

MINUTES
OF THE
Thirty-seventh Annual Session
OF THE
Progressive Association
OF
Free Will Baptists of Alabama



CONVENED

Florence Free Will Baptist Church—Aug. 22-24, 1968
Florence, Alabama



NEXT SESSION

Ensley Free Will Baptist Church—Aug. 28-30, 1969
Ensley, Alabama



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Thurmon Murphy

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THURSDAY EVENING YOUTH SERVICE—August 22, 1968

Rev. Gordon Hart opened the service with singing "Jesus Saves." Rev. Malone Cobb, pastor of the Russellville Church, led in prayer. Other songs included "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" and "He Keeps Me Singing." The Assistant Moderator, Rev. Hughes Ellis recognized the churches present. The appointment of the Credentials Committee followed. They were: Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. Gordon Hart, and Bro. David Kent. Bro. Hart led the congregation in the chorus of "Send a Great Revival". The hymn "When We All Get to Heaven" followed. A special "Try Jesus, Man of Galilee" was presented by Anita, Joan and Mrs. Laura Ellis. The evening message was brought by Rev. Jerry Edgil. His title was "Remember God" from Ecclesiastes 12:1. "Just As I Am" was the invitation hymn. Bro. Willis Rawls closed the service with prayer. Refreshments were served by the Florence church. The food and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.

FRIDAY MORNING—August 23, 1968

Bro. Willie Justice opened the meeting with a congregational hymn entitled "Glory To His Name," prayer by Bro. Lee Estelle followed. Bro. Justice led the congregation in another hymn "There is Power In the Blood". Bro. Malone Cobb gave a very inspiring devotion from Romans 13: 11-14. Bro. Almon Calvert welcomed us. Rev. Gordon Hart gave the response. The meeting was called to order by the clerk, Mrs. Louie Bates. Rev. Hughes Ellis, Assistant moderator brought the moderator's message. His text was Phil. 3:20. Prayer followed.

Committees appointed as follows:

Temperance: Rev. Malone Cobb, Mrs. Quinton Boyett, and Mrs. Genie Lowe.

Appreciation: Bro. Sanford Tittle, Abigail Martin, and Mrs. Laura Ellis

Auditing: Rev. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Audra Uugh, and Mrs. Carolyn Bowers

Resolutions: Rev. Richard Bowers, Rev. Jerry Edgil, and Rev. Kirby Jo Goodwin

Nominating: Rev. Willie Justice, Bro. Lloyd Martin, and Rev. Gordon Hart

Obituary: Mrs. Ruby Dickerson, Bro. G. Kilpatrick, and Mrs. Sandy Whitten

Rev. Jerry Edgil led the congregation in the songs "Heavenly Sunlight" and "Praise Him".

Partial report of the Credential Committee:

"We, the Credentials Committee have examined the following letters; Russellville, Oak Grove, Sulphur Springs, Dovertown, 1st FWB of Florence, Cordova, Ensley, South Highland, Fayette, Eldridge and Townley, and have found them in order. We ask that the list of delegates be read and that they be seated.

We also have a local church letter from Sulligent, Ala., requesting membership into the Progressive Association. We recommend that this church be received as a member and their delegates be seated.

We are glad to recommend that Bro. Malone Cobb be received into fellowship of this association and that a card of good standing be given him. M S & C.

The Sulligent Church was given a handshake and welcome into the association. Deacons and Ministers were asked to stand. Visiting ministers were Rev. H. C. Killin—State Line Association and Rev. Lee Estelle —Jasper Association.

Delegates were seated as follows:

Cordova—Mrs Laura Ellis, Anita Ellis, Joan Ellis

Dovertown—Oscar Reaves, Oda Reaves, Darla Sargent

Eldridge—Cathy Noah, Sally Hyche, Slyvia Hyche

Ensley—Mrs. Ruby Dickinson, Jimmy Tygree, Linda Rawls, Abigail Martin

Fayette—Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Mrs Dolly Guyton, Mrs. Eva Hamn

Florence—Mrs. Millie Suggs, Mrs. Viola Pigg, Mrs. Aurda Pugh,

Mrs. Ethel Barnett, Mrs Myrtle Emerson

Jasper—Bro. Ray Bevis, Sis. Julia Honeycutt, Becky Barnes, Denese Glasgow.

Northport—None

Oak Grove—Mrs. Sandy Whitten, Mrs. Genie Lowe

Russellville—Mrs. Walker Cummins, Mrs. Ben Howell, Mr. Walker Cummins

South Highland—Mrs. Dewey Haygood, Mrs. Frances Taylor, Dennis Hagood, Leonard Crowden

Sulligent—Mrs. Jerry Edgil, Mrs. Quinton Boyett, Mrs. Hezzie Harrison

Sulphur Springs—Miss Lawanda Gilliam, Miss Janice Jones, Mrs. Richard Bowers

Townley—Mr. Sanford Tittle. Mrs. Linda Tittle, Miss Sandy Tittle, Sylvia Guthrie

Bro. David Kent dismissed for intermission with prayer.

Rev. Jerry Edgil opened the morning service with singing. The songs included "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms".

Rev. Kirby Jo Godwin brought the morning message. His text was Isaiah 54:1-2. His theme was "Enlarge the place of thy tent....and lengthen thy cords." Each one was encouraged to be a better missionary. The invitation hymn was "I Surrender All". Rev. A. J. Lambert prayed the dismissal prayer for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. Jerry Edgil led the opening songs for the afternoon session. "On Jordan's Stormy Banks", and "Bring Them In". Bro. Lloyd Martin led in prayer.

Rev. Gordon Hart gave a report on "Issues We Face As Evangelicals." He referred to the following Scripture: I Tim. 3:1, also II Tim. 4:1 and II Thess. 3:7.

A panel consisting of Bro. Richard Bowers, Bro. Willie Justice, Bro. Jerry Edgil & Bro. Malone Cobb discussed how we as Free Will Baptists should face these issues.

Quarterly Meeting Reports by Mrs. Louie Bates

November 25, 1967

In November we met with the Ensley Church with 12 Churches representing. Rev. W. H. Ryland, a visiting minister from the Cahaba Association was with us. Two deacons were ordained. Bro Sam Byrd from the Ensley church and Bro. Billy Gamble to be ordained by his local church (Florence). We received Rev. Richard Bowers, pastor of Sulphur Springs Free Will Baptist Church, into the association. Rev. Roger Reed from the Sunday School Dept. delivered the morning message. He gave some very interesting talks in the afternoon on how to improve our Sunday School.

March 24, 1968

In March we met with the Oak Grove Church with all 13 churches representing. There were 11 ministers from the Progressive association, four deacons present, and Rev. Dave Franks, a visiting minister from the Jasper Association, and missionary to Brazil. Rev. P. P. Barnes from the Jasper Association, Rev. W. H. Ryland from the Cahaba Association, Rev. E. B. Ledlow from the Montgomery Church and Rev. James Bussey were our visiting ministers. Rev. Dave Franks brought the morning message. All our meetins have been a blessing and inspiration each time we have met.

May 25, 1968

In May we met with the Cordova Church. 11 churches were present. Rev. Carlton Lambert brought a most inspiring message about David's trust in the Lord. Two deacons—Bro. Jerry White and Bro. Clyde Pittman were to be ordained by their local church. M S & C.

Motion was made that the next annual session of the Progressive Association will meet with Ensley FWB Church in August 1969. M S & C. Motion was made that the first youth rally be held the 1st Saturday night in October at the Northport Church.

Bro. Justice directed "Tell Me The Story of Jesus" followed by dismissal prayer by Bro. Hall.

Intermission:

Rev. Willie Justice gave the youth camp report. Bro. Sanford Tittle, Miss Cathy Noah, and Miss Janice Jones shared their camp testimonies with the congregation. There were 92 paid campers, 10 volunteer workers, and 67 decisions were made. The camp balance brought forward from last year was \$407; campers fees \$1413; Bro. Tittle gave \$5.00; Florence Church \$25.00; canteen sales \$118.41. The camp offering for the Brazil mission was \$33.68. The total —\$2002.09. M S & C to receive this as information.

Bro. Kent gave the Children's Home Report. They have 45 children—23 girls and 22 boys with more applications waiting. M S & C to receive this as information.

Motion was made to send a letter of appreciation from the association to the staff members of the home. M S & C

A motion was made that no deacon or minister be ordained that uses tobacco in any form. Be it resolved that no church recommend men who use tobacco in any form to be ordained as deacons or ministers. This was to be added to the Church Rules as point "d" under article 16. M S & C

Rev. Richard Bowers adjourned the meeting with prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT

The evening service was opened with the hymn "The Nail Scarred Hand" directed by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Bro Charles Davis led in prayer. Bro. Lambert led another song, "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us". A special song "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" was presented by Mrs. Susan Lard.

Rev. Richard Bowers brought the evening message. His text was Genesis 18: 26-33. His thoughts were centered around the "supreme task of the church"—soul winning. He encouraged each of us to be better soul winners and closed the message with an altar prayer of dedication led by Bro. Bowers and Bro. Lambert.

Following the evening message Rev. A. J. Lambert led the hymn, "Trust And Obey" and gave a short message concerning communion and feet washing. His text was from I Cor 11 and John 13. Everyone participating received a special blessing from the communion and feet washing services which followed.

SATURDAY MORNING

Rev. Willie Justice opened the morning service with singing, "Showers of Blessing" and "Onward Christian Soldiers". Rev. James Bussey gave a devotion from Proverbs 15: 1-4 which tells us to beware of things which draw us back into sin. He closed with prayer.

REPORTS

TEMPERANCE (M S & C)

We, the Temperance Committee, wish to report the following: Temperance is one of the virtues of life as taught in II Peter I verse 6. The Bible teaches to be temperate in all things. This doesn't by any means teach moderation in anything that is sinful, but **total abstinence** from all appearance of evil. We further recommend that parents, very carefully and prayerfully teach their children to abstain from all evil, in which the Lord so wonderfully teaches separation. Signed: Rev. J. M. Cobb, Mrs. Quinton Boyd, Mrs. Genie Lowe.

AUDITING (M S & C)

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books and find them in order. Signed: Rev. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Carolyn Bowers, Mrs. Audra Pugh.

Treasurer's Report 1967—1968

Received	\$986.32
Paid Out	877.35
Balance (Plus today's fees of \$266.80).....	108.97
TOTAL IN TREASURY.....	\$375.77

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your Christian Education Committee wish to submit the following report:

1968 TNT Rally

Total Receipts	\$112.80
Balance (1967)	142.92
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	\$255.72

Expenditures during 1968 Rally

Printers & Stationers, Inc.....	\$ 5.30
Rev. Stanley Outlaw	41.00
Sunday School Department	50.00
Recreational Facilities	8.00
Awards for Competitive Activities.....	70.72
TOTAL.....	\$175.02

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BALANCE TO DATE.....\$ 80.70

The 1968 TNT Youth Rally convened at the Florence Church with 168 in attendance.

Competitive activities were good. The Sunday School Department conducted very informative workshops, and Dr. Stanley Outlaw preached some challenging messages. All churches were urged to get good representation of teachers and officers to next meeting. See page 19 for Board of Christian Education Constitution.

APPRECIATION (M S & C)

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our thanks to the Florence Church for the warm hospitality, delicious food, and Christian fellowship we have enjoyed during this meeting. We also wish to commend each officer of the association for a job well done.

Signed:

Mr. Sanford Tittle
Miss Aligail Martin
Mrs. Laura Ellis

RESOLUTIONS (M S & C)

To receive them item by item

We, the Resolutions Committee, submit the following reports:

Item 1: Be it resolved that the Quarterly Meetings convene at Northport in November, at Townley in February, and at Russellville in May.

Item 2: Be it resolved that the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, be given \$100.00 out of the Associational Treasury.

Item 3: Be it resolved that the Ministers' Annual Report be changed to include their phone numbers.

Item 4: Be it resolved that an offering be taken at this session for Connie Nobles to aid in her Bible College expense. In addition \$50.00 from the treasury.

Signed:

Rev. Richard Bowers
Rev. Jerry Edgil
Rev. Kirby Godwin

OBITUARY (M S & C)

We, the Obituary Committee, extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these deceased: Mrs. Nancy Tingle and Mr. J. H. Redding of Florence, Ala.; Mr. Grady Tidwell of Ensley, Ala.

Signed:

Sandra Whitten
Mrs. Dickerson
Mr. Kilpatrick

NOMINATING (M S & C)

(These officers were elected by acclamation)

Moderator: Rev. Hughes Ellis

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Malone Cobb

Clerk: Mrs. Carolyn Bowers

Assistant Clerk: Mrs. Thurmon Murphy

Treasurer: Mr. David Kent

Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. A. J. Lambert

Executive Board:

Three year term—Rev. A. J. Lambert

Two year term—Rev. Gordon Hart

One year term—Rev. Carlton Lambert

Youth Camp Committee:

Three year term—Rev. Richard Bowers

Two year term—Willie Justice

One year term—Rev. Hughes Ellis

Youth Sponsor: Rev. Gordon Hart

Christian Education: Mr. Lloyd Martin, Mrs. Carolyn Bowers,
Rev. Thurmon Murphy, Rev. Jerry Edgil, Rev. Carlton Lambert.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

(M S & C)

We recommend that Bro. Jessie Speegle be ordained at this annual session today and that we assist him in every way.

We recommend upon the wishes of Bro. Hamm that his licensing be deferred until the next quarterly meeting.

We recommend upon the wishes of Bro. Montgomery that his ordination be deferred until the next quarterly meeting.

We recommend that the association grant a letter of good standing for Bro. Milton Crowson to any and to whom it may concern.

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. A. J. Lambert
Rev. Gordon Hart
Bro. David Kent

Bro. A. J. Lambert conducted the Ordination Service, ordaining Bro. Jessie Speegle as a minister. Rev. Malone Cobb led the dedication prayer.

Nominations for delegates to the State Association:

Ensley—Mrs. A. J. Lambert
Florence—Mrs. Willie Justice
Cordova—Mrs. Hughes Ellis
Sulligent—Mrs. Jerry Edgil
Northport—Mrs. Thurmon Murphy
Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Richard Bowers
Townley—Mrs. Wiledene Edgil
Russellville—Mrs. Clara Cobb
Dovertown—Mrs. Bonnie Sargent
Eldridge—Mrs. Betty Lambert
South Highland—Mrs. Davis
Jasper—Mrs. Evelyn Bevis
Fayette—Mrs. A. M. Wallace
Oak Grove—Mrs. Genie Lowe
Delegate from the Association—Bro. Sanford Tittle

M S & C to accept these nominations.

Motion was made to adjourn business session. M S & C.

The hymn, "Grace Greater Than All Our Sins" was sung by the congregation. Rev. Thurmon Murphy led in prayer. An offering was received for Connie Nobles to aid in her Bible College expense. The amount was \$34.47. Another song, "I Know Whom I Have Believed" was sung by the congregation.

Rev. Milton Crowson brought the morning message. His text was Romans 1:13. He spoke of Paul's witnessing and encouraged us to witness to those we come in contact with.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Carolyn Bowers, Clerk

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Fayette—
Florence—Rev. Willie Justice, 701 Branch Street, Florence, Ala. 35630
Jasper—
Northport—Rev. Thurmon Murphy, 2317 18th Ave., Northport, Ala. 35476
Oak Grove—Rev. Kirby Jo Godwin, 2338 20th Pl. W., Birmingham, Ala.
Russellville—Rev. Malone Cobb, 1212 College Ave., Russellville, Ala.
South Highlands—Rev. Charles Berryman, 603 E. 6th Street, Muscle Shoals, Ala.
Sulphur Springs—Rev. Richard Bowers, Rt. 1, Box 66-A, Samantha Ala. 35482
Sulligent—Rev. Jerry Edgil, P. O. Box 681, Sulligent, Ala.
Townley—Rev. Gordon Hart, P. O. Box 245, Townley, Ala.

OTHER MINISTERS

Rev. Albert Hamm, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. J. M. Pace, Rt. 5, Russellville, Ala.
Rev. Jimmy Aldridge, Mission Protestante, B.P. 24, Agnibelekrou, Rep of Ivory Coast, Africa
Rev. Aubrey Rosser, Alabama
Rev. Leonard Gooden, 1545 18th Place S.W., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. Joel Williams, Wylam, Ala.
Rev. Reynold Flipppo
Rev. Leon Montgomery, Tuscumbia, Ala.
Rev. Jessie Speegle, Muscle Shoals, Ala.

CHURCHES AND CLERKS

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Florence—Mrs. Almon Calvert, Rt. 8, Box 232, Florence, Ala. 35630
Jasper—Sylvester Anton, P. O. Box 553, Jasper, Ala.
Northport—Ann Reed, 3820 Greensboro Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Oak Grove—Pat Tidwell, Rt. 7, Box 650-A, Birmingham, Ala.
Russellville—Mrs. Grady Randolph, P. O. Box 83, Russellville, Ala.
South Highland—Mrs. Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, Ala.
Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Dean Kuykendall, Rt. 2, Berry, Ala.
Sulligent—Mrs. John Q. Boyett, Sulligent, Ala.
Townley—Mrs. Ruby Pike, Rt. 2, Carbon Hill, Ala.

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 Clyde Pittman, Cordova, Ala. 35550

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Dan Sargent, Rt. 1, Cordova, Ala. 35550
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ELDRIDGE

David Kent, Eldridge, Ala.

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A. M. Wallace, Rt. 6, Fayette, Ala.
 Jack Kelly, Rt. 5, Fayette, Ala.
 Douglas Stripling, Rt. 5, Fayette, Ala.
 Reese Henderson, Fayette, Ala.
 Euel Lewis, Rt. 5, Fayette, Ala.
 Alvis Hollingshead, Fayette, Ala.

FLORENCE

James Melton, Rt. 1, Killen, Ala.
 George R. Capps, 1941 Caple Drive, Florence, Ala.
 Billy G. Gamble, 965 Hilltop Court, Florence, Ala.

JASPER

Robert Barnes, Rt. 2, Box 289, Jasper, Ala.
 Ray Bevis, Rt. 4, Jasper, Ala.
 Walter Tate, Rt. 1, Jasper, Ala.
 Dan Glasgow, Jasper, Ala.

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 James E. Reese, 2512 20th Ave., Northport, Ala.

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 J. B. Whitehead, Rt. 7, Russellville, Ala.
 P. W. Kimbrough, Rt. 7, Russellville, Ala.

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

SULPHUR SPRINGS

Olan Kuykendall, Rt. 1, Samantha, Ala.
 Lee Scrivner, Rt. 1, Berry, Ala.
 Wiley Hudson, Rt. 1, Berry, Ala.
 Elzie Gilliam, Rt. 1, Samantha, Ala.
 Jack Warren, Rt. 1, Samantha, Ala.

TOWNLEY

J. A. Smith, Townley, Ala.
 Fred Smith, Townley, Ala.
 R. M. Edgil, Townley, Ala.
 Arnold Guthrie, Townley, Ala.
 Curt Thomas, Townley, Ala.

SULLIGENT

C. E. Birmingham, Sulligent, Ala.
 Ray Birmingham, Sulligent, Ala.
 John Quinton Boyett, Sulligent, Ala.
 Hezzie Harrison, Sulligent, Ala.
 Isaiah Hollis, Sulligent, Ala.

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call the church to order.
2. Call for the peace of the church.
3. Opportunity for membership.
4. Inviting visiting brothers and sisters to sit with us.
5. Reading of minutes.
6. Any acknowledgments.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Adjournment.

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 Ensley—Rev. Louie Bates, Box 74, Alden, Ala.
 Fayette—Rev. A. J. Lambert, 942 No. Temple Avenue, Fayette, Ala.
 Florence—Rev. Willie Justice, 701 Branch Street, Florence, Ala.
 Jasper—Rev. Nathan Davis, 7 Ave N., Jasper, Ala.
 Northport—Rev. Thurmon Murphy, Northport, Ala.
 Oak Grove—Rev. Kirby Jo Godwin, Birmingham, Ala.
 Russellville—Rev. Milton Crowson, P. O. Box 99, Russellville, Ala.
 South Highland—Rev. Charles Berryman, E. 67th St., Muscle Shoals, Ala.
 Sulphur Springs—Rev. Richard Bowers, Samantha, Ala.
 Townley—Rev. Gordon Hart, Townley, 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 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's 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 Credentials 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 the 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 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 is 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 who are approved by the moderator of the association. (d) Be it resolved that no church recommend men who use tobacco in any form to be ordained as deacons or ministers.

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 to the Progressive Association in time for them to be included in the general minutes. (Minute fund should be included.)

8. Gift 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 twentyfour (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.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This Board shall be known as the Christian Education Board of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists of Alabama.

ARTICLE 2. This Board shall be composed of 5 members to serve on a rotating basis with the terms of one member to expire each year. A chairman shall be elected each year by this board immediately after the Association.

ARTICLE 3. The purpose of this Board shall be to promote the work of the Sunday School and Church Training Service within the said Association.

ARTICLE 4. This Board shall have full responsibility for the TNT Rally which meets annually on Friday and Saturday during A.E.A. It shall arrange and conduct any other meetings which are deemed necessary to accomplish its purpose.

ARTICLE 5. The activities of this board shall be financed by a representation fee of \$.10 per enrolled member of the Sunday School and C.T.S. The Board shall also be permitted to receive offerings at meetings arranged if deemed necessary to meet the financial obligations of the board.

ARTICLE 6. No person or persons shall be allowed to participate in competitive activities provided by this board unless or until the church of which they represent has paid their representation fee.

ARTICLE 7. This board shall report annually and be considered a part of and subordinate to the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE 8. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegated body at any regular session of the Progressive Association provided notice has been made of intended change at least four hours in advance of the proposed alteration or amendment.

MINISTERS' REPORT

NAME OF MINISTER	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	Communion Held	Funerals Conducted	Ordained Ministers	Married Couples	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Malone Cobb..... 332-0716	225	6	52	100	30	200	1	52	52	\$1000.	2	52	2	6	1	3	30,000	\$5300.
Charles Berryman..... 383-9332	186	5	44	82	35	..	..	..	50	..	1	47	2	7	..	10	..	6389.
Louie Bates..... 674-5102	103	3	6	17	5	197	..	46	50	1490.	1	30	1	9	..	3	17,000	1525.
Kirby Jo Godwin.....	52	..	1	1	..	20	..	..	52	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	3,000	1200.
A. J. Lambert.....	132	3	1	3	..	300	6	49	51	364.	1	60	4	9	2	3	11,400	4255.
Thurmon Murphy..... 752-9734	124	2	12	21	7	550	..	48	52	150.	1	30	4	1	0	5	12,000	5935.
Richard Bowers.....	90	..	20	40	14	178	..	48	52	300.	1	30	3	..	2	..	15,000	3000.
Willie Justice..... 764-2337	175	7	38	80	22	1000	..	52	52	1560.	1	45	4	9	..	7	20,000	7445.
Jerry Edgil..... 698-8177	105	1	15	..	11	..	..	50	52	..	1	..	1	3	..	3	..	3825.
Gordon Hart.....	210	1	7	22	14	65	..	50	52	125.	1	..	..	9	..	1	25,000	4425.
Leon Montgomery.....	25	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..

CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Number of Members	Active Members	Inactive Members	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday Schools	CTS	CTS Members	Woman's Auxiliary	Prayer Meetings	Master Men	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Building & Repair	Advertising	Literature
Cordova.....	218	177		4	9	1	1	78	1	1		\$4,860	\$382	\$ 1,037		\$ 227
Dovertown.....	95			1	2	1	1	35		1		985	190	399		99
Eldridge.....	48	62		1	1	1	1	55		1						50
Ensley.....	105	60		2	5	1	1	35	1	1		1,755	285	3,991		228
Fayette.....	112			1	6	1			1	1	1	3,570	312			
Florence.....	270			1	3	1	1	38	1	1		6,655	636	9,617		1,641
Jasper.....	60			1	4	1	1	37	1	1	1					
Northport.....	198			1	5	1	1	106	1	1	1	5,720	255	2,352		1,436
Oak Grove.....	65			1		1			1	1		1,200	61	390		175
Russellville.....		94	73	1	3	1	1		1	1	1	4,002	228	3,492		
South Highland.....		202	165	1	5	1				1		6,582	400			
Sulligent.....	97			1	5	1			1	1		3,264	140	14,000		200
Sulphur Springs.....	164			1	5	1	1	65	1	1		2,600	550	2,300	\$40	320
Townley.....	122			1	5	1	1	60	1	1		3,945	380	108		355

CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED

CHURCHES	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Children's Home	Superannuation	State & Nat'l Projects	Value of Parsonage Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Church Property	Charity
Cordova.....	\$2711	\$706	\$ 474	\$604	\$145		\$25,000	1	\$100,000	
Dovertown.....	105	128	10	42					5,400	
Eldridge.....	20								7,000	
Ensley.....	40	30	100	105			8,000	1	50,000	
Fayette.....	176	177	152	152			1,200	1	160,000	\$ 17
Florence.....	1534	124	849	620	124	\$850	10,000	1	160,000	
Jasper.....										
Northport.....	298	345	1137	307	59				6,000	131
Oak Grove.....	133	3	3	151	3	20			15,000	7
Russellville.....	289	57	25	97					60,000	103
South Highland.....	195	219		194	92				20,000	
Sulligent.....	30	50	50						14,000	
Sulphur Springs.....	60	75	75	375		45	5,000	1	20,000	175
Townley.....	97	38	37	120		100	20,000	1	60,000	