

*Minutes of the
Thirty-Fifth Annual Session
of the
Progressive Association
of
Free Will Baptists of Alabama*

Convened with Ensley Free Will
Baptist Church, Ensley, Alabama

August 25, 26, 27, 1966

Next Session will convene with Townley
Free Will Baptist Church

Townley, Alabama

August 24-26, 1967



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Thurmon Murphy

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Youth Camp Committee: Rev. Willie Justice, Rev. Milton Crowson, and Rev. A. J. Lambert

Youth Sponsor: Jerry Edgil, Townley, Alabama

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THURSDAY NIGHT, YOUTH, Aug. 25, 1966

Rev. Levy Corey opened this service with singing. We all enjoyed the singing. Prayer by Rev. Nathan Davis. Songs, "Everyday with Jesus", "Walking with Jesus," All the churches were recognized. Rev. Charles Hollingshead showed a film, "CARNIVAL OF PRETENSE". An offering was taken for the expense of the film. Prayer by Rev. Louie Bates. Refreshments were served, and we were dismissed.

FRIDAY MORNING, Aug. 26, 1966

Moderator Rev. Levy Corey in charge. Singing led by Rev. E. B. Ledlow. "Wonderful Savior to Me," "How Sweet to Trust in Jesus". Prayer by Rev. Charles Berryman. Song: "I Would Not be Denied" led by Rev. Ledlow.

Call to order by clerk, Miss Brenda Jones. We were made welcome by Bro. Willis Rawls of the Ensley Church. Response by Mrs. A. M. Wallace. Rev. Charles Berryman gave the Devotion, Acts 2:42. Prayer by Rev. Nathan Davis, Jasper Church.

Moderators message, Rev. Levy Corey, Mark 3:31. The Executive Committee appointed by Rev. Levy Corey to be Committee on Committees. Rev. A. J. Lambert, Chairman.

Rev. Corey read the Rules of Decorum. Song by Rev. E. B. Ledlow, "Love Lifted Me". We had a wonderful Testimony Service led by Rev. Willie Justice. Special song by the Ledlow Family was enjoyed by all.

Report of the Credential Committee:

"We your Credential Committee have examined the letters and find the following to be in order and therefore recommend that these letters be received and the delegates seated: South Highland, Oak Grove, Cordova, Townley, Sulphur Springs, Ensley, Dovertown, Florence, Northport, Jasper, Russellville, and Fayette. M S & C.

Delegates names read and seated: They are:

Northport: Don Kuykendall, Mike Fields, Bobby Hallman

Cordova: Debra Flippo, Mrs. Effie Owen, Mrs. Judy Lynch, Mrs. Lovelle Short, Sandra Terry

South Highland: Bro. Edward Greene, Mrs. Edward Greene, Barbara Byrd, Mrs. Doris Berryman

Oak Grove: Genie Lowe, Levna Sorenson, Flora Tubbs

Townley: Hazel Tittle, Mary Alice Boshell, Glenda Guthrie, Linda Edgil

Florence: Janie Mathews, Mrs. Jeff Emerson, Vinal Michael

Dovertown: Mrs. Dan Sargent, Nancy Inman, Mrs. Mamie Hyche

Sulphur Springs: Linda Jones, Karen Dyer, Mrs. Grace Jones, Mrs. Reppie Essary

Fayette: Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Patricia Henderson, Alecia Ham

Ensley: Bro. Grady Tidwell, Ruby Dickerson, Martha Hill

Jasper: Judy Curtis, Betty Davis, Evelyn Bevis, Willie Barnes, Delores Argent

Eldridge: Connie Nobles, Eloise Thornton, Kathy Tidwell

All visitors were welcomed. We were glad to have Rev. E. B. Ledlow from Montgomery with us this year.

Song was led by Rev. Ledlow. Special was given by Sister Betty Davis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committees appointed as follows:

Appreciation: Mrs. Dan Sargent, Mrs. Lewis Sorerson, Debra Flippo

Auditing: Mr. Earnest Sargent, Mrs. Betty Davis, Sandra Terry

Obituary: Mrs. Gara Williams, Mrs. Genie Lowe, Bro. Grady Tidwell

Resolution: Rev. Willie Justice, Rev. Milton Crowson, Mrs. A. M. Wallace

Temperance: Rev. Charles Berryman, Mrs. Lovelle Short, Mr. Dan

Sargent

Nominating: Rev. A. J. Lambert, Linda Edgil, Ruby Dickerson

Christian Education: Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Connie Nobles, Rev.

Carlton Lambert.

M S & C

Rev. W. H. Ryland brought the morning message. Matthew 13:9-11. Theme: "Things That We Know" Rev. Milton Crowson dismissed us with prayer also giving thanks for the noon lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Aug. 26, 1966

Session was opened with a song led by Rev. Ledlow. "Blessed Assurance" Rev. Willie Justice had the Devotion. He used Acts 11:26. Theme: "What is a Christian". Report of the National Convention by Rev. Louie Bates. He encouraged all churches to send their Pastors to the National Convention. M S & C.

Report of the Children's Home by Rev. Carlton Lambert. He told us of the improvements that had been done at the Home. Rev. A. J. Lambert offered prayer, offering for Children's Home \$42.59.

Report of the Quarterly meeting was given by Rev. Carlton Lambert.

"The first Quarterly meeting met with Townley Church. We had 10 churches represented. Bro. Tom Wiley, Jr. brought the message.

April 9: The second meeting was with Oak Grove Church. 8 churches represented.

July 3: Florence Church. 10 churches present.

1 Deacon ordained. 2 ministers licensed.. Wonderful fellowship and good attendance at each meeting.

Moderator: Rev. Levy Corey
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Clarence Mays
Clerk: Mrs. Louie Bates

A song was led by Rev. Willie Justice. Report of the Montgomery work by Rev. E. B. Ledlow. Rev. Milton Crowson gave a report on the Bible College. He gave us a finance report on the new buildings which are already under construction at the college. Dismissed.

FRIDAY NIGHT, Aug. 26, 1966

This session was opened by Rev. Louie Bates. Songs led by Rev. Charles Hollingshead. "Heavenly Sunlight", and "Love Lifted Me". Special given by Sister Betty Davis. Devotion was given by Rev. Milton Crowson. Hebrews 4:14-16; 9:27-28. Theme: "What We Do With Our Lives". Song by Rev. Charles Hollingshead, "There is a Fountain". Message by Rev. A. J. Lambert. "Communion and Feet Washing". Scripture from Exodus 12:21-31. Rev. Levy Corey and Rev. Louie Bates prepared the communion. Bro. Pickett and Bro. Rawls served. Rev. Bates offered Thanks (examine oneself), after which we all washed feet. This service was a blessing to all. Dismissed.

SATURDAY MORNING, Aug. 27, 1966

Rev. Ray Ritch led the singing. "Amazing Grace", "It's a Grand and Glorious Feeling". Devotion by Rev. Carlton Lambert. John 20:24-29, Zechariah 13:16. He closed with prayer.

REPORTS

TEMPERANCE, M. S. & C.

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend the following:

1. That all parents set the right example before their children, so that Christ will shine in their lives, homes, and community.
2. That each Christian pattern his life after Christ.
3. That the church and parents seek to keep the youth interested in the church, and strive to give each child a spiritual foundation.
4. That the church and parents be aware of the social need of the youth, and provide clean entertainment.
5. That all Christians abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages and refrain from any place that sells them.
6. We request that each of us abide by these recommendations and practice them in our lives. Signed: Mrs. Lovelle Short, Rev. Charles Berryman, Mr. Dan Sargent.

AUDITING: M. S. & C.

We, the Auditing Committee having examined the books find them in order. Signed: Bro. E. T. Sargent, Sister Betty Davis, Sister Sandra Terry.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1965 - 1966

Brought forward	\$ 348.15
Dues from Churches	439.85

TOTAL	\$ 788.00
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EXPENDITURES:

Aug. 29, 1965 - Assn. Clerk	40.00
Aug. 29, 1965 - Children's Home	25.23
Aug. 29, 1965 - Oak Grove Church	25.00
Aug. 29, 1965 - Alabama State Dues	26.00
Aug. 29, 1965 - Mrs. Ryland's Postage	5.50
Oct. 20, 1965 - Bal. on State Dues	39.00
Nov. 10, 1965 - Printing of Minutes	204.00
Jan. 9, 1966 - Foreign Mission	54.26
Tommy Wiley	

TOTAL PAID OUT	418.99
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BALANCE	\$ 369.01
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Received from Mrs. A. M. Wallace, August 27, 1966

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your Christian Education Committee, recommend the following:

1. We recommend that our young people be encouraged to participate in youth camp.
2. We recommend that we as Christians and C.T.S. workers encourage our young people and help them to participate in the Sword Drill, Declamation Contest, Bible Bowl, and Tic Tac Toe.
3. (In the home, recognizing the responsibility of parents in the home for Christian training, we recommend that the parents set the correct example in discharging responsibilities to the church by establishing family altars, encouraging private devotions. "Dept.", a devotional guide, may be used here, and may be purchased from our National Book Store. Reading Bible stories to small children and providing Christian literature (books, magazines, etc.) for young people and establishing a church library.
4. In the Church: We recommend careful and prayerful selection of Sunday School teachers, C.T.S. sponsors, and all officers of these groups.

We further encourage each church to have systematic teachers' training program whereby each teacher will be better qualified for teaching in our Sunday Schools.

5. We recommend the Evangelical teachers' training association as the above program.

6. We recommend that each church support regularly the Free Will Baptist Bible College and encourage their young people to attend. The expanded curriculum of the college includes: Majors in Bible, English and Music, nursing and 1 year secretarial course.

7. We recommend that each church participate in daily Vacation Bible School for the purpose of winning children who are lost and training those who are saved. In the school: We recommend that each church encourage their young people where possible to organize Bible Clubs in the high schools.

8. We also recommend that we as Christians and parents set the example by attending Sunday School and C. T. S. and all other training programs of the church and apply ourselves according to 2 Timothy 2:15 - to study and show ourselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

Signed: Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Connie Nobles, and Rev. Carlton Lambert.

APPRECIATION: M. S. & C.

We, the Appreciation Committee, would like to express our thanks to the Ensley Church for the wonderful hospitality shown us and the delicious meals served us during this convention. Also, appreciation of the wonderful messages by the ministers; for the outstanding job rendered by our officers. Signed: Mrs. Dan Sargent, Deborah Flippo, Mrs. Tony Sorenson

At this time we had a song led by Rev. Ray Ritch. "I Have Somebody With Me". Delegates were elected to the State Convention. They were: Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Mrs. Willidean Edgil, Mrs. Dickerson, Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Louie Bates. M. S. & C. that if we could we would appoint more delegates to the State Association if allowed.

YOUTH CAMP:

84 campers attended camp this year. 20 members on staff. 14 campers were saved, 38 rededications.

CAMP PROYUKA TREASURERS REPORT:

BALANCE FORWARDED	\$ 62.14
DEPOSITS	640.75
	527.00
	75.16
TOTAL	1,305.05
PAID OUT	1,106.84
BALANCE IN TREASURE	198.21

RESOLUTIONS: M. S. & C., to receive them item by item

We, the Resolution Committee, submit the following report:

Item 1: Be it resolved that our churches use only the letter forms published by our National Office in Nashville, and that all other forms be destroyed in order to prevent their use by our churches.

Item 2: Be it resolved that the Clerk be instructed to insert the words "20 cents per active member" before mailing letter forms to the churches.

Item 3: (As Amended) Be it resolved that the churches be instructed to include the names and addresses of the Sunday School Superintendent and C. T. S. Director, the enrollment of the Sunday Schools and C. T. S. and the \$1.00 fee for each C. T. S. and Sunday School with the letter of the District Association. And the Clerk be instructed to insert a place for this information on the Church letter before she mails them out.

Item 4: Be it resolved that a Board of Christian Education consisting of 5 members be elected at this session. This board will plan the program of the Sunday School and C. T. S. Convention and help to coordinate the work between the local and state levels and to encourage and promote teacher training programs in the local churches. Be it further resolved that this committee submit a constitution and set of by-laws for its activities at the next session of the Association. Be it further resolved that they operate under the present financial arrangement until next year.

Item 5: In order to make it possible for all our Pastors to conscientiously support our Progressive Youth Camp and to encourage greater attendance at the Camp we offer the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the Camp Committee forbid the wearing of extreme short dresses, jeans, shorts, pedal pushers by the girls while in attendance at camp.

Item 6: Be it resolved that the Quarterly Meetings convene at the following places: November: Fayette, February: Northport, May: Russellville. Respectfully submitted: Rev. Milton Crowson, Rev. Willie Justice, Mrs. A. M. Wallace.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: M. S. & C.

We, the Executive Committee, recommend the following changes in our Constitution:

1. That Article 6 be changed to appear as Article 6, Item 1 and that the following become Item 2 of Article 6 "That the above officers serve also for the Quarterly meetings.

2. That Article 7 be changed to appear as Article 7, Item 1 and that the following become Item 2 of Article 7, "The Quarterly Meeting shall convene on the last Saturday of November, February, and May at places decided upon at the Annual Association.

3. That in Article 2 of the Rules of Decorum the word "close" be substituted for the word "opening". Respectfully submitted: Rev. A. J.

Lambert, Rev. Louis Bates, Rev. Charles Hollingshead

OBITUARY: M. S. & C.

We, the Obituary Committee extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these deceased.

Bro. Johnny Black of Fayette, Ala., Bro. John T. Atkins and Sis. Emma Plyer of Russellville, Alabama, Sis. Sarah Crawford of Northport, and Bro. Wade Fowler of Jasper, Alabama. Signed: Genie Lowe, Gara Williams and Grady Tidwell.

NOMINATING: M. S. & C. (These officers were elected by acclamation.)

Moderator: Rev. Milton Crowson

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Charles Berryman

Clerk: Mrs. Louie Bates

Assistant Clerk: Miss Brenda Jones

Treasurer: Mrs. Deliska Pickett

Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Lovell Short

Three year term on the Executive Board: Rev. Levy Corey

Youth Sponsor: Jerry Edgil

Christian Education Board: Rev. Milton Crowson, Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Rev. Nathan Davis, Mrs. Shirley Justice, Miss Linda Edgil

Youth Camp Committee (these were elected by run-off): Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. Willie Justice and Rev. Milton Crowson

Final report of CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, the Credential Committee, recommend that Rev. Nathan Davis and Rev. Earl M. Hawkins be welcomed in the Progressive Association as a Pastor. That Bro. James Reece be ordained as a Deacon and that Bro. Jerry Edgil, be granted a license to preach the Gospel.

Rev. Louie Bates read the charge. I Timothy 3:12. Rev. Charles offered prayer. Everyone gave them the handshake of fellowship. We adjourned until our next regular session which will convene at Townley, Ala.

Our noon message was brought by Rev. Nathan Davis. He used Acts 20. Rev. A. J. Lambert dismissed us with prayer, he also gave thanks for the food.

Miss Brenda Jones
Clerk

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Cordova: Rev. Clarence Mays, 504 Green Avenue, Cordova, Ala. 35550

Dovertown: Rev. Joe Jones, Samantha, Alabama

Eldridge: Rev. Carlton Lambert, Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama 35554

Ensley: Rev. Louie Bates, Box 45, Alden, Alabama

Fayette: Rev. A. J. Lambert, 108 Elyton Rd., Fayette, Ala. 35555

Florence: Rev. Willie Justice, 701 Branch Street, Florence, Ala.

Jasper: Rev. Nathan Davis, Route 6, Jasper, Alabama

Northport: Rev. Charles Hollingshead, 804 - 36th Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Oak Grove: Rev. J. J. Staab, 2314 No. 33rd Ave., Birmingham, Ala. 35207
Russellville: Rev. Milton Crowson, Route 1, Russellville, Ala.
South Highland: Rev. Charles Berryman, 603-E 6th St., Muscle Shoals, Ala.
Townley: Rev. Levy Corey, Townley, Alabama

OTHER MINISTERS

Rev. Kirby Joe Godwin, Box 664, Juneau, Alaska

Rev. Jimmy Aldridge, Mission Protestante, B.P. 24, Agnibelekrou, Rep. of Ivory Coast, Africa

Rev. Aubry Rosser, Florida

Rev. Lee Estell, Route 1, Cordova, Ala. 35550

Rev. Leonard Goodin, 1545 - 18th Place, S.W., Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. Joel Williams, Wylam, Alabama

Rev. Clifford Holland, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Paul Weaver, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. J. M. Pace, Route 5, Russellville, Alabama

CHURCHES AND CLERKS

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Dovertown: Mrs. Dan Sargent, Route 1, Cordova, Alabama 35550

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Florence: Oline Calvert, Route 7, Florence, Alabama

Jasper: Leon Wilcutt, 1410 - 3rd Avenue, Jasper, Alabama

Northport: Ann Reed, 3820 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Oak Grove: Pat Whitten, Route 3, Box 806, Gardendale, Alabama

Russellville: Mrs. Grady Randolph, P. O. Box 83, Russellville, Alabama

South Highland: Mrs. Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Sulphur Springs: Mrs. Dean Kuykendall, Route 2, Berry, Alabama

Townley: Linda Edgil, Townley, Alabama

CHURCH DEACONS

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T. O. Terry, Sr., 206 Underwood Street, Cordova, Alabama 35550

Reynold Flippo, Route 6, Jasper, Alabama

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Wesley Carter, Route 1, Cordova, Alabama 35550

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J. P. Kelly, Route 5, Fayette, Alabama
Douglass Stripling, Route 5, Fayette, Alabama
Reece Henderson, Fayette, Alabama
Euel Lewis, Route 5, Fayette, Alabama
Alvis Hollingshead, Fayette, Alabama

FLORENCE

Alphonse McDonald, 132 Pamplin Avenue, Florence, Alabama
James Melton, 301 Normandy Drive, Florence, Alabama
Robert C. Murphy, 325 Barbour Avenue, Florence, Alabama
George R. Capps, 496 O'Steen Circle, Florence, Alabama

JASPER

Robert Barnes, Route 2, Box 289, Jasper, Alabama
Ray Bevis, Route 4, Jasper, Alabama
James D. Glasgow, Parrish, Alabama
Walter Tate, Route 1, Jasper, Alabama
Bobby Sargent, 1109 - 10th Street, Jasper, Alabama

NORTHPORT

Seborn Kuykendall, 4-C Country Club Hills, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
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Samuel Key, 1605 - 74th Street, Northport, Alabama
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X. L. Truhett, 36 Biscayne Hills, Northport, Alabama
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RUSSELLVILLE

G. W. Kilpatrick, Route 2, Tuscumbia, Alabama
J. B. Whitehead, Route 7, Russellville, Alabama
P. W. Kimbrough, Route 7, Russellville, Alabama

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Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, Alabama
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SULPHUR SPRINGS

Lee Scrivner, Route 1, Berry, Alabama
Olan Kuykendall, Samantha, Alabama
Jack Warren, Samantha, Alabama

TOWNLEY

J. A. Smith, Townley, Alabama
R. M. Edgil, Townley, Alabama
Joel F. Smith, Townley, Alabama

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 acknowledgements.
7. Reports 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 teachings of the Free Will Baptist 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.

11. That no man be licensed or ordained that uses tobacco in any form.

12. We use the ordination questionnaire as passed in the association 1963 session.

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

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 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 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. The 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 annual session whose duty shall be to serve for the entire year, to examine all church letters, and applications for membership for both churches and ministers, examining and ordaining of all ministers or deacons and make a report of same to the body.

ARTICLE 6. Item 1. 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.

Item 2. That the above officers serve also for the Quarterly meetings.

ARTICLE 7. Item 1. This association shall meet on Thursday night, Friday and Saturday before the last Sunday in August each year - the association proper beginning with the Thursday evening service, Friday and Saturday. Thursday night-youth.

Item 2. The Quarterly meeting shall convene on the last Saturday of November, February, and May at places decided upon at the Annual Association.

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 Bylaws 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 cents 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 close 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 works 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 application 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 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 during 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 approved 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.

17. That all inactive members of our churches be dropped from the roll after one year if they have been contacted and given an opportunity to prove themselves worthy to remain on the roll. If they show no interest in and have not attended or supported the church in one year we have a right to drop them according to our National Treaties.

PROGRESSIVE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Held at the Florence Church, March 17, 1966

The service was opened with the singing of "Blessed Be the Name" and "At Calvary" followed by prayer, which was led by Brother Charles Hollingshead. Mrs. Virginia Burless gave devotional thoughts on the topic "Through us Christ loves, goes, and speaks to people."

The welcome address was given by Thelma Lindsey and the response by Mrs. Laura Hollingshead. Then Brother Charles Hollingshead led the singing of "Bring Them In".

Vice-President Mrs. Peggy Hill presided (at the request of the president). The delegates from the local auxiliaries were seated. The appointed delegates were:

Cedar Creek: Mrs. Bill Foote, Mrs. Inez Jones, and Mrs. Eloise Brown
Cordova: Mrs. Elois Sargent and Mrs. Bettie Mays
Fayette: Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Alice Yerby, and Mrs. E. E. Lewis
Florence: Mrs. Shirley Justice, Betty Capps, and Mrs. Elmer Pigg
Northport: Hazel Bobo, Wilma Davis and Lois Fields
Russellville: Mrs. Bennie Whitehead, Mrs. Martha Crowson, and Alice Staggs
Townley: Mrs. Hazel Tittle, Mrs. R. M. Edgil, and Mrs. Ed Sparks

Mrs. Hill appointed committees, then she and other officers gave challenging talks, encouraging the local auxiliaries to pray, have study courses, seek new members, tithe, promote child evangelism, etc.

Mrs. Lorene Miley, missionary to Africa, gave a challenging message on the subject "Involvement". The Florence Church trio sang "Thank you, Lord". Brother A. J. Lambert led in prayer, dismissing the service for the lunch hour.

The afternoon session was called to order by Mrs. Hill. Brother Charles Hollingshead directed the congregation in singing choruses, and Brother Willie Justice led in prayer.

Mrs. Lorene Miley showed her Illustrated Dispensary Diary, telling of some of the work of her and her husband in Africa.

The secretary read last year's minutes and the annual report of the combined local auxiliaries. Other reports were given as follows:

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express heartfelt thanks to the Florence Church for the congenial reception, friendly atmosphere that has prevailed throughout, and the delicious food served to the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Mrs. E. E. Lewis and Mrs. Hazel Tittle

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:

Ministers	5
Delegates	18
Visitors	<u>75</u>
Total	98

Betty Capps, Billie Suggs, Sue White

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

We, the Credential Committee, have examined the reports of the auxiliaries represented and found the reports in order. There were no new applications for membership to this district.

Martha Crowson, Hazel Bobo, and Gayle Turrentine

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

We, the Resolution Committee, wish to submit the following:

1. Be it resolved that this District Auxiliary Convention set up an annual workshop. The Study Course Chairman be responsible for planning the program. The place and time will be set up by this Convention today.
2. Be it resolved that we continue with our Children's Home Project for another year, that of tiling the floor of the girls' dormitory, and a goal be set for \$3 per member.
3. Be it resolved that there be an executive Committee meeting held prior to the Convention each year and resolutions from local auxiliaries, individuals, and officers be submitted to this committee for their consideration, and this committee submit resolutions to this Convention.

BYLAWS SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C. T. S.

1. Skit rules: Length shall be from 5 to 10 minutes, with one point (up to 5) deducted for each minute over or under. Theme in accord with convention theme--10 points; presentation--10 points; total 25 points.
2. Banner rules. Ten points per person and one point per mile for all those who register.
3. Payment of visiting speakers, \$10.00 per message and .05 per mile.
4. Dues to convention, \$.10 per enrolled member of the Sunday School and C. T. S.
5. Delegates: One delegate for each 25 members in the Sunday School and C. T. S. and one for any additional part thereof.
6. Standing delegates: Convention officers, ministers, Sunday School superintendents, and C. T. S. directors shall be standing delegates.
7. Minutes: The secretary shall send minutes of each session to the clerk of the Progressive Association in time for them to be included in the general minutes. (Minute fund should be included.)
8. Gifts to officers: The president of the convention shall be paid \$15.00 and the secretary & treasurer shall be paid \$5.00 for each session.
9. Reports and letters: Reports and letters should be mailed to the president of the convention at least one month before the session convenes. A chart will be made and presented for approval without the reading of letters.
10. The Program Committee for Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday School and C. T. S. include complete program on program bulletin and mailed to all local churches one month prior to convention.

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 Baptist, 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 C. T. S. Convention of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE II. This convention shall be composed of regularly organized Sunday Schools and C. T. S. within the bounds of said association and shall meet annually on Friday and Saturday A. E. A. time.

ARTICLE III. Any Sunday School or C. T. S. desiring to become a member of this convention shall send two (2) or more delegates 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 this 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 C. T. S. and one from the Sunday School and one to be elected at large.

ARTICLE VI. All officers, including Executive Committee members, must be Christians and Free Will Baptist.

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 C. T. S. 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 C. T. S. Convention.

MINISTERS' REPORT

NAME OF MINISTER

	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	Communion Held	Funerals Conducted	Ordained Ministers	Married Couples	Miles Traveled	Money Received
J. J. Staab	100	-	4	4	4	60	-	-	104	600.	1	52	-	-	-	-	10,000	\$1,050.00
Johnnie M. Pace	82	2	5	15	4	52	-	-	52	500.	2	25	1	3	-	-	15,000	1,040.00
Charles J. Berryman	125	1	77	60	43	100	-	-	51	780.	1	52	1	3	-	5	10,000	3,777.24
Milton Crowson	120	2	3	14	3	-	-	50	52	-	1	48	2	2	-	-	12,000	4,415.00
Carlton Lambert	90	-	5	4	5	15	-	50	50	-	1	40	-	-	-	2	-	150.00
Nathan Davis	165	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	-	12	22,500	2,680.00
Charles O. Hollingshead	134	-	19	68	12	312	6	52	52	180.	1	26	4	16	9	4	20,000	5,020.00
Willie Justice	150	4	38	25	20	500	-	52	52	200.	1	48	4	5	-	4	1,800	5,204.45
A. J. Lambert	181	5	3	21	1	440	5	50	52	440.	1	25	4	7	-	1	13,742	4,333.70
Levy Corey	132	4	12	32	9	410	-	48	52	75.	1	48	1	1	-	2	20,000	4,035.00
Joe Jones	85	-	11	10	9	11	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2,500	1,400.00
Louie Bates	100	1	-	5	3	215	-	48	48	-	1	37	1	6	-	-	14,400	-
L. C. Estill	8	-	-	-	-	5	-	47	47	-	-	7	-	-	-	2	-	-

CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	No. Members	Active Members	Inactive Members	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday Schools	C.T.S.	C.T.S. Members	Woman's Auxiliary	Prayer Meetings	Master Men	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Building & Repair	Advertising	Literature
Cordova	178	139	39	4	8	1	1	-	-	-	-	\$3825.00	\$389.58	\$	-	-
Dovertown	79	63	16	2	2	1	1	30	-	1	-	1605.00	144.00	103.36	-	349.91
Eldridge	50	50	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	238.29	-	173.02
Ensley	101	60	41	1	4	1	1	35	1	-	-	1860.00	100.00	3562.88	20.00	193.83
Fayette	110	110	-	2	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	3530.00	200.00	-	-	-
Florence	184	174	10	3	3	1	1	93	1	1	-	5204.45	605.80	24861.10	195.12	1062.38
Jasper	121	101	20	1	4	1	1	66	1	1	1	3120.00	100.00	2048.00	-	180.25
Northport	231	126	105	1	7	1	1	110	1	1	1	5020.00	467.43	-	21.00	1225.17
Oak Grove	69	32	37	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1020.00	113.04	-	-	-
South Highland	281	171	110	2	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	3777.24	210.00	-	-	191.47
Sulphur Springs	156	71	85	-	3	1	1	-	1	1	1	1390.00	110.00	-	-	-
Russellville	140	68	72	2	3	1	1	35	1	1	1	4240.00	100.00	742.05	54.15	395.11
Townley	110	110	-	1	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	3710.00	150.00	-	-	-

CHURCHES

	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Children's Home	Superannuation	State and National Projects	Value of Parsonage Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Church Property	Charity
Cordova	\$1239.30	\$1286.82	\$996.29	\$438.86	\$204.01	\$	\$25,000.00	1	\$75,000.00	\$ -
Dovertown	-	67.00	20.00	20.00	-	87.00	-	-	5,400.00	-
Eldridge	121.00	25.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,000.00	-
Ensley	135.00	-	87.26	120.00	-	-	-	-	12,500.00	-
Fayette	187.27	187.27	187.27	187.27	-	-	7,000.00	1	50,000.00	-
Florence	899.12	198.74	338.40	520.70	104.14	503.05	-	1	160,000.00	-
Jasper	70.00	65.35	55.00	25.00	-	-	-	-	40,000.00	-
Northport	593.47	370.67	277.67	334.70	8.00	1726.70	-	-	60,000.00	37.76
Oak Grove	37.04	34.14	36.14	272.44	19.14	-	-	-	15,000.00	25.00
South Highland	-	50.00	-	119.59	17.27	75.45	-	-	20,000.00	25.45
Sulphur Springs	-	88.17	-	137.11	-	-	5,000.00	1	20,000.00	-
Russellville	43.00	27.40	117.00	117.88	16.25	16.42	-	-	15,000.00	45.60
Townley	153.26	46.09	385.31	198.20	-	-	-	-	-	542.74