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MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
MIDWAY FREEWILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
LIVE OAK CHURCH
Baker County, Georgia.
October 31st, and November 1st, 1923.

OFFICERS:

JAMES CHESHER, Moderator, Colquitt, Ga. **D. F. WALKER, Clerk. Elmodel, Ga.**

JAMES CHESHER, Treasurer, Colquitt, Ga.

Next session will be held with Patmas Church, Baker County, Georgia, beginning on Wednesday, before the First Sunday in November, 1924 at 11:00 o'clock.

MINUTES

The Twenty-fifth Annual Session of the Midway United Freewill Baptist Association was held with Live Oak Church, Baker County, Ga., October 31st, and November 1st, 1923.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. J. G. Harris at eleven o'clock from the 8th Chapter of Mathew, 25th verse—"Lord Save Us, We Perish."

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

Body was called to order at 1:30 p. m. The Moderator being absent the body was called to order by the Clerk, and Bro. James Cheshier was elected Moderator Protem. Song by the Choir. Prayer by Rev. W. A. McDonald.

Next was call for corresponding letters from different churches, and received fifteen letters. Rev. W. T. Wiley and J. G. Harris were appointed to read said letters, which was as follows:

Pleasant Grove Church—W. S. Hatten, and J. C. Sealey.

White Pond—C. C. Willis, J. C. English and H. F. Rogers.

Newlight—W. H. Drinkwater, Johnnie Eubanks and J. M. Avery.

Travelersrest—H. U. Brunson, L. P. Irvin, Marion Collins, T. J. Rhodes and J. O. Irvin.

White Plain—Clarence DuBose, Brink Hoover, J. H. DuBose, H. J. Crosby and J. L. Houston.

Zion—J. B. Chambers and Willie Davis.

Patmas—W. B. Griffin, J. F. Griffin and J. A. Jones.

Damascus—Willie Wiley and L. B. Perry.

Bethlehem—C. H. Barfield, J. L. Kearsey and Bright Hooks.

Enterprise—Not represented.

Liveoak—F. C. Williford, Ralph Phillips, W. E. Tucker, T. N. Tucker, D. F. Walker and T. J. Sanders.

Macedonia—W. R. Tabb and James Chesher.

Oak Grove—Collie C. Middleton, Ewell M. Lewis and J. B. Jones.

Pineview—J. A. Stephens, Myrtle Stephens, by Proxy.

Open Pond—T. G. Harvey, E. H. Hays, J. B. Hodges, by Proxy.

New Enterprise—By Proxy.

Cedar Springs—F. M. Mosely.

Next was election of officers, and James Chesher was elected Moderator and D. F. Walker, Clerk. Rev. W. A. McDonald elected Moderator-Protem and Rev. G. W. Cherry offered installation prayer.

Next moved and second that we excuse no members unless for providential cause. Moved and second that Bro. James Chesher be excused for the remainder of the day on account of death in his family.

Next appointment of different committees.

First, committee on Preaching, T. J. Sanders, F. C. Williford, J. B. Chambers.

Next, Committee on program, W. B. Griffin, Will Wiley, T. G. Harvey, C. C. White and W. H. Drinkwater.

Next committee on Sabbath School, W. T. Wiley, E. C. Williams and T. J. Rhodes.

Next committee on Character of Preachers and Churches, J. M. Avery, F. M. Mosely and T. N. Tucker.

Next committee on Finances, W. R. Houston, W. R. Hatton and Elijah Hayes.

Next committee on Nomination, J. F. Griffin, H. U. Brunson and T. J. Barfield.

Next call for correspondence from Sister Associations, Rev. G. W. Cherry, J. L. Tudder, from Stateline Association.

From Chattahoochee Association, H. L. Lumpkin.

From Liberty Association, W. A. Sellers.

Moved and Seconded that the Moderator extend the right hand of fellowship to them.

Next, appointing correspondent to sister Association was as follows:

Chattahoochee Association—J. G. Harris and W. T. Wiley.

Stateline—E. C. Williams.

Liberty—D. F. Walker.

South Georgia—J. G. Harris.

Little River—C. C. White.

Salem—E. H. Hays.

Next report of Preaching Committee as follows: Rev. G. W. Cherry to preach to-night at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. H. L. Lumpkin tomorrow at 11:00 o'clock. Moved and seconded to adjourn to meet at 8:30 o'clock Thursday.

Song by Choir—Prayer by C. C. White.

Thursday Morning Session.

Thursday morning session met at 8:30 o'clock and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by F. M. Mosely. Next, Roll call and same perfected and Decorum was read by the Moderator.

Next committee on program made their report and same was adopted by section. Next adjourned for preaching and the stand was filled by H. L. Lumpkin. Afternoon session called to order by Moderator at 1:30 and prayer by W. A. Sellers. Moved and seconded that we excuse Bro. T. G. Harvey and Bro. F. M. Mosely for the remainder of the session. Moved and seconded that the Moderator extend the right hand of fellowship to Rev. J. M. Emanuel from the Martin Association.

Next report of Sabbath School Committee, and same was received and adopted.

Next was report of Mission Board and same was read and adopted. Next was moved and seconded that the same Mission Board be retained for the next year and that Bro. James Chesher be elected Treasurer.

Moved and seconded that Bro. W. B. Griffin be elected on the Mission Board in the place of Bro. Hudson, who has moved from this State.

Next was appointment of Delegates to State Convention as follows: Willie Wiley, W. T. Wiley, James Chesher and T. G. Harvey.

Next delegates to the General conference, J. G. Harris and James Chesher.

Moved and seconded that we pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services. Moved and seconded that we send fifty dollars to the School in Aiken, S. C. Moved and seconded that the donation to the Convention be left with the delegates.

Moved and seconded that we allow Bro. J. G. Harris to do Mission work this year.

Moved and seconded that we pay ten dollars to the Annual Conference. Moved and seconded that we tender our thanks to the good people of Live Oak community for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

Moved and seconded that we pay the following expenses of correspondents: Delegates, Rev. G. W. Cherry \$3.95. Rev. J. L. Tudder \$4.90. Rev. H. L. Lumpkin \$8.05.

Next, the Treasurer made his report, same was adopted. Moved and seconded that we adjourn sine die, to meet with Patmas church, Baker County, Ga., on Wednesday before the First Sunday in November 1924. Song, "God be with you till we meet again," prayer by Bro. W. A. McDonald.

Signed:

JAMES CHESHER, Moderator.

D. F. WALKER, Clerk.

The Midway Sunday School Convention will meet at New Light Church, Cahoun County, Ga., on the third Friday in May, 1924, at 10:00 o'clock. All schools are requested to be present.

Signed:

JAMES CHESHER, President.

D. F. WALKER, Secty.

Devotional Committee Report.

We, your committee beg leave to make the following report; that Rev. G. W. Cherry preach tonight at 7:30 and tomorrow at 11:00 o'clock that Rev. H. L. Lumpkin preach.

Signed:

T. J. SANDERS, Chairman.

The above report received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Suggestions.

We, your committee on suggestions beg leave to make the following report: First, that our people take up all auxilliary work of the churches, especially with the young people.

Section I. That our preachers as leaders of our people take an active part in this work. THIRD, that this body rescind its rulings of two years ago in refusing to seat with us correspondents from the Martin Association, which was our Mother Association and that we accept them as Brothers and Co-Workers. FOURTH, that this body appoint its committee

on program at this session for the next year. Fifth, that we suggest that we discuss ways and means how we can raise money for the purpose of assisting our cause and all of its institutions.

W. B. GRIFFIN, Chairman.

The above report received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sabbath School.

We, your committee on Sabbath School beg leave to make the following reports: We find several of our churches have no Sabbath Schools, therefore we urge our Preachers and Deacons, if possible, to organize a Sunday School in each Church, as the Sabbath School of today is the church of tomorrow. "If Lambs are cared for the Flock will grow," and remember, the word of God, to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and when they are old they will not depart from it.

W. T. WILEY, Chairman.

The above report received and adopted.

Report of Mission Board.

We, the Mission Board, beg leave to make the following reports: We employed Rev. E. C. Morris of North Carolina for the months of June and July and his work was as follows: At Open Pond Church two weeks, as New Enterprise could not use him on the second week. He received for his services \$35.75; Pineview third week received one member and \$7.14. Oakgrove church could not use him on the fourth Sunday. The first week in July at Whiteplains received seven members and \$13.15, second week at Cedar Springs, received three members and \$27.25. Third week at Damascus, received three members \$40.00. Rev. E. B. Joiner first week in July at Macedonia received eight members and \$21.00. Live Oak second week received twelve members and thirteen dollars and fifty cents. Zion third week received ten members and \$29.29. Patmas fourth week received one member and \$20.00. We employed them at \$30.00 per week, they paying their railroad fare.

Signed:

JAMES CHESHER, Chairman,

T. G. HARVEY,

W. R. HOUSTON,

H. J. COSBY.

The above report received and adopted.

Report of Finance Committee.

Received at this Association for minutes \$26.27. Received for mission \$57.02.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. HOUSTON, Chairman.

The above report received and adopted.

The Nomination Committee Report.

We, your committee on nomination beg leave to make the following report:

We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Patmus Church, Baker County, Georgia, on Wednesday before the first Sunday in November 1924, at 11 o'clock.

J. F. GRIFFIN, Chairman.

The above report received and adopted.

Treasurer's Report.

Paid J. M. Emanuel for R. R. fare at last session 1922 \$5.00; Paid State Convention \$10.00; car fare to State Convention \$15.00; College Aden, N. C. \$50.00; Orphans Home in N. C. \$50.00; For Church discipline \$45.00; General Conference \$10.00; E. C. Morris, North Carolina, for service \$116.71; E. B. Joiner for service \$36.71; J. G. Harris for service \$7.00; Total paid out \$387.58.

Mission funds on hand at last session \$739.00; Received at this session for Mission \$57.02. TOTAL \$796.02.

On hand for minutes at last session-----\$ 6.33

Received at this session for minutes----- 26.25

TOTAL ----- \$32.58

Paid for printing minutes 1922----- \$22.50

Paid Clerk for his service ----- 15.00

Balance Deficiency on Minutes funds----- 4.92

TOTAL ----- \$37.50

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES CHESHER, Treas.

The above report received and adopted.

List of Executive Committee and Post Office.

JAMES CHESHER, Colquitt, Ga.

W. R. HOUSTON, Colquitt, Ga.

H. J. COSBY, Blakely, Ga.

T. G. HARVEY, Jenkins, Ga.

W. B. GRIFFIN, Milford, Ga.

List Of Ordained Ministers and Post Office.

W. A. McDonald, Colquitt, Ga.

S. EALEY, Brinson, Ga.

W. T. WILEY, Hilton, Ga.

J. G. HARRIS, Arlington, Ga. Rt.

C. C. WHITE, Blakely, Ga.

E. C. WILLIAMS, Iron City, Ga.

E. S. CHESHER, Delan, Fla.

List of Sunday Schools No. Pupils and Superintendents

Zion, Number of pupils 40—J. M. Lane, Supt.

New Light, Number of pupils 75—Joe Mansfield, Supt.

White Pond, Number of pupils 35—C. C. Willis, Supt.

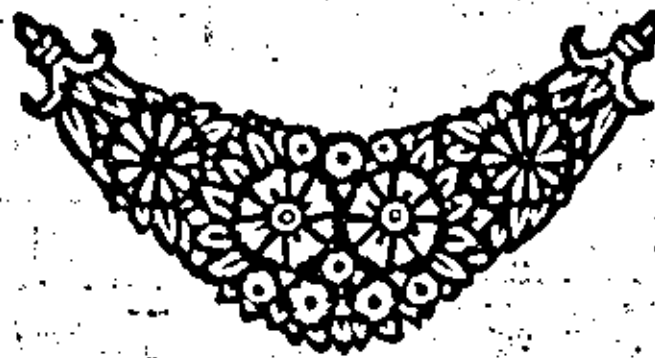
White Plain, Number of Pupils 50—J. E. Houston, Supt.

List of Committee on Program 1924.

W. B. Griffin, Milford, Ga.

J. G. Harris, Arlington, Ga.

Willie Wiley, Damascus, Ga.



STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH AND PASTOR	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICE	Received by letter	Received by profession	Restored	Baptised	Expelled	Dismissed by letter	Died	Total No. Members	Paid Pastors	Paid for Minutes	Paid for Missions
Damascus—W. T. Wiley-----	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.-----	--	3	--	--	--	3	--	42	\$160.00	\$2.00	\$ 6.75
Bethlehem—W. T. Wiley-----	J. D. Kearsey, Shellman, Ga.-----	--	3	--	3	--	2	--	76	145.00	2.25	10.00
Oak Grove—G. W. Cherry-----	Ewell M. Lewis, Colquitt, Ga.-----	--	--	--	--	4	--	2	62	46.50	1.00	1.00
Live Oak—W. T. Wiley-----	H. R. Sanders, Milford, Ga.-----	--	15	--	15	--	--	--	160	--	2.50	9.00
Macedonia—S. Ealey-----	F. E. Richardson, Colquitt, Ga.-----	7	--	--	5	3	1	4	191	87.15	4.00	10.00
White Pond—C. C. White-----	J. B. Widner, Blakely, Ga.-----	2	3	1	7	--	1	--	80	119.45	1.00	1.00
New Light—W. T. Wiley-----	B. E. Paul, Morgan, Ga.-----	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	133	141.60	1.00	14.60
Enterprise—J. C. Ingram-----	P. C. Harrell, Blakely, Ga.-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	37	39.40	.50	--
Travelersrest—W. T. Wiley-----	H. D. Parker, Newton, Ga.-----	1	--	--	8	--	1	--	140	97.00	2.00	5.00
Zion—S. Ealey-----	W. E. Chambers, Hilton, Ga.-----	--	13	--	11	--	1	1	140	50.00	1.25	--
New Enterprise—A. P. Norris-----	C. E. Warddell, Iron City, Ga.-----	2	2	3	--	--	--	2	43	50.00	3.00	--
White Plain—W. T. Wiley-----	W. W. Houston, Blakely, Ga.-----	1	--	--	5	1	1	2	125	85.00	2.00	5.35
Patmas—E. C. Williams-----	J. F. Griffin, Milford, Ga.-----	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	53	100.00	2.00	3.00
Pleasant Grove—J. G. Harris-----	M. C. Lesley, Shellman, Ga.-----	--	--	--	2	--	--	1	38	83.30	1.00	4.00
Pine View-----	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Open Pond-----	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Cedar Springs—J. L. Tudder-----	R. B. Ryles, Jakin, Ga.-----	3	3	1	8	--	2	--	83	125.00	2.15	5.00

Received of D. F. Walker \$22.50 for Minutes.