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MINUTES
of the
Seventeenth Annual Session
of the
Progressive Association
of
Free Will Baptist
and
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
THE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
LEAGUE CONVENTION



Convened With
Leeds Free Will Baptist Church
Leeds Alabama

October 6, 7, 8, 9, 1948

The next session will convene with Eldridge Free Will Baptist Church, Eldridge, Alabama, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, before the Second Sunday in September, 1949



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

the daughters of

Rev. G. W. Million

in his memory

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Moderator Rev. W. H. Ryland, Eldridge, Ala.
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Columbia, Tenn.
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Columbia, Tenn.
Assistant Clerk, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Leeds, Alabama

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President Rev. W. H. Ryland, Eldridge, Ala.
Vice President Rev. Grady Sudson, Cordova, Ala.
Sec'y. and Treasurer Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.

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 nature ad 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.

The 17th Annual Session of The Progressive Association
which convened with the Belview F. W. B. Church
Leeds, Alabama, October 6-7-8-9-1948

Wednesday Evening Session

The session was opened by the Asst. Moderator Rev. J. B. Bloss. The congregation was led in singing by the pastor of the host church, Rev. K. V. Shutes. Prayer by Rev. H. A. Pitts. The devotional was conducted by Bro. Jesse Stricklin, using for his scripture lesson John 15-1-17 "A Fruitful Christian". A testimony service was enjoyed by all.

A very impressive message was delivered by Rev. Grady Hudson. His subject was, "Going Home". His text was found in Heb. 4-9. Dismissed by Rev. J. B. Bloss.

Sixth annual Session of the District League Convention of the Progressive Association.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened by the president Rev. J. B. Bloss with the congregation singing, "I Feel Like Traveling On". Prayer by Rev. A. J. Lambert. It was moved and carried that the clerk of the association serve as Secretary of the League and Sunday School Convention.

The ministers and visitors were made welcome and ask to sit with us.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Francis Keith. Response by Mrs. W. H. Ryland. The reports were called for, read, received and the delegates seated.

The following Leagues reported:

CORDOVA LEAGUE

Membership	40
Average Attendance	23
Number daily Bible readers	12
Average prepared lessons	20
Average number attending preaching	20
Total offering	\$43.37
Total paid out	39.24
Convention dues	2.50

Presidents name and address—Fay Gilbert; Cordova, Ala.
Delegates—Ethel Winsett, Lorene Ryland, Fay Gilbert

SULPHUR SPRINGS LEAGUE

Membership	40
Average Attendance	25
Total offering	\$17.62
Number daily Bible readers	5
Convention dues	\$ 2.50

President name and address—Richard Fields; Samantha, Ala.

LEEDS LEAGUE

Membership	25
Average attendance	23
Number daily Bible readers	10
Average prepared lessons	14
Average number attending preaching	25
Total offering	\$68.09

Total paid out	62.13
Convention dues	2.50
Presidents name and address—Emogene Jones; Leeds, Ala.	
Delegates—A. L. Parker, Francis Keith, Ruth Howard	

LAODICEA LEAGUE

Membership	20
Average attendance	14
Number daily Bible readers	8
Average number attending preaching	20
Average prepared lessons	8
Total offering	\$25.62
Total paid out	18.12
Convention dues	2.50

President name and address—Mrs. Ruby Millican; Hanceville, Ala.
Delegate—R. W. Wenfrey

LOYAL CHAPEL LEAGUE

Membership	48
Average attendance	31
Number daily Bible readers	15
Average prepared lessons	22
Average number attending preaching	30
Total offering	\$156.91
Total paid out	145.10
Convention dues	2.50

Presidents name and address—Nettie Whitehead; 217, E. 16th St. Columbia, Tenn.
Delegates—G. C. Bloss, Grace Wiley, Heneritta Woody

TOWNLEY LEAGUE

Membership	37
Average attendance	20
Average number attending preaching	20
Total offering	\$22.47
Total paid out	11.82
Convention dues	2.50

Presidents name and address—Mrs. Aubrey Rosser; Cordova, Ala.

ELDRIDGE LEAGUE

Oral report was accepted

Convention dues \$ 2.50

What our manual teaches about the League was discussed by Rev. K. V. Shutes and Rev. A. J. Lambert. A very interesting talk was made by Franklin Sexton, "How to Keep my League Attractive". Round table discussions were made of the needs of the League

Bro. Grady Hudson was elected to take the place of Bro. Aubrey Rosser on the executive board of the League.

It was moved and carried that the League convention pay \$10.00 for the printing of the minutes. It was moved and carried that we go on record for a change of the time of our League Convention so our young people can attend.

It was moved and carried that the executive committee of the League meet

with the General Business Board of the association to make some changes in the constitution.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President _____ Rev. W. H. Ryland
Vice-president _____ Rev. Grady Hudson
Secretary & Treasurer _____ Mrs. J. B. Bloss

It was moved and carried that the League Convention give \$5.00 to our Bible College.

A welcome address was given to the Progressive Association and each of its auxiliaries from the pastors union and christian people of the city of Leeds by the pastor of the First Baptist Church. Rev. Collins using Psalms 133, the three main points he brought out (1) Brethren to dwell in unity. (2) Fellowship. (3) Cooperation. The message was appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The congregation joined together in singing "Bring Them In".

The 11:00 o'clock message was delivered by Rev. A. J. Lambert, using 2nd Peter 1:5 for his text. It was a wonderful spirit filled message.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn to meet at the appointed place and time set by the League Executive Committee. Dismissed by Bro. John Nelson.

The League and Sunday School Convention will convene with the Cordova Church.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 7, 1948

Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Session of the Women's Auxiliary of the Progressive Association, 1948.

The Session was opened by Mrs. J. B. Bloss, the Fifth Vice-President who presided in place of the President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes. Congregation singing, "I Love To Tell The Story".

Prayer by Mrs. H. A. Pitts.

A welcome address by Mrs. Mildred Parker.

Response by Miss Florine Sides.

A message on "Exalt Ye The Lord" was brought by Mrs. Jones Woody, using Matt. 6-33 as Scripture Reading.

Mrs. H. A. Pitts brought a message on "Exalt Ye The Lord in Women's Auxiliaries."

The reports were called for, read, received, delegates seated, etc.

The following Auxiliaries reported:

Cordova _____ Mrs. Jesse Ryland
Leeds _____ Mrs. Clovis Howard
Loyal Chapel _____ Mrs. Grace Wylie
Sulphur Springs _____ By Letter

The following committees were appointed by the President:

REGISTRATION: Mrs. Frances Keith, Mrs. Lillian Armstrong.

FINANCE: Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Mrs. Cecil Finley, Mrs. Jones Woody.

RESOLUTION: Mrs. Clovis Howard, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Mrs. Forrest Jackson.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Verla Ryland, Mrs. Cliff Winsett.

NOMINATING: Mrs. Grace Wylie, Mrs. Lois Barnette, Miss Florine Sides.

Report by Acting President, Mrs. J. B. Bloss on the National Women's Auxiliaries.

The President appointed delegates to the States Convention to be held at Vernon, Ala.

Delegates were: Mrs. Forest Jackson, Mrs. Mildred Parker, Mrs. Lois Barnette, Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Mrs. Theo Kykendall.

A message from Mrs. J. B. Bloss urging the Vice President to be more faithful and accurate in making their reports.

An offering was taken to go on the expenses of our National President to visit the Alabama State Convention. The amount \$10.42.

Special offering for minute fund amounted to \$5.00

A motion and second that we pay \$10.00 to the Association on the printing of the minutes.

Motion that we adjourn until the evening service.

Evening service was opened by singing.

A prayer was offered by Mrs. A. J. Lambert.

Miss Florine Sides gave a message on her work with the Children at the Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama.

An inspirational Message was brought by Rev. H. A. Pitts, using Romans 16 for Text.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION: 1. We recommend that the Secretary of this Convention correspond with the other District Conventions comprising the State Auxiliary Convention in regard to inviting our National Auxiliary Convention President to visit our State Auxiliary Convention this year, and that this convention do our part in helping to defray her expenses.

2. We recommend that this Convention ask the Association for a whole day in which to have our Convention.

3. We recommend that the Fifth Vice President of this Convention keep in constant touch with our Children's Home at Eldridge, and keep our local Auxiliaries posted as to its needs. Respectfully submitted by, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Mrs. Forrest Jackson, Mrs. Clovis Howard.

REGISTRATION:

Number of Delegates	9
Number of Officers	5
Number of Ministers	8
Local Presidents	3
Visitors	13
Total	38

Respectfully submitted by, Mrs. Chas. Keith, Mrs. Lillian Armstrong.

OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President	Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.
1st Vice President	Mrs. Mildred Parker, Leeds, Ala.
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Lois Fields, Samantha, Ala.
3rd Vice President	Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Cordova, Ala.
4th Vice President	Mrs. Lee Temes, Columbia, Tenn.
5th Vice President	Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Leeds, Ala.
Recording Sec.	Mrs. Lorene Isbell, Leeds, Ala.
Treasurer.	Mrs. Jones Woody, Columbia, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted by, Mrs. Lois Barnette, Mrs. Grace Wylie, Miss Florene Sides.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In treasure from last year	\$13.31
Sulphur Springs dues	1.60
Leeds dues	4.40

Loyal Chapel dues	4.50
Cardova dues	4.20
TOTAL	\$28.01
Minute fund from Cordova	5.00
	\$33.01
Paid out for State National dues	\$ 8.67
Minute dues	\$20.00
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$28.67
Total Rec. for year	\$33.01
Total paid out	\$28.67
TOTAL NOW IN TREASURE	\$ 4.34

We, your Finance Committee have examined the Treasurer's Report and find it correct, Mrs. Jesse Ryland, Chairman.

Mrs. Lorena Isbel, Sec'y.

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Friday Morning Session.

The Sunday School Convention was opened by Rev. W. H. Ryland with the congregation singing "Watching You". Prayer was offered by Bro. Joe D. Hudson. The devotional was conducted by Rev. P. H. Pike. The reports were called for, read, received and the delegates seated.

The following Sunday Schools reported:

Cordova—Ethel Winsett, Lois Barnett, and Lorene Ryland.

Dovertown—Mrs. G. W. Franks.

Laodicea—R. W. Winfrey, Bertha Quick, Ruby Millican, Joe D. Hudson.

Loyal Chapel—G. C. Bloss, Grace Wiley, Heneritta Woody.

Leeds—A. L. Parker, Ola Hammett, Clovis Howard.

Townley—Mrs. Aubrey Rosser.

Eldridge—Florene Sides, Verla Ryland.

Carbon Hill—Eula Akers, J. H. Williams.

Sulphur Springs—Janice Warren.

Pewitts Chapel—By letter.

A very splendid talk on the history of the Sunday School and qualification of teachers and officers was made by Mrs. Verla Ryland. It was moved and carried that she prepare this message for the Gem and F. W. B. Press.

Talks were made from the Sunday School Superintendents present, on the problems in our Sunday Schools. Bro. Edge, a visitor with us from Liberty No. 2 association, was made welcome and asked to sit with us. Bro. Clovis Howard made a report from the State Association on the needs of our having a State S. S. Convention. It was moved and carried that the president appoint delegates to go to the State Association to urge that a State S. S. Convention be organized. Rev. J. B. Bloss and Rev. Grady Hudson were appointed. The clerk was instructed to give the delegates proper papers for them to go before the state board.

The general business board read a recommendation that the Sunday School

with the League Convention be changed to meet at another place and time aside from the Association.

It was moved and carried that the Sunday School give \$25.00 for minute fund. It was moved and carried that we use the same officers for S. S. Convention as we have for the League. It was moved and carried that we give \$5.00 for the children's Home and \$5.00 for the Bible College. We were then favored by a special song, "I Can Tell You The Time". Special prayer request was made for Bro. Robert Crawford that had been in an automobile accident and in the hospital in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Prayer was led by Bro. J. B. Bloss. It was moved and carried that the Association send a telegram to Bro Crawford to let him know that we are praying for him.

The messenger of the hour Rev. Charles Mayers delivered a very timely and inspirational message. His subject "Study to show thyself approved" 2nd Tim. 2:15.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Aubrey Rosser.

Proceedings of the 17th Annual Session of the Progressive Association

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was opened by the Moderator, Rev. W. H. Ryland, by the congregation singing "Jesus Hold My Hand". Prayer by Rev. G. W. Franks. The letters were called for, read, received and the delegates seated.

Cordova—Lois Barnett, Lorene Ryland, Estelle Rosser, Ethel Winsett.

Dovertown—Mrs. G. W. Franks.

Laodicea—Bertha Quick, Ruby Millican.

Loyal Chapel—G. C. Bloss, Grace Wiley, Heneritta Woody.

Pewitts Chapel—By letter.

Sulphur Springs—Janice Warren.

Townley—J. A. Smith, P. H. Pike.

Leeds—Dug Isbell, Clovis Howard, Ola Hammett.

Carbon Hill—J. H. Williams, Eula Akers.

Eldridge—Mrs. Verla Ryland, Florence Sides.

Taylor's Chapel—No report.

The following committees were appointed:

General Business—Rev. J. B. Bloss, Rev. Grady Hudson, Bro. Joe D. Hudson, Bro. Clovis Howard.

Credentials—Bro. Lonnie Parker, Rev. K. V. Shutes, Brs. G. C. Bloss.

Ordination Council—Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. L. A. Rosser, Rev. G. W. Franks, Rev. Grady Hudson.

Auditing—Lois Barnett, Lorena Isbell, Florene Sides.

Temperance—Grace Wiley, Verla Ryland, Eula Akers.

Nominating—Joe D. Hudson, Mildred Parker, Heneritta Woody.

The Moderator's address was delivered by Rev. W. H. Ryland instructing us to go forward in every phase of our work. The report of the Credentials Com-

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and received. (See reports).

The Carbon Hill, Eldridge and Leeds churches were then given the right hand of Christian fellowship. The report of the General Business Board was read and received. (See reports).

A very interesting report of the National Convention was given by Rev. K. V. Shutes. (See reports). Greetings came to this association by mail from the Woolseys in India. We appreciate their thoughtfulness and we are praying for them. The ministers reports were then read and received. (See Statistical table).

The report of the Home Mission Board and expansion was read and received. (See reports).

The reports of the Obituary Committee were read and received. (See reports.)

Dismissed by Bro. Gene Ryland.

FRIDAY EVENING

The service was opened by the congregation singing under the direction of Bro. Grady Hudson. Prayer by Rev. Johnie Burham. A report in general was given by Bro. Ryland about our children's Home. Sister Dides and Sister Ryland gave very impressive talks on their duties. The precious children gave a very interesting program, consisting of chorus singing, scripture reading and personal testimonies. Duet by Mary and Martha Ryland. An offering was received amounting to \$152.12 for the children's Home.

The ordaining council under the leadership of Rev. K. V. Shutes in a very impressive ceremony, ordained the following men as deacons: Seborn Leykendall, Charles Keith, Mr. Samuel, and J. H. Williams. Then Sister Hazel Cook, a graduate from our Bible College, was asked to give her personal testimony.

Dismissed by Bro. Millican.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. J. B. Bloss with the congregation singing "Come Thou Fount". Devotion was conducted by Rev. L. A. Rosser. Prayer by Bro. C. H. Lunceford. The reports of the Quarterly Meetings were read and received. (See reports). Reports of the Religious Education Board was read and received. (See reports). Report of the Temperance Committee was read and received. (See reports). Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick and Rev. Henry Melvin were invited to seats of Council. Report of the Auditing Committee was read and received. (See reports). Report of the Treasurer was read and received. (See reports). Mrs. Lorene Ryland and Mrs. Clovis Howard were appointed delegates to the State Association. Report of the Nominating Committee was read and received. (See reports). It was moved and carried that we meet with the church at Eldridge, Alabama, for the 1949 session, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September. Solo by Rev. Henry Melvin, "I won't have to cross Jordan alone."

Rev. Henry Melvin discussed very enthusiastically our Bible College and its progress. An offering was received amounting to \$36.00. It was moved and carried that \$10.00 from the Sunday School and \$5.00 out of the League to make the offering a total of \$51.00 for the college.

The following committees were appointed for the coming year:

General Business Board—Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. Charles Moyers, Rev. Grady Hudson.

Home Missions—Rev. J. B. Bloss, Rev. W. H. Ryland and Rev. Charles Moyers.

Dismissed by Sister Hazel Cook.

REPORTS

General Business Boards Report

We your General Business Board recommend the following:

1. That each church support our Bible College. Send all offerings for this worthy cause to Rev. Henry Melvin, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

2. That each church support our children's Home. We suggest that each church appoint a committee to raise money and send monthly to Rev. W. H. Ryland, Eldridge, Ala.

3. That we continue our support to both home and foreign missions. Send offerings for Progressive Association Home Mission to: Rev. J. B. Bloss, 311 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.

For National Home Mission to Rev. C. B. Dees, 505 Low St., Flat River, Mo.

For Foreign Missions to Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

4. That each church tithe their offering to the unified program fund, sending it to Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Leeds, Ala.

5. That we don't neglect our old ministers, send all offerings for Superannuation to Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Fayette, Ala., Route 5.

6. That we continue to affiliate with the State and National Association.

7. That article ten be added to (Rules for Preachers) reading, that each preacher of this association with recommendations from their church, go before the Credential Committee in person or letter for a renewal of their certificate of standing each year.

8. That the League and Sunday School Convention be separated from this association to hold their own convention, and that they meet on the second Sunday and Saturday before in June, and that the executive committee plan the program and select a place to meet.

9. That the woman's auxiliary be given the first day of each Session of our association.

10. That this association meet on Thursday before the second Sunday in September each year instead of October.

11. That article seven of the constitution be changed to read as follows: This association shall meet on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September each year.

12. That we have 400 minutes printed, and the clerk supervise the printing.

13. That the clerk be paid \$30.00 for her work.

14. That any League or Sunday School wishing to come into our convention from any other association may come to the convention with a letter, and the executive committee of the convention will pass upon it.

15. That our form of church letter of dismissal be changed. (See letter).

16. That the General Business Board of the State Association be notified of the Dillworth Church leaving this association without a letter of dismissal or asking for one and going to the Birmingham district association and Oakman Church going to the Morning Star Association.

17. That the clerk be empowered to add the addresses of all our different treasurers to our minutes.

18. We wish to express our thanks to Leeds Church with its pastor and every one that has had any part in making our stay in Leeds so pleasant and enjoyable. For the good homes who have opened their doors so graciously. For the sweet spirit, the splendid food and every kind word and deed. May the Lord bless this people and make them a blessing for Him.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chairman.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, the Credential Committee report as follows:

We have examined the delegates and petitionary letters of the Carbon Hill and Eldridge churches and recommend that they be received in full fellowship in our association.

We recommend that Leeds church be received into full fellowship of the progressive association after one year under the watch care. Since the Cababa River association has failed to abide by the ruling of the State Association in their last session at Castleberry, Ala.

We further recommend the following to be ordained as deacons in their respective churches: B. Samuels, Eldridge; Charles Keith, Leeds; J. H. Williams, Carbon Hill; S. L. Kuykendall, Sulphur Springs; and that Bro. A. J. Millican of the Laodecia church be granted licenses, and the following ordained ministers be granted a certificate of standing:

Rev. J. B. Bloss—311 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
 Rev. G. W. Frank—Cordova, Ala., Box 164
 Rev. L. A. Rosser—611 Nashua Circle, Cordova, Ala.
 Rev. K. V. Shutes—2128 Fourth Ave. N., Leeds, Ala.
 Rev. P. H. Pike—Townley, Ala., Route 1
 Rev. Charles Moyers—Carbon Hill, Ala.
 Rev. W. H. Ryland—Eldridge, Ala., P. O. Box 55
 Rev. Grady Hudson—704 Long Ave., Cordova, Ala.
 Rev. G. P. Givens—Franklin, Tenn., Route 4
 Rev. T. B. Lee—Columbia, Tenn., Route 6
 Rev. T. O. Terry—3609 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.
 Rev. J. S. Rickets—507 White St., Columbia, Tenn.
 Rev. E. M. Grubbs—313 E. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
 Rev. John G. Ivey—Empire, Ala., Route 1, Box 236
 Rev. J. S. Hann—Hanceville, Ala., Route 2

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Chairman

HOME MISSION BOARD

We your Home Mission Board reports as follows:

A league was organized at Dooertown Church, and also a church league and Sunday School at Eldridge, Ala. We can see a great work to be done in this field of labor. May we increase our efforts in this great work. We recommend that each League, Sunday School and Woman's Auxiliary tithe their offering and send in quarterly to Rev. J. B. Bloss, also that the pastors raise 20 cents per member of their church and send in by the first of April.

Financial report as follows:

Amount brought forward from last year	\$149.05
Received Oct. 11, 1947 Pewitts Chapel	1.00
Received Oct. 11, 1947 Associational offering	16.58
Received Dec. 29, 1947 Woman's Aux. Cordova	2.05
Received Dec. 29, 1947 Cordova League	5.57
Received Jan. 2, 1948 Cordova S. S.	13.80
Received Jan. 3, 1948 Loyal Chapel S. S.	24.11
Received Jan. 9, 1948 Loyal Chapel League	6.77
Received Mar. 5, 1948 Cordova S. S.	13.21
Received Mar. 7, 1948 Loyal Chapel League	3.18
Received June 9, 1948 Sulphur Springs S. S.	6.12
Received July 5, 1948 Cordova S. S.	10.34
Received July 8, 1948 Leeds League	1.00
Received July 9, 1948 Loyal Chapel League	2.67
Received Aug. 30, 1948 Sulphur Springs S. S.	1.58
Received Aug. 30, 1948 Sulphur Springs League	1.55
Received Oct. 4, 1948 Loyal Chapel League	2.66
Received Oct. 4, 1948 Loyal Chapel Woman's Aux.	3.46
Received Oct. 4, 1948 Cordova S. S.	10.94
Received Oct. 4, 1948 Pewitts Chapel	1.00
TOTAL	\$276.64
Disbursements:	
Carbon Hill	\$ 41.48
Fay Gilbert	5.75
Emogene Jones	6.85

Eldridge Revival	90.00
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$144.18
Balance in treasury	\$132.46

Rev. J. B. Bloss
 Chairman and Treasurer

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We the Temperance Committee recommend that Freewill Baptist abstain from all appearance of evil and keep themselves unspotted from the world and not patronize places where alcoholic beverages are sold or served.

And live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present world.

Grace Wiley, Chairman

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We the Auditing Committee have checked all the treasurers books and found them correct.

Lois Barnett, Chairman

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We your committee find that since our last association, the following have passed away to be with the Lord: Billie Douglas Jackson, Wesley Herron, I. B. Dawson, W. G. Kuykendall, and Jim Cofman. We extend our deepest sympathy to their loved ones. May the Lord comfort and bless them. The congregation then sang, "What a Gathering that Will Be" in their memory.

Rev. G. W. Franks, Chairman

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We the Board of Christian Education recommend the following:

1. Realizing deeply the great need of trained christian workers in our churches, we recommend that every church of this association have a daily vacation Bible school and teachers training course each year.

2. That this association take the initiative to promote the beginning of a state wide league rally for our young people; also that the Asst. Moderator of Progressive Association represent in the State Association to promote state encampment.

3. That teachers and officers for the Sunday School and League be chosen on both basis of their ability and devotion to Christ.

4. That every church support the F. W. B. Bible College through the check book system; denomination of the checks to be kept in keeping with the individual church's financial ability.

Rev. T. O. Terry, Chairman

Statistical reports of the National Association as reported by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Received for missions in 1948	\$38,385.64
Disbursement for missions in 1948	\$32,827.33
Souls saved in March revivals	2500
Numbers of churches	3822
Numbers of members	273,366
Number of ordained ministers	3,248
Licensed ministers	492
Members in Sunday School	114,735

Members in League	2,108
Value of church property	\$4,231,683.17
Denominational property	\$1,038,804.79
Received in 1948	\$236,784.60
F. W. B. Bible College	\$33,058.18
Disbursements for Bible College	\$36,000.00
17 states and Cuba Represented.	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$ 30.84
Amount received	292.59
Total	323.43
Total paid out	275.49
Balance in treasury	47.94
	Mrs. Jesse Ryland, Treas.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We your nominating committee recommend the following officers for the ensuing year:

Rev. J. B. Bloss	Moderator
Rev. Grady Hudson	Asst. Moderator
Mrs. J. B. Bloss	Clerk
Mrs. K. V. Shutes	Asst. Clerk
Rev. L. A. Rosser	Treasurer
	Joe D. Hudson, Chairman

REPORT OF THE NORTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING

The Northern Quarterly Meeting met with the Loyal Chapel Church on Nov. 30th, 1947. Rev. J. B. Bloss Moderator in charge. Delegates from Pewitts Chapel, Taylors Chapel and Loyal Chapel were present. The Credentials Committee recommended Bro. T. O. Terry for license to preach the gospel for the full period of license.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Moderator

REPORT OF SOUTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING

The Southern Quarterly Meeting met first with the Cordova Church, the ordaining council recommended Bro. J. W. Sparks for license to preach. Carried. The next session was with the Sulphur Springs church. There Bro. T. O. Terry was ordained to preach. The next session met with the Carbon Hill Church. The time was changed to meet on Saturday before the 5th Sundays. The next session will be with the Eldridge church, Eldridge, Ala., on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in January. Every one is urged to attend.

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Moderator

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

Total received for convention dues	\$40.00
Bal. brought forward from last year	16.00
TOTAL	56.00
Paid out for telegram to Bro. R. B. Crawford	.45
Paid out for minute fund	25.00

Paid out for F. W. B. Bible College	5.00
Paid out for Children's Home	5.00
TOTAL PAID OUT	35.45
Bal. in treasury	20.55
	Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Treas.

LEAGUE TREASURER'S REPORT

Total received for convention dues	\$17.50
Bal. brought forward	5.00
TOTAL	22.50
Paid out for minute fund	10.00
Paid out for F. W. B. Bible College	5.00
TOTAL PAID OUT	15.00
Bal. in treasury	7.50
	Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Treas.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Cordova—Rev. Grady Hudson, 704 Long Ave. Cordova, Ala.
 Loyal Chapel—Rev. J. B. Bloss, 311 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
 Leeds—Rev. K. V. Shutes, Leeds, Ala.
 Dovertown—Rev. G. W. Franks, Cordova, Ala.
 Pewitts Chapel—Rev. J. W. E. Mangrum, Kings Springs, Tenn.
 Sulphur Springs—Rev. Charles Moyers, Carbon Hill, Ala.
 Townley—Rev. L. A. Rosser, 611 Nashua Circle, Cordova, Ala.
 Laodecia—Rev. R. K. Franklin, 1629, 36th Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.
 Carbon Hill—Rev. Charles Moyers, Carbon Hill, Ala.
 Eldridge—Rev. W. H. Ryland, Eldridge, Ala., Box 55

CHURCH CLERKS

Cordova—Earl Richardson, Cordova, Ala., Gen. Del.
 Loyal Chapel—Mrs. Jones Woody, Columbia, Tenn., Route 7
 Leeds—A. L. Parker, Leeds, Ala.
 Dovertown—L. C. Estill, Cordova, Ala., Route 1
 Pewitts Chapel—M. J. Tidwell, Franklin, Tenn., Route 6
 Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Theo Kuykendall, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Route 3, Box 101
 Townley—Fred Smith, Townley, Ala., Route 1, Box 6
 Laodecia—Mrs. Ruby Millican, Hanceville, Ala., Route 2
 Eldridge—Miss Florence Sides, Eldridge, Ala., Box 55

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF DEACONS

Cordova—Earl Richardson, Cordova, Ala., Gen. Del.
 Loyal Chapel—L. B. Parrish, Columbia, Tenn., Route 6
 Leeds—William Pilkington, Leeds, Ala.
 Dovertown—Dan Sargent, Cordova, Ala., Route 1
 Pewitts Chapel—M. J. Tidwell, Franklin, Tenn., Route 6
 Sulphur Springs—C. H. Luncford, Samantha, Ala.
 Townley—Jim Smith, Townley, Ala.
 Laodecia—Joe D. Hudson, Hanceville, Ala., Route 3
 Carbon Hill—J. A. Hopson, Carbon Hill, Ala., P. O. Box 84
 Eldridge—B. Samuels, Eldridge, Ala.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER OF DISMISSION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ _____
do hereby certify that Brother or Sister _____
_____ is a member in good standing
with us and is dismissed by us, this _____ day of _____
_____ 19____.

Moderator _____
Church Clerk _____

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Progressive Association of the 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 appoint a credential committee, composed of three members, two ordained ministers and one layman, who shall be appointed by the Moderator at the convening of each regular session whose duty shall be to examine all church letters and applications for membership for both churches and ministers and make a report of same to the body.

Article 6. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by nomination and the majority of votes.

Article 7. This Association shall meet on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in September each year, giving the Woman's Auxiliary Thursday, and the Association proper beginning with the Thursday evening Service, Friday and Saturday.

Article 8. The Association shall vote by acclamation where the next Association shall be held until one church gets a majority of the 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

CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Churches	Rec. by Experience	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Confession	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	No. Active Members	No. Inactive Members	Amt. Contribution	No. Deacons	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	Value of Church Property	Amount Received by Tithes	Amount Received by Offerings	Total Received 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
Cordova		4	1	5	1	97	65	\$ 30.00	7	5		\$ 8,000.00	\$	\$	\$ 5,800.20	\$ 20.00	\$ 71.35	\$145.00	\$	\$374.05	\$	\$291.47	\$2,313.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 1,674.44	\$ 4,901.54
Loyal Chapel	2	2	25		2	99	28	25.00	7	4		35,000.00	2,368.00	4,617.57	8,455.13	83.00	53.36	44.00	26.41	124.96	28.32	50.58	1,800.00	203.03	5,813.50	8,227.16
Sulphur Springs		1				20	90	10.00	4			3,630.00	197.65	411.51	609.16	29.89	49.87			8.00		43.00	180.00	155.40	33.07	498.23
Dovertown		11	11	11		20	30	3.00	1			200.00	25.00									85.00	8.65	125.00	218.65	
Pewitt's Chapel			4			20		4.00	4	2		1,000.00		82.00		1.00					1.00	2.00	42.56	37.44	54.00	138.00
Townley		2				30		5.00	3	2	2	1,000.00	34.50	413.46	447.96							30.00	240.00	112.66	37.50	420.00
Laodecia					1	25	53	10.25	3	1	1	1,500.00										74.00	53.97	219.09	347.06	
Leeds	10			10	1	47	51	20.00	6			10,000.00	1,829.69	1,234.02	4,318.19		60.58	50.00		60.53		87.42	2,400.00	271.89	2,000.00	
Carbon Hill	8	10	6			26		5.00	2	1		2,000.00		1,181.53			7.00					47.08	169.78	980.32		
Eldridge	3	8	12			23		5.00	1	1				27.00	43.00		20.00								5.00	30.00
Taylor's Chapel, No Report																										
Totals	23	38	59	26	5	387	317	\$117.25	38	16	3	\$62,330.00	\$4,454.84	\$7,967.09	\$19,673.64	\$133.89	\$262.16	\$239.00	\$26.41	\$567.54	\$29.32	\$635.55	\$7,060.56	\$1,127.66	\$10,941.92	\$14,780.64

Moderator and not by the Moderator unless he breaks the rules of order.

5. The person speaking must adhere to the question subject 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 the 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 prson but shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration.

9. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the church and not more than five minutes at a 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 dsires 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 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, 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 sit 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 satisfactoriyy 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 Credential Com-

MINISTERS REPORTS

Names of Ministers	Sermons Preached	Public Prayers	Revivals Conducted	Conversions Witnessed	Received Into Church	Baptized	Sick Home 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 Women's Aux.	Communion Held	Miles Traveled	Traveling Expenses	Money Received	Marriages Performed
J. B. Bloss	196	68	3	156	49	13	286	11	6	1	52	52	84	1	1	1	1	0	1	2,641	\$ 64.41	\$2,393.61	0
K. V. Shutes	145		4	58	28	9		2	6	2	50	52	45	1	0	0	0	0	2		98.85	2,600.00	0
G. W. Franks	43		1	16				6			20			1			1			716	10.25	185.07	6
P. H. Pike	9	25	1				15				6	30		1						50			4
L. A. Rosser	30	50			2		30	1			24	45	10	1						1,632	200.00	240.00	
G. P. Givens	28	40	2	2	3	1	30						6						1	1,000		30.00	
T. B. Lee	20	60		2			50				20	30	10							500	40.00	60.00	
W. H. Ryland	139	113		38	41	28	27	5		1	27	48	18	3	1	1	1		3	1,280	202.00	423.00	
J. G. Ivey			1		7	6		7						1									9
C. H. Moyers	98		3	31	7	5		2						1								502.00	2
T. O. Terry, Jr.	54		2	28					1		35	40	16							640		307.25	
E. M. Grubbs	47			6			23					46		1						1,500	60.00	30.00	
Grady Hudson	152		8			29		4														1,500.00	
Totals	961	376	25	337	137	141	461	38	13	4	254	243	189	11	2	2	3	0	7	9,959	\$675.51	\$8,271.03	21

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Sunday School	Names of Superintendents and Addresses	Membership	Average Attendance	Average Number Bringing Bibles	Average Number Prepared Lessons	Average Number Attending Church	Total Offering	Total Paid Out	Amount Paid for Literature
Cordova	Wesley Carter, Branch St. Cordova, Ala.	129	74	24	30	66	\$ 511.90	\$ 477.48	\$ 78.09
Sulphur Springs	C. H. Luncford, Samantha, Ala.	60	40				87.32	60.07	15.93
Carbon Hill	Byrd Southerland, Carbon Hill, Ala.	50	26	3			57.26	44.56	15.93
Eldridge	Verla Ryland, Eldridge, Ala., Box 55	39	29	10	6	29	17.48	11.15	11.15
Leeds	Charles Keith, Leeds, Ala.	106	64	14	23	61	417.93	416.33	67.87
Laodicea	R. W. Winfrey, Hanceville, Ala., Route 3	40	25	14			71.92	57.53	
Pewitt's Chapel	Clark Pewitt, Primm, Tenn., Route 4	35	25	5		40	30.00		5.40
Loyal Chapel	Roy Reese, Columbia, Tenn., Route 4	165	103	15			1,071.46	921.94	79.27
Dovertown	L. C. Estill, Cordova, Ala., Route 1	35	22			22	29.37	28.61	9.36
Townley	Cris Atkins, Townley, Ala.	25	20		15	20	81.72	49.36	
Totals		684	428	85	74	238	\$2,376.36	\$2,062.93	\$267.07

mittee 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 worthy and sound in faith, he is to be ordained by the Ordaining Council.

10. That each preacher of this association with recommendations from their church go before the Credential Committee in person or letter for a renewal of their certificate of standing each year.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one 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 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 the quick and the dead. 1 Timothy 2:5-6; St John 3:16; Rev. 1-17; Acts 24:15; I 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.

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; 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 another are found in such capacity as that thru 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 13:2-5; Luke 24-7; 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 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 willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace. Matthew 11:27; St. John 6:44-65; Psalms 1:1; Titus 2:11, 12; Jeremiah 22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considering such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God, Jesus Christ, who brought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction, but we observe that they as such, the Apostle saith, because they receive not the love of faith that they might be saved, therefore, the indignation and wrath of God is upon every son of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein, for there is no respect of persons 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 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 Corinthians 15:22; Matthew 18:2-5; Mark 9:36-37; Matthew 14:14.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men. Rev. 22:14-15; Isaiah 1:19, 19; Matthew 7:8; Jeremiah 6:16; Luke 13:34-35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability which he has in and of himself, only as he, by grace, is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ, believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God. Romans 4:24; Acts 8:20-21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions, yet not having decreed any person to everlasting life, out of respect of mere choice, farther than He hath appointed the Godly into life, and the ungodly who die in sin unto death. Hebrews 4:13; Proverbs 8:22; Matthew 25:21-24.

15. We believe, as touching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptisms, 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 13:5-17; James 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of water baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism. Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:4; Col. 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.

ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Hazel Cook Cordova, Ala.
Faye Gilbert Cordova, Ala.
Mrs. Charles Moyers Carbon Hill, 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

J. B. Bloss Columbia, Tenn.
Grady Hudson Cordova, Ala.
Joe D. Hudson Hanceville, Ala.
Clovis Howard Leeds, 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 Columbia, Tenn.
W. H. Ryland Eldridge, Ala.
Charles Moyers Carbon Hill, Ala.

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

2. The Board shall meet as often as necessary at the call of the chairman 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 song, scripture 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 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 to preside.

6. Anyone 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 question stated by the president.

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

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

10. Each representative organization shall contribute to the financial need 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 —

Each League 1.00
..... \$2.50

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 Freewill Baptists, and to promote and maintain a correspondence with each other in an association-wide organization, we purpose to band ourselves together in an organic union and to keep the rules of such an organization according to the following plan.

Article 1. This organization shall be known as the Sunday School and League Convention of the Progressive Association of Freewill 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 the Second Sunday and Saturday before in June.

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 members to be elected so that their term of office expire alternately, thus: one to be elected for one year, one for two years and one for three years; shall be chosen by the body and shall attend to all business matters between regular annual sessions. One of these members shall be chosen from the League Convention, and one from the Sunday School Convention and one to 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 (2-2) 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.

Article VIII. The Moderator of the Association may serve as President of the Sunday School and League Convention if so elected. The Moderator and Clerk shall serve as program committee, and will be responsible for preparing programs for the Sunday School and League Convention.

