

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

**Convened with Townley Free Will  
Baptist Church, Townley, Alabama**

**August 24 – 26, 1967**

**Next Session will convene with Florence  
Free Will Baptist Church**

**Florence, Alabama**

**August 29 – 31, 1968**

### ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1968

Moderator: Rev. Milton Crowson, P. O. Box 99, Russellville, Ala.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Hughes Ellis, 504 Green Avenue, Cordova,  
Ala. 35550

Clerk: Mrs. Louie Bates, Box 74, Alden, Ala. 35008

Assistant Clerk: Connie Nobles, Box 8, Eldridge, Ala.

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Jasper, Alabama

One year term - Rev. A. J. Lambert, 942 No. Temple  
Avenue, Fayette, Ala. 35555

Youth Camp Committee: Three year term - Rev. Willie Justice, 701 Branch  
Street, Florence, Ala. 35630

Two year term - Rev. Milton Crowson, P. O. Box  
99, Russellville, Ala.

One year term - Rev. A. J. Lambert, 942 No.  
Temple Ave., Fayette, Ala. 35555

Youth Sponsor: Rev. Hughes Ellis, 504 Green Avenue, Cordova, Ala.

Christian Education: Rev. Willie Justice, Rev. Thurmon Murphy, Rev. Hughes  
Ellis, Linda Edgil, Carolyn Powell

### QUARTERLY MEETING OFFICERS

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### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS

No Report.



THURSDAY NIGHT, YOUTH, Aug. 24, 1967

Rev. Levy Corey opened this service with singing. We all enjoyed the singing. Prayer by Bro. Loyd Martin. All the churches were recognized. Rev. Milton Fields brought the message. His scripture was Daniel 5:27. His thoughts were "Weighed in the balance and found wanting." Our law and conduct weighing us. It was a very interesting message, closing with prayer. Refreshments were served and great fellowship enjoyed.

Credential Committee appointed: Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. Louie Bates and Rev. Hughes Ellis.

FRIDAY MORNING, Aug. 25, 1967

Moderator Rev. Milton Crowson in charge. Singing led by Rev. Levy Corey. "Standing on the Promises". Devotion by Bro. Carlton Lambert. His scripture was John 12:8. His thoughts were Martha serving Jesus with her hands but Mary worshipped Jesus and Lazarus able to communicate with God, closing with prayer.

We were made welcome by Linda Edgil. Response by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Meeting called to order by the clerk, Mrs. Louie Bates.

Moderators message, Rev. Milton Crowson, I Cor. 3:5, closing with prayer. Bro. Corey directed "Since Jesus came into my heart".

Visiting Ministers: Rev. P. P. Barnes, Jasper Association, Rev. Marvin Harbin, Morning Star Association, and Rev. R. V. Lay, Vernon Association.

Report of the Credential Committee:

"We the Credential Committee have examined the letters of the thirteen churches reporting and find them in order. The recommendation from the individual churches will be given in the final report. M S & C.

Committees appointed as follows:

Resolution: Rev. Milton Fields, Rev. Levy Corey, Mrs. Betty Davis  
Auditing: Rev. Nathan Davis, Bro. Oscar Reeves, Bro. G. W. Kilpatrick  
Temperance: Linda Edgil, Mrs. Genie Lowe, Mrs. Willie Barnes  
Appreciation: Mrs. Hughes Ellis, Mrs. Elizabeth Tidwell, Mrs. Alvis Hollingshead  
Obituary: Mrs. Loyd Martin, Mrs. Jim Smith, Miss Connie Nobles  
Nominating: Rev. Willie Justice, Rev. Carlton Lambert, Rev. Leonard Gooden

Dismissed for Intermission.

Delegates names read and seated. They are:

Cordova: Louelle Short, Anita Ellis, Estelle Rosser, Laura Ellis, Juanita Franklin  
Dovertown: Tommie Cordell, Oscar Reeves, Mrs. Ida Reeves

Eldridge: Ed Tidwell, Elizabeth Tidwell, Carolyn Hulsey\*  
Ensley: Mrs. Ruby Dickinson, Geneva Martin, Deliska Pickett  
Fayette: Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Fred Hamm, Alicia Hamm, Mrs. Alvis Hollingshead  
Florence: No delegates  
Jasper: Mrs. Willie Barnes, Lina O'Rear, Betty Davis, Julie Honeycutt, Wanda Wilkerson  
Northport: Sarah Davis  
Oak Grove: Genie Lowe, Sandy Whitten, Leuna Sorenson  
Russellville: Bro. Morgan Steadham, Lillie Mae Hale  
South Highlands: No Delegates  
Townley: Sanford Tittle, Mrs. Jim Smith, Mrs. Cleo Mitchell, Linda Edgil  
Sulphur Springs: Mrs. Elzie Gilliam, Mrs. Reppie Essary, Mrs. Ida Scrivner, Mrs. Fields

Songs, "Victory in Jesus", "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Sunlight" directed by Bro. Fields. Prayer by Bro. A. J. Lambert. Song, "What a Friend we have in Jesus". Special singing by Bro. and Sister Fields "Since Jesus Came In".

Rev. Levy Corey brought the morning message. Matthew 4:18-22. Theme: "Leaving all to follow Jesus".

A handshake of appreciation to Bro. and Sister Corey for the wonderful work they have done in the Progressive Association. Closed with prayer and giving of thanks for the food by Rev. Louie Bates.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Aug. 25, 1967

Session was opened with a song led by Bro. Milton Fields. "Kneel at the Cross". Prayer by Rev. P. P. Barnes. Special song by Sister Betty Davis, "I'd Rather have Jesus".

Panel discussion on the problems facing Free Will Baptists by Willie Justice, Hughes Ellis, Levy Corey and Carlton Lambert.

Report on National Youth Meeting by Connie Nobles. Motion and second that we receive this as information.

National Auxiliary Report by Sister Corey. M S & C.

Report on National Association by Rev. Louie Bates. M S & C.

Report on Montgomery Church by Bro. E. B. Ledlow. M S & C that we receive this as information.

Youth Camp report by Rev. Willie Justice. There were 78 attended camp this year. Please urge your young people to attend camp next year. There were 48 decisions made during camp. Bro. Ellis was the speaker each night. Parents, Preachers, Sunday School Teachers please urge your children to plan now to attend next year. M S & C.



Children's Home report by Rev. Carlton Lambert. There has been great improvements in the Home this year. The filter system, new laundry, large lounge for girls, all the halls painted and better equipped than has ever been. M S & C. Rev. Louie Bates offered prayer, offering for the Children's Home received of \$39.20.

Quarterly Meetings report by Mrs. Louie Bates.

November 26, 1966: We met with the Fayette Free Will Baptist Church with 10 churches present. Three were not present: Jasper, Townley, Dovern-town. We received one minister into our Association, Rev. Hughes Ellis. There were three Deacons ordained: Bro. Clarence Berryman, Bro. Edward Hooper and Bro. Leon Montgomery all from the South Highland Church. Bro. W. A. Springer was granted a certificate of standing. The morning message was brought by Rev. William Atkinson, Pastor of the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church.

February 25, 1966: We met with the Northport Free Will Baptist Church with all 13 of our churches present. The Rev. Robert Picirilli from the Bible College and Moderator of the National Association brought the morning message. There was one deacon ordained, Bro. Loyd Martin from the Ensley Church. Two deacons were to be ordained by their local church, Bro. Wiley Hudson and Bro. Elzie Gilliam as requested by their church. Rev. Milton Fields was received into our Association.

May 27, 1966: We met with the Russellville Free Will Baptist Church with 10 churches present. Those not present were Sulphur Springs, Northport and Dovern-town. Bro. Randy Cox brought the morning message. We had an afternoon message by Bro. Kirby Joe Godwin our returned missionary from Alaska. Bro. Albert Lee Hamm from the Fayette Church was licensed to preach. Special singing by the Fayette Quartet was enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY NIGHT, Aug. 25, 1967

Song service was directed by Rev. A. J. Lambert. "I have Somebody with me" and "Let me live close to Thee". Devotion was given by Rev. Hughes Ellis, Gen. 3:8 and Exodus 25:8. Theme, "God's desire for man". Closed with prayer. Bro. Lambert directed singing, "Living by Faith", "When I see the Blood". Special song by Sister Betty Davis "I was borned to serve the Lord". Special song by Bro. Carlton Lambert "The Love of God".

The evening message was brought by Rev. Louie Bates. Scripture was Matthew 26:26-27, I Cor. 10:16 and John 13:4. Communion and Feet Washing. The Lord blessed in a mighty way in our Communion service. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Nathan Davis.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUG. 26, 1967

Song service "Leaning on Jesus" and "Love Lifted Me". Prayer by Rev. Thurmon Murphy. Devotion by Rev. Willie Justice. Psalms 20:7. He closed with prayer.

Morning message by Bro. A. J. Lambert. Eph. 3:8-9, I Cor. 15:10. Bro. Nathan Davis dismissed us with prayer, he also gave thanks for the food.

## REPORTS

### TEMPERANCE, M. S. & C.

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend the following:

1. That all abide by the recommendations set forth in the minutes of the 35th Annual Session 1966, with the addition of the following to recommendation No. 3.

2. That the church and parents seek to keep the youth interested in the church, and strive to give each child a spiritual foundation. Signed: Linda Edgil, Genie Lowe, Willie Mae Barnes.

### AUDITING: M. S. & C.

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books and find them in order. Signed: Rev. Nathan Davis, Bro. Oscar Reeves, Bro. G. W. Kilpatrick.

### TREASURER'S REPORT 1966 - 1967

Received	\$ 944.59
Paid Out	516.95

TOTAL IN TREASURE \$ 427.64

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your Christian Education Committee, have no constitution available due to circumstances of newly organized Board. Signed: Linda Edgil, Rev. Milton Crowson, Rev. Nathan Davis and Shirley Justice.

We received this as information.

### APPRECIATION: M. S. & C.

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our thanks to the Townley Church for the warm hospitality, delicious food and Christian fellowship we have received. We also wish to commend the Moderator and officers of the Association for a job well done. We suggest that we express our gratitude to them and to the host church by a rising vote of thanks. Signed: Mrs. Laura Ellis, Mrs. Ernestine Hollingshead and Miss Elizabeth Tidwell.

### YOUTH CAMP:

Seventy-eight campers attended camp this year, 48 decisions made during camp.

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

We, the Resolution Committee, submit the following reports:



Item 1: Be it resolved that the Quarterly Meetings convene at Ensley in November, at Oak Grove in February and at Cordova in May.

Item 2: Be it resolved that the Youth Camp be Incorporated.

Item 3: Be it resolved that the Trustees of the Youth Camp be elected to serve on a rotating basis with one member to come off each year.

Item 4: Be it resolved that the Youth Camp be given \$100.00 out of the Associational Treasury and each church be encouraged to give \$25.00 for the purpose of buying camp equipment.

Item 5: Be it resolved that the Youth Rally be allocated \$100.00 out of Associational funds.

Item 6: Be it resolved that the Ledlows account be designated \$100.00 to come out of the Associational Treasury.

Item 7: Be it resolved that the Association Treasurer be directed to pay for flowers sent to Bro. Milton Crowson's son.

Item 8: Be it resolved that the churches be sent one copy of the minutes per each ten members. Respectfully submitted: Mrs. Bette Davis, Bro. Levy Corey and Bro. Milton Fields.

#### OBITUARY: M. S. & C.

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

Sister Maude Cross of Florence, Alabama. Signed: Geneva Martin, Mrs. Jim Smith and Connie Nobles.

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

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Assistant Clerk: Connie Nobles

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Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Nathan Davis

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Christian Education: Rev. Willie Justice, Rev. Thurmon Murphy, Rev. Hughes Ellis, Linda Edgil, Carolyn Powell

Final report of the CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE: M. S. & C.

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We, the Credential Committee, recommend that Bro. Jerry Edgil from the Townley Church and Bro. Albert Lee Hamm from the Fayette Church be ordained to preach the Gospel.

We recommend that Bro. David Kent be ordained as a deacon in the Eldridge Church.

We recommend the ratification of the credentials of Bro. Thurmon Murphy and welcome him into our Fellowship.

We have examined the following men and recommend that Bro. Leon Montgomery and Bro. Jessie Speegle from the South Highland Church be licensed to preach and that we renew the license of Bro. Reynold Flipppo from the Cordova Church for another year.

Ordination Service: Albert Lee Hamm from the Fayette Church, Jerry Edgil from the Townley Church were ordained to preach the Gospel. Bro. Kent from the Eldridge was ordained as a deacon. Bro. A. J. Lambert read the charge. I Timothy 3:12.

Mrs. Louie Bates  
Clerk

#### CHURCHES AND PASTORS FOR 1968

Cordova: Rev. Hughes Ellis, 504 Green Avenue, Cordova, Ala. 35550

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Florence: Rev. Willie Justice, 701 Branch Street, Florence, Ala. 35630

Jasper: Rev. Nathan Davis, 7 Ave. No., Jasper, Ala.

Northport: Rev. Thurmon Murphy, Rt. 1, Box 271, Northport, Ala.

Oak Grove: Rev. Kirby Joe Godwin, 1500 42 St. Ens., Birmingham, Ala.

Russellville: Rev. Milton Crowson, P. O. Box 99, Russellville, Ala. 35653

South Highland: Rev. Charles Berryman, East 67th St., Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Sulphur Springs: Rev. Richard Bowers, Samantha, Ala.

Townley: Rev. Gordon Hart, Townley, Alabama

#### OTHER MINISTERS

Rev. Jerry Edgil, Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Albert Hamm, Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tenn.

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

Rev. Jimmy Aldridge, Mission Protestante, B. P. 24, Agnibelekrou,

Rep. of Ivory Coast, Africa

Rev. Aubry Rosser, Florida

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

Rev. Joel Williams, Wylam, Alabama



## CHURCHES AND CLERKS

Cordova: Joyce Pittman, Cordova, Alabama 35550  
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Eldridge: Mrs. Carlton Lambert, Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama  
Ensley: Mrs. Huey Pickett, 1311 18th Way S.W., Birmingham, Alabama  
Fayette: Mrs. Lewis Hindman, Route 5, Fayette, Alabama 35555  
Florence: Mrs. Almon Calvert, Route 8, Box 232, Florence, Ala. 35630  
Jasper: Mr. Leon Wilcutt, 1610 Alabama Ave., Jasper, Alabama  
Northport: Ann Reed, 3820 Greensboro Ave., Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
Oak Grove: Pat Tidwell, Route 7, Box 650-A, Birmingham, Ala.  
Russellville: Mrs. Grady Randolph, P. O. Box 83, Russellville, Ala. 35653  
South Highland: Mrs. Edward Greene, 202 Mason, Muscle Shoals, Ala.  
Sulphur Springs: Mrs. Dean Kuykendall, Route 2, Berry, Alabama  
Townley: Mrs. Ruby Pike, Route 2, Carbon Hill, Alabama

## CHURCH DEACONS

### CORDOVA

Winford Russell, 103 McCary Street, Cordova, Alabama 35550  
T. O. Terry, Sr., 206 Underwood Street, Cordova, Alabama 35550  
Earl Richardson, Route 1, Box 211, Cordova, Alabama 35550  
C. C. Winsett, E 25 Reservoir Street, Cordova, Alabama 35550  
Jess Ryland, 235 Branch Street, Cordova, Alabama 35550  
W. L. McKay, L-43 Valley Street, Cordova, Alabama 35550  
Wesley Carter, Route 1, Cordova, Alabama 35550

### DOVERTOWN

Dan Sargent, Route 1, Cordova, Alabama 35550  
Earnest Sargent, Route 1, Cordova, Alabama 35550

### ENSLEY

Huey Pickett, 1311 18th Way, S. W., Birmingham, Alabama 35211  
Carl O'Donnell, 1308 18th Place S. W., Birmingham, Alabama 35211  
Willis Rawls, 335 - 25th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35211  
William L. Martin, Route 1, Adamsville, Alabama

### ELDRIDGE

David Kent, Eldridge, Alabama

### FAYETTE

A. M. Wallace, Route 6, Fayette, Alabama  
Jack Kelly, Route 5, Fayette, Alabama  
Douglass Stripling, Route 5, Fayette, Alabama  
Reese Henderson, Fayette, Alabama  
Euel Lewis, Route 5, Fayette, Alabama  
Alvis Hollingshead, Fayette, Alabama

### FLORENCE

James Melton, 301 Normandy Drive, 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  
Walter Tate, Route 1, Jasper, Alabama  
Walker Isbell

## NORTHPORT

Seborn Kuykendall, 4-C Country Club Hills, Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
Lewis Winters, 2516 - 17th Avenue, Northport, Alabama  
Samuel Key, 1605 74th Street, Northport, Alabama  
Clayton Bobo, 4409 Highpoint Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
X. L. Truhett, 36 Biscayne Hills, Northport, Alabama  
B. D. Davis, 4 Eastwood, Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
James E. Reese, 2512 20th Avenue, Northport, Alabama

## RUSSELLVILLE

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

## SOUTH HIGHLAND

Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, Alabama  
Marion Taylor, 203 Main Street, Florence, Alabama  
W. A. Springer, 710 W. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield, Alabama  
Clarence Berryman, Cherokee, Alabama  
Leon Montgomery, 906 S. Washington, Tuscumbia, Alabama  
Edward Hooper, 508 W. Tuxedo, Muscle Shoals, Alabama

## SULPHUR SPRINGS

Olan Kuykendall, Route 1, Samantha, Alabama  
Lee Scrivner, Route 1, Berry, Alabama  
Wiley Hudson, Route 1, Berry, Alabama  
Elsie Gilliam, Route 1, Samantha, Alabama  
Jack Warren, Route 1, Samantha, Alabama

## TOWNLEY

J. A. Smith, Townley, Alabama  
Fred Smith, Townley, Alabama  
R. M. Edgil, 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



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 Sulphur Springs: Rev. Milton Fields  
 Townley: Rev. Levy Corey

## 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.

## LETTER OF DISMISSAL

## 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 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 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 reprovved by the moderator according to directions of the association.

#### CHURCH RULES

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



## 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 Hughes Ellis	Sermons Preached	Revivals Conducted	Received in Church	Conversions Witnessed	Baptized	Visited Sick Homes	Ordained Deacons	Attended CTS	Attended Sunday School	Traveling Expenses	Pastored Churches	Conducted Prayer Meetings	Communications Held	Funerals Conducted	Ordained Ministers	Married Couples	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Carlton Lambert	85	1	11	15	10	10	1	52	52		1	25				3		200.00
Louie Bates	102	3	5	8	1	172		40	52	1,780.00	1	51	4	6		4	25,000	1,775.00
A. J. Lambert	135	3	8	15	6	280	5	45	52	600.00	1	51	4	6		3	12,108	4,022.00
Willie Justice	150	4	47	50	40	500		40	52	150.00	1	48		4	3	3	20,000	6,485.41
Nathan Davis	225	1	10	9	1					2,500.00	1	50		3	3	3	2,000	3,480.00
Joe Jones	96		15	13	13	15		Yes	Yes		1	7	2				5,400	2,015.00
Charles Hollingshead																		
Charles Berryman	186	6	46	47	40	52	3		51	800.00	1	45	2	13		8	10,000	5,435.84
Milton Crowson	108		12	24	8	180		48	52	200.00	1	47	1	2			15,000	4,160.00
Milton Fields	81	1	23	23	2		4	45	52	2,700.00	1	3	3			2	29,500	2,075.00
Levy Corey	148	5	26	53	26			45	52	95.00	1	45	2	5		3	25,000	4,420.00

## CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	No. Members	Active Members	Inactive Members	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday Schools	C.T.S. Members	Woman's Auxiliary	Prayer Meetings	Master Men	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Building & Repair	Advertising	Literature
Cordova	222	177	45	4	8	1	1	79	1	1	-	\$4060.00	\$185.00	\$789.60	\$189.89
Dovertown	95	73	22	1	2	1	1	30	-	1	-	2015.00	213.09	-	-
Eldridge	45	45		1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	172.68
Ensley	110	70	40	3	4	1	1	40	-	1	-	1760.00	365.00	685.74	200.00
Fayette	115	115	-	2	6	1	1	68	1	1	1	3710.00	200.00	1493.68	317.33
Florence	234	230	4	2	2	1	1	94	1	1	1	6085.41	653.88	3701.27	-
Jasper	99	68	31	1	4	1	1	60	1	1	1	3480.00	125.00	966.60	-
Northport	120	100	20	1	7	1	1	80	1	1	1	5113.30	410.00	-	-
Oak Grove	66	33	33	1	-	1	1		1	1		1000.00	90.00	-	-
South Highland	331	166	165	2	6	1	-	-	-	1	-	5435.84	275.00	-	-
Sulphur Springs	153	60	93	1	5	1	1		1	1	-	2000.00	525.00	-	-
Russellville	141	75	66	2	3	1	1	35	1	1	1	4160.00	169.50	-	-
Townley	120	120	-	1	3	1	1	75	1	1	-	4420.00	215.00	-	-



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	\$1525.00	\$1104.42	\$3320.48	\$449.76	\$215.22	\$ -	\$25,000.00	1	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -
Dovertown	158.00	52.00	541.42	55.00	-	-	-	-	5,400.00	-
Eldridge	10.00		60.00	50.00	-	-	-	-	7,000.00	-
Ensley	85.00	15.00	-	110.00	-	-	8,000.00	1	50,000.00	50.00
Fayette	170.29	144.00	144.00	472.82	-	-	12,000.00	1	55,000.00	-
Florence	960.36	746.99	502.00	762.50	152.49	327.37	10,000.00	1	160,000.00	-
Jasper	126.84	41.25	409.12	164.93	14.76	-	-	-	50,000.00	50.00
Northport	287.70	280.65	2027.41	407.58	41.62	-	-	-	60,000.00	48.83
Oak Grove	24.99	15.49	182.21	102.72	15.49	-	-	-	15,000.00	12.00
South Highland	69.01	60.02	-	139.02	34.50	-	-	-	20,000.00	-
Sulphur Springs	8.35	11.50	226.50	235.00	-	-	5,000.00	1	20,000.00	325.00
Russellville	126.84	41.25	409.12	164.93	14.76	-	-	-	50,000.00	50.00
Townley	91.63	50.00	159.70	120.00	20.00	-	20,000.00	1	60,000.00	231.75