

MINUTES
Of The
Seventh Annual Session
Of The
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
Of The
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Held With
CORDOVA CHURCH

October 10, 11, 12, 1938

OFFICERS:

Rev. Robert B. Crawford	-----	<i>Moderator</i>
Rev. W. H. Ryland	-----	<i>Vice-Moderator</i>
Mr. G. W. Moore	-----	<i>Clerk</i>
Mr. J. T. Johnson	-----	<i>Treasurer</i>

The next Association will convene with Sulphur Springs on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1939.



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Presented By

Rev. Thurmon Murphy

Proceedings

Proceedings of the Seventh Session of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptist, which convened with the Cordova Church on October 10, 11 and 12th, 1938.

Monday night services were opened at 7:00 o'clock. Singing by the Cordova choir, led by Brother M. G. Carter, after which prayer was led by Rev. G. W. Franks. The Cordova Choir sang "Don't Wait Too Long," after which prayer was led by Rev. David Homan. The choir then sang "The Home Bells Rang for Me."

In the absence of Rev. E. W. Graves, Rev. J. B. Bloss led the devotional. Many good things were said in brotherly love. The choir sang "Swing the Doors of Your Heart Open Wide". Rev. H. Heatherly of Cordova brought the message of the hour using the text from first chapter of Revelations 10th verse. After the message, which was enjoyed by all, the choir sang "Won't It Be Wonderful There?"

The services were closed with an old-fashioned handshaking, with much rejoicing.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

Tuesday morning session was opened by the Moderator at 9:00 o'clock a. m. The Choir sang "Blessed Assurance", led by Brother M. G. Carter. Rev. W. H. Ryland made a wonderful talk on Psalms 116 chapter, first verse. The choir sang "Watching You." Prayer was led by Brother G. W. Moore. After the prayer the Moderator made a short talk on the rules of the Association.

Rev. G. W. Franks gave the welcome address, Rev. E. W. Graves responded, giving a wonderful talk. The moderator called for the reception of Churches and delegates.

Townley Church—Brother Allen Key, Brother Fred Smith, Sister Betty Smith and Sister Mae Lambert. Associational funds \$5.00.

Dover Town Church—Sister Hubert Heathley, Brother Dan Sargent, Brother H. Heathley. Associational funds \$3.00.

Brookside Church—Sister Cox, Sister Reed, Sister Edgil. Associational funds \$3.00.

Hanceville Church—Sister Fannie Holms, Sister Ludie Dickerson, Brother Shugart. Associational funds \$5.00.

Unity Grove Church—Brother J. E. Robertson, Brother Jim Cole, Brother Toxie Richardson. Associational funds \$4.00.

Cordova Church—Sister Mary Dunn, Sister Hazel Thompson, Brother Henry Clark. Associational funds \$10.00.

Sulphur Church—Brother Richard Fields, Brother Abner Dyer, Sister Minnie Kirkindoll. Associational funds \$5.08.

The Moderator then appointed a Credential committee as follows: Rev. J. B. Bloss, Brother John Henry Cole, Rev. P. H. Pike, Rev. E. W. Graves, chairman.

A song was rendered by the choir, "I'll Be Satisfied," led by Brother J. T. Johnson. Rev. A. J. Lambert brought the message of the hour. Text—

John the fourth chapter and 35th verse. He brought a wonderful message which was climaxed by singing, "I'm Bound for the Promised Land." There was much rejoicing with hand shaking.

Benediction by Rev. P. H. Pike.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by the Moderator. Singing by the choir was directed by Brother J. T. Johnson, after which prayer was led by Sister W. M. Fields. The choir sang "No Shadows in that Far Land."

Rev. W. H. Ryland made a wonderful talk on Prayer Meeting and its accomplishments. Rev. H. Heatherly gave a talk on Young People and Our Sunday School, which was enjoyed by all. Brother J. F. Smith then gave a talk on the League and our Young people. This was also a wonderful talk.

The Moderator called for a report of the General Business Board, which was as follows: We the General Business Board recommend that all property of this association is in the care of the Mission Board, any one wanting to use the tent see the chairman of the Mission Board. 2. We the General Business Board recommend that this Association pay \$3.50 for the programs. 3. That we pay \$10.00 to General Conference for fee. 4. That we send Rev. W. H. Ryland and Rev. A. J. Lambert as delegates to the General Conference. 5. We recommend that Rev. W. H. Ryland and Rev. H. Heatherly work as co-laborers as Association evangelist. 6. We recommend that the Clerk of the Association superintend the printing of the minutes, and have 300 printed. 7. We recommend that we have a ministers and deacons fifth Sunday conference to convene with Townley Church. 8. We recommend the clerk of the Association be paid \$5.00 for his service. 9. We recommend that this association extend thanks to Cordova church for their hospitality. 10. The ministers and deacons conference will be held the fifth Sunday in August 1939. Rev. G. W. Franks, chairman. 11. Brother Jim Smith, Brother M. G. Carter, Brother J. T. Johnson were appointed to get the association programs up and church letters. Brother J. T. Johnson, chairman.

The Association was then opened for inspirational talks by moderator. A great number in the association responded and gave some good talks for the good of the 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. We were then dismissed to meet again for preaching at 7:00 o'clock p. m.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

The choir opened the Tuesday evening session by singing "I Am Going to Live in a Mansion of Love", led by Brother M. G. Carter. Prayer by Sister Dock Thomas. The Cordova Quartet sang "Ill Serve the Best I Can." This was followed by devotional services conducted by Brother G. W. Moore, after this Rev. J. B. Bloss brought a message to the licensed min-

isters and deacons, using for his text, Matthew 28:19-20. After the message Rev R. B. Crawford presented the license. The Credential committee recommended that the following ministers be licensed to preached; Rev. V. F. Boner, Rev. L. A. Rosser, Rev. C. T. Puckett, Rev. H. E. Heatherly. They also recommended that the following Brothers be ordained as Deacons; Brother J. D. Hudson and Brother C. C. Winsett.

The following ministers were in charge of the Ordination: Rev. J. B. Bloss, Rev. G. W. Franks, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. W. R. Ryland and Rev. A. J. Lambert.

After the ordination the choir sang "I'll Be a Friend to Jesus" while the congregation gave them their best wishes.

Brother H. Heatherly pronounced the benediction.

In Memoriam

Hanceville—J. D. Baringtine, Brother Pinkney Pitts, Sister Anna Quick

Cordova—Sister Pearl Bloss

Sulphur Springs—Sister Sallie Fields, Sister Ardell Collins

Townley—Sister Jane Tate

Death is eternal life, why should we weep?

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Wednesday morning the session was opened by the Moderator. Song, "I'll Live On" was directed by Brother J. T. Johnson. Devotional by Rev. P. H. Pike, using Matthew 19th chapter, 13-21 verses. After the Devotional service Rev. A. J. Lambert led in prayer.

The Association was turned over to the Ladies Aid for their program. Owing to the death of Sister Bloss, Sister Fields took charge and made a wonderful talk, reading the 84th chapter of Psalms. Song "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" was sung by the congregation. Prayer was led by Sister Cole. Talks were made by Sister Terry and Sister Ryland, these were enjoyed by all. Call for reports from the various Aids were asked for by Sister Fields. The Ladies Aid gave \$3.17 to the Orphan Home and \$3.00 for minute funds.

The various boards were appointed by the moderator:

Mission Board—Rev. J. B. Bloss, chairman, Brother G. M. Carter, Brother Hubert Heatherly and Brother J. H. Cole.

Finance Board—Rev. W. H. Ryland, chairman, Brother Earl Richardson, Rev. C. C. Winsett, Brother J. A. Smith.

Education Board—Rev. E. W. Graves, chairman, Brother T. O. Terry, Brother Claude Gann and Brother G. W. Moore.

The moderator invited visiting Brethren and Sisters to seats with us. Brother and Sister Dodson were welcomed and seated by the Association.

Reports called for.

Finance Board—We recommend that each church for the ensuing year comply to the following assessments for their part of the budget; Cordova \$22.00, Townley \$20.00, Hanceville \$11.00 Doyertown \$9.00, Brookside \$9.00, Unity Grove \$11.00, Sulphur Springs \$18.00. Second, that clause six in rules for preachers be fully carried out and each pastor assume the responsibility in raising this assessment. Rev. W. H. Ryland, chairman.

Religious Education—There being no preachers and deacons meeting there was no report.

<i>Mission Board</i> —Balance on Hand -----	\$11.98
Received from J. T. Johnson -----	15.00
<i>Total</i> -----	\$26.98
Paid out for General Conference -----	7.00
Balance on hand -----	19.98

The moderator appointed a Nominating committee which was as follows: Brother J. H. Cole, Brother C. H. Luneford, Brother J. D. Carter.

Rev. E. W. Graves brought the message, using for the text 2 Timothy, third chapter, first verse. His message was on the Christian life and was very impressive.

The choir sang "A Beautiful Life," led by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Benediction by Brother V. F. Boner.

The final report of the Credential committee—First, we have examined the following brethren who seek to preach the Gospel: V. F. Boner, L. A. Rosser, C. T. Puckett, and H. E. Heathley. 2. We also recommend Brother J. D. Hudson for a Deacon. 3. We have also examined Brother Winsett for ordination as a deacon in Cordova Church.

Rev. E. W. Graves, *Chairman*,
 Brother J. A. Cole,
 Brother P. H. Pike.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was opened by the Moderator. The choir sang, "When They Ring the Bells of Heaven," led by brother J. T. Johnson. Brother G. W. Franks presided over the Memorial Services. He said many good things about the deceased members. There were many good talks made by members of the Association. The Sulphur Spring quartet sang "Further Along."

The moderator then called for a report from the Nominating committee. It read as follows: We the nominating committee have chosen the following for the betterment of our Association; Moderator—G. W. Franks, J. B. Bloss. Vice Moderator—W. H. Ryland, A. J. Lambert. Secretary—G. W. Moore, E. W. Graves. Treasurer—J. T. Johnson, Sterlin Crawford. (J. H. Cole, chairman).

Those elected were as follows: Moderator—J. B. Bloss; Vice Moderator, W. H. Ryland; Secretary, G. W. Moore; Treasurer, J. T. Johnson.

After the election the newly elected moderator, Rev. J. B. Bloss, appointed his General Business Board for the ensuing year, as follows: Rev. R. B. Crawford, Chairman; Rev. W. H. Ryland, Brother J. H. Cole, Brother M. G. Carter.

After this the Association went into the election to see where the Association would convene the next year. Hanceville and Sulphur Springs both wanted the Association, but the majority voted for Sulphur Springs. The next Association will convene with Sulphur Springs in 1939.

The closing remarks were made by the moderator, who urged the cooperation of all throughout the year. Our new moderator for the next year made a fine talk at the close of the Association.

Flowers were presented to Rev. J. B. Bloss by the Sisters of the Cordova Church, to be placed on the grave of his wife.

We then sang "God Be with You Till We Meet Again", and had an old time handshaking. There was much rejoicing by the saints of God as we adjourned to meet with Sulphur Springs on Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1939.

Rev. R. B. Crawford, *Moderator*,
 Rev. W. H. Ryland, *Vice-moderator*,
 Brother G. W. Moore, *Clerk*,
 Brother J. H. Johnson, *Treasurer*

The program Committee for the year 1939 consists of the following: Rev. R. B. Crawford, Chairman, Rev. J. B. Bloss and Rev. A. J. Lambert.

Ordained and Licensed Ministers and Their Addresses

R. B. Crawford, -----	Samantha, Alabama
Rev. J. B. Bloss, 1320 High St., -----	Columbia, Tennessee
Rev. G. W. Frank -----	Cordova, Alabama
Rev. H. Heatherly -----	Cordova, Alabama
Rev. W. H. Ryland, -----	Cordova, Alabama
Rev. Aubrey Rosser -----	Cordova, Alabama
Rev. Carris Puckett -----	Cordova, Alabama
Rev. V. F. Boner -----	Cordova, Alabama
Rev. A. J. Lambert -----	Townley, Alabama
Rev. G. A. Dunn -----	Cordova, Alabama
Rev. A. J. Barnes, Route 1, -----	Hanceville, Alabama
Rev. P. H. Pike -----	Townley, Alabama

<i>Churches, Clerks</i>	<i>Addresses</i>
Cordova, Mary Dunn -----	Cordova, Alabama
Sulphur Springs, Essie Collins -----	Samantha, Alabama
Unity Brove, Flaudie Lee Glasgow -----	Millport, Alabama
Townley, J. A. Smith -----	Townley, Alabama
Doyertown, Lee C. Estill -----	Cordova, Alabama
Brookside, Ellen Powell -----	Carbon Hill, Alabama
Hanceville, Everlene Hudson -----	Hanceville, Alabama

Associational Treasurer's Report

Money paid in -----	\$76.40
<i>Money paid out—</i>	
Sister J. B. Bloss (General Conference) -----	\$ 11.77
Rev. W. H. Ryland (printing) -----	1.00
Rev. A. J. Lambert (State Conference) -----	5.00
Rev. Crawford (Mission Board) -----	3.00
Sister Bloss (General Conference) -----	15.00
Sister Bloss (Minute Fund) -----	40.00
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Total paid out -----	\$ 75.77

Balance in Treasury -----	.66
Collected for Association -----	38.08
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Balance in Treasury -----	\$38.74

J. T. Johnson, *Treasurer*

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 love.

We, therefore enter into covenant as members of this church and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing 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 dele-

gates for the first hundred members, or fraction thereof and one delegate for every additional fifty members.

Article 5. This Association should 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 session unless they are Providentially hindered.

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

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 reproved 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 co-operate 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 the 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 Matthew 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 two 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.

10. 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.

12th. 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.

13th. These rules shall be read at the opening of each conference, strictly enforced by the moderator.

14. 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.

15th. 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.

16th. Concerning the ordination of Deacons. (a) He must be elected by the church of which he is 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 acknowledgments.

9th. Report of committees.

10th. Unfinished business.

11. New Business.

12th. Adjournment.

Form of the Church Letter of Dismission

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ at _____

_____do hereby certify that Brother or Sister
_____is a member in good
standing with us and is dismissed by us when joined to any other church of
their choice.

This letter is only good for 6 months from date.

This _____ day of _____ 19____

Moderator _____

Church Clerk _____

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.

5. 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 Corinthians 8:6; Isaiah 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 Timothy 2:5-6; 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, Genesis 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; Timothy 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 capacity as that through the grace of God they may be saved, Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Hebrew 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 Timothy 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; Matthew 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 would 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, Matthew 11:27; St. John 6:44-65; Psalms 1:1; Titus 2:11, 12; Jeremiah 22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considering 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; Thessalonians 2:11-12; Romans 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 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, Corinthians 15:22; Matthew 18:2-5; Mark 9:36-37; Matthew 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; Isaiah 1:19-20; Matthew 7-8; Jeremiah 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. Romans 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. Hebrew 4:13; Proverbs 8:22; Matthew 25:21-24.

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; James 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel made of water baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism. Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:9-10; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12.

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

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

RULES FOR BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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 pro-

ceedings 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, Alabama; Rev. E. W. Graves, Vernon, Alabama; Brother Gorman Carter, Cordova, Alabama; Brother J. T. Johnson, Millport, Alabama, 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, Alabama; J. H. Cole, Funbank, Alabama.

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 a 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 FOR GOVERNING THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Finance Board:

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

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; young people's work 10 per cent; ladies aid, 10 per cent; aged ministers 10 per cent; provided, however, that all Associational 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, Tennessee, Box 304; Martin G. Powell, Carbon Hill, Alabama; Gorman Carter, Cordova, Alabama; Will Kuydendoll, Samantha, Alabama, Route

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 as he may designate, but must meet annually, and the executive committee elected by the board as many as twice a year.

3. The board in its annual meeting shall elect a director of missions, whose duties 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 its 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.

10. 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.

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

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

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

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Other Expenses	Paid Orphans	Paid Missions	Paid Evangelists	Pastor's Salary	Val. Church Property	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Ministers	No. of Deacons	Amount of Contribution	Enactive Members	No. Active Members	Deceased Members	Expelled	Dismissed by Letters	By Registration	Rec'd by Confession	By letter	Rec'd by Experience
Cordova	\$102.98	\$7.50	\$6.00	\$43.00	\$257.20	\$5,000.00	1	3	8	\$10.00	74	97	1	1	1	2	4	2	1
Sulphur Springs	4.28	7.50	6.00	15.18	187.36	3,500.00	1	1	3	5.08	75	100	2	1	1	2	4	1	1
Unity Grove				21.50	100.30	750.00		1	3	4.00	44	31		1					1
Townley	34.50				185.48	1,000.00		2	6	5.00	125	100	1			25			
Dovertown	33.31				41.07	60.00			2	3.00	19	23		8	1			1	2
Brookside					50.46	400.00				3.00									
Hanceville	17.50			7.00	55.05	800.00			4	5.00	26	38	3		2	1	2	1	6
Total	\$192.57	\$7.50	\$6.00	\$86.68	\$876.92	\$11,510.00	1	7	26	\$35.08	343	389	7	8	4	3	35	5	10

MINISTERS' REPORT

Ministers	Sermons Preached	Public Prayers	Received in Church	Baptized	Visit Sick Homes	Funerals	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Communications	Attended S. S.	Attended League	Held Prayer Meetings	Pastored Churches	Conducted Revivals	Miles Traveled	Traveling Expenses	Money Received	Organized Churches	Organized S. S.	Organized Leagues	Organized Ladies Aids	Married Couples
J. B. Bloss	74	82	12	4	32	4	1	2	1	28	18	18	1	1	2374	\$110.40	\$141.35					1
Robert B. Crawford	69	65	7	4	50	1	1	2		45	34	21	1	1	1650	31.25	187.36					1
G. W. Franks	50	115	5	3	115	7	1	2		15				2	855	10.00	44.10					1
A. J. Lambert	189	227	36	28	22	12	1	2	1	37	23	37	3	6	2100	40.00	448.86					3
W. H. Ryland	193	227	39	2	79	3	1	2	1	43	19	27	3	6	4000	98.72	235.51		1			3
G. A. Dunn	6	25			50	1				25		2										
R. E. Barnes	14	10			8		1	1		5		2										
P. H. Pike	13	75			30					45	20	20			30							
Carris Puckett	3	50			30					49		10			100	5.00	1.00					3
V. F. Boner	5	90			36					40	2	18										
Aubrey Rosser	4	20			15					47	1	15			136							
Total	621	1001	99	15	467	23	6	11	3	379	99	170	8	16	13619	\$295.37	\$1157.18		1			24