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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Midway Freewill Baptist Association

HELD WITH

PATMAS CHURCH

Baker County, Georgia

OCTOBER 29th and 30th, 1924.

OFFICERS:

REV. W. T. WILEY Moderator **D. F. WALKER**, Clerk.

Hilton, Ga.

Elmodel, Ga.

JAMES CHESHER, Treasurer, Colquitt, Ga.

Next session will be held with White Pond Church, Early County, Georgia, beginning on Wednesday, before the First Sunday in November, 1925, at 11:00 o'clock.

MINUTES

The twenty-sixth annual session of the Midway Freewill Baptist Association met with Patmas church, Baker County, Georgia, October 29 th and 30th, 1924. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. T. Wiley from the first chapter of Jude and the third verse. Then the body adjourned until 1:30 o'clock for dinner.

The body was called to order at 1:30 o'clock by the former moderator James Chesher and sang hymn No. 178 by the body and prayer by Rev. W. H. Anderson. Next read the twenty-third chapter of Pslams by the Moderator and prayer by Rev. S. Ealey. Next called for correspondent letters from different churches and received fifteen letters. Rev. J. G. Harris and Bro. C. E. Wardel were appointed to read said letters, which were as follows:

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

Patmas—W. J. Rizer, W. B. Griffin and J. E. Griffin.

Pine view—J. A. Stephens.

Zion—J. B. Chambers and J. O. Lain.

New Enterprise—C. E. Wardel.

Damascus—Willie Wiley, J. T. Gordon.

Oak Grove—W. R. Hanston.

Travelersrest—T. H. Edwards and T. J. Rhodes.

Live Oak—F. C. Williford, Pat Phillips, Mrs. S. C. DeBerry, Mrs. Ida Tucker and D. F. Walker.

White Plains—W. S. Holton by proxe.

Enterprise—P. C. Harrell.

Open Pond—T. G. Harvey.

New Light—J. J. Kemp by proxe.

Next was election of Moderator and Clerk. Rev. W. T. Wiley was elected Moderator and D. F. Walker was elected Clerk.

Next invited visiting Brothers to seat with us. Next called for Petitionary Letters. None received. Next appointment of committees.

Committee on Preaching—W. B. Griffin, J. E. Griffin, Rev. E. C. Williams.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—W. B. Griffin, Willis Wiley, C. E. Wardel.

Committee on Character of Ministers and State of Churches—J. C. Lain, F. C. Williford, J. L. Hanston.

Committee on Finances—W. R. Hanston, T. J. Rhodes, J. A. Stephens.

Committee on Nominations—J. C. Enlish, J. J. Kemp, W. P. Harrell.

Committee on Suggestions to Serve the Next Year, 1925—H. J. Carsby, T. G. Harvey, Willie Wiley.

Next was call for correspondence from sister associations. Rev. H. L. Lumpkins and W. H. Amerson from the Chattahoochee Association. This association meets Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1925.

Next appointment of correspondence to different associations.

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

To State Line Association—C. C. White.

To Liberty Association—S. Ealey.

To Martin Association—W. B. Griffin and James Chesher.

Next appointed delegates to the general conference—Rev. W. A. McDonald and S. Ealey.

Next adjournment to meet at 8:30 Thursday and prayer by James Chesher.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The body was called to order by the Moderator at 8:30. Song by the body and prayer by Rev. J. L. Tuddie.

Next was the reading of the Decorum by the Moderator.

Next was roll call and the same corrected.

Next was call for report of different committees.

Committee on Suggestions made its report and same was taken up by sections and adopted by sections.

At 11 o'clock the body adjourned for preaching and the stand was filled by Rev. W. H. Emerson from Chattahoochee Association.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 1:30. The body was called to order by the Moderator and prayer by Rev. W. J. Lumpkin. The Moderator announced the body ready for business. Moved and seconded that the names of Rev. Henrp Edwards and Rev. W. J. Lumpkin be placed on record as ordained ministers. Moved and seconded that the Moderator extend the right hand of fellowship to them.

Moved and seconded that we pay half of the railroad fare of the two delegates to the General Conference.

Moved and seconded and carried that we pay \$10.00 to the General Conference next year.

Moved and seconded and carried that we extend our thanks to teh good people of Patmas church for the kindness shown us during our stay with them.

Moved and seconded that we send Rev. W. T. Wiley and J. G. Harris to the State Convention and that the donation to said convention be left with the delegates and that we pay their railroad fare.

Moved and seconded that we retain our same Mission Board with Willie Wiley and F. M. Moseley added to the board.

Next the Finance Committee made its report.

Next the Treasurer made his report.

Moved and seconded that each church make up the money at once and send same to the Treasurer for the deficiency that occurs in the minutes funds.

Moved and seconded and carried that we pay the Clerk \$10.00 for his services.

Moved and seconded that we extend our Moderator and Clerk our thanks for their faithful services during this associational year.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn to meet with White Pond Church, Early County, Georgia, on Wednesday before the first Sunday in November, 1925, and that Rev. J. G. Harris preach the introductory sermon.

REV. W. T. WILEY, Moderator,
P. O. Hilton, Ga.

D. F. WALKER, Clerk,
Elmodel, Ga.

The Midway Sunday School Convention meets with Pineview Church, Miller County, Georgia, on the third Friday in June, 1925, and all churches are requested to be represented.

JAMES CHESHER, President.

D. F. WALKER, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg to make the following report. (1st) We recommend that each church have a Sunday School because our children are taught the Bible in ways they could not be taught. (2nd) Because it brings our children together and places them in the hands of our best people and also keeps them, oftentimes, out of the evils of this world. (3rd) And we therefore recommend that our people be more zealous about having the Bible taught in our midst through the channel of the Sunday School.

W. B. GRIFFIN, Chairman.

WILLIE WILEY.

Above report read and adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

We your committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report.

Received for Missions at this Association-----\$55.05

Received for Minutes at this Association----- 30.65

Total -----\$85.70

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. HANSTON, Chairman.

Above report received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We your committee on Nominations beg leave to make the following report. We recommend that the next session of this association be held with White Pond Church, Early County, Georgia, on Wednesday before the first Sunday in November 1925, at 11 o'clock, and that Rev. J. G. Harris preach the introductory sermon.

J. C. ENGLISH, Chairman.

Above report received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARACTER OF PREACHERS AND CHURCHES.

We your committee on the Character of Preachers and Churches find them all in good standing as far as we can learn.

J. O. LAIN, Chairman.

Above report read and adopted.

REPORT OF PREACHING COMMITTEE.

We your committee on Preaching beg leave to make the following report. That Rev. H. L. Lumpkin preach tonight at 8 o'clock and that Rev. W. H. Amerson tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

W. B. GRIFFIN, Chairman.

Above report read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM.

First. What does the Midway Association stand for? Second. We urge that our churches look after the Spiritual growth of our churches and a closer discipline of the faith of the cause of Christ. Third. We urge the Doctrine of the true and tried Freewill Baptists be preached more fully in all churches. We urge that each church see that the Pastor is amply looked after each month as this is greatly needed in order to protect our preachers from embarrassment that often comes to them. Fifth. That we adopt the five year plan of the Freewill Baptist in regard to our college which is at Aden, N. C. Sixth. We urge that this body, if possible secure two preachers to hold revivals together.

W. B. GRIFFIN,

J. G. HARRIS,

WILLIE WILEY,

Committee.

Above read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON MISSION FUNDS.

Amount on hand last session-----	\$408.44
Paid out to G. W. Cherry-----	3.95
Paid out to J. L. Tuddie-----	4.90
Paid out to H. L. Lumpkin-----	8.95
Paid out to J. M. Emanuel-----	5.00
Paid out to State Convention-----	10.00
Paid out to General Conference-----	10.00

Received at this session-----	55.05	
Paid to J. G. Harris General Conference-----		17.50
Paid to James Chesher General Conference-- --		17.50
	<u>\$463.49</u>	<u>\$76.90</u>
To Balance on hand for Missions-----	386.59	
Report on Minutes Fund.		
At close of last session, 1923, to Dr. to Treasurer-----		4.92
Paid for Minutes 1923-----		23.00
Paid for Church Letters-----		2.50
Paid for Clerk's services-----		10.00
		<u>40.42</u>
Received at this session for Minutes-----		30.65
		<u>\$ 9.77</u>
To balance Dr. to Treasuer-----		

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES CHESHER, Treasurer.

Above report received and same accepted.

LIST OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND POST OFFICE.

James chesher, Colquitt, Ga.
W. R. Hanston, Colquitt, Ga.
H. J. Carsby, Blakely, Ga.
T. G. Harvey, Jakin, Ga.
W. B. Griffin, Milford, Ga.
Willie Wiley, Damascus, Ga.
F. M. Mosely, Cedar Springs, 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.
C. C. White, Blakely, Ga.
E. C. Williams, Iron City, Ga.
E. S. Chester, DeLand City, Fla.
Henry Edwards, Postoffice Not Known.
W. J. Lumpkin, Edison, Ga. R. F. D.

LIST OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM FOR 1925.

H. J. Carsby, Blakely, Ga.

T. G. Harvey, Jakin, Ga.

Willie Wiley, Damascus, Ga.



STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH and PASTOR	CLERK and POSTOFFICE	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Prof.	Restored	Baptised	Expelled	Dis. by Letter	Dead	Total Number Members	Paid Pastor	Paid for Minutes	Paid for Missions
Cedar Spring, J. L. Tudder-----	J. A. Mercer, Cedar Spring, Ga-----	1	3		9		1	1	80	\$ 88.65	\$2.00	\$ 3.00
White Pond, C. C. White-----	J. C. English, Blakely, Rt. 3, Ga-----			2		7	9		64	100.00	1.15	2.25
Macedonia, J. M. Emanuel-----	P. C. Corley, Colquitt, Ga-----	1	1		3	6	1	7	182	176.95	4.00	\$10.00
Pine View, E. C. Williams-----	T. W. Stevens, Donalsonville, Ga-----	5	2		2				135	22.20	1.50	2.00
Enterprise, J. C. Ingram-----	P. C. Harrell, Blakely, Rt. 1, Ga-----				1	1			37	56.75	1.00	
Open Pond, R. L. Henton-----	M. M. Harvey, Jakin, Ga-----											8.25
Live Oak, W. T. Wiley-----	H. R. Sanders, Milford, Ga-----		10		10			5	170	136.80	2.50	5.00
Travelersrest, W. T. Wiley-----	H. D. Parker, Newton, Ga-----				1			5	137	113.00	1.50	6.00
Damascus, W. T. Wiley-----	S. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga-----						3	3	30	166.00	3.00	6.00
Oak Grove, W. T. Wiley-----	E. M. Lewis, Colquitt, Ga-----					1	2		68	110.55	3.00	3.00
New Enterprise, A. P. Norris-----	C. E. Wardel, Iron City, Ga-----	2	3		3			1	49	35.00	3.00	
White Plain, G. W. Cherry-----	W. W. Houston, Blakely, Ga-----			2	9	2			136	100.00	2.00	4.00
Patmas, E. C. Williams-----	J. F. Griffin, Milford, Ga-----		2		3			1	58	100.00	3.00	3.00
Zion, J. L. Tudder-----	J. O. Lain, Blakely, Rt. 6, Ga-----	1			19		2	2	125	70.00	2.00	5.00
Bethlehem, (no letter)-----	No Letter-----											
New Light, (no letter)-----	No Letter-----											
Pleasant Grove, (no letter)-----	No Letter-----											

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