

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**MIDWAY FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**HELD WITH**  
**MACEDONIA CHURCH**  
**MILLER COUNTY, GA., NOVEMBER 3 AND 4, 1926**

**OFFICERS:**

REV. W. T. WILEY, Moderator ----- Hilton, Ga.  
D. F. WALKER, Clerk ----- Elmodel, Ga.  
JAMES CHESHIRE, Treasurer ----- Colquitt, Ga.

Next session will be held with Oak Grove church, Miller County,  
Ga., beginning on Wednesday, before the First Sunday  
in November, 1927.

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# PROCEEDINGS

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The Twenty-Eighth Annual Session of the Midway Association of Free Will Baptist, met with Macedonia church, Wednesday, November 3, 1926. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. T. Wiley. Text: 2 Timothy 4:5. After which, the Association adjourned for dinner.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The body was called to order at 1:30 by the moderator. There was a song by the body. The 12th chapter of Romans was read. Prayer by Rev. W. A. McDonald. Called for corresponding letters of different churches. Rev. J. M. Emanuel and W. B. Griffin were appointed to read said letters, which were as follows:

PATMOS.—W. B. Griffin, J. A. Jones.

BETHLEHEM.—D. B. Hooks, W. F. Barfield, H. C. Mellon, J. L. Brown.

ENTERPRISE.—P. C. Harrell, Romie Jeakins, Hattie Jeakins, Sister Irene Jeakins.

DAMASCUS.—Willie Wiley, L. B. Perry, J. T. Gordon.

WHITE POND.—Z. E. Widner, J. B. Widner, J. L. Widner, J. E. Widner, Mrs. J B Widner.

LIVE OAK.—T. J. Sanders, D. F. Walker, T. N. Tucker, H. R. Sanders.

CEDAR SPRING.—J. E. Pyles, J. S. Pyles, F. M. Mosely.

NEW LIGHT.—Donnie Drakewater, J. O. Morris.

OPEN POND.—J. B. Hodges, T. J. Fort, Sr., A. B. Ivey, T. J. Fort, Jr.

MACEDONIA.—W. R. Tabb, Jessie Phillips, S. C. DeBerry, O. W. Gordon, J. W. Keen, S. H. Busby, E. K. Price.

OAK GROVE.—Sister A. L. McDonald, Sister Cora Sheffield, Sister Nettie Gregory.

WHITE PLAINS.—H. J. Crosby, D. S. Sheffield, J. L. Houston.

PLEASANT GROVE.—W. S. Hatten, Aaron Hawks.

ZION.—J. S. Anderson, J. B. Chambers, J. L. Tedder.

TRAVELER'S REST.—T. J. Rhodes, Leon, Irvin, Sister Annie May Rhodes, Sister Ruth Hews, H W. Brunson.

Next was to elect moderator and clerk. Rev. W. T. Wiley was elected moderator, and D. F. Walker was elected clerk.

Next was a call for petitionary letters and none were received.

Next was the appointment of the following committees:

Committee on Suggestions for the next year, 1927.—W. B. Griffin, H. J. Crosby, D. B. Hooks, E. C. Williams, D. F. Walker.

Committee on Preaching.—J. M. Emanuel, Jas. Cheshire, W. P. Richardson, W. R. Tabb, W. L. Everett, S. C. DeBerry.

Committee on Temperance.—Willie Wiley, G. E. Pyles, J. B. Hooks.

Character of Preachers and Churches.—J. B. Chambers, A. D. Ivey, W. S. Hatten.

Sabbath Schools.—S. C. DeBerry, D. S. Sheffield, T. J. Fort, Sr.

Committee on Nominations.—T. J. Rhodes, J. L. Houston, L. B. Perry.

Committee on Finance.—W. R. Houston, W. R. Tabb, G. E. Pyles.

Committee on Literature.—J. M. Emanuel, H. R. Sanders, Z. E. Widner.

Committee on Missions.—T. J. Fort Jr., W. S. Hatten, J. S. Anderson.

On Resolutions of the Death of Rev. J. G. Harris.—W. A. McDonald, Sister Alma McDonald, J. M. Emanuel.

Next called for correspondents from Sister Associations. They were Rev. J. M. Emanuel from the Martin Association, and Sister Emma Hair from State Line, and Rev. T. B. Mellette from South Carolina.

Moved and seconded that Bros. H. J. Crosby and J. L. Houston be excused till tomorrow.

Moved and seconded to excuse Bros. W. S. Hatten and Bro. Hooks for the remainder of the session. Adjourned till Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

Met at the appointed hour. The moderator called the house to order. The 39th chapter of the book of Psalms was read by the moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. C. White.

The moderator announced that the house was ready for business. First, we invite visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us. Bros. W. H. Dunn and G. W. Chambers from the Martin Association responded.

Next, the moderator read the decorum.

Next, the roll was called and perfected.

Corresponding delegates to Sister Associations were appointed as follows:

To Martin Association.—C. C. White and Sister Ida Tucker.

To State Line.—W. B. Griffin, and W. P. Richardson.

To Chattahooche.—W. A. McDonald, T. G. Harvey.

To South Georgia.—H. J. Crosby, W. T. Wiley.

To Little River.—James Cheshire, D. S. Sheffield.

To Georgia Union.—Willie Wiley, T. J. Rhodes.

Next was the call for reports of committees.

The Temperance committee made their report which was adopted.

The committee on Resolutions in regard to the death of Rev. J. G. Harris made their report which was adopted.

On motion the resolutions in regard to Rev. J. G. Harris be published in the Free Will Baptist and the Baker County News.

The body adjourned to attend the funeral of Bro. Harris.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The body was called to order at 2:30 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Tedder. The Moderator announced that the house was ready for business.

Moved and seconded to excuse Bros. D. S. Sheffield and J. L. Houston for the term. It was also moved and seconded to excuse Bro. H. J. Crosby for the term.

The committee on the Character of Ministers and churches made their report which was adopted.

The committee on Nominations made their report which was read and adopted.

The committee on Sabbath Schools made their report and the same was adopted.

Moved and seconded to excuse Sisters Carrie Sheffield and Nettie Gregory for the term.

Moved and seconded to excuse Bro. Donnie Drakewater and Bro. J. O. Morris.

Moved and seconded that Willie Wiley, W. B. Griffin and A. D. Ivey be appointed as a committee to see about the possibility of a school for Georgia, Florida, and Alabama, and that Bros. James Cheshire and T. G. Harvey be excused from that committee.

Moved and seconded to appoint a corresponding delegate to the South Carolina Conference. W. T. Wiley was appointed said delegate to South Carolina Conference and his expenses be paid from the treasury.

Rev. W. A. McDonald and Rev. E. C. Williams were appointed to attend the General Conference, and Sister Dorothy Harvey and Sister Pat Welch were appointed as alternates.

Moved and seconded that the Association retain the same Executive Committee.

Moved and seconded that this body tender their thanks to the moderator and clerk for their faithful services during this session.

Moved and seconded to tender a vote of thanks to Macedonia church and the community for the hospitality shown to us while in their midst.

Moved and seconded that we retain the same treasurer.

The Finance Committee made their report which was read and adopted. The Treasurer made his report which was read and adopted.

Moved and seconded that Bro. T. G. Harvey be appointed as trustee to Eureka College in North Carolina, to take the place of Rev. J. G. Harris, deceased.

Moved and seconded to adjourn to meet with Oak Grove church on Wednesday before the first Sunday in November, 1927.

Prayer by Bro. James Cheshire.

W. T. WILEY, Moderator.

D. F. WALKER, Clerk.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Knowing that our honored America is a great democracy, and that monarchy and autocracy are God given and blood bought countries, and in consideration of our fair land to keep fully informed of the best things for us to read, and of the mischievous influences passed out through the

press and carrying things we do not need, that we should carefully select our reading matter and avoid alien and foreign propaganda, which tends to curse our fair land and to undermine our political and ecclesiastical literature. Let us use great precautions in the selection of literature. Also that we insist with prayerful emphasis that our people use clean literature, and in keeping with the law of self-preservation. Also that we patronize our Free Will Baptist paper and Sabbath School and League literature published at Ayden, N. C.

#### REPORT OF PREACHING COMMITTEE.

We, your committee on preaching beg leave to make the following report: Rev. E. C. Williams is to preach tonight at 7 o'clock, and T. B. Mellette tomorrow at eleven o'clock.

J. M. EMANUEL, Chairman.

We, your committee on Sabbath School beg leave to submit the following report: We would advise any church not having a Sabbath School to arrange to organize one at once if possible in the Midway Association. Also we would advise the use of the Free Will Baptist literature published at Ayden, N. C. Also would ask each pastor of the different churches to take an active part in the same.

S. C. DeBERRY, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF CHARACTER OF PREACHERS AND CHURCHES.

We, the committee on the Character of Preachers and Churches, beg leave to submit the following: We report that we find all preachers and churches in good order.

J. B. CHAMBERS, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to make the following report: We feel that it is gradually growing better but not as good as it should be. We ask that all church members who are guilty of drinking or dealing in intemperance, to turn away from this evil, and show the world where they stand. We ask too that every church member be a committee to fight intemperance all the time.

WILLIE WILEY, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee ask that the next Association go to Oak Grove church, and that Rev. E. C. Williams preach the introductory sermon, and that it meet on Wednesday, before the first Sunday in November, 1927.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Collected for minutes ----- \$37.25

Collected for Missions ----- 59.31 --

Collected for monument for S. Ealey ----- 30.73

W. R. HOUSTON, Chairman.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer begs leave to make the following report:

On Mission funds, amount on hand last Association	\$405.25
Paid out for League for young people	\$ 13.65
Paid out for State Convention	10.00
Delegate's expense to State Convention	7.20
Auto expense of committee to Florida	2.90
Borrowed from Treasurer for minutes of 1926	46.95
Delegate's expense to General Conference	51.20
Paid General Conference dues	10.00
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	\$141.90
Received at this Association	\$ 59.31
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	\$464.56
Amount on hand to balance	\$322.56
Received at this Association for minutes	37.25
Received at this Association for monument for S. Ealey	30.73

JAMES CHESHIRE, Treasurer.

List of committee on program for 1927.—W. B. Griffin, H. J. Corsby, E. C. Williams, D. B. Hooks, D. F. Walker.

### LIST OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND POSTOFFICES.

James Cheshire, Colquitt, Ga.  
W. R. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.  
H. A. Corsby, Blakely, Ga.  
T. G. Harvey, Jakin, Ga.  
W. B. Griffin, Milford, Ga.  
Willie Wiley, Damascus, Ga.  
F. M. Mosley, Cedar Springs, Ga.

### LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

W. A. McDonald, Colquitt, Ga.  
W. T. Wiley, Hilton, Ga.  
C. C. White, Blakely, Ga.  
E. C. Williams, Iron City, Ga.  
Henry Edwards, P. O. not known.  
W. J. Lumpkin, Edison, Ga.  
J. L. Tedder, Blakely, Ga.  
O. H. Perry, Cedar Springs, Ga.

The union meeting will convene with Cedar Springs church, Early County, on Friday, before the fifth Sunday in July, 1927. Rev. W. T. Wiley is to preach the introductory sermon.

JAMES CHESHIRE, Moderator.

T. J. FORT, Sr. Clerk.

The Sunday School Convention will convene with Zion church on Friday, before the 4th Sunday in June.

JAMES CHESHIRE, President.

T. J. FORT, Sr., Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

In as much as our esteemed brother in the Lord and minister, Rev. J. G. Harris, of Georgia, did on the morning of November 3, put off his tabernacle to go the way of all the earth, and has fallen into that sleep from which there is no awakening until the heavens be no more.

And, whereas, a spacious vacancy is surveyed by us socially and religiously among us, and that his loving wife and six grief stricken children are in sorrowing bereavement to his and their papa's God, and to our care those loved ones are intrusted.

Therefore, be it Resolved, 1st. That our hearts' sympathies are freely and fully extended to them in their great loss. The Free Will Baptist of Georgia, and especially of southwest Georgia, and particularly the Midway Association do hereby feel our great loss. We feel that Baker County has lost an energetic and loyal citizen, and that from his community there has gone a congenial, thoughtful neighbor. We know that his flock will miss his voice from among them.

2. That we, the Midway Association, bow ourselves in unreserved submission to Him, who moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform. To Him who tempers the wind to his shorn sheep, but carries the Lambs in his bosom. To the King eternal, to our God supreme, love and faithful service may we give until our change comes. This is our earnest prayer. Let it be ever so, Amen.

3rd] That these resolutions be published in our minutes, also in the Free Will Baptist and the Baker County News.

SISTER ALMA McDONALD,  
REV. W. A. McDONALD,  
REV. J. M. EMANUEL,

Committee.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches and Pastors.	Clerks and Post Offices.	Received by letter	Rec. on Profession	Restored	Baptized	Dismissed by letter	Expelled	Died	Total Number	Paid for Mis. Work	Paid for Minutes	Paid to pastor
Pleasant Grove, J. G. Harris-----	M. C. Leslie, Shellman, Ga.-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	35	\$ ----	\$ .50	\$ 78.10
Zion, J. G. Harris-----	Jimmie Wiley, Hilton, Ga.-----	2	16	--	13	2	--	1	160	----	4.20	143.45
New Enterprise, J. L. Tedder -----	C. E. Wardel, Iron City, Ga.-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	55	----	3.00	-----
Traveler's Rest, J. M. Emanuel ----	H. D. Parker, Newton, Ga.-----	--	--	--	1	--	--	2	149	5.00	2.00	116.00
Patmos, J. G. Harris -----	J. F. Griffin, Milford, Ga.-----	--	--	--	4	1	--	--	67	7.00	4.00	111.65
Bethlehem, W. T. Wiley -----	H. C. Melton, Shellman, Ga.-----	4	6	--	6	--	--	1	70	7.80	2.00	155.00
White Plain, W. T. Wiley -----	H. J. Corsby, Blakely, Ga.-----	--	--	1	8	2	5	1	135	10.00	2.50	113.50
Oak Grove, J. G. Harris -----	C. C. Middleton, Colquitt, Ga. -----	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	51	8.60	1.00	114.60
Macedonia, J. M. Emanuel -----	W. R. Tabb, Colquitt, Ga.-----	1	--	--	5	--	1	1	180	10.75	4.10	200.00
Open Pond, W. H. Emerson -----	M. M. Harvey, Jakin, Ga.-----	1	5	--	5	3	--	2	109	14.70	4.00	136.75
New Light, W. T. Wiley-----	B. E. Paul, Morgan, Ga.-----	2	14	--	12	2	--	2	136	6.71	2.50	153.00
Cedar Springs, W. T. Wiley -----	F. M. Mosley, Cedar Springs, Ga.-----	--	--	--	4	--	--	1	74	2.00	2.00	142.00
Enterprise, J. L. Tedder -----	P. C. Harrell, Blakely, Ga.-----	1	--	--	2	1	--	--	44	1.00	1.00	44.00
Damascus, W. T. Wiley -----	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.-----	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	33	10.00	3.00	188.00
White Pond, J. M. Emanuel -----	J. L. Widener, Blakely, Ga.-----	--	12	--	12	3	1	1	79	1.00	2.50	110.00
Live Oak, J. M. Emanuel -----	H. R. Sanders, Milford, Ga.-----	2	17	--	17	2	--	1	174	2.45	1.00	130.00
Pine View, not represented-----	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	----	-----