

MINUTES.
—of the—
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
—of the—
MIDWAY
Freewill Baptist Association

—Held With—
Cedar Springs Church, Early County, Ga., October 27th to
29th, 1914.

OFFICERS:

T. G. Harvey, Moderator	Jakin, Ga.
E. L. Cheshire, Clerk	Colquitt, Ga.
James Cheshire, Treasurer	Colquitt, Ga.

Next session will be held with White Pond Church,
Early county, Ga., beginning Tuesday night before the first
Sunday in November, 1915.

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The Sixteenth Annual Session of the Midway Freewill Baptist Association convened with Cedar Springs church, Early county, Ga., commencing on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in November, 1914.

The Introductory Sermon was preached on Wednesday at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. G. Harris. Text John 6:48.

After an intermission for refreshments, the body was called to order by former Moderator T. G. Harvey. Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Next called for corresponding letters. On motion of the body, the Moderator appointed some one to read the letters. Rev. J. G. Harris and M. A. Woodard were appointed and the names of churches and delegates enrolled as follows:

Live Oak—N. H. Sanders and F. C. Williford.

Macedonia—Jas. Cheshire, Charlie Gordon, F. E. Richardson, J. L. Cleveland, Tillman Gordon and E. L. Cheshire.

Zion—G. F. Hilton, R. F. Jones, H. C. Hubbard M. H. Weaver, Calvin Knighton.

Oak Grove—A. L. McDonald and W. R. Houston.

Bethlehem—D. B. Hooks.

Traveler's Rest—J. B. Edmonds, L. P. Irwin, Grady Rhodes and Wm. Irwin.

Open Pond—J. B. Hodges and T. S. Minter.

Kestler—W. L. Poole and W. B. Wade.

White Plains—J. J. Bush, J. T. Johnson, D. S. Sheffield and W. A. McLendon.

New Light—W. H. Drinkwater and J. M. Eubanks.

Enterprise—Clarence Harper.

New Enterprise—Steve Miller.

White Pond—R. B. Widner and J. C. English.

Pleasant Grove—M. C. Leslie.

Cedar Springs—S. L. Chandler, W. O. Sheffield, Burrell Roberts, Brewton Houston and F. M. Mosely.

Pine View—T. G. Williams and J. Stephens.

The body then permanently organized by re-electing T. G. Harvey Moderator and E. L. Cheshire Clerk.

Next called for petitionary letters. Received one from Providence church, Muscogee county, Ga. Motion by Rev. W. A. McDonald to receive the church into full fellowship into our Association without appointing an investigating committee.

Motion that Moderator extend right hand of fellowship to their representative, J. H. K. Jones.

Next appointed various committees:

On Devotional Exercises—By motion the pastor and deacons of Cedar Springs church were appointed.

Motion to suspend regular order of business and call for corresponding representatives from sister Associations.

Georgia Union Association was represented by Rev. W. H. Holmes. Reports the Association to be doing good work and have just closed a splendid session. Next session to convene with Pleasant Hill church nine miles from Cordele, Ga. Representatives will be met at Cordele and Pine View on Friday before second Sunday in October, 1915.

State Line of Alabama was represented by Rev. G. W. Cherry. Reports their Association to be in a prosperous condition and the session just closed a splendid one. Next session will be held with Rock Hill church near Malone Town, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1915.

Address of welcome by Moderator to each and extending of right hand of fellowship followed.

Next appointed Committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers—J. B. Edmonds, N. H. Sanders, T. G. Williams, Jas. Cheshire and T. S. Minter.

On Temperance—A. L. McDonald, M. A. Woodard and F. E. Richardson.

On Sabbath Schools—W. T. Wiley, T. G. Williams and D. B. Hooks.

On Finance—Charlie Gordon, G. E. Pyle, J. H. K. Jones.

On Suggestions—W. A. McDonald, N. H. Sanders, S. Eley, Jas. Cheshire and M. A. Woodard.

On Nominations—W. H. Drinkwater, J. L. Cleveland and W. B. Wade.

Motion of Rev. W. A. McDonald that a special committee be appointed to write an obituary of Rev. J. I. Hill and that same be published. W. A. McDonald, Jas. Cheshire, G. T. Wiley and S. Eley were appointed.

Heard from Committee on Devotions. Rev. W. H. Holmes to preach Wednesday night and Rev. G. W. Cherry to preach Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

Next appointed representatives to sister associations.

Motion to elect delegates to Chattahoochee Association, which convenes with Little Bethel Church, commencing on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1915. Rev. J. Houston elected.

Motion to excuse Bro. Idus White for the remainder of the day.

Martin Association—Rev. J. G. Harris.

State Line of Alabama—O. H. Perry.

Liberty of Georgia—Rev. S. Eley.

Georgia Union—Rev. M. A. Woodard and W. T. Wiley.

Motion of Rev. W. A. McDonald that Clerk write a cor-

responding letter to all liberal Baptists and attach same to minutes.

Motion by Rev. M. A. Woodard to adjourn until 8:30 Thursday morning.

Motion to excuse Bro. Clarence Harper for remainder of session.

Sang hymn. Prayer by Rev. W. A. McDonald. Dismissed by Rev. M. A. Woodard.

Wednesday Night.

The stand was occupied on Wednesday night by Rev. W. H. Holmes. Text: Acts of Apostles, 2:39. Prayer by Rev. W. T. Wiley. Dismissed by Rev. J. Houston.

Thursday Morning.

The body was called to order Thursday morning by the Moderator. Sang hymn. Prayer by Rev. G. T. Wiley.

Heard roll call and then report of committees.

On State of Churches and Character of Ministers—We, your Committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers, make the following report: We find all of our churches and ministers in good standing so far as we know. We have an application from White Plains church to send Bro. Connie White to school. We refer the same to the body and recommend that a special committee be appointed to report on same.

J. B. EDMONDS, Chairman.

Motion to receive report. Moderator appointed a special committee to examine applicant—J. G. Harris, J. B. Edmonds and T. S. Minter.

On Suggestions—1. We suggest that this association appoint a committee on Suggestions at each association to report and arrange for program for the next association. 2. We also suggest that our association defray the expenses to sister associations of all its corresponding delegates in the future. 3. We also suggest that each pastor in this association at his first service in each year preach one sermon on our church discipline to each church in charge.

M. A. WOODARD, Chairman.

Motion to receive report of committee.

Interesting and helpful talks were made on the report by W. H. Drinkwater and M. A. Woodard. Motion to take report by paragraphs for discussion. Paragraph No. 1 discussed by Rev. M. A. Woodard, J. B. Hodges and W. A. McDonald. Motion to adopt paragraph 1. Remarks by Moderator. Committee appointed—Rev. M. A. Woodard, W. T. Wiley, E. C. Williams, S. Eley and J. G. Harris. Paragraph No. 2 discussed by Rev. J. G. Harris, G. W. Cherry, W. T. Wiley, G. T.

Wiley, W. H. Holmes, W. A. McDonald, J. Houston, Jas. Cheshire, W. H. Drinkwater, T. G. Harvey. Motion to strike out paragraph No. 3.

The body dismissed at 11 o'clock for preaching.

The stand was occupied at 11 o'clock by Rev. G. W. Cherry. Text: Genesis 13:14. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Holmes.

Dismissed for refreshments until 1 o'clock by Rev. W. H. Holmes.

Thursday Afternoon.

Body called to order by Moderator. Sang hymn.

Heard report of Committee on Nominations:

Report of Committee on Nominations—We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to make the following report: That the next session of the Midway Association be held with White Pond church, Early county, Ga., and that Rev. S. Eley preach the Introductory Sermon. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. DRINKWATER, Chairman.

Motion to receive report of committee.

Motion that body organize at 9:30 a. m. on Wednesday of next session.

Heard report of Special Committee appointed to examine Bro. Connie White:

We, your Committee on Examination of Bro. Connie White, find him to be a brother worthy of any help this Association may give him in getting an education and we recommend that this Association pay Bro. White \$20.00 per month for seven months and that he go to school at Lucile school.

J. G. HARRIS,

T. S. MINTER,

J. B. EDMONDS.

Motion to grant report of committee.

Motion that we send our students to first grade licensed teachers only.

Motion that association pay Enterprise church \$20.00 for printing tabled.

Heard report of committee.

Report on Temperance—1. Be it resolved, that our churches live to the line on gospel truths, having no respecter of person when it comes to violating our church discipline on the subject of strong drink. 2. We also ask that our preachers make no compromise under any circumstance with any member who handles, sells or drinks strong drink.

M. A. WOODARD, Chairman.

Motion to adopt report of committee.

Motion to excuse Bro. J. M. Eubanks.

Heard statistical report of Association since its beginning

by Rev. J. G. Harris, showing the amount each church has paid pastor and missions each year since beginning until the present time. 5

Motion to defray expenses of our corresponding delegates.
Heard committee report.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools—We your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to make the following report: After looking over the fields in our association we find that most all of our churches have Sunday schools, which proves to us that the interest has greatly increased. We urge all our pastors and churches to be more diligent in the interests of the Sunday schools, as it is a saving factor and becomes the future church. Respectfully submitted,

W. T. WILEY, Chairman.

Motion to adopt report of committee.

Heard report of Executive Committee:

Report of Executive Committee—We, your Executive Committee, beg leave to make the following report: We kept Bro. E. C. Williams in school at Cyrene Institute seven and one-half months last year and have placed him there for another term of nine months.

JAMES CHESHIRE,
W. R. HOUSTON,
T. S. MINTER.

Motion to excuse Rev. J. Houston, G. T. Wiley and Connie White.

Motion to re-elect James Cheshire Treasurer.

Motion to re-elect same Executive Committee.

Motion to re-elect same Mission Board.

Heard report of the Finance Committee.

Report of Finance Committee—We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

Received for Missions \$44.60

Received for minutes 21.55

CHARLIE GORDON, Chairman

Report of Treasurer.

For Minutes:

Amount on hand at last Association	\$ 22.35
Paid Clerk	\$10.00
Paid for minutes and mailing	14.25
Received from Finance Committee ..	21.55
Balance on hand	19.65

\$43.90	\$43.90
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For Missions:

Amount on hand at last Association	590.43
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Received from W. T. Wiley	22.00	
Received on Interest	24.00	
Received from Finance Committee	44.60	
Paid E. C. Williams, 7 1-2 months schooling at Cyrene Institute	150.00	
Paid expenses J. D. Little to last Asso.	6.40	
Paid exp. J. E. Jordan to last Asso.	3.10	
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	\$159.50	\$681.03
Balance on hand	\$521.53	
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	\$681.03	\$681.03

Motion to pay Clerk \$10.00.

Motion to extend sincere thanks to Cedar Springs church and community for kind hospitaality shown body during session.

Bro. H. P. Alston extended a warm invitation to the body to attend the Sunday school convention to be held with Zion church, Early county, Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1915.

Motion that each pastor raise a collection for the Freewill Baptist Seminary at Ayden, N. C.

Heard from Bro. Lee, of Liberty Association, just before adjourning.

The Union meeting will meet with Macedonia church, Miller county, commencing with ministers and deacons' meeting on Friday at 9:30 a. m., and the Union Meeting on Saturday at 9:30 a. m. before the fifth Sunday in August, 1915. Trains will be met at Corea on G. F. & A. railroad on Thursday. Delegates to the Association will be met at Damascus on G. F. & A. railroad and at Bancroft on C. of G. railroad on Tuesday morning and afternoon and Wednesday morning. The body will organize at 9:30 a. m. on Wednesday.

Motion to adjourn.

Sang hymn. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Holmes. Sang doxology. Dismissed by Rev. W. T. Wiley to meet with White Pond church, Early county, Ga., on Tuesday before the first Sunday in November, 1915.

T. G. HARVEY, Moderator.

E. L. CHESHIRE, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

In 1898 we united in the bonds of the most sacred love. Our great ambition was to go onward and upward and to grow in grace and knowledge, but in some respects we have not kept our sacred vows. During the coming year let us with all the earnestness of our souls do more for our master than we have ever done before and by so doing we will prove after all our Christian fidelity to Him whom we owe so much.

Let us all feel the responsibility of our short comings. We would be glad to hear that each church has a live Sabbath school and will be represented in the next Sunday School convention. There are two things that we must move on and that is the mental power and financial help in support of our most humble pastors that they may be able to bear the hardships of life. We must care for them and then they can care for us.

Our Association is making some progress in most everything but this.

To our sister associations: We beg your present and most humble prayers that we may know more of each other and of our work.

E. L. CHESHIRE.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND P. O.	Received by letter	Rec. by profession	Restored	Baptized	Expelled	Dismissed by letter	Dead	Total No. Members	Paid Pastor	For minutes	For missions
Bethlehem	W. T. Wiley	J. D. Kersey, Shellman .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	50	\$47.00	\$1.00	\$ 2.00
Cedar Springs	W. T. Wiley	R. B. Pyle, Cedar Springs	5	..	1	7	..	2	2	120	75.00	1.50	.....
Enterprise	G. T. Wiley	Clarence Harper .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	20	28.00	.50	.....
Kestler	W. T. Wiley	L. W. Wiley, Kestler .. .. .	..	..	..	3	..	1	1	60	116.20	1.20	5.20
Live Oak	J. G. Harris	N. H. Sanders, Milford	6	..	..	7	..	..	..	136	88.00	1.25	.....
Macedonia	J. G. Harris	Chas. Gordon, Colquitt	3	..	..	..	1	1	3	155	115.00	2.00	10.00
New Enterprise	J. Houston	Willie Everette, Brinson .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	55	44.46	1.00	.....
New Light	W. T. Wiley	J. B. Ragan	2	3	..	4	1	1	..	122	80.00	1.60	4.20
Oak Grove	J. Houston	H. C. McDonald, Colquitt	1	3	1	3	..	..	1	52	34.40	1.00	.....
Open Pond	M. A. Woodard	B. C. Minter, Jakin .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	90	150.00	1.50	7.10
Pine View	E. C. Williams	T. M. Bowen .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	85	50.00	1.00	1.00
Pleasant Grove	G. T. Wiley	J. E. Leslie, Shellman .. .. .	..	..	..	2	2	2	2	47	55.65	1.00	3.75
Providence	J. L. Whitley	M. A. Jones, Columbus .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92	65.10	2.00	5.00
Traveler's Rest	J. G. Harris	R. R. Musgrove, Newton .. .. .	..	3	..	2	3	4	4	134	62.00	1.00	.....
White Pond	M. A. Woodard	Z. J. Lewis, Damascus	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	71.50	1.00	.....
White Plains	W. T. Wiley	W. W. Houston, Blakely .. .. .	..	7	2	17	..	..	1	100	58.95	1.50	3.30
Zion..... .. .	W. T. Wiley	L. C. Weaver, Blakely	4	1	..	19	4	..	2	138	77.50	1.50	3.05