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Midway

1936

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Thirty Seventh session of the Midway Association of the original Free Will 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.

Lave 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 and H. Buckner.

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

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

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

St. Zion—C. G. Jordan, Owen Emanuel and Raymond Flowers.

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

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

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 Memorial 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 hymns by the congregation the body was called into prayer by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. H. Godfrey.

The Moderator called for correspondence delegates from sister associations.

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

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

Martin—Rev. H. L. Carren, Rev. T. J. Ford, Rev. J. N. Barnes, C. J. Ives and Wife.

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

For the Conference—Miss Lucy Mae Ward.

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

Motion was made and seconded that the Moderator send these delegates right-handed of fellowship and sent them home with a benediction.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

Missions—L. B. Perry, J. M. Etheridge and H. J. ...

Temperance—Rev. Cooper Fort with Phares Church.

State of Churches—A. B. Edmonds, T. J. Ford and C. J. Ives.

Report of report from the delegates from sister associations.

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 visit to the General Conference. All seem to agree that the spirit of God 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, 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. den be excused for the day.

Report of Committee on devotion. For Wednesday night, Rev. J. B. Iving to conduct the devotional, Rev. A. H. Godfrey to preach with Rev. J. 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

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 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 Spring Springs Church and Pastor. The report was received and adopted. (See report).

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn until 1:00 o'clock for lunch.

Rev. S. T. Shutes and Rev. J. N. Barnes brought news that the majority of the delegates had agreed to adjourn till 9:00 o'clock Thursday.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

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

Continued the call for report.

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 session of the association be held at 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

present in the National Convention at Nashville, Tenn. Bro. James
shire and A. D. Ivey were appointed.

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

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

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

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

Motion was made and seconded that the Executive Committee combine
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
next two years.

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

Motion was made and seconded that the body give Putnam 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

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| ral for Missions | \$ 2.87 |
| ral for Minutes | \$1.75 |
| ral for General Conference | 1.17 |
| Grand total | \$15.00 |

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
Haven Church, Alma, Georgia, Thanksgiving 1936 and Wednesday night before.

Report on Missions

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

Too, we recommend 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 on Christian Education

Mt. Zion Church and pastor submit the following: We, as a denomi-
nation, 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 endorse the activities of the school and its 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 will.

Too, we inspire the movement of the Ladies Auxiliary Convention in
having some worthy persons on training in league institute work.

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

Temperance Report

Temperance means moderation, sobriety; particularly habitual modera-
tion in regard to the indulgence of the natural appetites and passions. There-
fore, we urge that the full meaning 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 Churches 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 minis-
ters, so far as we can learn, have no charges against them. But we recom-
mend that our ministers abstain 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

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2

| Churches | Sunday School Reports Superintendents and Secretaries | No. Teachers No. Pupils | | F. W. B. League Presidents and Secretaries | No Enrolled | Ladies Aid or Woman's Mission Society Presidents and Secretaries |
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| Bethlehem | | | | | | Miss Janette Brown, Shellman, Ga. Mrs. J. M. Nix, Shellman, Ga. |
| Cedar Springs | | 35 | | | 45 | |
| Mt. Zion | C. G. Jordan, Supt. Arlington, Ga. W. C. Tindle, Sec. Arlington, Ga. | | | | | Mrs. W. Clowers, Arlington, Ga. |
| Zion | J. S. Anderson, Hilton, Ga. Mrs. H. Still, Hilton, Ga. | 3 | 30 | Henry Wiley, Pres., Hilton, Ga. Martin Still, Sec. Hilton, Ga. | 28 | Mrs. R. E. Mills, Hilton, Ga. Mrs. Still, Hilton, Ga. |
| Damascus | L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga. Mrs. Eula Wiley, Damascus, Ga. | 6 | 45 | Mrs. H. T. Billings, Damascus, Ga. L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga. | 57 | |
| Open Pond | Mrs. W. T. Hudson, Jakin, Ga. Rachel Smith, Jakin, Ga. | 5 | 56 | Curtis Tolar, Jakin, Ga. W. T. Hudson, Jr., Jakin, Ga. | 73 | Mrs. W. T. Hudson, Jakin, Ga. Miss B. Lou Smith, Jakin, Ga. |
| Travelers Rest | A. B. Edmonds, Newton, Ga. Miss Othela Edwards, Newton, Ga. | 1 | 20 | Mrs. Cora Brunson, Newton, Ga. Miss Sadie Edwards, Newton, Ga. | 26 | Mrs. Sara Irwin, Newton, Ga. Miss Irene Edwards, Newton, Ga. |
| White Plains | W. W. Houston, Blakely, Ga. Miss Clyde Harris, Blakely, Ga. | 3 | 40 | Emory Richerson, Blakely, Ga. Mrs. G. W. McLendon, Blakely | | |
| Blakely | J. L. Houston, Blakely, Ga. Miss Nancy Salter, Blakely, Ga. | 3 | 48 | | | |
| New Light | Earnest Paul, Morgan, Ga. Nimmie Lee Lawson, Morgan, Ga. | 1 | 60 | | | |
| Macedonia | B. Houston, Colquitt, Ga. Mrs. B. Houston, Colquitt, Ga. | 4 | 55 | Xeake Milton, Damascus, Ga. Ida Ruth Sheffield, Colquitt, Ga. | 40 | |
| Patmos | Mrs. J. E. Griffin, Leary, Ga. Emma Lee Wiley, Leary, Ga. | 4 | 40 | Miss Abbie Griffin, Leary, Ga. Dewitt Avera, Arlington, Ga. | | |
| Oak Grove | C. C. Middleton, Colquitt, Ga. William Houston, Colquitt, Ga. | 3 | 30 | J. L. Lovering, Colquitt, Ga. C. C. Middleton, Colquitt, Ga. | 26 | |
| White Pond | | | | Mrs. E. C. McDowel, Damascus Miss Mary Jane Prince, Damascus | 46 | |