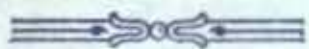


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MINUTES
of the
Twenty-Third Annual Session
of the
Progressive Association
of
Free Will Baptist
and
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
THE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
LEAGUE CONVENTION



Convened With
TOWNLEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Townley, Alabama

August 26, 27, 28, 1954

The next session will convene with Cordova Free Will Baptist Church, Cordova, Alabama, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, before the Last Sunday in August, 1955

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. J. M. Dutton, Leeds, Ala.
Assistant Moderator	Rev. G. W. Franks, Cordova, Ala.
Clerk	Mrs. Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Branch St., Cordova, Ala.
Treasurer	Bro. Earl Richardson, Cordova, Ala.

OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

President.....	Mrs. Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.
Youth Chairman.....	Mrs. Millie Suggs, Florence, Ala.
Study Course Chairman.....	Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Florence, Ala.
Program and Publicity Chairman.....	Mrs. A. L. Parker, Leeds, Ala.
Personal Service Chairman.....	Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Cordova, Ala.
Secretary and Treasurer.....	Mrs. Theo Kuykendall, 71 Greenview, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

OFFICERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

President.....	Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Cordova, Ala.
Vice President.....	Rev. A. J. Lambert, Florence, Ala.
Secretary.....	Miss Sue Lambert, Florence, Ala.

**TWELFTH LEAGUE CONVENTION OF THE PROGRESSIVE
ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTISTS WHILE
IN SESSION WITH ELDRIDGE CHURCH, MARCH 26, 1954**

The League Convention began with singing, directed by Rev. A. J. Lambert, acting as President in the absence of the President. Rev. W. H. Ryland led in prayer. Another song was directed by Rev. J. M. Cobb.

Mrs. J. M. Cobb gave the devotional thought. She used the 1st Psalm. Testimonies were enjoyed by all.

Miss Dorothy Williams gave a very hearty welcome.

Miss Sue Lambert gave the response to the welcome..

Letters were received:

Ensley	President's name not given
Leeds	Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., President
Sulphur Springs	President's name not given
Cordova	Jimmy Aldridge, President
Townley	R. M. Edgil, President
Florence	James Davis, President
Eldridge	President's name not given

Committees were appointed:

1. Resolutions Committee—Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., Jimmy Aldridge, Faye Holcomb, Willadean Edgil.
2. Judges for programs—Rev. Paul Long, Margaret Dutton, Rev. J. M. Cobb.

Two visiting Leagues were represented—Tupelo, Miss. and Vernon, Ala.

The congregation sang "Praise Him," and "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Mary and Martha Ryland sang "Heaven."

Rev. Luther Gibson brought the morning message. His topic was "The Work of the Church in the Ministry of Christ." He read from Luke 9:1-6.

One verse was sung of "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone."

Bro. Ryland made the announcements of the lunch hour.

Bro. Dutton dismissed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with singing. Rev. Lambert led in prayer.

The Townley League had the first program. A trio sang "Someone to Care." Prayer by one of the girls. "The Jones Family and the F. W. B. L." were presented. The trio sang "Born Again."

The Leeds League had the second program: The congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Annette Jones gave a message on "Soul Winning Through the League."

Rev. J. M. Cobb led in prayer.
Sue Lambert sang "Cleanse Me."

The Eldridge League gave a program entitled "The League."

The Sulphur Springs Church gave a program on "What My League Means to Me."

Cordova had the last program of the afternoon session. Due to the fact that the Townley Church had the same program planned by the Cordova Church, the congregation gave favorite scripture verses. Many good verses were given.

Business was put off until the business session for the Sunday School Convention.

Delegates were appointed to the State League Convention: Jimmy Aldridge, Dennis Hall, Wilma Smith, Faye Jones, Faye Mims, Jimmy Rae Stanfield, Mrs. W. H. Ryland.

EVENING SERVICE

The session was called together by the President.

Dave Franks prayed.

Charles Hollingshead led the group in choruses: "Fire Up", "He Holds My Hand."

Next on program was the sword drill. Only two churches were represented: Sulphur Springs and Eldridge.

Miss Josephene Puckett won in the sword drill. Faye Mims won second.

Congregation sang "Onward Christian Leaguers." Prayer by Fred Hershey from Chicago, Ill.

The College Quartet sang and gave their testimonies: "I Want My Life to Tell for Jesus," "Just A Little Talk With Jesus," and "We Are Going Down the Valley." Everyone enjoyed the songs.

Marvis Lee, Tennessee, brought an inspiring message. He used for his text, Rom. 3:3-4, "What of Unbelief?"

Invitation: "Only Trust Him," "Softly and Tenderly."

Dismissed by Galen Dunbar.

LEAGUES

Sulphur Springs:

Membership	35
Average Attendance	26
Daily Bible Readers	8
Average Attending Preaching	28
Prepared Lessons	12
Total Offerings	\$32.30
Balance in Treasury	\$13.00
Delegates: Jane Scriviner, Janice Warren, Faye Holcomb.	

Cordova:

Enrollment	81
Average Attendance	66
Average Daily Bible Readers	16
Average Prepared Lessons	21
Average Attending Preaching	59
Balance in Treasury	\$32.71
Delegates to Convention: Wandell Carter, Jo Ann Sularin, Elisabeth Guthrie, Maxine Sides, Della Swindle, Ernestine Hollingshead, Tommy Swindle.	

Leeds:

League Membership	25
Average Attendance	21
Daily Bible Readers	6
Average Prepared Lessons	6
Average Attending Preaching	21
Total Offering	\$33.96
Total Paid Out	\$33.96
Delegates: Margaret Dutton, Annette Jones, Helen Dutton, Faye Jones.	

Florence:

Average Attendance:	76
Total Offering	\$276.33
Total Paid Out	\$258.46
Balance in Treasury	\$ 14.87
Delegate: Sue Lambert.	

Ensley:

Enrollment	29
Average Attendance	22
Total Offering	\$9.41
Total expenses	\$3.75
Delegates:	

Townley:

Enrollment	55
Average Attendance	25
Average Prepared Lessons	12
Average Daily Bible Readers	9
Balance in Treasury	\$4.13
Delegates: Willadean Edgil, Wilma Smith.	

Eldridge:

League Membership	37
Average Attendance	37
Average Attending Preaching	37
Total Offering	\$8.92
Total Paid Out	\$4.16
Delegates: Herbert Stalnaker, Troy Jones.	

TWELFTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION IN SESSION WITH ELDRIDGE CHURCH

The session opened with the congregation singing, "Jesus Saves," A. J. Lambert, directing. Prayer by Miss Dorothy Williams.

Fred Hershey, Bible College, gave the devotional, using Heb. 12:1-2.

Prayer by Bro. R. K. Franklin.

Committees:

Judges: Paul Long, Herbert Stalnaker, Dave Franks.

Nomination: A. J. Lambert, A. L. Parker, R. K. Franklin.

Letters were received:

Cordova	Superintendent's name not given
Florence	Douglas Watson, Superintendent
Leeds	Amos Falkner, Superintendent
Sulphur Springs	Superintendent's name not given
Ensley	Superintendent's name not given
Eldridge	Superintendent's name not given
Townley	R. M. Edgil, Superintendent

Discussion was given about offerings during convention. It was voted not to take an offering unless absolutely necessary.

The Cordova Sunday School gave a short program. Tommy Carter gave a topic, "Haven't Got Time."

The College Quartet sang "I Want My Life to Tell for Jesus." "Sweet Peace."

The Florence Sunday School was represented by Sue Lambert. She gave a reading, "The Picture."

The College Quartet sang "Just a Little Talk With Jesus," "The Depths of the Riches of Love."

A new "get-together" was formed. They sang "Heaven."

Marvis Lee brought the morning message. He used for a text John 19:28-30, "It Is Finished."

When the invitation was given, five came forward for prayer.

Dismissed for lunch by A. L. Parker.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing, "Everyday With Jesus."

Prayer by Marvis Lee.

The Quartet sang "Just A Little Talk With Jesus," "Going Down The Valley."

The Nomination Committee gave their report. The new officers are as follows:

President — Malone Cobb

Vice-President — Jimmy Aldridge

Secretary and Treasurer — Sue Lambert

Miss Perkins of Ensley gave a poem, "Heaven."

Singsperation period directed by Rev. Charles Hollingshead.

The Eldridge Sunday School gave an inspirational play on tithing.

A solo "Saved" was sung by Sue Hight accompanied by Mary Lou Parker. They represented the Leeds Sunday School.

Mrs. Parker gave a talk on the Sunday School.

Singsperation period—Choruses directed by the President.

A duet was sung by Sue Lambert and Charles Hollingshead, "Cleanse me."

The winners for the best program was announced.

LEAGUE.....1. Leeds
2. Townley
3. Eldridge

SUNDAY SCHOOL.....1. Eldridge
2. Florence

The business session was entered into.

A motion was made and seconded for each League and Sunday School to send ten cents per active member to the Convention.

Cordova Church was voted to be the host for the Convention for the next year.

After a discussion, the A.E.A. holidays were chosen as the time for the Convention to meet every year.

A rising vote of thanks to the Eldridge Church was given.

A vote for adjournment was made.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Leeds:

Membership	128
Average Attendance	86
Average Bringing Bible	24
Average Prepared Lessons	24
Average Attending Church	75
Total Offering	\$250.05
Delegates: A. L. Parker, Mildred Parker, Sue Hight, Mary Lou Parker.	

Eldridge:

Enrollment	65
Average Attendance	60
Total Offering	\$68.92
Balance in Treasury	15.58
Delegates: Josephine Puckett, Dennis Hall, Herbert Stalnacker.	

Cordova:

Enrollment	149
Average Attendance	114
Average Daily Bible Readers	28
Average Prepared Lessons	47
Average Attending Preaching	104
Total Offering	\$693.12
Balance in Treasury	\$ 81.40
Delegates: Mrs. A. J. Flippo, Mrs. Scotty Carroll, Leon Carroll, Jimmy Aldridge, Tommy Carter, Mrs. Hollingshead.	

Townley:

Membership	98
Average Attendance	75
Average Attending Preaching	75
Average Prepared Lessons	65
Total Offering	\$291.98
Balance in Treasury	\$ 3.00
Delegates: Mrs. J. A. Smith, Wilma Smith.	

Ensley:

Enrollment	59
Average Attendance	40
Total Offering	\$224.15
Delegates:	

Florence:

Average Attendance	170
Total Offering	\$640.03
Balance in Treasury	\$ 96.36
Delegates: Sue Lambert, Mrs. A. J. Lambert	

Sulphur Springs:

Membership	127
Average Attendance	70
Daily Bible Readers	11
Average Attending Preaching	80
Prepared Lessons	15
Total Offering	\$169.00
Balance in Treasury	\$ 71.23
Delegates: Jane Scriviner, Janice Warren, Faye Mims.	

COMBINED FINANCIAL REPORT OF

LEAGUE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Paid in:

For Dues	\$111.60
Brought Forward	\$ 57.50
Total	\$169.10

Paid out:

College Quartet	\$ 22.00
Expenses to President	\$ 10.50
State Convention	\$ 15.50
Awards	\$ 10.50
Minutes	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 88.50
	\$169.10
	\$ 88.50
Balance in Treasury	\$ 80.60

Progressive Woman's Auxiliary, Townley, Alabama

August 26, 1954

Theme: "His Command My Task."

Session was opened by singing "When We All Get to Heaven," led by Wilma Smith, Prayer by Brother A. J. Lambert.

Devotion by Sister Ema Nelson — Scripture Hebrews 11th Chapter.

Welcome address — Mrs. J. A. Smith

Response — Mrs. Bessie Russell

Reading of letters by secretary. They were received and the Delegates were seated.

Florence	Mrs. A. J. Lambert
Cordova	Mrs. Eva Thompson, Florence Terry, Bessie Russell
Leeds	Sister Faye Jones, Lorene Isbell, Virginia Isbell, Mildred Parker, Margaret Dutton
Sulphur Springs	Mrs. Annie Franks, Mrs. Ila Scriviner

Appointment of Committees

Registration Committee	Mrs. Margaret Dutton, Mrs. Bessie Russell
Finance Committee	Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Mrs. Virginia Isbell
Appreciation Committee	Mrs. Lorene Isbell, Mrs. Eva Thompson
Resolution	Mrs. A. L. Parker, Mrs. Florence Terry, Mrs. Faye Jones
Nominating Committee	Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Ammie Franks, Mrs. Ila Scrivner

The ministers were asked to stand. There were eight present. The President, Mrs. Merle Dyer gave a wonderful talk on the Women's work, which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. A. J. Lambert gave a report on the States Auxiliary meeting W. N. A. C. Watch word of 1954 by Mrs. Theo Kuykendall.

Freida Kuykendall then sang "Feeling Fine", and "Someone to Care." The group sang "When the Redeemed are Gathering In," led by Brother Ryland.

The morning message was by Brother Bloss — Scripture, First Timothy 1-12. The sermon was enjoyed by everyone.

Song: "Not Made With Hands."

Dismissed for lunch by Brother Dutton.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was opened by singing "The Kingdom is Coming."

Prayer by Brother Franks.

Special music by Sue Lambert singing, "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

Report of W. N. A. C. by Sister Bloss which was inspiring to all. Song—"I'd Rather Have Jesus," led by Brother Lambert.

Playlet—Missionary Service by the Leeds Auxiliary, which was enjoyed by everyone.

Song "His Way With Thee."

Sister Clara Cobb, who was taking the president's place, made a talk about our mission work.

Mrs. Ryland, our youth director, urged that all auxiliaries organize a G. A. and also have someone enter the Declamation Contest.

BUSINESS REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Received from:	
Cordova	\$ 5.70
Loyal Chapel	4.20
Florence	3.90
Leeds	3.00
Sulphur Springs	8.00
Brought Forward	14.21
Total Paid in	\$39.61
Total Paid out	32.60
Balance in Treasury	\$ 7.01

Paid out

For Printing of Programs	\$ 2.00
For printing of Minutes	15.00
State and National Dues	15.20
Note books40
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	\$32.60

Finance Report

We, the Finance Committee have checked the Treasurer's books and have found them correct. Motion seconded.

Mrs. Virginia Isbell
Mrs. Lorene Ryland

Registration Committee

We, the Registration Committee, submit the following report: Delegates 12, Officers 8, Ministers 8, Visitors 38, Total 66. A motion and second, we accept this report (Carried).

Mrs. Margaret Dutton
Bessie Russell

Appreciation Committee

We, the Appreciation Committee wish to express our thanks to the Townley Church and the Woman's Auxiliary for the warm welcome, the beautiful flowers and the bountiful lunch, and thank the Lord for little Freida's message in song.

Lorene Isbell
Mrs. Eva Thompson

Resolution Committee

1. We recommend that the convention pay the expense for printing the programs of the auxiliary.
2. We recommend that each auxiliary obtain the New Manual for study.
3. We recommend that each auxiliary try to get the young girls to enter the Declamation Contest. (Information and rules and also material for this can be obtained from the W. N. A. C., 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee).
4. We recommend that the Secretary send out simplified report blanks to each local auxiliary.

Mrs. A. L. Parker
Mrs. L. O. Terry
Miss Faye Jones

A motion and second that we adapt this report. (Carried)

Nominating Report

We, your Nominating Committee submit the following report:

President	Mrs. Clara Cobb
Enlistment Chairman	Mrs. Merle Dyer
Youth Chairman	Mrs. W. H. Ryland
Study Course Chairman	Mrs. A. L. Parker
Publicity Chairman	Mrs. Lorene Isbell
Secretary and Treasurer	Mrs. Theo Kuykendall

Mrs. A. J. Lambert
Mrs. George Franks
Mrs. Lee Scriviner

A motion and second that we accept this report. (Carried)

Delegates to State Association at Dothan, Alabama:

Mrs. Margaret Dutton	Leeds, Ala.
Mrs. A. J. Lambert	Florence, Ala.
Mrs. Bessie Russell	Cordova, Ala.
District	Mrs. A. L. Parker

Sue Lambert again sang us a beautiful song, "The Old Rugged Cross." Brother A. J. Lambert, Brother W. H. Ryland, Sue Lambert and Clara Cobb sang us a special, "I'm Redeemed." Everyone enjoyed it very much, then Sister Clara Cobb sang "The Pearly White City."

Benediction by Brother A. L. Parker.

Proceeding of the Twenty-third Annual Session of the Progressive Association which convened with the Townley Church, Townley, Alabama, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1953

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

The Session was opened with congregational singing, "Jesus Saves" and "Rescue the Perishing" with Charles Hollingshead directing. Prayer by Rev. Malone Cobb. The devotion was conducted by Rev. Hollingshead. He used Bible College students, with each speaking briefly on "What the Bible College has Meant to Me." The following took part: Rev. and Mrs. Malone Cobb, Rev. Dave Franks and Charles Hollingshead. Song by congregation, "I am Thine."

The Moderator and Asst. Moderator gave brief but interesting messages.

The following were appointed to serve on the Credentials Committee: Charles Hollingshead, J. W. Isbell, Earl Richardson.

Prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryland. Dr. L. C. Johnson, the president of our Bible College brought us the evening message, using as his scripture Acts 1:- The message was dynamic, and he urged Christians to "Be filled with the Holy Ghost."

An offering of \$50.00 was received for the College.
Dismissed by Rev. Harvey Key.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened with the congregation singing, "Love Lifted Me" and "When We Get to Heaven", led by Rev. Malone Cobb. Prayer by Rev. Lee Estill.

The devotion was conducted by Jimmy Aldridge, using as his scripture Phillipians 4:13.

Bro. Jim Smith and Rev. Key host pastor gave a warm welcome to everyone. Miss Sue Lambert gave the response. The moderator read the rules of Decorum.

Special song, "I Bowed on My Knees," by Freida Kuykendall.

The credential committee gave a partial report with the following recommendations and churches reporting:

Cordova	Sister Alma Richardson and Jimmy Aldridge
Dovertown	Brother L. C. Estill and Dan Sargent
Sulphur Springs	Wilma Davis, Lee Scrivner and Ila Scrivner
Leadocia	Sister Una Quick and Irene Foster
Jasper	Wade M. Fowler, Sister Nellie Dean Moore, Jackie Honeycutt
Leeds	Faye Jones, Virginia Isbell, Lorene Isbell, Mildred Parker and Margaret Dutton
Townley	Austin Thomas, Johnson Guthrie and Hester Hill
East Florence	Virginia McDonald, Mr. & Mrs. Jessie Capps, George Roberts and Mrs Mabel Melton
Ensley	Brother Cecil Brown and Sister Ruby Brown
Eldridge	Sisters Florene Sides, Ilene Cannon, Verla Ryland
Taylor's Chapel	By Letter
Pewitts Chapel	By Letter

The letters were read, received and the delegates seated and visitors were made welcome. We had with us from other associations, Brother and Sister J. B. Bloss, Cumberland, Tenn. Also Brother Bloss being an Honorary of the Progressive. Brother Harvey Key, Bear Creek; Dave Franks, Jasper; Brother Adkins, Jasper.

It was moved and carried the recommendation of the credential committee be accepted. (See reports)

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Rev. W. H. Ryland gave an interesting report and message on "Viewing the Field and Progress of Our Association."

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:
Auditing Mildred Parker, Lorene Isbell and Virginia Isbell
Religious Education Charles Hollingshead, Clara Cobb and Faye Jones
Obituary Verla Ryland, Theo Kuykendall and Florene Sides
Temperance A. J. Lambert, Lorene Ryland and A. L. Parker
Nominating W. H. Ryland, Malone Cobb and G. W. Franks
Ordination A. J. Lambert, W. H. Ryland and G. W. Franks

Rev. R. K. Franklin, Ensley gave the 11:00 o'clock service devotion stressing "SANCTIFICATION" is a great need in our lives today.

The congregation sang "There's Power in The Blood." Rev. Malone Cobb brought the message of the hour using scripture Heb. 7:15-16, Acts 1:8 and as his subject, "POWER."

Dismissed by Brother J. B. Bloss.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was opened with two songs from the Progressive Quartet. Prayer by R. K. Franklin.

Rev. Dave Franks conducted the devotion and brought a short message on "I Can do all Things Through Christ Which Strengtheneth Me."

Charles Hollingshead gave an interesting report of the national association.

Florene Sides brought us a report and a challenging talk on the needs of our Children's Home at Eldridge.

An offering of \$50.00 was received to be applied on the farm land.

An annual report of the quarterly meeting was given by Mrs. Lorene Ryland.

The Obituary Committee was read and received. (See reports) Miss Sue Lambert sang "Precious Memories" in memory of the deceased.

Jimmy Aldridge brought to us in a wonderful way the report of the youth camp at Eldridge.

Highlights of the National League and Sunday School Convention, held in Nashville were given by Sister Myrtle Bloss. She especially urged churches to advertise and have an attendance in the next National Convention.

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Song by congregation, "Glory to His Name."

Special song, "Mansion Over The Hilltop," by Freida Kuykendall.

Dismissed by Brother G. W. Franks.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The session was opened with singing by the congregation and led by Charles Hollingshead, "Nothing But The Blood," "Standing on The Promises" and "At The Cross." Prayer by Brother Lambert. A quartet number "Wonderful Story of Love." Charles then led the congregation in a number of choruses which everyone enjoyed. Prayer by Brother Key.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chairman of the Home Mission Board brought the evening message. The scripture lesson was found in John 4:35; Isaiah 6:1. He used as his subject "Three Looks." 1. Look and see God. 2. Look and see ourselves. 3. Look and see the fields that are already white unto harvest.

An offering of \$61.36 was received for Home Mission.
Dismissed by Brother Charles Hollingshead.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened with congregational singing, "When I see the Blood," Prayer by Bro. G. W. Franks. Song "There's Power in the Blood," prayer by Rev. Key.

The Auditing Committee report was read and received. (See reports).

Report of the Home Mission Board was read and received. (See reports).

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

The Temperance Committee was read and received. (See reports).

The report of the General Business Board was read and received. (See reports).

The following were appointed delegates to the State Association: Sisters Mildred Parker, Verla Ryland, Merle Dyer, Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Lorene Ryland and Sister Hedrick, Bros. Wade Fowler, Lee Estill, A. J. Smith and Belton Franklin. Sister Earl Richardson was appointed as delegate for the Progressive Association.

The Treasurer's report was read and received. (See reports). Sue Lambert sang, "I Choose Jesus", followed by a heart warming testimony service.

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

The ministers reports were read and received. (See Ministers Table).

Final report of the Credential Committee was read and adopted. (See reports).

The morning devotion was conducted by Rev. Harvey Key using the twenty-third Psalm.

Several quartets numbers were rendered.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following were elected for the ensuing year:

Moderator	Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr.
Asst. Moderator	Rev. G. W. Franks
Clerk	Mrs. Merle Dyer
Asst. Clerk	Mrs. Lorene Ryland
Treasurer	Bro. Earl Richardson

W. H. Ryland, Malone Cobb and G. W. Franks

The ordaining council took charge. It was a very sacred hour in which Bro. Lee Scrivner and Bro. James Melton were ordained as deacons.

Brother Lee Estill and Brother M. C. Isbell were ordained as ministers. Rev. W. H. Ryland read 1 Timothy 3. Rev. A. J. Lambert gave the charge and Rev. G. W. Franks prayed the prayer of consecration. Laying on of hands by every ordained person while the congregation sang "I Will Work."

Rev. M. C. Isbell brought us a very inspiring message at the 11:00 o'clock hour. His scripture being found in Daniel 4:17.

A standing vote of thanks was given to express our appreciation to the Townley Church for their kindness and able way they entertained this association.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn until the next session of the Progressive Association which will convene with the Cordova Church on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the last Sunday in August.

Dismissed by Rev. W. H. Ryland.

REPORTS

Auditing Committee

We, the Auditing Committee have checked Treasurer's reports and find them to be correct.. Mrs. Virginia Isbell, Lorene Isbell and Mrs. Mildred Parker.

Treasurer's Report

Balance brought forward from last year	\$ 25.74
Received from Church and other sources	262.45
Special offering for missions	57.00
Special offering for missions	34.87
Special offering for Children's Home	35.87
Total Received	\$ 415.93
Total Disbursements	336.51
Balance now in treasury	\$ 79.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing Minutes	\$ 141.58
State and National Dues	20.00
Mailing Expense	5.19
Ordination Certificate Blanks	2.00
Clerk	40.00
Mission	57.00
Bible College	34.87
Children's Home	35.87
Total Disbursements	\$ 336.51

The moderator appointed the new General Business Board as follows:

W. H. Ryland	Eldridge, Alabama
G. W. Franks	Cordova, Alabama
A. J. Lambert	Florence, Alabama
Charles Hollingshead	Nashville, Tennessee
Earl Richardson	Cordova, Alabama

Quarterly Meeting Report Of The Progressive Association

Moderator	Rev. W. H. Ryland
Clerk and Treasurer	Lorene Ryland

Three sessions were held in 1954, Leeds Church Leeds, Alabama, January 4, 1954, Seven churches represented; Leadocia Church, Hanceville, Alabama, April 10, 1954, Seven Churches Reprensented; Ensley Church, Ensley, Alabama, July 10, 1954, Four Churches Represented.

Deacons Ordained: At Leeds January 4, 1954, Howard Hill, Winford Russell of Cordova Church. July 10, 1954 at Ensley Church, J. W. Isbell of Leeds Church. Licensed to Preach: January 4, 1954, Bro. Millard C. Isbell of Leeds Church. April 10, 1954, Bro. Donald Hollingshead of Ensley Church.

Officers For The In Coming Year

Rev. J. M. Dutton	Moderator
Rev. R. K. Franklin	Assistant Moderator
Mrs. Lorene Ryland	Clerk and Treasurer
Mrs. Mildred Parker	Assistant Clerk and Treasurer

The next session will meet with Jasper Church, January 8, 1955. Please come.

Treasurer's Report

Amount Brought Forward	\$ 9.71
Received From Churches	\$ 87.00
Received For Children's Home	\$ 69.17
Received For Bible College	\$ 8.32
Total Paid In	\$174.20
Total Paid Out	\$159.36
Balance in Treasury	\$ 14.84

Paid Out

Children's Home	\$ 69.17
Progressive Home Mission	30.00
National Home Mission	15.00
National Foreign Mission	15.00
Bible College	8.32
Printing and Postage	1.87
Printing Minutes	20.00
Total	\$159.36

Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Clerk and Treasurer

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee regret to report the departure of this life these members: From Florence—Bro. E. V. Tingle, Bro. R. H. Richard and Bro. Auther Lee. Leeds—Mrs. Patsey Howard, and Bro. Oscar Smith. Townley—Sis. Fannie Pike and Bro. Alford Bushell. Leodocia—Bro. E. L. Morris. May the congregation stand in a moment of silent meditation in honor of their memory.

Sue Lambert will sing "Precious Memories." May our loss be Heaven's gain..

Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Theo Kuykendall and Florene Sides.

Religious Education

We, your committee recommend the following:

1. That each individual will support our college.
2. That every F.W.B. home be a subscriber to the church paper.
3. That every preacher and teacher attend the Extension School. (Under the direction of the Bible College, when taught in their locality).
4. That each church respond to the Education Loan Fund for the Children in the home for education in our Bible College.
5. That each church invite a College Group to visit in a service to arouse interest among the young people toward the college.

Charles Hollingshead, Clara Cobb and Fay Jones.

Temperance Committee

We, your committee on Temperance submit the following report:

1. We recommend that all our people take a stand against legalizing the sale of alcohol or distributing it, or intoxicating beverages in any form.
2. We recommend that our people not patronize places where intoxicating beverages are sold if at all possible.
3. We recommend that our ministers bring in their messages at least once a month, statements against the use of strong drink.

A. J. Lambert, Lorene Ryland, A. L. Parker.

General Business Board

We, your General Business Board recommend:

1. That our churches in selecting our leaders such as Sunday School Officers or teachers or any church officers, select members that are free from question, abile habits, such as: tobacco habit, strong drinks and filthy conversation.
2. That our churches having men to ordain do not recommend any one for ordination who smokes or uses tobacco in any form.
3. That we have a blank letter printed in the back of minute.
4. That the clerk be paid \$40.00 per year and be paid for the material and postage she uses and that we have 300 minutes printed.
5. That rule 14 in the church rules be changed to read: "Any member who wilfully absents his or herself for a period of six months and fails to discharge their duty according to the Church Covenant shall be deemed as inactive and shall not be reinstated into full fellowship of the church until they have made restitution.

W. H. Ryland, A. L. Parker and G. W. Franks

Credentials Committee

We, your Credential Committee reports the following:

1. We have examined the church letters and find them in order.
2. With regret we recommend that this association grant New Macadonia, Taylor's Chapel and Pewitt Chapel a letter of dismissal in good standing.
3. That we receive the Jasper Church into full fellowship with this association.
4. We recommend that Bro. M. C. Isbell and Bro. Lee Estill be ordained as ministers.
5. We recommend that Bro. James Melton and Bro. Lee Scriviner be ordained as deacons.

G. W. Franks, Earl Richardson and J. W. Isbell

Home Mission Board

Balance brought forward	\$218.42
Received Sept. 21, 1953—Cordova	5.00
Received Dec. 27, 1953—Cordova League	5.00
Received Jan. 14, 1954—Sulphur Springs Sunday Schools	5.30
Received Jan. 21, 1954—Cordova League	6.00
Received March 11, 1954—Ensley Church	6.00
Received April 5, 1954—Sulphur Springs Sunday School	4.83
Received April 9, 1954—Ensley Church	3.00
Received April 17, 1954—Cordova League	5.00
Received May 8, 1954—Ensley Church	3.00
Received July 8, 1954—Sulphur Springs Sunday School	4.30
Received July 12, 1954—Ensley Church	3.00
Received July 18, 1954—Cordova League	5.50
Received Aug. 12, 1954—Ensley Church	6.00
Received Jan. 14, 1954—Florence Woman's Auxiliary	12.70
Total Received	\$293.05
Total Disbursements	170.05
Balance now in Treasury	\$123.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage	\$.42
Sept. 13, 1953—National Film Service	19.63
Dec. 2, 1953—Jasper Church	100.00
Dec. 2, 1953—Ensley Church	50.00
Total Disbursements	\$170.05

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. Any acknowledgments.
7. Report of Committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New Business.
10. 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 Credential Committee by his church for license, and if they find him worthy, they recommend him to the Association.
9. If, at the end of one year, he has proven himself worthy, 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 Credentials Committee in person or letter for a renewal of their certificate of standing each year.

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

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 last Sunday in August 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 20¢ for each active member for Associational expenses.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

2. The officers elected at the previous session shall begin their administration at the opening of each regular session.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time. They shall arise and address the Moderator and when recognized they shall proceed.

4. No person shall be interrupted while speaking by anyone except by the Moderator and not by the Moderator unless he breaks the rules of order.

5. The person speaking must adhere to the 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 reproved by the Moderator according to directions of the Association.

CHURCH RULES

1. We agree as a member of the Progressive Association of the Free Will Baptists to Co-operate in every move for the betterment of our denomination and 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 with first taking gospel steps. See Matthew 18: 15-16-17.

7. All business brought before the church by motion and second and in gospel-like order shall be attended to by the church unless withdrawn by the mover.

8. Any person wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator and if two arise at the same time the Moderator shall decide who shall speak first and no member while speaking shall cast any reflection on any person but shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration.

9. No member shall speak 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 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 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 wilfully absents his or herself for a period of six months and fails to discharge their duty according to the Church Covenant shall be deemed as inactive and shall not be reinstated into full fellowship of the church until they have 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.

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 purpose to band ourselves together in an organic union and to keep the rules of such an organization according to the following plan:

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

Article II. This Convention shall be composed of regularly organized Sunday Schools and Leagues within the bounds of said Association and shall meet annually on the Second Sunday and Saturday before in April.

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 absense 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 terms 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 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, 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.

Churches and Pastors

Townley	Rev. Joe Martin, Jasper, Ala., Rt. 1
East Florence	Rev. A. J. Lambert, 642 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, Ala.
Ensley	Rev. R. K. Franklin, 2213-31st Ave. N. Birmingham, Ala.
Eldridge	Rev. W. H. Ryland, Eldridge, Ala.
Taylor's Chapel	Rev. Fred Corner, Franklin, Tenn., Rt. 6
Pewitt's Chapel	Rev. W. H. Stringer, Dickson, Tenn., Rt. 2
Cordova	Rev. Luther Sanders, 704 Long Ave., Cordova, Ala.
Dovertown	Rev. G. W. Franks, Box 123, Cordova, Ala.
Sulphur Springs	Rev. G. W. Franks, Box 123, Cordova, Ala.
Leeds	Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., Leeds, Ala.
Leadocia	Rev. A. R. Baron, Wylam, Ala.
Jasper	Rev. Carlton Lambert

Church Clerks

Townley	Mrs. J. A. Smith, Townley, Ala.
Florence	Mrs. Jessie Capps, 657 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, Ala.
Ensley	J. P. Wilkie, 2710 Ave. D, Ensley, Ala.
Eldridge	Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Eldridge, Ala.
Taylor's Chapel	Clara McCandless, Santa Fe, Tenn., Rt. 2
Pewitt's Chapel	M. J. Tidwell, Franklin, Tenn., Rt. 6
Cordova	Miss Maxine Sides, Box 223, Cordova, Ala.
Dovertown	Mrs. Dan Sargent, Cordova, Ala., Rt. 1
Sulphur Springs	Mrs. Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.
Leeds	A. L. Parker, Leeds, Ala.
Leadocia	Mrs. Jewell Baldwin, Hanceville, Ala., Rt. 2

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Name of Ministers	Sermons Preached	Revivals Conducted	Received in Church	Conversions Witnessed	Baptized	Visited in Sick Homes	Ordained Deacons	Attended F.W.B. League	Prayer Meetings	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Org. Sunday School	Organized F.W.B. League	Communion Held	Funerals Conducted	Ordained Ministers	Attended Sunday Schools	Pastored Churches	Traveling Expenses	Organized Churches	Organized Woman's Auxiliaries	Married Couples
A. J. Lambert	145	5	14	45	8	210	3	50	21	3,000	\$2,963.57			1	17	1	52	1	\$150.00			2
Malone Cobb	144	9	27	140	20	104	2	36	45	24,000	\$1737.78			1	4		52	2	\$500.00			
R. K. Franklin	140	2	8	5	3	203	2	32	56	1,000	\$ 400.00		1	5	4	1	51	1	\$400.00		1	2
J. M. Dutton, Jr.	82	1	5	12	6			40	52		\$ 600.00				4		52	1				3
Aubrey Resser	10					20		30	5								48					
W. H. Ryland	123	4	31	68	8	27	3	46	14		\$ 345.00				4		51	2				
Charles Hollingshead	46	6		35		30		17	33	14,990	\$ 273.40						41					
G. W. Franks	76	1	9	10	7			19		2,795	\$1,085.99				5		41	2	\$105.00			
Troy Engle	42	2	1	7		57	1		16								35					
W. H. Stringer	32	1	1	1	1					1,200	\$ 140.00			1				1				
J. B. Bloss	204	8	28	114	12	545	1	51	65	8,462	\$3,380.00			3	18	1	52	1	\$475.42			2

CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Churches	Members Received	No. Baptized	No. Dismissed	Deceased	Total Membership	Amt. Contribution	Offering to Home Mission	Offering to Foreign Mission	Offering to Christian Education	Offering to Superannuation	Amt. Paid Pastor	Amt. Paid Evangelist	Building and Repairs
Townley	11	9		2	70	\$ 13.80					\$600.00	\$ 65.00	\$4,000.00
East Florence	14	8	1	3	160	32.00		56.25	100.00		2,970.00	204.28	299.31
Ensley	8	3	1		34	6.80	76.21	21.00	17.50	17.50	360.00	35.60	870.99
Eldridge	4	4	2		16	5.00			100.00	1.00		75.00	635.44
Taylors Chapel	5	4			81		1.00		1.00		70.21	35.31	82.98
Pewitts Chapel	2	1	1		39	3.00					141.10	73.10	16.87
Cordova	8	2			279	31.20	78.52	272.52	351.65	289.22	3,445.00	205.81	
Dovertown		7			32	6.40					360.00	45.00	
Sulphur Springs	9	7	5		105	15.00	50.00	21.50	37.00		660.00	65.00	104.26
Leeds	5	5	1	2	135	10.20			100.00		860.00	60.00	600.00
Leadocia	7	5		1	124	10.00					382.78	53.00	
Jasper	3	3			27	2.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.40	100.00	55.00	675.00
Totals	76	51	11	8	1,102	\$135.90	\$210.73	\$376.28	712.15	\$313.12	\$9,949.09	\$972.10	\$7,284.85

We, the S.S. Church ask that Bro
Lester Martin be ordained as deacon
if found worthy.

CHURCH LETTER TO 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 *Sister Minnie Ola Kuykendall*
Wilma Davis, Thos Kuykendall + Reppie Gary.

The Statistics of our Church as follows:

Received by Experience *0*

Received by Letter *0*

Received by Confession *0*

Expelled *0*

Dismissed by Letter *2*

Names of Deceased Members *0*

No. Active Members *64*

No. Inactive Members *40*

Amount of Contribution to Association *12.80*

Pastor *D.W. Franks* Address *Cardova*

Clerk *Mable Dyer* Address *Samantha*

No. Deacons *5* Chairman of Board of Deacons *John Kuykendall*

Address *Samantha*

No. Ordained Ministers *0* No. Licensed Ministers *0*

Value of Church Property *65.00*

Value of Parsonage

Offering to Home Mission *\$10.00*

Offering to Foreign Mission *\$15.00*

Offering to Christian Education *0*

Offering to Superannuation *0*

Offering to Unified Program *0*

Offering To Charity *28.81* Offering to Orphanage

Amount Paid Pastor *574.80* Amount Paid Evangelist *75.00*

Amount Paid Visiting Preachers *35.00*

Other Expenses *101.65*

Total Paid Out *841*

Remarks:

Lester

Please pray for us as we
have started our building fund for
S.S. rooms to our Church. I hope to
build them this next year.

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28.81
75.
574.80
101.65
35
840.26
40
890.26