

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

Convened With
RUSSELLVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Russellville, Alabama

AUGUST 28, 29, 30, 1958

The next session will convene with Jasper Free Will Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, before the Last Sunday in August, 1959.

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Moderator W. H. Ryland, Birmingham, Ala.
Assistant Moderator Carlton Lambert, Eldridge, Ala.
Clerk Mrs. Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.
Treasurer Mrs. Mavern Pickett

DISTRICT WOMANS AUXILIARY

President Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Cordova, Ala.
Secy. and Treas. Mrs. Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.
Field Secretary Mrs. Verla Ryland, Birmingham, Ala.
Personal Service Mrs. L. E. Winter, Eldridge, Ala.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

President Jimmy Ray Stanfield, Florence, Ala.
Vice-President Phillip Gilbert, Cordova, Ala.
Secy. and Treas. Mrs. Clara Cobb, Box 403, Red Bay, Ala.
Sword Drill Chairman Mrs. Clara Cobb, Red Bay, Ala.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

President Ross White, Russellville, Ala.
Vice-President Robert Barnes, Jasper, Ala.
Secretary-Treasurer Clara Cobb, Red Bay, Ala.

The sixteenth session of the Sunday School and League Convention of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists while in session at the Eldridge Free Will Baptist Church. March 28 and 29, 1958.

LEAGUE

The meeting was opened by Bro. Ray Turnage leading the songs "Stand Up For Jesus" and "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." Opening prayer by Bro. Carlton Lambert. The welcome address was given by Bro. Malone Cobb. Bro. Carlton Lambert, Jasper church gave the response. Bro. Turnage led the songs "Blessed Assurance" and "Faith Is The Victory." The morning devotion was given by Bro. A. J. Lambert. The president called the meeting to order and the letters were read, and approved. Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary.

The President appointed the following committees:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Rev. J. M. Cobb
Rev. Eustus Riggs
Rev. Carlton Lambert
Rev. L. E. Winter

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Merle Dyer
Clara Cobb
Lorene Ryland

Letters accepted were:

Cordova	\$8.90
Russellville	4.00
Eldridge	3.80
Florence	7.00
Sulphur Springs	4.00

Rev. Eustus Riggs, Florence Church brought the morning message. Dismissed by Bro. Winter.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was called to order by the President. Bro. Ray Turnage led the song "Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us."

Bro. Ray Turnage gave a talk on League work urging our young people to attend League and League Conferences. Marshall Clegg gave a poem "Lord, Make My Life." The afternoon devotion was conducted by Bro. Malone Cobb. He used the 5th chapter of Romans. Testamonies were given. A special song "Please Mention My Name" was sung by Rebecca Jones. Karen Dyer sang "Cleanse Me."

The Nominating Committee gave their report and the following officers were elected:

President	Ross White
Vice-President	Robert Barnes
Secretary-Treasurer	Clara Cobb
Asst. Secretary-Treasurer	Merle Dyer
Pianist	Evelyn Winter
Song Leader	Carlton Lambert
Sword Drill Chairman	Clara Cobb
Asst. Sword Drill Chairman	Merle Dyer

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 uniform letters may be adopted for reporting to this body.
3. Be it resolved that each pastor make a special effort to promote attendance to the Convention.
4. Be it resolved that the President send a sample letter or report form to each League and Sunday School.

The Convention gave \$50.00 to the College Kitchen Campaign, our National League Project.

The Sword Drill was conducted by Clara Cobb. Ruthie Hutton, Children's Home, took first place with Charlene Dyer, Sulphur Springs, taking second place.

Bro. Turnage led several choruses. A devotion was conducted by Bro. Philip Gilbert of the Bible College and Cordova.

Bro. William Mishler, National Sunday School Department, dismissed with prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

The session was opened by singing led by Bro Malone Cobb. Prayer by Bro. Philip Gilbert. The devotion was led by Bro. Jimmy Ray Stanfield. Bro. William Mishler brought the evening message. Clara Cobb dismissed in prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 29, 1958

The meeting was called to order by the president, Jimmy Ray Stanfield. Bro. Ross White led in prayer.

The congregation sang "Love Lifted Me" and "Trust and Obey" led by Bro. Earl Thrasher. Bro. Jimmy Ray Stanfield conducted the devotion. Testamonies were enjoyed by the group. Bro. Thrasher led the song "He Keeps Me Singing."

Bro. Carlton Lambert sang two specials, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "The Love of God."

The letters were read and accepted and the delegates seated.

The churches represented were as follows:

Cordova	\$14.20
Townley	8.00
Eldridge	6.10
Russellville	5.90
Sulphur Springs	9.40
Florence	15.30

The place of the next meeting was discussed. It was voted to go to the Jasper Church. The next meeting will be Friday and Saturday of A. E. A. in 1959.

Delegates to the State Convention were named. They are as follows:

Mary Ida Hutton
Sis. Ira Johnson
Sis. Mary Guthrie
Peggy Kennedy
Bro. Doyle Matthews
Sis. Merle Dyer
Sis. Leon Sargent
Sis. Lorene Ryland
Sis. T. B. Lee

The attendance Banner was awarded to the church at Eldridge.

It was voted to give the National Sunday School Board \$25.00.

The congregation sang "Glory to His Name" led by Bro. Thrasher. An offering was received for the Children's Home. The amount was \$17.48.

Rev. William Mishler brought the morning message. He used Gen. 15.

Rev. T. B. Lee dismissed the Convention.

Proceedings of the Seventeenth Session of the Women's Auxiliary of the Progressive Association which convened with the Russellville Church in Russellville, Alabama Thursday before the last Sunday in August, 1958.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened with the congregation singing "Marching To Zion" and "To The Work" led by Mrs. Ross White. Prayer by Sister Franks.

Mrs. Robert Johnson gave a very inspiring devotional.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. T. B. Lee with the president, Mrs. Lorene Ryland giving the response.

The President called the session to order. She appointed Mrs. Merle Dyer to act as secretary for the day. The reading of letters and seating of delegates.

Cordova Mrs. Sarah Banks
Russellville Mrs. Robert Johnson
Sulphur Springs Mrs. Annie Franks
Florence Mrs. Oline Calvert, Mrs. Thelma Lindsey,
Mrs. Inez Mathews.

Special songs by Karen Dyer, "In The Garden" and "I Bowed on My Knees."

Presidents message by Mrs. Lorene Ryland.

Bro. A. J. Lambert led the group in singing followed with a fellowship of testimonies.

The message of the hour was brought by Rev. Carlton Lambert. His subject carrying out the theme of the woman's auxiliary, "Go set a Watchman, Let Him Declare what He seeth." Isaiah 21:6.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Franks.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session opened by singing, "The Gloryland Way." Prayer by Mrs. Kimbrough.

Reports of committees. (See reports).

Delegates to State Convention in June were as follows:

CORDOVA — Mrs. Sarah Banks
FLORENCE — Mrs. Frances McGee and Mrs. Thelma Lindsey.
RUSSELLVILLE — Mrs. Whitehead.
SULPHUR SPRINGS — Mrs. Annie Franks and Mrs. Merle Dyer with Mrs. A. J. Lambert being the progressive delegate.

An offering of \$14.22 was given the Woman's Auxiliary.

Announcements by Bro. Lee.

Dismissed by Mrs. Thelma Lindsey.

REPORTS

RESOLUTIONS

We, the Resolutions Committee report the following:

- (1) Be it resolved that each auxiliary of the Progressive Association volunteer to clothe a child at the Children's Home.
- (2) That each auxiliary member contribute to the Student Loan Fund for the college.
- (3) That each auxiliary send a donation to the NAC for this years project.

Mrs. Merle Dyer
Mrs. T. B. Lee
Mrs. Bonnie Whitehead

APPRECIATION

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank the Russellville Church for their warm welcome and the delicious meal that was enjoyed by all. The wonderful Christian fellowship we have enjoyed throughout the day. We pray God's blessings on each of you.

Mrs. Hattie Gray
Mrs. Sarah Banks
Mrs. Ruth McGee

AUDITING

We, the Auditing Committee report we have examined the Treasurer's report and found it to be correct.

Mrs. Robert Johnson
Mrs. Inez Mathews
Mrs. Kilpatrick

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$ 6.30
Cordova dues	4.20
Leeds	3.00
Sulphur Springs	5.40
Ensley	1.80
Eldridge	3.00
Total	\$23.70
Total paid out	21.20
Balance now in treasury	2.50

Disbursements

State dues	\$11.20
Paid on minutes	10.00
Total paid out	21.20
Mrs. Theo Kuykendall, Treasurer	

NOMINATING

Officers of the District Auxiliary

President — Mrs. T. B. Lee, 303 - 17th St., Columbia, Tenn.
Vice-President — Mrs. Agnes White, 124½ N. Jackson, Russellville, Ala.
Secy.-Treas.—Mrs. Calvin McGee, 652 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, Ala.
Stewardship and Prayer—Miss Linnie Johnson, E. Franklin St. Russellville, Ala.
Field Secretary—Mrs. A. J. Lambert, 642 Sweetwater Ave. Florence, Ala.
Program and Publicity—Mrs. Lorene Ryland, 325 Branch St., Cordova, Ala.
Personal Service—Mrs. L. E. Winter, Eldridge, Ala.
Mrs. Oline Calvert
Miss Linnie Johnson
Mrs. Thelma Lindsey

Proceedings of the twenty-seventh annual session of the Progressive Association which convened with the Russellville Church, Russellville, Alabama on Thursday Night, Friday and Saturday before the last Sunday in August, 1958.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

The evening service was opened with the congregation singing several songs led by Bro. Kimbrough and Bro. Ryland. Prayer by Phillip Gilbert. Special quartet singing songs and a solo, "Master, The Tempest Is Raging," by Carlton Lambert.

Bro. Ryland appointed the credentials committee.

The evening message was brought by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Bro. Lambert used several scriptures with his main scripture being the last chapter of Malachi.

Dismissed by Bro. Killen.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened with singing, "Are You Washed in the Blood," led by Bro. Lee. Prayer by the Moderator, Bro.

Ryland. Devotional was conducted by Bro. Ross White. His subject being, "Time and Talent." Rev. T. B. Lee, Pastor of the Host Church, really made everyone feel welcome. The response was given by Bro. Cobb.

The session was called to order by the clerk, Mrs. Dyer.

Bro. Ryland brought the moderators message and read the rules of Decorum.

The Credentials Committee gave a partial report with the following churches and delegates reported present:

CORDOVA — Phillip Gilbert, Bro. Barton, Bro. Flipppo, Bro. Carroll and Bro. Thompkins.

DOVERTOWN — Mrs. Dan Sargent.

E. FLORENCE — Bro. Almon Calvert, Sisters Oline Calvert, Mable Melton, Frances McGee, Hattie Gray, Thelma Lindsey and Bro. Calvin McGee.

ELDRIDGE — Mary Ida Hutton, Dewaine Williams and Douglas Green.

ENSLEY — Bro. Billy Harris and Mrs. W. P. Wilkie.

JASPER — Sisters Walter Tate, Willie May Barnes and Linda Sue Barnes.

LEADOCIA — Bro. & Sis. Grady Alexander, Sis. Virginia Swann, and Bro. Billy Baker.

RUSSELLVILLE — Linnie Johnson, Jack Fisher, John Atkins.

SULPHUR SPRINGS — Emma Martin and Charlene Dyer.

TOWNLY — Sisters Kattie Smith, Willodene Edgil and Lillie Edgil.

SOUTH HIGHLAND — Rev. W. O. Grasham, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis.

The letters were read, received and the delegates seated. The visitors were made welcome. We had with us Bro. and Sis. Pitts from the Jasper Association.

Bro. A. J. Lambert was reinstated. The association agreed to send a telegram to Bro. J. B. Bloss in a Columbia hospital (See credential report for message.) Silent prayer by the body with Rev. Harold Pitts concluding the prayer for Bro. Bloss.

It was moved, seconded and carried for the moderator to appoint an assistant moderator. Bro. Carlton Lambert was appointed to assist in this association.

The moderator then appointed other committees.

Special song by the quartet, "Rock of Ages."

Rev. H. C. Killen brought the message of the hour using scripture Psalms 1:33.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. A. J. Lambert.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was opened with singing, "Jesus Hold My Hand" directed by Bro. Grasham. Prayer by Dewaine Williams. Bro. W. O. Grasham conducted the afternoon devotional using John 3:14 as his scripture.

Bro. Homer Willis, Home Mission Director, spoke giving us the latest news of Home Mission Candidates and their work. Also he spoke of the Foreign Mission work. An offering of \$26.82 was taken for missions.

Karen Dyer sang, "When I Make My Last Move."

Bro. A. J. Lambert gave the highlights of the State Association.

Bro. Harold Pitts reported on the National Association. Bro. Willis spoke on national inside work.

Partial report of Credential Committee (See report).

Partial report of the General Business Board (See reports).

Announcements were made.

Dismissed by Bro. Homer Willis.

FRIDAY NIGHT

The service opened with singing led by Bro. Kimbrough. Prayer by Rev. James.

More group singing was led by Bro. Kimbrough. Bro. Carlton Lambert sang a solo, "No, Not One."

Bro. Billy Sharpston brought the evening devotional using I John, 5th chapter as his scripture. A wonderful testimony service followed.

The Thrasher family from Florence Church sang "I Would Not Be A Stranger."

Bro. Harold Pitts brought an inspiring evening message using these scriptures: 1st Cor. 11:2-23; Exodus 12:24-27. His subject being "What Mean Ye by This Service." A very

sacred hour followed with The Lord's Supper and Foot Washing with an astounding number of His Saints taking part. The Thrasher family sang several numbers to conclude the night service.

Dismissed by Bro. J. M. Cobb.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened with singing "The Lily of The Valley." Prayer by Bro. Tittle. The devotional was conducted by Phillip Gilbert. Phillip's scripture and words were timely and to the point. The final report of the Credentials Committee was read and adopted. (See report).

The quarterly meeting report was read and received. (See reports).

The temperance committee was read and received. (See reports).

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

These ministers and deacons were recognized by the moderator as visitors: Rev. Wyman James and Family of the Bear Creek Association, Rev. J. J. Stabbs, Rev. Louie Bates, Bro. O. J. Alexander and Bro. Alford Franklin.

The obituary report was read and received. (See reports).

The Home Mission Treasury report was read and received. (See reports).

Rev. J. J. Stabb gave a brief talk about the radio program that would reach a million people.

The report of nominating committee was read and received. (See reports).

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

Bro. Louie Bates made a short talk. The following were appointed delegates of the State Association: Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Mrs. Dan Sargent, Mrs. Earl Thrasher, Mrs. Mavern Pickett, Mrs. J. A. Smith, Mrs. T. B. Lee, Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. Grady Alexander, W. M. Fowler, Dwaine Williams with Mrs. Robert Johnson, as the Progressive delegate. A rising vote of thanks to the Pastor and host church by the people.

Bro. Donald Hollingshead brought the eleven o'clock message using Matthew 27:35-50 for his scripture lesson.

The song, "Till We Meet" was sung by the congregation while the people engaged in hand shaking.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn until the next session of the Progressive Association which will convene with the Jasper Church, Jasper, Alabama, Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the last Sunday in August, 1959.

Dismissed by Bro. W. H. Ryland.

REPORTS

HOME MISSION BOARD

Balances brought forward	\$151.69
Received from Cordova League	11.86
Balance in Treasury	\$163.55

J. A. Smith

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee regret to report the departure of this life these members: Cordova — Mrs. Roxie Thompson, Bro. Ginright and Bro. Herchel Naramore. Townly — C. W. Gann. Russellville — Rev. William Postlewaite. Sulphur Springs — Mrs. Ethel Jones. Dovertown — Aunt Ester Perrin. In honor and respect of their memory we ask Brother G. W. Franks to lead in prayer.

Rev. T. B. Lee
Charlene Dyer
Mrs. J. A. Smith

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Temperance Committee submit and recommend that:

- (1) All parents be encouraged to censor all literature being read by their children and encourage more Bible reading and family devotion in the homes.
- (2) Not only preachers and deacons but all members endeavor to keep themselves unspotted from the world, and to

abstain from alcoholic beverages for at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. Prov. 23:32.

J. M. Ryland
Mrs. Annie Franks
Mrs. Dan Sargent

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, your Credential Committee report the following:

- (1) We recommend that Rev. A. J. Lambert be received in the Progressive Association as an ordained Elder.
- (2) We have examined the church letters and found them to be in order.
- (3) We recommend that John B. Tittle be licensed to preach the Gospel.
- (4) We recommend that Rev. W. H. Ryland be retained as a honorary member of this association.
- (5) We recommend that this association that is now in session at Russellville, send the following greetings to Bro. Bloss. "We miss your presence in our midst. We are praying that you may have a speedy recovery." From the Progressive Association.

Rev. G. W. Franks
J. M. Ryland
Phillip Gilbert

GENERAL BUSINESS BOARD

We, your General Business Board, recommend the following:

- (1) That all ordained Preachers and Deacons names and addresses be placed in the minutes and should any of them change their address, please notify the clerk.
- (2) That each Deacon receive a Certificate of Good Standing each year at the association. That each church send the names and recommendation of all Deacons they wish to receive a certificate.
- (3) Since Rev. W. H. Ryland is a member of another association, he has asked that this body recommend a man to represent the Progressive Association on the Trustee Board of our Children's Home.

- (4) We recommend that Program Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary and Program Committee of this association work together each year in planning a program.

A. J. Lambert
J. M. Cobb
R. A. Johnson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following were elected for the ensuing year:

Moderator Rev. T. B. Lee
Assistant Moderator Rev. G. W. Franks
Clerk Mrs. Merle Dyer
Treasurer Mrs. Lorene Ryland

We recommend Bro. A. J. Lambert to be recommended to the State Association for a trustee to represent the Progressive Association.

Mrs. H. C. Killen
Mrs. T. B. Lee
Mrs. Merle Dyer

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We, the Education Committee recommend that we retain the suggestion of last years committee. No. 1 - 2.

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 made 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.

3. In view of the fact that Free Will Baptists have a school for Christian workers which is Free Will Baptist College,

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CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Churches	Rec. by Experience	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Confession	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	No. Active Members	No. Inactive Members	Amount of Contribution	No. Deacons	No. Ordained Ministers	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage	Offering to Home Mission	Offering to Foreign Mission	Offering to Christian Ed.	Offering to Superannuation	Offering to Charity	Unified Program	Offering to Orphanage	Amount Paid Pastor	Amount Paid Evangelist	Amount Paid Visiting Preacher	Other Expenses	Total Paid Out
Cordova		2		1	3	156	104	\$31.20	8	3	\$40,000	\$16,000	\$170.98	\$279.04	\$4.63	\$85.49	\$27.31	\$42.74	\$243.78	\$3,300.00	\$210.00		\$3,498.35	\$8,122.00
Dovertown				1		30	12	6.00	2	1	3,000			10.00			41.00		30.00	525.00	75.00	32.00	112.00	825.00
E. Florence	2	3	15	3		135		27.00	3	2	25,000	6,000	131.89	716.73	46.92	28.97	292.94	364.41	386.11	2,995.00	350.00	226.00	4,105.95	10,144.92
Eldridge						15	11	3.00			4,000													
Ensley	1	7	11	1		48	10	9.80	5	2	7,500		12.00	12.00	60.00	10.00	185.00		60.00	1,000.00	111.50	5.00	1,296.30	2,751.80
Jasper		6		1		23	30	5.00	3	2	14,000								25.00	300.00	66.00		804.00	
Leadocia	4	6		1		14	53	10.00			5,000						59.04		29.04	425.36		82.03	699.76	
Russ'ville		4	9	6	1	55	67	11.00	4	1	6,000				42.75		81.74		80.00	1,185.00	150.00	30.00	284.83	1,854.32
S. Hi'lands						13		5.00												160.00	45.00			
Sul. Sps.			2	4		53	50	10.60	3		15,000								50.00	798.89	75.00	37.10	38.18	962.07
Townley	5			6	1	30	50	6.00	4	2	45,000								165.00	1,200.00	147.00	30.00	124.42	1,651.42
Total	12	28	37	23	6	572	387	124.60	32	13	164,000	22,000	314.87	1017.77	864.30	124.46	687.03	107.15	1,068.92	11,889.25	1,229.50	442.13	10,963.79	26,311.53

Nashville, Tennessee and a liberal-arts college at Mt. Olive, N. C. We recommend that Free Will Baptist people urge their children to attend one of these schools for post high school work.

Phillip Gilbert
Mrs. R. M. Edgil
Mrs. Lorene Ryland

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT — 1958

Paid in by Churches	\$131.40
Offering for Children's Home	75.15
Offering for Children's Home Youth Camp Fund	34.94
Brought forward from last year	4.24
Total paid in	\$245.73
Total paid out	\$244.49
Balance in Treasury	\$ 1.24

PAID OUT

Children's Home	\$125.15
Children's Home Youth Camp Fund	72.34
Bible College	34.00
Printing Programs	3.00
Progressive Association	10.00
Total Paid out	\$244.49

THREE SESSIONS WERE HELD IN 1958

January 11 Florence — 7 churches present
April 12 Townley — 9 Churches present
July 12 Cordova — 9 Churches present
Licensed to preach — Phillip Gilbert
Ordained to preach — William O. Grasham, Birtus Grace and Dewey L. Swann.

MEETINGS — 1959

January 10 — Sulphur Springs
April — Jasper
July — Leadocia

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR OF 1959

Moderator Rev. T. B. Lee
Asst. Moderator Rev. Donald Hollingshead
Clerk and Treasurer Lorene Ryland
Asst. Clerk and Treasurer Evelyn Winter
Moderator, L. E. Winter
Clerk, Lorene Ryland

CHURCHES AND PASTORS FOR ENSUING YEAR

Cordova — Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Cordova, Ala.
Florence — Rev. A. J. Lambert, 642 Sweetwater Ave., Florence
Ensley — Rev. James Pickett, 1109 Indiana St., Wylam, Ala.
Eldridge — Rev. Carlton Lambert, Eldridge, Ala.
Dovertown — Rev. G. W. Franks, Cordova, Ala.
Jasper — Rev. Birtus Grace, Jasper Ala.
S. Highlands — Rev. Wyman James, Rt. 3, Russellville, Ala.
Sulphur Springs — Rev. G. W. Franks, Cordova, Ala.
Townley —
Russellville — Rev. T. B. Lee, 303 E. 17th St., Columbia, Tenn.
Leadocia — Rev. B. T. Alexander, Birmingham, Ala.

CHURCH CLERKS

Cordova—Mrs. Estelle Rosser, 709 Amory Ave., Cordova, Ala.
Florence—Mrs. Earl Thrasher, 2721 Morgan St., Florence, Ala.
Ensley—Mr. J. P. Wilkie, Star Route, Mulga, Ala.
Eldridge—Mrs. Betty Lambert, Eldridge, Ala.
Dovertown—Mrs. Dan Sargent, Route 1, Cordova, Ala.
Jasper—Mr. Wade M. Fowler, Rt. 3 - Box 19, Jasper, Ala.
Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.
S. Highlands—Mrs. Charles Davis, Box 361, Sheffield, Ala.
Townley—Mrs. Mary Guthrie, Box 12, 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

_____, 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 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 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 offering 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 _____

The Statistics of our Church as follows:

Received by Experience _____
Received by Letter _____
Received by Confession _____
Expelled _____
Dismissed by Letter _____
Names of Deceased Members _____

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

Names of Ministers	Sermons Preached	Revivals Conducted	Received in Church	Conversions Witnessed	Baptized	Visited Sick Homes	Ordained Deacons	Attended FWB League	Attended FWB Sunday Sch.	Traveling Expenses	Pastored Churches	Prayer Meetings	Org S. S. or FWB League	Communion Held	Funerals Conducted	Ordained Ministers	Married Couples	Miles Traveled	Money Received
G. W. Franks	63	2	2	2	7	80	2	12	39	\$88.40	2				5	4		2,340	\$1,356.64
W. O. Grasham	35	1		5	3	20			24	50.00		60		1	5		1	1,000	30.00
W. H. Ryland	128	4	31	42	11	65	2	43	46	107.80	2	21		3	5		1	956	1,520.00
L. E. Winter	108		1					50	50	1,520.48	1			1	2		1	11,504	3,698.34
J. M. Cobb	95	3		75	5	25		30	45	500.00	1	15		1	1		2	15,000	400.00
L. C. Estill	25					10			50			5					1	..	23.00
J. M. Pickett	125	1	18	10	4	10	3	52	50	300.00	1	5		2	1			1,000	1,000.00
Carlton Lambert	125	1	6	5		105	2		52	50.00	1	40		1	..	1		1,500	400.00
Donald Hollingshead	27	2		5	2	30		40	50	45.00		4						1,500	257.00
H. C. Killen, Sr.	112	2		10		60		46	50	240.00	1		1	1			2	3,000	787.00
T. B. Lee	110		13	9	10	125		50	52	630.00	1	5		4	2	1		13,000	1,185.00