

*Minutes*  
OF THE  
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
**Progressive Association**  
OF  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
AND THE  
THIRD ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
**District Women's Auxiliary**  
**Convention**

Which convened with  
**Sulphur Springs Church**  
**SAMANTHA, ALABAMA**  
**OCTOBER, 5-6-7, 1944**

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The next session will convene with the Parrish Church, in  
Walker County, Alabama, on Thursday, Friday, and  
Saturday before the Second Sunday in Oct. 1945

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**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
of the  
**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION**  
Convened With  
**SULPHUR SPRINGS CHURCH**  
October — 5, 6, 7, 1944

**ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS**

Rev. J. B. Bloss \_\_\_\_\_ Moderator  
Rev. T. B. Lee \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Moderator  
Mrs. J. B. Bloss \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk  
Mr. Troy Carroll, Cordova, Ala. \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer

**DISTRICT CONVENTION OFFICERS OF M. S. SOCIETY**

President \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Essie Collins, Northport, Ala.  
First Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. T. B. Lee, E. 9th St. Columbia, Tenn.  
Second Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Theo Woods, Rt. 2, Berry, Ala.  
Third Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Hazel Cook, Cordova, Ala.  
4th Vice Pres. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Henrietta Scribner, E. 15th St. Columbia, Tenn.  
5th Vice Pres. Mrs. Johnie Whitehead, 217 E. 16th St. Columbia, Tenn.  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. J. B. Bloss, 311 W. 15th St. Columbia, Tenn.  
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND F. W. B. LEAGUE OFFICERS**

Rev. K. V. Shutes \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Rev. A. J. Lambert \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President  
Miss Dorothy Kuykendall \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary-Treasurer

**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, ordinance, 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, to the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.



## PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Session of the Progressive Association which convened with the Sulphur Springs Church, Samantha, Ala., on October 5, 6, 7, 1944.

### Thursday Morning Session

The session was opened by Rev. A. J. Lambert, Parrish, Ala. The song service was directed by Miss Theo Woods, Rt. 2, Berry, Ala. We were then led in prayer by Rev. R. B. Crawford. The congregation then sang "When the Roll is Called In Heaven."

Miss Theo Woods gave the welcome address.

Rev. A. J. Lambert, Parrish, Ala., gave the response.

In the absence of the Moderator and the Assistant Moderator, the body elected Rev. K. V. Shutes to act temporarily.

Then the Moderator appointed Troy Carroll as temporary clerk in the absence of the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk.

The church letters were called for and received as follows:

Cordova—Mr. Grady Robinson, Miss Hazel Cook, Mrs. Ethel Winsett and Mr. Troy Carroll.

Loyal Chapel—Mrs. Henrietta Scribner, Mr. Nathan Staggs and Mrs. Ovie Staggs.

Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Minnie Ola Kuykendall, Miss Annie Ruth Luncford and Mrs. Louisia Kuykendall.

Parrish—Mrs. J. M. Moore, and Mrs. W. T. Beauford.

Taylor's Chapel—Mr. Earl Taylor.

Leadocia—Mr. J. D. Hudson, Mr. J. P. Hudson and Mrs. Fannie Holmes.

Oakman—Mrs. Dicie Wright, Mrs. Nellie Nelson, Mr. Alvin Martin and Mr. Robert Little.

Townley—Mr. J. A. Smith and Mrs. Bettie Smith.

Pewritts Chapel—No delegates.

Dovertown—No delegates.

The following visiting ministers and messengers were made welcome by the Moderator:

Rev. R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary of the National Association; Rev. Raymond Riggs, Wolverine Association, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. J. R. Davidson, Chairman of the National Board of Education; Rev. E. W. Graves of the Vernon Association.

After the seating of delegates and visitors, the congregation sang, "Don't Forget to Pray for Me."

Associational Message was then delivered by Rev. K. V. Shutes—text, Philippians 2:5.

At close of the message the congregation sang "Only Trust Him." Dismissed for lunch by Bro. P. A. Crawford.

### Thursday Afternoon Session

Devotional led by local church. Song: "The Way of the Cross Leads Home." Prayer, By Rev. Raymond Riggs.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Credentials—Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. J. S. Ricketts, Bro. P. A. Crawford and Bro. Johnnie Whitehead.

Ordaining Council—Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. J. S. Ricketts, Rev.

R. B. Crawford and Bro. Jim Kuykendall.

Nominating—Bro. Grady Robinson, Bro. Nathan Staggs, Bro. Richard Fields and Sister W. T. Beauford.

Obituary—Mrs. Henrietta Scribner, Mrs. D. L. Wright, Mrs. Ethel Winsett, Mrs. C. H. Luncford and Mr. Earl Taylor.

Temperance—Bro. Ovie Staggs, Bro. J. D. Hudson, Bro. J. P. Hudson, Bro. Alvin Martin, Bro. Robert Little and Miss Hazel Cook.

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

National Association—Bro. Troy Carroll; Alabama State Association—Bro. J. D. Hudson and Bro. Robert Little; Vernon Association—K. V. Shutes; Mt. Moriah—Bro. P. A. Crawford.

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Chairman of the Alabama Orphanage Board, gave a report a ndan offering of \$31.16 was received.

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

The Association was then adjourned until the Saturday morning session.

The congregation sang, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Benediction—Bro. J. P. Hudson.

### Thursday Evening Session

The devotional was led by Rev. R. B. Crawford, who gave an interesting talk on our denominational work as a whole. Special music by Sulphur Springs quartet was enjoyed by everyone.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. Raymond Riggs of Detroit, Mich. His text was John 3:14-23. His message concerned mission work of F. W. B. urging all to support the cause in every way. A free will offering of \$20.00 was taken for Rev. Riggs' expense. Then an offering of \$29.15 was taken for Foreign Missions.

Benediction.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THIRD ANNUAL SESSION Of The DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

### Friday Morning Session

The session was opened by President Mrs. K. V. Shutes. Song was led by Mr. Troy Carroll. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. J. B. Bless, the President appointed Theo Woods to serve in her place. Devotional was conducted by Mrs. Ruth Beauford. Prayer by Mrs. Holmes. Welcome address was given by Mrs. Essie Collins. Response by Miss Hazel Cook. Special music, "Ready," by Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

The Auxiliaries reports were then called for by the President.

Auxiliaries reporting were as follows:

Cordova—Mrs. C. C. Winsett and Miss Hazel Cook.

Parrish—Mrs. J. M. Moore.

Loyal Chapel—Mrs. G. V. Goolsby and Mrs. Irene Staggs.

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 the president:



Finance—Mrs. Goolsby, Miss Hazel Cook and Mrs. J. M. Moore.

Appreciation—Mrs. Johnie Whitehead, Mrs. C. C. Winsett and Mrs. Irene Staggs.

Resolution Committee—Mrs. Essie Colilns, Mrs. Ruth Beauford and Mrs. Henrietta Scribner.

Registration Committee—Miss Lavanie Temes and Miss Dorothy Kuykendall.

The congregation then sang hymn, "Jesus Saves."

The president then delivered her annual address, using as her theme, "The Great Commission."

Special Music. "All on the Alter", by Mrs. Merle Dyre and Mrs. Essie Collins.

The congregation then sang hymn, "Send The Light" and "From The Cross to the Crown." Prayer by Mrs. Essie Collins. Song was sang "That Beautiful Land." Following Rev. Damon C. Dodd brought us a very inspirational message.

Adjourn for lunch.

#### Friday Afternoon

Session was opened by song, "Work for the Night is Coming," led by Rev. E. W. Graves. Devotional was conducted by Mrs. Irene Staggs.

The congregation then sang, "Take The Name of Jesus With You."

Special music by Mrs. Essie Collins and Mrs. Merle Dyre.

The reports of the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth vice-presidents were read, received and adopted.

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

Finance—We the finance committee report as follows:

Mission offerings	\$29.15
Balance on hand from last year	\$3.71
District Dues paid in at this convention	\$6.00
National Dues paid in at this session	\$5.00
Paid in for orphanage	\$6.00

Total — — — — \$49.86

#### Disbursements

Paid to Rev. Damon C. Dodd	\$5.00
Balance in Treasury	\$44.86

—Mrs. G. V. Goolsby, Chairman

#### Resolution

We the committee on resolutions recommend that special emphasis be placed on the 50 thousand Co-Laborer Band introduced by the Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention while in session at Flat River, Mo., July 194b. We wish this plan to be kept before every Free Will Baptist Church until every member becomes a member of the band.

—Mrs. Essie Collins, Chairman

#### Registration Committee

Officers and Delegates present	8
Ministers	7
Visitors	35

—Dorothy Kuykendall, Chairman

#### Appreciation

We the Appreciation Committee wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Sulphur Springs Church and pastor for the splendid welcome given us during this convention.

We want to thank each of you who have assisted us in our comfort in your homes and church.

We wish to express our appreciation to the program committee for the program and for each one who has helped to make the program a success.

—Mrs. Johnie Whitehead, Chairman

Rev. J. R. Davidson gave us a splendid talk on the Free Will Baptist College.

The following officers were elected for the coming year :

Mrs. Essie Collins, Northport, Ala.	President
Mrs. T. B. Lee, East 9th St. Columbia, Tenn.	1st Vice Pres.
Miss Theo Woods, Rt. 2, Berry, Ala.	2nd Vice Pres.
Miss Hazel Cook, Cordova, Ala.	3rd Vice Pres.
Mrs. Henrietta Scribner, E. 15 St. Columbia, Tenn.	4th Vice Pres.
Mrs. Johnie Whitehead, 217 E. 16 St. Columbia, Tenn.	5th Vice Pres.

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, 311 15th St. Columbia, Tenn. Secretary

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala. Treasurer

Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Parrish, Ala., Delegate to National Convention

It was moved and carried that we adjourn to meet with Parrish Church on Friday before the Second Sunday in October 1945.

—Mrs. K. V. Shutes, President

—Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Rec. Sec.

#### Statistics of Work Done by District Woman's Auxiliary Societies of The Progressive Association — Year 1943 — 1944

##### Membership Report

Number Auxiliary Societies	3
Number Members in Auxiliary Societies	52
Number New Members	12
Members dropped from roll	1
Members died	1
Total loss of members	2
Total members received	12
Total per cent membership	52

##### Financial Report

Paid for Missions	\$64.63
Paid for Orphanage	19.00
Paid for National Educational Program	57.50
Paid for Ministerial Relief	25.25
Paid for National and District Dues	11.00
Paid for Unified Program	18.01
Paid for Pastors Salary	32.00
Paid for Building Repairs	24.40
Paid to Charity	26.25
Paid for 50 Thousand Co-Laborer Band	105.00
Paid out Miscellaneous purposes	183.92
Total	\$569.96



### Miscellaneous Report

Number Stewardship Study Classes conducted .....	1
Number Mission Study Classes Conducted .....	4
Number Auxiliaries conducting Study of Manuel .....	2
Number Auxiliaries Observing Week of Prayer .....	1
Number Tithers in Auxiliary Societies .....	32
Number Auxiliary members subscribing to ch. paper .....	18
Number of Tracts distributed .....	550
Number visiting the Sick .....	22
Number Bible Schools conducted .....	1
Souls won as result of Personal Service .....	47
Number Auxiliaries using Jehoida Chest .....	2
Members distributing Trays and Baskets .....	10
Members assisting in Soul Winning .....	18

—Mrs. J. B. Bloss

### Friday Evening Session

The service was opened by congregational singing and prayer.

The devotional was led by Rev. J. S. Ricketts of Columbia, Tenn., after which Rev. J. R. Davidson brought the message of the hour. His message was very inspirational and enjoyed by all. At the close of the service a Free Will offering was taken for the College. \$25.25 was received.

Benediction.

### Saturday Session

The session was opened by the Moderator with devotional led by Rev. E. W. Graves of Vernon, Ala., with congregational singing of "I Want To Love Him More." Rev. Graves read Psalms 1133 using as his topic, "One In Christ."

The Moderator then called for the reports of various boards and committees. They were received as follows:

General Business Board's report was read and adopted as read; Temperance Committee's report was read and accepted. Obituary Committee's report was read and accepted with prayer in memory of the deceased by Sister Henrietta Scribner. Report of Nominating Committee was read and received. Treasurer's report was read and received. Board of Religious Education report was read and adopted. Home Mission Board report was also read and adopted. (See reports).

A motion was made and seconded for Treasurer to pay all Associational bills. Also a motion was made and seconded for Treasurer to pay the delegate to the National Association \$10.00 on his expenses. A motion was made and carried for the Association to meet with the Church at Parrish, Ala., for the 1945 session. A motion was made and carried that the Moderator be responsible for the 1945 programs.

The following officers were elected for the next year:

Rev. Damon C. Dodd .....	Moderator
Rev. A. J. Lambert .....	Assistant Moderator
Miss Theo Woods .....	Clerk
Troy Carroll .....	Treasurer

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

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. J. B. Bloss, Rev. A. J. Lambert, Bro. Joe D. Hudson and Bro. Grady Robinson.

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

We your Credentials Committee after having examined Bro. Earl Martin and Alvin Martin of Oakman Church, after having found them worthy, recommend that they be ordained as deacons of Oakman church.

We also recommend that John P. Hudson of Leadocia church and Aubrey Rosser of Cordova church licenses be renewed for another year. We further recommend that a license be granted Bro. V. R. Lay of Sulphur Springs church for one year to preach the Gospel.

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

They were impressively ordained by the Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. J. S. Ricketts, Rev. R. B. Crawford and Bro. Jim Kuykendall.

At the close of the ordination service the congregation sang, "Footsteps of Jesus."

Rev. R. B. Crawford brought the closing message. His text was found in Mark 10:21. His subject being "Come, Take up Thy Cross and Follow Me." After which an old fashioned testimonial meeting was held. During this service two young ladies came to the altar for prayer and prayed through to victory.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn to meet with the Parrish Church in 1945.

Benediction by Bro. P. A. Crawford.

—Rev. K. V. Shutes, Moderator

—Mr. Troy Carroll, Clerk

### REPORTS

Credentials — See Saturday Session.

#### General Business Board

1. We recommend that this Association support the State Unified Program. 30% of the money will go to the Orphanage, 25% is given for State Missions, 25% is given to the National Unified Program and 20% is given to superannuation. 75% of the 20% is used to take care of aged ministers, 25% of the 20% is used to insure ministers who are insurable with the National Board of Superannuation. The minister shall pay one-half and the National Association shall pay one-half of premium on policy.

2. That number Four Article of General Business Board's report of last year be carried again. It reads: 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.

3. That seven hundred minutes be printed and distributed by the clerk. We ask that the clerk keep at least one hundred (100) for the Associational Evangelist to use on new fields.

4. That the Clerk be paid \$12.00.

5. That a rising vote of thanks be given to Sulphur Springs Church and community for the generous way they have cared for the 1944



Session of the Association.

6. That article Nine in Laws for Preachers be changed so as to read: If at the end of one year he has proven himself worthy, the church of which he is a member recommends him to the Association. He then goes before the Credentials Committee, if he is found worthy and sound in the faith, he is to be ordained by the Presbytery.

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

#### Report of the Nominating Committee

The following officers were nominated:

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Moderator; Rev. A. J. Lambert, Vice Moderator; Miss Theo Woods, Clerk; Troy Carroll, Treasurer.

—Nathan Staggs, Grady Robinson, Richard Fields and Mrs. W. T. Beauford.

#### Report of Home Mission Board

Balance on hand from 1943 Session	\$472.38
Received from Rev. K. V. Shutes on rent of tent	30.00
Received from Loyal Chapel Church	21.00
Total	\$523.38

Paid for tent	\$125.00
Paid for Loud Speaker	150.00
Paid to K. V. Shutes for evangelist work	132.79
Total	\$407.79

Balance in Treasury — — — \$115.59

—Rev. J. B. Bloss.

#### Report of Obituary Committee

We find since the last setting of this Association that four of our members have passed on to their reward: Bro. Jessie Watson, of Parrish church; Bro. Clay Hill, a member of the Board of Trustees; Pvt. Charles W. Ricketts of the U. S. Marine Corps who to our sorrow was drowned in the service of our country and Sister Leone Talbot, Third Vice-President of the Women's Auxiliary. All three of Loyal Chapel church.

Their presense from our Association is greatly missed; but our loss is Heaven's gain. We do not grieve with those that have no hope. We look forward to the time when we shall meet our deceased Brothers and Sisters in an Association where there will be no end.

—Mrs. Henrietta Scribner, Mrs. D. L. Wright, Mrs. Ethel Winsett, Bro. C. H. Lunceford and Bro. Earl Taylor.

#### Report of Religious Education Board

Cordova Church	\$153.00
Loyal Chapel Church	351.50
Sulphur Springs Church	36.00

Total — — — \$540.50  
—Mrs. J. B. Bloss

#### Report of Treasurer

Balance on hand Oct. 9, 1943	\$90.60
Paid out to clerk	\$12.00
Paid out for minutes	57.60
Paid Alabama State Fee	7.00
Paid out for National Dues	5.00

Total paid out — — — \$81.60

Balance in Treasury Oct. 5, 1944 — \$9.00

—Mr. O. M. Porter.

#### Temperance

Inasmuch as Jesus Christ taught and practiced temperance, we as Christians must do likewise if we would follow His example.

We therefore recommend that all Free Will Baptist practice and teach total abstinence from intoxicating beverages of any kind.

We further recommend that our Free Will Baptist preachers and churches take a definite stand in opposition to the liquor traffic and the present day worldly amusements that tend to destroy the morals of our nation, and that our Free Will Baptist membership be exhorted to "shun the very appearance of evil."

We further recommend that any Free Will Baptist Church members who wilfully violates the Biblical teaching of decency or temperance be dealt with very sternly and strictly.

—Miss Hazel Cook, Robert Little, Joe D. Hudson, Ovie Staggs and John P. Hudson.

#### SECOND ANNUAL LEAGUE & SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA

Held With

CORDOVA CHURCH

June 3-4, 1944

#### OFFICERS

Rev. K. V. Shutes	President
Rev. A. J. Lambert	Vice President
Miss Dorothy Kuykendall	Secretary-Treasurer

The Next Session will convene with Sulphur Springs Church the First Saturday and Sunday in June (2-3, 1945)

(Near Samantha, Alabama)

#### Saturday Morning Session

Services opened by President, Rev. A. J. Lambert.

Song service led by Bro. Troy Carroll, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home," "Some Day." Prayer by Mrs. Bill Ryland.

Welcome Address by Rev. K. V. Shutes. Response by Mrs. Murry South.

Reading of League reports from Columbia, Parrish, Cordova and Sulphur Springs Churches. Motion was moved and sustained that the reports be received and delegates seated.

Rev. and Mrs. Damon C. Dodd sang a duet, "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus."

Rev. Lambert led the devotional. Bro. Carroll led in singing, "I'm



Going That Way."

Message—"The Mission of The Church Through The League," by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Adjournment for lunch.

#### Saturday Afternoon Session

Meeting called to order by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

Rev. and Mrs. Damon C. Dodd sang "The Stranger of Galilee."

President appointed nominating committee: Bro. Troy Carroll, Jesse Ryland and Will Kuykendall.

Motion was made and sustained that letters from Cordova and Sulphur Springs churches be accepted and delegates seated.

Address: "The Ideal League," by Mrs. Damon C. Dodd.

Motion was made and properly sustained that the minutes of the League and Sunday School be printed in with the minutes of the Association and By-Laws and Constitution included.

Round table discussion on "Problems of the League and Solutions", led by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

The report of the nominating committee: President, Rev. K. V. Shutes; Vice President, Rev. A. J. Lambert; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Dorothy Kuykendall. Motion was made that the report be accepted. The report was accepted by the body.

Assignment made to homes. Adjournment.

#### SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

— June 4, 1944 —

Services opened by Rev. K. V. Shutes. Song and prayer by Bro. Troy Carroll. Letters and reports from the Sunday Schools were read.

Seating of the Delegates.

Recognition of Visitors.

Song service conducted by Bro. Troy Carroll.

Song by Rev. and Mrs. Damon C. Dodd and Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes. Prayer.

Song led by Rev. K. V. Shutes, "There Will Be Shouting On The Hill." Song—Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes and Bro. Troy Carroll, Talk It Over With Jesus."

Message—Rev. Damon C. Dodd, "The Value of the Sunday School To The Church and To The World."

Song: "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus." Dismissed for lunch.

#### Sunday Afternoon Session

Service opened by President. Song led by Bro. Carroll, "Some Glad Day."

Devotional service conducted by Bro. Jesse Ryland.

Song: Duet by the Ryland sisters, "Somebody Is Reading You."

"The Ideal Sunday School Officers," By Rev. K. V. Shutes; Discussion of the Six-point Record System, led by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Business period—Elected two delegates to go to the National Sunday School Convention: Rev. Damon C. Dodd and Rev. A. J. Lambert. A motion was made and carried that these two be sent.

Services were closed with song, "God Be With Us 'Til We Meet Again." Benediction.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. B. Bloss ..... 311 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.  
K. V. Shutes ..... Box 204, Cordova, Ala.  
A. J. Lambert ..... Parrish, Ala.  
Damon C. Dodd ..... 512 Woodland St., Nashville 6, Tenn.  
T. B. Lee ..... 209 E. 9th St. Columbia, Tenn.  
J. S. Ricketts ..... 507 White St. Columbia, Tenn.  
E. M. Grubbs ..... 313 E. 15th St. Columbia, Tenn.  
G. P. Givens ..... Rt. 4, Franklin, Tenn.  
G. W. Franks ..... Cordova, Ala.  
A. J. Burgess ..... 314 Railroad Ave., Ala. City, Ala.

#### Licensed Ministers

L. A. Rosser ..... Cordova, Ala.  
V. F. Boner ..... Cordova, Ala.  
J. P. Hudson ..... Rt. 1, Hanceville, Ala.  
V. R. Lay ..... Rt. 1, Samantha, Ala.

#### Chairman of Board of Deacons

Loyal Chapel—L. B. Parrish ..... Rt. 6, Columbia, Tenn.  
Cordova—Earl Richardson ..... Cordova, Ala.  
Sulphur Springs—Handley Lunceford ..... Rt. 1, Samantha, Ala.  
Parrish—John Argent ..... Parrish, Ala.  
Leadocia—Joe D. Hudson ..... Rt. 3, Hanceville, Ala.  
Taylors Chapel—A. B. Craft ..... Rt. 6, Franklin, Tenn.  
Oakman—Alvin Martin ..... Oakman, Ala.  
Pewitts Chapel—M. J. Tidwell ..... Rt. 6, Franklin, Tenn.  
Townley—J. A. Smith ..... Townley, Ala.  
Dovertown—Dan Sargent ..... Rt. 1, Cordova, Ala.

#### Church Clerks

Loyal Chapel—Mrs. T. B. Lee ..... 209 E. 9th St. Columbia, Tenn.  
Cordova—Miss Florene Sides ..... Cordova, Ala.  
Sulphur Springs—Miss Theo Woods ..... Rt. 2, Berry, Ala.  
Parrish—Avery Guthrie ..... Parrish, Ala.  
Leadocia—Sister Alexander ..... Rt. 2, Hanceville, Ala.  
Taylors Chapel—Helen Craft ..... Rt. 6, Franklin, Tenn.  
Oakman—Louise Teska ..... Oakman, Ala.  
Pewitts Chapel—J. S. Pewitt ..... Rt. 6, Franklin, Tenn.  
Townley—Fred Smith ..... Rt. 1, Townley, Ala.  
Dovertown—Lee C. Estill ..... Rt. 1, Cordova, Ala.

#### Churches and Pastors

Loyal Chapel—J. B. Bloss ..... 311 W. 15th St. Columbia, Tenn.  
Cordova—K. V. Shutes ..... Box 204, Cordova, Ala.  
Sulphur Springs—A. J. Lambert ..... Parrish, Ala.  
Parrish—R. W. Warren ..... Brilliant, Ala.  
Leadocia—G. W. Franks ..... Cordova, Ala.  
Taylors Chapel—T. B. Lee ..... 209 E. 9th St. Columbia, Tenn.  
Oakman—A. J. Lambert ..... Parrish, Ala.  
Pewitts Chapel—E. M. Grubbs ..... 313 E. 15th St. Columbia, Tenn.  
Townley—V. F. Boner ..... Cordova, Ala.  
Dovertown—G. W. Franks ..... Cordova, Ala.



### Sunday School Superintendents

Loyal Chapel—Nathan Staggs \_\_\_\_\_ 200 E. 11th St. Columbia, Tenn.  
Cordova—Wesley Carter \_\_\_\_\_ Cordova, Ala.  
Sulphur Springs—Handley Lunceford \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 1, Samantha, Ala.  
Oakman—Ely Teske \_\_\_\_\_ Oakman, Ala.  
Pewitts Chapel—Kirley Givens \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 2, Prims, Tenn.

### 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, clerk, and treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each regular session.

Article 7. This Association shall meet on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, giving the District Woman Auxiliary Friday for their session.

Article 8. The Association shall vote by acclamation where the next Association shall be held until one church gets a 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 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. That each church send 20c for 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 at a 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 reprovved 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 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 satisfactory 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 proven himself worthy, the church of which he is a member recommends him to the Association, he then goes before the Credential committee, if he is found worthy and sound in faith, he is to be ordained by the Presbytery.

#### 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; I 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 13:2-5; 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 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 a respect of person with God, Jude 1:4; Peter 2:1-2; Thessalonians 2:11-12; Romans 2:9-11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam and not that any of them dying in 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 Scrip-

tures 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 22:10, 20; John 13:50-117; James 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel made of water baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism. Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 2:38; 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; II 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., Rt. 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 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.; J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.; Joe D. Hudson, Hanceville, Ala.; A. J. Lambert, Parrish, Ala.; and Grady Robinson, Cordova, Ala.

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 6; J. S. Ricketts, 507 White St., Columbia, Tenn.; Joe D. Hudson, Hanceville, Ala., Rt. 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 in its annual meeting shall 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, 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 as such as 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.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Auxiliary Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Offering \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid Out \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

President's name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Average Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday School Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday School Offerings \_\_\_\_\_

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 and Departments \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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 .....

#### CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of.....

send greetings to the Ministers and Messengers composing the Pro-

gressive 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 .....

#### BY-LAWS

1. Each session shall be opened by singing, scripture reading, and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

2. Each Sunday School shall send one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for every twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof.

Each League shall send one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for every ten (10) members or major fraction thereof.

These delegates, along with all ordained ministers in good standing with the Association shall constitute the official board and shall transact all business properly coming before said Body.

3. Visiting Brethren and Corresponding Messengers shall be recognized by the presiding officer and invited to a seat in council. They shall not, however, have the power to vote on any question.

4. Members from five (5) different Sunday Schools and Leagues shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

5. The president or vice-president shall preside at all meetings, and in their absence the Body may choose one to preside.

6. Anyone wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer as "Bro. President" or "Sister President" and be recognized before speaking further.

7. No subject shall be discussed without a motion and a second, and the question stated by the President.

8. No report shall be adopted except by a motion and a second and a vote taken.

9. The president shall appoint all committees unless otherwise directed by the Body.

10. Each representative organization shall contribute to the financial needs of the Convention as follows:

(50) members ..... \$5.00

Each Sunday School with more than twenty-five (25) members and less than fifty (50) ..... \$2.50

Each Sunday School with less than twenty-five (25) members ..... \$1.00

Each League ..... \$2.50

11. Delegates may be sent to represent at once both the Sunday School and the League but must be so authorized and must come equipped with the proper credentials.

12. These BY-LAWS may be temporarily suspended or permanently altered by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of all members present at any regular business of the Convention.

REV. K. V. SHUTES  
REV. DAMON C. DODD  
BRO. BILL STEPHENSON



Following is the report of the committee on Constitution and By-Law.

## CONSTITUTION

### PREAMBLE:

In order to strengthen and unify our Christian work and the building of Christian character among the members of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists, and to promote and maintain a correspondence with each other in an association-wide organization, we propose to band ourselves together in an organic union and to keep the rules of such an organization according to the following plan.

Article I. This organization shall be known as the Sunday School and League Convention of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article II. This Convention shall be composed of regularly organized Sunday Schools and Leagues within the bounds of said Association and shall meet annually on Saturday before the first Sunday in June and continue in session through the first Sunday; the League session to be held on Saturday and the Sunday School to have charge of the Sunday Session. The place of meeting will be decided on at each previous session.

Article III. Any Sunday School or League desiring to become a member of this Convention shall send two (2) or more delegated representatives with a petitionary letter, stating the desire of their particular organization to become a member of this Body. They shall be received by a majority vote of all members present.

Article IV. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, who shall preside at all meetings, a Vice-president, who shall preside over meetings in the absence of the president, a secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep a true and accurate record of every meeting and every business transaction, and a treasurer, whose duty it shall be to have, hold, convey, and convoy any and all funds entrusted to him or her by the Convention. Other officers may be elected as deemed necessary by the Body.

Article V. An Executive Committee, composed of three (3) members, to be elected so that their terms of office expire alternately thus; one to be elected for 1 year, one to be elected for 2 years, and one to be elected for 3 years, shall be chosen by the Body and shall attend to all business matters between regular annual session and also arrange the program for the Annual Session. One of these members shall be chosen from the Sunday School, one from the League and one shall be elected at large.

Article VI. All officers, including Executive Committee members, must be Christians and FREEWILL BAPTISTS.

Article VII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of all members present at any regular business meeting, but notice of such intended change must be given at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the proposed alteration or amendment. Any amendment or alteration voted by this Body shall be final.

REV. K. V. SHUTES  
REV. DAMON C. DODD  
BRO. BILL STEPHENSON



	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Received by Confession	Expelled	Deceased	Active Members	Inactive Members	Amount of Contributions	Number Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Value of Church Property	Amount Paid Pastor	Amt. Pd. Visiting preachers	Total Pd. out Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Religious Education	Other Expenses
Cordova	6	1	1	0	0	113	39	23.00	11	2	2	\$ 6,000.00	1612.00	170.00	\$ 3,483.09	15.00	50.47	110.89	153.00	0
Loyal Chapel	5	4	32	14	3	90	27	25.00	5	5	0	4,500.00	750.00	356.57	1,902.67	21.00	43.02	70.74	351.50	561.57
Parrish	4	0	3	0	1	30	14	7.09	3	1	0	6,000.00	1198.40	192.60	1,395.52	0	0	0	0	35.00
Sulphur Springs	0	2	0	0	0	30	90	12.00	5			3,630.00	174.26	41.50	326.58	10.00	0	5.00	36.00	97.57
Taylor's Chapel	2	0	3	0	0	12	17	5.00	1	0	0	100.00	142.50	18.00	282.76	0	0	0	0	1.70
Leadocia	2	0	0	0	0	25	0	5.00	2	0	1	150.00	76.70	48.65	154.59	0	0	4.57	0	23.70
Oakman	27	2	32	0	0	50	11	6.31	3	0	1	300.00	178.80	31.25	510.05	0	0	0	0	0
Townley	0	0	3	0	0	20	50	5.00	3	2	0	1,000.00	18.00	68.70	90.00	0	0	0	0	12.00
Pewitts Chapel	3	0	16	0	0	30	40	6.00	3	0	0	111.80	65.00	50.20	725.69	4.00	0	5.00	0	276.75
Dovertown	1	0	0	0	0	14	40	3.00	2	0	0	75.00	64.00	32.00	129.00	0	0	0	0	22.00
Total	50	9	90	14	4	414	328	97.40	38	10	4	\$21,866.80	\$4281.66	1009.97	\$8999.95	50.00	93.49	196.20	540.50	\$1,030.26



## CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of \_\_\_\_\_  
send greetings to the Ministers and Messengers composing the Pro-  
gressive 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) \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 Missions \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_