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**MINUTES
OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL
SESSION**

OF THE

**Progressive Association of Free Will
Baptists**

AND

District Women's Auxiliary Convention

WITH

**The District Sunday School League
Convention**

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Convened with

LOYAL CHAPEL CHURCH

OF

Columbia, Tenn., Oct., 10, 11, 12, 1946

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The next session will convene with the Cordova
Church of Cordova, Alabama, on Thursday, Friday,
and Saturday, before the second Sunday in October,
1947

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

MODERATOR _____ Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.
CLERK _____ Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Leeds, Ala.
TREASURER _____ Mrs. T. B. Lee, Columbia, Tenn.

OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY

PRESIDENT, _____ Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Alabama.
1ST VICE PRESIDENT _____ Mrs. Essie Collins, Northport, Ala.
2ND VICE PRESIDENT _____ Mrs. Nettie Whitehead, Columbia, Tenn.
3RD VICE PRESIDENT _____ Miss Faye Gilbert, Cordova, Ala.
4TH VICE PRESIDENT _____ Mrs. G. V. Goolsby, Columbia, Tenn.
5TH VICE PRESIDENT _____ Mrs. Merle Dyer, Northport, Ala.
RECORDING SECRETARY _____ Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Leeds, Ala.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY _____ Miss Marie Gilbert, Cordova, Ala.
TREASURER _____ Mrs. Jones Woodey, Columbia, Tenn., Rt. 7

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 other's joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by Divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our agreements, and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating 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.

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LEAGUE CONVENTION OF THE PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA, 1946.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened by the Moderator, Rev. K. V. Shutes. Song by the congregation, "Onward Christian Leaguers."

Prayer by Rev. John Ivey, of Empire, Ala.

In the absence of the Clerk, Mrs. J. B. Bloss, was elected Clerk pro-tem.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. G. V. Goolsby with the response following, by Rev. G. W. Franks of Cordova, Ala.

The reports were called for, read and received and the delegates seated. The visitors were welcomed into our midst and given seats of advisory council.

The following League reported:

LOYAL CHAPEL LEAGUE

Membership _____	30
Average attendance _____	20.
Average No. Daily Bible Readers _____	5
Average Prepared Lessons _____	10
Average Number attending preaching _____	20
Total Offering _____	\$54.57
Total paid out _____	\$54.21

President's name and address, Peggy Ann Lee, Columbia, Tenn.

CORDOVA LEAGUE

Membership _____	64
Average attendance _____	22
Average number daily Bible readers _____	11
Average Prepared Lessons _____	10
Average number attending preaching _____	21
Total Offering _____	\$80.75
Total paid out _____	\$77.11
President's name and address _____	Florence Sides, Cordova, Ala.

A motion and second was made that a committee be appointed to make some changes in the League and Sunday School Constitution and By-laws. Motion carried.

The following committee was duly appointed:

Rev. J. S. Ricketts, J. B. Bloss, Miss Marie Gilbert.

Hymn—"To the Work," directed by Troy Carroll.

Prayer by Rev. J. S. Ricketts.

Upon suggestion discussion was engaged in relative to the promotion of our Leagues, Sunday Schools and Women's Auxiliaries. A motion and second was made that the Moderator appoint one member from the League, one from the Sunday School and one from the Women's Auxiliary to work with the Home Mission Board in making plans to organize new Leagues, Sunday Schools and Auxiliaries. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nettie Whitehead was appointed for the League.

A very impressive talk was given by Miss Fay Gilbert, "What the League means to me."

Song by the congregation, "I'll go where you want me to go."

Message: "The Challenge of the League," by Rev. W. H. Ryland. A very inspirational message was enjoyed by all. The text was Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." The speaker stressed the fact that the League is the training service of the church. "He that hungereth and thirst after righteousness shall be filled." Some of our pastors need to be converted on the League.

A motion and second was made to adjourn to meet with the Cordova Church 1947. Dismissed for lunch by Troy Carroll.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION of the DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION of the PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION 1946

(Thursday Afternoon)

The session was opened by our President, Mrs. Essie Collins.

Congregation singing, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory."

Prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryland.

Welcome address by Mrs. Nettie Whitehead.

Response by Mrs. Jesse Ryland.

The reports were called for, read and received, delegates seated and visitors invited to seats of council with us.

The following Auxiliaries reported:

Sulphur Springs, _____ Mrs. Merle Dyer

Loyal Chapel _____ Mrs. Lee Temes

Cordova _____ Mrs. Jesse Ryland.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

APPRECIATION

Miss Fay Gilbert, Mrs. Jesse Ryland, Mrs. P. A. Crawford.

FINANCE

Mrs. G. V. Goolsby, Miss Marie Gilbert, Mrs. Jones Woody.

REGISTRATIONS

Mrs. R. B. Hyle, Mrs. Roy Reece, Miss Jean Williams.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Nettie Whitehead, Mrs. Merle Dyer, Mrs. Lee Temes.
We adjourned for thirty minutes for the committees to make their reports.
Song by the congregation, "Glory to His Name."
President's message: "Glorying in the Cross," by Mrs. Essie Collins.

Gal. 5:14.

Reports were called for and given as follows:

First V. Pres. _____	Mrs. G. V. Goolsby
Second V. Pres. _____	Mrs. Jesse Ryland
Third V. Pres. _____	Miss Fay Gilbert
Fourth V. Pres. _____	Mrs. Jones Woody
Fifth V. Pres. _____	Mrs. Merle Dyer

Motion was made and seconded that we receive the reports. Carried.

Mrs. J. B. Bloss gave a report of the National Women's Auxiliary Convention which was held at Oklahoma City, Okla.

At this time an offering was taken for the girl's dormitory in Cuba.

We received \$17.50.

A duet was given by Mrs. Essie Collins and Mrs. Merle Dyer, "Have Thine Own Way."

The following reports were read and received:

TREASURER	
Received for the National Convention Dues _____	\$ 6.20
Received for District Convention Dues _____	6.20
Offering taken at the Convention, 1945 session _____	13.20
Balance brought forward from 1945 _____	4.71
TOTAL RECEIVED _____	\$30.31

DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid to Mrs. Fannie Polston for National Dues _____	\$ 6.20
Paid to Troy Carroll for Minutes _____	15.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS _____	\$21.20
Balance in Treasury _____	\$9.11.

MRS. K. V. SHUTES, Treasurer.

APPRECIATION

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Loyal Chapel Church and Pastor, for the great hospitality shown us during this convention. We want to thank each of you who have assisted in our comforts. Our prayers are that the Lord will continue to bless you all and that many souls might be saved in the coming year.

Miss Fay Gilbert, Mrs. P. A. Crawford, Mrs. Jesse Ryland, Committee.

FINANCE

We, your Finance committee, submit the following report: We find that the Treasurer's report is correct.

Mrs. G. V. Goolsby, Mrs. Jones Woody, Miss Marie Gilbert, Committee.

REGISTRATION

Officers and delegates _____	17
Ministers _____	10
Visitors _____	14.
TOTAL _____	41.

Mrs. R. B. Hyle, Mrs. Roy Reece, Miss Jean Williams, Committee.

RESEOLUTIONS

We, the Resolutions Committee, recommend the following report:

1. We urge that each Auxiliary study for our Mission Text Book, "His Name Among All Nations," by Miss Laura Belle Banard. This book may be ordered from the National Foreign Mission Office, 205 Fifth Street, Monett, Mo., at a cost of \$2.00 each.

2. That each Auxiliary strive to organize a Young People's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Nettie Whitehead, Mrs. Lee Temes, Mrs. Merle Dyer, Committee.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, _____	Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.
1st V. Pres. _____	Mrs. Essie Collins, Northport, Ala.
2nd V. Pres. _____	Mrs. Nettie Whitehead, Columbia, Tenn.
3rd V. Pres. _____	Miss Fay Gilbert, Cordova, Ala.
4th V. Pres. _____	Mrs. G. V. Goolsby, Columbia, Tenn.
5th V. Pres. _____	Mrs. Merle Dyer, Northport, Ala.
Recording Secy. _____	Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Leeds, Ala.
Cor. Secy. _____	Miss Marie Gilbert, Cordova, Ala.
Treasurer _____	Mrs. Jones Woody, Columbia, Tenn.

Mrs. G. V. Goolsby and Mrs. J. B. Bloss were elected as delegates to the Alabama State Association.

A motion and second was made that the president appoint a member to work with the Home Mission Board to help promote every phase of our work. Mrs. Jesse Ryland was duly elected.

Dismissed by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

The services were opened by congregation singing, directed by Rev. W. H. Ryland. Prayer by Rev. T. B. Lee.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Ryland, who used for her subject "Prayer."

Duet by Mrs. Jones Woody and Mrs. G. V. Goolsby, "Zion's Hill." An old fashioned testimony service was enjoyed by all.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. L. R. Ennis, president of the Freewill Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tenn. His subject was: "The Church Our Day Demands."

An offering of \$25.15 was received for our Freewill Baptist Bible College.

A motion and second was made that we adjourn to meet with the Cordova Church 1947. The benediction by Rev. Darnell Williams.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF WORK DONE BY DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETIES, OF THE PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION. 1945-46.

MEMBERSHIP.

No. of Societies _____	3
Number of Members _____	44
New Members _____	8
Number members reinstated _____	1
Total members received _____	9
Number inactive members _____	8
Number dropped from rolls _____	2
Number deceased _____	0
Total loss of members _____	2
Total membership _____	44
Increased membership _____	6

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts:	
Amount raised for 50 thousand Co-laborers Band	\$ 101.00
Special offering	139.75
Convention Dues and Minute fund	27.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$267.75
Expenditures:	
50 thousand Co-laborers Band	\$101.00
Convention Dues	8.80
Other purposes	131.08
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$240.88

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT.

No. Stewardship Study Classes Conducted	12
No. Mission Study Classes	10
No. Method Study Classes	2
No. Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	2
No. Auxiliaries sponsoring Young Peoples Auxiliaries	0
No. members subscribing to Church papers	13
No. Tithers in Auxiliaries	21
No. Aux. having personal service committees	2
Mrs. Essie Collins, President, Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Recording Sec'y.	

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, OF THE PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION, 1946.

FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE

The session was opened by the Moderator.
 Congregation singing, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."
 Prayer by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

The reports were called for and read as follows:

Laodicea	Joe D. Hudson and C. O. Hedrick
Townley	Rev. P. H. Pike and Rev. J. G. Ivey
Sulphur Springs	Mrs. Essie Collins and Mrs. Merle Dyer
Cordova	Lorene Ryland and Marie Gilbert
Dovertown	No delegate
Dillworth	Rev. J. G. Ivey
Loyal Chapel	Geo. King, Mrs. J. A. Ricketts, Mrs. Yeager
Pewitts Chapel	John Pewitt
Taylor's Chapel	No delegates

A motion was made that we receive the reports and seat the delegates.

Motion carried.

Rev. G. W. Franks was appointed by the Moderator to work with the Home Mission Board in the promotional work of the Sunday Schools.

Round-table discussion was made relative to the six-point record system.

Song by the congregation: "The Nail Scarred Hands." Prayer by Rev. G. P. Givens.

Rev. Darnell Williams discussed very enthusiastically, the subject: "Reaching the Lost through our Sunday Schools."

The message in part was, "The Sunday School teacher should be consecrated and have such a desire to win the lost to Christ that they will have a real burden for them. We have a great responsibility and a great opportunity in winning the lost to Christ through our Sunday Schools."

Song: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" by the congregation.

Special song, "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

Discussion: "Efficiency in our Sunday Schools." Directed by R. B. Crawford, National Executive Secretary. He said in part: "It takes intelligence

ambition and ability and determination to be efficient in Sunday School work."

"Our standard slogan should be, "every member as a learner in the school of Christ, should teach or be taught in the educational work of the church."

Song by the congregation, "Higher Ground."

Rev. Darnell Williams was appointed as a delegate to the State Association to represent the Sunday School. A motion and second was made that we send \$5.00 to the State Association. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to adjourn to meet with the Cordova Church for the 1947 session. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Harrison Pike.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION, WHICH CONVENED WITH THE LOYAL CHAPEL CHURCH, COLUMBIA, TENN., OCT. 10, 11, 12 1946.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was opened by the Moderator, Rev. K. V. Shutes. The congregation sang, "His Way With Thee." Prayer by Bro. G. W. Franks.

The Church Letters were called for and read as follows:

CORDOVA—Faye Gilbert, Lorene Ryland, Mrs. G. W. Franks and Marie Gilbert.

LOYAL CHAPEL—Nathan Staggs, Ovie Staggs, Lonnie Ricketts.

SULPHUR SPRINGS—P. A. Crawford, Mrs. Essie Collins, Mrs. Merle Dyer.

TOWNLEY—Rev. P. H. Pike, Rev. J. G. Ivey.

LAODICEA—C. O. Hendrick, Joe D. Hudson.

DOVERTOWN—No Delegate.

PEWITT CHAPEL—John Pewitt.

OAKMAN—No Report.

DILLWORTH—Rev. John G. Ivey.

TAYLOR CHAPEL—No Delegates.

A motion and second were made that we receive the reports as read and seat the delegates. Motion carried.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

TEMPERANCE.

C. O. Hedrick, Mrs. G. W. Franks, Harrison Pike.

OBITUARY.

Marie Gilbert, G. P. Givens, Mrs. G. V. Goolsby.

NOMINATIONS.

J. A. Ricketts, J. B. Pewitt, Mrs. Essie Collins.

AUDITING.

Mrs. Merle Dyer, Mrs. Jesse Ryland, Ovie Staggs.

CREDENTIALS.

Rev. G. W. Franks, Rev. T. B. Lee, M. J. Tidwell.

A motion and second were made that the credentials committee serve as the ordaining council and the credentials committee during the year. Motion carried.

The religious education board report was read and received. (See report)

The Parrish church asked for their letter of dismissal from the Progressive Association. Motion carried that this letter be granted.

Minister's reports were called for and read, and received. Bro. Ivy did not have his report and it was agreed that his report be received after his church is accepted into the association. (See Minister's table.)

The report of the General Business Board was read and accepted. See report.

Dismissed by Rev. R. B. Crawford.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

The service was opened by the congregation singing, under the direction of Rev. T. B. Lee. Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. B. Bloss.

Duet by Peggy and Joyce Lee.

Devotional was conducted by Rev. Ivy, who led in an old-fashioned testimony meeting.

Sis. Hazel Cook, a student in our Bible College, gave us a great challenge on the need of supporting the program of our College in Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. W. H. Ryland made a very impressive talk about the state orphanage at Eldridge, Ala. An offering of \$41.80 was received for this purpose.

The evening message was delivered by the Rev. J. B. Bloss using for a text John 4:29. Subject: "Three Looks."

Special music, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" When the invitation was given, one lady came to the altar and accepted the Lord Jesus as her Savior.

The benediction was pronounced by Joe D. Hudson.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened by the Moderator, the congregation singing, "Wonderful Words of Life."

Devotional was conducted by Rev. T. B. Lee.

Prayer by Sister Hattie Pewitt.

Reports were called for and the following reports were given and received:

Temperance	Nominating
Obituary	Home Mission
Credentials	Expansion Committee
Religious Education	General Business

See Report.

Rev. Earnest Craft and Rev. Homer Willis were invited to seats of council.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Moderator, Rev. J. B. Bloss; Assistant Moderator, Rev. J. S. Ricketts; Clerk, Mrs. J. B. Bloss; Treasurer, Mrs. Jesse Ryland.

The letter from the new church at Dillworth was called for, read and received.

The Moderator appointed the following delegates to the Alabama State Association: Marie Gilbert, C. O. Hedrick, J. A. Ricketts, Don Sargent, Lawson Rice, P. A. Crawford, Johnnie Pewitt, Earl Martin, L. D. Davis, Jim Pike.

At this time the Moderator appointed the following Boards for the ensuing year:

HOME MISSION:

J. B. Bloss, T. B. Lee, Darnell Williams.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

G. W. Franks, Nathan Staggs, Essie Collins.

GENERAL BUSINESS BOARD:

K. V. Shutes, Darnell Williams, John G. Ivy, P. A. Crawford, Joe D. Hudson.

Song, "There is Power in the Blood," by the congregation.

Prayer by Rev. Earnest Craft.

The morning message was delivered by the Rev. G. W. Franks of Cordova, Ala. The text was Hebrews 9:27: "Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission."

Special music, "Place your Hand in the Nail Scarred Hand."

The following committees were appointed for the coming year:

TEMPERANCE—Hanceville Church with its Pastor.

OBITUARY—Townley Church with its Pastor.

The following corresponding messengers were appointed to the various associations:

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.....Rev. G. P. Givens

MUSCLE SHOALS-STATE LINE.....Rev. J. S. Ricketts

VERNON ASSOCIATION.....Rev. J. B. Bloss

TENNESSEE STATE ASSOCIATION.....Rev. T. B. Lee

Motion and second that we adjourn. Carried. Dismissed until the 1947 session which is to be held with the church at Cordova, Ala.

Closing hymn. "Glory to His Name."

Benediction by Rev. Homer Willis.

REV. K. V. SHUTES, Moderator.

MRS. J. B. BLOSS, Clerk.

GENERAL BUSINESS BOARD REPORT

We, your committee on General Business, beg leave to report as follows:

ARTICLE 1. That Article 2 of the Constitution of the Sunday School and League Convention be changed to read as follows:

"The Convention shall be composed of regularly organized Sunday Schools and Leagues, and shall meet annually with the Association; the League to meet on Thursday morning and the Sunday School to meet on Friday morning. Sunday School Superintendents and League Presidents are to be ex-officio members.

ARTICLE 2. That Article 7 be changed to read as follows:

"This Constitution may be altered or amended by a 2-3 vote of all members present at any regular business meeting and this vote shall be final.

ARTICLE 3. We recommend that Article 4 of the By-Laws of the League and Sunday School Convention be changed to read as follows:

"Members from two different Leagues and Sunday Schools shall constitute a quorum to transact business of the convention."

ARTICLE 4. That the following be added to Article 12 of the Church rules. "All called conferences must be announced at a regular preaching service one week in advance and the purpose of the called conference stated."

ARTICLE 5. We recommend that the Clerk prepare manuscript and have 300 Minutes printed on competitive basis.

We recommend that the Clerk be allowed \$15.00 for her services.

That Bro. Troy Carroll be paid \$16.38 which the Association owes him.

That Sister Gilbert be paid \$3.00 for programs.

That Bro. Shutes be reimbursed \$2.00 for paper used in printing programs.

That \$15.00 be paid for State Association dues.

That \$5.00 be paid National Association Dues.

ARTICLE 6. We recommend that each church tithes its offering to the unified program.

ARTICLE 7. We ask that each pastor make an effort to raise money on the College expansion program as we are about \$1,500.00 behind on our quota for 1946.

ARTICLE 8. We recommend that the following be added to the church letter of dismissal: "After six months, if the letter is not presented to another church, that it be returned to the church which issued it. Should the person holding the letter fail so to do, he may, by vote of the church, be dismissed."

ARTICLE 9. We recommend that the Association go to Cordova Church in 1947.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Credentials.

We, the Credentials Committee, recommend that Bro. Aubrey Rosser's minister's license be renewed.

We further recommend that this Association receive Dillworth Church in Walker County, Ala. as a member of this Association.

We also recommend that Rev. John Ivy be received as an ordained minister.

We recommend that the Moderator of this Association appoint a committee to ask Bro. James Spencer for his ordination credentials.

We finally recommend that Rev. V. R. Lay be dropped from our list of ministers as he has joined another Association.

G. W. FRANKS, Chairman.

Temperance.

We recommend that all Free Will Baptists be temperate in all things, especially as pertains to alcoholic beverages. The use of such will wreck the souls of all who partake.

We also recommend that all ministers and teachers take a definite stand against its use.

We further recommend that any Free Will Baptist member who willfully violates the Biblical teachings of temperance be dealt with very sternly and strictly.

G. W. FRANKS, Chairman.

Religious Education.

We, your Board of Religious Education, submit the following report:

Loyal Chapel	\$ 145.00
Cordova	68.00
Sulphur Springs	12.00
Mrs. Essie Collins	36.00
Mrs. Lois Dyer	7.00
J. B. Bloss	10.00
Progressive Association	10.60
TOTAL	\$288.60

We urge that everyone strive to support our Bible College and cooperate fully in every phase of its work, that God might be glorified in the salvation of the lost.

MRS. J. B. BLOSS, Chairman.

Expansion.

This committee on League and Sunday School and Women's Auxiliary, recommend that each such organization set aside 10 percent of all offerings and send to the Home Mission Board to use in this expansion program of organizing League, Sunday Schools and Auxiliaries. Send all offerings quarterly to Rev. J. B. Bloss, Leeds, Alabama, and he will send a receipt for same.

MRS. JOHNNIE WHITEHEAD, Chairman.

Home Mission.

We, your Home Mission Board, beg leave to report as follows:

We sponsored a revival in Carbon Hill this year where there is no F. W. B. church and expect to organize a church there this month. Seeing the need of home missions and that we are to help organize W. A. societies, Sunday Schools and League, we ask that each church raise \$1.00 per active member reported in your letter to the Association, and that this amount be sent in not later than April 1, 1947 and furthermore, that the pastors be responsible for raising this money.

Following is the financial report:

Balance brought forward		\$ 61.64
Received from Cordova	\$ 30.00	
Received from Loyal Chapel	47.00	
Received from Sulphur Springs	5.00	
TOTAL		\$ 143.64
Paid K. V. Shutes for putting up tent	\$ 30.00	
Rev. Grady Hudson	25.00	
Rev. H. A. Pitts	25.00	
TOTAL		\$80.00
Balance		\$63.64

J. B. BLOSS, Treasurer

Auditing.

We, the auditing committee, have checked the Home Mission report and found it to be correct.

We have also checked the Treasurer's report and find it to be correct.
MRS. MERLE DYER, Chairman.

OBITUARY.

Since the last setting of the Association, our hearts have been made sad to learn of the passing of five of our faithful members, namely: Sis. Mary Ann Lynn, Sis. Ollie Craft, Bro. Lee Beard of Taylor's Chapel; Bro. H. H. Hyche, of Dovertown and Bro. Jesse Pike of Townley. We miss them greatly, but we are sure that Heaven is enriched by their presence. To their loved ones and friends, we extend sympathy.

MARIE GILBERT, Chairman.

Nominating.

We, the nominating committee, nominate the following for officers for the ensuing year:

Rev. J. B. Bloss	Moderator
Rev. J. S. Ricketts	Vice-Moderator
Mrs. J. B. Bloss	Clerk
Mrs. Jesse Ryland	Treasurer

J. A. RICKETTS, Chairman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. B. BLOSS	Leeds, Ala.
K. V. SHUTES,	704 Long Ave., Cordova, Ala.
T. B. LEE,	Columbia, Tenn.
J. S. RICKETTS	507 White St., Columbia, Tenn.
G. W. FRANKS,	412 Amory Ave. Cordova, Ala.
G. P. GIVENS,	Rt. 4, Franklin, Tenn.
DARNELL WILLIAMS,	Columbia, Tenn.
P. H. PIKE,	Townley, Ala.
J. H. IVY,	Rt. 1, Box 213, Empire, Ala.

LICENSED MINISTERS

AUBREY ROSSER,	Cordova, Ala.
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CHAIRMEN OF BOARDS OF DEACONS

LOYAL CHAPEL CHURCH—L. B. Parrish,,	Rt. 6, Columbia, Tenn.
CORDOVA CHURCH—Earl Richardson,	Cordova, Ala.
SULPHUR SPRINGS—C. H. Lunceford,	Rt. 1, Samantha, Ala.
LAODECIA—Joe D. Hudson,	Rt. 2, Hanceville, Ala.
OAKMAN—Earl Martin,	Oakman, Ala.
TOWNLEY—Jim Smith,	Box 24, Townley, Ala.
DOVERTOWN—Dan Sargent,	Rt. 1, Cordova, Ala.
PEWITTS CHAPEL—M. J. Tidwell,	Rt. 6, Franklin, Tenn.
TAYLOR'S CHAPEL—Richard Pewett,	Rt. 6, Franklin, Tenn.
DILBOOTH, Lawson Rice,	Rt. 1, Empire, Ala.

CHURCH CLERCKS

LOYAL CHAPEL—Mrs. Ruby Reece,	Rt. 4, Columbia, Tenn.
CORDOVA—Miss Florene Sides,	Box 223, Cordova, Ala.
SULPHUR SPRINGS—Mrs. Theo. Kuykendall,	Rt. 1, Samantha, Ala.
LAODECIA—Mrs. Una Quick,	Rt. 2, Hanceville, Ala.
OAKMAN—Louise Teske,	Oakman, Ala.
TOWNLEY—Fred Smith,	Box 5, Townley, Ala.
DOVERTOWN—L. C. Estill,	Rt. 1, Cordova, Ala.
PEWITTS CHAPEL—M. J. Tidwell,	Rt. 6, Franklin, Tenn.
TAYLORS CHAPEL—Clara McCandless,	Rt. 2, Santa Fe, Tenn.
DILLWORTH—Francis Lively,	Rt. 1, Box 213, Empire, Ala.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

LOYAL CHAPEL—Darnell Williams, Columbia, Tenn.
CORDOVA—K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.
SULPHUR SPRINGS—E. W. Graves, Rt. 2, Vernon, Ala.
LAODECIA—G. W. Franks, Cordova, Ala.
OAKMAN—N. Wright, Oakman, Ala.
TOWNLEY—John G. Ivy, Rt. 1, Empire, Ala.
DOVERTOWN—John Honeycutt, Corona, Ala.
PEWITTS CHAPEL—J. W. E. Mangrum, Kingstone Springs, Tenn.
TAYLORS CHAPEL—T. B. Lee, Columbia, Tenn.
DILLWORTH—J. G. Ivy, Rt. 1, Empire, Ala.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

LOYAL CHAPEL—Nathan Staggs, 317 E. 17th St., Columbia, Tenn.
CORDOVA—Paul Terry, Cordova, Ala.
SULPHUR SPRINGS—Richard Fields, Rt. 2, Berry, Ala.
OAKMAN—Earl Martin, Oakman, Ala.
LAODECIA—Joe D. Hudson, Rt. 2, Hanceville, Ala.
TOWNLEY—Ben Atkins, Townley, Ala.
PEWITTS CHAPEL—Kirby Givens, Preme, Tenn.
TAYLORS CHAPEL—Tommie McCandless, Santa Fe, Tenn.
DILLWORTH—Wesley Pugh, Empire, Ala.
DOVERTOWN—L. C. Estill, Rt. 1, Cordova, Ala.

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 or both churches and ministers and make a report of the same to the body.

Article 6. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by nomination and acclamation. The highest vote gets the office, the next highest become the assistant.

Article 7. This Association shall meet on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in October each year; giving the League Convention Thursday A. M. with the 11 o'clock message, and the Woman's Auxiliary Thursday P. M. with the evening message; giving the Sunday School Convention Friday A. M. with the 11 o'clock message, and the Association proper, Friday P. M. and Saturday.

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 provisionally hindered.

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

RULES OF DECORUM

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 at 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 5 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 the rules shall be reproved by the Moderator according to directions of the Association.

CHURCH RULES

1. We agree as a member of the Progressive Association of the Free Will Baptist 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 Matt. 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 5 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 afterward 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 majority of the members present at any regular or called conference providing a quorum is present, said quorum being seven members or more. All called conferences must be announced at a regular preachers service one week in advance and the purpose of the conference stated.

13. These rules shall be read at the opening of each conference, and 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 has 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. Appointment of committees.
7. Any acknowledgements.
8. Report of committees.
9. Unfinished business.
10. New business.
11. Adjournment.

RULES FOR PREACHERS

1. All ministers wishing to become members of the Progressive Association must be recommended from the church from which they are members, and will be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as may be asked them. Their church must recommend them for License or Ordination where they have not received such.

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 the 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 Credentials 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, and 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 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 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. Gen. 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 another are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be saved. Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Hebrews 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; Matt. 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 the human family, so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teaching, whereas such who would not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit shall at a future day, owe their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation for wilfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace. Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:44-65; Romans 1:1; Titus 2:11-12; Jeremiah 22:19.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considering such who turned 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 as such, the Apostle sayeth, because they receiveth 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 persons with God. Jude 1:4; Peter 2:1-2; Thes. 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 of such is the Kingdom of God. 1 Cor. 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; Matt. 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. Rom. 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. Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22; Matt. 25:21-24.

15. We believe as touching gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on the hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing 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. Mathew 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.

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. After six months, if the letter is not presented to another church, that it be returned to the church which issued it. Should the person holding the letter fail so to do, he may, by vote of the church, be dismissed.

This _____ day of _____, 194____.
Moderator _____
Church Clerk _____

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

G. W. FRANKS, _____ Cordova, Ala.
NATHAN STAGGS, _____ Columbia, Tenn.

MRS. ESSIE COLLINS, _____ Northport, 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 elects a director of religious education, whose duty shall be to direct the entire program of Religious Education work of this Association.

4. The board shall report annually to the Association at its regular meeting, the receipts, disbursements, assets, liabilities and of work in general. It may make any recommendations deemed advisable.

5. The board at its annual meeting shall elect its own officers.

6. Any member who shall persistently neglect any of the duties of his office, fail to attend its meetings, or to represent by proxy, shall forfeit the office and the same may be declared vacant by the Moderator of the Association and his successor appointed.

7. A majority of the board may constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

8. The secretary of the board shall keep correct accounts of the proceedings of the board and perform any other duty that usually pertains to his office.

9. The treasurer shall keep all money, bonds, mortgages, etc., belonging to the board. He shall give bond in such sum as decided by the board. The secretary shall be the custodian.

10. Salaries and expenses shall be allowed at the direction of the Board.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS BOARD

K. V. SHUTES, _____ Cordova, Ala.

DARNELL WILLIAMS, _____ Columbia, Tenn.

JOHN G. IVY, _____ Rt. 1, Empire, Ala.

P. A. CRAWFORD, _____ Northport, Ala.

JOE D. HUDSON, _____ Hanceville, 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.

HOME MISSIONS

J. B. BLOSS, _____ Leeds, Ala.

T. B. LEE, _____ Columbia, Tenn.

DARNELL WILLIAMS, _____ Columbia, Tenn.

1. The management and control of all mission work of this Association shall be vested in the Board of Missions, elected by the Association in manner provided for such election.

2. The board shall meet as often as necessary at the call of the chairman at such a 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 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, 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. The 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE 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 of 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 two (2) different Sunday Schools or Leagues shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the convention.

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

6. Any one wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer as "Brother 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-Laws:

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 and shall meet annually with the Association, the League on Thursday morning and the Sunday School on Friday morning. The presidents of Leagues and superintendents of Sunday Schools shall be ex-officio members.

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 sessions 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 FREE WILL 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 and this vote shall be final.

Rev. K. V. Shutes
Rev. Damon C. Dodd
Bro. Bill Stephenson

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 F.W.B.-L.	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
Communions 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 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 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 \$

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Membership

Average Attendance

Average Number Bringing Bibles

Average Number Prepared Lessons

Average Number Attending Church

Total Offering

Total Paid Out

Amount Paid for Literature

Superintendent's Name and Address

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Auxiliary Membership

Average Attendance

Study Courses Conducted

Mission Study Classes Conducted

Total Offering

Total Paid Out

President's Name and Address

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

League Membership

Average Attendance

Number Daily Bible Readers

Average Prepared Lessons

Average Number Attending Preaching

Total Offering

Total Paid Out

President's Name and Address

CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Church	Rec'd. by Experience	Rec'd. by Letter	Rec'd. by Confession	Expelled	Deceased	Active Members	Inactive Members	Amt. Contributions	No. of Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Value of Church Property	Amount Paid Pastor	Total Paid Out Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Religious Education	Unified Program	Other Expenses
Cordova	5	0	11	9	0	118	33	\$30.00	8	1	1	\$6200	\$2120	3569.11	50.15	100.50	89.15	321.47	292.54	159.
Loyal Chapel	5	2	2	2	0	87	37	20.00	5	4	0	\$6000	1590	3108.73	47.00	134.84	96.55	145.00	186.78	1151.9
Sulphur Springs	0	0	0	0	0	30	90	8 30	5	0	0	\$3704	199.18	519.82	60.00	11.00	20.56	55.00	24.26	86.0
Taylors Chapel	0	1	3	0	4	20	15	4.00	2	0	0	\$1000	150.00	184.00	0	0	0	0	0	20.0
Laodecia	0	1	0	2	0	20	45	7.50	1	0	0	\$1500	0	281.00	0	0	10.00	0	0	221.1
DeWitts Chapel	0	0	3	0	0	27	14	14.00	4	1	1	\$1000	100.97	212.93	2.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	0	35.7
Townley	1	0	3	0	1	30	25	5.00	3	1	1	\$1000	147.90	226.20	0	0	11.00	0	0	49.0
Dovertown	1	0	0	0	1	20	40	3.00	2	0	0	\$75.00	71.56	102.07	0	0	0	0	0	30.0
Dillworth	8	0	10	32	1	20	40	6.00	1	3	0	\$600	50.00	140.00	0	0	0	0	0	90.0
Oakman																				
TOTALS	20	4	30	47	7	372	439	98.80	28	11	3	\$19,579	4429.61	8443.86	159.15	284.34	230.26	522.47	503.58	1 43.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE

Sunday School	Name of Supt. and Address	Amt. for Literature	Total Paid Out	Total Offering	Av. No. Attending Preaching	Av. No. Prepared Lessons	Av. No. Bringing Bibles	Av. Attendance	Membership
Cordova	Paul Terry, Cordova, Ala.	\$ 93.97	\$ 557.99	\$ 477.49	80	54	40	85	159
Loyal Chapel	Nathan Staggs, Columbia, Tenn.	36.00	784.51	864.67	64	52	6	66	70
Townley	Ben Atkins, Townley, Ala.	17.68	71.08	82.56	23	20		23	51
Dovertown	L. C. Estill, Cordova, Ala.	12.75	37.88	37.88	25			25	45
Sulphur Springs	Richard Fields, Berry, Ala., Rt. 2	22.00	75.07	60.46	70	52		50	80
Laodicea	Joe D. Hudson, Hanceville, Ala.	1.91	1.91	17.00	75	25	15	25	30
Pewitt's Chapel	Kirby Givens, Preme, Tenn.	8.93	8.93	26.90	18	24		20	31
Taylor's Chapel	Tommie McCandless, Santa Fe, Tenn., Rt. 2	7.45	7.45	11.81	10	10	6	15	20
Dillworth	Wesley Pugh, Empire, Ala.	25.00	36.40	50.65	150			50	70
TOTALS		\$225.69	\$1,581.22	\$1,629.42	515	237	67	339	561

NAME OF MINISTER	Sermons Preached	Public Prayers	Revivals Conducted	Conversions Witnessed	Rec'd. Into Church	Baptised	Sick Homes Visited	Funerals Conducted	Ordained Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Attended F.W.B. League	Attended Sunday School	Prayer Meetings Held	Pastored Churches	Organized Churches	Organized Sunday Schools	Organized Leagues	Organized Woman's Auxiliary	Communions Held	Married Couples	Miles Traveled	Traveling Expense	Money Received	
T. B. Lee	150	150	0	10	8	4	50	5	2	0	15	45	10	2					4		3,000	\$110.00	\$350.00	
G. P. Givens	30	0	0	0	4	4	6	0	0	0		50	6	1					1		9,000	\$15.00	56.00	
Darnell Williams	112			11	9	6	108	12	6	4	50	52	43	1					3	6	1,000		\$1,590	
J. B. Bloss	141	86	2	68	18	11	341	7	1		46	49	23	1			1	1	2	2	3,785	\$58.00	\$1,600	
J. S. Ricketts	6	32					10		3		20	51	5								528	\$8.70	\$20.00	
J. G. Ivy	250	500	4	14	12	10	45	10	1			52	50	2	1				1	10	100		\$20.00	
P. H. Pike	5	35					50					40	4							9				
K. V. Shutes	200		5	65	50	2		7			42	52	55	1					3		12,000	\$235.00	\$2,411	
G. W. Franks			Given Verbally														Given Verbally							
TOTALS	894	803	11	163	101	37	610	31	13	4	173	391	196	8	1		1	1	14	27	1,513	\$426.00	\$6,027.91	