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MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
AND
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
THE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL
AND
LEAGUE CONVENTION

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Convened With

ENSLEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Ensley, Alabama

AUGUST 22, 23, 24, 1957

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

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Moderator Carlton Lambert, Jasper, Ala.
 Assistant Moderator Rev. G. W. Franks, Cordova, Ala.
 Clerk Mrs. Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.
 Treasurer Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Cordova, Ala.

OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President Mrs. Clara Cobb, Eldridge, Ala.
 Vice-President Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Birmingham, Ala.
 Secretary & Treasurer .. Mrs. Theo Kuykendall, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 Personal Service Mrs. Carlton Lambert, Jasper, Ala.
 Program & Publicity Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Cordova, Ala.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

President Jimmy Ray Stanfield, Florence, Ala.
 Vice-President Phillip Gilbert, Cordova, Ala.
 Secretary & Treasurer Jean Naramore, Cordova, Ala.

The Fifteenth Session of Sunday School and League Convention of the Progressive Association of the Free Will Baptists while in session at The Florence Free Will Baptist Church, March 29 and 30, 1957.

LEAGUE

The meeting was opened by Brother Lambert, who lead the song, "Send The Light." Opening prayer by Rev. L. E. Winter, Brother Thrasher, of the Florence Church gave the welcome Address. Brother Lester Martin, of Sulphur Springs, gave the response to the welcome address. Special music by the Thrasher Family of Florence. Devotion by Terry Lambert.

The President called the association into a business session.

The President appointed the following committees:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Rev. L. E. Winter
 Mr. Lester Martin
 Mr. McDonald

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Clara Cobb
 Mrs. Calbert
 Mrs. Thelma Lindsey

The following letters were read and accepted:

Sulphur Springs	\$4.20
Cordova	9.10
Eldridge	5.00
Florence	8.70
Leeds	3.00

The Rev. Elden Pauley brought the morning message.

Dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The President called the session to order.

The devotion was the Children's Home. Report on Children's Home.

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

President	Jimmy Ray Stanfield
Vice-President	Phillip Gilbert
Secretary & Treasurer	Jean Naramore
Asst. Secretary & Treasurer	Mrs. Jimmy Stanfield
Sword Drill Chairman	Mrs. Clara Cobb

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 resolutions 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.
6. Be it resolved that each pastor make a special effort to promote attendance to the convention.

The association agreed to purchase a banner for the convention to present to the church with the highest attendance.

Sword Drill was led by Mrs. Clara Cobb.

The Sword Drill winner was Dewaine Williams, from the Children's Home.

Devotion by Mr. Lester Martin of Sulphur Springs.

Dismissed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 30, 1957

The President, Jimmy Ray Stanfield, called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Alvis Hollingshead lead the opening song, "He Keeps Me Singing."

Prayer by Mr. James Melton.

Special music by the Thrasher Family.

Business session was entered.

The letters were read and accepted.

Letters from the following churches were read.

Cordova	\$17.20
Florence	21.50
Sulphur Springs	12.30

The President asked if anyone would volunteer to have the next convention at their church. Rev. Malone Cobb, asked for the association to meet at the Children's Home. The 16th Progressive Association will convene at the Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama.

The association elected for pianist, Miss Brenda Thrasher.

Choir leader, Mary Ann Curtis — Assistant Choir leader, George Roberts.

Delegates for the State Convention are:

Virginia Bobo
Brenda Thrasher
Betty Pigg
Jean Naramore

Mrs. Alvis Hollingshead made a motion that will keep \$65.00 in our treasury and take the excessive money for the Youth Camp Fund. The motion was seconded and carried.

Devotion by Brother McDonald.

Prayer by Brother Calvert.

Dismissed.

PROGRESSIVE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Ensley, Alabama, August 22, 1957

Thursday Morning Session

The session was opened by singing "Foot Prints of Jesus," led by Mr. O'Donald.

Prayer by Mr. A. L. Parker.

Devotional—Mrs. L. E. Winters using Matthew 5:14-16.

Welcome Address—Mrs. Mary Pickett.

Response—Mrs. A. L. Parker.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Verla Ryland presided.

Reading of Letters and seating of Delegates.

Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Lee Scrivner, Mrs. Merle Dyer.

Cordova—Mrs. Essie Tompkins, Mrs. L. E. Winters, Mrs. Flippo.

Ensley—Mrs. James Pickett, Mrs. Fortenberry.

Appointment of Committees.

Registration—Mrs. Fortenberry.

Resolution—Mrs. A. L. Parker, Mrs. Lee Scrivner, Mrs. L. E. Winters.

Appreciation—Mrs. Flippo and Mrs. Essie Tompkins.

Nominating—Lorene Isabelle and Merle Dyer.

Auditing—Mrs. Lorene Ryland and Mrs. Pickett.

Mrs. Ryland then led us in a very inspiring testimony meeting. With several of the women telling what the Auxiliary has meant to them. There were some interesting reports given about the different things that the Auxiliary had done.

The president urged all Auxiliaries to organize Y. T. A. and G. T. A. Also encourages the girls to enter the Declamation contest.

Song, "How About Your Heart," by Freida Kuykendall with Joan Field accompanying at the piano.

A talk, "Shining in Enlistments" was given by Mrs. L. E. Winters.

Song "I Saw a Man," by Karen Dyer with Freida accompanying at the piano.

Songs, "To the Work" and "Lord Send Me," led by Bro. O'Donald.

Message—Bro. Ryland—Scripture, 1st Cor. 3:20-23—Subject—"The World is Yours."

Lunch.

Thursday Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened by singing "When The Redeemed are Gathering In," led by Bro Ryland.

Devotion by Wayne Spruell.

"Lighting the Way with Reports" by Theo Kuykendall.

High Lights of our Work — Mrs. W. H. Ryland.

Let's Face Facts — Mrs. Lorene Ryland.

Song "Someone to Care" by Freida Kuykendall.

REPORTS

Resolution Committee's Reports

(1) Be it resolved that each Auxiliary in the Progressive Association volunteer to clothe a child at the Children's Home and that this to be put before the State Association in November.

(2) That each Auxiliary member contribute a dollar to the Student Loan Fund for the College. — Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Scrivner.

Auditing Committee

We, the Auditing Committee have checked the Treasurer's books and have found them correct. — Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Mrs. James Pickett.

Appreciation Committee

We, the Appreciation Committee wish to thank the Ensley Church for their warm welcome, and the delicious meals that were enjoyed by all, and the wonderful Christian fellowship we have enjoyed throughout the day. We're looking forward to meeting with you again in the near future. Praying God's Blessings on each of you.—Mrs. A. L. Flippo, Mrs. A. A. Tompkins.

Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee submit the following report-

President — Mrs. Lorene Ryland

Vice-President — Mrs. Clara Cobb

Sec. & Treas. — Mrs. Theo Kuykendall

Field Sec. — Mrs. Verla Ryland

Personal Service — Mrs. L. E. Winters

Stewardship & Prayer — Mrs. Lorene Isabelle

Program & Publicity — Mrs. Mildred Parker

Merle Dyer, Lorene Isabelle

A motion and second that we accept these reports.

Delegates to the State Association

District — Mrs. Flippo

Cordova — Mrs. L. E. Winters

Sulphur Springs — Merle Dyer

Leeds — Mrs. Lorene Isabelle

Ensley — Mrs. Fortenberry

Eldridge — Clara Cobb

Cordova and Sulphur Springs sent \$5.00 each to the Association to be sent to the Children's Home.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. G. W. Franks.

Proceedings of the Twenty-sixth Annual Session of the Progressive Association which convened with Ensley Church, Ensley, Alabama, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the last Sunday in August 1957.

Thursday Evening Session

The session was opened with the congregation singing several uplifting songs led by Bro. Ryland. Prayer by Bro. G. W. Franks. Devotion was conducted by the host pastor, Bro. James Pickett, his scripture lesson was Hebrews 2, first verse. Prayer by Bro. A. L. Parker.

The session was called to order by the clerk. The moderator then brought a timely message with the 126th Psalms being the thought of the message. He then appointed the credential committee as follows: Rev. G. W. Franks, Rev. James Pickett and Bro. C. W. O'Donnell.

Karen Dyer sang, "In The Garden"

Bro. W. H. Ryland brought the evening message. He used for his scripture Mark 5. His subject being "Devils, Disease and Death."

Dismissed by Bro. J. P. Wilkie.

Friday Morning Session

The session was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Grady Alexander. Bro. Killen of Florence was in charge of the devotional, stressing, "Ye must be born again."

Mrs. Mary Pickett gave the welcome address with Mrs. Wilma Davis giving the response.

The credential committee gave a partial report with these churches reporting and delegates:

Cordova:

Mrs. Jim Dawkins, Essie Thompkins, Lorene Ryland and Mrs. L. E. Winter.

Dovertown:

Mrs. Dan Sargent.

East Florence:

By letter.

Eldridge:

Bro. and Sister W. H. Ryland.

Ensley:

Marilyn Perkins, Janet Pickett and Vera Fortenberry.

Jasper:

W. M. Fowler, Roger Dale Argent and Betty Lambert.

Leadocia:

John Day, Grady Alexander and Gilbert Boren.

Leeds:

Wayne Spruiell, A. L. Parker, Lorene Ryland and Mildred Parker.

Russellville:

Sisters T. B. Lee and Bonnie Whitehead.

Sulphur Springs:

Nina Essary, Theo Kuykendall, Wilma Davis and Hilda Mims.

Townley:

Sisters Kattie Smith, Willodene Edgil and Lillie Edgil.

The letters were read, received and the delegates were seated. The visiting ministers and Brother and Sister delegates of other associations were made welcome as follows: Rev. Louis Bates, Cahaba River; Rev. Dave Franks, Jasper; Rev. Killen, Stateline Association.

The moderator then appointed other committees.

Song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," by Freida Kuykendall followed by a testimony service.

The credential committee gave a partial report recommending the petitionary letter of the Russellville church be accepted. It was moved and carried that this report be accepted. The right hand of Christian fellowship was given each delegate while the congregation sang.

Bro. Ryland gave a partial report of the children's home. An offering of \$95.00 was received for the children's home.

Jimmy Aldridge gave a youth camp report. Several young people who attended youth camp were present and gave testimonies.

Rev. Eustace Riggs brought a very inspirational message using Scripture St. John the 14th Chapter, 1-15 verse. The key thought being, Holy Spirit.

Dismissed by Rev. Dave Franks.

Friday Afternoon Session

The session was opened by Bro. T. B. Lee directing the congregation in singing. Prayer by Bro. Johnson. The afternoon devotion was conducted by Bro. Wayne Spruiell using for his scripture lesson, Ephesians 6th chapter and 10th verse.

Mrs. Verla Ryland gave a report of the District, State and National Convention.

The General Business Board reported, recommending that the Belview Church at Leeds be granted a letter to another association. (Received. See reports). Also recommended that this body elect a man to be selected to fill a vacancy at the Children's Home. Bro. W. H. Ryland was elected.

A report of the Home Mission Board was read and received. (See Reports).

Special song, "Supper Time," by Karen Dyer and Freida Kuykendall.

Rev. Louie Bates gave the highlights of the National Association.

The Ordaining Council took charge in which Bro. Robert Johnson of Russellville was ordained as deacon. Bro. James Pickett gave the charge and the prayer of consecration was prayed by Bro. G. W. Franks. Every ordained person laid their hands on him extending their prayers and blessings.

Dismissed by Bro. T. B. Lee.

Friday Evening Session

The session was opened with congregation singing, "Home of The Soul," led by Bro. Lee. Prayer by Bro. B. J. Alexander. The devotion was conducted by Bro. Ryland using 116th Psalms for his scripture.

Bro. L. E. Winters was the speaker for the evening message using several scriptures found in Luke 22, St. John 13, 1st Cor. 11, as his lesson. His subject being communion and foot washing. His text, "Let a man examine himself." The Lord poured His blessings on His people as The Lord's Supper and an old fashion foot washing was enjoyed.

Dismissed by Bro. Williams.

Saturday Morning Session

The session was opened with congregation singing, led by Bro. Ryland. Prayer led by Bro. Pastelwaite.

The devotion was held by the Host Pastor, Bro. Pickett.

By recommendation of the credential committee, Bro. Pastelwaite was received as an Ordained Elder in this association.

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

The Christian Education report was read and received. (See reports).

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

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

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

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

Quarterly Meeting report was read and received. (See report).

The Minister's reports were read and received. (See report).

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

The following were appointed delegates to the State Association: Mrs. Vera Fortenberry, Mrs. Earl Thrasher, Mrs. Merle Dyer, Wade M. Fowler, Mrs. Mildred Parker, Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Mrs. Verla Ryland, Mrs. Dan Sargent, Mrs. T. B. Lee, Mrs. Willadene Edgil, Grady Alexander with Bro. J. P. Wilkie as the Progressive delegate.

A rising vote of thanks to the Ensley Church in appreciation of their hospitality and kindness.

Two special songs, "The Love of God," by Bro. Carlton Lambert and a duet, "Sometime" by Bro. Carlton and wife Betty.

The mid-morning devotion was conducted by Bro. Franks.

Appointment of the new General Business Board was as follows: Rev. James Pickett, Rev. L. E. Winters, Bro. Robert Johnson and Bro. Earl Thrasher.

The eleven o'clock message was delivered by Rev. T. B. Lee using for his subject, "Get off the Brier and Get on the Wing." His scripture was Exodus 19:4 and Duet. 32:11, 12.

The congregation sang, "Have Thine Own Way."

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn until the next session of the Progressive Association which will convene with the Russellville Church, Russellville, Alabama on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the last Sunday in August 1958.

Dismissed by Bro. Charles Hollingshead.

REPORTS

Quarterly Meeting Report for 1957

Paid in by Churches	\$103.00
Offerings for Children's Home	42.05
Brought forward from last year	5.00
Offering to Rev. G. W. Franks	12.10
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	\$152.15
Paid Out	147.91
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 4.24

For printing program	\$ 2.25
Supplies and stamps	1.51
Christian Education	15.00
Home Mission	15.00
Foreign Mission	15.00
Children's Home	67.05
Minute fund to Assn.	20.00
G. W. Franks	12.10
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	\$147.91

Moderator J. M. Cobb
Clerk & Treasurer Mrs. Lorene Ryland

Three sessions were held in 1957.

January 12, Ensley, 8 churches present.
April 13, Townley, 5 churches present.
July 13, Jasper, 7 churches present.

Licensed to preach:

G. H. Latta and Arthur Lee Clemeas.

OFFICERS FOR THE 1958 YEAR

Moderator Rev. L. E. Winters
Asst. Moderator Rev. Eustace Riggs
Clerk & Treasurer Mrs. Lorene Ryland
Asst. Clerk & Treasurer Mrs. Clara Cobb

The next session will meet with the Florence Church in January. Lorene Ryland

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from churches	\$135.90
Received from Quarterly meeting	20.00
Received for Children's Home	12.00
Received for Ala. Promotional Sect.	6.91
Received for Jack Rollins	13.54
Received for Bible College	40.10
Received for Foreign Missions	21.15
Brought Forward	116.88
Total	\$366.48
Total Disbursed	268.86
	\$ 97.62

DISBURSEMENTS

Clerk	\$ 40.00
Postage	6.16
Minutes	120.00
Foreign Missions	21.15
Bible College	40.10
Jack Rollins	13.54
Ala. Promotional Sect.	40.10
National and State Dues	20.00
Programs	1.00
Total Disbursements	\$268.86

Mrs. Lorene Ryland

HOME MISSION BOARD

Balance brough forward	\$116.88
Received from Cordova League	19.81
Received from Quarterly meeting	15.00
Balance in Treasury	\$151.69

J. A. Smith

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your auditing committee have examined the treasurer's records and find them to be correct.

A. L. Parker
Verla Ryland
Roger Dale Argent

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the obituary committee regret to report the departure of this life these members: Sulphur Springs — Mr. Charley Kuykendall and Truman Jones. Russellville — Sister Fannie Ross and Bro. Will Rayburn. Leadocia — Mr. J. L. Grubbs. Leeds — Douglas Isbell, Jim Finch and C. C. Patman. In honor and respect of their memory, we ask Sister T. B. Lee to sing "Precious Memories."

Jim Smith
Theo Kuykendall
Hilda Mims

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your temperance committee submit in consideration of the times and needs of our churches today, we recommend to retain that:

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) All ministers and deacons put more emphasis on abstaining from all evil and worldly amusement and live closer to God than ever before.

T. B. Lee
Wilma Davis
Mr. Alexander

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your credentials committee report the following:

1. We have examined the church letters and found them in order.
2. That the Russellville Free Will Baptist Church be accepted into this association on the forthcoming of a letter.
3. That Bro. Robert Johnson of the Russellville Church be ordained as a deacon.
4. We have examined Bro. T. B. Lee and William L. Postlethwait and recommend that they be received into this association as ordained elders in good standing.

G. W. Franks
C. W. O'Donnell
James Pickett

Name of Churches	Rec. by Experience	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Confession	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	Offerings to Foreign Mission	Offering to Christian Education	Offering to Superannuation	Offering to Charity	Unified Program	Offering to Orphanage	Amount Paid Pastor	Amount Paid Evangelist	Amount Paid Visiting Pastor	Other Expenses	Total Paid Out
Cordova		4	6	4		154	103	\$30.80		3	\$40,000	\$16,000	\$192.72	\$229.	\$238.72	\$96.36		\$48.18	\$339.80	\$3,798.10	\$150.00	\$135.00	\$3,984.53	\$9,212.62
Dovertown	1			1		30	14	6.00	2	1	3,000		5.00				\$10.00		5.00	505.00	83.00	60.00	158.00	826.00
E. Florence	1	6	8	13		132		26.40	3	2	25,000	6,000	55.00	275.	400.00		87.35	680.38	121.96	3,180.00	130.00	50.00	3,118.53	8,096.22
Ensley	3	2	2			35	15	7.00	5	2	7,500		3.00	3.	22.50	2.50	101.22		110.00	730.00	150.00	10.00	1,160.29	2,294.21
Eldridge																								
Jasper	4	6				30	20	5.00	3	1	12,000									240.00	50.00		900.00	1,195.00
Leadocia	5	4		1	1	32	54	10.00	5		3,000						7.00		52.82	364.93	50.00	7.84	790.20	1,265.79
Leeds		3		5		43		8.60	3	2	6,000	8,000	15.00							646.28	5.00		281.00	
Russellville		4	4	2	2	52	59	15.00	3	2	5,000		14.34		33.00		78.76		84.00	1,010.00	146.00	90.00	1,352.08	2,808.18
Sulphur Sp		2	3	1	2	53	68	10.60	5		11,000			11.					41.10	767.30	82.00		588.89	1,490.70
Townley	1	1	5			36	50	7.20	5	2	25,000		10.00						120.00	720.00	30.00	38.52	1,476.82	2,394.34
Total	15	32	28	27	5	597	383	126.60	34	15	137,500	30,000	295.06	518	694.22	98.86	284.33	728.56	874.68	11,961.61	876.00	391.36	13,810.34	29,585.06

CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE

GENERAL BUSINESS BOARD

We, your general business board, recommend the following:

1. That this association elect a man to be recommended as trustee for this association in the place of Bro. Cobb who has become Superintendent of the Children's Home, this to be recommended to the State Association.
2. Since it is the desire of the Leeds Church to withdraw from this association, we regret to see them leave us, but as it is their desire, we recommend that this body give them a letter of dismission and good standing.

W. H. Ryland
J. A. Smith
A. L. Parker
L. E. Winters

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following were recommended and elected for the ensuing year:

Moderator Rev. Eustace Riggs
Asst. Moderator Rev. W. H. Ryland
Clerk Mrs. Merle Dyer
Treasurer Mrs. Lorene Ryland

J. P. Wilkie
James Pickett
Wayne Spruiell

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We, the education committee submit the following suggestions concerning the need of Christian education.

1. **In The Home.** A child's Christian training should begin in the home. Therefore, parents should realize their responsibility to train up a child in the way he should go. They should be faithful in church worship, and in everything strive to live a Christ-like life before their children.
2. **In The Church.** In view of the fact that many parents fail to give their children any Christian training whatsoever, the responsibility of the church is much greater. We recommend that all Sunday School and League teachers be chosen carefully and prayerfully. Each church should endeavor to conduct study courses to help their members as well as

the teachers to better understand the Word of God and all the phases of our work. The churches should make a greater effort to help support Free Will Baptist Bible College and should encourage their young people to prepare themselves for Christian work.

Mrs. Carlton Lambert
Mrs. Essie Thompkins
Mrs. L. E. Winter

CHURCHES and PASTORS

Cordova — Rev. L. E. Winter, Cordova, Ala.
E. Florence — Rev. Eustace Riggs, 642 Sweetwater Ave.
Florence, Ala.
Ensley — Rev. James Pickett, 1109 Indiana St., Mulga, Ala.
Eldridge — Rev. Malone Cobb, Eldridge, Ala.
Dovertown — Rev. G. W. Franks, Cordova, Ala.
Jasper — Rev. Carlton Lambert, 47 Mill Village, Jasper, Ala.
Leeds —

Sulphur Springs — Rev. G. W. Franks, Cordova, Ala.
Townley — Rev. Joe Martin, Rt. 1, Jasper Ala.
Russellville — Rev. T. B. Lee, 303 E. 17th St., Columbia, Tenn.
Leadocia — Rev. B. T. Alexander, Birmingham, Ala.

CHURCH CLERKS

Cordova — Mrs. Estelle Rosser, Cordova, Ala.
E. Florence — Mrs. Earl Thrasher, 2721 Morgan St., Florence, Ala.
Ensley — Mr. J. P. Wilkie, Star Route, Mulga, Ala.
Eldridge —
Dovertown — Mrs. Dan Sargent, Rt. 1, Cordova, Ala.
Jasper — Mr. Wade M. Fowler, Rt. 3 - Box 19, Jasper, Ala.
Leeds —
Sulphur Springs — Mrs. Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.
Townley — Mrs. Mary Guthrie, Townley, Ala.
Leadocia — Mrs. Ruth Headrick, Rt. 2, Cullman, Ala.
Russellville — Mrs. Grady Randolph, Box 83, Russellville, 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 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

This certifies that....., 19.....
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 reprovved by the Moderator according to directions of the Association.

CHURCH RULES

1. We agree as a member of the Progressive Association of the Free Will Baptists to co-operate in every move for the betterment of our denomination and 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 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 ($\frac{2}{3}$) 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	Conducted Prayer Meetings	Org. S.S. F.W.B. League	Communion Held	Funerals Conducted	Ordained Ministers	Married Couples	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Carlton Lambert	112	1	10	5	4	75	50	52			1	15		1				600	
W. H. Ryland	103	2	18	38		97	3	39	49		2	28	2	1	13	2		2,500	\$ 850.00
G. W. Franks	60	2	6	18		65	23	45	\$150.00	2			1	11				1,850	1,365.35
Eustace Riggs	183	7	15	73	5	1000	52	52	918.00	1	45		1	3		1		15,300	4,240.00
Donald Hollingshead	24			11			13	52			6							1,750	72.00
Wayne Spruiell	50	2		30		10	40	51	80.00		10							8,000	100.00
W. L. Postlewait	9			20		15		45											
L. E. Winters	112	1	7	5	6				563.76	1			1			1		9,396	3,503.45
T. B. Lee	104		7	8	4	70	48	50	520.00	1	2		4	1				13,000	1,010.00
James Pickett	109		8	11	7	17	52	52	500.00	1	15			1				15,000	680.00