

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-FIFTH 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

AUGUST 23, 24, 25, 1956

The next session will convene with Ensley Free Will Baptist Church, Ensley, Alabama, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, before the Last Sunday in August, 1957.

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Moderator	Carlton Lambert, 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. Clara Cobb
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	Carlton Lambert
Secretary	Jimmy Ray Stanfield

Fourteenth Sunday School and League Convention of THE PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTISTS while in session at SULPHUR SPRINGS, Samantha, Alabama, March 23, 1956.

In the morning session, Vice President, JIMMY ALDRICH opened the session. "GLORY TO HIS NAME" was led by Rev. Lambert. MISS CLARA FAYE MIMS gave the welcome address. Vice President, JIMMY ALDRICH gave the response to the welcome address. Devotion was by host church, SULPHUR SPRINGS.

Vice President appointed the following committees:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Hollingshead
Mr. Cobb
Mrs. Theo Kuykendall

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Brother Sanders
Brother Franks

The following letters were read and accepted:

Cordova	\$8.70
Florence	7.50
Jasper	3.00
Sulphur Springs	4.60

Song—"HAND IN HAND WITH JESUS." A very inspiring panel discussion was led by Mrs. Sanders of Cordova. Brother Sanders brought the morning message.

Dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

In the afternoon session the vice president called the session to order. Brother Franks represented the Doovertown Church in devotion.

FREIDA KUYKENDALL and KAREN DYER sang "SUPPER TIME AND GLORIOUS FREEDOM"

Business session was entered. Brother Sanders explained the National League Trip to North Carolina. Brother Cobb gave a report on the Youth Camp, which would be at Cook Springs.

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

1. Be it resolved that the resolution adopted by this body last year be adopted by this session.
2. Be it resolved that each league be encouraged to adopt the seven point record system, in order that a uniform letter may be drafted for reporting to this body.
3. Be it resolved that a uniform letter be drafted to report to the Sunday School Convention.
4. Be it resolved that the Executive Committee purchase an attendance banner to award to the League and Sunday School having the largest number in attendance.
5. Be it resolved that the Executive Committee work out rules to govern the awarding of the attendance banner.

The Nominating Committee report was read. The officers were voted on separately. The new officers are as follows:

President	Jimmy Ray Stanfield
Vice President	Philip Gilbert
Secretary and Treasurer	Faye Mims
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer	Charlene Dyer
Sword Drill Chairman	Helen Sanders

Sword Drill was led by Mrs. Helen Sanders. There was a tie between Bobby Essary and Josephene Pucket.

The First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence presented a play, "THE JONES FAMILY."

Dismissed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 24

The President, Mr. Carlton Lambert called the meeting to order.

Rev. Charles Hollingshead lead the opening song, "JESUS SAVES."

Special music by Scales Trio, "Let's Talk With Jesus."

Mrs. Cobb had charge of devotion.

Business session was entered. The letters were read and accepted. Letters from the following churches were read:

Cordova	\$16.00
Florence	21.60
Sulphur Springs	15.00
Jasper	4.00

The president asked if anyone would volunteer to have the convention at their church. No one did and it was left up to the Executive Committee:

We elected for Choir Leader, Mr. Carlton Lambert — Pianist, Sharon Short.

Delegates for the State Convention are:

Mrs. Theo Kuykendall
Jimmy Aldridge
Bobby Essary
Charlene Dyer

Special Music was by Freida Kuykendall who sang, "Jus' A Rose Will Do."

Scales Trio Sang, "Man of Galilee."

Rev. William Mishler, Corresponding Secretary, made a talk on the Sunday School. Rev. Charles Hollingshead led the congregation in some songs. Rev. Mishler brought the morning message.

Dismissed.

PROGRESSIVE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

August 23, 1956

Theme: "For Such a Time as This"

The session was opened by singing "Jesus Saves" led by Jimmy Aldridge

Prayer by Bro. Dave Franks.

Devotion by Sister Lorene Ryland using Ester 14th as her Scripture.

Welcome address by Mrs. A. L. Parker using the letters of the word "Welcome."

Response by Mrs. Dan Sargent. Song "To the Work."

Reading of Minutes and Seating of Delegates. The Delegates were:

Cordova—Mrs. Lorene Ryland

Leeds—Mrs. A. L. Parker, Mrs. Heneritta Latta, Mrs. Andy, Lee, Mrs. Fay Ellison.

Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Annie Franks

Appointing of Committees.

Registration—Yvonne Isbell and Carolyn Sewell.

Resolution—Mrs. Lorene Ryland and Mrs. Henritta Latta.

Appreciation—Mrs. Lorene Ryland and Mrs. Annie Franks.

Nominating—Mrs. Annie Franks, Mrs. Andy Lee, Mrs. A. L. Parker.

Auditing—Mrs. Faye Ellison, Mrs. Henritta Latta.

The President gave a very challenging message to the women. Mrs. Merle Dyer gave a talk on Enlistment, Enlargement, and Enlightenment.

Song "Nothing But The Blood of Jesus." The morning message was brought by Bro. Franks.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Ryland.

The afternoon session was opened with singing "The Kingdom Is Coming." Mrs. W. H. Ryland gave the Devotional Scripture, Ester 4:14.

Report of the State and National Convention by Mrs. Cobb.

Miss Annette Jones gave a report of Youth Camp work. Also a testimony from girls, boys, men and women who were present at the youth camp.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from:

Cordova	\$5.70
Leeds	4.20
Florence	3.60
Sulphur Springs	5.40
Total received	18.90

Brought forward

\$29.21

Paid out	\$ 2.00
Printing programs	13.80
Minutes	15.00

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We, the Resolution Committee recommend that we retain resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, which are: (1) The convention pay the expense for printing program 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) That the Progressive and the District Auxiliary give a gift to the winner of the contest. (5) That we have delegates from Y. P. A. and G. F. A. to meet with us. (6) We also recommend each Auxiliary send a special offering to the Children's home for blinds. (\$5.00 if you can.)

Mrs. Ryland, Mrs. Latta.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee have checked the Treasurer's books and found them to be correct.—Mrs. Henritta Latta, Mrs. Fay Ellison.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee wish to express our thanks to the Leeds Church and the Auxiliary for the warm welcome they have shown us and we appreciate the pretty flowers.

—Mrs. Annie Franks, Mrs. Lorene Ryland

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee submit the following report:

President	Mrs. Clara Cobb
Vice President	Mrs. Lillian Armstrong
Secretary and Treasurer	Mrs. Theo Kuykendall
Youth Chairman	Mrs. Ann Pilkington
Field Secretary	Mrs. W. H. Ryland
Personal Service	Mrs. Carlton Lambert
Stewardship and Prayer Chair.	Mrs. Hollingshead
Program and Publicity	Mrs. Lorene Ryland

—Mrs. Annie Franks, Mrs. Annie Lee, Mrs. Mildred Parker

A motion and seconded we accept these reports.

State delegates were appointed: Merle Dyer, Mrs. A. L. Parker, Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Theo Kuykendall as the District delegate.

A discussion of the needs of the Woman's Auxiliary was carried on with all women taking part. A number of suggestions were made and plans given and urged every one to take part.

Dismissed by Sister Annie Franks.

Proceedings of the Twenty-fifth annual Session of the Progressive Association which convened with the Belview Church, Leeds, Alabama, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the last Sunday in August, 1956.

Thursday Evening Session

The session was opened with congregation singing, "Send The Light" and "Standing on the Promises", led by Jimmy Aldridge. Prayer by Bro. Sewell. Rev. Dave Franks was in charge of devotional, using Scriptures found in Gen. 12 and Gal. 1

The Moderator brought his message, using Phil. 3:10-11 as his Scripture. Closed with singing as a solo, "Ready." He then appointed the following to serve on Credential Committee: Rev. G. W. Franks, Rev. Malone Cobb and Bro. Wade Fowler.

Rev. Charles Craddock took charge of the night service on Missions. The film was "Sun or Shadows." He then brought a short message using Hebrews 13:13. A consecration service followed with several consecrating their life fully to the Lord and His work. An offering of \$21.15 was taken for missions.

Dismissed by Jimmy Aldridge.

Friday Morning Session

The session was opened with singing "Toiling On." Devotional was conducted by Mrs. Clara Cobb using the 19th Psalms.

The welcome address was given by the Host Pastor, Pastor Malone Cobb with Phillip Gilbert giving the response.

The association was called to order by the clerk. The moderator read the rules of Decorum and appointed committees. (See reports for Committees).

The Credential Committee gave a partial report with the churches reporting and delegates:

Cordova:

Phillip Gilbert and Jimmy Aldridge.

Dovertown:

Sister Dan Sargent and Barbara Sargent.

East Florence:

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Capps.

Eldridge:

Dewaine Williams, Shelia Dean and Sister Verla Ryland.

Ensley:

Sisters Kalpie and Vera Nortembery and Marilyn Perkins.

Jasper:

Wade Fowler, Bettie Jean Lambert and Roger Dale Argent.

Leodocia:

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Barrington.

Leeds:

A. L. Parker, Carolyn Sewell, Harold Latta, Henritta Latta, and Yvonne Isbell.

Sulphur Springs:

Bobby and Nina Essary.

Townley:

Billy Jean Townley, Lillie Edgil and Mary Guthrie.

The letters were read, received and the delegates seated. The visiting ministers and Brother and Sister Delegates of other associations were welcomed as follows: Rev. Charles Craddock, State Line, Rev. Chester O'Donnell and Bro. Edge, Liberty No. 2, Rev. Dave Franks Cahaba River Association.

Moved and seconded the report and recommendation of the Credentials Committee be accepted. (See report).

Special song by Sister Mary Pickett of the Ensley Church.

Bro. Charles Craddock gave an accurate and challenging report of the state. Also gave information on the National Association that is to be entertained in Birmingham in July.

Bro. W. H. Ryland brought to us in a wonderful way a splendid report of our Children's Home.

Rev. A. J. Lambert brought us the morning message, his scripture lesson being found in 1st Peter, 1st Chapter 3, verse 9.

Dismissed by Bro. Chester O'Donnell.

Friday Afternoon Session

The session was opened by Jimmy Aldridge directing the congregation in singing. Prayer by Mrs. Verla Ryland. The afternoon devotion was conducted by Phillip Gilbert using 5th chapter of Matthew for his scripture. Song by Mrs. Harris.

Mrs. Lorene Ryland gave a short report on District Womans Auxiliary Day.

Bro. Lambert gave a Home Mission report, also Bro. Lambert resigned as treasurer (See report) of Home Missions as he is

going to another association. Bro. Jim Smith was appointed by the Moderator to replace Bro. Lambert.

Rev. Chester O'Donnell, State Mission Chairman, brought a short message on missions, urging people to be more mission minded.

The State League and Sunday School Convention was reported by Mrs. Clara Cobb. Also she reported an interesting report on the National Convention.

The report of the National Association was given by Bro. Malone Cobb.

Dismissed by Bro. A. L. Parker.

Friday Night Session

The service was opened by congregational singing, prayer by Bro. Lee.

Bro. G. W. Franks conducted the devotional.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. Leroy Forlines of The Bible College. He used for his scripture lesson Matthew 7:24, challenging people to awaken to the false doctrines and brought several "Firm Foundation stones of one's life." An offering of 40.10 received for the Bible College.

Dismissed by Bro. Forlines.

Saturday Morning Session

The session was opened singing, "Sunlight" and "Heavenly Sunlight" led by Bro. Lambert. Prayer by Wayne Spruiell. Rev. James Pickett conducted the devotional using Matthew 22:34 for the scripture lesson. His thought and remarks being on the subject of "Love."

The following reports were read and received: Temperance, Obituary, Auditing, Religious Education, Treasurer, Quarterly Meeting and Nominating. (See reports).

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

The following were appointed delegates to the State Association: Virginia Bobo, Bro. Jessie Capps, Mrs. James Pickett, Mrs. Verla Ryland, Mrs. Dan Sargent, Mrs. Theo Kuykendall, Mrs. Mary Guthrie, Bro. Wade Fowler, A. L. Parker, and

Bro. Barrington. Mrs. Merle Dyer was appointed as a delegate for the Progressive Association.

Solo "Close to Thee" by Mrs. Pickett.

Jimmy Aldridge gave a report of the Youth Camp.

The Credentials Committee gave a final report recommending this association to make Bro. A. J. Lambert an Honorary member of the Progressive Association. It was moved and carried.

Devotional was conducted by young Wayne Spruill, using and talking from the 23rd Psalms.

A new General Business Board was appointed for the the ensuing year. W. H. Ryland, A. L. Parker, Malone Cobb and Harold Latta.

A rising vote of thanks and appreciation was given the host church.

Rev. Jack Rollins sang two solos, "How About Your Heart" and "Satisfied", before delivering the eleven o'clock message. He choose for his subject, "Giving our Best to the Lord" using scripture Gen. 22:1-12.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn until the next session of the Progressive Association which convenes with the Ensley Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the last Sunday in August 1957.

Dismissed by Bro. Malone Cobb.

REPORTS

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT FOR 1956

Moderator Rev. Luther Sanders

Clerk and Treasurer Lorene Ryland

Three sessions were held in 1956.

January 7—Jasper, 8 churches present, and 1 by letter.

April 7—Townley, 8 churches present.

July 7—Eldridge, 7 churches present.

Deacons Ordained:

Earnest Sargent and Bobby Sargent.

Licensed to Preach:

Curtis Sewell.

Ministers Ordained:

Harold Key, Curtis Sewell and Billy Sharpston.

Officers For The In-Coming Year, 1957

Moderator Rev. J. M. Cobb
Asst. Moderator Rev. Luther Sanders
Clerk & Treasurer Mrs. Lorene Ryland
Asst. Clerk & Treasurer Mrs. Clara Cobb

The next session will meet with Ensley Church, January 12, 1957. Please come!

Treasurer's Report

Brought Forward	\$ 2.84
Received by Churches	120.00
Received For Children's Home	26.80
Received For Bible College Q	21.00
Received For Jasper Church	104.07
Received For Superanuation	10.50
Received For Townley Church	26.00
Total	\$311.21

Paid Out

Superanuation, National	25.60
Programs, Paper, Deacons Ordination Cert.	9.34
Jasper Church	104.07
Towley Church	26.00
Bible College and Quartet	36.10
Children's Home and childrens expense to National Conference	74.90
Home Missions	15.10
Foreign Missions	15.10

Total Paid Out \$306.21

Balance In Treasury \$ 5.00

CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Churches	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	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage	Offering to Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Offering to Christian Education	Offering to Superannuation	Offering to Charity	Offering to Orphanage	Amount Paid Pastor	Amount Paid Evangelist	Amount Paid Visiting Preachers	Other Expenses	Total paid Out
Cordova	15				3		177	86	\$35.40	8	3	\$ 40,000	\$16,000	\$114.70	\$3.50	\$342.30	\$84.88		\$443.81	\$3,857.75	\$ 323.20	\$25.00	\$6,399.27	\$11,934.41
Dovertown					2		38	13	7.60	1		3,000					\$10.00	5.00	391.00	55.00	28.00	31.20	520.00	
E. Florence		4	4		1	1	160		32.00	7	2	25,000	6,000		3.06	30.00		81.92		3,120.00		158.00	2,025.84	5,468.82
Eldridge		3	22				34	4	5.00		1	3,800		10.00	1.03		10.00				16.00		730.54	807.57
Ensley	14						30		6.00					27.00	7.00	22.50	34.72		110.00	600.00	218.50	20.00	800.63	2,217.16
Jasper					1		25	12	5.00	3	1	20,000								200.00				1,591.78
Leadocia				5			27	94	10.00	5		3,000					46.00	16.77	248.56	55.00	66.71	64.67	442.71	
Leeds	16				8		60		12.00	7	2	6,000	6,000	34.10	4.10	51.25	52.35	25.33	110.25	2,550.00	352.00		803.77	4,013.15
Sulphur S.			3		2		67	54	13.40	5		10,000		20.00	2.00				20.00	725.30			2,305.00	3,090.30
Townley	2	4			1	2	35	50	7.00											690.00	145.00		3,667.01	
	47	7	33	5	18	3	653	313	133.40	36	9	110,800	28,000	205.80	0.69	446.05	181.95	163.25	705.83	12,382.61	1,164.70	297.71	16,827.93	20,085.90

Temperance Committee

We, your Temperance Committee submit in consideration of the times and needs of our churches today, we recommend to retain 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 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 themselves unspotted from the world, realizing God will not pour out his spirit into an unclean vessel.

— J. A. Smith, Lorene Ryland, Roger Dale Argent

Auditing Committee

We, the Auditing Committee have checked the Treasurer's books and find them in order.

— A. L. Parker, Bobby Essary, Mrs. Dan Sargent

Treasurer's Report

Balance brought forward	\$ 98.02
Received from Churches	129.60
Received from S. S. and League Convention	30.00
Received from quarterly meeting	35.00
Received from Woman's Auxiliary	15.00
Special offering for Bible College	19.36
Special offering for Missions	46.56
Special offering for Children's Home	41.05
Total Received	\$414.59
Total Disbursements	297.97
Balance in Treasury	\$116.52

Disbursements

Printing minutes	\$120.00
State and National dues	20.00
Mailing expense	3.00
Programs and Blanks	3.00
Clerk	40.00
Missions	46.56
Children's Home	41.05
Bible College	19.36
Check to missions	5.00
Total Disbursements	\$297.97

Home Mission Report

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 68.93
Received from Cordova League	20.85
Received from Ensley Church	12.00
Received from quarterly meeting	15.10

Balance in treasury \$116.88

A. J. Lambert, Treasurer

Obituary Committee

We, the Obituary Committee regret to report the departure of this life these members: Townley—Bro. L. N. Romines and Bro. R. R. Jenkins; Florence—Sister R. H. Richard.

May the congregation stand in a moment of silent meditation in honor of their memory.

— Mrs. Mary Guthrie, Mrs. Lillie Edgil and Billy Jean Townley

General Business Board

We, your General Business Board, recommend the following:

1. That the letter of dismission be changed to read as published in Treatise.

2. That Bro. James Pickett be elected by this body to be fund Chairman and Treasurer of the funds for the National Association for this District Association.

3. That each church raise the following quotas for the National Association to be held in Birmingham: Cordova \$45,—

4. That this body give Bro. Ryland a vote of thanks and confidence for his work in the past and what he is now doing at the Children's Home. That if arrangements can be made for him to consider remaining at the Home, that a letter to this effect be sent to the Secretary of the Trustee Board by the clerk of our Association.

Credentials Committee

1. We have examined the Church letters and found them in order.

3. We recommend that Brother A. J. Lambert be given a letter of recommendation and good standing from this association to the Vernon Association. Also we recommend Bro. Lambert be made a honorary member of this Association.

The following were recommended and elected for the ensuing year:

We recommend that the next session of this Association meet with the Ensley Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Churches and Pastors

Dovertown	Rev. G. W. Franks, Cordova, Ala.
Jasper	Rev. Carlton Lambert, 47 Mill Village, Jasper, Ala.
Leeds	Rev. Malone Cobb, Leeds, Ala.
Leadocia	Rev. B. J. Alexander, Box 1068, Birmingham, Ala.
Sulphur Springs	Rev. G. W. Franks, Cordova, Ala.
Townley	Rev. Joe Martin, Box 72, Townley, Ala.

Cordova Jean Naramore, Cordova, Ala.
E. Florence.... Mrs. Earl Thrasher, 2721 Morgan St, Florence, Ala.
Ensley J. P. Wilkie, Star Rt. - Box 27, Mulga, Ala.
Eldridge Mrs. Verla Ryland, Box 55, Eldridge, Ala.
Dovertown Mrs. Dan Sargent, Rt. 1, Cordova, Ala.
Jasper Wade Fowler, Rt. 3, Jasper, Ala.
Leeds Francis Keith, Leeds, Ala.
Leadocia Mrs. Jewell Baldwin, Rt. 2, Hanceville, Ala.
Sulphur Springs Mrs. Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.
Townley Mrs. Mary Guthrie, Townley, Ala.

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 acknowledgment.
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 credentials committee to the Association, who shall deal with him.

4. All ministers will be required to strictly adhere to the teaching of the Free Will Baptists according to the Articles of Faith.

5. No minister shall speak slanderously or cast personal reflections upon another minister that will hurt his influence or ministerial standing.

6. All ministers shall be required to support and stand by all boards and committees appointed by the Association and do their utmost to make them a success.

7. All ministers must make an annual report of the work done by them and submit the report to the Association at its regular session.

8. An aspirant to the ministry must be recommended to the Credentials Committee by his church for license, and if they find him worthy, they recommend him to the Association.

9. If, at the end of one year, he has proven himself worthy, and the church of which he is a member recommends him to the Association, he then goes before the Credentials Committee. If he is 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.

LETTER OF DISMISSION

....., 19.....

This certifies that.....

is a regular member of the..... Free Will

Baptist Church at....., in good

standing as such. We commend.....

to the fellowship of God's people, and is this day dismissed from the church and is privileged to unite with any other evangelical church.

..... Pastor

..... 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 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 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 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 willfully 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 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 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.

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:

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	Conducted Prayer Meetings	Org. F.W.B. League	Communion Held	Funerals Conducted	Ordained Ministers	Married Couples	Miles Traveled	Money Received
J. M. Cobb	150	5	16	60	8	100		45	52	\$1,000.00	1	25		1	3		1	20,000	\$2,863.00
G. W. Franks	75	2	5	6	4	47	3	22	40	89.00	2			1	11	1		2,330	1,225.30
Carlton Lambert	104			4		30		16	51		1	10							220.00
W. H. Ryland	133	1	41		26		6	51	52		1	39		1	13	4			
J. M. Pickett	125		14	3		75		50	50		1	52					1	5,000	625.00
Luthes Sanders	135		18	25	15	520		50	52	700.00	1	50		1	5		3	14,000	3,865.00
A. J. Lambert	192	8	18		9	200	3	52	52	340.00	1	20			12	3	2	2,315	3,572.06
Donald Hollingshead	25			5		22		15	52	34.00		3						1,851	61.00
Wayne Spruiell	44	3		23		10		25	52	50.00		10						6,000	16.00