

MINUTES

—of the—

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

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Midway Association

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ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

—Held With—

BETHLEHEM CHURCH

Randolph County, Ga.

OCTOBER 29 AND 30, 1930

OFFICERS:

Bro. Willie Wiley, Moderator Damascus, Ga.
Rev. T. H. Bowen, Clerk Jakin, Ga.
Bro. James Cheshire, Treasurer Colquitt, Ga.

Executive Committee:

James 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 Traveler's Rest church, Baker county, Ga., on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1931. Session to open at 9:30 a. m. Rev. Henry Melvin is to preach the Introductory Sermon and Rev. T. B. Mellette is his alternate.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Morgan, Ga., November 4, 1930.

The Thirty-second Annual Session of the Midway Original Free Will Baptist Association met with Bethlehem church on October 29, 1930.

The session was opened at 10:30 o'clock a. m. by congregational singing and prayers, followed by the Memorial Service of Bethlehem church celebrating their 119th anniversary. Then the Introductory Sermon was brought by Rev. T. H. Bowen, his subject being, "Christianity Chiefest Attraction."

Then we had a song by the congregation and were dismissed by prayer for the noon hour by Rev. W. T. Wiley.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Wednesday afternoon services were opened at 1:15 by song service and the Moderator read a passage of Scripture taken from Psalms, after which he offered prayer.

Then a motion was made and carried that T. H. Bowen act as Clerk at this session of the Association.

Then Rev. K. V. Shutes and Bro. W. B. Griffin were appointed reading clerks to read the reports from the various churches.

Churches and Delegates as Follows:

Pine View Church—Bro. J. W. Widner and wife and Bro. Howard Evans.

White Plain Church—Bros. J. L. Houston, Blackshear, DuBose, and Miss Gladys Cosby.

Bethlehem Church—Bros. D. B. Hooks, C. B. Aycock and C. H. Barefield.

Oak Grove—Bros. C. C. Middleton, Fred Middleton and Mrs. A. L. McDonald.

Damascus Church—Bros. Willie Wiley and L. B. Perry.

Traveler's Rest Church—Bros. T. J. Rhodes, T. J. Rhodes, Jr., Allen Rhodes and Cornelius Irvin.

Live Oak Church—Bros. T. J. Sanders, J. M. Etheridge, Caplin Jarnis, C. H. Barnett and C. F. Williford.

Patmos Church—Bros. W. B. Griffin, J. F. Griffin and Elum DeBarry.

Macedonia Church—Bros. O. W. Gordon, L. L. Musgrove, H. L. McCann, E. L. Cheshire and Mrs. S. C. DeBarry.

Open Pond Church—Bros. T. J. Fort and A. D. Ivey.

New Light Church—Bros. Donnie Drinkwater, G. L. Bryan, J. W. Avery, Mackey Paul and Miss Alma Adams.

Zion Church—Bros. H. G. Wiley, Jimmie Wiley and Rev. W. T. Wiley.

Pleasant Grove Church—Bros. W. L. Hadden, W. H. Hanks and M. C. Leslie.

White Pond Church—Miss Mabel Widner, Bros. J. L. Widner and Louis Oliver.

Enterprise Church—Bros. George McDonald, W. J. Lumpkin and P. C. Harrell.

New Enterprise Church—Bros. H. D. Ricks, C. E. Waddell and J. L. Peters.

Cedar Springs Church—Represented by letter.

Next followed election of officers.

Motion made that Bro. Willie Wiley be elected as Moderator and Bro. T. H. Bowen Clerk for the incoming year. Motion carried.

The Moderator invited all visiting brethren and sisters to seat with us in the Association. He then called for petitionary letters.

A letter was presented from Mt. Zion F. W. Baptist church, formerly a member of the Martin Association, which was accepted and they were gladly united to us by the right hand of church fellowship.

Delegates from other Associations:

From Martin Association—Rev. H. L. Caterette. Bro. Caterette made some encouraging remarks about his association and gave us all an invitation to attend its next session.

From State Line Association of Alabama—W. C. Cook. Brother Cook made a good report of the work done in his Association.

From the Salem Association of Florida—Rev. K. V. Shutes. Bro. Shutes reported a good work for his Association.

From the South Carolina Conference—Rev. T. B. Mellette. Bro. Mellette made some timely remarks concerning his conference.

From Zion Bible School—A number of the students. Bros. John Barnes, Cooper Fort and Maynard Woodlief. The report of the work done at Zion Bible School was interesting as well as encouraging.

Appointment of committees was announced as follows:

Devotional Committee—Rev. W. T. Wiley, Bros. C. B. Aycock and O. B. Hooks.

Finance Committee—Bro. W. R. Houston, Bro. Jesse Griffin and O. W. Gordon.

Committee on Nominations—Bros. L. B. Perry, D. B. Hooks and T. J. Rhodes.

Committee on Character of Ministers and State of Churches—Bros. W. B. Griffin, J. B. Chambers and A. D. Ivey, chm.

Appointment of delegates to other Associations:

To the State Line Association of Alabama—Rev. J. L. Tedder and Bro. James Cheshire. The State Line meets with Howard's Grove

church on Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in October. It is seven miles south of Ashford, Ala. Sec., C. B. Green, Bacomb, Fla.

To the Martin Association—Rev. J. M. Emanuel and Bro. C. G. Jordan. The Martin meets on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1931, at Corinth church, which is located 1 1-2 miles northeast of Iron City, Ga. Sec., J. E. Drake, Bainbridge, Ga.

Salem Association of Florida—Revs. W. T. Wiley and T. H. Bowen. The Salem Association convenes on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1931, at Salem church, 5 miles south of Cottondale, Fla., on the Panama City highway.

To the Ogeechee Association—Rev. J. M. Emanuel.

To the Chattahoochee Association of Georgia—Revs. J. M. Emanuel, T. B. Mellette.

To the General Conference—Bros. A. D. Ivey and E. L. Cheshire. The General Conference convenes with Horse Branch church, near Timberville, S. C., between the first and second Sunday in June, 1931.

Then the Moderator called for the Devotional Committee's report. (See report.)

Motion made and accepted that the Association adjourn until 9:30 Thursday morning. A song by the congregation. Prayer of dismissal by J. M. Emanuel.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The Association was favored with a message from Rev. Maynard Woodlief, a student from Zion Bible School, formerly from Wake Forest, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The session was opened by song of the congregation. Then the Moderator read a passage from God's Word and made a few commentations, after which prayer was offered.

A motion was made and accepted that the Clerk read the decorum. The Moderator stressed its importance and use in the Association. The Moderator then called for the various reports.

Mission Report—Open Pond Church and Pastor. This report was made and adopted. A discussion was made on missions by Rev. K. V. Shutes and W. B. Griffin. (See report.)

Report on Sunday School and League Work was made by Oak Grove church with Pastor. The report was adopted, after which it was clearly discussed by Bros. Willie Wiley and W. H. Eley.

Then a motion was made and carried that the Association adjourn their session and give a short recess before the 11 o'clock message.

Following this period Bro. Shutes made a great plea for the As-

sociation to help Zion Bible School. A public collection was taken, the amount received being \$22.78. Then Rev. Shutes brought a great message from John 3:16, "God's Love for the World."

The service was then closed by Bro. John Barnes, who gave us a sound, inspiring as well as encouraging comment on this subject, after which we were dismissed by prayer for the noon hour.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional service with song by the congregation, after which prayer was offered. Then the Moderator called for the remainder of the reports.

Temperance Committee report. The report was made and adopted and thoroughly discussed by the following: Rev. W. T. Wiley, Bro. T. J. Fort, Bro. W. B. Griffin, Bro. James Cheshire, Bro. Willie Wiley and W. H. Eley. (See report.)

Motion made that J. M. Emanuel and Bro. W. H. Eley be excused from the Association to attend to some important business.

Report of the committee on Church of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. The report was made and adopted, after which it was briefly discussed by Rev. T. B. Mellette and Rev. W. T. Wiley. (See report.)

Report on Character of Ministers and State of Churches. This report was made and adopted. (See report.)

Miscellaneous business.

A motion was made and carried that the following be accepted as ordained ministers and that their names be placed on the list—Rev. Henry Melvin, Rev. J. M. Emanuel, Rev. L. L. Musgrove and Rev. E. C. Gordon.

Report of Treasurer. The report was made and adopted. (See report.)

Report on Nominations. The report was made and adopted. (See report.)

Then we heard some very instructive remarks on "Our Duty of Giving for Missions and Minutes and for God's Cause at Large," by Bro. Willie Wiley, Moderator, Mrs. A. L. McDonald and Rev. E. A. Gordon.

Motion made and carried that the Secretary investigate and see where he can get the minutes published the cheapest.

Motion made and seconded that the Association pay Clerk \$10.00 for his service in preparing the manuscript for minutes. The motion carried.

Motion made and carried that Bro. W. H. Eley's name be placed on the list of licensed ministers.

Motion made and carried that we keep our same Executive Committee.

Motion made and carried that we keep our same Treasurer.

Motion made and carried that we extend a rising vote of thanks to Bethlehem church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown to us while in this session. Motion carried.

Motion that this session of the Association adjourn, to meet with Traveler's Rest church at 9:30 on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1931, Rev. Henry Melvin to preach the Introductory Sermon; his alternate, Rev. T. B. Mellette.

WILLIE WILEY, Moderator.

T. H. BOWEN, Clerk.

REPORTS TO THE ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

We, your committee on Divine Services, make the following report: Bro. Maynard Woodlief, from Zion Bible School, preach tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30; Rev. K. V. Shutes to preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock; and Bro. John Barnes, of Zion Bible School, to close.

C. B. AYCOCK, Chairman.

MISSION REPORT.

We, your committee on Mission, submit the following report: As we view the field, we find that it is white unto harvest and waiting for gleaners. We find that we are living in an enlightened age and that we need qualified men and women to be leaders of this work. We would like to see this Association do work in the following way: Take our church paper, help our Orphans Home, study the work of the church, put an evangelist to organize churches in our towns and come to the rescue of Zion Bible School at Blakely, Ga. We find only \$54.25 sent in for mission work. We suggest that our churches be more loyal to the needs of our churches and send in large donations for this cause. Let us hear the "Macedonian calls" which are coming from home and abroad.

K. V. SHUTES, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE WORK.

We, your committee on Sunday School and League Work, find from reports given from 15 churches a membership of 1525, with only 12 Sunday Schools having a membership of 653, and only 7 F. W. B. Leagues, having a membership of 325. We find the interest among our young folks increasing, but our adults on the decline. We ask that the pastors of each church put forth an honest effort to help the

Sunday School and League to have a study class in training for service by "Herbert Monenger" as recommended by our auxiliary convention, and also stewardship and mission in the Ladies' Aid Society. If there is not a Ladies' Aid, get a class to take the course among the membership of the church. We want cooperation from each minister of this Association, for we feel that the church will not rise above its Pastor's teachings. Now the subject for discussion, "The Value of the Auxiliary to the Church." What is the Auxiliary, or why organized? Because there had to be something to save the church. 1. The Auxiliaries are the life of the church; 2. Auxiliaries are the chief means of growth to the church through service; 3. Auxiliaries help to lead the lost to Christ.

MRS. A. L. McDONALD, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

We, the committee on Temperance, beg to make the following report: As we survey the fields of our country at large, we believe intemperance is on the increase. Knowing it to be the mother of many crimes committed, we recommend that this Association go on record as to condemning it in every angle. It ruins our courts, ruins the character of our youth and brings to poverty many people and homes. Let us discuss this great evil as to how we may adjust it.

W. T. WILEY, Chm. Committee, Bethlehem Church.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH OF YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

We, your Committee, beg to make the following report: The Church of Yesterday—The churches of the Midway Association 31 years ago were badly behind financially on buildings and education but very progressive spiritually. Today we have better educated ministers and pay better salaries, usually have nice church buildings and also various auxiliaries of the church. However, we don't feel as a whole that we are hardly as progressive spiritually. Tomorrow the F. W. Baptist church has the greatest it has ever had to do, a great work. We are educating our ministers and we feel like that we have the best doctrine that can be found within the lids of the Bible. Our greatest need is more consecrated men and women, boys and girls, to carry on on their great work.

REV. W. T. WILEY, Chairman.

REPORT ON CHARACTER OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

We, your Committee on Character of Ministers and State of Churches, report that we find all in good standing and order. We find that White Plains Church has dismissed Rev. C. C. White.

A. D. IVEY, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer begs to make the following report at the close of the year:

RECEIPTS:

For Missions:

Amount on hand	\$91.19	
Subscriptions to Eureka College	53.55	
Oak Grove church	25.00	
Old Enterprise church	3.00	
Damascus church	22.50	
Macedonia church	10.32	
Open Pond church	1.80	
Cedar Springs church	11.00	
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Total receipts	\$243.36	
Bal. due Treas. on account of overpayments.....	20.64	\$264.00
Balance on hand, \$50.91.		

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid to Eureka College	60.00	
Paid note for Joe Fort	154.00	
Paid to General Conference	10.00	
Paid exp. delegates to General Conference.....	40.00	
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	\$264.00	\$264.00

For Minutes

Amount on hand last Association	\$32.95	
Balance due Treasurer	23.55	56.50
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Balance on hand	\$15.45	
Disbursements:		
Paid Clerk	\$10.00	
Paid for Printing Minutes	40.00	
Paid for letter blanks	5.00	
Paid for postage	1.50	56.50
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	\$56.50	

Received by public collection, \$11.86.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Received for missions	\$71.55
Received for minutes	41.50

Total \$113.05

W. R. HOUSTON, Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, recommend that the next session of the Association meet with Traveler's Rest church on Wednesday and Thursday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1931, at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

L. B. PERRY, Chairman.

MEETING OF THE AUXILIARY CONVENTION.

The second annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet at Oak Grove church, Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1931.

The Tri-State F. W. B. L. Convention will convene with Salem church, near Headland, Ala.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES FOR 1931.

On Missions—Open Pond Church with Pastor.

On Christian Education—Patmos Church with Pastor.

On Sunday Schools and Leagues and Their Value to the Church—Oak Grove Church with Pastor.

On Temperance—Bethlehem Church with Pastor.

On Church of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow—Macedonia Church with Pastor.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Organization.
2. Invitation to Visiting Brethren.
3. Call for Church Letters.
4. Call for 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 Reports 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.
 Henry Edwards Ponegarden, Fla.
 W. J. Lumpkin (retired) Coleman, Ga.
 J. L. Tedder Donalsonville, Ga.
 O. H. Perry Cedar Springs, Ga.
 Henry Melvin Macon, Ga.
 J. M. Emanuel, Ga.
 E. C. Gordon Colquitt, Ga.
 L. L. Musgrove Colquitt, Ga.

Licensed Ministers.

T. H. Bowen Jakin, Ga.
 Joe Fort Jakin, Ga.
 W. H. Eley, Ga.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Rec. by Letter	Baptized	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Died	Restored	Total Membership	Meeting Day	Paid for Missions	Paid for Minutes	Paid Pastor	For School
Pleasant Grove	J. M. Emanuel	W. C. Leslie, Shellman, Ga.				2			34	3		1.00	32.65	
Bethlehem	W. T. Wiley	Lyda Melton, Shellman, Ga.			2		1		88	4	4.50	2.25	87.00	
Pine View	E. C. Williams	T. G. Williams, Donalsonville, Ga.		13		1	2		118	4		1.80	50.00	
White Plains	J. M. Emanuel	H. J. Cosby, Blakely, Ga.	2	8		1	2		65	4	5.50	2.50	152.40	
Macedonia	W. T. Wiley	B. R. Tabb, Colquitt, Ga.	2	2		8	2		171	1	10.00	5.00	152.10	
Damascus	W. T. Wiley	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.							32	3	10.00	3.00	155.50	
Oak Grove	T. H. Bowen	C. C. Middleton, Colquitt, Ga.		7					78	3	1.25	2.00	81.55	20.00
New Enterprise	A. P. Norris	J. L. Peters, Iron City, Ga.							45	3	2.15	2.00	43.00	
New Light	W. T. Wiley	B. E. Paul, Morgan, Ga.			2	2			157	4	3.75	2.50	117.50	
Traveler's Rest	J. L. Tetter	G. R. Parker, Newton, Ga.	1	17	1		1		153	3	5.00	2.00	132.25	
Cedar Springs	J. M. Emanuel	J. A. Mercer, Cedar Springs, Ga.	1	4	1				101	1		2.50	77.00	
Enterprise	J. C. Ingram	T. W. Jenkins, Blakely, Ga.	1				2		38	1		1.00	62.50	
White Pond	Rufus Hyman	J. L. Widner, Blakely, Ga.	2	1	5				63	2	1.00	2.00	83.00	
Open Pond	K. V. Shutes	M. M. Harvey, Jakin, Ga.		5	7		2		125	2	15.00	3.00	265.73	33.10
Live Oak	W. T. Wiley	T. J. Riley, Arlington, Ga.	5	5			1	4	133	2	5.00	3.00	115.00	
Patmos	W. T. Wiley	Jessie Griffin, Milford, Ga.		15			2		72	2	5.05	3.00	106.00	
Zion	K. V. Shutes	Jimmie Wiley, Hilton, Ga.	1	2	1	1			70	1	3.65	2.65	92.10	

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 Missionary Society Presidents and Secretaries
Pleasant Grove	No S. S. Reported			No League Reported		No Society Reported
Zion	J. O. Lane, Blakely, Ga.			Daniel Pelt		Mrs. J. B. Still, Sr.
	Maggie L. Chambers, Blakely	3	59	Maggie L. Chambers	34	Miss Lucile Lane, Blakely, Ga.
New Light						
Cedar Springs	E. A. Reed, Cedar Springs, Ga.	4	28			
	R. B. Pyles, Jakin, Ga.					
Enterprise						
New Enterprise	W. H. Eley, Iron City, Ga.	2	60			
	C. E. Waddell, Iron City, Ga.					
White Pond	Mabel Widner, Blakely, Ga.	3	34	Mrs. T. J. Lewis	50	
	Ida Lewis, Damascus, Ga.			Juanita Hunt		
Live Oak	Hcke Simmons, Elmodel, Ga.	4	50			
	Aline Sanders, Elmodel, Ga.					
Patmos	Jessie Griffin, Milford, Ga.	5	61	Carmen Timmons	32	Miss Carmen Timmons, Milford, Ga.
	Jennie Campbell, Milford, Ga.			Vivian Griffin		Miss Jennie Campbell, Milford, Ga.
Open Pond	T. J. Fort, Jr., Jakin, Ga.	6	80	J. W. Miller	62	Mrs. W. V. Miller, Jakin, Ga.
	W. V. Miller, Jakin, Ga.			Susie May Springer		Miss Dot Harvey, Jakin, Ga.
Macedonia	Beauchamp Houston, Damascus	4	60	Mr. Leggette	30	
	E. T. Mims, Colquitt, Ga.			E. T. Mims		
Oak Grove	Mrs. A. L. McDonald, Colquitt	4	45	Elise McDonald	60	Mrs. A. L. McDonald, Colquitt, Ga.
	Elsie McDonald, Colquitt, Ga.			Dola Mae Houston		Mrs. C. E. Widner, Colquitt, Ga.
Traveler Rest	Boen Edmonds, Newton, Ga.	6	75			
	J. C. Parker, Newton, Ga.					
Damascus	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.	5	40			
	Mrs. Eula Wiley, Damascus					
Bethlehem	Lyda Melton, Shellman, Ga.	2	22			
	Lyda Melton, Shellman, Ga.					
White Plains	Jack Harris, Blakely, Ga.	4	48	Jack Harris	34	
	Brink Hoover, Blakely, Ga.			Brink Hoover		
Pine View	L. R. Lofton, Donalsonville, Ga.	4	53	Howard Evans		
	Yorble Sammons, Don'ville, Ga.			Inez Widner		