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

Convened With
CORDOVA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cordova, Alabama

August 25, 26, 27, 1955

The next session will convene with Leeds Free Will Baptist Church, Leeds, Alabama, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, before the Last Sunday in August, 1956

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, Cordova, Ala.
Treasurer	Bro. Earl Richardson, Cordova, Ala.

OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

President	Mrs. Luther Sanders
Youth Chairman	Mrs. Merle Dyer
Study Course Chairman	Mrs. W. H. Ryland
Program and Publicity Chairman	Mrs. A. L. Parker
Personal Service Chairman	Mrs. Lorene Ryland
Secretary and Treasurer	Mrs. Theo. Kuykendall

OFFICERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

President	Jimmy Aldridge
Secretary	Sue Lambert

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION OF THE PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS WHILE IN SESSION AT CORDOVA, ALA.

MARCH 25 1955

Morning Session

The opening of the service, by President Jimmy Aldridge, included a welcome to all and a song led by Rev. A. J. Lambert followed by the opening prayer by Brother Charles from Cordova.

Philip Gilbert took the stand to conduct the morning devotional.

The following letters were read and accepted:

Sulphur Springs	\$14.30
Cordova	15.40
Eldridge	5.00
First F.W.B. Church of East Florence	17.00
Townley	5.00

It was agreed that the convention convene next March in Sulphur Springs.

The Cordova Church presented a program on "Becoming a Missionary."

Lester Martin read an essay on "What Sunday School Means To Me."

Rev. G. W. Franks brought the morning message from Rev. 14:21.

Freida Kuykendall sang "I Dreamed of a City Called Glory."

Bro. Richardson led the closing benediction of the morning session.

Afternoon Session

The opening of the afternoon service, by Pres. Jimmy Aldridge, began with a song led by Rev. Lambert followed by prayer led by Bro. Joe Sularin.

Jimmy Ray Stanfield took the stand to conduct the afternoon devotional.

Business session was opened. There was no business to be discussed.

George Robert Capps sang "It's Real", and "The Love of God." Benediction.

Saturday Morning

LEAGUE CONVENTION

Service was opened by President Jimmy Aldridge.

"Send The Light" was led by Rev. Lambert.

Bro. Jimmy Ray Stanfield led in prayer.

Mrs. Alvis Hollingshead gave the welcome address.

Bro. W. H. Ryland gave the response to the welcome address.

The letters were received. A motion and second was made to receive the letters and to seat the delegates.

The president appointed the following committees.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bro. Ryland, chairman

Bro. Sanders

Bro. Lambert

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Kuykendall

Mrs. Hollingshead

Mrs. Franks

Song

The president made a talk on "What the League Means to Me."

Rev. A. J. Lambert brought the morning message. He read from 1 Timothy 4:12-16.

Afternoon

The afternoon session was opened with a song, "Let Him Have His way With Thee", led by Rev. Lambert.

Prayer by Bro. Franks.

Another song, "I'll Live For Him", was led by Bro. Lambert.

Bro. Franks conducted a devotional service.

Jimmy Ray Stanfield represented the Florence League by giving a talk.

Business session was entered.

A motion was made and seconded that we take from the table the resolution that was tabled last year to have the convention on Friday of A.E.A. It was carried by a majority vote.

The Resolution Committee's report was read. The articles were voted on separately and all of them were accepted. They are as follows:

1. Recommendation that we have a letter form for the League Convention printed by the Executive Committee.
2. Recommendation that the Convention buy Bibles to be used in the sword drill at the Convention.
3. Recommendation that we buy an award for the winner of the sword drill. The Executive Committee is to decide what the award will be.
4. Be it resolved that the expenses of the Executive Committee be paid at 5¢ per mile for one program planning meeting each year. This committee is to be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, and any other officer elected by the body.

5. Be it resolved that this Executive Committee meet at least six weeks before the League and Sunday School Convention meets and plans the program for the coming convention.

The Nominating Committee's report was read. Other nominations were made from the floor. The offices were voted on separately. The new officers are as follows:

President	Rev. Carlton Lambert
Vice-President	Jimmy Aldridge
Secretary and Treasurer	Jimmy Ray Stanfield
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer	Faye Mims
Sword Drill Chairman	Mrs. Sanders

The out-going officers and the new ones were given the right hand of fellowship.

Sulphur Springs League was represented by Bro Lester Martin.

Freda Kuykendall sang "The Love of God" and "I'm Feeling Fine."

Everyone enjoyed her songs. Miss Fay Mims read an essay.

PROGRESSIVE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY, CORDOVA, ALA.
AUGUST 25, 1955

Theme: "Shining for Jesus."

Session was opened by singing "Send The Light." Devotional Mrs. Earnestine Hollingshead. Scripture, Matthew 5:16—15:34.

Prayer by Mrs. Elmer Pigg.

Welcome address — Mrs. Helen Sanders.

Response — Mrs. Margret Dutton. We then sang, "Jesus Saves", led by Miss Annette Jones. Reading of minutes by secretary.

They were received and the delegates were seated. Churches and delegates were:

Florence — Mrs. Elmer Pigg, Mrs. Melton, Mrs. Staggs
Cordova—Mrs. Earnestine Hollingshead, Mrs. Winsett.
Leeds—Mrs. Mildred Parker and Mrs. Margret Dutton.
Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Reppie Esary, Mrs. Minnie Ola Kuykendall, Mrs. Jim Kuykendall, Mrs. G. W. Franks.

Appointing of Committees.

Resolution:

Mrs. Mildred Parker, Mrs. Lorene Ryland.

Appreciation:

Mrs. Elmer Pigg, Mrs. Reppie Essary and Mrs. Minnie Ola Kuykendall.

Registration:

Mrs. Winsett, Judy Kirkpatrick.

Nominating:

Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Mrs. G. W. Franks, Mrs. Jim Kuykendall.

Auditing:

Mrs. Earnestine Hollingshead, Mrs. Melton, Mrs. Margaret Dutton.

Freida Kuykendall sang "Wait A Little Longer, Please Jesus."

The President, Mrs. Sanders gave her message which was enjoyed by all. She gave the challenge to everyone to witness to more souls in the coming yaer. Song led by Bro. Dutton, "Jesus Saves."

The Declamation contest was postponed until the quarterly conference before the State Auxiliary meeting in June. The morning message was given by Bro. G. W. Franks, and was enjoyed very much. The congregation sang, "When We All Get to Heaven." The ministers were asked to stand. There were three ministers present.

We were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Dutton.

Thursday Afternoon Session

The session was opened by singing "Jesus Calls Us."

Prayer by Mrs. W. H. Ryland.

Mrs. W. H. Ryland gave us a very educational talk using as her topic "Shining in Training Youth."

Freida Kuykendall sang "Glorious Freedom."

"Shining in Study" by Mrs. Mildred Parker. Everyone enjoyed this talk very much.

Song — "Is Your All On The Altar?" by Sue Lambert.

"Shining in Publicity", by Mrs. Lorene Ryland and the last part "Shining In Reports", by Theo Kuykendall.

Reports of State Convention by Mrs. W. H. Ryland, and Mrs Earnestine Hollingshead which was enjoyed by all.

National Convention — Mrs. Mildred Parker and Mrs. A. J. Lambert. This report made all of regret we didn't attend this convention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report

Received from:

Cordova	\$ 5.80
Florence	5.70
Leeds	1.80
Sulphur Springs	6.00
Total Paid In	<u>\$19.30</u>
Brought Forward	7.01
Grand Total	<u>\$26.31</u>
Paid Out—State Dues	14.00
Printing Minutes	2.00
Total Paid Out	<u>\$16.00</u>
Balance on hand	\$10.31

Resolution Committee

We recommend that we retain resolutions 1, 2, and 3, which are: (1) The convention pay the expense for printing the programs of the auxiliary. (2) That each auxiliary obtain the new manual for study. (3) That each auxiliary try to get the young girls to enter the Declamation Contest. (4) We recommend that the Progressive and the District Auxiliary give a gift to the winner of the contest. (5) We recommend that we have delegates from Y.P.A. G.T. to meet with us. — Mrs. A. L. Parker, Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Mrs. Annie Franks.

A motion and second that we adopt this report (carried).

Auditing Committee

We, the Auditing Committee have checked the Treasurer's books and found them to be correct. — Mrs. Earnestine Hollingshead, Mrs. Margaret Dutton, Mrs. Mable Melton. A motion and second that we receive this report (carried).

Registration Committee

We, the Registration Committee submit the following report: Delegates 8, Officers 12, Visitors 16. Totals 36. — Judy Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Winsett. A motion and second that we accept this report (carried).

Appreciation Committee

We, the Appreciation Committee wish to express our thanks to the Cordova Church and the Woman's Auxiliary for the Warm Welcome they have shown us, and for the refreshments served. We also enjoyed the message Bro. Franks gave. We enjoyed the songs Freida sang very much. We would not forget to thank the ladies who brought the pretty flowers. — Mrs. Elmer Pigg, Mrs. Reppie Essary, Mrs. Minnie Ola Kuykendall.

Nominating Committee

We your Nominating Committee submit the following report:

President	Mrs. Helen Sanders
Vice President	Mrs. Clara Cobb
Youth Chairman	Mrs. A. J. Lambert
Study Course Chairman	Mrs. Margaret Dutton
Secretary & Treasurer	Mrs. Theo Kuykendall
Field Secretary	Mrs. W. H. Ryland
Personal Service	Mrs. Lorene Ryland
Stewardship & Prayer Chair.	Mrs. Hollingshead

Mrs. W. H. Ryland
Mrs. Jim Kuykendall
Mrs. Annie Franks

A motion and second we accept this report (carried).

We then sang "Rescue The Perishing", led by Bro. Luther Sanders.

We were adjourned.

Proceedings of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session of the Progressive Association which convened with the Cordova Church, Cordova, Ala., Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the last Sunday in August, 1955.

Thursday Evening Session

The session was opened at 7:00 o'clock with congregation singing, "He Keeps Me Singing" led by Jimmy Aldridge. Prayer by Bro. Windfield Russell. Freida Kuykendall sang "The Love of God." Rev. Dave Franks took charge of devotional. For the devotional he used students and Alumnis of the Bible College with their testimonies of "What the F.W.B. College has meant to them." Six people took part. Song by Congregation, "Praise Him, Praise Him."

The Moderator gave his message using Script. 2 Chap. of Collossians. A Testimony Service followed which was wonderfully enjoyed.

The Moderator then appointed the following to serve on Credentials Committee: Rev. G. W. Franks, T. O. Terry and Jim Smith.

Rev. McDonald of our Bible College brought a wonderful message from 2 Chron. 1:7-12, pointing out Solomons chance, choice and pay check. He ended the service by giving the Bible College statistics, accomplishments and needs. An offering of \$19.36 was received for the college. Dismissed by Bro. Jesse Ryland.

Friday Morning Session

The session opened with singing, "We're Marching to Zion" led by Bro. Sanders, prayer by Bro. Charles Hollingshead. Sister Clara Cobb had charge of devotional using Scripture Psalms 37:1-7.

Rev. Sanders, Pastor, gave the welcome address. Mrs. Theo Kuykendall gave response. The association was called to order by the clerk and the moderator read the rules of Decorum and appointed the committees.

The Credentials Committee gave a partial report with the following recommendations and church reporting:

Cordova:

Sister Earnestine Hollingshead, Judy Kirkpatrick, Phillip Gilbert and Bro. T. O. Terry.

Dovertown:

Sister Dan Sargent, Bill Sargent, Bro. Leon Sargent

East Florence:

Sister A. J. Lambert, Jimmy Ray Stanfield, Robert Jackson, Billy Sharpston and George Robert Capps.

Eldridge:

Clemmie Crawford, Mary Ryland and Dewaine Williams.

Ensley:

Bro. and Sister Lankford.

Jasper:

Wade Fowler, Sister Walter Tate, Martha Poe, Kressie Underwood.

Leadocia:

Sister Alexander, Una Quick and J. L. Headrick.

Leeds:

Mildred Parker, Yvonne Isbell, Margret Dutton, A. L. Parker.

Sulphur Springs:

Sister Reppie Essary, Wilma Davis, Theo and Minnie Ola Kuykendall.

Townley:

Sister Bessie Lou Boshell, Lillie Edgil and Wilma Honeycutt.

The letters were read, received and the delegates seated. The visiting ministers and corresponding delegates were recognized. Rev. H. Cobb and Sister Clara Cobb, Vernon Association. Rev. Dave Franks, Jasper Association.

Moved and carried the recommendation of the Credentials Committee be accepted (see report).

Rev. Charles Hollingshead led two congregation songs, then made a talk on "An Investment in Youth", urging people to respond to building of the Alabama Youth camp.

Freida Kuykendall sang two special songs. Merle Dyer gave a report of the Womens Auxiliary day.

Report of the Home Mission Board was given and accepted. (See reports).

Rev. Dave Franks led two songs. Rev. W. H. Ryland brought a challenging message. His subject "What Have You in Your Hand?"

Dismissed by Bro. A. L. Parker.

Friday Afternoon Session

The session was opened with singing and prayer. Prayer was led by Bro. Don Hollingshead.

Miss Annette Jones conducted a much inspiring devotional using as her Scripture Matt. 16:14.

Sister A. L. Parker gave a splendid report of the National Association.

Rev. W. H. Ryland gave a report of the Children's Home. An offering of \$41.05 was received for the Home.

Billy Sharpston gave the report of the State League and Sunday School Convention.

Mrs. Lorene Ryland gave the annual report of the quarterly meeting. Received as read.

Dismissed by Rev. H F. Cobb.

Friday Evening Session

The session opened with Rev. Carlton Lambert leading two songs, "Jesus Saves" and Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus."

Prayer by sister Helen Sanders. The entire night program was given to Rev. Don Cronk. He brought a wonderful message, then told of India's customs, song, music and language. He showed many slides of India. Blessings and Burdens were results of this nights service.

An offering of \$51.56 was received for Foreign Mission. Dismissed by Rev. G. W. Franks.

Saturday Morning Session

The session was opened with singing "Showers of Blessings" and "Glory To His Name", led by Theo Kuykendall. Prayer by Sister R. K. Franklin. Early morning devotional was conducted by Rev. R. K. Franklin. His thoughts for the service were on "Sowing and Reaping" using several different scriptures.

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

The Temperance report was read and received. (See Reports). The Religious Education report was read and received (See Reports)

The Obituary report was read and received. (See Reports). The congregation stood for a moment of silent prayer with Bro. Lambert closing the prayer.

The Auditing report was read and received. (See Reports).

The Treasurer's report was read and received. (See Reports).

Freida Kuykendall sang a special request song, "I Bowed on My Knees."

Delegates to the State Association were appointed as follows: Sister Bill Sargent, Theo Kuykendall, Una Quick, Yvonne Isbell, Verla Ryland, Bros. Manley Barton, Wade Fowler, Jim Smith, A. J. Lambert and J. P. Wilkie. Sister A. L. Parker was appointed as delegate for the Progressive Association.

Final report of the Credentials Committee was read and received. (See Reports).

Report of the Nominating Committee was received.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following were elected for the ensuing Year:

Moderator	Rev. Carlton Lambert
Assistant Moderator	Rev. G. W. Franks
Clerk	Mrs. Merle Dyer
Treasurer	Mrs. Lorene Ryland

— W. H. Ryland, Jimmy Stanfield and Billy Sharpston.

Song "Standing On The Promises", led by Bro. Lambert.

The Ordaining council took charge. At this holy and sacred time, Bros. Lester Martin, John Poe and Carl O'Donnell were ordained as deacons. Rev. Donald Hollingshead was ordained as an elder of the Gospel.

Rev. A. J. Lambert read Acts 6:1 and 1st Timothy, 3rd chapter. Rev. Luther Sanders gave the charge using 2nd Timothy, 4th Chapter. Rev. G. W. Franks prayed the prayer of consecration. Laying on of hands by every ordained person. While the congregation sung, "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus."

A new General Business Board was appointed by the Asst. Moderator in the absence of the New Moderator. They were as follows:

W. H. Ryland	Eldridge, Ala.
J. M. Dutton, Jr.	Leeds, Ala.
A. J. Lambert	Florence, Ala.
A. L. Parker	Leeds, Ala.

A rising vote of appreciation to Bro. Dutton for his worthy and splendid work as outgoing moderator. Also a rising vote of thanks to Cordova Church for their goodness and marvelous way they entertained the association.

Song, "Take Time To Be Holy", Devotional by Lester Martin. Special song by Freida, "I Need No Mansion Here."

Rev. Dan Cronk was the speaker of the 11:00 o'clock hour stressing the real need of the country, is a heart moving revival. Subject; Our God Doeth Great Exploits. Luke 16:19. Scripture for closing 1st John 2:2. Prayer by Bro. Dutton.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn until the next session of the Progressive Association which will convene with the Leeds church on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before the last Sunday in August. Dismissed by Rev. R. K. Franklin.

R E P O R T S

Auditing Committee

We, the Auditing Committee find the treasurer's report correct.
— Mrs. A. L. Parker, Mrs. Margaret Dutton and Wade M. Fowler.

Treasurer's Report

Balance brought forward for last year	\$ 79.42
Received from Churches	164.30
Received from S. S. and League	30.00
Special offering for missions	61.36
Special offering for college	50.00
Special offering for Children's Home	50.00
Total Received	\$435.08
Total Disbursements	337.06
Balance now in Treasury	\$ 98.02

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing minutes	\$114.00
State and National Dues	20.00
Mailing expense	1.70
Clerk	40.00
Mission	61.36
Bible College	50.00
Children's Home	50.00
Total Disbursements	\$337.06

Quarterly Meeting Report

Moderator Rev. J. M. Dutton
Clerk and Treasurer Mrs. Lorene Ryland

Three sessions in 1955, January 8, Jasper Church, Jasper Ala., 9 churches represented. April 9, Dovertown Church, Dovertown, Ala., 10, July 9, East Florence Church, Florence, Ala., 6. Deacons ordained: Bro. Earl Thrasher from Florence Church. Licensed to preach; Bros. Hadley Norwood and Billy Sharpston from Florence Church.

OFFICERS FOR THE IN-COMING YEAR

Rev. Luther Sanders Moderator
Rev. J. M. Dutton Asst. Moderator
Mrs. Lorene Ryland Clerk and Treasurer
Mrs. Helen Sanders Asst. Clerk and Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Amount Brought Forward	\$ 14.84
Received from Churches	120.00
Received for Children's Home	65.01
Total paid in	\$199.85
Total paid out	197.01
Balance in Treasury	\$ 2.84

Disbursements

Children's Home	\$ 65.01
Prog. Home Mission	31.00
Foreign Mission	31.00
Bible College	31.00
Printing Progressive	4.00
Assn. Printing minutes	35.00
	\$197.01

Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Clerk and Treasurer

Home Mission Report

Balance Brought Forward	\$123.00
Money received	96.23
Total received	\$219.23
Total Disbursements	150.00
Balance now in Treasury	\$ 69.23

Disbursements

Jan. 10, 1955	Ensley Church	\$ 50.00
Jan. 10, 1955	Jasper Church	100.00
Total Disbursements		\$150.00

CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE

NAME OF CHURCH	Rec. by Experience	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Confession	Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	No. active members	No. inactive members	Amount of Contribution	No. Deacons	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage	Offering to Home Mission	Offering to Foreign Mission	Offering to Christian Education	Offering to Superannuation	Offering to Unified Program	Offering to Charity	Offering to Orphanage	Amount Paid Pastor	Amount Paid Evangelist	Amount Paid Visiting Preachers	Other Expenses	Total Paid Out
Jasper	1	5	9			1	28	12	\$ 6.00	3	1		\$ 8,000								\$ 40.00	\$ 28.38	\$100.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,174.38
Townley							30	75	6.00	5	1	1	6,000						\$ 18.00	145.00	600.00		\$ 40.00	50.00		1,511.48
Eldridge		3	4		1	1	17	7	3.40		1		3,500		\$ 5.10		\$ 2.06									580.00
Dovertown	6		15				41	9	8.20	1	1	1	3,000								10.00	361.56	45.00			416.00
Sulphur Springs					2		64	40	12.80	5			6,500		29.43	15.00				40.00	28.81	574.80	75.00	35.00	101.00	890.26
Leeds	9	4			11	1	66	54	13.20	7	2	1	6,000	\$ 6,000			20.00			6.70	58.50	727.00	185.00	10.00	650.33	1,657.33
Leadocia	5			2			25	102	10.00	3											30.00	493.56	89.56	29.15	275.66	935.35
Cordova		2	26		8	3	192	118		8	4		40,000	16,000	227.16	33.08	323.60	88.58			438.34	2,455.00	285.01	115.00	8,160.54	12,776.31
East Florence		3	19		6	1	160		32.00	7	1	2	20,000	6,000		16.22			666.64	35.40	254.88	3,205.00	195.86	158.17	2,676.33	7,198.50
Ensley	15			1	2	2	27	3	5.00	4	1	1	6,500								35.00	460.00		29.00	1,349.00	2,446.00
	36	17	73	3	30	9	650	420	\$96.50	43	12	5	\$79,500	\$28,000	\$261.69	4.30	\$345.66	\$88.58	\$666.64	\$100.10	\$944.53	\$8,905.30	\$975.30	\$416.32	\$13,257.86	\$30,586.17

General Business Board

We, your General Business Board recommend:

1. That the church that entertains the association see that the session is properly announced in that vicinity.
2. That this Body give this church a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful hospitality in caring for this association.

— W. H. Ryland, G. W. Franks and A. J. Lambert

Obituary Committee

We, the Obituary Committee regret to report the departure of this life of these members: Florence — Bro. L. W. Kilgore; Leeds — Sister Anne Isbell; Jasper — Bro. Charles, E. Fowler; Cordova — Bro. Jim Cater, Sister Willie Aldridge, Bro. Bob Samuel; Ensley — Bro. Marvin Booth and Bro. Buster Brown.

May the congregation stand in a moment of silent meditation in honor of their memory, and then Bro. Lambert lead us in a word of prayer. — Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Lillie Edgil and Theo Kukendall.

Temperance Committee

We, your Temperance Committee submit in consideration of the times and needs of our churches today, we recommend that:

1. The church covenant be studied and abided by as a "covenant under God." Especially do we bring to your attention the following portions of the covenant. "We promise to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and holy conformity to the world, from all sanctions of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in sight of all men; we agree to watch over one another in love, endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme."

2. All parents be encouraged to censor all literature being read by their children. That the so-called 'funny book' be discouraged both in the home and from the pulpit.

3. All members, not only preachers and deacons, endeavor to keep ourselves unspotted from the world, realizing God will not pour out his spirit into an unclean vessel.

— Mrs. Helen Sanders, Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Wilma Davis

Religious Education

We, your committee recommend:

1. That each church in the Progressive Association include the Free Will Baptist Bible College in its budget.

2. That our young people be urged to attend our own college for the first year of their collegiate training.

3. That the members of our churches subscribe to our national paper, "Contact."

4. That a reporter be named by this association to report all the news of the association to "Contact" and the "Free Will Baptist" papers.

5. That a church reporter be named by each church to report the local church news to "Contact" and the "Free Will Baptist" papers.

6. That each church have an educational program for the benefit of the officers and teachers of the Leagues and Sunday School. This program should be conducted by the pastor or some capable person under his direction once a month or as often as necessary.

Rev. Luther Sanders

A. J. Parker

Judy Kirkpatrick

Credentials Committee

We, your Credentials Committee report the following:

1. We have examined the church letters and find them in order.

2. That we give a letter concerning Bro. Charles Hollingshead as leaving our association and becoming a member of the Mt. Mariah Association, that we commend him to them an ordained elder in good standing with our association.

3. We recommend that E. Donald Hollingshead be ordained as an Elder.

4. We recommend that Bro. Lester Martin, Bro. John Poe and Bro. Carl O'Donnell be ordained as deacons.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Cordova	Rev. Luther Sanders, Cordova, Ala.
East Florence	Rev. A. J. Lambert, 642 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, Ala.
Ensley	Rev. Pickett
Eldridge	Rev. W. H. Ryland, Eldridge, Ala.
Dovertown	Rev. G. W. Franks, Cordova, Ala.
Jasper	Rev. Carlton, Lambert, Jasper, Ala.
Leeds	Rev. Malone Cobb, Leeds, Ala.
Leadocia	Rev. A. R. Baron, Wylam, Ala.
Sulphur Springs	Rev. G. W. Franks, Cordova, Ala.

CHURCH CLERKS

Cordova	Betty Pittman, Cordova, Ala.
East Florence	Mrs. Earl Thrasher, 2721 Morgan St. Florence, Ala.
Ensley	J. P. Wilkie, Mulga, Ala.
Eldridge	Mrs. Verla Ryland, Eldridge, Ala.
Dovertown	Mrs. Dan Sargent, Cordova, Ala.
Jasper	Wade M. Fowler, Jasper, Ala.
Leeds	A. L. Parker, Leeds, Ala.
Leadocia	Mrs. Jewel Baldwin, Hanceville, Ala.
Sulphur Springs	Mrs. Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.
Townley	Mary Guthrie, Townley, Ala.

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 reprov'd 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 not vote unless there be a tie, when he shall give the deciding vote.

4. It shall be the duty of all members to fill their seats in conference and bear their part of the expenses.

5. No member shall leave their seat during conference without permission from the Moderator.

6. No member shall arraign another before the church for any grievance without first taking gospel steps. See Matthew 18: 15-16-17,

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

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

9. No member shall speak 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 provided 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 the 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.

MINISTERS REPORT

Name of Ministers	Sermons Preached	Revivals Conducted	Received in Church	Conversions Witnessed	Baptized	Visited Sick Homes	Ordained Deacons	Attended F.W.B. League	Attended Sunday School	Traveling Expenses	Pastored Churches	Prayer-Meeting	Org. F.W.B. League Communion Held	Funerals Conducted	Ordained Ministers Married Couples	Miles Traveled	Money Received	
W. H. Ryland	117	2	27	38		39	8	49	49		2	16		3	2	1,100	\$ 350.00	
A. J. Lambert	135	5	21	49	10	155	3	44	50	\$ 83.10	1	10	1	11	3	1,600	2,868.00	
Luther Sanders	115		28	38	20		1	51	52	750.00	1	45	1	3		15,000	2,455.00	
J. M. Dutton, Jr.	82	1	13	12	6			40	50		1	76		1	4		742.00	
Charles Hollingshead	72	3		36		46		45	50			55				9,100	201.00	
G. W. Franks	99	5	18	24	16	117	2	24	43	96.90	2		1	11	1	2,670	1,272.73	
Carlton Lambert	70		16	14	13	40		45	52			5	1				305.00	
Totals	620	16	123	211	65	397	14	298	346	\$930.00	7	207	1	3	29	5	29,532	\$8,193.73

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.....

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The Statistics of our Church as follows:

Received by Experience.....
Received by Letter.....
Received by Confession.....
Expelled

Dismissed by Letter.....

Names of Deceased Members.....

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No. Active Members.....

No. Inactive Members.....

Amount of Contribution to Association.....

Pastor..... Address.....

Clerk..... Address.....

No. Deacons Chairman of Board of Deacons

Address

No. Ordained Ministers No. Licensed Ministers

Value of Church Property.....

Value of Parsonage.....

Offering to Home Mission.....

Offering to Foreign Mission.....

Offering to Christian Education.....

Offering to Superannuation.....

Offering to Unified Program.....

Offering to Charity..... Offering to Orphanage

Amount Paid Pastor..... Amount Paid Evangelist

Amount Paid Visiting Preachers.....

Other Expenses.....

Total Paid Out.....

Remarks: