

MINUTES

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FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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MILLER COUNTY, GA.

NOVEMBER 3RD AND 4TH, 1920

MINUTES.

The twenty second session of the Midway Freewill Baptist Association met with Oak Grove church, Miller county, Ga., November 3rd and 4th, 1920.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. M. A. Woodard, after which the body adjourned for dinner.

Afternoon Session.

At 1:30 o'clock the body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. A. McDonald. Read lesson from 90th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. J. Houston.

The Moderator called on E. C. Williams, pastor of Oak Grove church, for a welcome address.

Called for corresponding letters. On motion, Bros. W. T. Wiley and M. A. Woodard were appointed to read letters.

Churches and delegates enrolled as follows:

Macedonia—W. T. Richardson, W. R. Tabb, E. T. Mims.

Oak Grove—D. J. Allen, M. C. Crocker.

Kestler—J. J. Holder, Jas. Gordon, Willie Wiley.

Open Pond—T. G. Harvey, R. A. Hudson, Aldow Hudson.

White Plains—H. J. Cosby, J. L. Houston, J. O. Strickland.

D. S. Sheffield.

New Enterprise—W. H. Eley, Willie Everett.

New Light—W. H. Drinkwater, D. E. Drinkwater, A. M. Tall, W. M. Turner.

Zion—J. F. Hilton, J. B. Chambers.

Enterprise—M. G. Barfield.

Live Oak—D. F. Walker, T. N. Tucker.

The body was permanently organized by electing Rev. W. A. McDonald Moderator and James Chesbire Clerk.

First invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Bro. A. R. Flowers, of North Carolina, was seated in the body.

Called for petitionary letters.

Appointed committees, as follows:

On Devotion—R. A. Hudson, Willie Wiley, H. J. Cosby, D. F. Walker, W. P. Richardson.

On Suggestions—R. A. Hudson, M. A. Woodard, J. Houston, W. H. Drinkwater, J. B. Chambers.

On State of Churches and Character of Ministers—J. J. Holder, T. N. Tucker, J. F. Hilton, W. H. Eley, W. R. Tabb.

On Finance—W. R. Houston, E. T. Mims, Willie Everett.

On Nominations—W. M. Turner, J. L. Houston, M. C. Crocker.

On Sabbath Schools—T. G. Harvey, J. G. Harris and W. T. Wiley.

Next called for correspondents from sister Associations, Bro. E. A. Plym, from the Chattahoochee, and H. L. Roberts, from the Marling Associations, presented themselves and were seated in the body.

Motion to take recess until Thursday morning.

Homes were assigned to delegates by the church. The body was dismissed by J. Houston.

Thursday Morning Session.

Met per adjournment. The body was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by W. T. Wiley.

The Decorum was read by the Moderator.

The names of delegates were read and perfected.

Appointed delegates to Sister Associations: To Chattahoochee—J. Houston; Liberty of Georgia—James Chesbire; Little River—G. Harris; Georgia Union—M. A. Woodard; Martin—R. A. Hudson; South Georgia—E. C. Williams; State Line of Alabama—W. T. Wiley.

Called for reports of committees.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, suggest that all of our churches endeavor to have better schools and we also urge our older ministers to take more interest in our schools for the sake of our children and growth of the churches.

T. G. HARVEY,

J. G. HARRIS,

W. T. WILEY.

Motion to receive report and relieve committee.

Report on State of Churches and Character of Ministers.

We leave to make the following report: We find all the churches in pretty good standing and our ministers in good standing. We shall strive to make 1921 the most prosperous year.

J. J. HOLDER, Chairman.

same.

Committee on Suggestions.

We leave to make the following report: That we request that all churches and ministers to the Clerk of the Association at the next conference in the associational hall. The hall shall be used for the purpose.

4 2. We recommend the repeal of the resolution passed some time ago to pay the expenses of our Corresponding Delegates to Sister Associations. We ask an amendment to pay the expenses of our corresponding delegates from other Associations who wish to correspond with us.

3. We recommend that the preachers insist on their churches taking stock to the amount of twenty-five dollars or more in our paper published at Ayden, N. C., and get up as many subscribers as possible.

4. We request that this Association look more diligent to the temperance work and hereafter appoint a temperance committee.

5. We also recommend that this Association insist on the churches paying their pastors monthly and settle with him by the last meeting in the Associational year.

6. We also recommend that this Association appoint two delegates or more to the State Convention.

M. A. WOODARD,
R. A. HUDSON,
J. HOUSTON,
W. H. DRINKWATER,
J. B. CHAMBERS, Committee.

Motion to receive report and take up same by sections for discussion. First section was explained by M. A. Woodard. Motion to adopt same. Motion to adopt second section.

Motion to adjourn the conference until 1:30 p. m.

At this hour the stand was occupied by Rev. A. B. Flowers, of North Carolina. It was without a doubt a great sermon and every one who heard it was well pleased. I speak the sentiments of the Midway Association. Come again, Bro. Flowers.

Afternoon Session.

Met per adjournment. The body was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by M. A. Woodard.

Suspended business and called for corresponding letter.

Received White Pond letter. Delegate, J. B. Widner.

Received Cedar Springs letter. Delegate, G. E. Frye.

Received Pleasant Grove letter by pastor, J. G. Harris.

Received Bethlehem letter by pastor, W. T. Wiley.

Received Travelers' Rest letter by pastor, W. T. Wiley.

The regular business was taken up in order.

The third section on Suggestions was taken up for discussion.

Motion to adopt same. Fourth section taken up and adopted. Fifth

5 section taken up and adopted. Sixth section taken up and adopted.

Motion that the Moderator appoint delegates to State Convention. Delegates, M. A. Woodard and R. A. Hudson.

Motion that the Clerk buy a book for records.

Motion that the delegates to the State Convention take up the matter of taking stock in our paper.

Heard report of J. G. Harris in regard to mission work in the Association for 1920. Received by collection \$23.36. Motion to pay Bro. Harris \$26.64 out of treasury.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report: That the next session convene with White Plain church, Early county, Ga., on Wednesday before the first Sunday in November, 1921, W. T. Wiley to preach the Introductory Sermon.

W. M. TURNER, Chairman.

The Sunday School Convention will meet with Pine View church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1921.

• Motion to pay Bro. A. R. Flowers \$15.00 for railroad fare.

Motion to pay Bro. G. A. Plymell \$13.14 for railroad fare.

Motion to re-elect the present Executive Committee, James Cheshire, W. R. Houston, H. J. Cosby, M. A. Woodard and T. G. Harvey.

Motion to send \$50.00 to the State Convention.

Motion to pay the Clerk \$15.00.

Committee on Finance made the following report:

Report of Finance Committee.

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| Received for missions | \$78.60 |
| Received for minutes | 21.65 |

W. R. HOUSTON, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

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| Amount reported on hand at last report for missions for | \$545.41 |
| Received from W. T. Wiley for Zion church | 4.00 |
| Received from W. T. Wiley for Live Oak church | 7.00 |
| Received from W. T. Wiley for New Light church | 5.00 |
| Received from W. T. Wiley for Bethlehem church | 6.75 |
| Received on interest | 21.00 |
| Received from Finance Committee | 78.60 |
| Received from White Plain railroad fare | 1.00 |
| Received from Henderson railroad fare | 1.00 |

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| 1920 Paid to State Convention | 100.00 | |
| Paid for postage | 1.50 | |
| Balance on hand | 565.96 | |
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| | \$670.76 | 670.76 |

REPORT ON MINUTES, 1919.

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| Amount received | \$28.53 | |
| Received from Finance Committee | 21.65 | |
| Received from collection | 5.00 | |
| Paid for printing minutes | \$24.00 | |
| Paid for postage | 2.00 | |
| Paid Clerk | 15.00 | |
| Balance on hand | 14.18 | |
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| | \$55.18 | \$55.18 |

JAMES CHESHIRE, Treasurer.

Motion to receive report.

Motion to re-elect James Cheshire, Treasurer.

Motion to extend vote of thanks to the church and community for their hospitality.

Motion to adjourn, to meet with White Plain church, Early county, Ga., on Wednesday morning before the first Sunday in November, 1921.

The parting hand was taken. Prayer by James Cheshire.
Dismissed by Rev. A. R. Flowers.

REV. W. A. McDONALD, Moderator.

JAMES CHESHIRE, Clerk.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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

LICENTIATES.

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| J. L. Teddy | Webb, Ala. |
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CHURCH STATISTICS

| CHURCHES and PASTORS | CLERKS and POSTOFFICE | Received by letter | | | | | | Total membership | Paid Pastor | For minutes | For missions |
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| | | Rec. by profession | Restored | Baptized | Dismissed | Excluded | Died | | | | |
| Macedonia—W. T. Wiley ... | F. E. Richardson, Colquitt... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 191 | 204.50 | 15.00 | 5.00 |
| Live Oak—W. T. Wiley ... | D. F. Walker, Milford ... | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 157 | 153.06 | 13.00 | 2.00 |
| Zion—W. T. Wiley ... | W. E. Chambers, Hilton ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 150 | 90.00 | 12.60 | 1.80 |
| White Plains—M. A. Woodard | Emmett McLendon, Blakely ... | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 139 | 150.00 | 3.00 | 1.75 |
| Bethlehem—W. T. Wiley ... | J. D. Kersey, Shellman ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 55 | 120.00 | 10.25 | 2.00 |
| Cedar Sp'gs—E. C. Williams | R. B. Pyle, Jakin ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 100 | 107.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| Kestler—J. M. Emanuel ... | L. W. Wiley, Damascus ... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 68 | 225.00 | 10.00 | 2.00 |
| New Light—W. T. Wiley ... | C. E. Lawson, Morgan ... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 120 | 120.00 | 13.25 | 2.00 |
| Oak Grove—J. G. Harris ... | H. D. Worrell, Colquitt ... | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 72 | 64.00 | 2.00 | 1.00 |
| Open Pond—M. A. Woodard | M. M. Harvey, Jakin ... | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 98 | 250.00 | 25.00 | 2.10 |
| White Pond—J. Houston ... | J. B. Widney, Blakely ... | 1 | 22 | 21 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 79 | 60.25 | 2.75 | 2.00 |
| Pleasant Grove—J. G. Harris | W. C. Leslie, Shellman ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 46 | 25.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| New Enterprise—J. G. Harris | Willie Everett, Brinson ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 33 | 60.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Enterprise—J. C. Ingram ... | P. C. Hayrell, Blakely ... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 134 | 102.98 | 1.00 | 1.50 |
| Pine View—C. C. White... | T. W. Stevens, Colquitt ... | 130 | 130 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 147 | 102.00 | 10.00 | 1.50 |
| Traveler's Rest—W. T. Wiley | M. D. Parker, Newton ... | 1 | 1 | 12 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 147 | 102.00 | 10.00 | 1.50 |