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Executive Committee.

Rev. W. A. McDonald, Ch'm., Colquitt, Ga.
James Cheshire, Colquitt, Ga.
N. H. Sanders, Peace, Ga.

Ordained Ministers.

W. A. McDonald, Colquitt, Ga.
S. Ely, Brinson, Ga.
J. Houston, Lucile, Ga.
G. J. Wiley, Sowhatchee, Ga.
W. T. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.
A. J. Peters, Iron City, Ga.
LICENSED MINISTER—J. F. Cleveland.

Minutes of the Midway Free Will Baptist Association of Georgia.

The Fourth Annual Session of the Midway F. W. B. Association of Georgia, was held at Traveler's Rest church, Baker County, Ga., Oct. 17th, 1902. The Association was called to order at 10 o'clock, A. M., by the former moderator, T. G. Harvey. Prayer was offered by Rev. Samuel Ely. After which, roll of churches was called and they were enrolled as follows:

Open Pond—B. C. Minter and J. B. Hodges; White Pond—W. M. Lewis; Live Oak—C. J. and N. H. Sanders and B. F. Walker; Bethlehem—H. E. Ely and J. T. Johnson; Traveler's Rest—R. B. Butler, Albert Butler and W. W. Edwards; Macedonia—T. R. Mims, Charlie Gordon and James Cheshire; Zion, J. L. Ricks, H. P. Alsten, L. C. Weaver and J. W. Anglin; New Light—W. H. Drinkwater and Willie Clowers; Pleasant Grove—J. T. Hadden; Oak Grove—S. A. Miller.

Reports from the ministers of their past year's work was called for and were made verbally by the following gentlemen: Revs. W. A. McDonald, W. T. Wiley, J. Houston, S. Ely and G. T. Wiley.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

Song and hymn. Prayer by Rev. W. J. Mims. The body was permanently organized by electing Thos. G. Harvey Moderator and Berrien C. Minter Clerk. Visiting brethren from other Associations were invited to seats. Petitionary letters were called for and one was received from Damascus and one from New Enterprise. The same were adopted unanimously. Sang a hymn and extended right hand of fellowship to the delegates from the new churches. Correspondents from sister Associations was called for and brother W. J. Mims responded from the State Line of Alabama and brother J. W. Gregory from the Martin of Georgia.

The appointment of committees was next in order and were as follows:

On Preaching—R. B. Butler, W. W. Edwards and T. R. Mims.

Finance—J. B. Hodges, J. T. Hadden and J. Cheshire.

Character of Ministers—S. Ely, N. H. Sanders and J. W. Anglin. [To hold one year from appointment].

State of Churches—W. H. Drinkwater, C. J. Sanders and L. C. Weaver. [To hold for the term of one year].

Sabbath Schools—W. T. Wiley, S. H. Ely and Wiley Gordon. [To hold for the term of one year].

Business—Rev. W. A. McDonald, Rev. J. Houston and J. L. Ricks. [To hold for the term of one year].

The four preceding committees are required to make reports to the next annual meeting of this Association.

Correspondence from the Midway Association were appointed by the moderator to various sister Associations as follows:

To Liberty of Florida—Rev. J. Houston; Chattahoochee of Georgia—by letter, Rev. W. T. Wiley; Liberty of Georgia—Rev. W. A. McDonald; State Line of Ala.—Rev. S. Ely; Martin of Georgia—J. B. Hodges and J. L. Ricks; Southeastern of Alabama—Rev. W. T. Wiley; Salem of Florida—Rev. W. A. McDonald, Rev. G. T. Wiley and T. G. Harvey.

Treasurer's Report.

Amount on hand last Association,	\$ 17.90,
Received from last Association,	106.44,
Paid J. W. Mims, house rent,	27.00,
Paid W. T. Wiley, for book,	2.00,
" " tuition,	5.00,
" " account during sickness,	65.00,
" " doctor's bill,	25.00,
Total amount received,	124.34,
Total amount paid out,	124.00,
Balance on hand,	34.

Report of Committees.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee submit the following report for the last Associational year: We have endeavored to keep Bro. W. T. Wiley in school the past year at Damascus, Ga. Owing to sickness, he has been out part of the time, but has progressed satisfactorily to us as the executive committee. The treasurer's report will show in full the disbursements of the funds at our disposal. By request of Pleasant Grove and New Light churches, Calhoun county, Ga., they were received into the Midway Association in May last, into full fellowship as members of the Midway Association, by us as the Executive committee.

W. A. McDONALD, Ch'm.
JAMES CHESHIRE.
N. H. SANDERS.

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING.—Your committee on preaching services, make the following report: Tonight, Rev. W. T. Wiley preach, Rev. J. Houston to close at 11 A. M.; tomorrow Rev. W. J. Mims preach and Rev. G. T. Wiley close; tonight, W. A. McDonald preach and M. B. Musgrove close; Sunday 9 A. M., G. T. Wiley preach, 11 A. M. S. Ely preach and at 3 P. M., J. Houston preach. T. R. MIMS, Chairman.

FINANCE.—Your committee on finance make the following report:

Received on missions,	\$ 94.72,
Received on minutes,	17.80,
Total,	112.52.

J. B. HODGES, Chairman.

CHARACTER OF MINISTERS.—Your committee on the Character of Ministers make the following report: All the ministers in the Midway Association are found in good standing. From examining Rev. W. T. Wiley we find that he is proficient and we recommend that he be ordained as required by the rules of the Association.

We recommend the endorsement of Rev. G. T. Wiley and A. J. Peter's credentials as ordained ministers of the Midway Association, and with due respect and consideration we withdraw our endorsement of the credentials of G. T. Embray as an ordained minister of this Association.

N. H. SANDERS, Chairman.

STATE OF CHURCHES.—Your committee on the state of churches make the following report: As far as we can ascertain they are all in good standing.

C. J. SANDERS, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Your committee on Sabbath Schools make the following report: The interest in the Sabbath School is not found to be as good as it should be and we recommend a more active work on the part of the ministry and churches.

S. H. ELY, Ch'm.

BUSINESS.—Your committee on business make the following report: That each church appoint a committee of young ladies to take up collections at home and abroad; said committees to begin work at once. It is further recommended that our ministry use every possible means to raise funds for this all important work and that the laity lend their aid with due diligence.

W. A. McDONALD, Chairman.

Sang hymn and prayer by Rev. J. Houston.

MORNING SESSION, 8 A. M., Oct. 18th, 1902.

Sang hymn and prayer by Rev. G. T. Wiley. Called roll of churches and perfected names of delegates.

The next session of the Midway Association will meet with Pleasant Grove church, Calhoun county, Ga. The delegates are required to meet on Thursday night before the third Sunday in October, 1903. Rev. J. Houston to preach the introductory. Parties going by rail will get off at Edison, Calhoun county, on Ga., Fla., and Ala. railroads. The special committee, appointed at the union meeting made their report and the same was adopted with the changing the word property to ability. Sang hymn, and prayer by Rev. W. J. Mims.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

Sang hymn and prayer by Rev. W. A. McDonald. The Executive committee was appointed by the moderator for the ensuing year. Committeemen: W. A. McDonald, Chairman, N. H. Sanders and Jas. Cheshire.

James Cheshire was elected treasurer by acclamation for the ensuing year.

The next session of the union meeting will meet with New Light church; Calhoun county, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1903.

Ordered that J. W. Anglin be paid \$15.00 for services rendered as committeeman on discipline work. Ordered also that the clerk have five hundred minutes published by the FREE WILL BAPTIST, Ayden, N. C., and that the clerk be paid seven dollars and eighty cents for services on same. Ordered that there be a press committee appointed to meet with Howard's Grove church, Ala., to meet on Friday before the fourth Sunday in June, 1903.

Committeemen: T. G. Harvey, James Cheshire, W. A. McDonald, S. Ely and N. H. Sanders.

The Midway Association extends its heartfelt thanks to the people of and around Travelers' Rest church for their kind hospitality during the session of its body.

The body adjourned to meet with Pleasant Grove church as before stated. Sang hymn and took parting hand on prayer by Rev. W. A. McDonald. Adjourned.

MINISTERIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING OCT. 22, 1902.

To the Ogeechee Free Will Baptist Association:

We beg leave to submit the following report:

No. of miles travelled, 2913; No. of sermons, 263; No. of members received, 84; No. of churches constituted, 2; the first at Rockingham, the second at Pafford's Chapel; No. of funerals, 7; No. of marriages, 12; Amt. received for my services, \$328.17; expenses, \$160.34; balance over expenses, \$167.83.

Respectfully Submitted, E. L. STCLAIRE

PREACHING REPORT FOR SESSION.

Thursday, 11 o'clock J. C. Pennell preach—Text: Jonah 1:6, followed by J. W. H. Hunter, 5 o'clock, E. Nobles—Text: Unknown, followed by P. C. Colson; Night, J. M. Emanuel—Text: Heb. 11:26, 27, followed by W. T. E. Butler; Friday, 11 o'clock, J. W. H. Hunter—Text: 2 Tim. 2:15, followed by J. M. Emanuel.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	P. O'S.	STATE.
Open Pond,.....	B. C. Minter,.....	Jakin,	Ga.
White Pond,.....	Z. J. Lewis,.....	Damascus,	"
Live Oak,.....	N. H. Sanders,.....	Peace,	"
Oak Grove,.....	W. R. Houston,.....	Colquitt,	"
Bethlehem,.....	C. E. Johns,.....	Shellman,	"
Travelers' Rest,...	C. Irvin,.....	Newton,	"
Macedonia,.....	B. A. Phillips,.....	Macedonia,	"
Zion,.....	H. P. Austin,.....	Sowhatchee,	"
New Light,.....	Alex. Avera,.....	Morgan,	"
Pleasant Grove,...	W. S. Hadden,.....	Shellman,	"
New Enterprise,...	Willie Everett,.....	Iron City,	"
Damascus,.....	F. W. Ward,.....	Kestler,	"

Order of Business.

1. Organize.
2. Call for letters from different churches.
3. Elect moderator and clerk.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Appointment of committees.
7. Call the roll and read the decorum.
8. Appoint correspondents to sister Associations.
9. Call for correspondence from sister Associations.
10. Call for reports of committees.
11. Appoint time and place for holding next Asso.
12. Call for miscellaneous business.
13. Adjournment.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Rec'd. on Prof.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Baptized.	Dis'd. by Let.	Expelled.	Died.	No. members.	Rec for Mt's.	Rec by Pastors.	For Missions.	Rec'd Missions Vouched For
Open Pond.....	W. A. McDonald.....	3			3	4			50	\$2 00	\$75 00	\$40 00	
White Pond.....	G. T. Wiley.....								15	75		4 50	
Live Oak.....	W. T. Wiley.....								17	1 35		3 40	\$16 60
Oak Grove.....	J. Houston.....								12	1 10		5 00	
Bethlehem.....	C. C. Martin.....								1	20	25 00	5 00	
Traveler's Rest.....	J. Houston.....	2	1		6	1	1	1	100	1 50	27 00	3 90	
Macdonia.....	W. T. Wiley.....	6	1	1	6	16	5	1	151	1 50	79 45	13 32	11 68
Zion.....	W. T. Wiley.....								80	2 00		10 10	
New Enterprise.....	A. J. Peters.....	5	1		9	13	1	1	41	1 75		2 0	
Damascus.....								12	1 00	54 00	2 50	
Pleasant Grove.....	G. T. Wiley.....	2			5		2		80	1 50	54 50	1 85	
New Light.....	W. T. Wiley.....	8			8				59				