

MINUTES

—Of The—

Sixth Annual Session

—Of The—

Progressive Association

—Of The—

Free Will Baptists

—HELD WITH—

Unity Grove Church

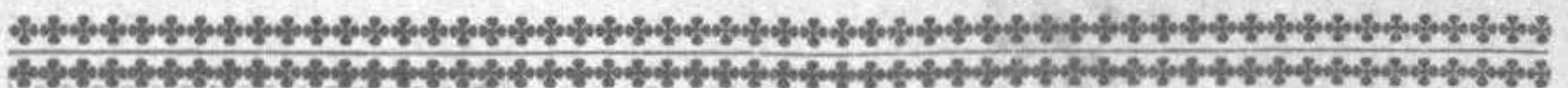
Oct. 11, 12, 13, 1937



OFFICERS

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., Moderator
Rev. W. H. Ryland, Cordova, Ala., Vice Moderator
Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., Clerk
Mr. J. T. Johnson, Millport, Ala., R. 2, Treasurer

The next Association will convene with Cordova Church on
Monday, at 7:00 P.M., after the second Sunday in October, 1938



...PROCEEDINGS...

Proceedings of the Sixth Session of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptist, which convened with Unity Grove church October 11, 12, 13, 1937. Monday night services were opened at 7:00 P. M., by singing "Beautiful City of Zion." Rev. E. W. Graves lead the devotional by reading Psalms 95:1-7, after which Rev. J. L. Lavender lead in prayer. The choir then sang "Christ Leads Me on," prayer by Rev. G. W. Franks. Rev. A. J. Lambert of Tomley, Ala., then brought the message of the hour, using 2 Cor. 3-3. After the message, which was enjoyed by all, the congregation sang "There's a Great Day Coming," the service was closed with an old-fashioned hand shake with much rejoicing.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order at 9:30 A. M. by moderator. The choir then sang, "Blessed Assurance." The 12th chapter of Romans was read by moderator, after which Rev. R. E. Barnes lead in prayer. The welcome address was then given by local pastor, Rev. E. W. Graves. Response by Rev. R. E. Barnes of Hanceville, Ala. Rev. W. H. Ryland then brought us a wonderful message on "Our Vision of the Ensuing Year." Next the moderator's address after which he read the rules of the Association and asked that they be strictly adhered to. Next we had some good talks by several of the ministers.

Reception of church delegates, Bro. T. O. Terry, Sisters Nelda Senn and Maurine Senn. Associational funds, \$10.50.

Vernon no intelligence.

Townley Church Delegates—Sisters George Thomas and Audrie Swindle, and Bros. Henry Burkett, Fred Smith. Associational funds, \$5.00.

Sulphur Springs Church Delegates—Bros. W. G. Ruykendoll, H. C. Lunsceford, Jim Ruykendoll and Pearson Keller. Associational funds, \$4.50.

Unity Grove Church Delegates—Bros. J. A. Cole, J. T. Johnson and Leaborn Johnson. Associational funds, \$3.85.

Dovertown Church delegates—Sister Mattie Lou Foster, Sister Dan Sargent, Bro. Dan Sargent and Bro. Hubert Heatherly. Associational funds, \$15.76.

Brookside Church Delegates—Sisters Gladis Reaves, Lera Reed and Clara Kuydendoll. Associational funds, \$5.00.

Carbon Hill—No intelligence.

The moderator then appointed a credential committee as follows: Rev. G. W. Franks, chairman, Rev. A. J. Lambert and Bro. Dan Sargent. After a short intermission the devotional lead by Rev. J. S. Richardson was opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." We then had an old-time testimon-

ial service, after which the trio from Cordova, Ala., T. O. Terry, Maurine and Nelda Senn, sang "Look for Me, I'll Be There," which brought much rejoicing to the congregation with many cups running over. Rev. G. W. Franks of Cordova, Ala., then brought the message of the hour, using for his text 1 Tim. 3-16. This was a wonderful sermon which was climaxed by singing "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand." There was much shouting and rejoicing. Benediction by Rev. E. W. Graves.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Was opened by moderator reading St. John 14: 1-6. Prayer by Sister E. M. Fields, after which quartette sang, "My Record Will Be There." Partial report of credential committee as follows: "We the credential committee have examined the petitionary letter and delegates from Leadocia church of Hanceville, Ala., and hereby recommend that they be received in this body, Rev. G. W. Franks, chairman Leadocia church and the following delegates—Sisters Maudie Headrick, Elnora Headrick and A. F. Shugart were received by right-hand of fellowship. Associational funds, \$5.00.

Moderator then invited all visiting brothers and sisters to seat with us. Rev. J. L. Lavender of the Vernon Association, was welcomed by a warm hand-shake from moderator and entire body. Next the Association received a partial report from general business board which was as follows: We the general business board of the Progressive Association beg leave to report as follows, that we discontinue the board of superannuation and the money in its treasury be turned over to the general treasury of the Association. Second, that we organize a ministers' and deacons' conference to meet at a date set by the Association. Third, that Elder G. W. Franks of Cordova, Ala., be the Associational evangelist. Fourth, that the Associational clerk be instructed to have a complete minute printed. Fifth, that this Association send corresponding delegates to our sister Associations. Sixth, that Article No. 7 of the Constitution be changed to read as follows: "This Association shall meet on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October of each year—W. H. Ryland, chairman. This entire report was adopted except the changing of Article 7, of the Constitution, which is to be voted on at our next Association. The Association was then opened for inspirational talks by moderator. A great number of the Association responded and gave some good talks for the good of our Association and Denomination. Next was the reception of ministers' reports which will be found on the statistical table. The ministers and delegates were then assigned to homes. After which we were dismissed to meet back for preaching services at 7:00 P. M.

TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION

Tuesday night session was opened by singing "Behold the Lamb of God." The devotional was lead by Rev. R. E. Barnes of Hanceville, Ala. Prayer by Rev. J. B. Bloss, after which the quartette sang "We'll Understand It Better By and By." Rev. W. H. Ryland of Cordova, Ala., then brought the message text, Acts 28-2. After the sermon the credential committee reported as follows: After having examined Rev. J. S. Richardson, a licensed minister from Brookside church, we recommend him to this body for ordination, also Bro. Lee C. Headrick of Hanceville church, for ordination as deacon.—Rev. G. W. Franks, chairman.

This report was accepted by the body after which these brethren were impressively ordained. After this service Rev. M. E. Carpenter, a visiting minister, brought us a good message, which was enjoyed by the entire congregation. Benediction by E. W. Graves.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Wednesday morning session was opened by moderator. Song "What a Friend We Have In Jesus;" prayer by Rev. M. L. Hollis of Tupelo, Miss. Next the league work was demonstrated by delegates from Cordova church. Bro. T. O. Terry, president of Cordova league, gave a wonderful talk on the league work, which was enjoyed by all present.

Next the Association was turned over to the Ladies' Aid for their program. Mrs. J. B. Bloss, president, having charge, called for report from various Aids and found only four churches with Ladies' Aid Societies—Cordova, Sulphur Springs, Townley and Unity Grove churches represented. Each brought in a good report of the work during the year. Unity Grove then rendered a good program which was enjoyed by all. All the former officers were reelected for another year. Next \$4.67 was sent to the orphans' home at Middlesex, N. C. Next they voted to give three dollars to Association on printing minutes, then adjourned to meet with Association another year.

The Association invited Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. M. E. Carpenter, Brother and Sister Finch and Brother Hall, visiting brothers and sisters to come to the front of the house that they might be welcomed with an old-fashioned hand shake. Next was the report of finance board which was as follows: We recommend that the churches of this association use every effort possible to raise their part of the budget as follows: Cordova, \$30.00; Townley, \$20.00; Hanceville, \$12.00; Doovertown, \$14.00; Brookside, \$11.00; Unity Grove, \$15.00. We are excusing Sulphur Springs on the account of their church being destroyed by storm. We ask the pastors of these churches to assist in the raising of this money.—Rev. W. H. Ryland, chairman.

Next report was from Religious Education Board. Chairman being absent received no report. Next report of Mission Board as follows:

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

Received of L. P. Martin, Oct. 26, 1937, for use of tent ..	\$20.00
From Rev. W. H. Ryland, Nov. 1st, 1937	5.51
Total Received - - - - -	\$25.51
Paid out for Fees to General Conference	\$10.00
For Money Order11
Stamps and Envelopes for Mailing Use42
For Printing Programs	3.00
Total Paid Out - - - - -	\$13.53
Balance in Treasury - - - - -	\$11.98

REV. J. B. BLOSS, Chairman

Next devotional led by Rev. P. H. Pike of Townley, Ala., scripture Gal. 6:1-10. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Lambert. The quartette then sang, "When the Free Will Baptist Learn How to Tithe." Rev. R. B. Crawford from the University of Alabama, brought the message of the hour. Text Gen. 26:18. The message was very much enjoyed by all present. We were then dismissed for lunch by Rev. M. E. Carpenter.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

This session was opened by moderator. The choir sang "I Feel Like Traveling On." Prayer by Sister Gladys Reaves. Bro. G. W. Moore then presided over the memorial service. He said many good things about the deceased members. After which the quartette sang, "I'm Only on a Visit Here." The moderator then appointed the nominating committee as follows: John H. Cole, Will Ruykendoll, T. O. Terry. Next received final report from business board as follows: We recommend that the following corresponding delegates be appointed:

State Line Association—Rev. W. H. Ryland and Rev. J. B. Bloss
 Vernor Association—Rev. E. W. Graves and Bro. J. H. Cole
 Mt. Moriah Association—Bro. J. H. Cole and Sister Zora Cole
 Jasper Association—Rev. G. W. Franks, Rev. A. J. Lambert and Rev. J. S. Richardson
 Flint River Association—Rev. W. H. Ryland, Rev. R. E. Barnes, and Bro. Lee Headrick.
 Cahaba River Association—Rev. W. H. Ryland, Rev. J. B. Bloss, and Rev. G. W. Franks
 Alabama State Conference—Rev. A. J. Lambert and Bro. G. W. Moore
 General Conference—Rev. J. B. Bloss, Rev. R. B. Crawford, and Rev. E. W. Graves.
 Second. That the treasurer pay Sister J. B. Bloss, clerk,

\$1.77 for mailing out minutes, and pay Rev. J. B. Bloss \$3.00 for printing programs and \$10.00 for General Conference fee. To W. H. Ryland \$1.00 for church letters, and Rev. A. J. Lambert \$5.00 for State Conference and \$10.00 to clerk for her work.

Third. That this Association convene with Cordova church for the 1938 session.

Fourth. That the Ministers and Deacons Conference meet with Dovertown church on Saturday before the third Sunday in April, 1938, and that Rev. J. B. Bloss and Rev. G. W. Franks arrange the program and notify those on the program.

Fifth. That the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and have three hundred printed.

Sixth. That this Association extend to Unity Grove and community their heart-felt thanks for kindness and hospitality shown us during our recent stay with them.

Rev. W. H. Ryland, Chairman.

This entire report was adopted as read.

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER REPORT

Received last year	\$43.82
Paid out for Minutes	20.00
Balance - - - - -	\$23.82
Received this year	52.61
Balance on hand - - - - -	\$76.43

FINAL REPORT FROM CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, your credential committee, after having examined Bro. Lunsford from Sulphur Springs Church, recommend him for ordination as deacon.—Rev. G. W. Franks, Chairman.

Rev. A. J. Lambert having charge ordained him with very impressive service.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the nominating committee have chosen, as we regard for the best interest of our Association, the following officers: For moderator, Rev. R. B. Crawford; assistant moderator, Rev. W. H. Ryland; clerk, Sister J. B. Bloss; treasurer, Bro. J. T. Johnson.—Bro. J. H. Cole, Chairman.

Each of these officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year.

The moderator then appointed the various boards for the ensuing year which will be found on another page of these minutes. The new moderator then appointed his general business board to take office at the convening of the next Association as follows: Rev. G. W. Franks, chairman; Rev. A. J. Lambert, H. Heatherly, Rev. W. H. Ryland.

Next was the closing remarks by moderator, who urged cooperation by all throughout this year. Our new moderator for next year made a fine talk to close out the Association. We then

sang "God Be with You till We Meet Again," and had an old-fashioned hand shake and there was much rejoicing by the saints of God as we adjourned to meet with Cordova church on Tuesday and Wednesday after the second Sunday in Oct., 1938.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Moderator

Rev. W. H. Ryland, Vice Moderator

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Clerk

Bro. J. H. Johnson, Treasurer

Churches	Pastors	Addresses
Dovertown	W. H. Ryland	Cordova, Ala.
Cordova	J. B. Bloss	Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.
Sulphur Springs	R. B. Crawford	North Port, Ala.
Unity Grove	W. H. Ryland	Cordova, Ala.
Townley	A. J. Lambert	Townley, Ala.
Dovertown	W. H. Ryland	Cordova, Ala.
Hanceville	W. H. Ryland	Cordova, Ala.
Brookside	W. H. Ryland	Cordova, Ala.
Associational Evangelist—	Rev. G. W. Franks ...	Cordova, Ala.

ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Rev. R. B. Crawford	North Port, Ala., Box 122
Rev. J. S. Richardson	Carbon Hill, Ala.
Rev. G. W. Franks	Cordova, Ala.
Rev. A. J. Lambert	Townley, Ala.
Rev. E. W. Graves	Vernon, Ala., R. 3
Rev. W. H. Ryland	Cordova, Ala.
Rev. R. E. Barnes	Hanceville, Ala.
Rev. Gus Turbyfill	Inman, Va.
Rev. J. B. Bloss	Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., Box 304
Rev. George Dunn	Cordova, Ala.

Churches	Clerks	Addresses
Cordova	Mary Dunn	Cordova, Ala.
Sulphur Springs	Pearson Keller	Samantha, Ala.
Unity Grove	Flaudie Lee Glasgow ..	Millport, Ala., R. 2
Townley	Mrs. Claud Gann	Townley, Ala.
Brookside	Helen Powell	Carbon Hill, Ala., R. 2
Dovertown	L. C. Estell	Cordova, Ala.
Hanceville	Leola Alexander	Hanceville, Ala.

CHURCH COVENANT

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

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 preceding 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 ses-

sion 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. They shall arise and address the moderator and when recognized they 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 reprovved by the moderator according to directions of the Association.

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.

6th. No member shall arraign another before the church for any grievance without first taking gospel steps. See Matt. 18: 15-16-17.

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.

9th. 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; 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.

11. 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; Matt. 25:31-24.

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

Mrs. Essie Collins, Samantha, Ala.; G. W. Moore, Townley, Ala.; T. O. Terry, Jr., Cordova, Ala.; Claud Gann, Townley, Ala.

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. They 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 direction 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

General business board for this year:

Rev. W. H. Ryland, Cordova, Ala.; Rev. E. W. Graves, Vernon, Ala.; Bro. Gorman Carter, Cordova, Ala.; Bro. J. T. Johnson, Millport, Ala., Route 2.

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

2. The first named 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

Board of Auditors:

P. A. Crawford, Samantha, Ala.; J. H. Cole, Funbank, Ala.

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

Finance Board:

Rev. W. H. Ryland, Cordova, Ala.; Rev. A. J. Lambert, Townley, Ala.; Dan Sergent, Cordova, Ala.; Lee Hedrick, Hanceville, Ala.

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 MISSION BOARD

Mission Board:

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., Box 304; Martin G. Powell, Carbon Hill, Ala.; Gorman Carter, Cordova, Ala.; Will Kuydendoll, Samantha, Ala., Route 1.

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 proceedings 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.

MINISTERS	SERMONS PREACHED	PUBLIC PRAYERS	RECEIVED IN CHURCH	BAPTIZED	VISIT SICK HOMES	FUNERALS	ORDAINED MINISTERS	ORDAINED DEACONS	COMMUNIONS	ATTENDED SUNDAY SCHOOL	ATTENDED LEAGUE	HELD PRAYER MEETINGS	PASTORED CHURCHES	CONDUCTED REVIVALS	MILES TRAVELED	TRAVELING EXPENSES	MONEY RECEIVED	ORGANIZED CHURCHES	ORGANIZED SUNDAY SCHOOL	ORGANIZED LEAGUES	ORGANIZED LADIES AIDS	MARRIED COUPLES
R. B. CRAWFORD	33	78	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	42	35	8	1	0	840	\$ 28.50	\$ 144.28	0	0	0	0	1
J. S. RICHARDSON	20	75	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	45	0	50	0	2	300	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	0	0	0	0	0
G. W. FRANKS	52	106	35	25	60	10	0	0	0	24	0	0	1	2	609	\$ 9.20	\$ 66.10	0	0	0	0	15
A. J. LAMBERT	187	203	11	7	0	11	0	0	2	38	24	25	2	7	1,880	\$ 36.00	\$ 384.03	0	0	0	0	7
E. W. GRAVES	51	75	0	0	10	1	0	0	2	40	40	5	2	1	200	\$ 15.00	\$ 65.70	0	0	0	0	1
W. H. RYLAND	143	167	27	0	49	2	0	0	1	41	19	28	1	2	1,226	\$ 68.74	120.80	0	1	0	0	2
R. E. BARNES	15	50	0	0	10	0	2	0	1	1	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GUS TUBYFILL	41	76	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	45	0	0	0	1	772		\$ 11.05	0	0	0	0	0
GEORGE DUNN	NO REPORT																					
J. B. BLOSS	81	115	66	28	111	2	1	4	2	38	10	12	1	3	4,971	\$ 76.50	\$ 628.99	0	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	623	945	139	60	325	29	3	4	10	314	228	143	8	18	10,898	\$238.94	\$1,430.45	0	1	1	1	26

CHURCHES

CHURCHES	Meeting Days -----																									
	Other Expenses -----																									
	Amount Paid Evangelists -----																									
	Amount Paid Pastors -----																									
	Associational Funds -----																									
	Indebtedness -----																									
	Value of Church Property -----																									
	Number of Deacons -----																									
	Licensed Ministers -----																									
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	Average Attendance -----																									
	Ladies' Aid Enrollment -----																									
	Average Attendance -----																									
	League Enrollment -----																									
	Average Attendance -----																									
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Total Active Members -----																										
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Expelled -----																										
Dismissed by Letter -----																										
By Restoration -----																										
By Confession -----																										
By Letter -----																										
Received by Experience -----																										
Cordova-----	11	7	28	20	0	0	2	124	40	164	210	125	40	25	23	12	4	1	8	\$5 ,000.	None	\$10.50	\$ 552.65	\$ 38.00	\$305.97	Full Time
Sulphur Spgs.--	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	42	103	145	75	55	0	0	12	8	1	0	3	\$ 3,000.	\$ 216.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 194.98	\$ 22.54	\$ 10.00	2nd Sundays
Unity Grove--	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	35	60	25	15	0	0	15	8	2	0	3	\$ 750.	None	\$ 3.85	\$ 56.21	\$ 30.00	None	4th Sundays
Townley-----	2	1	7	0	0	0	0	75	125	200	60	50	0	0	16	10	2	0	6	\$ 1,000.	None	\$ 5.00	\$ 195.44	\$ 27.00	\$ 14.66	2nd & 4th Sundays
Dovertown ---	10	0	25	0	0	0	0	44	6	50	61	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	\$ 75.	None	\$15.76	\$ 30.75	\$ 13.29	\$ 35.34	2nd & 4th Sundays
Brookside ----	0	1	0	2	6	0	1	13	25	38	38	25	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	\$ 500.	None	\$ 5.00	\$ 97.13	\$ 13.56	\$ 45.00	
Hanceville----	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	25	30	55	36	30	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	\$ 800.	None	\$ 5.00	\$ 14.75	\$ 7.29	\$ 17.50	1st Sunday
Total - - -	23	9	60	25	11	1	4	348	364	712	505	315	40	25	66	38	12	2	27	\$11,125.	\$216.00	\$49.61	\$1,091.91	\$151.68	\$428.47	