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## MINUTES.

The eighteenth session of the Midway Freewill Baptist Association convened with Live Oak church, Baker county, commencing on Wednesday before the first Sunday in November.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. C. C. White. Text, Matthew 16:18.

The body then adjourned for one hour and thirty minutes.

At 1:30 o'clock the body was called to order by the Moderator, who called for corresponding letters. By motion, Bros. J. G. Harris and J. B. Edmonds were appointed to read the letters:

Bethlehem—J. S. Brown, L. C. Melton.

Kestler—Willie Wiley, E. S. Cheshire, J. J. Holder.

White Plains—W. W. Roberts, J. A. Sheffield, H. J. Cosby.

Open Pond—J. B. Hodges, T. J. Fort, A. B. Ward.

Providence—T. A. Britt, J. L. Bradshaw.

New Enterprise—Willie Everett, Steve Miller.

Macedonia—O. W. Gordon, J. L. Cleveland, W. L. Everett, Jas. Cheshire.

Live Oak—T. J. Sanders, H. M. Barnett, Bill Tucker, Oscar Bronson.

Zion—C. E. Knighton.

Pleasant Grove—M. C. Leslie, J. E. Leslie.

New Light—Will Turner, W. H. Drinkwater, Will Clower.

White Pond—C. C. Willis.

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

Traveler's Rest—J. B. Edmonds, T. J. Rhodes.

Pine View—T. G. Williams, J. A. Stephens, L. R. Lofton.

The body then permanently organized by electing Rev. W. A. McDonald moderator and M. A. Woodard clerk.

Next called for petitionary letters, and invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Appointed the following committees:

Devotional—M. A. Woodard, F. C. Williford, D. F. Walker.

Educational—T. G. Harvey, Sr., Rev. J. Houston, Rev. S. Ely.

Temperance—Rev. J. G. Harris, J. B. Edmonds, T. G. Williams.

Sabbath School—A. Britt, Rev. C. C. White, J. B. Edmonds.

Character of Ministers and State of Churches—W. H. Drinkwater, T. J. Sanders, T. J. Fort.

Finance—W. R. Houston, J. A. Stephens, C. C. Willis.

Program—Jas. Cheshire, J. B. Edmonds, J. G. Harris, H. J. Cosby, H. M. Barnett.

Nominations—S. Miller, A. B. Ward, J. A. Sheffield.

Heard report of Devotional Committee, as follows:

We, your Committee on Devotional, appoint Rev. S. Ely to preach tonight at 7:30 o'clock and Rev. W. T. Sellars at 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

Suspended order of business and called for corresponding delegates.

Martin Association—L. L. Musgrove.

Liberty Association—J. T. Lee.

Moved and carried that corresponding delegates be received and the right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator.

Moved and carried that we seat Rev. W. T. Sellars and Bro. Musgrove in the body.

Heard reading of decorum by Moderator.

Motion that we tender a note of thanks to Bros. Brown and Melton for their loyalty to the Association.

Motion that Moderator appoint corresponding delegates to sister associations:

To Chattahoochee Association—Rev. S. Ely.

To Liberty Association—T. G. Harvey.

To Georgia Union Association—James Cheshire.

To Little River Association—Rev. C. C. White.

To South Georgia Association—M. A. Woodard.

To Martin Association—Rev. E. S. Cheshire.

Moved that a special correspondent be elected to correspond with the different Associations of Georgia, with the purpose of bringing about a closer union in the denominations. On motion M. A. Woodard was elected as special correspondent.

Motion to adjourn until Thursday morning at nine o'clock. Closed by singing hymn No. 180. Prayer by Rev. J. Houston.

## Thursday Morning Session.

The body was called to order by the Moderator at nine o'clock. Singing by congregation. Prayer by Bro. T. G. Williams, after which heard following report on Sabbath Schools:

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg to submit the following report: We find some of our churches without any Sunday Schools and we urge that the pastors look after this matter as well as the laity of the church.

T. A. BRITT, Chairman.

Discussion by Rev. E. S. Cheshire, Bro. T. G. Williams and Rev. J. Houston and J. A. Sheffield.

Following report on Temperance read and adopted:

We, the Committee on Temperance, report to-wit: We urge upon our churches to enforce the rules of temperance more than they have in the past. Seeing this moral and spiritual law of the Lord broken more and more, and this being one of the greatest moral laws that the church has and wields a greater influence on the outside world, we insist that if we do not hold up this great work we will grow worse and worse. We urge each pastor to preach a temperance sermon once a year in each of the churches that he is in charge of.

Discussion by Rev. J. G. Harris, M. A. Woodard, L. L. Musgrove, Bros. Jas. Cheshire and J. B. Hodges.

Motion to adjourn for preaching.

A special prayer was offered in behalf of the afflictions of Rev. G. T. Wiley's family. Prayer by Bro. Cheshire and Rev. Ely. A collection was taken up for Rev. G. T. Wiley. Contribution amounted to \$9.25. Stand was occupied at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. T. Sellars. Prayer by Rev. W. A. McDonald.

#### Thursday Afternoon.

The body was called to order by the Moderator at 1:30 o'clock by singing hymn No. 71. Prayer by Rev. J. G. Harris.

Heard report on Education, and on motion of the body the report was adopted. Discussion by Rev. J. G. Harris, M. A. Woodard. Report taken up by paragraphs.

We recommend that we adopt rule as follows: That we request all applications for ordination to have a certificate showing that they have taken the tenth grade in some high school. We also recommend that our people awaken all along on the line of education. We also recommend that our people patronize our Printing Press and our paper published at Ayden, N. C. We recommend that our body advise some way of raising an educational fund annually for our seminary at Ayden, N. C.

Report on Suggestions received and adopted. Discussion by Rev. J. Houston.

We, your Committee on Suggestions, make the following report: Are we, as Freewill Baptists, making the progress that we ought; if not, why not?

Report on Character of Ministers and State of Churches.

We find the churches in good condition. We also find department of ministers good.

Report on Nominations received and adopted:

We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Pine View church, Miller county, Ga.

J. A. SHEFFIELD,

A. B. WARD,

S. MILLER, Committee.

Moved and seconded that Rev. J. G. Harris preach the Introductory Sermon and Rev. J. Houston be his alternate. Delegates will be met at Donalsonville, Ga., on A. C. L. railroad.

Report of Executive Committee received and adopted. By request of White Plains church Rev. C. C. White was examined and ordained.

It was moved and seconded that we have 500 minutes printed. It was also moved to pay Clerk \$10.00 for his services.

Fixed time and place of Sunday School Convention. Convention to be held with New Light church in Calhoun county, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in April, 1917.

Next by motion, Executive Committee was appointed by the Moderator, as follows—Jas. Cheshire, H. J. Cosby, W. R. Houston, M. A. Woodard, T. G. Harvey.

Heard report of Finance Committee:

Received for minutes .....	\$19.25
For missions .....	53.28
For Ayden School .....	2.00

Total ..... \$74.53

W. R. HOUSTON, Chairman.

Heard report on Missions:

Amount on hand .....	\$375.05
Paid E. C. Williams for schooling .....	\$68.00
Paid C. C. White for schooling .....	40.00
Donation to Ayden School .....	10.00
Paid J. T. Hatcher, Railroad expenses .....	4.28
Paid R. G. Hatcher, Railroad expenses .....	4.50
Paid for printing 200 blank letters .....	1.50
Received from finance committee .....	55.28
Balance on hand .....	302.05

\$430.33 \$430.33

Heard report of Treasurer:

Amount on hand at last report .....	\$16.15
Received from Finance Committee .....	19.25
Paid for printing minutes .....	13.50
Paid expense of mailing minutes .....	1.20



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Paid Clerk ..... 10.00  
Balance on hand ..... 11.70

\$35.40 \$35.40

Moved and seconded that we borrow sufficient amount of money from Mission Board to pay for printing minutes.

Motion to adjourn. While singing the right hand of fellowship was extended to all. Prayer by Bro. Jas. Cheshire.

REV. W. A. McDONALD, Moderator.

M. A. WOODARD Clerk.