

MINUTES  
OF THE  
Thirty-Fourth Annual Session  
OF THE  
Midway Association  
OF THE  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held With  
CEDAR SPRINGS CHURCH

Early County, Georgia, November 2nd and 3rd, 1932.

OFFICERS

REV. W. T. WILEY, Moderator.....Damascus, Ga.  
W. B. GRIFFIN, Clerk.....Milford, Ga.  
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T. G. HARVEY,.....Jakin, Ga.  
WILLIE WILEY,.....Damascus, Ga.  
F. M. MOSLEY,.....Cedar Springs, Ga.

Next Session will be held with Open Pond Church, Early  
County, Georgia, on Wednesday and Thursday before the First  
Sunday in November, 1933. Sessions will open at 9:30 A. M. Rev.  
K. V. Shutes to preach the Introductory Sermon.

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# PROCEEDINGS

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The Midway Association of the Original Free-will Baptist of Georgia, held its Thirty-Fourth Annual Session with Cedar Springs Church, Early County, Georgia, on November 2nd and 3rd, 1932.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, W. T. Wiley, and after reading the 39th division of the Psalms, and singing that good old song, "At the Cross," the body bowed in prayer with Rev. W. T. Wiley.

The first in order was inviting visitors to seat with us. On account of time being limited before the 11 o'clock hour, the time was spent in singing and praying, after which Rev. Joe Fort brought us a message from 2nd Corinthians, 12-9. Adjourned until one-thirty P. M.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. After singing prayer was offered by Rev. M. B. Woodlief.

1. Called for letters from various churches. The following were received:

2. A motion was carried that Rev. T. B. Mellette and Joe Fort read the letters. The delegates were enrolled as follows:

Patmos—W. B. Griffin.

White Pond—W. C. Hunt, J. C. English and Wife, Mrs. C. A. Willis and Morris Willis.

Live Oak—F. C. Williford, Mrs. Kittie Tyson, C. Kidd and Wife.

Oak Grove—C. C. Middleton, Fred Middleton, Mrs. W. R. Houston.

Macedonia—James Cheshire, Howard McCann, Mrs. S. C. Deberry, Mrs. W. T. Richerson, Mrs. Vera Phillips, Mrs. W. H. Westbrooks.

Open Pond—T. G. Harvey, Sr., T. J. Fort and Wife and A. D. Ivey and Wife.

Blakely—J. L. Houston, Roy Hartley, Alvin Day and Gertrude Salter.

Bethlehem—D. B. Hoaks, Dan Aycock, Miss Rossie Hooks.

New Enterprise—R. W. Everette, M. B. Perry and Pope Godsby.

Cedar Springs—Whit Mercer, F. M. Mosely and Eloise Sheffield.

Zion—J. O. Lane, Mrs. R. E. Mills, Mrs. J. T. Chambers.

Damascus—Willie Wiley, L. B. Perry.

White Plains—F. E. Richerson, H. J. Cosby, D. S. Sheffield, Mathell Richerson, Brink Hoover.

Pine View—T. G. Williams and Wife, W. J. Newberry, W. J. Horn.

The delegates of Pine View Church asked the Association to ordain Bro. Luther Norris which was left with the Ordaining Council.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None.



4. Invite visitors from other Associations. The visitors from other Associations were enrolled as follows:

State Line Association—Sister Emma Hair and Rev. John Barnes.

Salem Association—K. V. Shutes.

South Eastern Association—D. F. Pelt.

S. C. Conference—T. B. Mellette and W. S. Drigger.

Martin Association—G. W. Chambers.

5. Appointment of Committees:

Nominations—F. C. Williford, Willie Wiley, J. C. English.

Finance—B. H. Hoover, C. C. Middleton, J. O. Lane.

Missions, for 1933—Open Pond Church and Pastor.

Christian Education—Zion Church and Pastor.

Sunday Schools and Leagues—Damascus Church and Pastor.

Temperance—Live Oak Church and Pastor.

Character of Ministers and State of Churches—Patmost Church and Pastor.

Committee on Devotion reported that Rev. Daniel Pelt preach tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

In conclusion we all enjoyed some good talks by Rev. T. B. Mellette, W. T. Wiley and Willie Wiley concerning the Zion Bible School. Motion to adjourn until 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Benediction by Rev. Lutha Norris.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

In the opening service the Moderator read the 23rd Psalm, after which the body was asked to join in prayer for Rev. W. A. McDonald and Bro. John Hodges, and the prayer was lead by Bro. James Cheshire.

1. Called for reading of minutes of Wednesday's session, which was perfected and adopted.

2. Called for report of Committees. The Committee on Missions reported from Zion Church. See report. The Committee on Christian Education from Mt. Zion was not present, and there was a motion and seconded that Rev. T. B. Mellette and K. V. Shutes discuss the subject. Committee on Sunday School and Leagues reported from White Plains Church. See report. The Devotional Committee reported that Rev. K. V. Shutes preach at the 11 o'clock hour, followed by Rev. W. T. Wiley. The message of the hour was from Christ's sermon on the mount. Adjourn for the noon hour until one-thirty.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. After singing and prayer by Rev. T. B. Mellette the Moderator called for the remaining reports.

The Temperance Committee reported from New Light Church. See report.

The Committee on Suggestions reported from Cedar Springs Church. See report.

A report from the Treasurer was received and adopted. See report.

A report from the Finance Committee was received and adopted. See report.

A report of the Ladies Auxiliary Convention was read and adopted by the Association. See report.

The Committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers reported all Churches and Ministers in good standing.

The Committee on Nominations reported that the next Association meet with Open Pond Church, Early County, and that Rev. K. V. Shutes preach the introductory sermon.

Miscellaneous Business: Motioned and seconded that the Association pay Bro. James Cheshire \$25.00 that he had loaned to Blakely Church out of the Mission funds.

Motioned and seconded that all the churches take a Mission offering in March of 1933.

Motioned and seconded that the Mission Board investigate the continuation of Pleasant Grove Church.

Motioned and seconded that the Clerk be paid \$5.00 for his services, and that he have as many minutes printed as he sees fit.

Motioned and seconded that this body appoint a Field Worker for this Association.

Motioned and seconded that the body excuse Brothers Willie Wiley, E. C. Williams, John Pyles and Howard McCann for the session.

Motioned and seconded that A. D. Ivey and Rev. W. T. Wiley be appointed as delegates to the General Conference and that Rev. Joe Fort and M. B. Woodleaf to be their alternates.

Motioned and seconded that delegates be appointed to Sister Associations and were appointed as follows:

Southeastern Association—Lutha Norris.

Salem Association—A. D. Ivey.

State Line Association—Joe Fort.

Martin Association—Joe Fort, J. L. Ledder.

Chattahoochee Association—T. B. Mellette and W. T. Wiley.

The announcement was made that Rev. Lutha Norris would be ordained at the next Union Meeting.

Motioned and seconded that this body extend to Cedar Springs Church and community, our heart-felt thanks for their kind hospitality shown us while in their midst. Motioned and seconded to adjourn.

## REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION OF MIDWAY ASSOCIATION.

To the Midway Association convening with Cedar Springs Church, November 2nd and 3rd, 1932, Greetings:

Our Third Session of Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held with Patmos Church at Milford, Baker County, Georgia, on Friday, September 2.

Since Missions, Christian Education and Church Extension are our chief aims, this day's program was based on the theme of Home Missions. Col. John Drake and Rev. Joe Fort gave appreciative addresses on Missions which were supplemented by a Home Mission pageant presented by the Open Pond Auxiliaries. This endeavored to impress our duties as local Missionaries of the Gospel of Christ.

Two Ladies' Aids and one Woman's Missionary Society with nine other auxiliaries reported. These reports coming from Sunday Schools and Free Will Baptist Leagues of Oak Grove, Open Pond, Traveler's Rest, Damascus and Patmos Churches. The total enrollment being 565. The average attendance of 404 out of this 565 is evidence of the earnestness and reliability of these members. Their collections for the year was \$193.37. (This amount applied to the work of four churches and one Sunday school should be inductive to the establishment of more auxiliaries in our churches where they are not found.

\$7.00 was received as a Convention Fund. \$5.00 of which was given to Zion Bible School. Mrs. Hudson, our Bible School secretary, reported \$3.00 and some cents as a response from those Auxiliaries of a church who gave \$1.00 each month during the past year.

A committee was appointed to promote the merger of our Sunday School Convention and our F. W. B. Leagues with the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

We endorse the observance of the "Week of Prayer" as scheduled by our General Conference Secretary, Mrs. Fannie Polston.

We encourage Bible Study in all our regular meetings.

We aim to hold no service in which Christian living is not taught and promoted.

### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We are glad to note with pride the increased interest in Missions. We find that our people are becoming aroused over our needs, at home and in Foreign fields. We heartily endorse the movement of the General Conference in supporting Foreign Missions in India. We wish to pledge them our support. Let us look forward to a day when we can have Missionaries going into towns and rural districts organizing churches. And let us look forward to a day when this Association can have an Evangelist working full time, evangelizing towns and rural districts in the interest of our church.

### ZION CHURCH AND PASTOR.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions Committee reports as follows:

We suggest to the constituency of the respective churches that they support the cause of the gospel by giving more freely to the Lord's cause, and especially to the support of the associational cause in the way of Missions and Christian Education. Also, we recommend that the Mission Board take steps to establish mission points for the raising of new churches, and



that the Midway Association as a whole become a missionary enterprise for the Kingdom of Christ and His church.

We recommend that a donation be given Brother Luther Norris to help him in his educational pursuit at Zion Bible School.

#### **CEDAR SPRINGS CHURCH AND PASTOR.**

##### **TEMPERANCE.**

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following:

We, as a people believing in Christ and His Church, do earnestly pray and work for the cause of honesty and Godly temperance in all things, and whereas there is so much danger and temptations in the way of the youth of this day that we go on record as opposed to the present movement to repeal the eighteenth amendment of our national constitution; further, we believe it imperative to our churches that they fight the liquor traffic, and keep the church purged of all ungodliness in any form of sin.

#### **NEW LIGHT CHURCH AND PASTOR,**

##### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND LEAGUES.**

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools and Leagues, make the following report:

Our Association has 19 Churches. We only find 11 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 535, and an average attendance of 49, and only 10 F. W. B. Leagues with an enrollment of 440 and an average of 44 in attendance. According to the statistics 75% of the people who join the church, are reached through the Sunday Schools and Leagues, therefore a church without these organizations is 75% dead. This proves the importance of auxiliaries. Therefore we suggest that these churches who do not have auxiliaries should be reached some way.

#### **WHITE PLAINS CHURCH AND PASTOR.**

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer begs leave to report the following:

## **MISSIONS.**

Balance on Hand at Last Report	\$20.91
Received From Finance Committee	48.10
Disbursements to Luther Norris	\$15.00
Dues to General Conference	10.00
Delegates' Traveling Expenses to Bryan, Texas	\$24.00
Postage on G. C. Minutes	.68

Total Received \$69.01 \$49.68

Balance in Treasury \$19.33

Due Treasurer .19

Received From Finance Committee \$36.25

## **DISBURSEMENTS**

-Paid Clerk \$10.00

For Minutes \$22.00

Total \$36.25 \$32.19

Balance in Treasury 4.06

\$36.25

# STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Rec. By Letter	Baptisms	Dis. By Letter	Expelled	Died	Total Membership	Meeting Days	Paid For Missions	Paid For Minutes	Paid Pastor
Pleasant Grove												
Bethlehem	W. T. Wiley	Rossie Hooks, Shellman	2	9	2		2	75	4	\$1.30	\$1.00	\$ 63.00
Pine View	Joe Fort	T. G. Williams, Donalsonville	2	2				104	4		1.50	22.00
White Plains	D. F. Pelt	H. J. Cosby, Blakely		18	2	1	1	162	1		1.25	65.00
Macedonia	W. T. Wiley	W. R. Tabb, Colquitt	3	5	6	6		142	1	5.00	5.00	101.15
Damascus	Joe Fort	L. W. Wiley, Damascus						35	3		2.00	100.00
Oak Grove	Joe Fort	C. C. Middleton, Colquitt	1	1	9		2	68	1		1.00	32.20
New Enterprise	A. P. Norris	J. L. Peters, Iron City	1	8				61	3		2.50	14.94
New Light												
Traveler's Rest												
Cedar Springs	T. Birclett	J. C. Mercer, Cedar Springs	2	7	1	4	1	123	1	4.00	1.00	58.85
Enterprise	Perry								1			
White Pond	M. B. Woodliff	J. L. Widner, Blakely	2	19	1		2	93	2	1.00	1.70	41.40
Open Pond	K. V. Shutes	M. M. Harvey, Jakin	4	7	1			130	2	7.00	3.00	144.20
Live Oak	W. T. Wiley	Theo. Riley, Milford	4	1			1	100		1.00	1.50	75.00
Patmos	W. T. Wiley	J. F. Griffin, Milford		2				101		3.00	2.00	56.00
Zion	K. V. Shutes	Jimmie Wiley, Blakely	1	5	1		2	75	4	1.35	1.00	57.94
Mt. Zion, No. 1.												
Blakely	K. V. Shutes	W. W. Houston, Blakely						12	3		1.00	20.85



# STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2.

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPER-INTENDENTS AND SECRETARIES	No. Teachers	No. Pupils	F. W. B. LEAGUES Presidents and Secretaries	No. Enrolled	LADIES' AID Presidents and Secretaries
Patmos	J. F. Griffin	4	36			Mrs. J. C. Woodard
Cedar Springs	E. A. Reed, Jakin	4	45	J. C. Timples, Jakin	55	
	R. P. Pyle, Jakin			Gordon Houston, Jakin		
Blakely	J. L. Houston, Blakely	3	46	Gertrude Salter, Blakely	32	
	Gertrude Salter, Blakely			Andy Middleton, Blakely		
Zion		3	40		52	
White Pond	Mrs. T. C. Hunt, Damascus			Mrs. D. Cooper, Blakely		
	Morris Willis, Damascus	4	50	Miss Bonny Lewis, Damascus	52	
Oak Grove	W. R. Houston, Colquitt	3	35	William Houston, Colquitt		Dela May Houston, Colquitt
	William Houston, Colquitt			Dela May Houston, Colquitt	43	Mrs. Tom Fort
Patmos	J. F. Griffin, Milford	4	50	Alma Hay, Leary		Mrs. J. C. Woodard, Milford
	Miss Clara Delle Starr, Milford			Cordelia Griffin, Milford	38	Mrs. W. J. Starr
Damascus	L. W. Wiley, Damascus			Mrs. Christine Pullen, Damascus	34	
	Mrs. Eula L. Wiley, Damascus	6	61	L. W. Wiley, Damascus		
Open Pond	A. D. Ivey, Jakin	6	63	Cooper Fort, Jakin		Mrs. W. O. Miller, Jakin
	Lois Ivey Jakin			Lon Smith, Jakin	42	Miss Dot Harvey
White Plains	Blackshire Dubose, Blakely	4	65	Mathel Richerson, Blakely	42	
	Williard Dubose, Blakely			Francis Houston, Blakely		
Live Oak	John Etheridge, Milford	4	40		50	
	Plene Sanders, Milford					
Pineview				J. B. Loving, Colquitt	16	
				Flonnie Loving, Colquitt		