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TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

# Midway Freewill Baptist Association

Field Work

NEW LIGHT CHURCH, Calhoun, Ga.

both and 30th, 1910

OFFICERS

W. A. Smith, Moderator

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James Cheshire, Clerk ..... Colquitt, Ga.

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County, Ga., beginning on Wednesday before the first Sun-  
day in November, 1920.

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## MINUTES.

The twenty-first annual session of the Midway United Free-  
will Baptist Association convened with New Light church, Cal-  
houn county, Ga., commencing on Wednesday before the first  
Sunday in November, 1919.

At 10:30 o'clock the congregation was called together for  
thirty minutes. Prayer service was conducted by Rev. M. A.  
Woodard. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. S.  
Eley, after which the body adjourned for dinner.

At 1:30 o'clock the body was called to order by the Moder-  
ator. Singing by congregation. Prayer by Rev. C. C. White.  
The Moderator gave an instructive talk, after which he called for  
corresponding letters.

By motion, Bros. M. A. Woodard and J. G. Harris were  
appointed to read letters. The churches and delegates are as  
follows:

Macedonia—W. P. Richardson, T. N. Tabb, J. L. Cleve-  
land, Robert L. Mims, Sister Fannie Cook, James Cheshire.  
Live Oak—F. C. Williford, J. F. Sanders, Roy Phillips.  
Zion—H. P. Austin.  
White Plains—D. S. Sheffield, E. D. Murrell, H. J. Cosby.  
Bethlehem—T. J. Barfield, J. D. Kersey.  
Cedar Springs—J. P. Philmon.  
Damascus—W. B. Wade, J. B. Joiner, Willie Wiley.  
New Light—W. M. Turner, Alex Avery.  
Oak Grove—W. R. Houston.  
Open Pond—T. G. Harvey, T. S. Minter.  
White Pond—J. B. Widner, C. C. Willis.  
Pleasant Grove—W. S. Haddon, W. E. Turner.  
Pine View—Represented by pastor, C. C. White.  
Traveler's Rest—Represented by pastor, W. T. Wiley.  
Enterprise—Represented by letter.

The body was permanently organized by electing Rev. W.  
A. McDonald Moderator and James Cheshire Clerk.  
Prayer was offered by Rev. J. G. Harris.  
Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.  
Next called for petitionary letters.

Motion to suspend regular order of business and call for cor-  
respondence from sister associations.

Bros. Joseph Whitaker and O. Z. Henderson represented  
the State Line Association of Alabama, and they were received  
into the body by the Moderator extending the right hand of fel-  
lowship.

Motion to appoint committees.

Devotional—Motion that the pastor and delegates of New  
Light church be the Devotional committee, as follows—W. T.  
Wiley, W. M. Turner, Alex Avery.

Motion that the Moderator appoint all committees, which  
were as follows:

Suggestions—T. G. Harvey, M. A. Woodard, J. Houston.  
T. G. Barfield, J. G. Harris, S. Eley, Alex Avery.

Temperance—E. C. Williams, C. C. White, J. L. Teddy,  
T. N. Tabb, F. C. Williford.

Sabbath Schools—J. B. Widner, Willie Wiley and W. P.  
Richardson.

Finance—W. R. Houston, W. S. Haddon, D. S. Shef-  
field.

Nominations—J. L. Cleveland, H. J. Cosby, C. C. Willis.  
The Committee on Devotional made their report as follows:

Rev. E. C. Williams preach tonight at 8 o'clock, J. L. Teddy  
to close; Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. M. A. Woodard  
will preach, J. G. Harris to close. W. T. Wiley, chm., Alex  
Avery, W. M. Turner.

Motion to adjourn until Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

Delegates were assigned to homes.

Motion to excuse Bros. C. C. Willis and J. B. Widner.

Prayer by Rev. J. Houston. Dismissed by Rev. S. Eley.

### Thursday Morning Session

As per adjournment the body was called together by the  
Moderator reading a lesson from the 90th Psalm. Prayer by  
Bro. W. S. Cook, after which the Moderator called for corres-  
pondents and New Enterprise and her delegates were enrolled,  
as follows—C. O. Fiveash, Willie Everett.

Next a roll call of the delegates and churches, which was  
perfected.

The Moderator then read the Decorum.

Appointed committee on State of Churches and Character of  
Ministers, as follows—T. S. Bartfield, F. C. Williford, H. J.  
Cosby, T. S. Minter, W. P. Richardson.

On motion M. A. Woodard was elected Corresponding Sec-  
retary.

Again called for correspondents from Sister Associations.  
Bro. C. G. Jordan responded from the Martin Association. Mo-  
tion that he be received into the Association by the Moderator  
extending the right hand of fellowship.

Delegates were elected to sister associations as follows:

State Line of Alabama—Rev. J. Houston.

Liberty of Georgia—Rev. W. T. Wiley.

Chattahoochee—Rev. J. G. Harris.  
Georgia Union—Rev. E. C. Williams.  
Martin—Rev. J. L. Teddy.  
South Georgia—Rev. M. A. Woodard.  
Motion that the Clerk write a corresponding letter to a  
Liberal Baptists.

Called for reports of Committees.

The Committee on Suggestions made their report as follows:

#### Report of Committee on Suggestions.

We, your Committee, make the following report:

First, Be it resolved, That each church in the Association send a contribution annually for a donation to be sent to our orphan's home at Middlesex, N. C.

Second, That we take up the State Conference and discuss our relations with it, and what recommendations we should make also what we should do to sustain it, the discussion to be opened by Rev. S. Eley.

Third, Our duty and relations to the Freewill Baptist Seminary and what we should do for it. Discussion by Bro. T. G. Harvey.

Fourth, What shall we do about religious literature for our people to read for instruction. Discussion by James Cheshire.

Fifth, What is God's law of giving to his cause?

Sixth, What can we do for the betterment of our Association? Discussion by Rev. M. A. Woodard.

Seventh, That this Association establish one or more mission points and what these points lack paying its expenses, the remainder to be paid by the Association. Discussion by Rev. J. G. Harris.

Eighth, That we appoint some brother from this body to visit each church on their regular meeting days and preach a sermon on doctrine and the spirit of giving. Discussion by Rev. J. G. Harris.

Ninth, That we have our Articles of Faith and Doctrine of Views printed in the next minutes.

T. G. HARVEY, Chairman.

Motion to receive the report and relieve the committee. The above report was adopted.

Motion to draw on the Treasurer for \$150.00 to be sent to the State Convention.

Motion to elect delegates to the State Convention, which were as follows: T. G. Harvey, Rev. W. T. Wiley, Rev. M. A. Woodard, Rev. J. Houston, Rev. S. Eley, James Cheshire, R. A. Hudson, T. J. Fort.

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The body then adjourned for preaching. The stand was occupied by Rev. M. A. Woodard and closed by Rev. J. G. Harris. The body then adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

#### Thursday Afternoon Session.

The body was called to order at 1:30 by the Moderator, who in prayer.

The committee on Sunday Schools made their report, as follows:

#### Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

We, your committee, recommend: First, that each church strive to have a Sunday School all the year; second, we urge the deacons of each church to rally to Sunday school work; third, we recommend that our Sunday Schools use, if possible, our literature published at Ayden, N. C.; fourth, what we can do to enthuse Sunday School work in our churches.

WILLIE WILEY, Chm.,

W. P. RICHARDSON,

W. B. WADE, Committee.

Motion to receive report and relieve committee.

Committee on Character of Ministers and State of Churches made their report.

#### Report on Character of Ministers and State of Churches.

We find the churches in very good condition. We find the ministers in good standing with the exception of Bro. C. C. White, it having been brought to our attention that he has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a minister.

T. J. BARFIELD, Chairman.

Motion to receive report and relieve committee. Motion to appoint a committee to investigate the report on Bro. C. C. White. Appointed, as follows—W. A. McDonald, Willie Wiley and James Cheshire. The above committee, after investigating the charges brought against Bro. C. C. White, announce that he is acquitted of the charges.

Committee on Nominations made their report.

#### Report of Committee on Nominations.

We recommend that the next Association convene at Oak Grove church, Miller county, Ga. We also recommend that Rev. M. A. Woodard preach the Introductory Sermon.

J. L. CLEVELAND, Chairman

Motion to receive report and adopt same.

The committee on Temperance made their report, as follows:



### Report of Committee on Temperance.

We, your committee on Temperance make the following report: That we be temperate in all things and recommend that the pastors in charge of the various churches preach a sermon on temperance on his first appointment following the Association and to charge the deacons to look well to that end.

F. C. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Motion to receive the report, which was adopted.  
Committee on Finance made their report.

### Report of Committee on Finance.

Received for missions ..... \$75.50  
Received for minutes ..... 27.23  
Received for Ayden school ..... 10.00

Total ..... \$112.73

W. R. HOUSTON, Chairman

Motion to receive report.

Motion that this body offer a special prayer for Brother and Sister Drinkwater, which was led by Bro. J. G. Harris. Sister Drinkwater having to be carried to the hospital, deprived their of being with the body at their home church, which they always were faithful to attend.

Motion to pay the corresponding delegates' railroad fare.  
The Treasurer made his report.

### Report of the Treasurer.

Amount 1917 mission fund on hand ..... \$378.70  
Received for missions in 1918 ..... 74.2  
Received for Ayden school in 1918 ..... 36.8  
Received on interest ..... 24.0  
Received for missions 1919 Association ..... 75.0  
Received for Ayden school, 1919 Association ..... 10.0  
Received for minutes 1918 ..... 31.6  
Received at 1919 Association for minutes ..... 27.23  
1918 Paid N. H. Parish railroad fare ..... \$15.00  
Ayden school ..... 36.88  
Paid out for postage ..... 1.50  
Balance on hand ..... 545.41  
1917 For minutes, paid out ..... 5.30  
1918 Paid for printing minutes ..... 15.00  
For Clerk ..... 10.00  
Balance on hand ..... 28.53

\$657.54 \$657.41

JAMES CHESHIRE, Treasurer

Motion to receive the report.

Motion to pay the Clerk \$15.00. Motion for the Clerk to have 600 minutes printed.

Motion to re-elect James Cheshire treasurer.

Motion to re-elect the Executive Committee and Mission Board. Motion to re-elect the same committee which is as follows—James Cheshire, W. R. Houston, H. J. Cosby, M. A. Woodard, T. G. Harvey.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Oak Grove church, Miller county, Ga., on Wednesday before the first Sunday in November, 1920.

The parting hand was taken. Prayer by Rev. S. Eley. Dismissed by the Moderator.

REV. W. A. McDONALD, Moderator.

JAMES CHESHIRE, Clerk.

### Corresponding Letter.

To all Liberal Baptists Greetings from the Midway Association. We have just closed one of the most harmonious meetings of our life. Everything was a unit. The reports from each church showed they had been blessed through the past year. We extend a cordial invitation to you to visit us in our Association and assist us in pushing forward the work of the kingdom of God.

### List of Ordained Ministers.

W. A. McDonald	R. F. D., Colquitt, Ga.
S. Eley	R. F. D., Brinson, Ga.
W. T. Wiley	R. F. D., Hilton, Ga.
J. Houston	R. F. D., Blakely, Ga.
G. Harris	R. F. D., Arlington, Ga.
O. H. Perry	Cedar Springs, Ga.
E. C. Williams	Iron City, Ga.
C. C. White	Blakely, Ga.
M. A. Woodard	Jakin, Ga.

### Licentiates.

R. F. D., Colquitt, Ga.
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## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

## Section 1.

Art. 1. The Scriptures.—The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are binding on all as our only rule of faith and practice. There is only one living and true God, infinite in all his attributes, the Creator, Preserver and Governor of the universe, revealed to us in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Spirit.

Art. 2. Christ.—He is God manifested in the flesh, being in His divine nature true God, in His human nature true man, united in the person of the Messiah as mediator for the redemption of the world.

Art. 3. The Holy Spirit.—He possesses all personal divine attributes, being the Reformer, Conformer and Sanctifier of men.

Art. 4. Divine Purposes and Providence.—The purposes of God are eternal and immutable, and his wise and holy providence is over all beings and all things to secure his own glory and the highest welfare of all creatures.

Article 5. Original State and Fall of Man.—Man was created upright, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. All his posterity inherit his fallen nature, which is cherished by indulgence, so all who come to years of accountability, sin and come short of the glory of God.

Art. 6. The Atonement.—Christ in his great compassion, offered himself as a sacrifice in our stead, and thus by his life-suffering and death made an atonement which is full and free to all, and opens the way to salvation.

Art. 7. Grace.—No one can, by his own works, merit and obtain salvation, which is wholly of the grace of God, and through which all spiritual blessings are bestowed on us.

Art. 8. Conditions of Salvation.—These are repentances, implying Godly sorrow by open confession and other renunciation for sin, faith or the unreserved committal of the mind and heart to receive, obey and trust in Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit whereby the soul is freed from the dominion of sin, and brought into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Art. 9. Election.—God has not fixed the future state of man by any unconditional decree, but determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation.

Art. 10.—Perseverance.—None will finally be saved but those who, through grace, persevere in holiness to the end.

Art. 11. Salvation Free.—God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

Art. 12. The Freedom of the Will.—The human will is not controlled by any fatal necessity, or external force, but is free and self-determined, having power to yield to gracious influences or resist them and perish.

Art. 13. Gospel Ordinances.—Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

Art. 14. The Sabbath.—The Christian Sabbath is a divine institution binding on all, and should be observed by abstaining from all secular business and amusements, and consecrated to the worship of God and to spiritual improvement.

Art. 15. The Resurrection—Final Judgment and Final Re-tribution.—Christ will make his second appearance at the end of the world, when the dead will be raised, the judgment will set, the righteous will be received to eternal blessedness and the wicked banished to eternal suffering.

## DOCTRINAL VIEWS.

## Section 2.

Art. 1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a treasure of heavenly instruction, that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter, that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore it shall remain with us to the end of time, the center of Christian union and the supreme standard to which all human conduct and opinions should conform.

Art. 2. That there is one true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and ruler of heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed in the personal destination of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Art. 3. That man was created in a state of holiness under the laws of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which men are now sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being by nature utterly devoid of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given up to the gratification of the world of Satan, and their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

Art. 4. That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon

Him our nature yet without sin, honored the law by his own personal obedience and made atonement for sin by his death; being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.

Art. 5. That the great gospel blessing which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe on him is justification. That justification consists in the pardon of sins and promise of eternal life, upon principals of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of anything we do, but solely through his own righteousness and atonement and that it brings us into a state of more blessed peace and favor with God.

Art. 6. That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to receive them by a cordial and obedient faith and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner upon earth but his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to aggravated condemnation.

Art. 7. That in order to be saved we must be regenerated or born again. The regeneration consists of giving a holy disposition to the mind and is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, producing voluntary obedience to the gospel, and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruits which we bring forth to God.

Art. 8. That election is the gracious purpose of God according to which he regenerates sanctifies and saves sinners. That being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means with the end, that it is a most glorious display of God's goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, unchangeable, that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy, that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree, that it is the foundation of Christian assurance and hat to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

Art. 9. That the persevering attachment of true believers to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors, that a special providence watches over their welfare and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Art. 10. That the law of God is the eternal, unchangeable rule of His government; that it is holy, just and good, that the inability which the Scripture ascribes to fallen man to fulfill the

recepts, arise entirely from their love of sin, to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is the desire of the gospel and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

Art. 11. That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, and Christian Sabbath, that it should be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation, by the direct observance of all means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for the rest which remains for the people of God.

Art. 12. That civil government is of divine appointment for the interest of good order of human society, that the magistrates are to be prayed for conscientiously, honored and obeyed in all things not contrary to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of the conscience and Prince of the kings of the earth.

Art. 13. That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked, that such are only justified by the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of God are as truly righteous in his esteem, while all such as continue in impatience and unbelief are in his sight wicked and under the curse, and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

Art. 14. That the end of the world is approaching, when Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from their graves to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then be made, the righteous being adjudged to everlasting happiness and the wicked to endless punishment and this judgment shall forever the final state of men in heaven or hell on principles of righteousness.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Received by letter	Received by profession	Restored	Baptized	Dismissed by letter	Expelled	Dead	Total No. Members	Paid Pastor	For Missions	For minutes	Aydon School
Macedonia—W. T. Wiley .....	F. E. Richardson, Colquitt, Ga., Rtd. 4	..	2	..	14	2	1	2	193	\$224.60	\$ 5.00	\$3.00	\$5.00
Live Oak—W. T. Wiley .....	N. H. Sanders, Milford, Ga., RFD ..	3	..	20	..	..	..	..	150	140.00	1.00	1.55	..
Zion—S. Eley .....	L. C. Weaver, Blakely, Ga., RFD ..	1	3	13	1	..	1	1	175	100.00	4.00	2.00	..
White Plains—E. C. Williams .....	Emmett McLendon, Blakely, Ga., RFD ..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	134	100.00	3.90	1.50	2.00
Bethlehem—W. T. Wiley .....	J. D. Kersey, Shellman, Ga., RFD ..	..	..	4	1	..	3	70	200.00	10.20	2.00	3.00	..
Cedar Springs—E. C. Williams .....	J. S. Pyles, Cedar Springs, Ga. ....	..	..	13	..	..	..	120	82.00	4.00	1.50	..	..
Damascus—W. T. Wiley .....	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga. ....	..	..	..	..	..	3	67	177.00	10.00	2.00	..	..
New Light—W. T. Wiley .....	C. E. Lawson, Morgan, Ga., RFD ..	..	7	6	..	..	3	121	205.50	12.36	2.65	..	..
Oak Grove—E. C. Williams .....	H. D. Worrill .....	..	..	6	..	1	..	71	..	2.65	1.00	..	..
Open Pond—G. W. Cherry .....	T. J. Fort, Jakin, Ga. ....	4	..	..	..	..	..	94	128.00	8.29	2.00	..	..
White Pond—J. Houston .....	J. B. Widner, Blakely, Ga., RFD ..	..	..	4	..	..	..	58	100.00	5.00	2.00	..	..
Pleasant Grove—J. G. Harris .....	W. C. Leslie, Shellman, Ga., RFD ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	51.00	5.00	1.00	..	..
New Enterprise—A. B. Ard .....	Willie Everett, Brinson, Ga., RFD ..	..	..	4	..	..	..	52	44.75	..	2.00	..	..
Enterprise—J. C. Ingram .....	P. C. Harrell, Blakely, Ga. ....	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	50.00	..	1.00	..	..
Pine View—C. C. White .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.00	2.00	..	..
Traveler's Rest—W. T. Wilc .....	Deaton Parker, Newton, Ga., RFD ..	..	3	10	..	..	..	136	60.00	..	2.00	..	..