

The
Progressive Association
Of Alabama
Free Will Baptists

1941

Proceedings of the
10 th Annual Session

Convened at
Parrish Church

MINUTES

OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

OF ALABAMA

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Parrish Church

October 10 and 11, 1941

OFFICERS

Rev. J. B. Bloss Moderator
Rev. H. Heatherly Vice Moderator
Mr. Dewey Kyle Clerk
Mr. Ollie Porter Treasurer

The next Association will convene with Cordova Church on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1942.

Free Will Baptist Gem, 211 Bond St., Monett, Missouri

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Progressive Association which convened with Parrish Church, October 10 and 11, 1941.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened by retiring moderator, A. J. Lambert. The choir sang hymns led by Bro. Gorman Carter. Bro. Ovie Staggs led the opening prayer.

Devotional led by Rev. T. B. Lee.

Retiring moderator, A. J. Lambert introduced the new moderator, and then turned the session over to him.

Rev. A. J. Lambert made the welcoming address.

The Response was given by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

The choir sang a song led by Bro. Gorman Carter.

Rev. J. B. Bloss gave moderator's address, making an interesting talk on "Vision".

"What We Should Accomplish in This Session" by Gorman Carter.

"Acknowledging Members and Their Duty" by moderator J. B. Bloss.

Motion and second to read church letters and seat delegates.

The Moderator appointed Sister Willa Mae Fogg as reading clerk. The churches responded as follows:

Alabama City — Sister Myrtle Burgess, Sister Rosa Lee Rodgers, and Bro. Louis Rodgers.

Cordova — Sister Florene Sides, Sister Greeley Barnett, Sister Florence Terry, Sister Levelle Short, Sister Linda Dunnigan, Sister Lois Barnett.

Dover Town — Bro. and Sister J. S. Laird.

Hanceville — Bro. A. F. Suggart, Sister Nellie Suggart, Sister Fannie Holmer, Sister Ludie Dickerson.

Loyal Chapel — Sister Joyce Lee, Bro. Ovie Staggs, Bro. Robert Hyle.

Parrish — Bro. Ottis Moore, Sister A. J. Lambert, Sister J. M. Moore.

Sulphur Springs — Bro. W. G. Kuykendall, Brother Pearson Keller, Sister Dorthy Kuykendall, Bro. Theo. Woods.

Taylor's Chapel — Bro. and Sister Earnest Pugh, Sister Ethel Taylor.

Townley — Sister Jim Smith, Sister Murray Mitchell, Bro. Fred Smith.

Credential Committee appointed by the Moderator: Bro. K. V. Shutes, Bro. P. H. Pike, Bro. J. A. Smith.

Moderator invited brothers and sisters to seat with us. Rev. K. V. Shutes preached the associational sermon. His subject was, "It is I, be not afraid".

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service was led by Bro. Gorman Carter.

Moderator read and talked on 23rd Psalms.

Sister Lora Shutes led the opening prayer.

Song by Sulphur Springs Quartet.

Ordination Council appointed by the moderator: Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. Joe Fredrick, Rev. J. S. Rickets.

Moderator called for ministers' reports. They were all received as read.

Brother and Sister K. V. Shutes sang a duet.

Assignments of delegates to homes.

The body was adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Session called to order by moderator.

The choir sang a song led by Bro. Gorman Carter.

Opening prayer was led by Rev. T. B. Lee.

Devotional was led by Rev. V. F. Boner.

Ladies' Aid Hour

The Ladies' Aid was called to order by President, Sister Greeley Barnett.

"Building Alters"—By Sister Greeley Barnett.

Song by Brother and Sister Shutes.

"A Challenging World" by Mrs. J. B. Bloss.

"Youths Challenge to the Free Will Baptist Church" by Miss Willa Mae Fogg.

"What the Aid Means to Our Church" by Mrs. Essie Collins.

"Our Orphans" by Mrs. Edgar Petty.

A play was rendered by the Cordova Aid.

An offering was taken for Educational Board. \$11.59 received.

An offering was taken for orphanage. \$4.53 received.

The Aids report as follows:

CORDOVA — 12 members. Paid to foreign missions, \$9.70; National Educational fund, \$14.97; Superannuation fund, \$2.00; Pastor, \$12.25; Orphanage, \$10.00; Literature, \$3.71. Total amount of money this year, \$76.75; total paid out, \$57.56; total in treasury, \$19.19.

Mrs. John Lynch, President,

Mrs. T. O. Terry Sr., Secretary.

LOYAL CHAPEL — Total present, 1867; total absent, 749; total visitors, 180; total sick houses visited, 918; total chapters, 6786; total received this year, \$320.30; total paid out, \$142.33; balance in treasury, \$189.84.

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, President,

Miss Willa Mae Fogg, Secretary.

PARRISH — Total amount received, \$90.79; total paid out, \$86.69; for orphanage, \$5.00; foreign mission, \$3.50; painted church, bought lights, curtains and stained benches; bought six wreaths for deceased. We sent several trays to the sick.

Sister Nell Clements, President,

Sister Willie Mae Petty, Secretary.

SULPHUR SPRINGS — Total amount received, \$45.38; total paid out, \$31.70; total in treasury, \$13.68. We sent one package to orphan's home.

Mrs. Louisia Kuykendall, Secretary.

Report of Credential Committee

We recommend that V. F. Boner, L. A. Rosser, Corris Puckett, and W. E. Rodgers be given license to preach another year.

We recommend that Rev. T. B. Lee and Rev. James H. Spencer be ordained as ministers.

We recommend that Bro. W. A. Taylor, Bro. Louis Rodgers, and Bro. J. J. Lambert be ordained as deacons.

We recommend to accept Rev. K. V. Shutes as a member in this Association.

Committee { K. V. Shutes.
P. H. Pike.
J. A. Smith.

Ordination Service

Rev. T. B. Lee and Rev. James H. Spencer were ordained as ministers.

Bro. Louis Rodgers, Bro. W. A. Taylor, and Bro. J. J. Lambert were ordained as deacons.

In Memoriam

Cordova — Bro. McKinley Garner.

Loyal Chapel — Sister Imogene Ragan, Bro. William Ussery,
Sister Ruth Hyle.

Alabama City — Sister Mollie Sparks.

Parrish — Sister Nancy Oden.

Taylor's Chapel — Bro. Dick Taylor.

Sulphur Springs — Bro. W. Y. Woodam, Bro. Tullie Evans.

Nominating Committee appointed by the Moderator:
P. A. Crawford, Ollie Porter, and Gorman Carter.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. T. B. Lee.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Opening prayer by Bro. Otis Moore.

Song by Parrish Quartet.

Bro. and Sister Shutes elected delegates to State
Association. A donation of \$5.35 was taken for their
expenses.

Home Mission Board Report

Balance on hand October 12, 1940	\$65.50
Received from Loyal Chapel Church	61.05
Received from Cordova Church	21.23
Received from A. J. Lambert	3.00
Total	150.78
Paid to Clerk	\$ 3.50
Paid for banner	7.50
Total	\$ 11.00

Balance on hand

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Treasurer.

General Business Board Report

1. We recommend that the minister's report form and church
letter form be revised, and that a special committee be ap-
pointed to revise these forms.

2. We recommend all boards, ministers, and deacons have
a call session and all churches be represented on Saturday be-
fore the second Sunday in April.

3. We recommend that this Association have a Sunday School
and League Convention the first Sunday in June 1942.

4. We recommend that names and addresses of National
officers be put in minutes.

5. We recommend a delegate be elected to go to next National
Association.

6. We recommend that the ministers and deacons board
meet with Loyal Chapel church of Columbia, Tennessee, Satur-
day before the second Sunday in April 1942, at 9:00 A. M.

7. We recommend that all licensed ministers be ordained
after one year, provided they have had local preaching and
held revivals and be able to show results from same with a
recommendation from the board of deacons and church of
which he is a member.

8. We recommend Rev. T. B. Lee as our Association Evan-
gelist and that he visit each church in the Association this year.

9. We recommend that the expenses of the delegate to the
National Association be paid.

10. We recommend that the two days of the Association be
for business and the preaching be at night.

11. We recommend the Association to get behind the work
to build an orphanage which was begun by the Ladies' Aid.

12. We recommend the Association get the programs and re-
ports out at an early date so all can get them ready for the
next Association.

13. We recommend that if the clerk doesn't have funds
enough to pay for printing of minutes, that the Home Mission
Board finish paying for them and get them out in two months.

14. We recommend the clerk be paid \$12.50, and that he
have charge of printing of minutes and have 350 printed.

15. We recommend the Ladies' Aid program be put in minutes.

16. We recommend that the Association convene with Cordova
church on Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in
October 1942.

Report of Nominating Committee

The following officers were elected: Rev. J. B. Bloss, mod-
erator; Rev. K. V. Shutes, vice moderator; Bro. Dewey Kyle,
clerk; Bro. Ollie Porter, treasurer.

Motion carried to pay Rev. A. J. Lambert \$2.00 for
programs.

Motion carried to table Section 7 in General Business
Board Report for one year.

Bro. P. A. Crawford was elected to go to National
Association.

Moderator appointed Bro. Louie Hyle, Bro. Ovie Staggs
and Bro. A. F. Suggart to revise the ministers and
church letter forms.

Moderator appointed Sister Lora Shutes, Sister Florene Sides, and Bro. L. A. Rosser to get programs for Sunday School and League Convention to be held with Sulpher Springs church the first Sunday in June 1942.

Motion carried that Rev. J. B. Bloss and deacons of Loyal Chapel church get programs for called session in April.

Moderator appointed Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. V. F. Boner, and Gorman Carter on program committee for next Association.

The new moderator appointed the General Business Board as follows: K. V. Shutes, chairman, T. B. Lee, Gorman Carter, and Ollie Porter.

National Officers

Rev. J. R. Davidson 808 W. 27th St., Bryan, Texas.
 Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, 10-13 Checamauga Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
 Rev. F. S. Van Hoose Paintsville, Kentucky

Resolution

Resolved, That we extend our heart felt thanks to the Parrish church and community for their fine hospitality and spirit of co-operation shown us during our visit with them.

Motion carried that the Association adjourn to meet with Cordova Church on Thursday night, Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1942.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Moderator,
 Dewey Kyle, Clerk.

Ordained and Licensed Ministers

J. B. Bloss 311 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
 A. J. Lambert Parrish, Ala.
 K. V. Shutes Cordova, Ala.
 G. W. Franks Cordova, Ala.
 L. A. Rosser Cordova, Ala.
 V. F. Boner Cordova, Ala.
 Corris Puckett Cordova, Ala.
 E. M. Grubbs 217 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, Ala.
 P. H. Pike Townley, Ala.
 James H. Spencer Route 7, Columbia, Tenn.
 J. S. Rickets 511 Walnut St., Mt Pleasant, Tenn.
 A. J. Burgess 314 R. R. Ave., Alabama City, Ala.
 T. B. Lee 309 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
 W. E. Rodgers 515 S. Fifth St., Attalla, Ala.

Church Clerk and their Addresses

Alabama City J. J. Lambert, 302 R. R., Alabama City, Ala.
 Cordova Dewey Kyle, Cordova, Ala.
 Doyertown Lee C. Estelle, Route 1, Cordova, Ala.
 Hanceville Leola Alexander, Route 2, Hanceville, Ala.
 Loyal Chapel Willa Mae Fogg, Route 6, Columbia, Tenn.
 Parrish John Argent, Parrish, Ala.
 Sulpher Springs Pearson Keller, Route 1, Samantha, Ala.
 Taylors Chapel Francis Griggs, Route 6, Franklin, Tenn.
 Townley Fred Smith, Route 1, Box 5, Townley, Ala.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by the 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 together each others 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 liquor as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordainance, discipline and the 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 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 Friday and Saturday before 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 or 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

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

2. The officers elected at the previous session shall begin their administration at the opening of each regular session.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time. They shall arise and address the moderator and when recognized they shall proceed.

4. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Any person who shall knowingly break any of those rules shall be reproved by the moderator according to directions of the Association.

CHURCH RULES

1. 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.

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

3. The moderator shall be chosen by the suffrage of the church in the absence of the pastor. The moderator shall observe good order and explain all questions before he takes the voice of the church on them, and shall have the liberty of speech as any other, but no vote unless there be a tie, when he shall give the deciding vote.

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

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

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

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

11. If any member shall remain silent during the transac-

tion 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

15. 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 the letter.

16. Concerning the ordination of deacons: (a) He must be elected by the church of which he is a 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

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

FORM OF 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 six (6) months from date.

This day of, 19....

Moderator,
Church Clerk,

RULES FOR PREACHERS

1. 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.

2. All preachers shall attend all business meetings unless providentially hindered.

3. 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.

4. 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.

6. 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.

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one true and eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes. 1 Cor. 8:6; 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 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; 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 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 brought 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, 19; 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, 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 mode of water baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism, Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 2:38; Rom. 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.

BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Essie Collins, Samantha, Ala.; Mrs. J. B. Bloss, 311 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.; Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Parrish, 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 at its annual meeting elect a director of religious education, whose duty shall be to direct the entire

program of Religious Education 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 the 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.

GENERAL BUSINESS BOARD

Bro. Gorman Carter, Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. T. B. Lee, Bro. Ollie Porter.

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.

BOARD OF AUDITORS

T. O. Terry Sr., Cordova, Alabama and Ollie Porter, Cullcoka, Tennessee.

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

BOARD OF FINANCE

Bro. Will Kuykendall, Berry, Ala., Route 2; Bro. J. M. Smith, Townley, Ala.; Bro. Victory Farley, Parrish, 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.

MISSION BOARD

Rev. J. B. Bloss, 311 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.; Bro. Gorman Carter, Cordova, Ala.; Bro. Tommie Lee, 309 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.; Rev. A. J. Lambert, Parrish, 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 approved of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CHURCHES

CHURCHES	Received by Letter	Received by Confession	Received by Restoration	Received by Experience	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Deceased Members	Active Members	Inactive Members	Number Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ladies' Aid Contributions	Sunday School Contributions	Pastor's Salary	Paid Evangelists	Value of Church Property	Amount of Contributions	Paid Missions	Paid Orphans	Other Expenses
Alabama City ..	1	..	3	1	..	..	1	20	60	1	2	1	\$ 7.75	.....	.....	\$ 31.94	\$ 1,500.	\$ 5.00	.....	\$ 3.00	\$ 63.48
Cordova	2	17	..	2	2	..	1	114	57	8	1	3	\$ 76.75	\$197.19	\$ 731.50	\$ 67.00	\$ 5,000.	\$11.00	\$ 45.38	\$14.80	\$ 234.65
Dovertown .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	20	40	2	..	..	.....	\$ 22.93	\$ 18.49	.....	\$ 75.	\$ 1.50	.....	.....	\$ 22.90
Hanceville .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	28	22	3	..	1	.....	.....	\$ 38.38	\$ 33.00	\$ 1,500.	\$ 3.00	.....	.....	\$ 48.66
Loyal Chapel	3	12	3	3	..	25	3	72	13	6	3	2	\$320.30	\$329.52	\$ 661.14	\$ 90.00	\$ 1,800.	\$12.00	\$ 91.59	\$18.75	\$ 718.23
Farrish .....	..	..	..	7	..	..	1	30	30	5	1	..	\$ 90.97	\$ 47.50	\$ 217.87	\$ 47.57	\$ 4,000.	\$ 3.35	.....	.....	\$ 397.55
Sulphur Springs ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	80	40	5	..	..	\$ 31.70	.....	\$ 153.24	.....	\$ 3,600.	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.00	.....	\$ 12.91
Taylors Chapel ..	..	15	..	..	..	..	1	22	4	3	..	..	.....	.....	\$ 66.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 50.	\$ 1.50	.....	.....	.....
Townley .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	20	100	6	2	..	.....	.....	\$ 17.00	.....	\$ 1,000.	\$ 2.50	.....	.....	\$ 17.00
Totals	6	50	7	14	2	25	9	406	366	39	9	7	\$527.47	\$588.14	\$1,897.62	\$283.51	\$18,525.	\$44.85	\$138.95	\$36.55	\$1,515.38

MINISTERS' STATISTICAL TABLE

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	Miles Traveled	Traveling Expenses	Money Received	Organized Churches	Organized Sunday Schools	Organized Leagues	Organized Ladies' Aid	Married Couples
J. B. Bloss	102	84	26	10	82	3	..	3	4	46	8	22	1	1,940	\$ 38.45	\$ 661.14	..	..	..	..	2
A. J. Lambert	305	415	11	11	36	5	1	3	4	42	18	57	3	2,818	\$ 84.54	\$ 536.87	..	1	..	..	1
G. W. Franks	41	91	2	..	25	10	..	..	..	16	..	..	2	1,269	\$ 35.00	\$ 75.63	..	..	..	..	16
J. S. Rickets	17	40	..	6	1	2	..	..	1	24	..	1	..	426	\$ 5.53	\$ 12.85	..	..	..	..	..
A. J. Burgess	114	125	2	..	32	2	..	..	4	65	8	20	2	3,285	\$ 93.60	..	..	..	..	..	5
T. B. Lee	38	75	..	..	48	..	..	..	..	40	12	8	..	1,294	\$ 45.00	\$ 20.00	..	..	..	..	..
V. F. Boner	8	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	15	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
W. E. Rodgers	104	130	..	..	45	5	..	..	1	60	..	5	..	1,250	\$ 25.50	..	..	..	..	..	..
James H. Spencer	25	35	15	..	30	3	..	..	3	30	..	5	1	2,230	\$ 75.00	\$ 82.00	..	1	1	1	..
P. H. Pike	25	75	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
E. M. Grubbs	16	20	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	18	2	2	..	1,351	\$ 25.30	\$ 4.77	..	1	..	..	1
L. A. Rosser	10	40	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	20	10	..	16	\$.30	\$ 12.50	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	803	1180	56	27	354	30	1	6	18	381	82	156	9	15,879	\$425.18	\$1,405.76	..	3	1	1	29