

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**MIDWAY FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**WHICH CONVENED WITH**

**OAK GROVE CHURCH**

**MILLER COUNTY, GA., NOVEMBER 2 AND 3, 1927.**

**OFFICERSs**

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

Next session will be held with Pine View church, Miller County, Ga.,  
beginning on Wednesday, before the First Sunday in  
November, 1928.

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# PROCEEDINGS

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Session of the Midway Free Will Baptist Association, convened with Oak Grove church, Miller County, Georgia, on Wednesday, November 2, 1927.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. E. C. Williams at 11 o'clock. Text: Matt. 17:8. After preaching, the body took recess to 1:30 P. M.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The body was called to order at 1:30 as per adjournment. The 116th Psalm was read. Prayer by the moderator. The moderator then announced the body ready for business.

First, was a call for corresponding letters and reading the same. There were seventeen from different churches.

Bros. W. B. Griffin, and Rev. J. M. Emmanuel were appointed to read said letters which were as follows:

WHITE PLAIN.—C. P. Houston, Clifton Harris, D. S. Sheffield, Lucy Sheffield, Ruth Hudson.

CEDAR SPRINGS.—G. E. Pyles, J. W. Kinsbel, F. M. Mosley, Sibley Pyles.

PLEASANT GROVE.—W. S. Hadden, William S. Hadden, M. C. Sealy.

PINE VIEW.—W. J. Newberry, T. G. Williams, J. W. Widmon, T. M. Bowen.

OAK GROVE.—W. C. Houston, A. L. McDonald, C. C. Middleton.

TRAVELERS REST.—T. J. Rhodes, J. L. Butler, Elias Musgrove, Mrs. T. J. Rhodes, L. P. Irvin.

DAMASCUS.—L. B. Perry, W. L. Pool.

NEWLIGHT.—George Nip, W. L. Turner, J. O. Morris, Danie Drinkwater, Clyde Lawson.

BETHLEHEM.—D. B. Hooks, John Barfield.

OPEN POND.—J. B. Hodges, Mrs. W. T. Hodges, Mrs. H. G. Hudson.

LIVE OAK.—D. F. Walker, Clarence Phillips, Eldred Moye, T. N. Tucker.

ZION.—J. O. Lain, Jimmie Wiley, Calvin Knighton, Perry Posey.

WHITE POND.—J. L. Widner, J. E. Widner, C. C. Willis, Jewel Rodgers.

MACEDONIA.—W. R. Tabb, Mrs. S. C. DeBerry, Mrs. B. A. Phillips, Mrs. O. W. Gordon, Mrs. E. R. Jones, Mrs. James Cheshire.

PATMOS.—Miss Macy Griffin, Miss Carmin Timmons, Miss Sader Timmons, W. B. Griffin.

Next, was the election of moderator and clerk. Rev. W. T. Wiley was elected moderator, and D. Y. Walker was elected clerk.

Next, was the call for petitionary letters. Received none.

Next, was the appointment of committees. The following were appointed by the moderator:

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.—W. A. McDonald, W. R. Houston, H. D. Worls.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.—W. S. Hadden, W. B. Griffin, E. G. Pyles.

COMMITTEE ON CHARACTER OF PREACHERS AND CHURCHES.—T. J. Rhodes, J. O. Morris, J. L. Houston.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—W. R. Tabb, Calvin Knighten, T. N. Tucker.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.—L. B. Perry, W. J. Newberry, Jimmie Wiley.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.—H. J. Corsby, George Nix, L. B. Perry.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LITERATURE.—Willie Wiley, D. S. Sheffield, R. B. Pyles.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.—D. B. Hooks Dannie Drinkwater, F. M. Mosley.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM TO GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1928.—W. J. Lumpkin, E. C. Williams, James Cheshire, Willie Wiley, W. H. Hawk.

By a move and second, the association adjourned till 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

The body was called to order by the moderator at 9 o'clock. The moderator read the 12th chapter of Romans. Prayer was made by Jas. Cheshire. The moderator announced the house ready for the transaction of business.

First, the decorum was read by the moderator. The roll was called by the clerk and the same was corrected.

Next, was the appointment of correspondents to sister associations. They were appointed as follows:

TO THE MARTIN ASSOCIATION.—Rev. E. C. Williams, Rev. J. L. Tedder.

TO STATE LINE ASSOCIATION OF ALA.—James Cheshire and Rev. E. C. Williams.

TO CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION.—Rev. W. A. McDonald, W. J. Lumpkin.

Next, was to call for correspondents from sister Associations. Sister Emma Hair was received as correspondent from the State Line Association of Alabama.

Next was to call for reports of committees. The committee on Sabbath Schools made their report, which was adopted.

The committee on Investigations made their report, and the same was adopted by sections.

Moved and seconded that we appoint a committee of five to be a corresponding committee to correspond with all the associations of Georgia, and the following committee was appointed: Harris Harvey, Miss Macy Griffin, and the Rev. Rufus Hyman, James Cheshire, Sister Alma McDonald, and they are to make their report at the next association.

The committee on Education made their report and the same was adopted as read.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn for preaching. The stand was filled by Rev. W. J. Lumpkin. Text: Matt. 10:37.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Body met at 1:30 as per adjournment. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Tedder. The moderator announced the house ready for business.

Committee on the Character of Preachers and Churches made their report and the same was adopted as read.

Committee on Nominations made their report and the same was adopted.

Committee on Missions made their report and the same was adopted as read.

Moved and seconded that we have the clerk to have more corresponding letters printed with extra space for Leagues and Woman's Missionary Societies.

Moved and seconded to appoint a committee to get the life and death of Bro. John Hadden. Rev. J. M. Emanuel was appointed.

The Finance Committee made their report, and same was adopted.

Moved and seconded to excuse Bros. W. L. Pool and L. B. Perry for the remainder of the session.

Moved and seconded to retain the same executive committee.

Moved and seconded that the clerk have the minutes printed at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

Moved and seconded that we give the clerk ten dollars for his services.

Moved and seconded that one member from each church together with the pastor act as a committee to get subscriptions to the Free Will Baptist paper.

The Treasurer made his report and the same was adopted.

Moved and seconded to extend our thanks to our moderator and clerk for their faithful services during this session.

Moved and seconded that Bro. W. B. Griffin be appointed to see if Rev. J. G. Harris has a monument to his grave.

Moved and seconded that Willie Wiley and T. G. Harvey be appointed delegates to the General Conference, and W. B. Griffin and J. B. Pyles be alternates.

Moved and seconded that we return our thanks to the good people of Oak Grove church for their kindness shown us during our stay with them.

Moved and seconded to adjourn to meet with Pine View Church, Miller County, Ga., on Wednesday, before the first Sunday in November, 1928.

W. T. WILEY, Moderator.

D. F. WALKER, Clerk.

#### Report of Committee on Preaching.

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: Rev. W. T. Wiley to preach tonight, and Rev. W. J. Lumpkin to close. Tomorrow at 11 o'clock, Rev. W. J. Lumpkin to preach.

W. A. McDONALD, Chairman.



### **Report of Mission Committee.**

We, your Committee on Missions beg leave to make the following report:

1. That we ask our ministers to take more interest in mission work, that they preach at least one sermon on missions during the associational year, that is, during the early part of the year's work.

2. That we ask our churches to increase their donations for mission work during the next year, and especially urge our ministers and their members to take part in this loyal work.

3. Furthermore, we ask our ministers to look out for location where we can build new churches and that both town and country be included.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS HYMAN, Chairman.

### **Report of Temperance Committee.**

We, your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following:

We as professed Christians should ask ourselves the question Are we obedient to the law of God and of man? And when we look at ourselves, the vows we have made to God and man, and look around about us at the condition of things; we should rise in defiance of the evils of the day and especially at the evils of strong drink, and ever live such a life as should condemn intoxication, and seek diligently to stamp it out without fear or favor.

G. E. PYLES, Chairman.

### **Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.**

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, make the following report:

We find a good number of our churches that are not maintaining Sabbath Schools, and we recommend that all our pastors urge more and more that their members do put forth more effort in the study of God's Word so that our young people may be trained more religiously, so as to be better prepared as they grow into maturity to hold up the blood stained banner of the Son of God.

W. R. TABB, Chairman.

### **Report of Committee on Character of Preachers and Churches.**

We, your Committee on Character of Preachers and Churches, find all ministers and churches in good standing as far as we can learn.

T. J. RHODES, Chairman.

### **Report of Committee on Education and Literature.**

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

We feel that there is nothing that we could give to our people better than an education. It fits us for all circumstances in life. We urge that all of our churches should use the Free Will Baptist Literature in the Sunday Schools. We also urge that every member take the Free Will Baptist paper.

WILLIE WILEY, Chairman.

### Report of Committee on Suggestions.

1. We, the Committee on Suggestions, beg to suggest, that the committee on Program for the next year get together at the union meeting and make out the program, naming the speakers to present the subjects and turn over the same to the clerk, so that he can give copies to speakers at least one month before the association.

2. We suggest that the Midway Association go on record as favoring a State wide Free Will Baptist State Convention organized by all the churches and associations of Georgia.

3. We suggest that each church take up a morning offering on Sunday and at least 20 per cent of the collection be set aside for educational purposes to be carried to the association and placed into the hands of the mission board.

W. B. GRIFFIN,  
D. F. WALKER,  
D. B. HOOKS,  
H. J. CORSBY,  
E. C. WILLIAMS,

Committee.

### Report of Committee on Nominations.

We, your Committee on Nominations beg leave to make the following report:

That the next session of the association be held with Pine View church, Miller County, Ga., convening on Wednesday before the first Sunday in November 1928, and that Rev. W. T. Wiley preach the introductory sermon.

L. B. PERRY, Chairman.

The union meeting will be held with Newlight church, Calhoun County, Ga., convening on Friday, before the fifth Sunday in July, 1928. Rev. W. T. Wiley is to preach the introductory sermon.

JAMES CHESHIRE, Mod.  
T. J. FORT, Sec.

The Midway Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention will be held at Liberty Hill School House, Early County, Ga., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in June 1928.

JAMES CHESHIRE, Pres.  
T. J. FORT, Sec.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND POSTOFFICES OF EACH.

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

## 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, Postoffice not known.

W. J. Lumpkin, Edison, Ga.

J. L. Tedder, Blakely, Ga.

O. H. Perry, Cedar Springs, Ga.

Rufus Hyman, Damascus, Ga.

Rev. McKennon, Postoffice not known.

Committee on Program for 1928.—W. J. Lumpkin, James Cheshire, W. H. Hooks, E. C. Williams, Willie Wiley.

### Report of Committee on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

Received from the various churches and for the following purposes as follows:

For Minutes .....	\$45.75
For Missions .....	93.36
For College at Ayden, N. C. ....	50.11

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. CORSBY,

L. B. PERRY,

GEO. NIX,

Committee.

### Report of Treasurer.

Your treasurer beg leave to report as follows:

For Missions on hand at last session .....	\$322.56
Received from Cedar Springs by W. T. Wiley .....	8.00
From Zion Church by W. T. Wiley .....	5.35
From Newlight by W. T. Wiley .....	5.00
From New Bethlehem by W. T. Wiley .....	5.00
From New Enterprise by T. B. Mellette .....	4.11
From Rufus Hyman .....	3.00
Received at this Association from churches .....	93.36
Received for Eureka College at Ayden, N. C. ....	50.11

Total amount of funds for missions .....

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\$498.49

Paid out as follows:

To General Conference .....	\$ 10.00
To W. T. Wiley, expense to North Carolina .....	40.00
To T. B. Mellette, services at New Enterprise .....	30.00
To Eureka College at Ayden, N. C., for H. Bowin .....	40.00

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\$120.00

Balance of Mission funds on hand -----	\$378.49
Received for minutes at last session -----	\$ 37.25
Received for minutes at this session -----	45.75
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Total receipts -----	\$ 83.00
Paid clerk for services -----	\$ 10.00
For minutes and postage -----	34.00
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Total paid from minute fund -----	\$ 44.00
Total balance on hand -----	\$ 39.00

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES CHESHIRE, Treas.



# 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	For Build. Pur.	For School at Ayden	Paid to pastor
Oak Grove, Henry Melvin -----	C. C. Middleton, Colquitt, Ga. --	---	---	---	2	1	1	1	51	\$ 4.00	\$1.25	\$100.00	\$ ----	\$117.65
Pleasant Grove, J. M. Emanuel -----	M. C. Leslie, Shellman, Ga.----	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	35	---	.50	-----	-----	80.00
Pine View, J. M. Emanuel -----	T.W.Stephens,Donalsonville, Ga.----	---	---	---	1	---	---	1	116	5.00	1.50	-----	-----	125.00
Cedar Springs, W. T. Wiley ---	Alton Mercer, no Postoffice ----	---	---	---	3	2	---	3	91	8.00	2.50	164.25	25.00	124.00
White Plain, W. T. Wiley -----	H. J. Corsby, Blakely, Ga.-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	133	7.65	2.50	-----	13.00	125.30
New Enterprise, Rufus Hyman -----	C. E. Wardel, Iron City, Ga.----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	54	---	3.00	-----	5.00	-----
Traveler's Rest, E. C. Williams -----	H. D. Parker, Newton, Ga.-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	132	3.50	3.00	-----	-----	102.25
Damascus, T. B. Mellett --- --	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	26	15.00	4.00	-----	25.00	210.00
New Light, W. T. Wiley -----	B. E. Paul, Morgan, Ga.-----	3	10	---	7	---	---	---	141	5.00	2.00	-----	7.12	250.00
Bethlehem, W. T. Wiley -----	H. C. Melton, Shellman, Ga.-----	---	---	---	10	1	---	---	65	5.50	2.00	-----	10.00	192.00
Open Pond, W. H. Emerson ---	M. M. Harvey, Jakin, Ga.-----	6	1	---	8	4	---	2	118	14.46	4.00	-----	10.54	240.00
Live Oak, J. M. Emanuel -----	Mrs. Ida Tucker, Elmodel, Ga.---	2	2	1	2	1	---	1	139	3.50	3.50	-----	-----	145.00
Zion, W. T. Wiley -----	Jimmie Wiley, Hilton, Ga.-----	1	---	---	10	4	---	1	125	10.40	2.00	-----	5.00	110.00
White Pond, Henry Melvin -----	J. L. Widener, Blakely, Ga.-----	1	6	---	6	---	---	---	79	3.35	3.00	-----	5 35	150.05
Macedonia, J. M. Emanuel -----	W. R. Tabb, Colquitt, Ga.-----	2	---	---	2	2	---	1	179	10.00	5.00	-----	7.00	172.55
Patmos, Rufus Hyman -----	J. F. Griffin, Milford, Ga.-----	3	2	---	2	1	---	1	71	6.51	5 00	126.20	15.00	126.35
Enterprise, J. C. Ingram -----	P. C. Harrell, Blakely, Ga.-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	46	---	1.00	-----	-----	46.00