

MINUTES
of the
Twelfth Annual Session
of the
Progressive Association
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
and the
Second Annual Session
of the
District Women's Auxiliary
Convention
Which Convened with
Loyal Chapel Church
Columbia, Tennessee
October, 7-8-9, 1943

The next session will convene with the Sulphur Springs Church, near Gorgas High School, on the Old Berry and Tuscaloosa highway, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1944.

Mrs. Ethel Whaley, were the students that was present from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville.

After the seating of delegates and visitors, the congregation sung, "Trust and Obey."

Moderator's address by Rev. K. V. Shutes. He gave a brief statement of the condition of the Churches as a whole, he stated the problems that are ours and he gave as the solution to problems, more Cultural Evangelism, would solve the problem.

Quartet then sang — "Send The Light."

Associational Message was then delivered by Rev. R. B. Crawford — Text Lk. 5:4-5.—"Launch out into the deep—At Thy word I Will."

At the close of the message the Moderator made a proposition — To Launch out and do God's Will, that was accepted by the congregation as they sang, "Faith of Our Fathers."

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Troy Carroll.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Devotional led by Bro. Troy Carroll.

Song: — There is Power in the Blood.

Prayer: — by Rev. J. S. Ricketts.

Song:— "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Special Music — by Sulphur Springs Quartet.

The following Committees' were appointed by the Moderator.

Credentials.

Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. A. J. Burgess, Bro. J. H. Cole.

Ordaining Councils.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. T. B. Lee.

Nominating

Bro. J. T. Kuykendall, Bro. Will Stephenson, Bro. Avery Guthrie.

Obituary

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Miss Eva Ingram, Miss Vaudell Mitchell, Miss Doloras Lambert.

Temperance

Bro. James E. Self, Bro. M. J. Tidwell, Mrs. J. H. Cole, Bro. Otis Moore.

Delegates to Associations

The appointing of delegates to the various Associations by the Moderator:

Alabama State Association — Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. J. B. Bloss
Rev. A. J. Burgess and Bro. Troy Carroll.

Vernon Association — Rev. A. J. Lambert.

Muscles Soals State Line Association — Rev. J. B. Bloss.

Cumberland Association — Rev. J. S. Ricketts.

The National executive Secretary, Rev. R. B. Crawford brought a message concerning the Unified Program, urging all churches to support this program.

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Chairman of the Alabama Orphanage board, gave a report and an offering of \$14.21 was received.

The Moderator appointed Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Clerk to complete the work for the Associational year.

Ministers reports were read and received. (See table.)

The Association was then adjourned until the Saturday morning Session.

The congregation sang, "Where he Leads Me I Will Follow."

Benediction, — Rev. G. P. Givens.

The devotional was led by Rev. G. P. Givens. After the Scripture reading and prayer, congregational singing and Special Music by quartets was enjoyed by all.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. A. J. Burgess of Alabama City, Alabama. His text was 1st Cor. 12:1. Using as his subject, "Spiritual Gifts." The speaker urging our denomination to be led by the Spirit in every department of our work. After which an alter call was made, one young man came to the alter and prayed through in the old fashioned way.

Benediction:

PROCEEDINGS OF SECOND ANNUAL SESSION of the

District Woman's Auxiliary of the Progressive Association

Friday Morning Session

The session was opened by the president, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Alabama by singing hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer by Mrs. J. T. Johnson. The devotional was conducted by Miss Florene Sides, for her scripture lesson she read from 2nd Kings, 4 chapter 4-8 verses. Her talk was an inspiration to those that were present.

The welcome address was given by Miss Leone Talbot.

Response by Miss Theo Woods.

The reports were then called for by the president.

The Auxiliaries responding were as follows:

Cordova Eva Ingram and Florene Sides
Sulphur Springs Theo Woods and Wilma Kuykendall
Loyal Chapel Rosa Lee Grubbs and Nettie Whitehead

The reports were read, received and adopted.

The Visitors and Ministers were made welcome by the president and invited to sit with us in our convention.

The following Committees were appointed by president:

Finance Committee

Mrs. T. B. Lee, Dorothy Kuykendall, Florene Sides.

Resolutions Committee

Theo Woods, Vaudell Mitchell, Rora Lee Brubbs.

Appreciation Committee

Eva Ingram, Wilma Kuykendall.

The congregation then sang hymn, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."

The president then delivered her annual address using as her subject, "What is that in Thine hand?" Explaining the works of the five Vice-President and the opportunities and duties that are placed in their hands.

The reports of the First, Second and Third Vice Presidents, were read, received and adopted.

Social music by Sulphur Springs Quartett.

The congregation stood and sang, "I Love to Tell The Story." After which Mrs. Marie Hyatt of our Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., brought a very inspirational message from the subject, "Victory Through Jesus."

Adjourned for lunch.

Friday Afternoon Session

Was opened by the president, who introduced Mrs. Ethel Whaley of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Mrs. Whaley conducted the devotional of the hour, which was enjoyed by all.

We proceeded with the business as follows:

The reports of the Fourth and Fifth Vice-Presidents were read, received and adopted.

The report of the Treasurer was read, received and adopted. Special music by Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

Members of the Loyal Chapel Woman's Auxiliary presented a short Missionary Play, the title being, "The Missionary Task of the Church." At the close of the play a special offering for Foreign Mission was taken. The amount of \$22.04 was received.

We were then favored with Special Music by the Sulphur Springs Quartett.

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

Finance

We the Finance Committee report as follows.

Balance on hand	\$16.71
National Convention dues	3.50
District dues	4.50
Foreign Mission offering	22.04

Total receid \$46.75

Paid to National Bible College	\$ 5.00
Paid out for printing minutes	7.50
Paid to Mrs. Marie Hyatt	5.00
Paid to Foreign Missions	22.04

Total disbursements \$39.54

Balance in Treasure — \$7.21

Resolutions

We the Committee on Resolutions recommend that we adopt the plan of work that was adopted by our National Woman's Auxiliary.

(See Minutes of the 1943 National Association.)

Miss Theo Woods, Chairman.

Registration.

The report of the Registration Committee, appointed by local Auxiliary are as follows:

Officers and delegates present	10
Ministers Present	6
Visitors	22
Local Auxiliaries present	3

Rosa Lee Grubbs, Chairman.

Appreciation

We the Appreciation Committee wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Loyal Chapel Woman's Auxiliary, with its president and pastor for the splendid way in which they have shown their hospitality to this Convention while in session.

We are grateful to each one who has had part in contributing to our comfort while in their homes and to those who have made the Church comfortable and attractive.

We also express our appreciation to the Program Committee for the program they arranged and for each one who have helped to make the program a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Ingram, Chairman.

Rev. J. R. Davidson gave a splendid talk on our Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The following officers were nominated and legally elected for the ensuing year.

President	Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.
1st Vice-President, Mrs. T. B. Lee, 309 W. 15th St. Columbia, Tenn	
2nd Vice-President,	Miss Theo Woods, Berry, Ala., Route 2
3rd Vice-President,	Miss Eva Ingram, Cordova, Ala.
4th Vice-President	

.....Mrs. Henrietta Scribner 308 E. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.

5th Vice-President

Rec. Sect. Mrs. J. B. Bloss, 311 W 15th St. Columbia, Tenn.

Cor. Sec'y. Miss Dorothy Kuykendall, Berry, Ala., Route No 2

Treasurer

.....Mrs. O. M. Porter, Columbia, Tenn., Route 7

Mrs. J. B. Bloss was appointed as delegate to the National Association by president.

Miss Theo Woods, Mrs. J. B. Bloss and Mrs. Essie Collins was appointed by the president to arrange program for next session.

It was moved and carried to adjourn and meet with Sulphur Springs Church at 9:00 A. M. on Friday before the second Sunday in October 1944.

Dismissed by Rev. J. R. Davidson.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, President.

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Rec.-Sec'y.

Statistics of work done by District Woman's Auxiliary Societies of the Progressive Association year 1942-43.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Number Auxiliary Societies	3
Numbers Members in Auxiliary Societies	59
Number New Members	13
Number of Members re-instated	1
Members dropped from roll	4
Total Members received	14
Total present Membership	59

FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid for: Home Missions	\$ 26.00
Paid for: Foreign Missions	\$ 63.34
Paid for: Orphanage	\$ 27.00
Paid for: National Educational program	\$125.94
Paid for: Ministerial Relief	\$ 52.50
Paid for: National and District dues	\$ 10.80
Paid for: Unified program	\$ 27.61
Miscellaneous purposes	\$144.88
Total	— \$478.07

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT

Number Stewardship Study Classes Conducted	5
Number Mission Study Classes Conducted	22
Number Auxiliaries Observing week of Prayer	2
Number Auxiliaries Conducting Study of Auxiliary Manual	2
Number tithers in Auxiliary Societies	20
Number Auxiliaries having Personal Service Committee	3
Number Auxiliary Members subscribing to Church papers	18
Number of tracts distributed	2,000
Number of Sick homes Visited	365
Number of Bibles given	9
Vacation Bible School Conducted	1
Womans' Auxiliary Societies Organized	3

MRS. J. B. BLOSS, Rec.-Sec'y.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The service was opened by Congregational singing and Prayer.

The Moderator called for the report of the Credentials Committee. The report was as follows:

We your Credentials Committee after having examined James E. Self of Alabama City Church, M. J. Tidwell and George Mercer of Pewitts Chapel, Johnie Whitehead of Loyal Chapel Church, after having found them worthy recommend that they be ordained as deacons of their respective churches.

We also recommend that John P. Hudson of Leadocia Church licenses be renewed for another year.

The report was accepted and the Moderator instructed the Ordaining Council to proceed with the Ordination.

They were very impressively ordained by the Rev. J. B. Bloss.

Rev. T. B. Lee and Rev. A. J. Lambert.

At the close of the ordination service, Rev. Damon C. Dodd from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, led the devotional—it was filled to overflowing with good congregational, duets, and quartett singing and prayers.

Rev. J. R. Davidson brought the message of the hour, his subject being "Yet Not I But Christ" text being found in Gal. 2:20.

At the close of the message a free will offering was taken for the College. Twenty dollars and four cts (\$20.04) was received.

Benediction:

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened by Rev. T. B. Lee with congregational singing and prayer by Bro. Joe Ricketts.

The Moderator then called for the reports of Various boards and Committees. They were received as follows: General business boards report was read, and adopted. Obituary Committees' report was read and adopted. Board of Religious Educations' report was read and adopted. Home Mission Board report was read and adopted. Treasurer's report was read and received. Report of Nominating Committee was read and received. Temperance report was read and adopted. — (See Reports.)

Devotional was conducted by Rev. J. S. Ricketts. Hymn. "Near the Cross"—lead by Troy Carroll.

Prayer — Mrs. Marie Hyatt.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd brought the message of the hour, his text was found in 2nd Cor: 2:14. His subject being, "Requisites For and Results of Spiritual Victory" — His message was very inspirational and enjoyed by all.

Benediction:

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Was opened by Moderator, with Congregational singing, Devotional was conducted by Rev. A. J. Lambert, prayer by Rev. T. B. Lee.

Rev. J. B. Bloss and Rev. R. B. Crawford who had previously been appointed to revise the form of Church Letter, reported the form, and was accepted and ordered with the Ministers reports to be placed in back of the minutes.

The Moderator then made a verbal report of the National boards for the ensuing year, the personnel which will be found at the head of the rules of various boards.

Motion was made and carried that the new Moderator and Clerk be responsible for the program for next session.

The Moderator then made a verbal report of the National Association, explaining the Unified program.

There being six of the students present from the Bible College with its business manager and wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Davidson. Each one was asked to make a talk, telling what school life there was like and what it meant to them.

They challenged the denomination that they would soon be out of school and ready for work. What may we expect from

the Free Will Baptist? Can we depend on you? The answer from the Association was yes.

The Sulphur Springs Church having ask for the Association for 1944 session. The body voted unanimously for the Association to meet with Sulphur Springs Church.

The following officers were elected for the next year:

Rev. J. B. Bloss	Moderator
Rev. T. B. Lee	Assistant Moderator
Mrs. J. B. Bloss	Clerk
Miss Joyce Lee	Assistant Clerk
Mr. O. M. Porter	Treasurer

The new Moderator then appointed the General Business Board for next session as follows:

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. A. J. Burgess, Rev. J. S. Ricketts, Rev. A. J. Lambert.

The Congregation then sang, "There Will be Somebody Waiting," in memory of the deceased members.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn to meet with the Sulphur Springs Church in 1944.

The congregation then stood and sang, "God be With You Till we Meet Again"—Closing out with an Old Fashion hand shape, and much rejoicing.

Benediction:—Mrs. J. R. Davidson.

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Moderator.

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Clerk.

REPORTS

Credentials (See Friday Evening Session.)

General Business Board

1. We recommend that our Association support the National Unified program. (Sending money to U. S. Vauhouse, Paintsville, Ky.)

2. That seven hundred minutes be printed and mailed to Various Churches by Clerk.

3. That the clerk be paid twelve dollars for her work.

4. That the Moderator be given authority, when a complaint is made to him in writing to investigate how pastors are governing their churches and filling their appointments. If he fails to get his expenses from the church, the home mission board will compensate him.

5. That article eight of the Constitution be changed to read by acclamation instead of ballot.

6. That article nine change to read, the Constitution or by-laws, may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association, provided it lies on the table from morning until evening or evening until morning and be read twice in open session.

7. That any conference other than the regular Quarterly Conference, be announced in a service of the church before the conference convenes.

8. That the Association meet annually on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, giving the District Woman Auxiliary Friday for their Session.

9. That the church letter form be changed to cover all departments of the work, and that Rev. R. B. Crawford and Rev. J. B. Bloss prepare it.

10. That each church send 20c for each active member for Associational expenses.

11. That the Home Mission board sees that a Mission worker or workers go on the field next summer and try to re-establish the run down churches and organize new ones in this Association, and that they offer a contract as to how the board will support the workers.

12. That the name and address of each chairman of the board of deacons be placed in the minutes.

13. That a rising vote of thanks be given Loyal Chapel Church for the splendid way in which they have taken care of this Association while in Session.

A. J. Lambert, T. B. Lee, Ollie Porter.

Report of Nominating Committee

The following officers were nominated: Rev. J. B. Bloss, Moderator; Rev. T. B. Lee, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Clerk; Joyce Lee Assistant Clerk; O. M. Porter, Treasurer.

Signed:

Bill Stephenson,
J. T. Kuykendall,
Avery Guthrie.

Report of Home Mission Board

Balance on hand	\$274.88
Received from Sulphur Springs Church	20.00
Received from Cardova Church	103.00
Received from Pewitts Chapel Church	5.05
Received from Taylors Chapel Church	1.00
Received from Loyal Chapel Church	84.25

Total	\$488.18
Paid out for trips to Alabama City	\$10.80
Paid out for trip to Taylors Chapel	5.00

Total	\$15.80
Total in treasury	-\$472.38

J. B. Bloss.

Report of Obituary Committee

We find since the last setting of this Association that three members of this Association have passed on to their reward: Bro. Louie Hyde, Chairman of the board of deacons of Loyal Chapel Church. Bro. J. C. Pitts and Bro. Tom Brock of Leodocia Church.

Their presence from our Association is greatly missed; but our loss is Heavens gain. We bow in humble submission to the will of He who doeth all things well, and look forward to the time when we shall meet our deceased in an Association that will never end.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. K. V. Shutes
Eva Ingram.

Report of Religious Education Board

Alabama City Church	\$ 20.00
Parrish Church	12.00
Cordova Church	125.00
Loyal Chapel Church	459.50

Total	\$616.50
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Mrs. J. B. Bloss,
Willa Mae Petty,
Theo Woods,
Florene Sides.

Report of Treasurer

Balance on hand October 10th 1942	\$64.00
Received Special offering Oct 9th 1943	3.50

Total	\$67.50
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Paid out to Clerk	\$12.00
Paid out for Minutes	42.50
Paid for Programs	4.50
Paid Out for National dues	5.00
Total	-\$67.00
Balance	50

Recievd at Association Loyal Chapel Church	\$62.50
Woman's Auxilliary	7.50

Total	-\$70.60
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O. M. Porter, Treasurer.

Temperance

Jesus Christ taught and practiced temperance, we as Christians if we follow in his steps, it is necessary for us to teach and practice temperance also.

We recommend that all Free Will Baptists practice and teach total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks.

We recommend that all Ministers preach temperance, and Sunday School teachers teach temperance, and if any member of the Free Will Baptist Church caught drinking intoxicating drinks be delt with accordingly.

Pray for us.

James E. Self,
Ottis Moore,
M. J. Tidwell.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. B. Bloss.....	311 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
K. V. Shutes.....	Cordova, Ala.
G. W. Franks.....	Cordova, Ala.
A. J. Lambert.....	Parrish, Ala.
T. B. Lee.....	309 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
J. S. Ricketts.....	507 White St., Columbia, Tenn.
G. P. Givens.....	Route 6, Franklin, Tenn.
A. J. Burgess.....	314 Railroad Ave., Ala. City, Ala.
Damon C. Dodd.....	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

LICENSED MINISTERS

L. A. Rosser.....	Cordova, Ala.
V. F. Boner.....	Cordova, Ala.
J. P. Hudson.....	Route 1, Hanceville, Ala.
Corace Puckett.....	Cordova, Ala.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF DEACONS

Loyal Chapel—L. A. Parrish.....	Route 6, Columbia, Tenn.
Cordova—Earl Richardson.....	Cordova, Ala.
Unity Grove—J. H. Cole.....	Fernbank, Ala.
Alabama City—James E. Self.....	302 White St., Alabama City, Ala.
Taylor's Chapel—W. A. Taylor.....	Route 2, Santa Fe, Tenn.
Leadocia—Joe D. Hudson.....	Route 3, Box 7, Hanceville, Ala.
Pewitts Chapel—Clark Pewitt.....	Route 6, Franklin, Tenn.
Sulphur Springs—P. A. Crawford.....	Northport, Ala.

CHURCH CLERKS

Loyal Chapel—Mrs. T. B. Lee.....	309 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
Cordova—Miss Myrtle Stacks.....	Cordova, Ala.
Parrish—Avery Guthrie.....	Parrish, Ala.
Sulphur Springs—Theo Woods.....	Route 2, Berry, Ala.
Alabama City—Carrie Lee Westbook.....	603 Shuller Ave., Ala. City, Ala.
Leadocia—Mrs. Jewel Baldwin.....	Route 2, Hanceville, Ala.
Taylor's Chapel—Helen Craft.....	Route 6, Franklin, Tenn.
Pewitts Chapel—M. J. Tidwell.....	Route 6, Box 179, Franklin, Tenn.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Cordova—K. V. Shutes.....	Cordova, Ala.
Loyal Chapel—J. B. Bloss.....	311 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
Parrish—A. J. Lambert.....	Parrish, Ala.
Sulphur Springs—E. W. Graves.....	Route 2, Vernon, Ala.
Alabama City—W. A. Wisner.....	Railroad Ave., Ala. City, Ala.
Dover Town—G. W. Franks.....	Cordova, Ala.
Leadocia—G. W. Franks.....	Cordova, Ala.
Taylor's Chapel—T. B. Lee.....	309 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
Pewitts Chapel—G. P. Givens.....	Route 6, Franklin, Tenn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Cordova—Wesley Carter.....	Cordova, Ala.
Loyal Chapel—T. B. Lee.....	309 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
Parrish—Avery Guthrie.....	Parrish, Ala.
Sulphur Springs—Handley Lunceford.....	Route 1, Samantha, Ala.
Alabama City—Carl Westbrook.....	603 Shuller Ave., Ala. City, Ala.
Taylor's Chapel—Arthur Taylor.....	Route 2, Santa Fe, Tenn.
Pewitts Chapel—Clark Pewitt.....	Route 6, Franklin, Tenn.

FLOWER COMMITTEES

Cordova—Hazel Cook, Vandell Mitchell, Ora Howell, Florene Sides
 Loyal Chapel—Willa Mae Fogg, Joyce Lee, Louise Thompson
 Parrish—James Argent, Dolores Lambert, Ottie Moore
 Taylor 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 state.

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, 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 acclamation 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 at any regular session of the Association, provided it lies on the table from morning until evening, or evening until morning, and read twice in open session.

Article 10. No minister, deacons or delegates shall be seated in this body unless they agree to stay throughout the session unless they are providentially hindered.

Article 11—That each church send 20c fee each active member for Associational expenses.

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 these rules shall be reproved by the moderator according to directions of the Association.

CHURCH RULES

1. We agree as a member of the Probreasive 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 made 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 acknowledgements.
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 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 1:3-5.

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 willfully 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 praises 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; 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

Myrtle Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.; Willa Mae Petty, Parrish, Ala.; Florene Sides, Cordova, Ala.; Theo. Woods, Berry, Ala. Route 2.; Carrie Lee Westbrook, Alabama City, Ala.

1. The management and control of all work on religious education as fostered by this Association, such as the Sunday School, the League, Ladies Aids or any other religious force, shall be under the direction of the Board of Religious Education.

2. The board shall meet as often as necessary, at the call of the chairman at such time and place as he may designate. They must meet annually.

3. The board 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 officer 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

11. These rules may be amended at any time, but only by a majority of delegates present.

GENERAL BUSINESS BOARD

A. J. Lambert, Parrish, 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

A. J. Burgess, Alabama City, Alabama, Otis Moore Parrish, Alabama, P. A. Crawford, Northport, 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 cases 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

G. P. Givens, Franklin, Tenn., Route No. 6.; J. S. Ricketts, 507 White St. Columbia, Tenn.; Joe D. Hudson, Hanceville, Ala., Route 3, Box 7.

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. Earl Richardson, Cordova, Ala.; Rev. T. B. Lee, 309 W. 15th St. Columbia, Tenn.; Rev. A. J. Lambert, Parrish, Alabama; James E. Self, 302 White St. Alabama City, Ala.

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 as 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.

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of.....
send greetings to the Ministers and Messengers composing the
Progressive Association when in session at.....

We Send as Delegates:

The statistics of our Church as follows:

Received by experience.....
Received by Letter.....
Received by Confession.....
Expelled.....
Names of Deceased Members:

Number of Active Members.....
Inactive Members.....
Amount of Contributions to this Association.....\$
We have elected for our Pastor: (name).....
Address.....
Elected Clerk and address.....

Number of Deacons.....
Chairman of the Board of Deacons (name and address).....

Number of Ordained Ministers.....
Number of Licensed Ministers.....
Value of our Church property.....\$
Amount Received by Tithes.....\$
Amount Received by Offerings.....\$
Total Collected by the Church Proper.....\$
Offering to Home Missions.....\$
Offering to Foreign Mission.....\$
Offering to Christian Education.....\$
Offering to Superannuation.....\$
Offering to Unified Program.....\$
Offering to Charity.....\$
Offering to Orphanage.....\$
Amount Paid Pastor.....\$
Amount Paid Visiting Preachers.....\$
Other Expenses.....\$
Total Paid Out.....\$

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Auxiliary Membership.....
Auxiliary Offering.....\$
Total Paid Out.....\$
President's name and address:

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Membership.....
Average Attendance.....
Sunday School Offerings.....
Total Paid Out.....
Superintendent's name and address.....

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

Number Enrolled.....
Average Attendance.....
Number of Daily Bible Readers.....
Total Offerings.....\$
Total Paid Out.....\$
Total Collected by Church Proper and Departments.....\$
Total Paid Out by Church Proper and Departments.....\$
Pastor's Name:

Clerk's Name:

Other Expenses.....	409.68	509.68	25.00	18.00	3.05	17.50	7.00	10.50	
Religious Education.....	\$125.00	\$459.50	12.00	33.00	20.00				
Orphanage.....	\$142.63	\$62.00		33.00	20.00		7.82		
Foreign Missions.....	\$41.00	\$54.34							
Home Missions.....	\$147.87	\$84.25	20.00			1.00	5.05		
Total Paid Out Treasury.....	\$2,495.35	\$1,836.74	619.59	227.84	303.78	87.50	27.00	161.35	
Paid Evangelist.....	\$128.85	\$100.00	107.25	20.43	68.00			28.65	
Amount Paid Pastor.....	\$1,527.35	\$667.00	170.67	131.41	179.00	70.00	14.11	115.08	
Value of Church Property.....	5,000.	3,500.	6,000	3,600	1,500	1,500	0.	1,000.	
Licensed Ministers.....	23	60	3	10	5	11	0	1	
Ordained Ministers.....	7	5	3	5	3	2	1	1	
No. Deacons.....	15.50	16.00	6.00	5.00	2.00	7.00	2.00	6.60	
Amount of Contributions.....	43	25	29	90	0	38	6	7	
Inactive Members.....	131	75	32	30	15	22	20	30	
Active Members.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Deceased.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Expelled.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dismissed by Letter.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Received by Restoration.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Received by Confession.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Received by Letter.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Received by Experience.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cordova.....	13	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	
Loyal Chapel.....	1	2	6	4	2	1	1	1	
Parrish.....	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	
Sulphur Springs.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Alabama City.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Leadocia.....	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	
Taylor's Chapel.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pewitts Chapel.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dover Town.....	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	
Unity Grove.....	15	8	20	11	5	1	4	355	
Total.....	158	201	115	151	43	355	238	60	10

Minister's Report to the Association

Free Will Baptists

Sermons Preached Public Prayers

Revivals Conducted Conversions Witnessed

Received in Church Baptized

Visited in Sick Homes Funerals Conducted

Ordained Deacons Ordained Ministers

Attended Free Will Baptist League Sunday School

Held Prayer Meetings Pastored Churches

Miles Traveled Traveling Expenses \$

Money Received \$ Organized Churches

Organized Sunday School Organized Ladies' Aid

Organized F.W.B. League Married Couples

Communion Held

Remarks

Name

Address