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MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-EIGHTH 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

JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Jasper, Alabama

AUGUST 27, 28, 29, 1959

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The next session will convene with Cordova Free Will Baptist Church, 1st Street between Green and Amory Avenue, Cordova, Alabama, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, before the Last Sunday in August, 1960.

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In loving memory and deep respect for the work
done by our Brother and founder, J. B. Bloss, we devote
this minute as a tribute and memorial to him.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Of our beloved friend and Brother, Rev. J. B. Bloss. Brother Bloss passed from this life on July 17, 1959. He was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery in Columbia, Tenn. Bro. Bloss was the founder of the Progressive Association of Alabama. The Association got it's name from a man that believed in progress. Bro. Bloss pastored and evangelized in Alabama for a number of years. He organized more than a score of churches over the states. Many hundreds of people have been led to God through his ministry. Many of our pastors and preachers of today were led to God by the preaching of Brother Bloss. He was a great supporter of national work. He served as chairman and a member of our National Home Mission Board for 17 years. Having traveled and preached in most of our United States, he was well known as a preacher of power and convictions.

We feel that the passing of Bro. Bloss was a great loss to our Association as well as the National Association.

He was a man of sympathy and understanding. He will be missed by the many friends, and we shall long remember him. We shall look forward to another grand meeting with him when we stand in the presence of the blessed Son of God.

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Moderator	A. J. Lambert, 642 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, Ala.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

President	Ross White, Russellville, Ala.
Vice-President	D'Wayne Williams, Eldridge, Ala.
Sec. & Treas.	Josephine Puckett, Cordova, Ala.
Asst. Sec. & Treas.	Peggy Kennedy, Jasper, Ala.
Song Leader	Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Cordova, Ala.
Pianist	Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Cordova, Ala.
Asst. Pianist	Linda Kelly, Cordova, Ala.
Sword Drill Director	Mrs. Carlton Lambert, Eldridge, Ala.
Asst. Sword Drill Director	Mrs. Alvis Hollingshead, Cordova

LEAGUE CONVENTION

When convened with Jasper Church — March 13, 1959.

Meeting was opened with singing "At the Cross", followed by prayer by Rev. E. B. Ledlow. The welcome address was given by Rev. Grace, pastor of Jasper Church. The response was given by Bro. White, President of Convention. Song "Stand Up for Jesus," was sung, followed by Rev. E. B. Ledlow bringing the devotional.

Called to order by President, Ross White.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED:

Nominating:

Rev. Carlton Lambert, Rev. Grace and Rev. E. B. Ledlow

Resolutions:

Mrs. Delores Argent, Josephine Puckett, D'Wayne Williams, Hilda Mims and Mrs. Whitehead

President brought suggestion before body to have names and addresses of the Pastors from each church. League and Sunday School Superintendent put in minutes.

Reading of letters; Churches Represented

Russellville	\$3.80
Cordova	6.30
Sulphur Springs	3.10
Eldridge	5.00
Jasper	2.50
Ensley	3.50

Motion made seconded and carried to accept letters as read. Minutes read of last Convention. Accepted as read. Chorus time.

Rev. Carlton Lambert brought the morning message.

Lunch was enjoyed by all.

Afternoon Session.

Opened by Rev. Charles Hollingshead bringing the devotion.

Reports of Committees:

Nominating Committee: (See Officers of Convention)

A motion and seconded the nomination report be accepted. Carried.

Placement Committee:

Rev. Grace, Linda Kelly, Exie Mae Dean and Glenda Argent

Sword Drill:

Johnny Green, Eldridge, Ala. First Place

Dan Argent, Jasper, Ala. Second place

Sue Johnson, Russellville, Ala. Third place

All received Bibles.

Devotion by Rev. Grace. Special song by Carlton Lambert, "The Love of God."

Night Session

Opened by song, "Joy Unspeakable", "Footsteps of Jesus."

Rev. Grace, gave a talk on blessing of Jesus.

Prayer by Bro. McGuire.

"Near the Cross" and "The Love of God" was sung by Carlton Lambert.

Song, "Where He Leads I'll Follow."

Devotion by Bro. McGuire.

Rev. Pickett brought the message.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

When convened with Jasper Church, March 14, 1959.

Meeting was opened with singing "Kneel at the Cross."

Prayer by Rev. Pickett. Devotion was given by Rev. Martin.

A report from Resolution Committee on buying course books for all churches.

It was moved and seconded to accept this resolution and appoint a committee to see about books. Carried.

Committee: Rev. Carlton Lambert, Rev. Lee and Rev. Pickett.

Reading of letters:

Eldridge	\$5.00
Ensley	6.00
Russellville	6.00
Townley	5.00
Cordova	16.50
Sulphur Springs	11.80
Jasper	4.00

On report from placement committee, Ensley asked for Convention next time. A motion and seconded to go to Ensley. Carried. Address of Ensley Church: 3201 Ave. I, Ensley.

Delegates to State Convention:

Each Sunday School send one, Peggy Kennedy from this body.

Brought before the Convention to have more night services for young people to attend.

Singing by congregation, choruses.

Mr. Edgil sang a special.

Sister Lee sang a special, "My All to Jesus."

Rev. Grace held a short testimonial service. Song by congregation. Rev. T. B. Lee brought the message.

Sunday School Convention will give \$25.00 to Childrens Home, General Fund.

Russellville gets banner for Attendance to Convention.

A rising voe for the hospitality shown to all attending this Convention.

Lunch was enjoyed.

We adjourned by prayer, to meet in 1960 at A.E.A. time.

Josephine Puckett, Sec. and Treas.

WOMANS AUXILIARY, AUG. 27, 1959

The session was opened with congregation singing "I Want to be Ready." Prayer by Mrs. Verla Ryland.

Mrs. Agnes White acted as President in the absence of Mrs. T. B. Lee.

Mrs. Lorene Ryland was appointed to act as Secretary-Treasurer for this session. Mrs. Birtus Grace, gave the welcome address, reading Psa. 119:50. Mrs. Sula Gann gave the response.

Letters were read and accepted. The delegates were seated.

Cordova: Mrs. W. A. Russell, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Mrs. C. B. Owens.

Jasper: Mrs. Birtus Grace, Mrs. Robert Barnes, Mrs. Walter Tate.

Florence: Mrs. Mable Milton, Mrs. Thelma Lindsey, Mrs. Oline Calvert.

Russellville: Mrs. John Adkins.

Oak Grove: Mrs. A. N. Sorenson.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED:

Resolutions:

Mrs. Grace, Mrs. John Adkins and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow

Appreciation:

Mrs. W. A. Russell, Mable Milton and Lorene Ryland

Auditing:

Mrs. Robert Barnes, Mrs. C. B. Owens and Mrs. A. J. Lambert

Nominating:

Mrs. Thelma Lindsey, Oline Calvert and Mrs. Walter Tate

Ministers and visitors were welcomed.

Mrs. Agnes White asked three women to tell what the Auliliary meant to them. Mrs. Verla Ryland, Mrs. Grady Randolph and Mrs. A. J. Lambert. They each gave a good talk on this.

Bro. and Sis. Ledlow sang "Face to Face"

Mrs Verla Ryland gave a short devotion, "Labors together" She gave everyone a chance to quote a scripture or give their testimony. We sang "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Rev. G. W. Franks brought the morning message, Psa. 119:50. This was enjoyed by everyone. It was a real blessing. The committees were read and everyone was asked to meet with their committees at lunch time and make their reports when called for.

Rev. Grace told us about lunch and invited all to eat. a good lunch was enjoyed by all. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryland.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was opened by singing, "Tell It to Jesus". Prayer by Sis. Calvert.

Rev. M. R. Gann brought the devotion, using Phillippians 2:1-6, God first, God gloryfied. The Russellville Auxiliary put on a pay for us, "The Lord will work it out." We enjoyed this very much. Mrs. Ledlow, gave us a report on our State Auxiliary work. Mrs. A. J. Lambert, gave some of the high-lights of our National Auxiliary.

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 N.A.C. for this year project.
- (4) That we send Sis. J. B. Bloss a sympathy card.

Mrs. Grace, Mrs. John Adkins, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow

Appreciation:

We, your appreciation committee, wish to thank the Jasper Church for their warm welcome and the good meal that was enjoyed by all. For the wonderful Christian fellowship we have enjoyed. We pray God's blessing on everyone of you.

Mrs. W. A. Russell, Mrs. Mable Milton, Mrs. Lorene Ryland.

Auditing:

We, your auditing committee, have checked the books and find them to be all right. In treasury \$22.47 — Aug. 27, 1959.

Mrs. Robert Barnes, Mrs. C. B. Owens, Mrs. A. J. Lambert

Treasurer's Report:

Cordova Dues	\$4.80
Florence	2.60
Russellville	4.20
Sulphur Springs	4.20
Brought Forward	2.50
Offering	14.17
Total in Treasury	\$32.47
Paid out, State dues	10.00
Balance in Treasury	\$22.47

Nominating:

We, the nominating committee submit the following for officers for the incoming year.

President: Mrs. Ross White, 124½ N. Jackson, Russellville, Ala.
Vice-President: Mrs. Betty Sargent

Sec. & Treas: Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, 504 Green Ave., Cordova, Ala.
Stewardship & Prayer: Mrs. Lorene Ryland, 235 Branch St.
Cordova, Ala.

Field Sec.: Mrs. Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.

Program & Publicity: Mrs. A. J. Lambert, 642 Sweetwater Ave.,
Florence, Ala.

Personal Service: Mrs. James Pickett, 1109 Indiana St.,
Wylam, Ala.

Mrs. Oline Calvert, Mrs. Thelma Lindsey, Mrs. Walter Tate.

Delegates to Woman's Auxiliary State

Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Mrs. Robert Barnes, Mrs. Thelma Lindsey,
Mrs. John Adkins, Mrs. Lorene Ryland and Oak Grove Auxiliary
to send one.

The State Womans Auxiliary meets with Florence Church
in 1960.

A motion and seconded to give \$10.00 each to Children
Home and Co-Labor. Carried.

Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Secretary

Dismissed by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

Proceedings of the Twenty-Eighth annual Session of the
Progressive Association which convened with the Jasper Church,
Jasper, Alabama Thursday night, Friday and Saturday before
the last Sunday in August 1959.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

The youth night service was opened with hymn, "Heavenly
Sunlight" directed by Ann Long. Prayer by Patricia Whitten.
Bro. Grace talked on our youth program. Roll call and recogni-
tion of Pastor by Joyce Fields. Special song, "Let Me Be
Worthy," by Bro. and Sister Ledlow. Chorus singing followed
which was greatly enjoyed. Linda Kelly sang, "In My Father's
House."

The devotional was given by Phillip Gilbert. Prayer,
followed by reading the 23rd Psalm.

The Credentials Committee was appointed. They are Bro-
thers G. W. Franks, J. M. Ryland and Jim Smith. It was
recommended by the Credentials Committee that Rev. A. J.
Lambert be moderator in the absence of Bro. Lee. It was
moved and carried that the recommendation become fact.

Carlton Lambert sang, "The Love of God."

Pat Whitten introduced the young speaker of the hour, Wayne Spruiell. After prayer he used as his scripture Ecclesiastes 12:1 — Proverbs 3:5-6. The message was good and enjoyed by all. He emphasized that in the strength of the Lord, youth can be Christians. He closed his part of the service with prayer and invitation.

Prayer was asked for Bro. Louie Bates in the West End Hospital.

Dismissed by Bro. Milton Gann.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The service opened with singing, "Living In Sunlight," led by Bro. Ledlow. Prayer by Bro. Haynes. The host Pastor gave the devotional using the 8th chapter of Romans. Bro. Walter Tate gave the welcome with Biblical thoughts and words. Response by Sister Lambert.

The Clerk called the session to order.

The Moderators message, by Bro. Lambert, was timely and interesting. His scripture being Hebrew 13th chapter. He then read the rules of Decorum.

A partial report from the Credentials Committee.

It was moved and carried to receive Leeds Church into this association.

The following churches and delegates were reported present:

Eldridge — Mrs. Carlton Lambert, Dewayne Williams and Mary Hutton.

Townley — Sisters Lillie Edgil, Ada Guthrie, Irma Cunningham, Brother Bethle Tittle and Tommie Guthrie, Jr.

Cordova — Phillip Gilbert, Jewel Kelly, Hazel Sherre, Della Swindle, Effie Owens and Mrs. Dawkins.

Florence — Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Terry Lambert, Elston Gray and Billy Jones.

Muscle Shoals — Sisters Pearl Castle, Charles Davis and Mittie Whitten.

Oak Grove — Pearl Byrd, Eloise Cornelius, Patricia Whitten, Helen Fields, Mrs. Will Long and Mrs. Lorene Franklin.

Leeds — Bro. and Sister A. L. Parker.

Dovertown — Mrs. Dan Sargent, Mrs. Grady Black and Mrs. Julius Hyche.

Sulphur Springs — Mrs. Ila Scrivner, Miss Margie Vintson, Lou and Hilda Mims.

Ensley — Mrs. Huey Pickett, Mrs. Kalpie Fortenberry and Janet Pickett.

Hanceville — Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bowens and Mr. and Mrs. John Day.

Russellville — Sue Gann and Mrs. G. W. Kilpatric.

Jasper — Brothers W. M. Fowler, Sylvester Anton, James Argent, Roger Dale Argent, Will Moon and James Sullivan.

Motion and second to receive the reports as read. Carried.

The visiting ministers, Brothers and Sisters of other churches and associations were made welcome. Those present were: Rev. B. T. Alexander, Vernon Association, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lambert, Bro. Williams and Mrs. Nettie Green of the Alabama City Church. Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willy of Cuba National Association.

Appointment of committees. (See reports)

Bro. Ledlow led songs, "Send the Light" and "When We All Get to Heaven."

Rev. B. T. Alexander delivered the eleven o'clock message using scripture Psalms 84th chapter beginning with verse 8.

Dismissed by Bro. C. D. Burrell.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was opened with song, "Oh, I Want to See Him." Prayer and devotional by Bro. H. C. Killen using the 10th chapter of 2nd Corinthians.

Mrs. Ruth Willy Played two special songs for us. Following Bro. Willy spoke to us using 1st Cor. 6:9-19. An offering of \$40.00 was taken for them.

Report of the National Association was given by Bro. Ledlow.

Report of the quarterly meeting by Mrs. Lorene Ryland. (See reports)

Dismissed by Bro. Phillip Gilbert.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The service was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Joe Salerian. The Jasper trio sang "The Rugged Cross" and "Do You Know My Jesus?" Also Carlton Lambert sang, "The Old Rugged Cross." He made a most interesting talk on the Childrens Home and gave reports. He spoke from the third chapter of Proverbs, 26v - 27v. An offering of \$100.55 was taken for the Home.

Bro. E. B. Ledlow brought the evening message using the 11th chapter of 1st Corinthians 23v - 30v speaking on the Lord's Supper. Communion and Foot Washing followed with many taking part with humbleness felt by all.

Dismissed by Bro. Milton Gann.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The morning session was opened with singing, "I Love to Tell The Story." Prayer by Bro. Lee Estill. Bro. James Pickett had charge of the devotional. He used Philippians 2nd chapter 5-11 verses. It was a very inspiring devotional.

Special song, "Too Near Home" by Bro. and Sis. Ledlow.

Bro. Lambert gave more devotional thoughts found in James 1st chapter 5th and 6th verses, also 3rd chapter and 17th verse.

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

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

The Religious Education Committee's report was read and received. (See Reports).

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

The Appreciation Committee's report was read and received. (See reports).

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

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

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

The final report of the Credentials Committee was read and adopted. (See reports).

The General Business Board's report was read and adopted. (See reports).

The Association accepted Cordova's invitation (See report) to be entertained at the next session.

The Ordaining Council then took charge. The service was an impressive one in which Phillip Gilbert and Bethle Tittle were ordained as ministers of the Gospel. Rev. W. H. Ryland gave the charge and Bro. Franks led the prayer of consecration. Every ordained person laid their hands on them and every one gave their hand shake as encouragement. Ordination certificates were presented to each one.

The following were appointed delegates to the State Association: Bro. A. L. Parker, Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Birtus Grace, Mrs. Lillie Edgil, Mrs. Annie Franks, Mrs. Merle Dyer, Mrs. Huey Pickett and Mrs. Charles Davis. Mrs. E. B. Ledlow will be the Progressive delegate.

Bro. Ray Ritch, State Home Mission Board Director, talked on Home Mission work.

Special song, "Glad Reunion Day" was sung in memory of Bro. J. B. Bloss.

Bro. W. H. Ryland brought the eleven o'clock message. Scripture being found in Matt. 9th chapter, 35th verse after which the congregation sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" with an impressive hand shaking.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn until the next session of the Progressive Association which will convene with the Cordova Church, Cordova, Alabama on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the last Sunday in August, 1960.

Dismissed by Bro. Ray Ritch.

REPORTS

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT — 1959

Paid in by Churches	\$159.00
Offering for Childrens Home	\$130.81
Brought forward	\$ 1.24
Total Paid in	\$291.05
Total Paid out	\$243.85
Balance	\$ 47.20
Paid Out	
Childrens Home	\$156.81
Alabama Home Missions	\$26.00

Bible College	\$26.00
Printing Programs & Office Supplies	\$20.00
Progressive Association	\$15.00
Total Paid Out	\$243.85

Three Sessions were held in 1959.

Jan. 10, at Sulphur Springs, 8 Churches present. By Letter 2

April 11, Jasper, 9 Churches Present. By Letter 1.

July 11, Leadocia, 9 Churches Present. By Letter 1.

Licensed to preach — D. O. Franklin.

Ordained to preach — Auther Lee Clemmons.

Ordained Deacons — Almon Calvert and Robert Barnes

One new church — Oak Grove

Moderator and Assistant — The same as for the Progressive Association.

The 1960 meetings and Church addresses as follows:

January — South Highlands

April — Russellville Church, 804 N. Washington & Hill St.

July — Oak Grove Church, Rt. 2, Gardendale (Near Fields-town).

Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Clerk and Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Churches	\$124.40
Received for Missions	26.82
Quarterly Meeting	25.00
Auxiliary Treasury	5.00
Sunday School and League	20.00
Balance brought forward	35.95

Total	\$237.17
Total Disbursements	\$228.67

Balance now in Treasury \$ 8.50

Disbursements

Telegram to Bro. Bloss	\$ 1.60
Clerk	40.00
Postage and Supplies	3.25
Missions	26.82
National and State Dues	22.00
Minutes	135.00
Total Disbursements	\$228.67

Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Treasurer

AUDITING COMMITTEE

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

A. L. Parker
Roger Dale Argent
Elston Gray

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee wish to thank the Jasper Church for their warm welcome and delicious meals that were enjoyed by all. The wonderful Christian fellowship we have enjoyed throughout the Association. We pray God's blessings on each one.

Mrs. Lillie Edgil
Mrs. Deliska Pickett
Mrs. A. L. Parker

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee submit and recommend to retain suggestions one and two from last year and add other, three, four and five.

- (1) All parents be encouraged to censor 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.
- (3) Christians use wisdom in selecting television programs and be careful to abstain from those which are ungodly.
- (4) That we be reminded that smoking tobacco, and using it in other forms is harmful to the body and that it also hurts a Christian's influence and testimony whenever he uses it.
- (5) That the churches, and parents particularly, see to provide Christian fellowship and entertainment for their young people in order to keep them from drifting into ungodly amusements.

J. P. Wilkie
D. O. Franklin
Phillip Gilbert

CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Church	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Received by Confession	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	No. Active Members	No. Inactive Members	Amount of Contribution	Number of Deacons	No. Ordained Ministers	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage	Offering to Home Mission	Offering to Christian Ed.	Offering to Superannuation	Offering to Charity	Offering to Childrens' Home	Amount Paid Pastor	Amount Paid Evangelist	Amount Paid Visiting Preacher	Other Expenses	Total Paid Out	
Cordova		6	8	3	4	153	137	\$33.40	8	3	\$40,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 573.38	\$0.22	\$335.90	\$209.50	\$48.00	\$ 444.47	\$3,352.25	\$ 227.00	\$161.40	\$5,607.54	\$11,329.13
Dovertown		1				26	14	5.20	1	2	3,000				5.00		35.00	500.00	57.56		372.38	872.38	
Eldridge				1		25		5.00		1	7,000			25.00			75.00				50.00	155.00	
Ensley		2		2	1	30	30		5	2	8,875		7.01	7.39	41.00		110.00	1,000.00	269.31	5.00	1,990.14	2,990.14	
Florence	2	6	10			145		29.00	3	6	25,000	6,000	406.82	7.90	509.55	69.51	287.44	2,452.78	3,285.00	230.00	60.00	4,005.85	11,934.85
Hanceville			2	2		20		10.00	2	1	5,500							289.37	50.00	24.36	375.32	739.05	
Jasper	2	4	5			45	20	9.00		2	30,000					134.00	48.38	300.00	55.00		889.00	1,400.00	
Leeds	2	4		8		50	65				6,000	6,000						1,485.00		400.50	45.00		
Muscle Sh.	1					14		5.00	3		15,000						60.00	520.00	50.00				
Oak Grove	1							10.00			15,000		9.34	0.00			110.00	825.00	51.20				
Russellville		5	4	2		55	70	11.00	3	3	8,000			3.50	35.00	13.00	77.39	135.00	1,517.00	110.00	42.50	1,993.94	3,937.00
Sul. Spgs.			7	2		58	53	11.60	3		15,000		25.00		26.50	18.80	30.00	762.25	60.00	45.00	287.82	1,255.47	
Townley	3	1	5			39	55	7.80	4	2	45,000		10.00	2.75		10.00			1,200.00	70.00	70.00	2,362.23	3,764.98
Total	11	29	41	20	5	660	444	137.00	32	22	223,375	28,000	1,031.55	10.81	946.45	333.51	564.83	3,500.63	15,035.87	1,230.07	808.76	17,979.22	38,388.00

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, the Committee on Christian Education recommend that we retain suggestions of last years committee, Numbers 1 - 3.

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 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 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, 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.

4. We recommend that all churches be requested to hold a study course for Sunday School teachers at least once a quarter and that teachers and prospective teachers attend. Also that teachers be encouraged to use visual aids.

Terry Lambert
Rev. H. C. Killen
Walter Tate

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee regret to report the departure of this life these members:

Progressive Association Founder and Honorary member,
Rev. J. B. Bloss.

Cordova Church: Bro. A. A. Thompkins, Bro. John Lynch,
Sister Sarah Sides and Sister Flora Jones.

Ensley Church: Bro. Harris Porter.

Russellville Church: Sis. Myrtle Postlewaite, Bro. and Sis. M. T. Kelly.

In honor and respect of their memory we ask a moment of silent prayer with Bro. Franks concluding with prayer.

Mrs. C. B. Owen
Mrs. Della Swindle
Mrs. A. J. Lambert

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials Committee report the following:

1. We have examined the church letters and find them in order.
2. We recommend that the Leeds Church be accepted into this Association.
3. We have examined Bro. Phillip Gilbert and Bro. John Tittle and find them worthy of preaching the Gospel. We recommend they be ordained to preach the Gospel.
4. We recommend Bro. D. M. Calvert's License be renewed for one year to preach the Gospel as recommended by Oak Grove Church.

G. W. Franks
J. A. Smith
J. M. Ryland

GENERAL BUSINESS BOARD

We, your General Business Board, recommend the following:

1. That the Church Covenant be placed back in our minutes.
2. That a committee be appointed to draw up questions and a standard set of rules (to be approved by this Association) to be used by the Credentials Committee in the inquiring of ministers coming into our Association.
3. Whereas Bro. J. B. Bloss is the founder of this Association, we recommend that the Association consider the Bloss Memorial Church in Washington D. C. in the disbursing of associational funds. That each church in the association take a special offering on the 4th Sunday in September to be sent to the treasurer of our association who will send it to the Home Mission Board for the purpose of helping to build this church in Washington, D. C.

4. That the quarterly meeting go to the following churches the next year. South Highlands, Russellville and Oak Grove. (Date and address in quarterly meeting report).

E. B. Ledlow
Birtus Grace
Carlton Lambert

HOME MISSION REPORT

Brought Forward	\$163.55
Received Cordova League	15.37
Total	<u>\$178.92</u>

J. A. Smith, Box 24, Townley, Ala.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee beg to submit the following officers for the ensuing year:

Moderator	M. R. Gann, 405 E. Lawrence St., Russellville, Ala.
Assistant Moderator	E. B. Ledlow, Cordova, Ala.
Clerk	Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Cordova, Ala.
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.
Treasurer	Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Cordova, Ala.

W. H. Ryland
Wayne Spruill
Bro. Jones

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—
S. Highlands—Rev. Dewey Haygood, Greenhill, Ala.
Sulphur Springs—Rev. Ray Ritch, 1724 12th Ave. W., B'ham
Townley—Rev. G. W. Franks, Townley, Ala.
Russellville—Rev. M. R. Gann, 405 E. Lawrence St., Russellville
Hanceville—Rev. B. T. Alexander, Rt. 8, Box 1068, Birmingham
Oak Grove—Rev. Louie Bates, Box 45, Alden, Ala.
Leeds—Rev. S. R. Henderson, 2128 4th Ave. N., Leeds, Ala.
Jasper—Rev. Birtus Grace, 1103 10th St. West, Jasper, Ala.

CHURCH CLERKS

Cordova—Mrs. Lorene Ryland, 235 Branch St., Cordova, Ala.
Florence—Mrs. Almon Calvert, Rt. 1, Box 19, Florence, Ala.
Ensley—Mrs. Deliska Pickett, 1117 Indiana St., Wylam, Ala.
Eldridge—Mrs. Carlton Lambert, Eldridge, Ala.
Dovertown—Mrs. Dan Sargent, Rt. 1, Cordova, Ala.
Jasper—Mr. Silvester Anton, Rt. 6, Jasper, Ala.
S. Highlands—Mrs. Charles Davis, 900 Buna Vista, Muscle Shoals, Ala.
Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.
Townley—Mrs. Mary Guthrie, Box 12, Townley, Ala.
Hanceville—Mary Jane Shugart, Rt. 2, Hanceville, Ala.
Russellville—Mrs. Grady Randolph, Box 83, Russellville, Ala.
Oak Grove—Mrs. Anthon Sorenson, Rt. 2 - Box 407, Gardendale
Leeds—Peggy Henderson, 2128 4th Ave. N., Leeds, Ala.

CHURCH DEACONS

CORDOVA —

Earl Richardson, Baltimore Road, Cordova, Ala.
T. O. Terry, 206 Underwood Street, Cordova, Ala.
Wesley Carter, Gardners Gin Rd., Cordova, Ala.
C. C. Winsett, 25 Reservoir St., Cordova, Ala.
Lee McKay, L43 Valley, Cordova, Ala.
Jesse Ryland, 235 Branch St., Cordova, Ala.
Howard Hill, 107 Branch St., Cordova, Ala.
Winford Russell, 103 McCrory St., Cordova, Ala.

FLORENCE —

Alphonse McDonald, 132 Pamplin, Florence, Ala.
Almon Calvert, Rt. 1 - Box 19, Florence, Ala.
Earl Thrasher

ENSLEY —

J. P. Wilkie, Star Route, Mulga, Ala.
Earnest Sargent, 1307 Ave. G, Ensley, Ala.
Carl O'Donnell, 1308 18th Pl., Birmingham, Ala.
Wallace Perkins, 2404 Ave. D, Ensley, Ala.

MUSCLE SHOALS —

Charles E. Davis, 900 Buna Vista, Muscle Shoals, Ala.
Marion Taylor, 205 Main St., Florence, Ala.
R. O. Smith, 25th St., Sheffield, Ala.

RUSSELLVILLE —

G. W. Kilpatrick, Rt. 2, Tuscumbia, Ala.
J. B. Whitehead, 1300 College St. Russellville, Ala.
Robert Johnson, P. O. Box 62, Russellville, Ala.

TOWNLEY —

J. A. Smith, Townley, Ala.
R. M. Edgil, Townley, Ala.
Fred Smith, Townley, Ala.
Curtis Thomas, Townley, Ala.

HANCEVILLE —

Jess Barrington, Birmingham, Ala.
Lee Headrick, 1301 Brunner St., Cullman, Ala.

DOVERTOWN —

Dan Sargent, Cordova, Ala.

JASPER —

Walter Tate, Route 1, Jasper, Ala.

SULPHUR SPRINGS —

Lee Scrivner, Berry, Ala.
Joie Kuykendall
Lester Martin

OAK GROVE —

A. E. Franklin
O. J. Alexander

LEEDS —

Mordie Minor, Leeds, Ala.
Reed Ramey, Leeds, Ala.

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

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the Will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 the nomination and 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 reprov'd by the Moderator according to directions of the Association.

CHURCH RULES

1. We agree as a member of the Progressive Association of the Free Will Baptists to co-operate in every move for the betterment of our denomination and extension of God's kingdom throughout the world.

2. We agree to meet in conference quarterly or oftener if necessary to transact the business of the church.

3. The Moderator shall be chosen by the suffrage of the church in the absence of the pastor. The Moderator shall observe good order and explain all questions before he takes the voice of the church on them, and shall have the liberty of speech as any other, but not vote unless there be a tie, when he shall give the deciding vote.

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

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

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

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

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

9. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the church and not more than five minutes at a time.

10. It shall be the duty of all church members to be present at all church meetings to vote on all questions that come before the church when called on by the Moderator or any member of the church who desires to obtain the mind of the whole church.

11. If any member shall remain silent during the transaction of any business of the church and afterward complain of what was done the same shall be deemed disorderly and the member so 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 Bd. 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 Preacher _____
Other Expenses _____
Total Paid Out _____

Remarks:

Names
of
Ministers

[illegible]

Aubry Rosser, Eustace Riggs, Billy Sharpston, Grady Hudson,
John Oliver, Author Lee Clemmons

MINISTERS' REPORT