

MINUTES

Of The

Eighth Annual Session

Of The

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Of The

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF ALABAMA**

Held With

SULPHUR SPRINGS CHURCH

October 6, 7, 1939

OFFICERS:

Rev. J. B. Bloss	<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 Hanceville Church on Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1940.



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Proceedings

Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Session of the Alabama Progressive Association which convened with Sulphur Springs Church, October 6, 7, 1939.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened at 10:00 o'clock by the Chairman of the General Business Board. The choir sang hymns led by Miss Eva B. Kuykendoll. Sister W. M. Fields led the devotions, reading St. John 14:1-6. She gave an inspiring talk, others joined in with spirit filled talks.

The pastor of the local church delivered the welcome address.

The response was made by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

Because of the absence of the moderator, vice-moderator and clerk, the chairman of the General Business Board took charge, and officers of the Association were elected by the standing members of the Association. Brother A. J. Lambert was elected moderator and Sister Merle Dyer was elected clerk.

The officers took charge and the moderator called for the reading of the church letters, and the reception and seating of delegates. It was done.

The churches responded as follows:

Churches

Delegates

Alabama City-----	Bros. A. J. Burgess, Huey Bolan, Louis Rodgers
Brookside-----	Sisters Roy Kuykendoll, Hellen Powell
Cordova-----	Brother C. L. Puckett
Dovertown-----	Brother Hubert Heatherly
Hanceville-----	Sisters Leala Alexander, Whorley Dixon, Bro. A. F. Shugart
Loyal Chapel-----	Sister Georgia Hyle, Bro. Robert B. Hyle
Parrish-----	Bros. Willis Davis, John Hutt, Homer Goodwin
Sulphur Springs-----	Bros. Joie Kuykendoll, Richard Fields, Stanley Crawford
Townley-----	Bros. Fred Smith, Grover Tate, Bud Swindle
Unity Grove-----	Brothers W. M. Fields, J. T. Johnson

The Credentials Committee was appointed by the moderator as follows: Brothers P. H. Pike, G. A. Dunn, James Spencer and C. H. Lunceford.

The moderator suggested a meeting of the various boards and committees at the noon hour.

The Association was dismissed for noon by Brother Lambert.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The song service was led by Rev. M. E. Carpenter, and the devotions by Brother P. H. Pike. There was a great feast of prayers, songs and testimonies.

The moderator called for the ministers' reports. They were all received as read.

The moderator then welcomed all visiting ministers and laymen.

A motion was made and carried that the moderator appoint special members to serve with the various boards to fill vacancies. The appointments

were as follows: *General Business Board*, Brothers G. A. Dunn and J. D. Hudson; *Educational Board*, Brother Jim Smith; *Finance Board*, Brother Whorley Dixon.

There was a partial report of the Credentials Committee: The Taylor Chapel Church of Tennessee petitioned, was examined and accepted into the Association.

Rev. P. H. Pike, *Chairman*.

Special song by the Ladies Senior Quartet of the local church.

Inspirational talks were made by Revs. Carpenter and Spencer.

There was a partial report of the General Business Board: We, your General Business Board, recommend (1) That the minutes of the two call sessions of the Association be adopted by this body, and that all reports and actions of the boards be printed in the minutes as regular work. (2) We recommend that any local church of this Association in good standing, if it so desires, be allowed to ordain deacons, with the help of any two ordained ministers and five ordained deacons that meet the approval of the moderator of this Association.

THE TWO CALL MEETINGS

1. The Cordova session. The meeting was called for April 8, 1939 by Rev. G. W. Franks, chairman of the General Business Board. The local pastor, Rev. J. B. Bloss, conducted the devotions and delivered the welcome address.

The moderator, Rev. R. B. Crawford, took charge and talked from Ephesians 5:14. Sister Thelma Bloss was clerk.

The moderator appointed an Ordination Committee consisting of Revs. J. B. Bloss, Lambert, Graves and Dunn.

Rev. G. W. Franks was in charge of the Sunday morning business and devotions.

The Credentials Committee reported as follows: We, your Credentials Committee, after examining the credentials of Rev. E. M. Grubbs, and after examining him as to his calling into the ministry, do hereby recommend him to the General Business Board to be recommended to the Association to be ordained into the full work of the ministry.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, *Chairman*.

The General Business Board reported as follows: We recommend to the call session of the Progressive Association Brother E. M. Grubbs for ordination into the full work of the ministry.

Rev. G. W. Franks, *Chairman*.

The session approved the recommendations of the Credentials Committee and the General Business Board. Brother Bloss preached, after which the Ordaining Council ordained Brother Grubbs. There were thirteen ordained ministers and deacons present.

The meeting adjourned, and Rev. Graves pronounced the benediction.

2. The Townley session. This session was called by the moderator for July 29, 30, 1939 to transact legal business.

There was a devotional service followed by a sermon by Rev. E. M.

Grubbs on the subject of "feet-washing." The Lord's Supper was held, then the washing of the saints' feet. There was much rejoicing.

The body was dismissed until the next day.

The Sunday morning session was opened by the moderator with devotional services. "Why I Should Attend Prayer Meeting" was discussed by H. Heatherly. "What I Owe My Church" was discussed by W. H. Ryland.

The Credentials Committee made the following report: (1) After examining the petitionary letter from Loyal Chapel Church in Columbia, Tennessee, we hereby recommend that we receive it into this body. (2) We have examined letters of recommendation from the Loyal Chapel Church, and the person of Brother James Spencer, and we recommend him to be licensed by this body. (3) We have examined the petitionary letter from Parrish and recommend admittance into this body. (4) After examining letters of recommendation, and the persons, Brothers John Argunt and James Moore from Parrish Church, and W. W. Dickerson from Hanceville Church, we recommend them to be ordained as deacons by the body. (5) We have examined the petitionary letter from the Alabama City Church, and recommend that it be reinstated into the Progressive Association.

Rev. A. J. Lambert, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted.

Rev. Crawford brought the message, after which the Ordaining Council ordained the deacons, and the moderator gave Brother James Spencer his license.

On motion the body adjourned.

There were five ordained and five licensed ministers present, and fifteen ordained deacons.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. M. Grubbs.

Assignment to homes.

The body adjourned until tomorrow.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The F. W. B. L. and Sunday School gave a program for an hour. Brother Lambert preached on the subject, "The Church."

The Credentials Committee reported that they recommended Rev. A. J. Burgess and Rev. James P. Wycuff to be ordained into the full ministry, and Brother Huey Bolan be granted license to preach. The report was adopted.

The Ordaining Council took charge and ordained the candidates, and the congregation extended best wishes.

IN MEMORIAM

Alabama City	Sister Francis Hall
Hanceville	Sister Mattie Hines
Loyal Chapel	Brother Bert Caine
Sulphur Springs	Sister Francis Hall

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened by the moderator, and the devotions were led by Rev. James Spencer.

The General Business Board made its final report as follows: (1) We recommend that 350 minutes be printed, and that the clerk of the Association superintend the printing and distribute the minutes to the churches according to the number of members of the churches. (2) That Revs. A. J. Lambert and Robert B. Crawford be delegates to the National Association in July, and that the Finance Board help finance the trip along with the associational fee. (3) That the next session of this Association meet with Hanceville Church on Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1940. (4) That the clerk and moderator be paid five dollars each for their work. (5) That each church include meeting dates in the next letter to the Annual Association.

The report was adopted.

The moderator appointed the various boards and Nominating Committee.

The Ladies hour was conducted by the Associational President, Sister Fields. After the devotional service a program was presented by the local Aid. Talks were made by Mrs. Alice Dyer, Mrs. Minnie Ola Kuykendoll and Mrs. Essie Collins on different aspects of Ladies Aid Work.

Reports of Aids were read and approved.

The same officers were retained for the next year.

The organization voted to pay the orphanage \$2.70 and to the minute fund \$3.00. The Aid hour closed by remarks from the president.

The National Association report was made by Rev. Robert B. Crawford.

The moderator called for the Finance Committee's report, which was made as follows: We recommend that the Mission Board pay Brother Robert Crawford \$10.00 on expenses to the National Association last July.

A. J. Lambert, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted.

The Board of Education reported as follows: We sent Brother J. R. Davidson \$5.00 last June for National College.

Mrs. Essie Collins, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted.

A special song was rendered by Girls' Quartet.

Rev. M. E. Carpenter preached a great sermon, using as a text 2 Timothy 4:2-4. There was much rejoicing.

The Credentials Committee recommended that Brother H. Heatherly be ordained to full work of the gospel ministry. The Ordaining Council ordained him, and then the congregation gave him and Brother Carpenter congratulations and best wishes.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotions.

The Home Mission Board reported as follows:

Received this year	\$00.00
Balance on hand	19.38
Paid out for programs, preacher's reports and church letters	\$5.50
For stamps and paper	.80

For traveling expenses68

Total \$6.98 6.98

Balance on hand \$13.98

Received from Bro. Thompson at the Association 5.00

Received from Bro. Lambert at the Association 20.00

Total balance \$38.00

Rev. J. B. Bloss, *Chairman*

The Nominating Committee reported and the following officers were elected: Brother A. J. Lambert, Moderator; Brother James Spencer, Vice-Moderator; Elsie Dyer, Clerk and Brother Earl Rodgers, Treasurer. The same auditors were retained, Brothers P. A. Crawford and J. H. Cole.

Memorial services were held with Rev. H. Heatherly in charge.

The new moderator appointed the General Business Board as follows: Rev. Robert B. Crawford, *Chairman*, Rev. G. W. Franks and Brothers Edd Crawford and J. D. Hudson.

The Program Committee for next year consists of Brothers H. Heatherly, Robert Crawford and A. J. Lambert.

Motion was made and carried that the Association adjourn to meet with Hanceville Church on Friday morning before the Second Sunday in October, 1940.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the hospitality shown this session.

The congregation sang, "God Be with You," with an old fashion hand shaking.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

A. J. LAMBERT, *Moderator*,

ELSIE DYER, *Clerk*,

LIST OF ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

A. J. Lambert	Parrish, Ala.
E. M. Grubbs	313 East 15 St., Columbia, Tenn.
J. B. Bloss	317 West 14 St., Columbia, Tenn.
R. B. Crawford	Samantha, Ala.
G. A. Dunn	Cordova, Ala.
W. H. Ryland	Margaret, Ala.
G. W. Franks	Cordova, Ala.
H. Heatherly	Cordova, Ala.
J. P. Wycuff	Alabama City, Ala.
W. T. Crabtree	R. F. D., Gadsden, Ala.
A. J. Burgess	314 R. R. Ave., Alabama City, Ala.
P. H. Pike	Townley, Ala.
C. Pukett	Cordova, Ala.
V. F. Boner	Cordova, Ala.
H. T. Bolan	1524 Tucaloosa Ave., Gadsden, Ala.

James Spencer ----- 517 East Ninth Street, Columbia, Tenn.
L. A. Rosser ----- Cordova, Ala.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR P. O. ADDRESSES

Alabama City, Brother Earl Rodgers ---- 327 R. R. Ave., Alabama City, Ala.
Brookside, Mrs. Lera Reed ----- Carbon Hill, Ala.
Cordova, Mr. C. C. Winsett ----- Cordova, Ala.
Dovertown, Mr. Lee Estill ----- Cordova, Ala.
Hanceville, Miss Everlene Hudson ----- Hanceville, Ala.
Loyal Chapel, Mr. R. A. Parrish ----- Route 6, Columbia, Tenn.
Parrish, Mr. John Argent ----- Parrish, Ala.
Sulphur Springs, Mrs. Essie Collins ----- Samantha, Ala.
Townley, Miss Dorothy Bonds ----- Townley, Ala.
Unity Grove, Mrs. Faudie Lee Glasgow ----- Route 2, Millport, Ala.

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 delegates for the first hundred members, and one delegate for each additional fifty members, or fraction thereof.

Article 5. This Association shall have a credential committee, composed of three members, two ordained ministers and one layman, who shall be ap-

pointed 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 Friday and Saturday before 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 Provisionally 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.

14th. 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 appointed for the work

of the church by the Credentials Committee. (c) Any local church in good standing in the Association, if it so desires, may ordain deacons with the help of any two ordained ministers and five ordained deacons who are approved by the moderator of the Association.

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 members of this Progressive Association will be required to go before the credential committee with a recommendation from the church of which they are members, and will also be called upon to present their credentials for examinations and answer satisfactorily such questions as they ask them.

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 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; 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; 1 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; 2 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 that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for such is the kingdom of God, 1 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 or 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, lay-

ing 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 mode 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; John Hutto, Parrish, Alabama; T. O. Terry, Jr., Cordova, 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 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 bond in 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. Robert Crawford, Samantha, Alabama; J. H. Cole, Fernbank, Alabama; Brother Gorman Carter, Cordova, Alabama.

1. 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, Fernbank, 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. H. Heatherly, Cordova, Alabama; Brother J. M. Smith, Townley, Alabama; C. C. Winsett, Cordova, 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, 317 West 14th Street, Columbia, Tennessee; Gorman Carter, Cordova, Alabama; Will Kuykendoll, Samantha, Alabama, Route 1; J. H. Cole, Fernbank, Alabama.

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.

MINISTERS' REPORT	Married Couples-----	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	30
	Organized Ladies Aids--	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Organized Leagues-----	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
	Organized S. S.-----	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Organized Churches-----	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
	Money Received-----	\$ 364.50	300.00	466.12	18.00	10.00	30.18	139.90	8.85	0	239.90	325.00	37.02	0	0	4.42	1.50	0		\$1645.49
	Traveling Expenses-----	\$142.50	20.00	82.21	5.00	7.50	88.27	88.79	3.50	0	45.00	17.50	15.90	0	0	4.92	2.00	0		\$528.09
	Miles Traveled-----	3280	75	3175	200	306	3516	1614	350	0	800	875	650	0	0	76	0	0		14917
	Pastored Churches-----	3	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		15
	Held Prayer Meetings--	18	40	23	60	5	15	0	30	0	17	35	63	8	12	12	15	10		351
	Attended League -----	28	12	35	10	30	30	5	0	0	6	0	12	15	2	0	0	0		165
	Attended S. S. -----	38	0	46	50	24	35	28	46	0	46	41	12	15	50	49	40		548	
	Communion -----	1	0	3	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		11
	Ordained Deacons-----	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0		4
	Ordained Ministers -----	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		10
	Funerals -----	4	0	4	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0		23
	Visit Sick Homes -----	45	25	105	150	50	52	40	22	33	27	200	12	18	20	0	0		825	
	Baptized -----	26	0	10	0	2	6	1	0	3	20	0	0	0	0	0	20		108	
	Received in Church-----	138	0	19	0	5	9	0	0	7	53	0	0	0	0	0	0		231	
	Public Prayers-----	108	75	72	150	66	135	100	72	205	76	100	68	30	35				1392	
	Sermons Preached-----	94	35	95	50	18	60	90	21	162	180	72	4	5	3	2			927	
	Ministers	J. B. Bloss	A. J. Burgess	R. B. Crawford	W. T. Crabtree	G. A. Dunn	E. M. Grubbs	G. W. Franks	H. Heatherly	P. H. Pike	W. H. Ryland	A. J. Lambert	J. P. Wycuff	H. T. Bolan	V. F. Boner	L. A. Rosser	C. Puckett	Total	231	

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Rec'd by Experience	By letter	By Restoration	Dismissed by Letters	Expelled	Deceased Members	No. Active Members	Enactive Members	No. of Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Pastor's Salary	Paid Evangelists	Val. Church Property	Amount of Contribution	Paid Missions	Paid Orphans	Other Expenses
Alabama City	2	1	5	6	0	1	45	95	2	1	2	40.25	\$ 8.50	\$ 1,000.00	0	0	0	\$185.00
Brookside	0	0	0	1	0	0	18	21	0	0	0	37.00	10.00	3,000.00	3.00	0	0	1.60
Cordova	5	0	8	8	0	0	83	93	8	2	3	120.90	0	5,000.00	4.00	0	0	63.66
Dovertown	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	20	2	0	1	18.45	4.90	75.00	2.00	0	0	26.48
Hanceville	2	0	3	3	0	1	33	28	3	0	0	40.85	9.50	900.00	3.25	0	0	0
Loyal Chapel	47	64	1	2	5	1	72	30	4	2	1	200.00	50.00	1,500.00	10.00	0	0	60.00
Parrish	25	9	0	0	0	0	42	9	3	1	0	139.21	0	0	4.00	0	0	143.40
Sulphur Springs	10	1	0	0	0	1	100	75	3	1	0	243.12	30.50	3,600.00	5.00	1	3.00	320.26
Townley	2	1	0	0	0	0	30	150	6	2	0	20.26	0	1,000.00	1.50	0	0	30.50
Unity Grove	0	0	0	6	0	0	10	40	2	1	0	59.21	20.00	500.00	2.00	0	0	2.60
Total	93	75	17	26	5	4	447	541	33	9	6	\$919.30	\$133.40	\$10,275.00	\$34.75	1	\$3.00	\$818.00