



**The**  
**Progressive Association**  
**of**  
**Free Will Baptists**

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**1942**

**Proceedings of the**  
**11th Annual Session**

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**Convened at**  
**Cordova Church**  
**Cordova, Alabama**



**ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION**

**OF ALABAMA**

HELD WITH  
Cordova Church  
October 9 and 10, 1942

**OFFICERS**

Rev. J. B. Bloss ..... Moderator  
Rev. K. V. Shutes ..... Vice Moderator  
Mr. Dewey Kyle ..... Clerk  
Mr. Ollie Porter ..... Treasurer

The next Association will convene with Loyal Chapel Church on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1943.

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

**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.



## PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Progressive Association which convened with Cordova Church, October 9 and 10, 1942.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened by Moderator, J. P. Bloss.  
The singing was conducted by K. V. Shutes.  
Opening prayer led by Bro. O. M. Porter.  
Devotional led by Rev. E. W. Rodgers.  
Brother G. C. Carter gave welcoming address.  
Moderator appointed Bro. Gorman Carter as reading clerk.

The churches responded as follows:

Alabama City—Sister Earl Rogers, Sister Myrtle Burgess, Sister Ponder.

Cordova—Sister Lora Shutes, Sister Ollie Harbison, Sister Eva Ingram, Sister Ora Howell.

Dovertown—Sister Dan Sargant, Sister Dovie Sargent.

Loyal Chapel—Sister Rena Spencer, Sister Benda Porter, Sister Reba Lee.

Townley—Sister Bervie Edgil, Sister Fred Files, Sister J. A. Smith.

Lieadocia—Sister Evelyn Hudson, Brother John P. Hudson.

Parrish—Sister Ruth Buford, Sister Jim Moore, Sister T. A. Clemmons.

Sulphur Springs—Sister Wilma Kuykendall, Sister Annie Ruth Lunceford, Bro. Richard Fields.

Pewitts Chapel—Brother M. J. Tidwell, Sister Gertrude Pewitt.

Moderator recognized Rev. Sides of Nazarine Church, and Rev. Elliot of Methodist Church.

Sulphur Springs quartet sang two songs.

Moderator appointed Credentials Committee. Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. J. H. Spencer, Bro. J. H. Cole were appointed.

Moderator appointed J. D. Hudson, Richard Fields, J. A. Smith, P. A. Crawford on Nominating Committee.

Moderator appointed Sister Lora Shutes, Sister Rena Spencer, Sister Ponder on Obituary Committee.

Moderator's address by Rev. J. B. Bloss; text, Pro-

verbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision people perish."

A solo was rendered by Rev. Henry Melvin, "I Surrender All."

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Elliot.

### FRIDAY AFTERSOON SESSION

Song service led by brother Troy Carroll.

Prayer by Rev. A. J. Burgess.

Devotional by Rev. J. H. Spencer.

Song by Sulphur Springs Quartet.

Partial report of Religious Education Board: Local Chapel, \$100.00; Cordova, \$7.50; total, \$107.50.

Moderator appointed Ordination Council. Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. A. J. Lambert and Rev. T. B. Lee.

Song by Sulphur Springs quartet.

Solo by Rev. Henry Melvin.

Report of Credentials Committee given.

Assignments to homes.

Dismissed by Rev. Earl Sides.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song service was led by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Prayer by Bro. Otis Moore.

Devotional by Rev. V. F. Boner.

Song by Sulphur Springs quartet.

Rev. Henry Melvin of Nashville, Tenn., preached a very fine message and also gave a talk about the Bible School at Nashville. An offering of \$473.16 was made for the school.

Dismissed by Rev. Henry Melvin.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Moderator called the Association to order then turned it over to the Ladies' Aid. (See Woman's Auxiliary Proceedings.)

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service led by Troy Carroll.

Report of General Business Board. (See reports).

Bro. Ollie Porter was elected to go to National Association.

Bro. P. A. Crawford and Rev. A. J. Lambert made a report on National Association.

Sections 8 and 11 in General Business Board report will lie on table for one year.

Moderator appointed O. M. Porter to go to State Association.

Report of Nominating Committee given. (See reports.)

Report of Home Mission Board given. (See reports.)

Report of Treasurer given. (See reports.)

Report of Obituary Committee given. (See reports.)

Ministers reports were read and adopted.

Ordination service: Rev. Giles P. Givens was ordained as minister. Bro. Ollie Porter and Bro. J. C. Pewitt were ordained as deacons.

The new moderator appointed the General Business Board as follows: A. J. Lambert, T. B. Lee, Gorman Carter, Ollie Porter.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Rev. T. B. Lee and Bro. Ollie Porter were appointed on Program Committee for the next Association.

The Association closed with singing "Some Glad Day".

There was shouting and praising the Lord, and every one seemed to have been blessed by attending the Association. Motion carried that the Association adjourn to meet with Loyal Chapel Church Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1943.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Moderator

Dewey Kyle, Clerk

Rena Spencer, Assistant Clerk.

## R E P O R T S

### Report of Credentials Committee

1. We recommend that J. P. Hudson be licensed to preach the gospel.

2. We recommend that Rev. V. F. Boner and Rev. L. A. Rosser be licensed to preach another year.

3. We recommend that Rev. G. P. Givens be ordained to preach the gospel.

4. We recommend that Bro. J. C. Pewitt, Bro. Ollie Porter be ordained as deacons.

5. We recommend that Pewitts Chapel be accepted into this Association.

6. We recommend that the General Business Board appoint a committee to settle trouble at Alabama City Church.

## Report of General Business Board

1. We recommend that our Association support our National Unified Program of the National Association, money for this is to be sent to Rev. F. S. Van Hosoe, Paintsville, Ky. He divides it between foreign and home missions, education, and superannuation.

2. We recommend 500 minutes be printed and sent out by the clerk.

3. We recommend the clerk be paid \$12.00.

4. We recommend that a delegate be sent to the National Association in Nashville, Tennessee, the week after the second Sunday in July, 1943. That an entrance fee of \$5.00 be given him and train fare if possible.

5. We recommend a delegate to the State Association at Pell City, Alabama, to be appointed and \$5.00 be given and train fare if possible.

6. We recommend that the Moderator be given authority to investigate how pastors are governing their churches and filling their appointments. If your church has a complaint write the moderator.

7. We recommend the Association pay the Cordova Church \$3.00 for printing programs.

8. We recommend article eight of the Constitution be changed so as to read: This Association shall vote by acclamation where it will convene next time until one church gets a majority.

9. We recommend that the ordaining council be appointed to take care of ordination for at least one year.

10. We recommend that the moderator go to Alabama City three Sundays if necessary and see if he can get them to agree on a pastor. If they fail to pay his expenses the Home Mission Board will pay it.

11. We recommend that article nine of the constitution be changed so as to read: The constitution or by-laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote in any regular session of the Association, provided it lies on the table from morning until evening or evening til morning and being read twice in open session.

12. We recommend that any conference, besides the regular quarterly conference, be announced in three services of the church before it is held.

13. We recommend that we have three day sessions from now on and the women have the second day. This means we will



meet Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October.

14. We recommend that we accept Rev. Damon C. Dodd into this association.

15. We extend our heart-felt thanks to the Cordova Church and community for their hospitality shown us during this session.

Signed: K. V. Shutes  
Gorman Carter  
T. B. Lee  
O. M. Porter.

### Report of Nominating Committee

The following officers were elected: Rev. K. V. Shutes, Moderator; Rev. A. J. Lambert, Vice Moderator; Dewey Kyle, Clerk; Rena Spencer, Ass't. Clerk; O. M. Porter, Treasurer.

Signed: J. D. Hudson  
Richard Fields  
J. A. Smith  
P. A. Crawford

### Report of Home Mission Board

Balance on hand .....	\$139.87
Received from Loyal Chapel .....	120.00
Received from Taylors Chapel .....	6.65
Received from Parrish Church .....	3.36
Received from Cordova Church .....	40.00
Received from Alabama City Church .....	2.00
Received from Pewitts Chapel .....	2.00
Total .....	\$313.88
Paid out to Bro. Lee's meeting in Russivelle ..	\$20.00
Paid out to Sister McAdams .....	11.00
Paid to Bro. Lee for trip to Cordova .....	5.00
Paid for advertising, stamps and writing material ..	3.00
Total paid out .....	\$39.00
Total in treasury .....	\$274.88

— J. B. Bloss

### Report of Treasurer

Paid in at Association at Parrish .....	\$43.35
Paid from Covertown Church .....	1.50
Paid in for fee for State Association .....	5.35
Refund from Clerk .....	2.50

Pledges, Cordova .....	5.00
Loyal Chapel .....	5.00
Taylors Chapel .....	2.25
Total paid in .....	\$64.95
Paid out for State Association .....	\$5.35
Paid for ministers reports .....	2.00
Paid for minutes .....	26.50
Paid Clerk .....	10.00
Paid for church letter forms .....	2.00
Paid expenses to National Association .....	10.00
Total paid out .....	\$55.85
Balance in Treasury .....	\$9.10

— O. M. Porter, Treasurer

### Report of Obituary Committee

We find that the following have been called to their reward since the last session of our Association:

Mrs. H. H. Hyche, Mr. Virgil Pinion, Dovertown; Sister Carie Staggs, Loyal Chapel; Bro. Ollie Robins, Cordova; Sister Mary Ann Pewitt, Sister Elizabeth Pewitt, Pewitt's Chapel.

We bow in humble submission to him who doeth all things well.

Signed: Mrs. K. V. Shutes  
Mrs. Rena Spencer  
Mrs. Ponder

### DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PROCEEDINGS

The second annual meeting of the District Woman's Auxiliary convened with the Cordova Church, Cordova, Alabama, on October 10, 1942

The session was called to order by First Vice President Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

Opened by singing hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story."

Led in prayer by Mrs. J. B. Bloss.

The devotional topic was "Gethsemane Our Victory" given by Miss Theo. Woods.

Mrs. James Spencer was appointed reading clerk.

Reports from all auxiliaries were called for, read received, and adopted. The auxiliaries responding were:  
Cordova ..... Mrs. Cliff Winsett  
Parrish ..... Mrs. Nell Clements  
Loyal Chapel ..... Mrs. James Spencer, Mrs. Ollie Porter  
Sulphur Springs ..... Mrs. James Kuykendall



Alabama City — by letter.

The visitors were invited to sit with us.

A committee was appointed for Resolutions: Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Clements, Mrs. Kuykendall.

Finance Committee appointed: Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Winsett.

We were then favored with a number by Sulphur Springs, ladies quartet.

Explanation of reports and Standard of Achievements were made by Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

Mrs. Ollie Porter was appointed as delegate to the National Association.

Report of Resolution Committee given as follows:

1. That we adopt the plan of work that was adopted by our National Convention.

2. Resolve that each local auxiliary give a tenth of their dues to National Education.

Finance Committee reported in treasury, \$30.04. It was reported that we have three Jehoiada chests in our District Auxiliary.

We decided to have an all day's meeting in 1943 and meet on Friday before the second Sunday in October.

Twenty-five dollars was given by Loyal Chapel Auxiliary to buy a mission horse. Other mission needs were reported. We ask that all local auxiliaries respond to these foreign needs as much as possible.

Motion carried that the clerk of the association be paid \$5.00 minute fund.

The following officers were elected for ensuing year:  
President.....Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Alabama  
First Vice President, Mrs. T. B. Lee, 309 W. 15th, Columbia, Tenn.  
Second Vice President.....Miss Theo Woods, Berry, Ala., R. 2  
Third Vice President..Miss Leone Talbot, Columbia, Tenn., R. 6  
Fourth Vice President....Mrs. Vaudell Mitchell, Cordova, Ala.  
Fifth Vice President.....Mrs. Nell Clements, Parrish, Ala.  
Rec. Sec'y.....Mrs. J. B. Bloss, 311 W. 15th, St. Columbia, Tenn.  
Cor. Sec'y.....Miss Willa Mae Fog, Columbia, Tenn., Route 6  
Treasurer.....Mrs. Willa Mae Petty, Parrish, Ala.

Motion carried that Loyal Chapel Auxiliary plan program for next session.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet with Loyal Chapel Church on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1943.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, President.

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Recording Sec'y.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CALL SESSION

Proceedings of the Called Session of the Progressive Association which convened with Loyal Chapel Church, April 11-12, 1942.

Session was called to order by Moderator J. B. Bloss.

Song service led by Bro. T. B. Lee.

The churches responded as follows:

Alabama City ..... by Rev. T. B. Lee

Cordova ..... by Rev. K. V. Shutes

Hanceville ..... by Rev. G. W. Franks

Dovertown ..... by Rev. G. W. Franks

Brogdens Chapel ..... by Rev. E. W. Rodgers

Loyal Chapel ..... by Rev. J. B. Bloss

Parrish ..... by Rev. A. J. Lambert

Taylor's Chapel ..... by Rev. James Spencer

Song by Brother and Sister Shutes.

Song by Alabama City Quartet.

Bro. A. J. Lambert preached a very fine message. His text was from 50th chapter of Psalms.

Dismissed for Lunch by Rev. James Spencer.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service led by Bro. Troy Carroll.

Prayer by Sister Rena Spencer.

Moderator appointed K. V. Shutes, G. W. Franks, Lee Tims on Credentials Committee.

Rev. J. B. Bloss gave a report of Home Mission Board.

Report of Credentials Committee. They recommended that Rev. E. W. Rodgers be ordained in full work of the ministry.

The churches pledged the following amounts for the Association: Alabama City, \$5.00; Cordova, \$5.00; Loyal Chapel, \$5.00; Dovertown, \$2.50; Hanceville, \$2.50; Taylor's Chapel, \$3.00; Parrish, \$3.00; Sulphur Springs, \$3.00.

Assignments to homes.

Dismissed by Bro. A. J. Lambert.

## SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Song service by G. C. Carter.

Devotional by Rev. A. J. Burgess.

Rev. G. W. Franks brought a good message. His text was taken from third chapter of John, 7th verse.

Moderator appointed Rev. K. V. Shutes, G. W. Franks,



A. J. Lambert on Ordination Council. Rev. E. W. Rodgers was ordained to preach the gospel.

#### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Session called to order by Moderator, J. B. Bloss.  
Devotional by Bro. Gorman Carter.  
Song by Alabama City Quartet.  
Prayer by Sister Myrtle Bloss.  
Report of religious education.  
Doss Pepper Quartet rendered two songs.  
Rev. K. V. Shutes brought a very fine message; text, 2nd chapter Solomon.

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session called to order by Rev. T. B. Lee.  
The afternoon session was taken up in singing and prayer.

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

#### MINUTES OF DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The semi-annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Progressive Association convened with Loyal Chapel Church, Columbia, Tennessee, on April 11, 1942.

The meeting was opened with song and prayer.

A short talk was made by the Auxiliary president of the local church.

A duet by Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes was enjoyed.

We then proceeded with the installation program for incoming district officers: Officers dressed in white marched to the platform, taking their places, and singing the hymn "Ready".

Prayer by Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

Installing officer: Rev. J. B. Bloss.

Song, "I Love to Tell the Story."

Prayer by Mrs. A. J. Lambert.

Each officer made a talk on their duty as an officer.

The Installing Officer then proceeded to install each officer: closing with all singing, "To The Work."

The business session was opened with the president in charge, with 27 present and 4 local Auxiliaries.

The minutes were read of the last meeting.

The reports were called for, read, received and adopted.

The following were appointed to go to the National

Association: Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Mrs. T. B. Lee, Mrs. Troy Carroll, and Mrs. Willie Mae Petty.

Motion carried that the local church appoint a committee for the program for next session.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet with the Cordova Church, Cordova, Alabama, on October 9, 1942 at 9:00 o'clock.

Dismissed by Mrs. J. B. Bloss.

Mrs. A. J. Lambert, President

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Recording Sec'y.

#### Statistics of work done by District Woman's Auxiliary Societies of the Progressive Association, year 1941-42.

##### Membership Report

Number Auxiliary Societies .....	5
Number members in Auxiliary Societies .....	58
Number new members .....	16
Number of members re-instated .....	1
Members dropped from roll .....	5
Total members received .....	17
Total present membership .....	53

##### Financial Report

Amount of money raised .....	\$567.19
Total paid out for all purposes .....	\$520.35
Balance .....	\$ 46.84

##### Miscellaneous Report

Number Stewardship Study Classes Conducted .....	12
Number Mission Study Classes conducted .....	9
Number Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer .....	3
Number Auxiliaries sponsoring Young People's Auxiliaries ..	1
Number Auxiliaries conducting study of Auxiliary Manual ..	3
Number tithers in Auxiliary Societies .....	24
Number of Auxiliaries having Personal Service Committee ..	3
Number of church papers in Auxiliary Societies .....	23
Number church papers and tracts distributed .....	934
Number of sick homes visited .....	823
Number of Bibles given .....	12

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Recording Secretary



## Ordained and Licensed Ministers

J. B. Bloss ..... 311 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.  
 K. V. Shutes ..... Cordova, Ala.  
 G. W. Franks ..... Cordova, Ala.  
 L. A. Rosser ..... Cordova, Ala.  
 V. F. Boner ..... Cordova, Ala.  
 J. H. Spencer ..... Route 5, Columbia, Tenn.  
 G. P. Givens ..... Route 2, Fairview, Tenn.  
 A. J. Lambert ..... Parrish, Ala.  
 W. E. Rodgers ..... Godsden, Ala., Route 3  
 T. B. Lee ..... 309 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.  
 J. S. Ricketts ..... 511 Walnut St., Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.  
 A. J. Burgess ..... 314 R. R. Ave. Alabama City, Ala.  
 D. C. Dodd ..... 3609 Richard Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

## Church Clerks and their Addresses

Alabama City..Lena Burgess, 314 R.R. Ave., Alabama City, Ala.  
 Cordova.....Myrtle Stacks, Cordova, Ala.  
 Dovertown.....Lee C. Estelle, Cordova, Ala., Route 1  
 Loyal Chapel.....Willa Mae Fogg, Columbia, Tenn., Route 6  
 Townley.....Fred Smith Townley, Ala., Route 0, Box 5  
 Lieadocia ..... Jewel Baldwin, Hanceville, Ala., Route 2  
 Parrish.....John Argent, Parrish, Ala., Box 413  
 Sulpher Springs.....Theo Woods, Berry, Ala., Route 2  
 Taylors Chapel.....Ruby Griggs, Franklin, Tenn., Route 6  
 Pewitts Chapel.....M. J. Tidwell, Franklin, Tenn., Route 6

## Sunday School Superintendents' Name and Address

Alabama City.....Joe Self, 302 White St., Alabama City, Ala.  
 Cordova.....Troy Carroll, Cordova, Ala.  
 Dovertown.....Lee C. Estelle, Cordova, Ala., Route 1  
 Loyal Chapel.....J. B. Bloss, 311 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.  
 Townley.....J. A. Smith, Townley, Ala.  
 Parrish.....Edgar Petty, Parrish, Ala.  
 Sulpher Springs.....Richard Fields, Samantha, Ala., Route 1  
 Taylors Chapel.....Author Taylor, Franklin, Tenn., Route 6  
 Pewitts Chapel.....Giles Givens, Fairview, Tenn.

## Sunday School Secretaries' Name and Address

Alabama City.....Lena Burgess, Alabama City, Ala.  
 Cordova.....Minnie Hathcote, Cordova, Ala.  
 Dovertown.....Matha Lou Foster, Cordova, Ala.  
 Loyal Chapel.....Dorothy Hyle, 110E 16th St., Columbia, Tenn.  
 Townley.....Fred Smith, Townley, Ala.

Parrish.....Doloras Lambert, Parrish, Ala.  
 Sulpher Springs.....Dorothy Kuykendall, Smantha, Ala.  
 Taylors Chapel.....Ruby Griggs, Franklin, Tenn., Route 6

## Flower Committees

Cordova.....Gorman Carter  
 Loyal Chapel.....Leane Talbot, Joyce Lee, Willa Mae Fogg  
 Parrish.....James Argent, Doloras Lambert, Ottis Moore  
 Taylors Chapel.....Ruby Griggs, Annie Marlin, Bessie Taylor

## 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 asso-



ciational 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 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.

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 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 of mere choice, farther than He hath appointed the Godly into 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 saint's 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

Myrtie Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.; Willa Mae Petty, Parrish, Ala.; Lorene Sides, Cordova, Ala.; Theo. Woods, Berry, Ala. Route 2.

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 many 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

K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.; Gorman Carter, Cordova, Ala.; T. B. Lee, Columbia, Tenn.; O. M. Porter, Columbia, Tenn.

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

J. D. Hudson, Hanceville, Ala.; J. A. Smith, Townley, Alabama.

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 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

V. F. Boner, Cordova, Ala.; Nathan Staggs, Columbia, Tenn.; P. A. Crawford, Millport, Ala., Route 2; John Sargent, 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; Dewey Kyle, Cordova, 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' STATISTICAL TABLE

	Sermons Preached	Public Prayers	Reveries Conducted	Conversions Witnessed	Received in Church	Baptized	Visited Sick Homes	Funerals Conducted	Ordained Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Attended F. W. B. League	Attended Sunday School	Held Prayer Meetings	Pastored Churches	Organized Churches	Organized Sunday Schools	Money Received	Traveling Expenses	Miles Traveled	Organized Ladies Aid	Organized F. W. B. League	Communion Held	Married Couples
J. B. Bloss	101	54	..	54	21	11	84	2	3	3	26	49	32	1	..	..	\$ 720.55	\$ 22.00	1,200	..	1	2	2
A. J. Lambert	197	237	7	86	41	12	80	9	2	1	..	48	31	3	..	..	792.74	130.40	6,514	1	..	14	1
T. B. Lee	105	90	2	75	62	20	75	..	1	..	10	52	10	1	1	1	391.60	350.00	14,014	1	1	4	2
G. W. Franks	54	150	2	15	5	..	57	6	..	1	..	22	..	2	..	1	90.91	20.75	1,353	..	..	..	17
J. H. Spencer	33	52	1	5	5	2	20	..	..	..	..	42	2	1	..	..	77.18	60.30	2,010	..	..	4	..
A. J. Burgess	51	64	2	4	..	..	23	..	..	..	..	48	17	1	..	..	7.50	6.00	230	1	..	..	5
C. P. Givens	17	52	1	8	6	..	9	2	..	..	..	45	8	..	..	1	24.00	30.00	2,000	..	..	..	..
J. S. Ricketts	10	30	1	8	..	..	8	1	2	2	..	30	3	..	..	..	20.31	6.25	168	..	..	..	..
W. E. Rodgers	20	40	..	7	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	40	10	..	..	..	50.00	25.00	500	..	..	..	..
U. F. Boner	..	26	1	5	..	..	14	..	..	..	16	40	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
D. C. Dodd	148	..	3	30	..	21	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2,100.25	..	..	..	..	..	5
Total	795	20	297	146	66	395	34	8	7	82	416	125	10	1	3	3	\$4,274.84	\$650.50	27,989	3	2	24	34



## STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CHURCHES

Other Expenses .....	Religious Education .....	Cirphanage .....	Foreign Missions .....	Home Missions .....	Total Paid Out Treasury ...	Paid Evangelist .....	Amount Paid Pastor .....	Value of Church Property ..	Licensed Ministers .....	Ordained Ministers .....	No Deacons .....	Amount of Contributions ....	Inactive Members .....	Number of Active Members ..	Deceased Members .....	Expelled .....	Dismissed by Letter .....	Received by Restoration ....	Received by Confession ....	Received by Letter .....	Received by Experience ....
Alabama City .....	.....	\$3.50	.....	\$ 2.00	\$ 590.50	\$60.00	\$ 233.39	\$1,500.	..	2	2	\$ 3.00	...	33	...	..	1	..	10	..	..
Cordova .....	7.50	35.29	44.95	67.14	2,539.35	96.00	1,119.50	5,000.	2	2	8	15.25	26	103	1	..	1	..	6	4	1
Dovertown .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40.95	21.25	19.70	100.	..	1	2	3.00	35	20	2	..	..	1	..	1	1
Loyal Chapel .....	413	100.00	20.00	.....	1,372.22	75.00	720.55	3,000.	..	5	7	15.15	12	79	1	5	2	2	16	..	..
Townley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	5.00	10.00	1,000.	..	1	5	3.80	50	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lieadocia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95.00	9.95	17.55	1,500.	..	..	1	6.55	28	22	..	..	5	1	1	1	..
Parrish .....	30	15.44	4.55	8.47	457.45	50.00	205.30	5,000.	..	1	3	10.00	33	25	..	..	..	1	1	..	3
Sulpher Springs .....	17	11.50	.....	.....	168.30	30.00	100.00	3,600.	..	..	5	5.00	80	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Taylor's Chapel .....	.....	.....	.....	6.65	21.40	14.00	.....	10.	1	1	3	.75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pewitt's Chapel .....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	106.71	20.61	55.77	1,000.	2	..	3	2.50	38	32	2	..	..	..	..	2	2
Totals .....	2,069	134.44	83.44	82.88	5,216.93	381.81	2,481.96	21,710.	5	13	39	\$65.00	302	279	6	5	9	3	26	5	7



## Sunday School Statistical Table

Sunday School .....	S. S. Membership .....	Average Attendance .....	S. S. Offering .....	Paid for Literature .....	Charity and other Expenses	Total Paid Out .. .....
Alabama City .....	37	35	\$39.00	\$14.00	\$25.00	\$39.00
Cordova .....	126	98	235.88	75.73	143.31	218.04
Dovertown .....	40	25	31.50	7.34	22.30	29.64
Loyal Chapel .....	110	85	417.50	25.66	301.54	327.20
Townley .....	16	14	40.00	1.47	38.53	40.90
Parrish .....	65	50	105.09	40.65	56.50	99.65
Sulphur Springs .....	75	65	25.70	24.00	1.70	35.70
Taylor's Chapel .....	36	20	6.57	5.37	1.20	6.57
Pewitts Chapel .....	39	20	19.33	1.50	17.83	19.33
Total .....	549	412	\$920.57	\$195.72	\$591.91	\$805.18