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MINUTES
Of the
THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
Of the
MIDWAY ASSOCIATION
Of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Held With
WHITE PLAINS CHURCH

Early County, Lucile, Ga., Oct. 30-31, 1929.

Officers:

Bro. Jas. Sheshire, Mod. and Treas. ----- Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. Rufus. Hyman, Secretary ----- Marianna, Fla.

Executive Committee:

Jas. Cheshire, Chairman ----- Colquitt, Ga.
W. R. Houston ----- Colquitt, Ga.
H. J. Cosby ----- Blakely, Ga.
T. G. Harvey ----- Jakin, Ga.
Willie Wiley ----- Damascus, Ga.
F. M. Mosely ----- Cedar Springs, Ga.

Next Session will be held with Bethlehem Church, Randolph Co., near Margan, Ga., on Wednesday and Thursday before the First Sunday in November, 1930. Session to open at 9:30 A. M. Rev. Rufus Hyman is to preach the Introductory Sermon and Tom Henry Bowen on his failure.

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PROCEEDINGS

Lucile, Ga., Oct. 1, 1929.

The Thirty-First Annual Session of The Midway Original Free Will Baptist Association, met with White Plains church on October 30, 1929.

The session was opened at 9:30 o'clock A. M., by congregational singing, after which the moderator read the 8th chapter of Romans and commented upon it. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. McDonald.

Then Bros. J. B. Edmonds and W. B. Griffin were appointed reading clerks to read the reports from the various churches.

Churches and Delegates As Follows:

✓ Damascus Church.—Bros. Jim Gordon, W. L. Poole, W. T. Wiley.

✓ Open Pond Church.—Bros. A. D. Ivry, J. B. Hodges, J. T. Fort, W. T. Hudson.

✓ White Pond Church.—Bros. J. L. Widener, J. E. Widener, Miss Mabel Widener.

✓ Macedonia Church.—Bro. O. W. Gordon, Mrs. O. W. Gordon, Mrs. T. R. Mimns.

✓ Live Oak Church.—Bros. D. F. Walker, F. C. Williford.

✓ Oak Grove Church.—Bro. C. C. Middleton, Mrs. A. L. McDonald, Mrs. W. R. Houston.

✓ Enterprise Church.—Bro. George McDonald.

✓ Cedar Springs Church.—Mrs. Ida Hammock, Bros. F. M. Mosely, J. A. Mercer.

✓ New Light Church.—Bros. George Nix, J. W. Avery, Walter Griffin, G. L. Bryan, J. O. Morris.

✓ Pleasant Grove Church.—Bros. W. S. Hadden, W. C. Leslie, J. B. Edmonds.

✓ White Plains Church.—Bros. J. L. Houston, D. S. Sheffield, J. W. Nix, J. H. DuBose, H. J. Cosby, Jack Harris.

✓ Patmos Church.—Bros. W. B. and J. F. Griffin.

✓ Traveler's Rest.—Bro. J. B. Edmonds.

✓ Zion Church.—Bros. Frank Mulkey, Jimmie Wiley, J. B. Chambers.

✓ New Bethlehem.—Bro. E. B. Hooks, Miss Vivian Barfield.

✓ Pine View Church.—Bros. W. J. Newberry, T. G. Williams, Otha Williams.

✓ New Enterprise Church.—Rev. E. C. Williams.

Appointment of Committees

Motion, that the same moderator and clerk, Bros. Jas. Cheshire and Rufus Hyman, be re-elected for another year. Motion carried.

Appointment of Committee

Devotional Committee.—Rev. G. W. Cherry, J. L. Houston, H. J. Cosby, D. S. Sheffield.

Program Committee for 1930.—T. J. Fort, W. S. Haddon, J. B. Edmonds.
Finance Committee.—W. R. Houston, J. B. Chambers, F. C. Williford.
Committee on Nominations.—G. L. Bryan, G. C. McDonald, Callie Middleton.

Mission Committee.—T. G. Harvey, Jack Harris, J. F. Griffin.

Temperance Committee.—J. B. Hodges, Rev. A. H. Godfrey, W. L. Poole.

Committee on Sunday School and League Work.—W. B. Griffin, Mrs. Alma McDonald, Mrs. Winnie Hudson, Nina Middleton.

Committee on Character of Ministers and State of Churches.—D. S. Sheffield, A. D. Ivory.

After appointment of committees, the association gave ten minutes for recess.

Following this period services began for the eleven o'clock hour by congregational singing, Hymn No. 34. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Cherry, of Dot-ham, Ala. Then the services were turned over to Rev. E. C. Williams. Bro. Williams brought a good message from 2 Cor. 12:9 on "God's Grace".

After the sermon the association called off for lunch until 2 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Began service by singing hymn No. 30. Prayer by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

The moderator invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats in the association. He then called for petitionary letters. Not any.

Delegates From Other Associations

From Martin.—S. W. Chambers: Bro. Chambers made a splendid report of work done in the Martin Association.

From State Line of Ala.—Rev. M. M. Hicks, Rev. G. W. Cherry, Rev. A. H. Godfrey, Mrs. Emma Hair. A good work was reported in the State Line.

From Salem Association of Fla.—Rev. K. V. Shutes. Bro. Shutes made a splendid report for his association.

Appointment of Delegates to Other Associations

To Martin Association.—Revs. E. C. Williams, J. L. Tetter. The Martin meets with New Salem Church, Miller county, Ga., on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1930.

To The State Line Association.—Rev. Rufus Hyman. The State Line meets with Union Springs Church, North of Pansy, Ala., on Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1930.

To Liberty Association of Fla., (1929).—Rev. Rufus Hyman.

To Salem Association of Fla.—Rev. Rufus Hyman. The Salem meets with Damascus church, Jackson county, Fla., on Friday and Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1930.

To Chattahoochee Association, of Ga.—Rev. W. T. Wiley and Jas. Cheshire.

Motion that the clerk write the secretary of Eureka College for a minute of every association in Georgia.

The moderator called for reports of the various committees.

Devotional Report. (See reports.)

Temperance Report. (See reports.)

Report on Nominations. (See reports.)

Motion that the chair appoint the minister to preach the Introductory Sermon for 1930.

Report on Missions. (See reports.)

Report on Sunday School and League Work. (See reports.)

Following the reports, Bro. W. A. McDonald, a retired minister, made a plea for a larger circulation to the Free Will Baptist. Also, some timely remarks concerning the crisis of Eureka College, of Ayden, N. C.

Motion that the association adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock, Thursday morning.

Wednesday night session, 7 o'clock. Devotions by Bro. H. J. Cosby, after which Rev. Rufus Hyman brought a message on: "The Beginning of Christ's Ministry." Lesson text: Matt. 3rd chapter.

THURSDAY MORNING

Services opened by singing, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Prayer by Rev. M. M. Hicks, of Hilton, Ga.

Next was reading of yesterday's minutes and perfecting same.

The moderator read the Decorum, and made some timely remarks concerning Eureka College, and a plea for a spirit of cooperation.

The Sunday School and League Work was discussed by Mrs. Alma McDonald. Mrs. McDonald plead for the cooperation of the various ministers and for their influence to aid in the work. Motion carried that the Sunday School and League Report be adopted. (See reports.)

A special offering was taken for Eureka College amounting to \$53.55.

Following the offering for the college, the association gave recess for 10 minutes.

The eleven o'clock service began by congregational singing and prayer. After the prayer the male quartette composed of W. B. Griffin, J. F. Griffin, Rev. K. V. Shutes, and B. E. Paul, sang: "Travelling Home," very beautifully. Following the quartette, Rev. K. V. Shutes, of Headland, Ala., brought a great message on "The Church, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow."

Services called off for lunch till 1:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional srvcies began by singing, "Oh, How I Love Jesus." Prayer by Mrs. Alma McDonald.

Motion that the Mission Report be adopted. Motion carried. (See reports.)

Motion that the Temperance Report be adopted. Motion carried. (See reports.)

Motion that Report of Committee on Character of Ministers and State of Churches, be adopted. Motion carried. (See reports.)

Miscellaneous Business

Rev. W. T. Wiley and W. B. Griffin, were appointed delegates to the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists. The General Conference meets with the Vernon Free Will Baptist Church, Vernon, Ala., on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, before the 3rd Sunday in June, 1930.

Motion that the various churches with their pastors be responsible for the various committee reports for 1930. The same committees to be appointed by the moderator. Motion carried. (See appointments of committees for 1930.)

Motion we pay our clerk \$10.00 for preparing manuscript for minutes.

Motion that we raise three hundred (\$300.00) dollars, as a Ministerial Relief Loan Fund to help Joe Fort through school. The various pastors and churches are to raise this amount as quick as possible. Motion carried.

The moderator called for report of Finance Committee. Report accepted and adopted. (See reports.)

Treasurer's Report read and adopted. (See reports.)

Mrs. Alma McDonald made some timely remarks concerning the organization of a Women's Auxiliary Convention. Motion that we endorse Mrs. McDonald's report concerning Women's Auxiliary Convention.

Motion that we have five hundred (500) report blanks for the association printed and that spaces be given for Sunday School, League and the Women's Auxiliary work. Motion carried.

Motion that we tender our thanks to White Plains and community for hospitality shown to us during this session.

Motion that clerk have minutes printed at Free Will Baptist Press.

Motion that the treasurer pay to Eureka College, sixty dollars (\$60.00). on Endowment Fund, on the interest at 6% on \$1,000.00 Endowment Pledge.

Motion we re-elect our same Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Motion that we adjourn to meet at Bethlehem church at 9:30 on Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in Nov. 1930, and that Rufus Hyman preach the Introductory Sermon.

JAMES CHESHIRE, Moderator.

RUFUS HYMAN, Clerk.

Reports to the Association

Devotional Committee Report.—We your committee on Devotions recommend that Brother Hyman preach tonight (Wednesday) at 7 o'clock, and Bro. K. V. Shutes tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

REV. G. W. CHERRY, Chairman.

Temperance Report.—We your committee on Temperance find less drinking of intoxicants than has been in the past. We further urge that our ministers use their best influence to help prohibit drinking of intoxicating liquors.

J. B. HODGES, Chairman.

Mission Report.—We your committee, on missions make the following report: Under the present unorganized condition of our church, we see no hope of our entering the Evangelistic Field, but as we see it, we should put forth some effort to go to the rescue of our college at Ayden, N. C., which is likely to be lost by our denomination. We recommend that this body take some action at once.

T. G. HARVEY, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Nominations.—We your committee, ask that the next association be held with Bethlehem church, in Randolph county, Ga., in 1930.

G. C. McDONALD, Chairman.

Report on Sunday School and League Work.—We the committee on Sunday School and League Work, beg to make the following report: We find only 10 Sunday schools reported in the Midway Association, and only 6 Leagues, with a report from only three of them. And we as a committee especially request that our pastors prepare themselves to instruct the various officers in both the Sunday School and Free Will Baptist League work as to their duties.

Second, we further suggest that the success of our Sunday schools and Leagues depend largely on the attention given by the adults of our churches to the work.

Third, we also insist on our Sunday schools attaining the 6 point record system, and that the Leagues reach the "Standard of Excellence".

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. GRIFFIN, Chairman.

Report of Character of Ministers and State of Church.—We the committee on character of ministers and state of churches beg to report the following: We find Rev. Connie C. White has been drinking intoxicating drinks and doing other things that will cast a reflection on our denomination. We recommend that he be dealt with by his church according to the decorum of our church.

A. D. IVRY, Chairman.

Report of Finance Committee

We your Committee submit the following report:

Received for Minutes	\$ 41.95
Received for Missions	96.25
Received for Eureka College	8.00
Total	\$146.20

W. R. HOUSTON, Chairman.

Report of Treasurer

Your Treasurer begs permission to make the following report:

On hand at last report	\$176.59
Received from Open Pond Church	10.60
Received from Traveler's Rest Church	5.00
Received from Damascus Church	2.50
Received from Pineview Church	2.50
Received for Eureka College	23.60
Received for Missions this session	96.25
Total	<u>\$316.04</u>

Disbursements

Hospital bill for T. H. Bowen	\$ 73.00
School expense for T. H. Bowen	101.00
Board to A. L. Davidson for T. H. Bowen	25.00
General Conference dues	10.00
Delegates expense to General Conference	16.75
	<u>\$224.85</u>
Balance on hand	\$ 91.19

Minute Fund

On hand	\$ 27.50
Received at this session	41.95
Total	<u>\$ 69.45</u>

Disbursements

Paid to clerk	\$ 10.00
For printing Minutes	25.00
For Postage	1.50
	<u>\$36.50</u>
Balance on hand	\$ 32.95
Received for Eureka College	\$8.00

JAS. CHESHIRE, Treasurer.

Meeting of Tri-State Convention

The Tri-State F. W. B. L. Convention will convene with Lake Butler church, Dukes, Fla., on Tuesday night, Wednesday and Thursday before the Second Sunday in June, 1930.

HENRY MELVIN, President,
2914 Second St., Macon, Ga.

JOE FORT, Sec. and Treas., Jakin, Ga.

RUFUS HYMAN, Publicity Director,
Marianna, Fla.

Meeting of Auxiliary Convention

The First Annual Session of the WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION will meet at Open Pond church, Jakin, Ga., on Wednesday before the Second Sunday in September, 1930.

Appointment of Committees for 1930

- On Missions.—Open Pond Church with Pastor.
On Christian Education.—Cedar Springs Church with Pastor.
On Sunday Schools and Leagues.—Their Value to the Church.—Oak Grove Church with Pastor.
On Temperance.—Bethlehem Church with Pastor.
On Church of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.—Damascus Church with Pastor.

Order of Business

1. Organization.
2. Invitation to Visiting Brethren.
3. Call for Church Letters.
4. Call of the Ministerial Roll.
5. Appointment of Committees.
6. Call for Petitionary Letters.
7. Call for Visiting Delegates.
8. Roll Call of Churches and Delegates.
9. Appointment of Delegates to other Associations.
10. Call for Report of Committees.
11. Call for Treasurer's Report.
12. Call for Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjournment.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Ordained Ministers

W. A. McDonald (Retired)	Colquitt, Ga.
W. T. Wiley	Hilton, Ga.
E. C. Williams	Iron City, Ga.
C. C. White	Blakely, Ga.
Henry Edwards	Ponegarden, Fla.
W. J. Lumpkin (Retired)	Edison, Ga.
J. L. Tedder	Blakely, Ga.
O. H. Perry	Cedar Springs, Ga.
Rufus Hyman	Marlanna, Fla.

Licensed Ministers

Tom Henry Bowen	Jakin, Ga.
Joe Fort	Jakin, Ga.

STATISTICAL TABLE, NO. 1

Churches	Pastors	Clerks and Addresses	Rec. by Letter	Baptized	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Died	Total Membership	Meeting Day	Paid for Missions	Paid for Minutes	Paid Pastor	For School
Pleasant Grove	J. M. Emanuel	W. C. Leslie, Shellman, Ga.							39	2	\$	\$.50	\$ 73.95	\$
Zion	T. B. Mellete	Jimmie Wiley, Hilton, Ga.	1	6		2		4	64	4	10.00	2.75	91.00	
Patmos	W. T. Wiley	J. F. Griffin, Milford, Ga.						4	64	2	5.25	3.00		
Traveler's Rest	J. L. Tetter	W. R. Parker, Newton, Ga.												
Bethlehem	W. T. Wiley	Clay Melton, Morgan, Ga.				1		2	132		5.00	2.00	72.95	
White Plains	G. W. Cherry	H. J. Cosby, Blakely, Ga.				1		2	132	3	8.00	2.50	72.95	
Oak Grove	J. M. Emanuel	C. C. Middleton, Colquitt, Ga.									8.00	2.50		8.00
Macedonia	Rufus Hyman	Colquitt, Ga.	2	24	1	1		1	173	1	10.00	5.00	123.00	
Open Pond	Henry Melvin	M. M. Harvey, Jakin, Ga.		2		2		2	125	2	17.00	3.00	235.00	
New Light	W. T. Wiley	B. E. Paul, Morgan, Ga.	8	3	5	1			162	4	10.20	3.00	225.00	
Cedar Springs	W. T. Wiley	J. W. Mercer, Cedar Springs, Ga.												
White Pond	Rufus Hyman	J. L. Widener, Blakely, Ga.	2						82	2	3.00	2.00	300.00	
New Enterprise	A. P. Norris	E. C. Waddell, Iron City, Ga.	1	2					59	3				
Live Oak	W. T. Wiley	T. J. Riley, Elmodel, Ga.						2	122	2	5.00	4.00	140.00	
Pine View	T. B. Mellette	T. G. Williams, Donalsonville, Go.						1	115	1	3.00	1.50	40.00	
Damascus	W. T. Wiley	L.W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.		4					35	3	15.00	4.00	202.25	
Enterprise	M. Hicks	T. W. Jenkins, Blakely, Ga.							42	1		1.50	25.00	

STATISTICAL TABLE, NO. 2

Churches	Sunday School Reports Superintendents and Secretaries	No. Teachers	No. Pupils	F. W. B. Leagues Presidents and Secretaries	No Enrolled	Ladies Aid or Woman's Mission Society Presidents and Secretaries
Pleasant Grove	No S. S. Reported	4	30	No League Reported		No Society Reported
Zion	J. S. Anderson			Names Not Given	36	No Society Reported
Patmos	Miss M. L. Chambers, Blakely, Ga. J. F. Griffin	4		Names Not Given		Names Not Given <i>Mrs. Alex Campbell</i> <i>5th Supt. W. S. S. S.</i>
Traveler's Rest	Miss Jennie Campbell, Milford, Ga.	3	50	No League Reported		No Society Reported
Bethlehem	Clay Melton, Morgan, Ga.			No League Reported		No Society Reported
White Plains	Jack Harris			No League Reported		No Society Reported
Oak Grove	Malcolm Wade, Blakely, Ga. C. C. Middleton			Mrs. J. B. Gregory	42	Mrs. Alma McDonald, Colquitt, Ga.
Macedonia	Elsie McDonald			Mrs. C. C. Middleton		No Society Reported
Open Pond	Mr. Killpatrick			C. A. Phillips		No Society Reported
New Light	C. A. Phillips			Names Not Given	48	Mrs. T. J. Fort, Jakin, Ga.
Cedar Springs	T. J. Fort, Jakin, Ga. G. L. Bryan	4	45	No League Reported		No Society Reported
White Pond	Mrs. J. F. Hawke			No League Reported		No Society Reported
New Enterprise	J. A. Mercer			No League Reported		No Society Reported
Live Oak	R. B. Pyle	4		Miss Mabel Widener	30	No Society Reported
Pine View	Miss Beatrice Willis			Miss Erin Lewis		No Society Reported
Damascus	J. E. Widener			No League Reported		No Society Reported
Enterprise	No S. S. Reported			No League Reported		No Society Reported

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION MEETING

The Union Meeting of the Midway Association of the Original Free Will Baptist Church, met with Patmos Church, Baker county, Georgia, on Friday, June 28, 1929.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. T. Wiley at 11 o'clock.

The Union called off for lunch at 12 o'clock to re-assemble at 1:30 P. M.

The Union was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Jas. Cheshire. After song service and prayer, J. B. Edmonds was appointed clerk pro tem.

1. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.
2. Called for letters and delegates from the churches. They responded as follows:

White Pond.—Delegates, Jessie Widener. Good League and Sunday School. For missions, \$2.00.

New Enterprise.—Delegates, Irvin Williams and E. C. Waddell. For missions, \$2.00.

Live Oak.—Delegates, C. F. Barnett and Lizzie Tabb. For missions, \$2.00. No Sunday School or League reported.

Damascus.—Delegates, W. L. Poole, L. B. Perry and Mrs. W. L. Poole. For missions, \$3.50.

Pine View.—Delegates, T. G. Williams, Mrs. T. G. Williams, Fred Williams and Harvey Williams. For missions, \$1.50. Sunday School and League.

Had special selection of vocal music by two little girls, "Where We'll Never Grow Old."

Next was the election of Moderator and Clerk. Bro. Jas. Cheshire was elected Moderator and J. B. Edmonds, Clerk.

Appointment of Committees

By motion the Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Devotions.—The Pastor and Deacons of Patmos Church.

Programme.—Willie Wiley, J. S. Pyle, W. B. Griffin, D. B. Hooks, D. S. Sheffield.

Finance.—W. R. Tabb, J. B. Chambers and Frank Jackson.

Nominations.—Alma Adams, C. F. Barnett and W. P. Richardson.

Temperance.—T. J. Rhodes, J. O. Morris, C. E. Waddell, L. B. Perry, and Milton Harvey.

Communion and Feet Washing tonight at 8 o'clock.

Committee on Devotions report as follows: Bro. O. H. Perry to preach tonight and E. C. Williams tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Motion to adjourn to meet at nine o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at nine o'clock with a 20 minutes prayer and song service.

Called for reports from other churches.

Oak Grove.—Delegates, A. L. McDonald, Mrs. A. L. McDonald, Mrs. W. R. Houston. Good Sunday School and League. For missions, \$3.30.

Called for reports of committees. The report of the Program Committee was read and adopted.

Willie Wiley opened the subject: The Greatest Need of the Church Today. W. B. Griffin opened the subject: State Missions. T. B. Millette opened the subject: Trained Leaders.

Report of Temperance Committee.—As members of the churches in the Midway Association, we believe strong drinks are decreasing but, as a whole, the public seems to be on a stand still. We recommend that each individual be on guard to help prohibit such.

T. J. FORT, Chairman.

Adjourned for preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. E. C. Williams. Called off for lunch at 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The body was called to order at 1:30. Song and prayer service. The Committee on Program made report as follows: Bro. Williams opened the subject: Co-operation, followed by W. T. Wiley.

Report of Finance Committee.—Received at this Union, \$45.05.

W. R. TABB, Chairman.

Report of Treasurer.—Received at last Union \$31.28. Paid out \$31.28. Received at this Union \$45.05.

W. R. HOUSTON, Treasurer.

The above reports were received.

Motion that Union funds be divided with Bro. W. A. McDonald and Sister Hill.

The Temperance report was discussed by Bros. W. T. Wiley, Jas. Cheshire, and W. B. Griffin.

Report of Committee on Nominations.—The next session to be held with Damascus Church and E. C. Williams to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Motion to receive the report in full.

Motion we tender our heartfelt thanks to Patmos Church and community for the kindness shown to us during this session.

By motion the minutes of this Union be printed in the minutes of our Association, the clerk to make out the manuscript and turn it into the hands of the clerk of the Association.

Motion to adjourn. After song service, we were dismissed by Rev. W. A. McDonald.

JAS. CHESHIRE, Mod., Colquitt, Ga.

J. B. EDMONDS, Clerk, Damascus, Ga.