MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-First Annual Session

OF THE

Midway Association

OF THE

Original Freewill Baptist of Georgia

HELD WITH

MACEDONIA CHURCH

MILLER COUNTY, GEORGIA, NOV. 1, 2, 1939

Next Session will be held with White Plains Church Miller County, Georgia, on Wednesday and Thursday before the First Sunday in November, 1940. Session to open at 9:30 o'clock A. M. Rev. Cooper Fort to preach the Introductory Sermon with Rev. C. H. Chandler as Alternate.

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION ORDER OF BUSINESS

FIRST DAY'S SESSION, 10 A. M.

Assembly of the body for worship by the moderator.

Worship period conducted by the moderator, or assistant 'Mdoerator, or Clerk.

Call for corresponding church letters from churches composing this body.

Appointment of reading clerks by the moderator.

Reading and adoption of all letters and the seating of all delegates, which is done by a majority vote of the delegated body.

Recess for the introductory message and refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional services by the moderator, or at his discretion.

Renewal of call for correspondence.

Roll call of ministers.

Call for petitionary letters.

Invitation to visiting brethren from sister associations, and the hand of fellowship by the moderator.

Appointment of committees by the moderator—Devotional, Nominating, Obituaries, Disbursement, and Finance.

Appointment of delegates to sister association as the body may choose.

Miscellaneous business and recess until second day.

SECOND DAY 9:30 A. M.

Devotional services as per appointment.

Call to order by the moderator.

Reading, correction, and adoption of the first's days minutes.

Renewal of call for correspondence and visitors.

Call for committee reports.

Midday services with worship and praise and prayer.

Recess for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional—Worship period.

Renewing of call for committee reports.

Reports of Nomination committee, whose duty it is to make selection of place for next session of association, and introductory messenger.

Report of finance committee.

Miscellaneous Business.

Report of Treasurer.

Election of officers, including the executive committee, etc.

Appointment of new committees.

Completion of all unfinished business.

Clearing of the clerk's table.

Adjournment.

OFFICERS

REV.	T. B	3. N	MELLE'	TTE, Mode	rator	Blakely.	Ga.
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. P. RICHARDSON, Chairman	
W. B. GRIFFIN	Leary, Ga.
A. D. IVEY	Jakin, Ga.
WILLIAM C. HOUSTON	Colq:itt, Ga.
C. G. 'J'ORDAN	
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. McDuffie
Rev. J. M. Emanuel	Rev. J. L. Tedder
Rev. S. T. Shutes	Rev. C. H. Chandler
Rev. H. G. Harvey	Rev. M. B. Woodlief

PROCEEDINGS

The 41st Annual Session of the United Freewill Baptist of the Midway Association met with Macedonia Church, Miller County. Georgia, on November 1 and 2, 1939. After singing by Congregation, Scripture Reading and Prayer by The Moderator, Rev. T. B. Mellette.

The body was called to order. The reports from the churches were collected and read by Rev. Cooper Fort and Rev. J. N. Barnes As follows:

Mt. Zion—Delegates—Mrs. Annie Wiley, Mrs. N. N. Clowers, Mrs. Will Clowers, C. G. Jordan

-New Enterprise-Delegates-C. E. Wordel and wife.

Live Oak—Delegates—E. A. Sanders, W. M. Johnson, J. M. Etheridge Joe Sanders.

Pine View—Delegates—Will Norris and wife, J. D. Runnells and wife, Mrs. Mo lie Davis.

White Pond—Delegates—Represented by Letter.

Open Pond-Delegates-T. G. Pace, J. V. King.

Oak Grove—Delegates—S. F. Boyd, O. F. Everson, Mrs. Allie Houston, William C. Houston, and Miss Emma Houston.

Enterprise-Delegates-T. W. Jenkins, Gordon Jenkins.

Dama'scus-Delegates-Willie Wiley, J. C. Gordon, L. B. Perry.

Cedar Springs—Delegates—J. S. Pyles, E. A. Reed, R. B. Pyles and wife.

Macedonia—Delegates—T. V. Merritt, H. L. McCan, B. Houston, Mrs. Rosa DeBary.

New ight—Delegates—G. L. Bryant, Willie Clowers.

Zion-Delegates-J. B. Chambers, Wallace Sheffield, Mrs. J. D. English, Mrs. R. E. Mills.

Fatmos—Delegates—Mrs. J. W. Starr.

Blakely—Delegates—Alvin Day.

Traveler's Rest—Delegates—S. J. Irvin, T. H. Edwards, Mrs. M. W. Irvin, Mrs. P. L. Odom.

White Plains—Delegates—Represented by Letter.

The Letters being read. A motion and second was carried that the letters be received and the delegates be seated.

Business Session adjourned for Preaching and noon hour. The message of the hour was delivered by Rev. T. B. Mellette. The noon refreshments were delivered by the good people of the community. Both were enjoyed by all present.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Devotional was led by Rev. Cooper Fort...

The Moderator had a roll call for Ordained Ministers: Eleven Answered with five Absent. Rev. M. B. Woodlief made a statement as to a rumor that was out on him. After some discussion a motion was carried that his statement be accepted, and that he and the delegates from his church be seated in the body.

The Moderator called for corresponding associations. The Liberty Association reported through Rev. Floyd Cherry.

The next session will convene on Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1940, with Piney Grove Church.

The Martins Association reported through Rev. H. L. Catrett. Next Session will convene on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1940, with Pilgrim Home.

The Toe River Association of Eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina, reported through Brother Robert Ward. Time and place is not known..

The State line, By Rev. G. W. Nobles and Brother Howell of Alabama. Motion and second that these Brothren be seated in our body. And that the Moderator and Secretary give them a hand of Welcome.

Appointment of Committees

On Devotions-Macedonia Church and Pastor.

On Nominations—Rev. J. N. Barnes, M. Richardson, L. B. Perry.

On Obituaries—Rev. J. M. Emanuel, C.E. Wordel, Bill Houston.

On Disbursement—Rev. J. B. Lovering, Robert Pyles, J. S. Anderson.

Called for report of delegates that visited other associations—Rev. E. C. Williams and Rev. J. B. Lovering visited the State line.

C. G. Jordan and Rev. E. C. Williams, The Martin.

B. Houston, W. P. Richardson and Rev. S. T. Shutes. The National Association.

The Next Session will convene in Paintsville, Kentucky. The week following the second Sunday in July, 1940.

J. M. Etheridge, C. G. Jondan, The State Association.

All reported a spirit of progress and in some cases real progress. Their report was an inspiration to all Progressive Free Will Baptist.

Motion and second that this association correspond with sister associations.

The Moderator appointed delegates as follows:

To the Martin—Rev. J. M. Emanuel, J. M. Etheridge and wife. To the Liberty—Rev. J. N. Barnes, Rev. Cooper Fort, Rev. J. R.

Lovering.

To the State Line—Rev. W. T. Wiley, Rev. S. T. Shutes, J. S. Anderson.

To the Chatahoochce—Rev. Cooper Fort, W. B. Griffin.

To the State Association—C. G. Jordan, B. Houston; Alternates R. B. Pyles, O. B. Everson.

To the National Association—E. A. Reed; Alternate J. L. Houston.

Called for report of nominating Committees.

It was voted to call off Preaching at night and that Rev. K. V. Shutes to preach Thursday at 11 o'clock.

Motion and second to adjourn till 9:30. o'clock Thursday A. M. Benediction by Rev. J. B. Lovering.

THURSDAY MORNING

The body was called to order by Moderator.

Rev. Floyd Cherry was called on to lead the devotional. Reading 104th Psalm with an inspiring comment. The body was led in prayer by Rev. M. B. Woodlief.

The Moderator called for reading minutes of previous day. After correcting all addresses and Initials. There was, a motion and second to adopt minutes of previous day.

Called for report of Christian Education. The report was read and discussed by Rev. T. B. Meliette, Rev. W. T. Wiley and Rev. Floyd Cherry. A collection for the school property in Dothan, Alabama was taken amounting to \$25/25.

The report was adopted. See Report.

Motions and second to recess for Preaching and noon hour. The message of the hour was brought by Rev. K. V. Shutes and was a spiritual feast to all present.

At the noon hour refreshments were served in the Macedonia Way.

THURSDAY P. M.

After singing by the congregation for the devotional sister W. W. Jose. of Colquitt, Georgia, gave a Testimony of her conversion.

Resumed Business. Called for Temperance report. The report was read and discussed by Rev. K. V. Shutes. C. G. Jordan, Rev. T. B. Mellette and others.

A Motion for its adoption. See report.

Called for Mission Report: The report was read and discussed by Rev. K. V. Shutes and Rev. T. B. Mellette.

Motions and second to adopt report. See Report.

Called for State of Churches and Character of Ministers. The

report was read and adopted. See Report.

Called for Sunday Schools and F.W.B.L. The report was made and discussed by Rev. S. T. Shutes.

A motion to adopt same. See Report.

Cal'ed for report on Obituaries. The report was read and adopted. See Report.

Called for report on Nominations. The committee recommended that the next session of the Association to meet with White Plains Church on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in Nevember, 1940 and that Rev. Cooper Fort, Preach the introductory Sermon. And that Rev. C. H. Chandler alternate.

The report of committees was suspended. Miscellaneous Business was called for: First Election of officesr, Rev. T. B. Mellette was elected Moderator. W. B. Griffin, Clerk; A. D. Ivey, Treasurer. The same Executive Committee Namely: W. P. Richardson, chairman; W. B. Griffin, A. D. Ivey, C. G. Hondan, Wil iam Hollston, J. S. Anderson, E. A. Reed.

Motions and second that the body elect an assistant Moderator and Clerk. Rev. S. T. Shutes was elected assistant Moderator and Rev. J. B. Lovering as assistant Clerk. Motion and second that the clerk have the order of business published in the minutes.

The call for reports was resumed.

The Disbursement committee reported. Motions and second that \$35.00 of the Committee report be given to T. B. Mel ette and \$5.00 to the Dothan Property and that only \$5.00 be sent to the National Association. Motions and second that Report No. 3 be received and adopted. See Report.

The Treasurers report was read and adopted. See Report.

Appointment of Committees by Moderator:

Missions—Oak Grove and Pastor

Temperance—New Light and Pastor

Christian Education—Patmos and Pastor

State of Churches and Character of Ministers—Damascus and Pastor

Sunday Schools and F. W. B. L.-Mt Zion and Pastor

It was moved and carried that the Treasurer Pay the Clerk \$10.00 for his Services.

Also that this body give Macedonia a standing vote of thanks for their kind hospitality shown us while here.

Peace and cooperation ruling throughout session. Now all Business finished the body arose and sung 'God be With You Til We Meet Again' The closing prayer was led by Rev. E. C. Williams.

REV. T. B. MELLETTE, Moderator

BRO. W. B. GRIFFIN, Clerk

BRO. A. D. IVEY, Treasurer

COMMITTEE REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We the Committee on Obituaries find that we have lost in our Churches since we last met in an associational body, namely: BroZema Cheshire who was a consistent member of Macedonia Church for a period of years. Who was more than fifty two years of age at his death in October 1939.

Live Oak Church: Mrs. Mettie Lawrence. Mrs. Virgie Musgrove. Willie Rigsby. Whose passing brings to us sadness.

Cedar Springs Church: Mrs. J. I. Hill. Her age was 69. Who passed in the Great Beyond the last of June.

Patmos Church: Mrs. Martha Hobbs. She was a member of Patmos Church for a period of fifty years and her age was 87.

White Pond Church: Bro C. C. Willis. Who's passing we regret very much he passed from this life May 29, 1939 his age was fifty-nine. He was a deacon of White Pond Church for a period of twenty-nine years.

In the taking away of the above co-workers of God—We can only say: That we would Bow our Heads in Humble Submission to Him who Doeth all things well.

Faithfully submitted

BILL HOUSTON

W. F. McDUFFIE

J. M. EMANUEL, Chairman

COMMITTEE REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES

Report on State of Churches and Characters of Ministers as far as we are able to asscertain. All the churches and Ministers are in good standing except. Rev. A. G. Ott, who has joined some other church. So we recommend that his name be dropped from our list of ministers for departing from our Faith.

ZION CHURCH AND PASTOR

COMMITTEE REPORT ON MISSIONS

Websters definition for the word "Mission" is "a sending forth; that with what a message is charged".

We as a people who claim to be followers of Christ have been charged to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel". Are we doing our duty in response to that charge? The only reason for a person to be negligent of "missions" is the lack of divine Grace which never fails to give us the proper characteristics for a missionary of some type. It is an admitted fact that all can't go, but we can all help those who can go.

A crippled girl in New York City, after saving all the pennies given her by friends and loved ones, died with the lutterance of these words; "See that Jesus gets them all".

Are we worth as much to the world as the little bit of dirt used by Jesus to open the man's eyes.

Respectfully submitted,

PINE VIEW CHURCH AND PASTOR

*COMMITTEE REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL & F.W.B. LEAGUE

Realizing the importance of a complete organilation, we, your committee desire to urge the support of the Sunday School on the part of Pastor and Layman, as the Sunday School is the Teaching force of the Church, and since people are being trained in every other field and vocation of life we believe that people should and must be trained in the Lord's Work, that they may be more efficient also that they may be better christians.

Further we urge the same for the League for this reason: To teach them and not give opportunity for use of knowledge procured would not be safe. So through the League we have opportunity to be trained "in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, IJesus Christ". and too that we may be Laborers not ashamed to take our stand for the right and shun the wrong.

Further we targe our adults to go and stand by the youth in their endeavon for the right, not only in the church but in this social life.

Brethren we urge that each church and pastor put their influence for the training camp to be conducted at Camp Sawyer in May, 1940. (Exact date to be named).

May we ask you to come and see what is done. Hear the teachers as they teach the various subjects.

Every phase of church life is talight.

Respectfully submitted TRAVELERS REST CHURCH AND PASTOR

COMMITTEE REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The Temperance Committee deems it expedient that we are facing more evils today than possible the world has ever faced and since we are confronted by the forces of evil we think it high time that Christians ever be watchful and careful to maintain an honorable life in all manner of conversation, plades of resort, company with whom we keep, and that we be aware of public places of amusement as well as watchful of intoxicating liquors. Let us walk in the light as Jesus was in the light, and be careful to follow Psalms I: I Then, following Jesus by day and by night and Joing His will we'll not go wrong.

PLAKELY CHURCH AND PASTOR, THOS. B. MELLETTE

COMMITTEE REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In order that youth be instructed in piety and moral conduct we the committee submit as abmonition to this honorable body that pastors be careful to instruct with persuation our parents to be more zealous and mindful to keep alive the policy of the family altar in home Bible reading and prayer. That chunches encourage Sunday School attendance by all members of the church and citizens otherwise. That all teachers be spiritual minded and seekers of the Kingdom of God. Also, that our leaguers become more Biblical in life conduct as lights of the righteousness of Christ.

Too, that our ministry may have as a means of better education that we continue our efforts in the Bible School movement. That we encourage our youth to take upon themselves the possibility of Christian education and authorodox Biblical training.

May we ever be mindful that Christ's last command was to go into all the world and teach the nations.

May God help us to examples in teaching knowledge as well as in all things of the knowledge of Christ.

GEDAR SPRINGS CHURCH AND PASTOR, THOS. B. MELLETTE

FINANCIAL REPORT

REPORT NO. 1

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Oak Grove	
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Bethlehem	
White Plains	
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REPORT NO 2

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1939	Pd. In	Pd. Out
Nov. 2 Balance on hand	·	1
Nov. 2 Received from Association		\$ 30.0¢
Clerk		10.00
National Association Del. Expense		25.00
State Association		8,90
Bro. McDuffie		10.00
Blakely Church		40.00
Tenn. Orphanage		5.0 0
State Mission Board	,	8.00
Foreign Mission		7.00
Education		40.00
National Association Fee	. 444	10.03
TOTAL		\$193.9 0
Balance on Hand	\$ 4.48	
Open Pond	•	\$ 35.0 0
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New Enterprise Enterprise		6.00
Enterprise		7.50
Bethlehem		10.00
Mt. Zion		
New Light		15.00
Macedonia		22.50
Live Oak		15.0 0
Zion		12.00
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REPORT OF TREASURER MIDWAY ASSOC	IATION F	OR 1939
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MIDWAY FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Nov. 3 Received from Association	206 50	
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Nov. 3 Paid W. B. Griffin Clerk		\$ 10.00
Nov. 3 Paid Rev. W. F. McDuffie	. :	10.00
Nov. 3 Paid State Association		2.00
Nov. 3 Paid State Association delegates expenses		3.00
Nov. 9 Paid Ga. Association for hmoe missions		15.00
Nov. 15 Paid Freewill Baptist Orphanage		5.00
Nov. 15 Paid I. J. Blackwelder for Missions		10.00
Dec. 7 Received, Bethlehem Church Mrs. Jones	10.00	
Dec. 19 Paid A. D. Ivey for Zion Bible School		40.00
Dec. 19 Paid Emory Houston for Blakely Church		40.00
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June 19 Paid Calhoun County Courier for Minutes	•	26.15
July 8 Paid National Association	e de production de la company	10.00
July 8 Paid Delegates expenses to National Ass'n		25.00
BALANCE	\$2\27.27	\$196.15
Balance on Hand		
A. I	D. IVEY	

STATISTICAL TABLE, NO. 2

CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendent and Secretaries	No. Classes No. Enrolled	F. W. B. League Presidents and Secretaries	Group Leaders No. Enrolled	Ladies Aid Presidents and Secretaries
	J. L. Houston, Blakely, Ga.		Miss Eloise Sheffield, Blakely, Ga.	3 33	
Cedar Springs	Mrs. Willie B. Greer, Blakely, Ga. E. A. Reed, Hilton, Ga. E. A. Reed, Hilton, Ga.	5 35 	Mrs. Olive Rhymes. Blakely. Ga D. E. Martin, Hilton, Ga Ruth Philmon, Hilton, Ga		Mrs. R. B. Pyles, Hilton, Ga
White Pond	Mrs. Hilton Jones, Dama'sche, Ga	į.	į		
Patmos	Iline Bridges Damascus, Ga	4 40	Cecil Strickland, Milford, Ga Dot Griffin, Leary, Ga		Mrs. W. J. Starr, Arlington, Ga. 15 Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Arlington, Ga.
Zion	W. B. Frank Cobb, Hilton, Ga	3 30	E. G. Richards, Blakely, Ga	3 49	Mrs. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, GA 15
	Ruth Cobb, Hilton, GaB. Houston, Colquitt, GaJ. M. Craft, Colquitt, Ga	3 57	Jewel Lane, Hilton, GaBill Richardson, Colquitt, GaJ. M. Craft, Colquitt, Ga	3 30	Mrs. Martin Still, Blakely, Ga
Damascus	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga	5 45	H. O. Pickron, Damascus, Ga	3 38	
Oak Grove	Mrs. Eula Wiley, Damascus, Ga S. F. Boyd, Colquitt, Ga O. B. Everson, Colquitt, Ga	3 36	L. W. Wiley, Jr., Damasdus, Ga		Mrs. S. F. Boyd, Colquitt, Ga
Open Pond	S. T. Dunning, Jakin, Ga.		Carl Ivey, Jakin, Ga.		
Pine View	B. C. Williams, Jakin, Ga Russell Long, Colquitt, Ga Calvin Williams, Donalsonville, Ga.	4 56	Johnnie Hudson, Jakin, Ga		Mrs. H. G. Hudson, Jakin, Ga
New Enterprise			W. H. Ely, Iron City, Ga.	3 44	
·	C. G. Jordan, Arlington, Ga L. A. Wiley, Arlington, Ga		Miss Ida P. Lambert, Iron City, Ga.		
		* 4			Mrs. Cora Brunson, Newton, Ga 12
White Plains	Miss Othela Edwards, Newton, Ga. Louise E. Sheffield, Blakely, Ga Jeanette Smith, Bakely, Ga	3 50	R. L. Parker, Newton, Ga		Mrs. Grady Ricdes, Newton, Ga

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Bethlehem	W. T. Wiley	Mrs. Bob Jones, Shellman, Ga		1		2		9 4		\$106.00
Codar Springs	T. B. Mellette	R. B. Pyles, Hilton, Ga	{ ⋅	1 1	IJŢ	2 3	- i l '	6 1	12.00	į
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White Pond	S. T. Shutes	Irvin Lewis, Damascus, Ga			1	1	1	3	5.00	50.78
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