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MINUTES

OF THE

Fortieth Annual Session

OF THE

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION

OF THE

Original Freewill Baptist of Georgia

HELD WITH

**PINE VIEW CHURCH**

MILLER COUNTY, GEORGIA, NOV. 2, 3, 1938



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Next Session will be held with Macedonia Church Miller County, Georgia, on Wednesday and Thursday before the First Sunday in November, 1939. Session to open at 9:30 o'clock A. M.. Rev T. B. Mellette to preach the Introductory Sermon with Rev. J. B. Lovering as Alternate.

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## OFFICERS

REV. T. B. MELLETTE, Moderator ..... Blakely, Ga.  
BRO. W. B. GRIFFIN, Clerk ..... Leary Ga.  
BRO. A. D. IVEY, Treasurer ..... Jakin, Ga.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. P. RICHARDSON, Chairman ..... Colquitt, Ga.  
W. B. GRIFFIN ..... Leary, Ga.  
A. D. IVEY ..... Jakin, Ga.  
WILLIAM C. HOUSTON ..... Colquitt, Ga.  
C. G. JORDAN ..... Arlington, Ga.  
J. S. ANDERSON ..... Blakely, Ga.  
E. A. REED ..... Jakin, Ga.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. W. T. Wiley	Rev. Joe Fort
Rev. E. C. Williams	Rev. Cooper Fort
Rev. C. C. White	Rev. L. A. Norris
Rev. T. B. Mellette	Rev. J. B. Lovering
Rev. J. N. Barnes	Rev. W. F. McDuffee
Rev. J. M. Emanuel	Rev. J. L. Tedder
Rev. S. T. Shutes	Rev. C. H. Chandler
Rev. A. G. Ott	Rev. M. B. Woodlief

# Proceedings

The 40th Annual Session of the United Freewill Baptist, or the Midway Association met with Pineview Church, Miller County, Georgia, on November 2, and 3, 1938. After singing by Congregation, scripture reading and prayer by the Moderator, Rev. T. B. Meilette, the body was called to order.

Rev. J. B. Lovering and Rev. Cooper Fort was appointed to read the letters from the following churches:

Blakely—Delegates—Alvin Day, E. H. Chamberl, Cecil Downey.

Bethlehem—Delegates—R. R. Rice, W. F. Fugerson, Dan Aycock

Cedar Springs—Delegates—E. A. Reed, Mrs. R. B. Pyles, Mrs. D. E. Martin, Miss Colister Martin, J. S. Pyles.

Damascus—Delegates—L. B. Perry, L. W. Wiley.

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

New Enterprise—Delegates—E. B. Ard and wife, Mrs. H. E. Rich  
Miss Lucie Rich.

Live Oak—Delegates—L. P. Etheredge, Mrs. L. A. Etheredge, Mrs. J. M. Etheredge, Mrs. Walter Johnston.

Mt. Zion—Delegates—C. G. Jordan, L. A. Wiley, Raymond Clower.

New Light—Delegates—John Avera, Grady Nix, Birt Lawson, J. F. Hawks, William Clowers.

Open Pond—Delegates—Mrs. W. T. Hudson, Miss Dot Harvey, T. G. Pace.

Oak Grove—Delegates—O. F. Everson, Mrs. W. R. Houston, Emmerly Houston.

Patmos—Delegates—T. C. Sessions.

Traveler's Rest—Delegates—C. B. Butler, J. O. Irvin, J. L. Butler, A. B. Edwards.

White Plains—Delegates—Buster Lofton, L. E. Sheffield, W. W. Houston, H. J. Cosby, Junior Harris.

White Pond—Delegates—W. G. Spurlock, Pearl Willis.

Zion—Delegates—Mrs. W. T. Wiley, Martin Still and wife, J. B. Chambers, Mrs. J. S. Anderson.

Pine View—Delegates—T. G. Williams, Bob Worthy, Guy Long and wife.

Macedonia—Delegates—Bettie Sue Widner, Ruby Widner, Robert L. Gordon, Beacham Houston, Mrs. O. W. Gordon.

After hearing the letters read, a motion was made and carried that the letters be recorded and delegates be seated.

Next calling roll of ministers, with ten present. Adjourned for preaching and noon hour to meet back at 1:00 o'clock. Rev. W. F. McDuffee brought us a message from Luke 11:2, and was greatly enjoyed by all.

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## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

As per adjournment the body was called to order by the Moderator. The devotional was led by Rev. S. T. Shutes, prayer by Rev H. L. Catrette of the Martin Association.

Next called for corresponding churches, Midway church responded through Rev. W. F. McDuffee.

Next called for correspondence from sister Association.

State Line—Delegates—W. S. Cook, Rev. Floyd Cherry, J. F. Nowel, W. B. F. Cobb.

Next Session to convene with Pleasant Ridge Church on Thursday and Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1939.

Martin—Delegates—W. F. Norris, H. L. Catrette, A. P. Norris.

Next Session to convene with Hammock Springs Church on Friday and Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1939.

Liberty—Delegates—J. M. Ritch.

Next Session to convene with Spring Hill Church on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1939.

Toe River—Delegate—J. R. Ward.

Next Session to convene on Thursday and Friday before the First Sunday in August, 1939.

A motion and second was carried to seat the delegates and the Moderator gave them a hand of welcome in our midst.

Next appointing committees as follows:

Devotions—Pine View Church and Pastor..

Nominations—S. T. Shutes, C. G. Jordan, W. G. Spurlock,

Obituaries—J. N. Barnes, L. W. Wiley, A. B. Edmonds.

Disbursements—J. B. Lovering, Beacham Houston, J. M. Etheredge.

Next a call for reports from the delegates to sister associations in 1938, which all reported some progress and good fellowship.

The Moderator called for volunteers to represent the Midway Association at the following Associations:

State Line—Rev. E. C. Williams, J. L. Tedder, J. B. Lovering.

Martin—C. G. Jordan, A. B. Edmonds, Rev. E. C. Williams.

Liberty—Rev. L. A. Norris, Rev. J. B. Lovering, Guy Long.

Toe River—Rev. M. B. Woodlief.

Chattahoochee—Rev. T. B. Mellette and wife.

Next Session to convene with St. Johns Church, Columbus, Ga., Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1939.

A motion was carried to enter a miscellaneous session, a committee was appointed to confer with Blakely Church and pastor, with reference to the ordination of Licentiate C. H. Chamberlain, Rev.

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W. T. Wiley, Rev. S. T. Shutes, and Willie Wiley.

The committee on devotions reported as follows: The Devotional to be conducted by Rev. L. A. Norris, beginning at 6:30 o'clock and preaching at 7 o'clock by Rev. John M. Ritch, and Rev. Floyd Cherry to preach at 11 o'clock Thursday. Pine View Church and pastor.

The Association voted to delegate with the State Associations, A. B. Edmonds and J. M. Etheredge was appointed as delegates.

Also the Association voted to send delegates to the Eastern Association in Bryant, Texas next June, J. O. Irvin, Beacham Houston was elected as delegates with W. F. McDuffee and W. B. Griffin as alternates.

Motion and second that we adjourn until 9 o'clock Thursday A. M.

Benediction by Rev. T. B. Mellette

### THURSDAY A. M.

The body was called to order as per adjournment. Devotional by the Moderator.

Minutes of the previous day's business was read, corrected and adopted.

Motion and second that all visiting preachers be recognized, and seated in this body.

Motion and second that this Association delegate with the National Association to be held in Nashville Tenn. The Moderator to appoint the delegate later.

The Moderator called for report from the committee on Christian Education. The report was read, received, and discussed by Rev. Floyd Cherry, Rev. T. B. Mellette, A. D. Ivey and others.

The report was adopted—See report.

Called for report on Sunday School's and Leagues. The report was read and received and discussed by W. P. Richardson, Rev. J. N. Barnes, J. B. Lovering and others. The report was adopted—See report.

The committee on investigation reported that they found Bro. Chamber to be sound in the faith of the Freewill Baptist, and recommend that he be ordained. And that the Moderator appoint an ordaining Council. The report was adopted and the Moderator appointed Rev. S. T. Shute, Rev. E. C. Williams and Rev. W. T. Wiley as ordaining Council. Rev. W. T. Wiley was not feeling well and Rev. T. B. Mellette acted in his place. The services to be

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held at 1 o'clock P. M. Motion to adjourn for preaching and noon hour.

## THURSDAY P. M.

The body was called to order by the Moderator and the services was turned over to the Ordaining Council in which Bro. C. H. Chamber was ordained to preach the Gospel in a very impressive service, and a hand of fellowship was given him by the entire body.

Renewed the call for reports:

The Committee on Temperance reported. The report was received and discussed by Rev. S. T. Shutes and other. The report was adopted—See report.

Next the Committee on Character of Ministers and state of churches reported. The report was received and adopted—See report.

Next the Committee on Missions reported. After much discussion by Rev. M. B. Woollief, Rev. T. B. Mellette and others the report was received and adopted—See report.

Obituaries, the report was read and adopted—See report.

Next called for report on Obituaries, the report was read and adopted—See report.

Next called for report of disbursement committee. The report was read and adopted by sections, one, two and three—See report.

Next called for report of Treasurer. The report was read and adopted—See report.

The Committee on Nominations recommended that Bro. T. B. Mellette preach the Introductory sermon, and that Rev. J. B. Lovering be his alternate, and that the next Session meet with Macedonia Church, Miller County, on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1939.

Rev. S. T. SHUTES, Chairman

Appointment of Committees:

Temperance—Blakely Church and Pastor.

Missions Pine View Church and Pastor.

Christian Education—Cedar Springs Church and Pastor.

Sunday School and League—Traveler's Rest Church and Pastor.

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

Motion and second that the same officers be re-elected.

Motion and second that the Clerk order 18 Disciplines.

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Motion and second that the Clerk and Treasurer frame up an associational letter and have a supply printed.

Motion and second that the Clerk be paid \$10.00 for his services.

Motion and second that this association give Pine View Church a standing vote of thanks for their kind hospitality while in their midst.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Macedonia Church, Miller County, Georgia, on Wednesday and Thursday before the First Sunday in November, 1939.

Benediction by Rev. W. T. Wiley.

Rev. T. B. MELLETTE, Moderator

Bro. W. B. GRIFFIN, Clerk

Bro. A. D. IVEY, Treasurer

**COMMITTEE REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Christian Education should begin in the home. We know that environment has it's weight in the life of an individual. Therefore, we recommend that we keep our homes in such condition that it will be uplifting to any stranger that we may come in contact with.

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

From such homes shall strong and elevated men and women grow. We further recommend that our Sunday Schools and Leagues do not stray from the original idea. We can teach and educate through these channels. Those who wish to go to higher institutions of learning should attend some school or college where the environment is Godly and Jesus is held up as a living example.

The challenge is up to us. What have we to offer the youth of our community? We therefore, recommend that we Freewill Baptist double our efforts and give our youth and ministers a school of training, such as is mentioned above.

Respectfully Submitted,

PATMOS CHURCH AND PASTOR.

**COMMITTEE REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE**

We your committee on Sunday School and League submit the following.

When one arm is taken from a man's body the body isn't complete; When a church fails to have a Sunday School or League the church isn't complete.

Therefore we recommend that our pastors work harder to get these very important organizations in every church. We also recommend that the laymen join the pastors in this fight, since it is impossible for the pastors without the support of the laymen.

May God help each of us to realize the importance of teaching and training the young people of our church.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENTERPRISE CHURCH AND PASTOR.

**COMMITTEE REPORT ON TEMPERANCE**

We your Committee on Temperance ask to report that we as a people and Denomination pledge ourselves to be more careful how we conduct ourselves before our children and our associates of the world. That our influence and conduct be above reproach. Thereby lifting our Saviour up that others may be able to see the light and truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

Respectfully Submitted

WHITE PLAINS CHURCH AND PASTOR.

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### COMMITTEE REPORT ON CHURCHES AND MINISTERS

We your committee on State of Churches and character of Ministers do find so far as we are able to ascertain, that all the churches and ministers are in good standing.

Respectfully Submitted,  
MACEDONIA CHURCH AND PASTOR.

### COMMITTEE REPORT ON MISSIONS

We your committee on Missions wish to say, we believe in Missions, because Jesus Christ said. "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel."

This was the greatest command given us by our Lord. Are we as Freewill Baptist doing this? We have in part both at home and away. But a great field is white to harvest before us. We have plenty of laborers. But have we supported them as we should? God is depending upon us, therefore we your committee on Missions recommend that our ministers carry a message of Missions to their Pastorates and that we as an Association support our home and foreign Mission Boards.

Respectfully Submitted,  
OPEN POND CHURCH AND PASTOR.

### COMMITTEE REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We the Committee on Obituaries find that we have lost four in our churches since we last met in an Association, namely Bro. A. J. Kimbrel, and sister Nancy Chambers from Patmos. Sister Imogene Kirksey from Live Oak, and Bro. Frank Jackson from New Light.

We are sad because of the loss of them from our midst. We thank the Father that we don't mourn as though we have no hope, but we expect to meet them beyond this life.

Respectfully Submitted  
J. N. BARNES,  
L. W. WILEY,  
A. B. EDMONDS

### REPORT OF DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE

#### Report No. 1—Receipts

Damascus .....	\$ 12.00
New Light .....	10.00
Live Oak .....	11.00
White Plains .....	10.00
Macedonia .....	22.00
Open Pond .....	37.00

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Zion .....	12.00
Oak Grove (For 1937) .....	5.00
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Blakely .....	5.00
Enterprise .....	7.50
White Pond .....	5.00
Mt. Zion .....	7.50
Pine View .....	18.00
New Enterprise .....	2.00
Patmos .....	13.00
Cedar Springs .....	11.00
 TOTAL .....	 \$195.50
Traveler's Rest .....	11.00
Amount in Treasure .....	10.77

GRAND TOTAL ..... \$217.27

## REPORT OF DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE

## Report No. 2

Minutes .....	\$30.00
Clerk .....	10.00
Eastern General Association .....	10.00
W. F. McDuffee Missionary Work .....	10.00
Expense of Delegates to General Association .....	25.00
State Association .....	2.00
Expense to same .....	3.00
Blakely Church .....	40.00
Orphanage .....	5.00
State Mission Board .....	15.00
National Mission Board .....	10.00
To Print Association Letter Blanks .....	5.00
Education, Secretary-Treasurer, Zion Bib'e School .....	40.00
 TOTAL .....	 \$205.00
Balance on hand .....	\$12.00

## REPORT OF DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE

## Report No. 3

We recommend that the same budget plan which is report No. 1 be maintained as before.

Prayerfully submitted,

J. B. LOVERING.

J. M. ETHEREDGE,

BEACHAM HOUSTON,

Committee

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## REPORT OF TREASURER

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	Received	Paid Out
Nov. 4 Balance on Hand .....		\$12.88
Nov. 4, Received from Association .....		185.89
Nov. 4, Paid Rev. A. G. Ott .....		\$ 15.00
Nov. 4, Paid Rev. W. F. McDuffie .....		10.00
Nov. 4, Paid W. B. Griffin .....		10.00
Nov. 5, Paid A. D. Ivey for Zion Bible School .....		30.00
Nov. 5, Paid State Association .....		2.00
Nov. 5, Paid Delegates to State Association .....		3.00
Nov. 7, Paid Emory Houston for Blakely Church .....		40.00
Nov. 18, Paid Free will Baptist Orphanage .....		10.00
Nov. 18, Paid I. J. Blackwelder for Missions .....		15.00
Dec. 28, Received from W. G. Spurlock for White Plains Church .....	2.00	

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May 20, Paid for Minutes .....	30.00
June 5, Paid Eastern National Association .....	10.00
June 5, Paid Delegates Expenses to Association .....	15.00

TOTAL RECEIVED .....	200.77
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TOTAL PAID OUT .....	190.00
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Balance on Hand .....	10.77
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Respectfully Submitted

A. D. IVEY, Treasurer,

STATISTICAL TABLE, NO. 2

CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendent and Secretaries	No. Pupils No. Enrolled	F. W. B. League Presidents and Secretaries	No. Teachers	Ladies Aid Presidents and Secretaries
Blakely .....		3			
Bethlehem .....					Miss Rose Hooks, She lman, Ga.
Cedar Springs .....	E. A. Reed, Jakin, Ga.	37 5	D. E. Martin, Hilton, Ga. Miss Colister Martin, Hilton, Ga.		Mrs. Robert Jones; She lman, Ga.
Damascus .....	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.	48 5	Mrs. Christina Cheshire, Damascus, L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.	45	Mrs. R. B. Pyles, Cedar Springs, Ga.
Mt. Zion .....	Mrs. Eula L. Wiley Damascus, Ga.				Mrs. Gordon Houston, Cedar Springs
	C. G. Jordan, Arlington, Ga.	45 5			Mrs. Blanche Poole, Damascus, Ga.
	L. A. Wiley, Arlington, Ga.				Mrs. Ida Hightower, Damascus, Ga.
Open Pond .....	S. T. Dunning, Jakin, Ga.	45 5	Carl Ivey, Jakin, Ga.	38	Mrs. N. N. Clowers, Arlington, Ga.
	B. C. Williams, Jakin, Ga.		J. W. Miller, Jakin, Ga.		Miss E la Tindell, Arlington, Ga.
Oak Grove .....	Fred Boyd, Colquitt, Ga.				Mrs. T. G. Harvey, Jr., Jakin, Ga.
	A. B. Everson, Colquitt, Ga.	53 3			Mrs. Wiley Fort, Jakin, Ga.
	C. L. Griffin, Leary, Ga.				Mrs. S. F. Boyd, Colquitt, Ga.
	H. G. Wobard, Leary, Ga.	47 4	Miss Piercy Sheffield, Leary, Ga.	1	Mrs. Poney Mock, Colquitt, Ga.
	Miss Irene Edwards, Newton, Ga.		Miss Mildred Daniel, Leary, Ga.		Mrs. W. J. Starr, Leary, Ga.
Traveler's Rest .....	Miss Othella Edwards, Newton, Ga.	75 4	Miss Othella Edwards, Newton, Ga.	60	Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Leary, Ga.
	Ralph Parker, Newton Ga.				Mrs. M. W. Irvin, Newton, Ga.
White Plain .....	Clarence Dubose, Blakely, Ga.	70 4	Enor Richardson, Blakely, Ga.	98	Miss Irene Edwards, Newton, Ga.
	Jeanette Smith, Blakely, Ga.		Miss Vandine Lofton, Blakely, Ga.		Frances McLendon, Blakely, Ga.
White Pond .....			Mrs. Annie Bridges, Blakely, Ga.	48	Mrs. C. P. Houston, Blakely, Ga.
Zion .....	J. S. Anderson, Hilton, Ga.	40 3	Pearl Willis, Damascus, Ga.		
	Miss Ruth Richard, Blakely, Ga.		Mrs. J. N. Bains, Blakely, Ga.	30	Mrs. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga.
Pine View .....	Beacham Houston, Damascus, Ga.		Jewel Lane, Hilton, Ga.		Mr. Martin Still, Blakely, Ga.
Macedonia .....	Mrs. Mary Lou Phillips, Colquitt, Ga.	54 4	Mrs. Virsia Phillips, Colquitt, Ga.		Mrs. Fred Runnels, Donalsonville, Ga
			Bettie Sue Widner, Damascus, Ga.	36	Mrs. Earl Ferguson, Donalsonville,

## STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Rec by Letter				Total Membership	Meeting Days	Paid for Missions	Paid Pastor
			Baptized	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Died				
Blakely	M. B. Woodlief	J. E. Houston, Blakely, Georgia .....	2	10			43	1	\$ 5.00	\$108.60
Bethlehem		Mrs. Robert Jones Shellman, Georgia .....		3			103	4	10.00	113.75
Cedar Springs	T. B. Mellette	R. B. Pyles, Hilton, Georgia .....	2	4			77	1	12.00	105.00
Damascus	W. T. Wiley .....	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Georgia .....	4	11			66	3	12.00	162.75
Enterprise	J. B. Lovering .....	Hattie Jenkins, Blakely, Georgia .....	1	1	2		37	2	7.50	83.65
New Enterprise	Harris Harvey .....			4			46	4	2.00	
Live Oak	T. B. Mellette .....	W. M. Johnson, Leary, Georgia .....	3	3	1	131	4	11.00	75.00	
Mt. Zion	T. B. Mellette .....	Raymond Clowers, Arlington, Georgia .....					61	4	7.50	56.60
New Light	W. T. Wiley .....	B. E. Paul, Morgan, Georgia .....	1	7	2	1	187		10.00	91.00
Open Pond	Joe Fort .....	Milvion Harvey, Jakin Georgia .....			2		120	3	37.00	206.40
Oak Grove	S. T. Shutes .....	Bill Houston Colquitt, Georgia .....	1	6	1		84	2	3.51	55.00
Patmos	Cooper Fort .....	J. F. Griffin, Leary, Georgia .....		3	2	2	121	2	13.00	60.70
Travelers Rest	S. T. Shutes .....	L. A. Collins, Newton, Georgia .....		15			125	4	15.30	102.00
White Plain	W. F. McDuffee .....	Alfonso White, Blakely, Georgia .....		16			198	1	11.00	79.00
White Pond	W. F. McDuffee .....	W. G. Spurlock, Damascus, Georgia .....	2	3			81	2	5.00	55.76
Zion	W. T. Wiley .....	Jimmie Wiley, Hilton, Georgia .....		2	6	3	106	1	12.00	92.00
Pine View	J. B. Lovering .....	Ben Lovering, Donalsonville, Georgia .....	1	4	3	1	103	4	18.00	54.40
Macedonia	S. T. Shutes .....			1			92		12.00	155.00