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PROCEEDINGS.

—OF THE— MIDWAY ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of the tenth annual session of the Midway Free Will Baptist Association convened with Travler's Rest church, Baker county Ga., Saturday Oct. 17th, 18th, and 19th, 1908.

Officers were Rev. J. Houston, moderator; J. B. Edmonds, clerk.

Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m., the Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. T. Wiley, text, James 1: 25. After which one and one half hour for intermission and refreshments.

The body reassembled at 1:30 p. m., was called to order by the former moderator; T. G. Harvey sang, Jesus Lover of my Soul. Prayer by Rev. J. Houston.

Called for corresponding letters. They were read by Rev. W. T. Wiley and N. H. Sanders.

Churches and delegates:

New Light—J. O. Morris, Roy Morris.

Open Pond—T. G. Harvey, B. C. Minter.

Pine View—H. J. Worlds.

Live Oak—F. C. Williford, Huey Barnett, D. F. Walker, H. R. Sanders, Richard Tucker.

Macedonia—W. F. Grey, T. R. Mims, B. A. Phillipps, W. H. Hilburn, Jas. Cheshire.

Bethlehem—Sammie Brown, Bright Hooks.

Pleasant Grove—J. H. Paul, T. Tomlinson.

Kestler—W. B. Wade, S. M. Kirksey.

New Enterprise—W. H. Eley.

White Plain—E. O. Sheffield, D. H. Runnels.

Traveler's Rest—J. B. Edmonds, S. J. Irvin, C. Irvin, Jas. Irvin, T. J. Rhodes.

Enterprise—George McDonald, Clarence Harper.

Zion—J. B. Chambers, H. P. Austin, C. C. Lane.

Oak Grove—W. R. Houston, J. W. Widener.

Christian Union—Rev. J. M. Emanuel.

Called roll and perfected the same.

The body permanently organized by electing Rev. J. Houston, moderator; J. B. Edmonds, clerk.

Next invited, visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for petitionary letters. Received from Hammock Spring church, Decatur Co., Ga., delegate J. H. Alday.

Motion to receive the church in our association by unanimous consent.

The moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to Bro. J. H. Alday and was welcomed with us.

Motion, Bro. Jas. Cheshire be added to represent from Macedonia church.

Motion, to suspend the regular order of business and called for correspondence from sister associations. South Ga., Association was represented by Rev. J. M. Emanuel. Martin Association, C. C. Martin and Eldridge Griffin.

Motion the moderator extend the right hand of fellowship to the Bros. J. M. Emanuel, C. C. Martin and E. Griffin.

Appointment of committees:

On devotional services—H. P. Austin, E. O. Sheffield, C. Irvin, W. R. Houston, B. C. Minter.

On Business—T. G. Harvey, W. A. McDonald, W. T. Wiley.

On state of churches and character of ministers—J. O. Morris, Jas. Cheshire, D. H. Runalds, C. C. Lane, T. J. Rhodes.

On literature—Rev. S. Eley, J. W. McDonald, B. A. Phillips.

Nomination—W. B. Wade, T. G. Harvey, J. B. Chambers.

Finance—C. C. Lane, B. C. Minter.

On motion, by Bro. J. O. Morris, Roy Morris, was excused from the body.

Motion, Bro. J. H. Alday be excused.

Motion to meet Monday at 8:30, a. m., for business. Adjourn at 11, a. m., for preaching.

Motion to excuse Bright Hooks and Sammie Brown from the body.

Received report from devotional committee:

We, your committee, make the following report: Rev. W. A. McDonald to preach to night at 7 p. m. Rev. C. C. Martin, Sunday 9, a. m., J. M. Emanuel at 11, a. m., S. Eley at 3, p. m., G. T. Wiley at 7, p. m.

B. C. Minter, Chairman.

Motion, to receive report of committee.

Motion, to adjourn conference till Monday 8:30, a. m.

Sang Doxology. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Emanuel. Benediction by Rev. S. Eley.

Sunday Services.

At 9 a. m. Rev. C. C. Martin. At 11 a. m., Rev. J. M. Emanuel preached, Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ."

Adjourned for refreshments till 3 p. m. Rev. S. Eley preached. At 7 p. m., Rev. G. T. Wiley, text, I Corinthians 1:2.

Monday Morning.

Met at 8:30 a. m., sang hymn No. 107 in "Resurrected Songs". Prayer by Bro. W. H. Eley. Next, called roll, and read the decorum. Next read the minutes of Saturday's business, the same was adopted. Next appointed correspondents to sister associations:

Martin Association—Correspondent, Rev. G. T. Wiley, Jas. Cheshire.

Liberty—W. A. McDonald.

State Line—Rev. S. Eley.

Salem—Rev. W. T. Wiley.

Chattahoochee—Rev. G. T. Wiley.
The moderator appointed J. B. Edmonds Corresponding Secretary for the Midway association.

Called for report of committees.

Committee on business, make the following report:

1. That we continue the same plan for raising funds for the mission cause.
2. That we raise a distinct fund for education; this fund to be raised the same as the mission fund.
3. That we raise a fund as church extension fund, all these to be distributed by the Mission Board.

T. G. Harvey,
W. T. Wiley,
W. A. McDonald,
Committee.

Motion the same be adopted by amending 1st quarter mission, 2nd quarter education, 3rd church extension, 4th incidental.

Committee on character of churches and ministers:
We find our churches in good condition. All our ministers in good standing, except one licentiate, Bro. J. W. McDonald.

J. O. MORRIS,
JAS. CHESHIRE,
D. H. RUNALDS,
C. C. LANE,
T. J. RHODES,
Committee.

Motion to receive the report.

Committee on literature made the following report:

We recommend that we use the Free Will Baptist Literature when possible. We insist that every one do his best to put the FREE WILL BAPTIST paper in every Free Will Baptist home.

REV. S. ELEY, Chm.

Motion to receive the report and relieve committee.
Committee on nomination:

We suggest that the annual session meet with Kestler church, Early county, Ga. We suggest that our mod-

erator appoint some one suitable to preach the introductory sermon. We recommend that the next session convene on Wednesday night before the 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1909.

W. B. WADE, Chm.

Motion to adopt the report and relieve committee.

Motion Rev. J. M. Emanuel preach at 11 o'clock a. m. Sang Doxology, prayer by Bro. Willie Wiley. Recess for ten minutes, then return for preaching.

At 11 a. m., Rev. J. M. Emanuel preached. Text, John 11: 2nd clause, 39th verse. After Divine services, adjourned until 1:30 for refreshments.

The body was called to order at 1:30 p. m., by the moderator. Sang No. 142 in "Union Songs." Prayer by Rev. S. Eley.

Committee on finance collected for minutes \$20.80; for missions, \$30.01.

C. C. LANE,
B. C. MINTFR,
Committee.

Motion to receive the report and adopt the same.

Report of our standing committee on Sunday Schools:

We have organized a Sunday School Convention in the Midway Association. Next convention will meet with White Plain church, Early county, Ga., Friday night before the 2nd Sunday in May, 1909.

W. B. WADE,
H. P. AUSTIN,
T. G. WILLIAMS,
R. C. BURTON,
Committee.

Motion to receive the report and retain the same committee on Sunday Schools, for the ensuing year. W. B. Wade, H. P. Austin, T. G. Williams, R. C. Burton, Committee.

Miscellaneous business.

Heard report of the Mission Board as follows:

We made arrangements with Rev. E. L. StClaire to look after Natural Bridge church and Woodville Mis-

sion; we give him a two thousand mile ticket, costing us \$40.00. Bro. StClaire having vouched for \$10.00 for this association to the General Conference at Nashville, Tenn., we paid the same. We got Bro. J. W. Alford to come from North Carolina, and preach in the bounds of our association during the month of August, and gave him \$30.00 for rail road fare. We employed Rev. J. M. Emanuel to go to Colquitt, Ga., to do Mission work, paid him \$12.00 for expenses. We sent Bro. J. G. Harris to preach in Decatur county, Ga., below Donaldsonville. Bro. Harris organized one church with a membership of 24. We paid Bro. Harris \$10.00 for his service. We also paid Bro. W. A. McDonald \$5.00 for rail road expenses for mission work at Hammock Spring church, from August until October.

T. S. MINTER, Chm.,
T. G. HARVEY,
JAS. CHESHIRE,
Committee.

Motion we receive the report.

On motion Rev. J. Houston, T. S. Minter and Jas. Cheshire were elected as Mission Board for the ensuing year.

Next heard report of the treasurer:

The treasurer begs leave to make the following report:

	FOR MISSION.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 1907.	Close of association,	\$480.16;	
" "	Paid T. G. Harvey,		\$10.00;
Nov. "	" E. L. StClaire, R.R. fare,		40.00;
" "	" Rec'd J. W. McDonald,	15.37;	
Jan. 1908	" Open Pond,	6.50;	
Feb. "	" W. T. Wiley,	11.35;	
Mar. "	Paid E. L. StClaire, G. C.		10.00;
May "	Rec'd W. T. Wiley,	13.85;	
June "	Paid J. M. Emanuel,		12.00;
Aug. "	Rec'd T. S. Minter,	11.20;	
" "	Paid J. W. Alford R.R. fare,		30.00;
Sept. "	Rec'd S. Eley, 1, 2, 3, 4. qts.	20.20;	
" "	" Paid J. G. Harris on mission,		10.00;
Oct. "	Rec'd G. T. Wiley,	22.30;	
" "	" W. R. Houston,	2.00;	

" "	" B. C. Minter,	5.95;	
" "	" J. W. McDonald	6.15;	
" "	" W. A. McDonald,	5.00;	
" "	" Collection on Sunday,	8.02;	
" "	" Finance committee,	30.01;	
" "	Paid W. A. McDonald on mis,		5.00;

\$638.56; \$117.00

" 19 " Balance in treasury, \$521.56,

FOR MINUTES. DR. CR.

Oct. 1907 Amount on hand, \$26.15;

" " Paid for printing minutes, \$8.50;

" " " Express and mailing, 2.80;

" " " Clerk, 10.00;

" 1908 Rec'd from finance com. 20.80;

" 19 " Balance, \$46.95 \$21.30.

JAS CHESHIRE, Treasurer.

Motion, to receive the report.

Motion by Rev. W. A. McDonald to re-elect Bro. Jas. Cheshire treasurer for the ensuing year and was elected by unanimous consent.

Next, the moderator appointed executive committee, Bro. Jas. Cheshire, S. Eley, W. T. Wiley executive committee for the ensuing year.

Motion that the moderator appoint a committee to revise our faith and practice and report a copy at the next association. W. T. Wiley, T. G. Harvey, Jas. Cheshire, committee.

Motion that we borrow \$50.00 from our treasurer to donate to the Seminary at Ayden, N. C., for education.

List of vouchers from the different churches to replace the money in our treasury sent to the Seminary at Ayden, N. C., for education: Open Pond, \$5.00; Live Oak, \$5.00; Zion, \$5.00; Traveler's Rest, \$5.00; Macedonia, \$5.00; Oak Grove, \$5.00; White Plain, \$2.50; Pine View, \$5.00; New Enterprise, \$2.50; Kestler, \$2.50; Enterprise, \$1.00.

Motion to pay the clerk \$10.00 for his services.

Motion to pay Bro. J. M. Emanuel's R. R. expenses out of the treasury.

Motion to instruct the clerk to correspond with the F. W. B. Pub. Co. and see if they can publish our minutes in 60 days from the time they receive the manuscript. If they can't the clerk to have them printed at some other place.

Motion we tender our sincere thanks to Traveler's Rest church and community, for their kindness toward us during our stay with them.

Motion that we adjourn to meet with Kestler church on Wednesday night before the 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1909. Next annual session of the union meeting will convene with Macedonia church, Miller county, Ga., on Friday night before the first Sunday in July, 1909. Introductory to be by Rev. J. Houston. Sang hymn No. 194 in "Union Songs." Prayer by Rev. W. T. Wiley. REV. J. HOUSTON, Mod.

J. B. EDMONDS, Clerk.

REPORT OF FINANCE FROM EACH CHURCH.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	MISSION.	MINUTES.
Bethlehem.....	\$50.00.....	\$4.50.....	\$1 00
Macedonia.....	77.05.....	10.20.....	2.50
Pine View.....	50.00.....	4.50.....	1.25
Open Pond.....	75.00.....	23.45.....	1.50
Traveler's Rest.....	77.25.....	21.52.....	1.50
White Plain.....	40.00.....	2.40.....	1.25
New Enterprise.....	33.70.....	6.80.....	1.00
Kestler.....	71.00.....	14.00.....	1.50
Pleasant Grove.....	75.00.....	5.05.....	1.00
Oak Grove.....	40.00.....	12.10.....	1.25
Zion.....	50.00.....	6.25.....	1.50
Enterprise.....	31.25.....	5.40.....	1.25
Live Oak.....	93.75.....	8.00.....	1.25
New Light.....	125.00.....	11.25.....	2.05
Hammock Spring.....			1.00
Christian Union.....			

Ordained Ministers.

W. A. McDonald.....	Colquitt.....	Ga.
S. Eley.....	Brinson.....	"
G. T. Wiley.....	Hilton.....	"
W. T. Wiley.....	Hilton.....	"
J. Houston.....	Loucile.....	"
J. I. Hill.....		

Licentiates.

J. W. McDonald.....	Blakely.....	Ga.
W. H. Eley.....	Brinson.....	"

Report of Sabbath Schools.

Traveler's Rest—No. of pupils, 75; teachers 4.

J. B. EDMONDS, Supt.

B. F. EDWARDS, Sec.

Open Pond—No. of pupils, 30; teachers 3.

T. G. HARVEY, Supt.

T. S. MINTER, Sec.

Pine View—No. of pupils, 30; teachers, 3.

A. J. McCOMIC, Supt.

W. J. NEWBERRY, Sec.

Macedonia—No. of pupils not given.

JAS. CHESHIRE, Sup.

New Light—No. of pupils, 50; teachers 4.

J. O. MORRIS, Supt.

W. H. DRINKWATERS, Sec.

Zion Church—pupils, 69; teachers, 3.

J. L. RICKS, Supt.

C. C. LANE, Sec.

Oak Grove—No. of pupils, 25; teachers, 3.

T. W. ROBINSON, Supt.

J. D. BUSH, Sec.

Hammock Springs—Sunday School reports good.

Kestler—No. of pupils, 36; teachers, 3.

WILLIE WILEY, Supt.

L. B. PERRY, Sec.

White Plain—No. of pupils, 65; teachers, 3.

J. L. HOUSTON, Supt.

L. J. WHITE, Sec.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Rec. by Prof.	Rec. by Letter	R. stored.	Baptized.	Dis. by Letter	Expelled.	Dead.	No. Members.
Bethlehem.....	W. T. Wiley.....	C. E. Johns, Shellman, Ga.....								27
Open Pond.....	G. W. Cherry.....	B. C. Minter, Jakin, Ga.....		4	1	8	2	1		90
Travelers Rest.....	J. W. McDonald..	R. R. Musgrove Newton, Ga.....		5		23	1		1	137
Oak Grove.....	G. T. Wiley.....	W. M. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.....	2			2	1			59
Zion.....	W. T. Wiley.....	C. C. Lane, Hilton, Ga. R. 1.....			1	1	1		1	93
Live Oak.....	W. T. Wiley.....	N. H. Sanders, Milford Ga. R. 1		3		3	2	1	1	100
New Light.....	W. T. Wiley.....	Alex Avera, Morgan, Ga.....		1		7				85
New Enterprise...	G. T. Wiley.....	Willie Everett, Brinson, Ga.....					4	1	1	25
Pine View.....	J. Houston.....	T M Bowen, Donaldsonville Ga	14	3	3	14		2		82
Kestler.....	W. T. Wiley.....	Wiley Gordon, Kestler.....	1				1	2		49
White Plain.....	J. I. Hill.....	L. J. White, Blakely, Ga. R. 4..	2	2	2	9		5		52
Macedonia.....	S. Eley.....	B. A. Phillips, Colquitt Ga.....	9			9	3	2	2	192
Pleasant Grove...	J. Houston.....	W. H. Paul, Morgan, Ga.....						2		57
Enterprise.....	G. T. Wiley.....	W. A. Harper, Blakeley, Ga.....	5	20						44
Hammock Spring..	J. Houston.....	J. H. Alday, Boyetville, Ga.....								25
Christian Union...										