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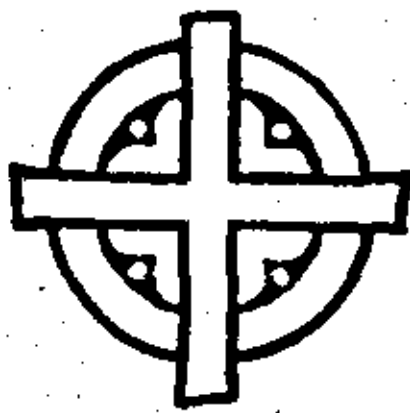
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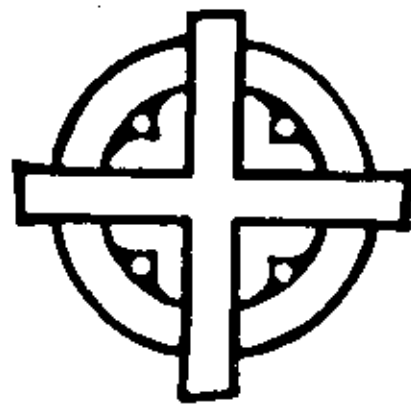
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Rev. W. T. Wiley
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Rev. J. B. Lovering
Rev. W. F. McDuffie
Rev. J. L. Tedder

PROCEEDINGS

The Thirty-Ninth session of the Midway Association of the original Free Will Baptist of Georgia met with Live Oak Church, Baker County, Ga. on November 3-4, 1937. After the devotional led by Brother F. M. Mosely the body was called to order by the moderator, Rev. W. T. Wiley. Called for the church letters. After the churches had handed in their letters Rev. T. B. Mellette and Bro. J. M. Etheridge were appointed to read them. The letters were read as follows:

Travelers Rest—Delegates—Grady Collins, Mrs. Sara Irvin, Mrs. Eva Irvin, Mrs. Lorene Edwards and Mrs. Kate Edwards.

Patmos—Delegates—Mr. J. F. Griffin and wife and T. C. Sessions.

Open Pond—Delegates—F. M. Mosely and A. D. Ivey.

Damascus—Delegate—Willie Wiley.

Mt. Zion—Delegates—C. G. Jordan and wife, and C. E. Fincher and wife.

Oak Grove—Delegates—Mrs. Veta Houston, Mrs. W. R. Houston and William C. Houston.

Zion—Delegates—J. B. Chambers, Mrs. R. E. Mills and Mrs. T. B. Mellette.

Macedonia—Delegates—W. R. Tabb and wife, Mrs. S. C. Deberry, Mrs. S. T. Shutes.

White Pond—Delegates—W. G. Spurlock, C. C. Willis and Mrs. W. J. Hunt.

Blakely—Delegates—Alvin Day, Rev. A. G. Ott.

New Light—Delegates—J. O. Morris, Bennie Paul and Burt Lawson.

Cedar Springs—Delegates—E. A. Reed, J. S. Pyles.

Enterprise—Delegates—T. W. Jenkins and wife.

Live Oak—Delegates—J. M. Etheridge, Ely Tabb and W. M. Johnson.

White Plains—Delegates—J. A. Sheffield, W. W. Houston, Victoria Sheffield, Gladys Cosby.

Pine View—Delegates—T. G. Williams and wife, J. W. Widner and wife.

Rev. T. B. Mellette made a motion that the letters be adopted and the delegates be seated. An intermission of 10 minutes was given before preaching. On returning to the house Rev. W. T. Wiley brought us a message from Luke 5:4. "Launch out into the deep and let down your net for a draught" which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Benediction by Rev. T. B. Mellette for the noon hour.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After enjoying the refreshments of the noon hour, the body was called to order by the Moderator. Three songs were sung after which Rev. E. C. Williams led the prayer. The moderator appointed the various committees:

Devotions—Live Oak Church and Pastor.

Nominations—J. F. Griffin, Alton Mercer, H. J. Cosby.

Obituaries—Rev. A. G. Ott, Rev. Luther Norris, W. P. Richardson.

Disbursements—Rev. T. B. Mellette, E. A. Reed, J. M. Etheridge.

The Moderator invited all visiting preachers to seats with us. Rev. Floyd Cherry from the State Line Association, Rev. H. L. Catrett, W. O. Smith, W. E. Lane and wife from the Martin Association responded to the invitation and were seated in the body.

Called for reports from our delegates who visited other Associations. Rev. T. B. Mellette reported his visit to the State Line and South Georgia Associations saying that they both seemed to be in harmony and in a progressive mood.

Rev. W. F. McDuffie visited the Chatahoochee Association saying they are also in harmony and seem to be doing some constructive work. Rev. Luther Norris reported his visit to the General Association, and in his talk he tried to show to the Association the possibilities that lie before them.

Called for delegates to the sister Associations. Bro. C. G. Jordan and Rev. Luther Norris volunteered to go to the Martin Association.

Rev. J. N. Barnes, Rev. W. F. McDuffie, Rev. T. B. Mellette and Rev. W. T. Wiley to the State Line.

Rev. J. B. Lovering and Rev. L. A. Norris to the Chattahoochee Association.

The committee on Devotions reported that Rev. H. L. Catrett preach to-night at 7:00 o'clock and Rev. Floyd Cherry at 11:00 o'clock to-morrow.

Motion to adjourn was carried, to meet at 9:00 o'clock A. M. Thursday.

Benediction by Rev. J. N. Barnes.

THURSDAY A. M. SESSION

The body was called to order by the moderator, Rev. W. T. Wiley. Devotional by Rev. J. B. Lovering. Called for reading of the minutes of previous day. After reading and correcting of minutes they were adopted.

Called for reports of various committees. The committees on Missions from Patmos Church reported which was received, discussed and adopted (see report).

Called for report on Temperance. The Committee reported and it was adopted without discussion (see report).

Called for report on Christian Education. The report was received, discussed and adopted as read (see report).

Called for report on Sunday School and League. The report was received discussed by several and then adopted as read (see report).

Called for report on character of ministers and state of Churches. The report was received and adopted without discussion as read (see report).

Motion and second that the body be recessed for preaching and noon hour untill 1:15 o'clock. Rev. Floyd Cherry filled the stand at the 11:00 o'clock hour and brought a message from St. John 6. His subject being, The Connecting Link, referring to Christ as that link.

THURSDAY P. M. SESSION.

The body was called to order as per adjournment. Two songs were sung by the congregation and prayer was offered by Bro. Willie Wiley. A motion and second that the report on State of Churches and character of ministers be reopened. After much discussion it was voted to let the original report stand.

The moderator called for a report of the nominating committee. They report that the Association convene with Pine View Church, Miller County, Ga. and that Rev. W. F. McDuffie preach the Introductory sermon, and Rev. Luther Norris be his alternate. Also that the names of W. P. Richardson, W. B. Griffin, A. D. Ivey, William C. Houston, E. A. Reed, C. G. Jordan, J. S. Anderson be appointed as Executive Committee, with J. F. Griffin as chairman. The report was received and adopted.

Motion and second that a public collection be taken to balance the budget. This collection amounted to \$7.50.

Called for report on obituaries: The report was received and after some comment the body was led in prayer by the moderator in memory and respect of our deceased brethren since our last Association (see report).

Called for report on Disbursements. The report was heard and was adopted as read (see report).

Called for Treasurer's report. The report was adopted as read (see report).

Motion and Second that the minute fund be abolished and that the minutes be paid for out of the general funds.

Motion and second that Bro. W. P. Richardson be appointed as delegate to the General Association, and that he appoint his alternate.

Motion and second that the body receive Rev. M. B. Woodlief as an ordained minister in this body in view of the fact that he is to place his church membership in some church of this association.

Motion and second that Rev. T. B. Mellette, J. S. Anderson and Rev. S. T. Shutes be appointed as a committee to lay plans for Rev. J. N. Barnes to do Sunday School and League work.

Motion and second that the body appoint officers for the next year. Rev. T. B. Mellette was appointed Moderator, W. B. Griffin, Clerk, and A. D. Ivey, Treasurer.

Motion and second that the Association take over the mission point between Arlington and Blakely.

Motion and second that the Association give Live Oak Church and community a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality shown them.

The Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Missions—Open Pond church and pastor.

Temperance—White Plain church and pastor.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers—Macedonia church and pastor.

Christian Education—Patmos church and pastor.

Sunday School and League—Old Enterprise church and pastor.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Pine View church, Miller County Ga., on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November 1938.

Announcements—The Midway Sunday School Convention will convene with Macedonia Church on Friday before the first Sunday in June, 1938.

The Training camp will convene with Patmos Church June 20th and continue throughout the week on Friday 24th. Auxiliary Convention will meet with the Training camp at the same date mentioned above.

The State Line Association will convene with Prospect Church on Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in October 1938.

The Martin Association will convene with Friendship church on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October 1938.

OBITUARIES

In memory of our dead who passed on during the Associational year 1937.

We your committee submit the following report and recommend that this body stand with bowed heads and thank God for the lives and labor of those who in His wisdom He has called from us to Himself, and help us to be submissive to the will of our Heavenly Father.

Names as follows and churches:

Travelers Rest Church—Leon Irvin, Will Muliford, C. Irvin, J. B. Edmonds, W. W. Edwards, Jeff Edwards.

White Pond Church—Henry I. Ezell.

Open Pond Church—John B. Hodges, J. W. Ellis.

Zion Church—J. O. Lane, Harmon Austin, Vince Johnson.

Patmos—W. C. Sheffield.

Macedonia—James Cheshire, O. W. Gordon.

White Plain—Edgar Houston.

New Light—Pearlie Paul, John Kemp.

Respectfully submitted

A. G. Ott,

Luther Norris,

W. P. Richardson

Christian Education—Education is something the world is going mad over today, and is lacking very little in knowledge; but the chief thing is what kind is this knowledge we have today. Parents have made the great mistake to give every care to educate their boys and girls that they might know how to sustain the physical body which shall last but a span, and very little to the preserving of the soul, which last forever and ever. They seemingly are living and letting live under the stumbling block that this is a Christian nation in which we are living, and that we are nothing but Christians. How deceived? Christian Education should begin at home. Most parents would be as it were, the blind leading the blind. There isn't any training that the child gets at school or college that has more bearing upon the child than that it gets from its father and mother. One mother was asked when she should start training her child. The answer was you should have begun twenty years before the child's birth. The next place should be that of public schools. The average child is in the school room more than it is ever in the presence of its parents. As it receives little or no Christian training in the public schools how parents should strive to encourage and build up Christian colleges. As there are so few so called Christian schools, and only half that number really Christian, parents should fall upon their knees and repent that they have not supported such schools as Zion Bible School. Fathers and mothers wake up, it isn't too late, but it is very late.

Zion Church and Pastor

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Finance and Budget Committee makes the following report:

Receipts

Open Pond -----	\$ 35.10
Cedar Springs -----	15.05
New Enterprise -----	2.00
Bethlehem -----	7.77
Old Enterprise -----	6.50
Mt. Zion -----	7.35
New Light -----	10.00
Macedonia -----	22.40
Live Oak -----	10.00
Zion -----	10.00
Travelers Rest -----	14.72
Damascus -----	12.50
Pine View -----	2.00
Patmos (Plus \$----- handed treasurer 11-10-37) -----	18.00
Blakely -----	3.00
White Pond (\$3. to be sent treasurer)	
White Plains -----	2.00
Oak Grove (\$5. to be sent treasurer)	
Public collection -----	7.50
Total -----	\$185.89

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Report Number 3

Received from churches -----	\$178.39
Public collection -----	7.50
In hands of treasurer -----	12.88
Total -----	\$198.77

Disbursements Recommended and Adopted

For minute work, printing, -----	\$ 30.00
Clerk -----	10.00
Blakely Church -----	40.00
A. G. Ott, S. S. Work -----	15.00
F. W. B. Orphanage -----	10.00
W. F. McDuffie, Mission Work -----	10.00

Education, Sec.-Treas. Zion Bible School -----	30.00
National Board of Missions -----	15.00
Eastern (General) Association fee -----	10.00
Delegates Expense to above association -----	15.00
Georgia State F. W. B. Association -----	2.00
Delegates expense to above -----	3.00

Total for disbursements -----	\$190.00

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Report Number 3

The committee earnestly requests and solicits the following donations to be sent to the Midway Association for session of 1938 as follows, namely:

Open Pond -----	\$ 35.00
Cedar Springs -----	15.00
New Enterprise -----	6.00
Old Enterprise -----	7.50
Bethlehem -----	10.00
Mt. Zion -----	7.50
New Light -----	12.50
Macedonia -----	22.50
Live Oak -----	12.00
Zion -----	12.00
Damascus -----	12.00
Travelers Rest -----	15.00
Pine View -----	6.00
Patmos -----	20.00
Blakely -----	5.00
White Pond -----	7.50
White Plains -----	10.00
Oak Grove -----	7.50

It is the prayerful sincere hope of the committee that the churches respond with much larger donations.

Respectfully submitted

T. B. Mellette,
J. M. Etheredge,
J. S. Pyle.

TEMPERANCE

The committee on temperance reports as follows: Believing in an entire surrendered life to Christ as the only means of coming up to a Bible stand-

ard of Christian conduct, we urge our people of the Midway Association to live a Bible life in all things, and present their bodies a living sacrifice wholly unto God which is a reasonably portion. When this is done we will find Christ preeminent in our lives and the things which are stumbling blocks and hindering causes to others will be sacrificed for the common good of all, and to the glory of God.

Live Oak Church and Pastor

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1937

Receipts

1936

Oct. 30 received from Association -----	\$146.39
Oct. 30 received collection for Blakely Church -----	19.85
Nov. 3 received from S. T. Shutes -----	1.00
Nov. 18, 1937 received from Mrs. R. Jones from Bethlehem Church ---	5.00
Total -----	\$172.24

Disbursements

Nov. 3 paid to J. B. Lovering -----	\$ 20.00
Nov. 3 paid to T. B. Mellette for school -----	28.56
Nov. 4 paid to I. J. Blackwelder for foreign missions -----	28.80
Nov. 4 paid to M. E. Tyson for F. W. B. Orphanage -----	10.00
Nov. 13 paid to J. E. Houston for Blakely Church -----	50.00
June 8, 1937 paid Eastern Association -----	10.00
June 8, 1937 expense of delegate to Assn. -----	15.00
Total -----	\$162.36, 162.36
Balance on hand -----	\$ 9.88

For Minutes

Oct. 30, 1936 received from Association -----	\$31.00
Nov. 18, 1936 received from Mrs. R. Jones for Bethlehem Church -----	2.00
Total -----	\$33.00

Disbursements

Feb. 11, 1937 paid for Minutes -----	\$30.00, 30.00
Balance on hand -----	\$ 3.00

MISSIONS

Missions means to get the Gospel to the person that doesn't have it. And this is man's duty according to Christ's commission. Therefore any person that is functioning for Christ is a missionary. The same is true with a home church, its auxiliaries and the Association, and all the organized believers in Christ. Therefore we recommend that all members, leaders, pastors and all organized bodies put forth a special effort to get some plan across whereby humanity may hear the gospel. We must keep in mind our missionaries in the foreign fields. God has promised to take care of them, and will do it, but don't you want a part in this part of God's plan? If you do, just do what you can with what you have and God will bless the world and you. Now we recommend that each church put forth an effort to raise the amount the disbursement committee apportions, and if we do our mission money will be doubled, and then our mission boards can do greater work supporting God's missionary program.

Respectfully submitted

Patmos Church and Pastor

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

Mt. Zion church and pastor report that whereas no complaint or charge has been made against any minister or church of our connection, all ministers and churches are in a good or fair condition.

Respectfully submitted

Mt. Zion Church and pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We your S. S. Committee submit the following: After a careful survey of S. S. Activities we find 1,780 members in the various churches, 597 are enrolled in Sunday School with an average attendance of 378, leaving 1,183 church members not receiving any teaching in the Sunday Schools at all. When we have the average attendance of 378 in Sunday School on Sunday, sometime of the day that leaves us 1,412 failing to help themselves grow in the knowledge of God's word. Brethren if we believe that the Sunday School is the teaching force of the church, and it is, why not put some Sunday School workers on the field to organize a Sunday School in each church, then when we meet in 1938 we will have a Sunday School from each church.

Respectfully submitted

Macedonia Church and Pastor

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 Pastor
Macedonia -----	S. T. Shutes -----	W. R. Tabb, Colquitt, Ga. -----	2	2	2	1	2	148	1	\$22.46	\$145.75
White Plains -----	Joe Fort -----	Alphonso White, Blakely, Ga. -----	2	14	---	---	2	183	1	2.00	45.00
White Pond -----	J. N. Barnes -----	W. G. Spurlock, Blakely, Ga. -----	2	---	3	---	1	74	2	---	63.50
Cedar Springs -----	T. B. Mellette -----	R. B. Pyles, Hilton, Ga. -----	2	10	2	---	---	73	1	15.05	85.00
Pine View -----	Joe Fort -----	T. G. Williams, Donaldsonville, Ga. -----	---	2	---	---	---	104	4	2.00	20.00
Zion -----	W. T. Wiley -----	Jimmie Wiley, Blakely, Ga. -----	5	1	---	---	3	101	1	10.00	96.00
New Light -----	W. T. Wiley -----	B. E. Paul, Morgan, Ga. -----	---	5	---	---	2	187	3	10.00	117.00
Travelers Rest -----	S. T. Shutes -----	Lewis Collins, Newton, Ga. -----	1	13	1	---	3	78	4	14.72	88.13
Damascus -----	W. T. Wiley -----	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga. -----	3	2	---	---	---	44	3	12.50	133.00
Blakely -----	W. T. Wiley -----	J. E. Houston, Blakely, Ga. -----	---	---	2	---	---	31	2	11.00	75.00
Bethlehem -----	W. T. Wiley -----	Mrs. Robert Jones, Shellman, Ga. -----	---	---	---	---	---	108	4	7.77	75.00
Mt. Zion -----	T. B. Mellette -----	Raymond Clowers, Arlington, Ga. -----	---	---	---	---	---	62	3	7.35	56.79
Open Pond -----	Daniel Pelt -----	M. M. Harvey, Jakin, Ga. -----	1	1	---	---	2	121	1	35.10	233.80
Patmos -----	Cooper Fort -----	J. F. Griffin, Leary, Ga. -----	1	5	1	---	1	133	2	25.00	90.00
Live Oak -----	T. B. Mellette -----	W. M. Johnson, Leary, Ga. -----	1	3	3	---	---	214	4	9.09	71.10
Enterprise -----	J. B. Lovering -----	Hallie Jenkins, Blakely, Ga. -----	---	---	---	---	---	37	2	6.50	56.70
Oak Grove -----	S. T. Shutes -----	William C. Houston, Colquitt, Ga. -----	3	---	---	---	---	82	2	4.50	68.50

STATISTICAL TABLE, NO. 2

Churches	Sunday School Superintendents and Secretaries	No. Pupils	No. Teachers	F. W. B. League Presidents and Secretaries	No Enrolled	Ladies Aid Presidents and Secretaries
Macedonia -----	B. Houston, Colquitt, Ga. -----	66	4	John Corley, Damascus, Ga. -----	34	Mrs. S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Ga. --
	Mrs. Vincie Ward, Damascus, Ga. ---			Bettie Lou Widner, Damascus, Ga. ---		Julia Richerson, Colquitt, Ga. --
White Plains -----	W. W. Houston, Blakely, Ga. -----	50	4	J. A. Mercer, Blakely, Ga. -----	65	
	Janette Smith, Blakely, Ga. -----			Victoria Sheffield, Blakely, Ga. ---		
White Pond -----				Mrs. Thomas Hunt, Blakely, Ga. ---	44	
				Miss Pearl Willis, Blakely, Ga. ---		
Cedar Springs -----	E. A. Reed, Jakin, Ga. -----	25	3	D. E. Martin, Hilton, Ga. -----	94	Mrs. R. B. Pyles, Hilton, Ga. ---
				Miss Corlista Martin, Hilton, Ga. ---		Mrs. G. Houston, Hilton, G. -----
Pine View -----	Bennie Lovering, Donalsonville, Ga. ---				49	
	Irene Skipper, Donalsonville, Ga. ---					
Zion -----	J. S. Anderson, Blakely, Ga. -----	40	3	Edd, Blakely, Ga. -----		Mrs. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga. ---
	Eva Hill Jordan, Blakely, Ga. -----			Jewel Brown, Blakely, Ga. -----		Mrs. Martin Still, Blakely, Ga. ---
Travelers Rest -----	Miss Irene Edwards, Newton, Ga. ---	90	5	Miss Othela Edwards, Newton, Ga. ---	60	Mrs. Sarah Irvin, Newton, Ga. ---
	Miss Othela Edwards, Newton, Ga. ---			Mr. Dewey Edwards, Newton, Ga. ---		Miss Irene Edwards, Newton, Ga. ---
Damascus -----	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga. -----	45	5	Mrs. Christine Cheshire, Damascus, ---	52	
	Mrs. Eula Wiley, Damascus, Ga. ---			L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga. -----		
Blakely -----	J. L. Houston, Blakely, Ga. -----	48	3			
	Miss Willie Bell Jackson, Blakely, Ga. ---					
Bethlehem -----						Miss Rossie Hooks, Shellman, Ga. ---
						Mrs. D. G. Sauls, Shellman, Ga. ---
Mt. Zion -----	C. G. Jordan, Arlington, Ga. -----	45	5			Mrs. L. W. Wiley, Arlington, Ga. ---
	L. W. Wiley, Arlington, Ga. -----					Mrs. L. B. Perry, Arlington, Ga. ---
Open Pond -----	H. G. Harvey, Jakin, Ga. -----	70	5	Vandine McMullins, Jakin, Ga. ---	41	Mrs. W. O. Fort, Jakin, Ga. -----
	Mrs. W. O. Fort, Jakin, Ga. -----			Mrs. W. O. Fort, Jakin, Ga. -----		Mrs. W. T. Hudson, Jakin, Ga. ---
Patmos -----	C. L. Griffin, Leary, Ga. -----	53	4	Herbert Woodard, Leary, Ga. -----	36	Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Leary, Ga. ---
	Hubert Woodard, Leary, Ga. -----			Edith Duke, Leary, Ga. -----		Mrs. Joe Fort, Elmodel, Ga. -----
Live Oak -----	Frank Bowling, Leary, Ga. -----	40	4			
	Mrs. D. B. Sanders, Leary, Ga. -----					
Enterprise -----	W. J. Flanigan, Blakely, Ga. -----	50	4			
	Mrs. T. W. Jenkins, Blakely, Ga. ---					
Oak Grove -----	Fred Boyd, Colquitt, Ga. -----	38	4			
	Ray Houston, Colquitt, Ga. -----					