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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE— MIDWAY ASSOCIATION,

The ninth annual session of the Midway Free Will Baptist Association met with New Enterprise church. Decatur county, Ga., Oct. 17th, 1907.

Thursday at 11 a. m., the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. T. Wiley, text, 1st Corinthians 2: 10. "But God hath revealed them unto us by his spirit for the spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Adjourned for refreshments until 2 p. m., after which the body was called to order by the former moderator, T. G. Harvey, song No. 259 in Revival No. 3. Prayer by Rev. C. C. Martin.

Called for corresponding letters from different churches and received letters and reports as appear below. Bro. J. A. Cannon was appointed to read the letters:

Kestler—W. L. Poole, W. B. Wade.

New Enterprise—H. Sullivan, E. C. Williams.

White Plain—A. J. White.

Macedonia—J. L. Cleveland, Guary Phillips, M. D. Jones and Jas. Cheshire.

Oak Grove—W. R. Houston, J. W. Widner and W. M. Houston.

Pine View—T. G. Williams.

Open Pond—J. W. Minter, T. G. Harvey, A. B. Warde.

Pleasant Grove—J. D. Cheshire, J. T. Hadden.

Travelers Rest—J. B. Edmonds, S. J. Irvin.

Enterprise—Clarence Harper, J. W. McDonald.

Zion—J. A. Cannon, H. T. Austin, G. F. Hilton.

Live Oak—F. C. Wilford, S. R. Sanders.

New Light—W. H. Drinkwaters, Mackey Paul.

Called the roll and perfected the same.

The next business was to elect the moderator and clerk.

Motion to elect by acclamation, which resulted in electing T. G. Harvey moderator and Jas. Cheshire clerk.

Moderator extended an invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for petitionary letters. On account of misconnection of R. R. Bro. Willie Lowery failed to get here at this time with a letter from Natural Bridge church for membership that came later.

The following committees were appointed:

On Preaching—H. Selivan, T. G. Williams, J. B. Edmonds.

State of Churches—W. H. Drinkwaters, F. C. Wilford, W. A. McDonald.

Sabbath Schools—H. P. Austin, W. B. Wade and T. G. Williams.

Character of Ministers—J. A. Cannon, A. B. Ward and A. M. Paul.

Finance—H. P. Austin, G. F. Hilton and M. D. Jones.

Business—W. T. Wiley, J. Houston, S. R. Sanders, W. R. Houston and J. W. Minter.

Nominations—J. T. Hatton, W. L. Poole and H. P. Austin.

Called for correspondents from sister associations, received from the Martin association, one of whom we look on as the father of all the associations down south and is 82 years old, and in good health, and says that he is not tired of working for the Lord, Rev. C. C. Martin, W. H. Drake, E. A. Drake.

Next appointing correspondence to sister associations.

To the Martin—W. A. McDonald, G. T. Wiley, J. Houston and T. G. Williams.

State Line—W. A. McDonald, J. Houston.

Motion that the clerk write a corresponding letter to the sister associations.

Committee on preaching made their report.

Rev. E. A. Drake preach tonight, S. Eley close; C. C. Martin to preach tomorrow at 11 a. m., and W. A. McDonald close; it being so Bro. E. A. Drake could not fill the appointment Bro. I. W. McDonald preached at night.

Motion to adjourn to meet tomorrow 8:30 p. m. Sang hymn No. 219 in Revival No. 3. Prayer by S. Eley, and dismissed by Bro. W. A. McDonald.

Friday Morning Session.

The body was called to order by the moderator. Sang hymn No. 222 in Revival No. 3. Prayer by Rev. W. A. McDonald.

Read minutes of Thursday and adopted same. The letter from Christian Union church was read.

Motion that the letters and report be received.

Reports of Committees.

We, your committee, on State of Churches, beg leave to make the following report:

We find all the churches in good condition except White Pond which is without a preacher.

W. A. McDONALD, Chm.

Motion to receive report and relieve committee.

NOMINATIONS.—We, your committee on Nominations, beg leave to make the following report:

We place in nomination Travelers Rest church, for the next association. J. T. HATTEN, Chm.

Motion to receive report and relieve committee.

Received a letter from Bro. E. L. StClaire, giving a report of his work done in the Midway Association.

Heard report of the mission board in regard to what they have done on the line of mission work during the past year, report made by T. G. Harvey.

Motion to accept same.

Motion that the treasurer pay T. G. Harvey \$10.00, that he advanced to the General Conference.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report.

We met with Enterprise church, Early county, on June 1st, 1907, and received that church into this Association they applying to us for membership, and also Bro. J. W. McDonald has made everything satisfactory in regard to what he was due the association.

S. ELEY, Chm.

Motion to receive executive committees report.

CHARACTER OF MINISTERS.—We, beg leave to make the following report:

After a thorough investigation, we find all of the ministers in good standing, we find that some of them are doing very little for mission work and we recommend that they be required to do more in this direction, and that they take up quarterly collections for mission work as required by our discipline, we recommend Bro. J. C. Ingram of Enterprise, to this body as a preacher he is over fifty years old.

J. A. CANNON, Chm.

Motion to receive report.

BUSINESS.—We, your committee on Business, beg to submit the following report:

We recommend our present system of raising missions and as seeing the greatest secret of our success depends upon this. We also recommend that we retain a mission board. Recommend that this association send a preacher to Christian Union church, Fla. How shall we introduce our discipline? We recommend that this association appoint a delegate to meet with our Ga., Fla., and Ala. convention.

W. T. WILEY, Chm.

Motion that the report be accepted and disposed of by sections.

Motion to adjourn for preaching until 1:30 p. m.

By arrangement of committee, Bro. C. C. Martin filled the stand at this hour, his text was Heb. 12:1. "Therefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." In his exhortation he showed what faith was worth to our forefathers and it takes the same faith and patience at the present day to run the Christian race, he spoke as

did Abraham, he was looking for a city which hath foundation whose builder and maker is God.

Dismissed, and dinner were spread sufficient to have fed as many more as was there.

Friday Evening Session.

Met according to adjournment.

The body was called to order by T. G. Harvey moderator.

Read a letter from Bro. E. L. StClaire, in regard to a church he had constituted in Fla. Read a petitionary letter, the Natural Bridge church from Fla., brought to this association by Bro. W. R. Lowrey.

Motion to receive the church into the association by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to Bro. W. R. Lowrey.

Next took up report of business committees:

1. Section to raise mission fund as before, quarterly. Adopted.

2. Motion to keep a mission board and retain the same ones, T. S. Minter, Chairman, T. G. Harvey, Jas. Cheshire.

3. That this association assist Christian Union church in getting a pastor for another year.

Motion, that the matter be left in the hands of the mission board.

4. How shall we introduce our discipline.

Motion to continue our discipline in book form.

5. This association send delegates to the Ga., Fla. and Ala. convention.

Motion that we send a delegation to the above meeting. Delegates as follows: W. T. Wiley, S. Eley, J. Houston, T. G. Harvey, J. W. McDonald and Jas. Cheshire.

Motion that we send to conference one cent, per capita as required by conference.

The conference will meet with Salem church in the

Salem Association of Fla. at Cottondale, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in June 1908.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—We your committee beg leave to make the following report:

We recommend each Sabbath School in the bounds of this association regardless of denomination to send a delegation to Oak Grove church, Miller county, Ga., on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1908, for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School convention.

T. G. WILLIAMS, Chm.

The above report was adopted.

Motion to change the time of the association meeting, to be Saturday before the third Sunday in Oct., 1908, and hold over until Monday.

Motion to send a delegation to Dothan, Ala., to investigate the church property at that place by a proposition made by Rev. G. W. Cherry. Delegates J. Houston, S. Eley, W. R. Houston.

Motion that the delegates to go to Dothan, draw on the treasurer for their expenses for going there.

Motion that Bro. E. L. StClaire preach the introductory sermon at the next association.

The union meeting will convene with Live Oak church, Baker county, Ga., on Friday before the fifth Sunday in Aug., 1908. The introductory to be preached by Rev. S. Eley.

Motion that the moderator appoint the executive committee, those were S. Eley, J. Houston and Jas. Cheshire.

Motion to hear report of finance committee.

We beg leave to make the following report:

Received for missions,	\$35.25
Received for minutes,	26.15

Total,	\$51.40
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H. P. ARSTIN, Chm.

Treasurer of the Midway Association, beg leave to make the following report:

At close of Association 1906, in treasury	\$307.73
Received from W. T. Wiley, Jan. 1907	11.60
Received from G. T. Wiley, Feb. 1907	8.00
Received from W. T. Wiley, March 1907	22.50
Received from Carl Howard, April 1907	10.64
Received from G. T. Wiley, June 1907	9.46
Received from W. T. Wiley, Aug. 1907	15.75
Received from G. T. Wiley, Aug. 1907	9.41
Received from W. T. Wiley, Oct. 1907	26.00
Received from G. T. Wiley, Oct. 1907	18.57
Received from T. G. Harvey, for Open Pond Sunday School,	\$10.25
Received from J. W. McDonald, Oct. 1907	15.00
Received from Christian Union church, Oct. 1907	15.00
Received from finance committee	35.25

Total,	\$515.16.
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Paid out to E. L. StClaire railroad fair, for mission work done in bounds of association year 1907,	\$35.00
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Total,	\$480.16
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JAS. CHESHIRE, Treasurer.

Received for minutes, Oct. 1906,	\$20.50
Paid for minutes,	\$9.00
Paid for express and mailing,	1.50
Paid clerk	10.00

Total,	\$20.50
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Received from finance committee,	\$26.50
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JAS. CHESHIRE, Treasurer.

Motion to receive the above report.

Motion that Jas. Cheshire be reelected treasurer.

Motion that the clerk be paid ten dollars.

Motion that we tender our thanks to this church and community for the kind hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

Minutes of the association was read and adopted.

Motion to adjourn for this session to meet with Travelers Rest church, Baker Co., on Friday night before the third Sunday in Oct. 1908, those going by railroad, will be met at Leary Ga., on Friday p. m.

The moderator requested Bro. W. A. McDonald to take charge of the association and close. A song was sung, "God be with you till we meet again." The parting hand was given. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. Houston and dismissed by Bro. W. A. McDonald.

T. G. HARVEY, Moderator.

JAS. CAESHIRE, Clerk.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

S. Eley	Brinson	Ga.
J. Houston	Blakely	"
Jas. Cheshire	Colquitt	"

MISSION BOARD.

T. S. Minter	Jakin	Ga.
T. G. Harvey	Jakin	"
Jas. Cheshire	Colquitt	"

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. A. McDonald	Colquitt	Ga.
G. T. Wiley	Hilton Station	"
W. T. Wiley	Hilton Station	"
S. Eley	Brinson	"
J. Houston	Blakely	"
E. L. StClaire	Edison	"
J. C. Ingram	Ashford	Ala

Licentiates.

J. W. McDonald	Blakely	Ga.
C. C. White	Blakely, R. F. D.	"
B. F. Wade	Kestler	"
W. H. Eley	Brinson	"

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.

Open Pond	B. C. Minter	Jakin	Ga.
Pine View	T. M. Bowen	Colquitt, R. F. D.	"
New Enterprise	Willie Everett	Brinson	"
New Light	Alex Avera	Morgan	"
Zion	C. C. Lane	Blakely	"
White Plain	A. J. White	Blakely, R. F. D.	"
Live Oak	N. H. Sanders	Milford, R. F. D.	"
Kestler	Wiley Gordan	Colquitt, R. F. D.	"
Macedonia	B. A. Phillips	Colquitt, R. F. D.	"
Oak Grove	W. R. Houston	Colquitt, R. F. D.	"
Bethlehem	C. E. Johns	Shellman	"
Pleasant Grove	W. H. Paul	Shellman	"
Travelers Rest	R. R. Musgrove	Newton	"
Christian Union	Carl Howard	Taylorville	Fla
White Pond	Z. T. Lewis	Kestler	Ga.
Enterprise	J. H. Harper	Blakely	"
Natural Bridge	W. R. Lowery	Woodville	Fla

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Rec. by Letter	Restored.	Baptized	Dis. by Letter	Expelled.	Died.	No. Members.	Minute Fund.	Mission Fund	Paid Pastors	
Open Pond.....	W. T. Wiley.....	5	22	3	19	8	2	1	80	\$1.50	\$37.60	\$125.00
Pine View.....	J. Houston.....	2	15	1	15		2		70	1.25	3.00	50.00
New Enterprise..	G. T. Wiley.....						2	6	38	1.00	8.70	50.00
New Light.....	W. T. Wiley.....		16		14	3		1	90	1.70	11.80	118.00
Zion.....	W. T. Wiley.....					1	3		80	1.50	17.50	75.00
White Plain.....	J. I. Hill.....		4	4			2		54	1.50		18.50
Live Oak.....	S. Eley.....	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	107	1.50	7.25	75.00
Kestler.....	W. T. Wiley.....	3			7	1		1	45	1.50	10.15	89.00
Macedonia.....	S. Eley.....		1	1	13	10	4	6	19	3.00	20.00	168.10
Oak Grove.....	G. T. Wiley.....	5	3	2	11	7		1	59	1.25	15.00	40.30
Bethlehem.....	W. T. Wiley.....								35		9.50	60.00
Pleasant Grove..	J. Houston.....		1	1		3	2		59	1.00	5.00	71.15
Travelers Rest...	G. T. Wiley.....	2			3	1			106	1.50	18.50	61.0
Christian Union..	E. L. StClaire...								40	3.00	15.00	180.00
White Pond.....												
Enterprise.....	G. T. Wiley.....	3		1	4	2	1	1	38	1.25	4.05	31.25
Natural Bridge...	E. L. StClaire...								16	2.7		