

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
MIDWAY ASSOCIATION
OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST OF GEORGIA

HELD WITH

OPEN POND CHURCH

Early County, Georgia, November 1, 2—1933.

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The next Session will be held with Zion Church, Early County, Ga. on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November 1934. Session to be open at 9:30 A. M. Rev. S. T. Shutes to preach the introductory sermon.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Midway Association of the Original Free Will Baptist of Georgia held its Thirty-Fifth Annual Session with Open Pond Church, Early County, Georgia on November 1st, 2nd, 1933.

The body was called to order by the former Moderator, W. T. Wiley.

After scripture reading and prayer by the Moderator, the visiting brethren and sisters were invited to seats with us.

Called for letters from the various churches. The following reported:

Patmos:—delegates—W. B. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Griffin and Mrs. W. A. Ethridge.

White Pond:—J. L. Widener, Mable Widener and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Willis.

Mt. Zion:—C. G. Jordon, W. E. Gibson.

Cedar Springs:—F. M. Mosely, E. A. Read, J. A. Mercer and Mrs. R. B. Pyle.

New Enterprise:—J. L. Peters and H. E. Rich.

Damascus:—Willie Wiley and J. J. Holder.

White Plains:—E. D. Murrell and J. B. Dubose, F. E. Richerson, Mrs. C. C. White and Mrs. J. H. Dubose.

Macedonia:—James Cheshire, J. W. Keen, Sister Anna Phillips, Minnie Westbrook, Versie Phillips and Rosa Deberry.

Zion:—J. S. Anderson, Maggie L. Chambers, Catherine Mosely and Mrs. R. E. Mills.

Oak Grove:—Mrs. W. R. Houston Mrs. C. C. Middleton, Mrs. C. M. Houston, C. C. Middleton, C. M. Houston and William Houston.

Enterprise:—B. T. Harrell, P. C. Harrell and Gordan Jenkins.

Bethlehem:—Mrs. W. S. Hadden, J. E. Leslie, D. B. Hooks and J. R. Paul.

Blakely:—Alvin Day, and George Nix.

Live Oak:—J. M. Ethridge and wife, J. W. Johnson.

Open Pond:—J. B. Hodges and wife and J. B. Webb and wife.

New Light:—W. D. Timmons, Tommie Davie, J. O. Morris and J. J. Kimp.

Travelers-rest:—E. C. Musgrove, J. O. Irvin, C. Irvin, J. C. Parker, G. R. Parker and A. B. Edmonds.

Moved and seconded that Rev. T. B. Mellette and J. E. Houston read the letters.

Moved and seconded that the letters be adopted as read, and the delegates be seated.

It being preaching hour, we were brought a wonderful message by Bro. K. V. Shutes, from Isaiah, "Set your house in order for ye shall surely die." This carried with it a great warning.

Adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Song by the congregation, followed by prayer by Bro. Willie Wiley. Invitations were given

to the visiting brethren and sisters of other Associations to seats with us. The following were enrolled:

State Line Association:—Delegates—Sister Emma Hare, Rev. John Barnes. The next session will convene with Shilo Church six miles west of Columbia, Ala. on Friday before the second Sunday in October.

Martin:—Delegates—G. W. Chambers and E. D. Drake. The next session will convene on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October at Mother's Home church near Babcock, Ga.

Salem:—Delegates—K. V. Shutes and Chester Pelt. The next session will convene with Travelers-rest Church at Carr, Fla. on Thursday before the first Sunday in October.

Zion Bible School—Delegates—T. B. Mellette, W. F. McDuffie, Luther Norris. Moved and seconded that these delegates be seated with us.

APPOINTING COMMITTEES

Committee on Devotions:—Deacons and Pastor of Open Pond Church.

Finance Committee:—H. J. Crosby, J. E. Houston and George Nix.

Nomination Committee:—F. M. Mosely, C. G. Jordan and J. S. Anderson.

Hearing the reports of the Sister Association, Rev. T. B. Mellette reported a great time at Chattahoochee and Little River Association, also at the General Conference at Nashville, Tenn. He announced that the next session of the Conference would meet with Open Pond Church, Early County, Ga. on Wednesday and Thursday and Friday before the 3rd Sunday in June 1934.

The report of the Devotional committee was that Rev. D. S. Driggers preach Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, followed by Rev. S. T. Shutes.

Motion carried that Cooper Fort and Luther Norris be ordained to preach the Gospel at 10:30 o'clock, Thursday A. M. Rev. W. T. Wiley, T. B. Mellette and K. V. Shutes to be the Ordaining Council.

The Moderator called for volunteers to visit the Sister Associations. Those responding to the Martin were E. C. Williams, C. G. Jordan, Luther Norris.

State Line were R. B. Pyle and J. A. Mercer.

Salem were A. D. Ivey and W. T. Wiley.

Little River, T. B. Mellette.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn to meet again at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Benediction by Rev. S. T. Shutes.

THURSDAY MORNING

The body was called to order and the scriptures were read by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. John Barnes.

Reading and perfecting the minutes of the previous day was the next thing on program.

Moved and seconded that the minutes be adopted as read.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint delegates to the General Conference. Willie Wiley and J. B. Hodges were appointed to represent us at the Conference.

The Committee on Devotions reported that Rev. T. B. Mellette fill the stand at the 11 o'clock hour.

The report on Missions was read and adopted. (See report).

The report on Temperance was read and adopted. (See report).

It being time for the Ordination service, arrangements were made and a very impressive service was held, after which Rev. T. B. Mellette filled the stand. His subject was, "He has begun a good work in you." The sermon carried with it a strong appeal for everyone to press to completion any work we have begun.

Ajournment for dinner until 1:15 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After a delicious spread, the body was called together with singing by the congregation. Prayer was offered by Bro. James Cheshire.

Hearing the reports was resumed.

Report on Nominations was adopted. (See report).

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

Report of Christian Education was heard and adopted. (See report).

Report of Sunday Schools was heard and adopted. (See report).

Report of Treasurer was heard and adopted. (See report).

Report on Finance was heard and adopted. (See report).

Appointing Committees for 1934.

Missions:—Zion Church.

Christian Education:—Macedonia Church.

Sunday School and League:—Patmos Church.

Temperance:—White Plains Church.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers:— Bethlehem Church.

Moved and seconded that Rev. T. B. Mellette be enrolled as an ordained minister of the Midway Association.

Moved and seconded that each church raise a donation to be used in placing a tomb over Rev. M. A. McDonald's grave.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint a committee to write an obituary for Bro. McDonald, to be read at the next session of this body. Rev. T. B. Mellette, Bro. F. M. Mosely and Bro. Cheshire were appointed to serve on this committee.

Moved and seconded that we retain our same Treasurer, James Cheshire.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint our Executive committee. The same Committee was appointed, except Bro. W. R. Houston, who has been called from our fields by one who doeth all things well. Bro. C. C. Middleton was selected in his place.

JAMES CHESHIRE, Chm.

C. C. MIDDLETON,

H. J. COSBY,

T. G. HARVEY.

WILLIE WILEY,

F. M. MOSLEY,

W. B. GRIFFIN; Committee.

Moved and seconded that the body retain the same Moderator and Clerk.

Moved and seconded that Rev. M. B. Woodlief be granted a letter of dismission.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk be paid \$5.00 for his services.

Moved and seconded that this body extend a rising vote of thanks to Open Pond Church, and the community at large, for the splendid way they handled the meeting, and the hospitality shown us while in their midst.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk have 500 minutes printed, and that they be printed in Ayden, N. C.

Moved and seconded that all donations be sent to the Association as a budget fund.

Moved and seconded that this body contribute \$5.00 to Bro. Luther Norris to aid him in his school work.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn to meet with Zions Church, Early County, Ga. on Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1934.

The congregation sang that familiar hymn, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds Our Hearts In Christian Love."

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. F. M. Mosely.

Our next Union Meeting will meet with Enterprise Church, 6 miles north of Blakely, Ga. on Friday before the 5th Sunday in April. Rev. J. M. Emmanuel will preach the introductory sermon.

The Ladies Aid Society and F. W. B. League Convention, of the Midway Association will convene with Cedar Springs Church at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning before the 1st Sunday in September, 1934.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES

W. T. Wiley	Blakely, Ga.
J. M. Emmanuel	Arlington, Ga.
E. C. Williams	Iron City, Ga.
C. C. White	Colquitt, Ga.
T. B. Mellette	Blakely, Ga.
Joe Fort	Milford, Ga.
Luther Norris	Blakely, Ga.
J. L. Tedder	Colquitt, Ga.
Cooper Fort	Jakin, Ga.
S. T. Shutes	Blakely, Ga.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The committee on Sunday Schools and Leagues submits the following reports:

We have a total number of nineteen churches in our Association with 11 churches having Sunday Schools and 11 having Leagues.

The total enrollment in Sunday School is 604, and the total enrollment in Leagues is 460.

The total amount of offerings taken in Sunday School is \$181.86, and in Leagues is \$136.01.

The total amount given to missions in Sunday Schools is -----, and in Leagues is -----.

The total amount given to Christian education in Sunday School is -----, and in Leagues is -----.

The total amount given to other purposes in Sunday School is -----, and in Leagues is -----.

We see no reason why we should not have a League and a Sunday School in every church in our Association. This is a challenge to our pastors to embrace this suggestion in their aims for another year. We, your committee, are going to check up on our pastors at the next Association and see just who has been working.

It is our earnest appeal to our pastors and church leaders to work for more and better Sunday Schools, and Leagues, since they are of so much importance to the churches.

Respectfully Submitted,

REV. JOE FORT, Chairman.

Missions:—We, your committee on Missions, make the following report. In visiting our Conferences and Associations we find that there has been but little Mission enterprise in our Church, with not much money spent for foreign or home missions. But we are glad to know that our people are becoming more awakened to these great needs. We are glad to say that our General Conference is supporting one foreign missionary, with the hopes of supporting two this conference year. May we awaken to our great needs. May we talk, preach and pray more for home and foreign missions than we have ever before.

We ask that a Missionary sermon be preached at every church in April and that a collection be taken and sent to the Treasurer of the Association, half to be used in home mission work, and half in foreign mission work.

K. V. SHUTES, Chm., Pastor of Open Pond Church.

Temperance:—The committee on Temperance, submit the following for adoption:

1st, we believe total abstinence the only safe method of temperance in any kind of intoxication.

2nd, we believe it expedient for our constituency to practice Godly temperance in all living, and set good examples of cleanliness in all things, remembering our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

3rd, even though our nation becomes nationally wet, we pray and admonish our people to continue in faith; abstaining from strong drink, and intemperance of any kinds, in dressing apparel as well as living conduct.

LIVE OAK and PASTOR.

Nominations:—We your committee on nominations, beg to make the following report. That Zion Church be given the next Association, and Bro. S. T. Shutes preach the Introductory sermon.

F. M. MOSELY, Chm.

Education:—We your committee on Education, make the following report: We are glad to note, with pride, the interest this Association has taken in the last few years in this great righteous cause. You have shown great interest in Zion Bible School and her young preachers. Therefore

we earnestly urge that you do even more this term, for our need is great. We hope that every Church will try to send at least \$5.00. Some of the churches have paid \$100.00. Let us help put this great cause over for the Lord. You have already seen the fruits of the Bible School, so you know that your money is well invested.

ZION CHURCH and PASTOR.
K. V. SHUTES, Chm.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers:—We your committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers, beg to report as follows: After making inquiries to our satisfaction, we are glad to report that our Churches seem to be loyal to the cause of Christ, also our ministers living a life above reproach. We suggest that our pastors keep before their people the resolutions and appointments of our Associations.

PATMOS CHURCH.
W. T. WILEY, Mod.

Finance:—We your committee on finance, beg to make the following report: Received at this session from the various churches for minutes \$30.50, for Missions \$43.50.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. J. CROSBY, Chm,
G. H. NIX,
JAMES H. HOUSTON.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On hand at last report	\$20.91
Received from finance committee	23.65
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	\$44.56

DISBURSEMENTS

To Blakely Church	\$25.00
To General Conference	10.00
Delegate's expenses to Conference	8.00
Mailing G. C. Minutes46
Balance on hand	1.10
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	\$44.56

REPORT FOR MINUTE FUNDS

On hand at last report	\$ 4.06
Received from finance committee	24.40
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	\$28.46

DISBUSEMENTS

Paid Clerk	\$ 5.00
Paid Minutes	23.00
Balance on hand46
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	\$28.46

JAMES CHESHIRE, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE, NO. 1

Churches	Pastors	Clerks and Addresses	Rec. by Letter	Baptized	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Died	Total Membership	Meeting Day	Paid for Missions	Paid for Minutes	Paid Pastor
Bethlehem -----	W. T. Wiley ---	Mrs. Robert Jones, Shellman, Ga. -----	7	12	1	--	1	114	4	\$ 5.00	\$1.50	\$101.70
Pine View -----	Joe Fort -----	T. G. Williams, Donalsonville, Ga. -----	1	1	--	1	--	100	4	1.00	1.50	30.00
White Plains ----	M. B. Woodlief ---	H. J. Cosby, Blakely, Ga. -----	2	10	5	1	--	173	1	-----	2.00	43.22
Macedonia -----	W. T. Wiley ---	W. R. Tabb, Colquitt, Ga. -----	3	2	2	3	1	146	1	5.00	2.50	126.50
Damascus -----	Joe Fort -----	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga. -----	--	1	--	--	--	27	3	5.00	2.00	100.00
Oak Grove -----	W. T. Wiley ---	C. C. Middleton, Colquitt, Ga. ----	--	--	--	--	2	66	3	-----	1.50	56.38
New Enterprise --	A. P. Norris ---	J. L. Peters, Iron City, Ga. -----	--	--	6	--	--	54	1	-----	2.50	17.40
New Light -----	W. T. Wiley ---	B. E. Paul, Morgan, Ga. -----	2	6	1	--	--	171	4	5.00	1.50	115.00
Traveler's Rest --	Joe Fort -----	G. R. Parker, Newton, Ga. -----	4	9	--	--	2	139	2	-----	-----	30.00
Cedar Springs --	T. B. Mellette --	J. A. Mercer, Cedar Sps., Ga. ----	--	2	1	7	1	114	1	4.00	1.50	80.00
Enterprise -----	S. M. Tindell --	T. W. Jenkins, Blakely, Ga. -----	--	4	2	6	4	30	1	-----	1.00	9.40
White Pond -----	T. B. Mellette --	J. C. English, Blakely, Ga. -----	1	1	1	--	--	90	2	1.50	1.50	41.44
Open Pond -----	K. V. Shutes --	M. M. Harvey, Jakin, Ga. -----	--	1	1	--	1	95	2	7.00	3.00	126.49
Live Oak -----	W. T. Wiley ---	J. O. Riley, Milford, Ga. -----	--	4	1	--	3	35	2	3.00	2.00	75.00
Patmos -----	W. T. Wiley ---	J. F. Griffin, Milford, Ga. -----	--	--	--	--	--	101	2	4.00	2.00	77.50
Zion -----	K. V. Shutes --	Jimmie Wiley, Hilton, Ga. -----	1	6	1	--	1	81	1	2.00	1.00	72.00
Mt. Zion No. 1 --	T. B. Mellette --	C. C. Swords, Arlington, Ga. -----	--	--	7	--	2	57	4	1.00	2.00	43.00
Blakely -----	K. V. Shutes --	J. E. Houston, Blakely, Ga. -----	11	11	--	--	1	29	1	-----	1.50	35.96

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
White Plains	Blackshire Dubose, Blakely, Ga.	4	60	Jack Harris, Blakely, Ga.	52	
	Mildred Dubose, Blakely, Ga.			Francis Houston, Blakely, Ga.		
Damascus	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.	6	61	Aletha Roberts, Damascus, Ga.	44	
	Eula L. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.			Austin Ray, Damascus, Ga.		
Patmos				Mildred Lunsford, Milford, Ga.	32	Mrs. J. C. Woodard, Milford, Ga.
				E. W. Griffin, Milford, Ga.		Mrs. W. J. Starr, Milford, Ga.
White Pond	Mrs. T. J. Lewis, Damascus, Ga.	4	25	Mabel Widener, Blakely, Ga.	28	
	Mrs. T. C. Hunt, Damascus, Ga.					
Mount Zion	Hamel Swords, Arlington, Ga.	4	50	W. C. Tennille, Arlington, Ga.	20	Mrs. W. C. Clowers, Arlington, Ga.
	W. W. Clowers, Arlington, Ga.			Winett Daniels, Arlington, Ga.		Mrs. W. E. Hopson, Arlington, Ga.
Cedar Springs	E. A. Reed, Jakin, Ga.	3	40	J. C. Temples, Jakin, Ga.	39	
	R. B. Pyle, Cedar Springs, Ga.			Gladys Temples, Jakin, Ga.		
Macedonia	B. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.	4	59	Bill Richardson, Colquitt, Ga.		
	E. T. Mims, Colquitt, Ga.			Mrs. M. L. Phillips, Colquitt, Ga.		
Zion	E. A. Cannon, Blakely, Ga.	3	45	Catherine Mosely, Blakely, Ga.	29	
	Dorris Still, Blakely, Ga.			E. A. Cannon, Blakely, Ga.		
Oak Grove	W. R. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.	3	35	William Houston, Colquitt, Ga.	23	Dola Mae Houston, Colquitt, Ga.
	William Houston, Colquitt, Ga.			Ray Houston, Colquitt, Ga.		Mrs. Thomas Fort, Colquitt, Ga.
New Light	Lehman Drinkwaters, Morgan, Ga.	4	84			
	Joseph Paul, Morgan, Ga.					
Open Pond	Mrs. W. V. Miller, Jakin, Ga.	6	60	Cooper Fort, Jakin, Ga.	54	Mrs. W. V. Miller, Jakin, Ga.
	Bina L. Smith, Jakin, Ga.			Thomas Pace, Jakin, Ga.		Julia Fort, Jakin, Ga.
Blakely	J. L. Houston, Blakely, Ga.	4	54	J. E. Houston, Blakely, Ga.	20	Mrs. J. Alexander, Blakely, Ga.
	J. T. Jordan, Blakely, Ga.			Andy Middleton, Blakely, Ga.		Mrs. J. E. Houston, Blakely, Ga.