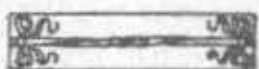


**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
Second Session Of The  
**Progressive Association  
Of Free Will Baptist**



HELD WITH  
**UNITY GROVE CHURCH**

September 12, 13, 14, 1933



**OFFICERS**

Rev. J. B. Bloss.....	Moderator
W. H. Ryland.....	Assistant Moderator
E. W. Graves.....	Clerk
E. D. Morgan.....	Treasurer

The next session of this Association will convene with Vernon Church  
on Tuesday, after the Second Sunday in October, 1934.



### PROCEEDINGS

The second session of Progressive Free Will Baptist Association convened with Unity Grove Church, September 12, 13, 14, 1933.

Opened by songs and prayers by E. W. Graves and M. E. Hollis. Brother S. T. Shutes was in charge of the Devotional. At 11 o'clock Rev. A. J. Lambert brought an inspiring message.

After a great feast the Association was assembled at one o'clock for business. Ministers enrolled: Elders R. V. Guyton, G. W. Franks, S. T. Shutes, J. B. Bloss, W. H. Ryland, and E. W. Graves.

Deacons enrolled: P. A. Crawford, J. H. Cole, M. E. Hollis, Bart Robertson, C. L. Adair, Jessie Pike, Grady Pierce, and J. D. Carter.

#### CALL FOR LETTERS FROM CHURCHES

The following churches responded and their delegates seated:

Guin Chapel: Geneva Simmons, Miriam McGuire, Mrs. Otto Gann.

Cordova: Brother Archie Dunn, Allious Best, Sister Ethel Bank.

Sulphur Springs: E. L. Crawford, Mrs. Frances Hall.

Unity Grove: Ed Robertson, E. M. Fields, Ed Stapp.

Vernon W. L. Turner, Douglas Morgan, W. M. Edgeworth.

Credential committee composed of W. H. Ryland, S. T. Shutes, E. L. Crawford was appointed and retired to make report.

Welcome address by E. M. Fields. Response by Rev. Robert Crawford. Short talks were made by A. J. Sanders, J. T. Baxter, Brother Payne, Sister Dunn, Sister Turner, Sister Hall, Jessie Pike, R. V. Guyton, M. E. Hollis, Harrison Pike, Perry Graham, Joe Graham.

Moderator's address: very inspiring.

#### REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We your Credential Committee report the following:

We have examined the following church letters and delegates and recommend that letters be received and delegates seated: Townley, Doovertown, Alabama City, Union Ridge.

We also examined and found worthy the following names recommended for ordinance as deacons: Brothers Luther Dover, W. L. Turner, E. D. Morgan, W. M. Edgeworth.

We have examined the following recommended by letter for license to preach: Brothers Robert Crawford, A. G. Robershaw.

We find them worthy and recommend them to the Association for licensing.

We have examined the letters of recommendations from Elders P. H. Pike, A. J. Lambert, T. J. Adair and recommend them for membership in this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. RYLAND, Chairman.

Report received and adopted. The following letters received and delegates seated: Alabama City, Sister Lambert; M. L. Adair, Townley; Maude Pearce, Gera Alvis, Doovertown; L. C. Wright, Union Ridge; Elmer Bolen, Richard Eastman, Deacon C. C. Gibbs seated.



### REPORT OF GENERAL BUSINESS BOARD

(See report). The report was read, adoption deferred. Assignment to homes. Motion carried to adjourn business until nine o'clock Wednesday a. m. At 7:30 p. m. met at church for service. Devotional led by W. H. Ryland. Sermon by Rev. G. W. Franks. Text John 3-7. A fine service was enjoyed by a large congregation.

#### WEDNESDAY A. M.

Program in charge of Ladies Aid. Sister J. B. Bloss presiding. Scripture reading by sister Bloss. Prayer by Sister Walter Fields. Quartet He Whispers Sweet Peace To Me. The Ladies Aid and What It Means To A Church by Geneva Simmons. Letters received from the following churches: Sulphur Springs, Unity Grove, Doyertown, Guin, Brilliant, Boston, Cordova, and Vernon. Motion carried to send a sum of money to the Orphanage and Lion Bible School. Plans were made to send a gift box to the Orphanage for Thanksgiving. Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Brilliant-Boston on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in March, 1934.—Sister J. B. Bloss, president; Miriam McGuire, secretary; Mrs. Vester Hankins, treasurer.

Motion carried that Brothers J. M. Haas and I. K. Boyette be seated as visiting ministers. General Business Report presented for adoption. Articles 1-5 were voted upon. Articles 1-2-5 carried 2 and 3 failed. (See report.) Adjourned for dinner.

#### WEDNESDAY P. M.

Sermonettes by Eld. S. T. Shutes, subject—Our Problems. E. W. Graves—Our Future. W. H. Ryland—Love and Cooperation. I. K. Boyette—Pastor's Duty. J. M. Haas—Evangelism.

Motion carried that the Association proceed to ordain Brothers W. M. Edgeworth, E. D. Morgan, Luther Dover, W. L. Turner, to be Deacons. Brother I. K. Boyette giving the charge. Adjournment until 9 a. m. Thursday. At 7:30 p. m. Elder J. M. Haas brought a very able message from the text Mt. 16:18-19.

#### THURSDAY A. M.

Opened by songs and prayer. Scripture Titus 2 read by Mod. J. B. Bloss.

### REPORT OF GENERAL BUSINESS BOARD

Report of General Business Board Adopted.

Deacons J. D. and Garman Carter and Elder W. N. Ryland were appointed corresponding delegates to Mississippi State Line Association.

Report and disposition of standing boards. Boards of auditing finance, mission, religious education and superannuation reported.

(See reports.)

### PERSONNEL OF STANDING BOARDS

Religious education—Mrs. Essie Collins, C. L. Adair, E. D. Morgan, L. Crawford.

Finance—Robert Crawford, Miriam McGuire. Ethel Stapp and Gera Alvis.

Superannuation—M. E. Hollis, W. M. Edgeworth, Otto Gann, T. O. Terry.

Motion carried to elect officers for ensuing year. Results of election: Moderator, J. B. Bloss; Assistant Moderator, W. H. Ryland; Clerk, E. W. Graves; Treasurer, E. D. Morgan.

Elders R. V. Guyton and A. J. Lambert were appointed as auditing board.

General Business Board appointed J. T. Johnson, L. C. Wright, P. A. Crawford, T. J. Adair and G. W. Franks. Sister Gera Alvis made a splendid talk on Young People's Work. A parting hand was given Brother Shutes as he goes to new fields. Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Vernon Church on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in October 1934. Rev. Robert Crawford brought the closing messages.

### REPORT OF GENERAL BUSINESS BOARD

We beg to submit the following recommendations:

I. That we adopt the Church Covenant adopted by general conference.

II. That Article 7 of Constitution be changed so to read "This Association shall meet on Tuesday and Wednesday after Second Sunday in October.

III. Article 8 of Constitution be changed so as to read "This Association shall by a majority vote of delegates present determine the next meeting place."

IV. The third item of rules for Church Conference to read, opportunity for membership.

V. That the sixth item read, call for reference.

VI. That the following rules be added to Church Government Rules.

Any member who wilfully fails to attend and discharge his duty as a member for six months unless Providentially hindered shall not be permitted to vote in Church Conference until he or she makes restitution.

VII. Any member desiring to move his membership from one church to another must have a letter or be received under the watch care of the church until he can secure a letter.

VIII. Concerning the ordination of Deacons. (1) He must be elected by the church of which he is a member. (2) He must be recommended by his church to the Credential Committee. (3) After examination and if found worthy the committee recommends the Association ordain him.

IX. Addition to Rules of Ministers. Concerning ordination of Ministers.

(1) An aspirant to the Ministry must be recommended to the Credential Committee by their church for license and if the committee finds them worthy they recommend them to the Association.

(2) If, at the end of one year he has proved himself worthy and has been called to a pastorate, the church of which he is a member



recommends to the Credential Committee his ordination, approving him, the committee recommends him to the Association for ordination.

X. That the clerk superintend the printing of minutes on a competitive basis, that 400 copies be printed and that he have \$5.00 for his service.

XI. That the Moderator and Clerk represent this body in the General Conference and that the finance board be responsible for the fee.

XII. That the next session of this Association be held with Vernon Church. And that the pastor and church be responsible for the 1934 program.

XIV. That Elders A. J. Lambert, T. J. Adair and J. B. Bloss represent this Association in the Muscle Shoals State Line Association.

XV. That corresponding delegates be appointed to Mississippi State Line Association.

XVI. That we bow our heads in humble submission to God's Will concerning those who have gone to their reward, and that we extend our sympathy and prayers to the bereaved.

XVII. That we give a rising vote of thanks to this church and community for its hospitality during this association.

XVIII. That you accept my resignation from this board and the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. SHUTES, Chairman.

P. A. Crawford, J. T. Johnson and C. L. Adair report adopted except Articles two and three.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE BOARD

We beg to report that we have collected \$32.23; expenses \$5.55; balance on hand \$26.68.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT CRAWFORD, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

We wish to report that we have received \$2.67 for this cause.—W. M. EDGEWORTH, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF AUDITING BOARD

We the auditing board report that we have examined the books of the finance board and the treasurer of this association and find them to be correct and in good order.

E. W. GRAVES, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

We your board of mission wish to report as follows:

Our mission work has been limited this year due to lack of funds.

We are looking forward to a brighter day.

We wish to present some resolutions for your consideration.

(1) That each church raise five cents per member during the month of October for our foreign missionary.

(2) That the said funds be sent to W. H. Ryland, chairman Mission Board, Cordova, Alabama, Box 193.

That the Association cooperate with this Board in organization of at least one new church this year.

(4) That Rev. J. B. Bloss work under the auspices of the mission board in establishing a church at Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

(5) That each church during the Associational year raise ten cents per member for Home Mission.

(6) That each pastor preach one sermon on missions to each of his churches.

W. H. RYLAND, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BOARD

We wish to report that we met on April 29, 1933, and elected officers of the board. Since we have received no funds we have been able to do nothing.—D. G. JORDAN, Chairman.

#### CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe by Divine Grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree by God's help, to walk together, in brotherly live.

We, therefore, enter into covenant as members of this church and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each other's joys and sorrows that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others that by Divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our agreements, and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of this church; that we will contribute cheerfully according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

#### CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This association shall be known as the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists 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. 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 4. Each church in this association shall be entitled to three delegates for the first hundred members, or fraction thereof and one delegate for every additional fifty members.

Article 5. This association shall have a credential committee, composed of three members, two ordained ministers and one layman, who shall be appointed by the moderator at the convening of each regular session, whose duty shall be to examine all church letters and



applications for membership for both churches and ministers and make a report of same to the body.

Article 6. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each regular session.

Article 7. This association shall meet on Tuesday and Wednesday following the second Sunday in October of each year, and shall not adjourn until all business is transacted.

Article 8. The association shall vote by ballot where the next association shall be held until one church gets the majority of votes cast.

Article 9. The constitution By-Laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of any regular meeting if the proposed amendment shall have been presented at the last proceeding regular meeting and approved by that body and published in the minutes with notice that it will be acted upon at the next meeting.

Article 10. No ministers, deacons or delegates shall be seated in this body unless they agree to stay throughout the session unless they are Providentially hindered.

Article 11. Each church representing in this association shall be required to bring annually five cents per capita as an associational fund for the purpose of printing the minutes and associational expenses.

#### RULES OF DECORUM

1st. This association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer. 2nd. The officers elected at the previous session shall begin their administration at the opening of each regular session.

3rd. Only one person shall speak at a time. He shall arise and address the moderator and then recognized he shall proceed.

4th. No person shall be interrupted while speaking by anyone except by the moderator and not by the moderator unless he breaks the rules of order.

5th. The person speaking must adhere to the subject in question and shall not use words of personal reflection.

6th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the association and not more than five minutes each time.

7th. No member shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.

8th. No member shall address another except by the appellation of brother or sister.

9th. No member shall absent himself without leave of the moderator.

10th. The names of all the ministers, deacons and delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called as often as deemed necessary by the moderator.

11th. Every member of this body shall vote for or against every move that comes before it. Those failing to do this shall be reprimanded by the moderator.

12th. Any person who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the moderator according to directions of the as-

sociation.

#### CHURCH RULES

1st. We agree as a member of the Progressive Association of the Free Will Baptists to cooperate in every move for the betterment of our denomination and the extension of God's Kingdom throughout the world.

2nd. We agree to meet in conference quarterly or oftener if necessary to transact the business of the church.

3rd. 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 no vote unless there be a tie, when he shall give the deciding vote.

4th. It shall be the duty of all members to fill their seats in conference and bear their part of expenses.

5th. No member shall leave their seat during conference without permission from the moderator.

No member shall arrange another before the church for any grievance without first taking gospel steps. See Matt. 18-15-15-17.

7th. All business brought before the church by motion and second and in gospel like order shall be attended to by the church unless withdrawn by the mover.

8th. Any person wishing to speak shall arise and address the moderator and if 2 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.

9th. No member shall speak twice on any subject without permission from the church and not more than five minutes at the time.

10th. It shall be the duty of all church members to be present at all church meetings to vote on all questions that come before the church when called on by the moderator or any member of the church who desires to obtain the mind of the whole church.

11th. If any member shall remain silent during the transaction of any business of the church and afterwards complain of what was done the same shall be deemed disorderly and the member so offending shall be dealt with accordingly.

13th. We agree to do all business by a majority of the members present at any regular or called conference providing a quorum is present, said quorum being seven members or more.

14th. These rules shall be read at the opening of each conference, strictly enforced by the moderator.

15th. Any member who shall wilfully absent himself from church and who fails to discharge his duties as a member for six months, unless Providentially hindered shall not be permitted to vote in Church Conference until he or she make restitution.

16th. Any member desiring to move his membership from one church to another in this Association must have a letter, failing to



do so he is taken under the watch care of the church until he presents letter.

17th. Concerning the ordination of Deacons. (a) He must be elected by the church of which he is a member. (b) He must be recommended by his church to the Credential Committee. (c) After examination and if found worthy the committee recommends the Association ordain them.

#### FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

- 1st. Call the church to order.
- 2nd. Call for the peace of the church.
- 3rd. Opportunity for membership.
- 4th. Inviting visiting brothers and sisters to seat with us.
- 5th. Reading of minutes.
- 6th. Call for reference.
- 7th. Appointment of committees.
- 8th. Any acknowledgements.
- 9th. Report of committees.
- 10th. Unfinished business.
- 11th. New business.
- 12th. Adjournment.

#### RULES FOR PREACHERS

1st. All ministers wishing to become a member of this Progressive Association will be required to go before the credential committee with a recommendation from the church of which they are a member, and will also be called upon to present their credentials for examinations and answer satisfactorily such questions as they may ask you.

2nd. All preachers shall attend all business meetings unless Providentially hindered.

3rd. Any minister who behaves himself unbecomingly to his high and exalted calling shall be reported by the credential committee to the association who shall deal with him.

4th. All ministers will be required to strictly adhere to the teachings of the Free Will Baptists according to the articles of faith.

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

6th. All ministers shall be required to support and stand by all boards and committees appointed by this association and do their utmost to make them a success.

7th. All ministers must make an annual report of the work done by them and submit the report to the association at its regular session.

8th. An aspirant to the ministry must be recommended to the Credential Committee by his church for license and if they find him worthy they recommend him to the Association.

9. If, at the end of one year, he has proved himself worthy and has been called to a pastorate, the church of which he is a member, recommends him to the Credential Committee for ordination. If he is

approved he is then recommended to the Association for ordination.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one true and eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes. 1 Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40-28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world, and Christ as freely gave himself a ransom for all; tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into Heaven from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of Heaven at the last day to judge both the quick and the dead, 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 2; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:17; Acts 24:15; 1, John 2:2.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world; who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God, St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:4-6; Eph. 2:1.

4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of Glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily, by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death. Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish; but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved, for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature. Mark 16:15. John 3:15-17; Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought them because they believe not in the name of the only begotten Son of God, unbelief therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all contradictions that all men at one time or other, are found in such a capacity as that through the grace of God they may be saved. Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole Scripture is infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind who repent and believe the Gospel. Luke 14:16-20; Luke 13:3-5; Luke 24:27, Acts Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 3-19; Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family, so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His Divine teaching whereas such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit shall at a future day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their



own damnation for wilfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace. Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:44-65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2-11, 12 Jer. 22, 29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God, Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction but we observe that they and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of faith that they might be saved, therefore, the indignation and wrath of God is upon every son of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein for there is no respect of person with God. Jude 1:4; Peter 2:1-2; Thes. 2:11-12; Rom. 2:9-11.

12. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam and not that any one of them dying in the state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for such is the Kingdom of God, Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36-37; Matt. 14:14.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men. Rev. 22:14-15; Isa. 1:19-20; Matt. 7-8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34-35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power of ability which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God, through Jesus Christ believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God. Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20-21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions, yet not having decreed any person to everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice, farther than He hath appointed the Godly unto life and the ungodly who die in sin unto death. Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31; Matt. 25:31-46.

15. We believe, as touching Gospel ordinances, in believers baptism, laying on the hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the Saints feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament. Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5-17; Jas. 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of water baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subject for baptism. Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9-10; Acts 2:38 Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgement at the last day. John 5:28-29; 2 Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless. Matt. 25:46.

### RULES FOR BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. The management and control of all work on religious education as fostered by this association, such as the Sunday School, the League, Ladies Aids or any other religious force, shall be under the direction of the Board of Religious Education.

2. The board shall meet as often as necessary, at the call of the chairman at such time and place as he may designate. The board must meet annually.

3. The board shall at its annual meeting elect a director of Religious Education, whose duty shall be to direct the entire program of Religious Educational work of this association.

4. The board shall report annually to the association at its regular meeting, the receipts, disbursements, assets, liabilities, and of work in general. It may make any recommendations deemed advisable.

5. The board at its annual meeting shall elect its own officers.

6. Any member who shall persistently neglect any of the duties of his office, fail to attend its meetings, or to represent by proxy, shall forfeit the office and the same may be declared vacant by the Moderator of the association and his successor appointed.

7. A majority of the board may constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

8. The secretary of the board shall keep correct accounts of the proceedings of the board and perform any other duty that usually pertains to his office.

9. The treasurer shall keep all money, bonds, mortgages, etc., belonging to the board. He shall give board such sum as decided by board. The secretary shall be the custodian.

10. Salaries and expenses shall be allowed at the discretion of the board.

11. These rules may be amended at any time, but only by a majority of delegates present.

### RULES FOR THE GENERAL BUSINESS BOARD

This board shall be appointed by the moderator elected at the close of each annual session of the Association.

2. The firstnamed shall be chairman of the board. This board shall serve one year. They are seated at the beginning of the next meeting of the Association.

3. The duty of this Board will be to care for all the work of the Association not otherwise provided for while in session, or between sessions such as resolutions, new business, minute printing etc. They are to assist the moderator in caring for any business that may arise or need adjusting between sessions.

4. They will serve as the Executive Board with the moderator and clerk as ex-officio members.

### RULES OF BOARD OF AUDITORS

1. The Board of Auditors shall have charge of auditing the books of the treasurer of each department of association.



2. It shall decide itself which shall serve as chairman and which shall serve as secretary during their term.
3. There are no meetings to be held except for the purpose of auditing the books.
4. The board shall audit the books of each department of the association once each year, and if a shortage is found it shall take necessary steps to effect a settlement, provided, however, that if the treasurer in whose book the shortage is found refuses to make settlement, the board shall report same to the executive board of the association who shall have authority in the matter.
5. The board shall not audit books more than once each year unless they are questioned and audit be demanded. In such case the moderator shall have jurisdiction whether the audit shall be made.
6. The board shall make an annual report to the Association as to the condition of the books.
7. Any member who persistently neglects any of the duties shall forfeit his office and the same be declared vacant by the moderator.
8. These rules may be amended from time to time but such amendments must be approved by the Association and shall be acted upon under the caption: Amendments of the Constitution and By-laws.

#### RULES GOVERNING THE BOARD OF FINANCE

1. The management and control of the financial affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Finance, elected by the Association in the manner provided by the Association.
2. The board shall meet as often as necessary at the call of the chairman at such time and place as he may designate, but they must meet at least annually.
3. The board at its annual meeting elect a director of finance, whose duty shall be to direct the whole financial program of the Association.
4. The board shall report annually to the Association its receipts, disbursements, assets, liabilities and of its work in general, together with any recommendation deemed advisable.
5. The board at its annual meeting may elect its own officers.
6. Any member who is negligent in his duty shall forfeit his office and the same may be declared vacant by the moderator of the Association and his successor appointed.
7. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
8. The secretary shall keep a correct account of the proceedings of the board and perform any other duty that usually pertains to his office.
9. The board shall ascertain each year the financial needs of the various departments of church work and from such information make up the Association budget and apportion same to the individual churches.

10. It shall be the duty of this board to notify each church not later than October the first of each year of the amount of their apportionment.
  11. It shall be the duty of the board to receive the funds collected by the secretary and divide the same as follows: for education, 30 per cent; for orphanage, 10 per cent; missions, 30 per cent; young people's work 10 per cent; ladies aid, 10 per cent; aged ministers, 10 per cent; provided, however, that all Association expenses are allowed before division is made.
  12. The rules may be amended at any time, but such amendments must be approved by the Association by a majority vote.
- #### Rules for the Government of the Board of Superannuation
1. The management and control of all funds to be used in any way for the purpose of superannuating retired, disabled or infirmed ministers will be vested in the Board of Superannuation elected by the Association in the manner provided for such election.
  2. The board shall meet as often as necessary at the call of the chairman at such a time and place as he may designate but must meet annually.
  3. The board shall annually report to the Association at each regular session the receipts, disbursements, assets, liabilities and of their work in general together with any recommendation deemed advisable.
  4. Any member who shall persistently neglect the duties of his office shall forfeit his office and the same be declared vacant by the moderator of the Association and his successor appointed.
  5. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
  6. The secretary shall keep correct account of the proceedings of the board and perform all the duties that usually pertain to that office.
  7. The treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all money, bonds mortgages etc., belonging to the board. He shall give bond in such a sum as fixed by the board from time to time which bond the secretary shall be custodian.
  8. No aid will be given any minister unless he make application such allowances as may be needed.
  9. The executive board shall approve all applications and make in regular form to the board, and unless in the opinion of the board, he has worthily served the denomination.
  10. Fifty per cent of all regular funds shall be invested as a permanent endowment. Provided however, that all interest received from invested funds shall be used in making allowances to ministers and where the donor or donors specify the particular way in which their donation shall be used, such donations shall be used accordingly.
  11. Funds used as endowments must be invested in first mortgage real estate, government bonds and other securities of the government loaned to banks, etc.
  12. Salaries and expenses will be allowed at the discretion of the



board for service rendered, the same shall be paid out of the regular funds of the board.

13. This board shall be vested with authority to make an emergency gift or loan to any minister upon approved application and good security.

#### **RULES FOR MISSION BOARD**

1. The management and control of all mission work of this association shall be vested in the Board of Missions, elected by the Association in manner provided for such election.

2. The board shall meet as often as necessary at the call of the chairman at such time and place as he may designate, but must meet annually, and the executive committee elected by the board as many as twice each year.

3. The board in its annual meeting shall elect a director of missions, whose duty shall be to direct the whole missionary program of the Association.

4. The board shall report annually to the association at its regular meeting the receipts, disbursements, assets, and liabilities and of its work in general together with any recommendation deemed advisable.

5. The board at annual meeting shall elect its own officers.

6. Any member who shall persistently neglect any of the duties of his office, fails to attend meetings etc., shall forfeit his office and the same may be declared vacant by the moderator of the association and his successor named.

7. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

8. The secretary shall keep a correct account of the proceeding of the board and perform any duty that usually pertains to his office

9. The treasurer shall keep a record of all money, bonds, mortgages etc., belonging to the board. He shall report at all regular meetings of the board.

He shall give bond in such sum as may be fixed by the board from time to time which bond the secretary shall be custodian.

10. All Home Mission funds not in use shall be deposited at the discretion of the board.

11. Salaries and expenses may be allowed at the discretion of the board.

12. The rules may be amended from time to time on the approval of the Association.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	By experience	By letter	By confession	By restoration	Expelled	Dismissed by letter	Dead	Active members	Inactive	Total	Contribution	Sunday School	League	Paid Pastor	Value of Property	Meeting days	Clerks and Address
Guin Chapel	0	4	0	0	3	1	0	60	43	103	\$3.00	YES	YES	\$64.24	\$450.00	3rd	M. M. Wilson Guin, Alabama
Vernon	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	20	27	47	\$1.40	YES	NO	\$50.49	\$1000.00	1st	Mrs. W. E. Robertson Vernon, Alabama
Union Ridge	0	4	2	0	0	2	0	20	47	67	\$1.00	YES	YES	\$20.00	\$250.00	3rd	Clarence Taylor Sulligent, Route 4
Cordova	0	3	1	0	9	12	3	55	38	93	\$2.75	YES	YES	\$346.91	\$5000.00		Mary Dunn Cordova, Alabama
Sulphur Springs	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	40	95	135	\$2.00	YES	YES	\$79.40	\$1000.00	2nd	Kermit Crawford, Samantha, Alabama
Unity Grove	3	0	0	0	6	10	0	35	46	81	\$1.75	YES	YES	\$50.57	\$1000.00	4th	O. C. Robertson, Fernbank, Alabama
Dovertown	4	6	3	0	0	0	0	13	0	13	.65	YES	YES	\$6.85	\$5.00	1st	L. C. Wright, Cordova, Alabama
Townley	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	37	85	122	\$1.80	YES	YES	\$150.00	\$500.00	1-3	J. W. Pike Carbon Hill Route 2
Alabama City	5	11	10	6	2	9	1	30	30	60	\$1.50	YES	YES	\$45.00	\$6.00.00	all	J. Bolen Ala. City, No. 52 St.



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