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MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
MIDWAY ASSOCIATION
OF THE
Original Free Will Baptists of Georgia

HELD WITH
PATMOS CHURCH
Baker County, Georgia, Oct. 30-31—1935

OFFICERS

REV. W. T. WILEY, *Moderator*, -----Hilton, Ga.
BRO. W. B. GRIFFIN, *Clerk*, -----Leary, Ga.
BRO. JAS. CHESHIRE, *Treasurer*, -----Colquitt, Ga.

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JAMES CHESHIRE, *Chairman*, -----Colquitt, Ga.
C. C. MIDDLETON, -----Colquitt, Ga.
H. J. COSBY, -----Blakely, Ga.
A. D. IVEY, -----Jakin, Ga.
WILLIE WILEY, -----Damascus, Ga.
F. M. MOSLEY, -----Jakin, Ga.
W. B. GRIFFIN, -----Leary, Ga.

Next Session will be held with Enterprise Church, Early
County, Ga., on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday
in November 1936. Session to open at 9:30 A. M. Rev. J. M.
Emanuel to preach the introductory sermon.

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PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Thirty Seventh session of the Midway Association of the original Free Fill Baptist of Georgia which met with Patmos Church Baker County, Georgia, on Oct. 30 and 31, 1936:

The body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. T. Wiley. After the Devotional Services, all visitors were invited to seats with the body.

Next called for Petitionary letters. Sixteen churches reported.

Motion was made and seconded that Rev. T. B. Mellette and J. E. Houston read the letters.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Open Pond—T. J. Fort, J. W. Ellis and L. A. Wiley.

Live Oak—J. M. Etherredge, C. G. Phillips and W. M. Johnson.

Patmos—Mrs. Clarence Bodiford, Mrs W. A. Etherredge, J. E. Griffin and W. B. Griffin.

Damascus—L. B. Perry, J. H. Buckner.

Travellers Rest—A. B. Edmonds, C. B. Butler and R. R. Musgrove.

Macedonia—James Cheshire, J. W. Keen, W. P. Richerson, Mrs. H. W. Westbrook, Mrs. Anna Phillips and Mrs. S. C. Deberry.

Pine View—J. W. Widner and Blacksher Davis.

Mt. Zion—C. G. Jordan, Owen Emanuel and Raymond Clowers.

White Pond—J. L. Wedner and Mrs. W. J. Hunt.

New Light—G. L. Bryant, George Nix, Colen Lee Hawks.

Blakely—J. E. Houston, Mrs. S. T. Shutes.

Bethlehem—W. S. Hadden and Raymond Rice.

White Plains—F. E. Richerson, D. S. Sheffield, Alphonso White and J. W. Nix.

Oak Grove—William Houston, Poney Mock and Mrs. B. L. Houston.

Cedar Springs—Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pyles.

Zion—John S. Anderson, Jimmie Wiley and Mrs. T. B. Mellette.

The letters were read and adopted and the delegates were seated in the body.

Rev. S. T. Shutes asked that a special prayer be offered for Brother Jinkens from Old Enterprise Church, that he may recover from a fall. Rev. J. M. Emanuel led the prayer.

Rev. W. T. Wiley conducted a Memmorial Service for Brother T. G. Harvey.

Adjourned until 1:15 o'clock for preaching and lunch. Rev. Luther Norris brought us an inspiring message from 1 Tim. 4:12. (Be thou an example of the believers in word and in deed).

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

After singing a few songs by the congregation the body was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. H. Godfrey.

The Moderator called for corresponding delegates from sister Associations.

State Line—Rev. M. M. Hicks, Rev. A. H. Godfrey and Wife, H. E. Peterson and Wife.

Next session will convene on Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in October 1936, at New Harmony Church, near Cottonwood, Alabama.

Martin—Rev. H. L. Catrett, Rev. D. Floyd, Rev. J. N. Barnes, C. J. Roberts and Wife.

Next session will convene with New Salem Church, Friday and Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in October 1936.

Pee Dee Conference—Miss Lacy Mae Ward.

Next Session will convene on Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in October 1936.

Motion was made and seconded that the Moderator give these delegates the right hand of fellowship and seat them in our body.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

Finance—L. B. Perry, J. M. Etherredge and H. J. Cosby.

Devotions—Rev. Cooper Fort with Patmos Church.

Nominations—A. B. Edmonds, T. J. Fort and C. G. Johnson.

Called for a report from the delegates to the sister Associations.

Rev. T. B. Mellette reported his visit to the State Line.

Rev. Joe Fort to the Martin.

Rev. Luther Norris his mission work over in Alabama and Miss.

A. B. Edmonds, W. P. Richerson, Rev. S. T. Shutes and others reported their visit to the General Conference. All seem to agree that the spirit of missions is burning more and more in the hearts of our people everywhere.

The Moderator called for volunteer delegates to sister associations.

To the State Line—Rev. T. B. Mellette and wife, R. B. Pyles and wife, and A. B. Edmonds.

To the General Conference—Rev. Joe Fort and W. P. Richerson.

Motion was made and seconded that Rev. J. M. Emanuel and W. S. Hadden be excused for the day.

Report of Committee on devotion. For Wednesday night, Rev. J. B. Lovering to conduct the devotional, Rev. A. H. Godfrey to preach with Rev. M. M. Hicks to close. For Thursday at 11:00 o'clock, Rev. S. T. Shutes to preach with Rev. J. N. Barnes to close.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn till 9:00 o'clock Thursday A. M.

Benediction by Rev. J. N. Barnes.

THURSDAY MORNING

The body was called to order by the moderator. After the minutes of the previous day were read and adopted, the moderator invited all visitors to seats with us.

The moderator called for the report on Christian Education, by Mt. Zion Church and Pastor. The report was received and adopted. (See report)

The report on Missions by Live Oak Church and Pastor. The report was received and adopted. (See report)

The report on Temperance by Blakely Church and Pastor. The report was received and adopted. (See report)

The report on State of Churches and Character of Ministers by Cedar Springs Church and Pastor. The report was received and adopted. (See report)

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock for Preaching and lunch.

Rev. S. T. Shutes and Rev. J. N. Barnes brought us a very impressive message, admonishing us to make full proof of our works.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After singing by the congregation, the body was led in prayer by Brother Willie Wiley.

Continued the call for reports.

The report on Sunday School and League by Damascus Church and Pastor. Report was received and adopted. (See report)

The Treasurer's report, was received and adopted. (See report)

The report on Nominations. The Committee suggested that the next session of the association be held with Old Enterprise Church. The report was received and adopted.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

Missions—White Pond Church and Pastor.

Temperance—Travelers Rest Church and Pastor.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers—New Light and Pastor.

Christian Education—Open Pond Church and Pastor.

Sunday School and League—Zion Church and Pastor.

Motion was made and seconded that the meeting of the Sunday School Convention be announced in the minutes. (See announcements)

After some discussion it was voted that the \$15.00 collection for the McDonald Monument be given to the Blakely Church.

It was voted that the body retain the same Executive Committee, with the addition of A. D. Ivey in Brother T. G. Harvey's place who has been removed by death.

Motion was made and seconded that the treasurer pay Rev. Cooper Fort \$25.00 and Rev. Luther Norris \$5.00 to assist them in their school indebtedness.

Motion was made and seconded that a committee be appointed to

represent us in the National Convention at Nashville, Tenn. Bro. James Cheshire and A. D. Ivey were appointed.

It was voted that the treasure pay \$10.00 to the General Conference as the Associational dues.

It was voted that the treasurer have the right to pay any expense of the National Committee.

Brother A. H. Godfrey and wife were excused for the term.

Motion was made and seconded that the secretary have 500 minutes printed and that he have \$5.00 for his services.

Motion was made and seconded that the Executive Committee communicate with other committees in order to try to organize a state convention.

Motion was made and seconded that our same officers be re-elected for the next two years.

It was voted that the treasurer pay to the Blakely Church \$50.00 to help pay up some of the indebtedness of the church.

Motion was made and seconded that the body give Patmos Church and community a rising vote of thanks for the use of their house and their hospitality shown us while in session.

The report of the Finance Committee

Total for Missions	\$ 72.87
Total for Minutes	31.75
Total for General Conference	11.47
Grand total	\$116.09

L. B. PERRY, Chairman

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn and to meet again with Old Enterprise Church, Early Co., Georgia, on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1936.

Announcements

The Sunday School Convention will meet with Travelers Rest Church, Baker Co., on Friday before the first Sunday in July 1936.

The Georgia and East Florida League Convention will meet with Pine Level Church, Alma, Georgia, Thanksgiving 1936 and Wednesday night before.

Report on Missions

Live Oak Church and Pastor by careful consideration recommend that our home mission efforts be increased and more efforts put forth to help weak churches and establish new ones.

Too, we reccomend that our home mission board employ a home mission worker to evangelize for our association and offer church school training and institute work. The same is to be self-sustaining, if possible, and our mission collections are to be continued.

LIVE OAK CHURCH AND PASTOR, W. T. WILEY

Report of Christian Education

Mt. Zion Church and pastor submit the following: We, as a denomination, contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, stress education in training of youth in church activities through the church school and leagues; also that we continue to support the Zion Bible School movement, and indorse the activities of the school and it's curriculum as being sound in doctrine.

We ask a special collection be made to help brother J. B. Loving who is one of our young licentiates, and who is now in Zion Bible School. We feel that he is worthy, and since he has hardships to undergo, we recommend that the association aid him from the treasury to what amount it so wills.

Too, we indorse the movement of the Ladies Auxiliary Convention in having some worthy person given training in league institute work.

MT. ZION CHURCH AND PASTOR, T. B. MELLETTE

Temperance Report

Temperance means moderation, sobriety; particularly habitual moderation in regard to the indulgence of the natural appetites and passions. Therefore, we urge that the full meannig of temperance be taught at home and from the pulpit. Also that we read our Church Covenant and live what we have ascribed to and that we add to knowledge, temperance. 2nd Peter 1:6.

Respectfully submitted by

BLAKELY CHURCH AND PASTOR, S. T. SHUTES

State of Churches and Character of Ministers

Cedar Springs Church and pastor reports that according to reports all churches in the association are in very good order. Too, we find the ministers, so far as we can learn, have no charges against them. But we recommend that our ministers absain from worldly places of amusement, and that our churches endeavor to maintain a Bible discipline in all their forms of polity.

CEDAR SPRINGS CHURCH AND PASTOR, T. B. MELLETTE

Report on Sunday Schools and Leagues

Damascus Church and Pastor are appreciative of the work now being accomplished in our Sunday School and League. But, we find that a few of our churches are without either Sunday School or League. This we hope will not be continued for we believe the Sunday School and League to be church training institutions for schooling the youth of the church.

Too, we believe the most utmost care should be taken in selecting the officials of the Sunday School and League.

DAMASCUS CHURCH AND PASTOR, W. T. WILEY

Treasurer's Report 1935

For Missions amount on hand at last report	\$ 26.15
Received from Conference	64.00
Received from Cedar Springs	2.75
Received from White Pond	3.01
Received from Mt. Zion	2.72
Received from Travelers Rest	1.21
Total	\$99.84

Disbursements

Paid General Conference	\$10.00
Paid Delegates car expense	26.80
Paid postage	.82

Total paid out	\$37.62
Balance in Treasury	\$62.22

\$99.84

For minutes amount at last report	\$.96
Received from Conference	34.80

Total	\$35.76
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Disbursements

Paid Clerk	\$ 5.00
Paid for minutes	22.50

Total	\$27.50
Balance on hand	8.26

\$35.76

On W. A. McDonald	\$15.95
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JAS. 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
White Plains	Joe Fort	H. J. Crosby, Blakely, Ga.	1	3	2	--	--	169	1	\$ 4.57	\$2.00	\$ 54.00
Open Pond	Daniel Pelt	M. M. Harvey, Jakin, Ga.	--	11	1	--	1	126	1	9.00	3.00	192.05
Blakely	S. T. Shutes	J. E. Houston, Blakely, Ga.	3	--	1	--	1	36	2	1.50	1.00	93.28
New Light	W. T. Wiley	B. E. Paul, Morgan, Ga.	1	5	1	--	1	184	4	8.00	2.20	150.00
Macedonia	S. T. Shutes	W. R. Tabb, Colquitt, Ga.	2	4	--	--	1	152	1	10.00	3.00	131.48
Patmos	W. T. Wiley	J. F. Griffin, Leary, Ga.	2	10	--	--	1	116	2	4.55	2.00	84.35
White Pond	T. B. Mellette	Mable Widner, Blakely, Ga.	--	1	--	--	2	78	3	1.00	----	----
Oak Grove	S. T. Shutes	C. C. Middleton, Colquitt, Ga.	--	--	--	--	--	64	3	2.25	----	64.70
Damascus	W. T. Wiley	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.	--	--	--	--	--	40	3	5.00	2.00	146.75
Travelers Rest	Joe Fort	W. M. Irwin, Newton, Ga.	--	1	--	--	3	155	2	4.00	1.50	74.50
Cedar Springs	T. B. Mellette	R. B. Pyles, Cedar Springs, Ga.	--	4	--	--	--	----	1	5.00	2.00	80.00
Bethlehem	W. T. Wiley	Mrs. Robert Jones, Shellman, Ga.	--	--	--	--	1	114	4	6.50	2.00	110.00
Mt. Zion	T. B. Mellette	Norman Clowers, Arlington, Ga.	--	--	--	--	--	61	4	1.05	1.00	58.00
Live Oak	W. T. Wiley	W. M. Johnson, Leary, Ga.	--	--	2	--	4	199	2	----	----	----
Zion	T. B. Mellette	Jimmie Wiley, Hilton, Ga.	--	2	--	3	--	95	2	8.52	1.50	85.00
Pine View	Joe Fort	T. G. Williams, Donaldsonville, Ga.	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----

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
Bethlehem -----	-----	---	---	-----	---	Miss Janette Brown, Shellman, Ga.
Cedar Springs --	-----	---	---	-----	---	Mrs. J. M. Nix, Shellman, Ga. ----
Mt. Zion -----	-----	---	35	-----	45	-----
Zion -----	C. G. Jordan, Supt. Arlington, Ga.	---	---	-----	---	Mrs. W. Clowers, Arlington, Ga --
Damascus -----	W. C. Tindle, Sec. Arlington, Ga.	---	---	-----	---	-----
Open Pond -----	J. S. Anderson, Hilton, Ga. -----	3	30	Henry Wiley, Pres., Hilton, Ga. --	28	Mrs. R. E. Mills, Hilton, Ga. -----
Travelers Rest --	Mrs. H. Still, Hilton, Ga. -----	---	---	Martin Still, Sec. Hilton, Ga. ----	---	Mrs. Still, Hilton, Ga. -----
White Plains ----	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga. -----	6	45	Mrs. H. T. Billings, Damascus, Ga. 57	---	-----
Blakely -----	Mrs. Eula Wiley, Damascus, Ga. -----	---	---	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga. -----	---	-----
New Light -----	Mrs. W. T. Hudson, Jakin, Ga. --	5	56	Curtis Tolar, Jakin, Ga. -----	73	Mrs. W. T. Hutson, Jakin, Ga. ----
Macedonia -----	Rachel Smith, Jakin, Ga. -----	---	---	W. T. Hudson, Jr., Jakin, Ga. ----	---	Miss B. Lou Smith, Jakin, Ga. ----
Patmos -----	A. B. Edmonds, Newton, Ga. -----	4	90	Mrs. Cora Brunson, Newton, Ga. 26	---	Mrs. Sara Irwin, Newton, Ga. ----
Oak Grove -----	Miss Othela Edwards, Newton, Ga. --	---	---	Miss Sadie Edwards, Newton, Ga. --	---	Miss Irene Edwards, Newton, Ga. -
White Pond -----	W. W. Houston, Blakely, Ga. -----	3	40	Emory Richerson, Blakely, Ga. --	---	-----
	Miss Clyde Harris, Blakely, Ga. --	---	---	Mrs. G. W. McLendond, Blakely --	---	-----
	J. L Houston, Blakely, Ga. -----	3	48	-----	---	-----
	Miss Nancy Salter, Blakely, Ga. --	---	---	-----	---	-----
	Earnest Paul, Morgan, Ga. -----	4	60	-----	---	-----
	Nimmie Lee Lawson, Morgan, Ga. --	---	---	-----	---	-----
	B. Houston, Colquitt, Ga. -----	4	55	Xeake Milton, Damascus, Ga. -----	40	-----
	Mrs. B. Houston, Colquitt, Ga. ----	---	---	Ida Ruth Sheffield, Colquitt, Ga. --	---	-----
	Mrs. J. E. Griffin, Leary, Ga. -----	4	40	Miss Abbie Griffin, Leary, Ga. ----	---	-----
	Emma Lee Wiley, Leary, Ga. -----	---	---	Dewitt Avera, Arlington, Ga. ----	---	-----
	C. C. Middleton, Colquitt, Ga. ----	3	30	J. L. Lovering, Colquitt, Ga. -----	26	-----
	William Houston, Colquitt, Ga. --	---	---	C. C. Middleton, Colquitt, Ga. ----	---	-----
	-----	---	---	Mrs. E. C. McDowel, Damascus, 46	---	-----
	-----	---	---	Miss Mary Jane Prince, Damascus	---	-----