



The Progressive Association



Of

Free Will Baptists

Of

Alabama

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

&

2016 Bi-Annual meeting held at First FWB
Church of Russellville on
February 20, 2016

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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
Income:	
February Church Dues	\$1,160.00
February Offering Received	\$ 118.00
August Dues Received as of 8/19/16	<u>\$ 870.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,148.00</u>
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
Total	\$ 450.00
Ending Balance as of August 19, 2016	<u>\$1,972.28</u>

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

Minutes from the Progressive Association Bi-Annual meeting held at First FWB Church of Russellville February 20, 2016.

Rev. Thomas Loyd welcomed the Association to First FWB Church of Russellville.

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

Rev. Tim Baumgarten, Moderator, welcomed those visiting from outside the Association: Bro. Danny Williams, Director at Children's Home; Bro. Ashley Culp, Director at Trinity Camp, and also led in Prayer.

Congregational Songs- Bro. Terry Prince led us in Since Jesus Came Into My Heart & Heaven's Jubilee.

Special Music-Angie Beard sang *The Mercy Seat*.

Devotion- Rev. Riley Young, gave the devotion from Acts 4. "Being Bold for Christ".

Moved Immediately into Business Meeting

Moderator, Rev. Tim Baumgarten opened the business session. The seating of delegates were as follows: South Highland Church: James Troutt; Cave Springs: Mike Matlock; Russellville: Mabis Ball, Lisa Loyd; Northport: Andrew Sampsell; Jasper: Louise Haynes, Mary Frances Phenicie. Motioned and Seconded. Vote passed

Treasurer's Report-

Progressive Association Financial Records 8/1/15 – 2/19/16

Beginning Balance	\$1531.20
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Income:

August Church Dues	\$1,160.00
August Offering Received	\$ 42.00
February Dues Received as of 2/19/16	<u>\$1,015.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,217.00</u>

Disbursements:

Moderator Salary (Aug)(Chris Compton)	\$ 50.00
Clerk Salary (Aug)(Shiloh Hackett)	\$ 150.00
Speaker Fee Aug (Rusty Russell)	\$ 386.00
Speaker Hotel	\$ 107.92
AL State Assoc. (Hole Sponsor)	\$ 100.00
AL State Association Dues	<u>\$1,665.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,458.92</u>

Ending Balance as of February 19, 2016	<u>\$1,289.28</u>
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Trinity Camp- Bro. Ashley Culp gave the report. Had a great year and looking forward to a great 2016. Tim Loyd, Blake Nance, Jon Forrest, David Osborne will be the speakers this year. 2016 is the 16th year as Director, and preparing for this season. Had extensive roof damage in Dec. 2015 to Dining Hall. Had a church donate \$10,000 to help with costs for the roof. 2016 Project is to remodel the gym roof and insulated ceiling. Cost will be around \$25,000. Please pray for us.

Children's Home: Moderator, Rev. Tim Baumgarten gave the Children's Home report. 18 current residents. Toy Run in Dec. 2015 raised \$94,000. Search for New Director continuing. Mrs. Mandy Mitchell is the Interim Director. Children's home Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, April 30th at Mt. View Golf Course in Birmingham, AL.

Intermission

Resumed Business Session

Alabama State Executive Office Report: State Director Bro. Danny Williams gave the state office's report.

"Committed to the Cause of Christ"- The emphasis of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists. Mid-South Bible Conference will be April 27-29, 2016. Will be held at the Winfield FWB Church. Chris Rumfeld and Roger Duncan will be the speakers.

Acts 1:8- supports Tim Riggs in Mobile, praying that church will go self-supporting. Mortgage was paid off last year. Church is remodeling activity building and paving parking lot. Revitalization of Eastside FWB in Dothan. Rev. Billy Bevans and Dalton Molloy are there to help reestablish the work. Please pray for this project.

The Lancaster's and Turnbough's are under the Acts 1:8 program as well.

International Missions has returned to Designated Accounts. The State will cover half of the budget for each of these missionaries. Acts 1:8 also covers partnerships with Russia, Mexico, Cuba, and the new Online Spanish Seminary. Progressive Association gave approx. \$43,000. 2015 budget vs income was essentially even. New budget is \$560,000. New challenge to fund Acts 1:8 for a day is \$1600. See how many days we can support Acts 1:8 !!

International Missions: Last Sunday of April is WMO offering.

Credentials Committee Report: Rev. Thomas Loyd gave the report. We, the credentials committee, have examined the letters and they are in order. Also, after meeting and examining Andrew Sampsell, of Northport Free Will Baptist Church, recommend him to the ordination of the office of Deacon. r/s/p. Phil Kimbrough, Thomas Loyd, Jack Alan Jones. Motion received to accept report, seconded. Vote passed.

Motion was made to adjourn the Business Session.

Moderator, Rev. Tim Baumgarten thanked Rev. Thomas Loyd and the Russellville Church for their hospitality.

Congregational Songs- Bro. Terry Prince led us in *Standing on the Promises*, and *Victory in Jesus*.

Angie Beard played *I Believe in a Hill called Mt. Calvary* for the offertory.

Special Music- Candy sang *How Can I Keep From Singing*

Message: Bro. Clint Morgan, Director of FWB International Missions delivered the message. Missio Dei- God's Mission

All about a God who loved us so much to send His Son. Not just a FWB mission. We must Labor w/ the body of Christ to fulfill the Great Commission" Body of Christ is every Born Again believer. The five Great Commission passages are Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8. The first aspect of the mission is **1. The Mandate**(to Go!) If we are not involved in the Great Commission we are disobedient to His Mandate. There is a difference between desire and commitment. **2. The Messenger** (Converted- A Born Again Believer!) If we are a true believer it will affect our character. It is better to have no leaders than have those who are not Biblically qualified. Can you Preach what you practice? As Paul said, "Follow me as I follow Christ". *Be Compassionate and Passionate* Be passionate for God and His Word. Be the church Christ intended us to be. Controlled by the Holy Spirit- We need to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. Every believer has God's Spirit dwelling in them. He guides us and directs us **3. The Message- Be Clear, Concise, Contextualized**. Be Hermeneutically sound- Apply good Biblically interpretation. Be Intellectually honest. Apologetics- be able to defend God's word. Culturally relevant. Don't make complicated that which is not complicated. Present the Gospel in a way they will understand. Conformity without Compromise. **4. The Methods**- Heresy of methodology is just as dangerous as heresy of Theology. We need to minister to People's needs. As you minister to needs, God will provide an opportunity to their hearts. Make sure we are making disciples. We need to train leaders who can train others. Partner with the body of Christ.

Rev. Tim Baumgarten closed the service with announcements.
Bro. Danny Williams dismissed in prayer and blessed the food.

Ministers in Attendance: 5

Deacons in Attendance: 5

Delegates in Attendance: 8

Visitors in Attendance: 9

The next meeting is scheduled to be at Northport FWB Church on August 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.

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

