone.

Rev. Tim Baumgarten closed the service with announcements.

Rev. Mike Phenicie dismissed in prayer and blessed the food.

*Ministers in Attendance:* 9

*Deacons in Attendance:* 4

*Delegates in Attendance:* 3

*Visitors in Attendance:* 10

*Annual meeting to be held August 19, 2017 at Townley FWBC in Townley*



***Minutes from the Progressive Association Bi-Annual meeting held at Northport FWB Church on August 20, 2016.***

The meeting was called to order by Clerk, Rev. Riley Young.

Rev. Tim Baumgarten, Moderator, welcomed those visiting from outside the Association: Jose Correa, Tommy Franks

The seating of delegates were as follows:

Jasper- Allecia Phenicie

Russellville- Lisa Loyd

-Mary Frances Phenicie

Cave Springs- Mike Matlock

Northport- Jane Franks & Keith Wheat

Rev. Tim Baumgarten read the nominations for 2016-2017 officers. Motion to Table until Business Meeting.

***Congregational Songs-*** Bro. Riley Young led the singing of *You are My All in All*

***Special Music-*** Jane Franks sang *God's Been Good*

***Devotion-*** Bro. Alan Jones introduced our speaker. Jose Correa from Puerto Rico gave information about the work there. The work began 7 years ago. 1 Kings 18:31-32 He shared a video of the work in Puerto Rico. Three current churches and looking at adding a fourth.

***Moved Immediately into Business Meeting***

Moderator, Rev. Tim Baumgarten opened the business session.

***Trinity Camp-*** Given by Moderator Tim Baumgarten

***Children's Home:*** Given by Moderator Tim Baumgarten

**Intermission**

**Resumed Business Session**

***Alabama State Executive Office Report:*** Given by Moderator Tim Baumgarten



## *Obituary Committee Report: Recognized by Congregation*

**Auditing Committee-** Rev. Jerry White

**Credentials Committee Report:** Rev. Thomas Loyd gave the report. Examined Rev. Mike Crews and approved pending Letter of Good Standing from his previous association. Bro. Eric Armstrong is licensed to preach pending completion of application. Motion received to accept report, seconded. Vote passed.

**Clerk's Report:** Rev. Riley Young gave the clerk/ treasurer's report.

The Executive Committee met on August 2, 2016. The members of the Executive Committee in attendance were Moderator Tim Baumgarten, Clerk/Treasurer Riley Young, Rev. Thomas Lloyd, Michael Phenicie, and Rev. Jerry White. The Executive Committee planned the program and speakers for the Bi-Annual meeting at Northport and made nominations for officers and boards to be presented to Progressive Association. The devotional speaker will be Jose Correa from Puerto Rico and the guest speaker will be Rev. Tommy Franks from the Hamilton FWB Church. The location for the Feb Meeting will be at South Highland FWBC in Muscle Shoals, and the August meeting will be held at Townley FWBC in Townley. Letters of good standing were sent in for Bro. Chase Bright, Chris Compton, and Chris Schirer to their requesting associations.

### ***Treasurer's Report-***

#### **Progressive Association Financial Records 2/19/16 – 8/19/16**

Beginning Balance	\$ 274.28
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#### **Income:**

February Church Dues	\$1,160.00
February Offering Received	\$ 118.00
August Dues Received as of 8/19/16	<u>\$ 870.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$2,148.00</u></b>

#### **Disbursements:**

Moderator Salary (Feb)(Tim Baumgarten)	\$ 50.00
Clerk Salary (Feb)(Riley Young)	\$ 100.00
Speaker Fee (Feb) (Riley Young)	\$ 150.00
Speaker Fee (Feb)(Clint Morgan)	\$ 150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 450.00</u></b>

Ending Balance as of August 19, 2016	<b><u>\$1,972.28</u></b>
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Nominations were brought off of the Table by a motion and a second. All in favor.

***Motion was made to adjourn the Business Session. Vote Passed***

Moderator, Rev. Tim Baumgarten

***Congregational Songs:*** Bro. Riley Young led us in *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*.

***Special Music:*** Riley Young sang *Scandal of Grace*

*Offering received for Jose Correa \$254*

***Message: Bro. Tommy Franks 1 Cor 15:50-58***

No matter what we go through, it is worth it to work for the cause of Christ. We must be ready for persecution.

3 Statements

1. There is a great transformation coming vs.50,53
2. There is a great triumph(victory) coming vs. 54,55
3. There is a great truth vs. 58 (1 Cor 3:5- God gives the increase)

**Business Mtg called to Order**

**State Delegates-** Erik Armstrong- South Highland; Allecia Phenicie- Jasper

**Motion to accept, second, all in favor.**

**Business Mtg adjourned.**

Rev. Tim Baumgarten closed the service with announcements.

Rev. Phil Kimbrough dismissed in prayer and blessed the food.

***Ministers in Attendance:***

***Deacons in Attendance:***

***Delegates in Attendance:***

***Visitors in Attendance:***

***The next meeting is scheduled to be at South Highland FWB Church in Muscle Shoals Feb 18, 2017***

***Annual meeting to be held August 19, 2017 at Townley FWBC in Townley***



## **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 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:** 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:** 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 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

