

MINUTES
OF THE
Forty-Fourth Annual Session
OF THE
MIDWAY ASSOCIATION
OF THE
Original Freewill Baptist of Georgia
HELD WITH
NEWLIGHT CHURCH
MORGAN, GEORGIA
CALHOUN COUNTY, OCT. 28, 29, 1942

Next session will be held with Mt. Zion Church, Early County, Ga., on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1943. Session to open at 11 o'clock War Time. Rev. W. F. McDuffie to preach the Introductory Sermon and Rev. W. S. Driggers as his alternate.

The Ladies Auxiliary Convention will convene with Open Pond Church, on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in March, 1943.

Mrs. Edith R. D. Shreve

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 moderator, 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 setting of all delegates, which is done by a majority vote of the delegate 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 association, 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 Days Session, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional service as per appointment.

Call to order by the moderator.

Reading, correction, and adoption of the firsts day's minutes.

Renewal of call for correspondence and visitors.

Call for committee reports:

Mid-day service 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 all unfinished business.

Clearing of the clerk's table.

Adjournment.

OFFICERS

REV. T. B. MELLETTTE, Moderator Blakely, Ga.
J. N. BARN, Assistant Moderator Blakely, Ga.
W. B. GRIFFIN, Clerk Leary, Ga.
R. B. PYLE, Assistant Clerk Cedar Springs, Ga.
A. D. IVEY, Treasurer Jakin, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. P. RICHARDSON, Chairman Colquitt, Ga.
W. B. GRIFFIN Leary, Ga.
A. D. IVEY Jakin, Ga.
O. F. EVERSON Colquitt, Ga.
C. G. GORDON Arlington, Ga.
H. J. COSBY Blakely, Ga.
E. A. REED Cedar Springs, 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. Barns	Rev. W. F. McDuffie
Rev. J. M. Emanuel	Rev. J. L. Tedder
Rev. S. T. Shutes	Rev. C. H. Chandler
Rev. H. G. Harvey	

LICENTIATES

Cecil Strikland

PROCEEDINGS

The 44 annual session of the United Free Will Baptist of the Midway Association met with Newlight Church, Calhoun County Georgia. The devotion was led by the Moderator. After which the body was called to order and the Moderator called for the letters of correspondence from the various churches. Rev. S. L. Shutes and brother J. M. Etheredge was asked to read the letters.

As follows:

BLAKELY Delegates: Alvin Day, B. H. Hoover.

ZION Delegates: J. D. English and wife, Mrs. W. T. Wiley, Mrs. W. F. McDuffee

PATMOS Delegates: W. B. Griffin.

BETHLEHEM Delegates: Dan Aycock, Mrs. Lynett Aycock, Mrs. Eveline Jones, Mrs. Claudia Melton, Viola Barfield.

DAMASCUS Delegates: Mollie Lewis, L. W. Wiley, Mrs. Christine Cheshire.

OPEN POND Delegates: H. H. Reeves, S. T. Dunning, Miss Dot Harvey.

CEDAR SPRINGS Delegates: By Pastor.

LIVE OAK Delegates, J. M. Etheredge and wife, Mrs. Ada Etheredge, Miss Ethel Etheredge, Mrs. Louise Temples.

PINE VIEW Delegates: By Letter.

MACEDONIA Delegates: H. Macam and wife, Mrs. Grace Houston, W. P. Richardson, J. B. Joiner.

ENTERPRISE Delegates: L. W. Jinkens, Press Harrell, Edd Turner

OAK GROVE Delegates, S. H. Boyd and wife, Mrs. O. F. Everson.

NEWLIGHT Delegates: Dan Drinkwater, Claud Turner, Willaim Clowers.

MT. ZION Delegates: C. G. Jordan and wife, Mrs. Willie Clowers.

WHITE POND Delegates: L. W. Cleveland and wife, Mrs. James Widner.

TRAVELERS REST Delegates: Ralph Parker, Miss Othella Edwards, Nalie Irvin, Elois Musgrove.

Motion and second, that the letters be received and the

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delegates be seated. At this time the Business was called off for Preaching and noon hour. To meet at 2:45 P. M.

The message was delivered by Rev. L. A. Morris. His message was from James 4-17, "He That Knoweth To Do Good and Doeth It Not To Him It Is Sin.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Body was called together by congregational singing.

The devotions was conducted by Rev. S. T. Shutes.

By request of Newlight Church, an ordaining council was selected and brothers William Clowers was ordained as Deacon of Newlight Church. The scripture was read by Rev. J. N. Barns. Prayer by Rev. W. T. Wiley and the charge was given by Rev. T. B. Mallette.

The moderator called for Petitionary letters. There was one from Macedonia church Drifton, Fla.

A motion and second was carried that they be seated in our body as a member of the Midway Association. And the Moderator gave them a hand of welcome.

At this time the Moderator called for corresponding delegates from sister associations. Rev. H. L. Catrell and wife from the Martin Associations and Rev. W. S. Driggers from the South Carolina Conference. Rev. W. T. Wiley gave them a hand of welcome.

The Moderator appointed the various committees as follows:

Devotions: W. T. Wiley, John Avra, William Clowers.

Obituaries: S. T. Shutes, S. F. Boyd, Miss Dot Harvey.

Finance and Disbursements: W. F. McDuffie, A. D. Ivey, W. S. Driggers.

State of churches and characters of ministers: J. M. Etheredge, L. W. Wiley, Alvin Day.

Nominations: C. G. Jordan, G. L. Bryan, W. P. Richardson.

Next called for reports of delegates that visited other Association. Rev. W. F. McDuffie and Rev. L. A. Norris visited the southeastern association of Alabama. Both reported a spirit of fellowship and progress existed.

Delegates was asked to visit other associations: B. Houston, Alvin Day, C. G. Jordan agreed to visit the Martin Association to convene with Highway Church 2 miles east

of Brinson, Georgia, on Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October 1943.

Rev. L. A. Norris in the southeastern to convene at Hickory Grove Church, 2 miles east of Abbeville, Alabama, on the Ft. Gaines road.

Rev. S. T. Shutes to the Liberty Association.

At this time the Moderator asked that the body appoint an assistant moderator, and Rev. J. N. Barns was elected in Rev. Joe Forts place, brother Fort having moved to Texas.

There was a motion carried that Moderator appoint delegates to the State Association. That convene at Glinville, Georgia. To convene on the 10 11 of Novmber 1942 Brother B. Houston and R. B. Pyles, A. D. Ivey was appointed. Brother J. M. Etheredge was appointed to the National Associtaion, to convent with east Nasville church, Nashville, Tenn.

The committee on devotion reported that Rev. J. N. Barns preach Wednesday night and Rev. W. S. Driggers to preach Thursday at the noon hour.

Motion and second that the body adjourn till 11 o'clock Thursday A. M. Benediction by Rev. T. B. Mellette.

THURSDAY A. M.

The body was called to order by the Assistant Moderator Rev. J. N. Barns. Rev' C. J. Harvey conducted the devotional services.

First the minutes of the previous day was read and adopted.

The call was made for corresponding delegates from sister associations. Rev. C. J. Harvey reported from the Union Association. Brother Ivey was given a hand of welcome and seated in our body.

Brothers A. D. Ivey and Rev. L. A. Norris agreed to visit the Union Association.

The Moderator called for committee reports.

The committee on Obituaries made their report which was adoped. (See Report)

The committee from Oak Grove Church and Pastor reported on Sunday schools and Leagues.

The report was discussed by Rev. L. A. Morris, W. B.

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Griffin, Rev. J. N. Barns and others. The report was adopted. (See Report)

The report on Missions was read discussed and adopted. (See Report)

The Nominating committee reported the report was adopted. (See Report)

At this time the body recessed for preaching and noon hour till 2:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. W. S. Driggers preached from Marks Gospel, 1:35-39. "Will Ye Go Away? To Whom Shall We Go". Benediction by brother W. B. Griffin.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The body was called in by congregational singing. The devotion was led by Rev. J. L. Tedder.

The moderator called the body together for the business of the evening.

The Moderator invited visiting Brethren from other denominations. Brother Bob Martin from the Missionary Baptist Denomination responded and was welcomed by the Moderator.

The Temperance committee reported the report was discussed by Rev. C. J. Harvey, W. P. Richardson and others, and was adopted. (See Report)

The committee on Christian Education reported, the report was discussed by Rev. W. F. McDuffie and was adopted. (See Report)

The committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers reported, and was adopted as read. (See Report)

The Finance and Disbursements committee reported their report adopted. (See Report)

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. (See Report)

The Moderator appointed the following committee:

On Missions, Open Pond church and pastor.

Christian Education, Damascus church and pastor.

Temperance, Blakely church and pastor.

Sunday School and League, Zion church and pastor.

Obituaries, Newlight church and pastor.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers, C. G. Jordan, William Clowers, W. P. Richardson, R. E. Parker and A. D. Ivey.

The moderator called for Miscellaneous Business. A Committee appointed the Union Meeting to work out a budget for the Union Meeting to work under, read their report for the Association to pass on. The report was discussed and granted. (See Report)

Motion and second that we retain our same Treasurer and Executive Committeemen, Treasurer, A. D. Ivery, Executive Committee, W. P. Richardson, W. B. Griffin, A. D. Ivey, O. B. Everson, C. G. Jordan, H. A. Cosby, E. A. Reed; Presbetary, Rev. W. T. Wiley,, Rev. T. B. Mellette, Rev. J. N. Barns.

Motion and second that we retain our same Moderator and Clerk with Rev. J. N. Barns as Assistant Moderator and Brother R. B. Pyle as Assistant Clerk.

Motion and second that we give Newlight Church and community a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality shown us while in their midst.

Motion to adjourn was carried and we was dismissed By Brother Marion Mosely to meet with Mt. Zion church Early County Georgia, on Wednesday and Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November 1943.

REV. J. N. BARNES, Asst. Mod
W. B. GRIFFIN, Clerk

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Reported the following since our last session. God has seen fit to take from the walk of life some of those near and dear to us.

Damascus: W. W. Pool, J. E. Pickron.

Mt. Zion: Miss Mattie Tindol.

Cedar Springs: G. E. Pyle.

Open Pond: Mrs. Valeda Harvey, Widow of the late Tom Harvey, age 82.

Live Oak: C. E. Barnett, Mrs. Carra Phillips,, C. G. Phillips, Eddie Kirksey.

New Light: Erin Aycock, Watson Ealy.

Travelers Rest: Mrs. Tylor Godfry, Mrs. Jane Wade, C. H. Edwards.

We trust that our loss is their gain. But we must look to God who doeth all things well.

Committee, REV. S. T. SHUTES
MISS DOT HARVEY

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REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE

We, your Committee on Sunday School and League work, beg to make the following report.

It is most gratifying to see the good that is being accomplished by both the Sunday School and the League.

But realizing that the greatest work of the Church is that of Soul Winning.

We therefore recommend:

First, that all teachers and leaders be Christians, for if the Christian influences, and graces of the gospel are not planted in the heart during these years of training, they doubtless will never be Christians.

Second, that a more concerted effort to establish Sunday Schools and Leagues in Churches where there are none, be taken also, that lesson helps be studied and seasoned with prayer more to implant the proper germ in the mind of the youth

OAK GROVE CHURCH AND PASTOR
H. L. CATRELL

REPORT ON MISSIONS

We the committee find that there is some progress in Mission work. But there is still a challenge from the world to the church to prove to them that Christ is real. The call is ringing to us today, (come over and help us) from new territory. While all around us there is much to be done. So let Jesus become a part of our being. So much so that in 1943, we will have it said of us, that they have done what they could.

The message then to us is follow Jesus, for he went about doing good.

Respectfully,
ENTERPRISE CHURCH AND PASTOR

REPORT ON DENOMINATION

We your committee on denomination beg to submit the following report:

We ask that the next Association convene with Mt. Zion church and that Brother W. F. McDuffee preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Brother Driggers be his Alternate.

C. G. JORDAN, Chairman

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance beg to report as follows:

We recommend that every member of every church live according to the teaching of the Holy Bible admonishes people to live temperate lives in all things. So that we can present our lives Holy and acceptable unto God, and that our lives might be respectable before men.

MT. ZION CHURCH AND PASTOR

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In our brief rehearse over our training constituent of the Denominations. We find some improvement.

That the number of Sunday schools has increased which has a great bearing on our youth.

Too we are happy to know that our long nights of dreams have come to be a reality. That we have a National Bible school located in Tennessee.

Let us urge our association while in session, to make a sacrifice to support our school. Too, if we have a young minister that would like to go to this school we ask this body to help bear his expenses, and that our churches hold a one or two weeks Bible Class taught by their pastor.

Respectfully submitted

MACEDONIA CHURCH AND PASTOR

REPORT ON CHARACTER OF MINISTER AND STATE OF CHURCH

We your committee on Character of Minister and State of Church beg to submit the following report.

As far as we are able to ascertain all our churches and ministers are in good standing and fellowship.

C. G. JORDAN, Chairman

**REPORT OF THE BUDGET
REPORT NO. 1**

Find in Treasurer	\$ 51.50
Received at the Association	236.50
TOTAL	\$288.00
We recommend the following National	
Association	\$ 10.00

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Delegate expense to National Asso.	20.00
Minutes	35.00
Clerk Services	10.00
State Association	10.00
Delegate expense to State Association ...	10.00
Tennessee Orphanage	20.00
We recommend that enough be left in Treasurer to pay fee for our own young people at Training Camps	50.00
National Unified Program	50.00
	\$215.00
We recommend balance be left in Treasurer for future use.	
TOTAL	\$73.00

Respectfully submitted
W. F. McDUFFIE
A. D. IVEY
W. S. DRIGGERS

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 2

We also recommend that we use the same budget that was used in 1942.

Namely:

Blakely	\$ 10.00
Bethlehem	10.00
Cedar Springs	20.00
Damascus	12.00
Enterprise	7.50
New Enterprise	6.00
Live Oak	15.00
Mt. Zion	10.00
Macedonia	22.00
New Light	15.00
Open Pond	35.00
Pine View	12.00
Travelers Rest	20.00
Patmos	20.00
Oak Grove	10.00
White Pond	7.50
White Plains	15.00
Zion	12.00

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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REPORT OF TREASURER, A. D. Ivey

1941		
Oct 30	Balance on hand	\$ 24.56
Oct. 30	Receive from Association	221.25
Oct. 30	Paid Zion Bible School T. B. M. ..	\$ 50.00
Oct. 30	Paid Rev. J. M. Emanuel	5.00
Oct. 30	Paid Clerk W. B. Griffin	10.00
Oct. 31	Paid F. S. Vanhouse for National Association Treasurer	25.00
Oct. 31	Paid Tenn. Orphanage	20.00
Oct. 31	Paid Beth Philips State Encampment	30.00
Oct. 31	Paid Treas. expenses	5.00
Oct 31.	A. D. Ivey for State Asso to Nat. Association	5.00
No. 5	Rev. Mrs. Evelyn Jones, Bethel Church	7.00
Nov. 11	Paid State Association	8.35
Nov. 11	A. D. Ivey, Dothan property	40.00
1942		
April 2	Paid for minutes	28.00
Sept. 13	Received from Cooper Fort	25.00
	TOTAL	\$277.81 \$226.35
	Balance on hand	\$51.46

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Rec. by Letter	Baptised	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Died	Meetings Days	Total	Membership	Associational Purposes	Paid Pastor
Blakely	W. S. Driggers	J. E. Houston, Blakely, Ga.									10.00	200.00	
Bethlehem	W. T. Wiley	Mrs. Evelyn Jones, Shellman, Ga.				3		1	1	00	10.00	152.85	
Cedar Springs	T. B. Malette	R. B. Pyles, Cedar Springs, Ga.	1	3				1	1	82	30.00	183.00	
Damascus	T. B. Malette	L. W. Wiley, Damascus,				2			3	50	12.00	130.00	
Enterprise	W. S. Driggers	T. W. Jenkins, Blakely, Ga.		1				1	2	36	7.50	110.70	
Live Oak	H. L. Catrett	Talmadge Sanders, Leary, Ga.	2	2		4		5	4	224	11.20	75.89	
Mt. Zion	J. N. Barn	Mrs. Essie Clowers, Arlington, Ga.	3	3				1	4	.66	7.50	75.00	
Macedonia	W. F. McDuffie	J. M. Craft, Colquitt, Ga.					3		1	94	22.00	165.00	
Macedonia	S. T. Shutes	Mrs. B. M. Yates, Drifton, Fla.								35	10.00		
New Light	W. T. Wiley	Elmore Drinkwater, Morgan, Ga.	2	4				2	4	211	11.30	168.00	
Open Pond	Floyd Cherry	J. C. Hudson, Jakin, Ga.						1	3	17	39.50	266.80	
Oak Grove	H. L. Catrett	C. G. Gilbert, Colquitt, Ga.		2		1			2	88	10.00	115.00	
Pine View	T. B. Malette	T. G. Williams, Donalsonville, Ga.							4	80	8.50	126.35	
Patmo's	W. F. McDuffie	J. F. Griffin, Leary, Ga.				3			2	128	20.00	135.40	
Travelers Rest	H. L. Catrett	G. R. Parker, Newton, Ga.	3	5		2		3	4	50	10.00	106.00	
White Pond	W. F. McDuffie	Miss Erma Lewis, Blakely, Ga.		2					4		7.50	85.	
Zion	W. T. Wiley	Jimmie Wiley, Blakely, Ga.											
White Plains										74			
New Enterprise	L. A. Norris	E. B. Ard, Iron City								25			

STATISCAL TABLE NO. 2

Churches	Sunday School Superintendent and Secretaries	No. Classes No. Enrolled		F. W. B. League President and Secretaries	Group Leader No. Enrolled		Ladies Aid President and Secretaries	No. Enrolled
Blakeley	J. L. Houston, Blakely, Ga. J. E. Houston, Blakely,	3	52	Alvin Day, Blakely Ga. Miss G. Sheffield, Blakely	3	30		
Bethlehem								
Cedar Springs	E. A. Reed, Jakin, Ga. E. A. Reed, Jakin, Ga.	4	32	Mrs. Myrtice Paul, Cedar Spg. Mrs. E. A. Reed, Jakin	3	38	Mrs. E. A. Reed, Jakin	18
Damascus	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga. Mrs. Eula Wiley Damascus, Ga	4	20	Mrs. R. Cleveland, Damascus T. B. Harris, Damascus	3	52		
Enterprise								
Live Oak								
Mt. Zion	C. G. Jordan, Arlington, Ga. Mrs. L. A. Wiley, Arlington,	5	40				Mrs Willie Clowers, Arlington Mrs. Emma Swords, Arlington	12
Macedonia	B. Houston, Damascus Ga. J. M. Craft, Colquitt, Ga.	4	50					
Macedonia								
New Light								
Open Pond	J. Q. Harvey, Jakin. J. C. Hudson, Jakin, Ga.	4	41	Vandine Reeves, Jakin, Bryan McMath, Jakin	2	28	Mrs. H. G. Hudson, Jakin Mrs. W. F. Hudson Jakin	12
Oak Grove	O. F. Everson, Colquitt, Ga. Florence Parr, Colquitt, Ga.	3	35	Minnie Worsley, Colquitt Myrtle Gruber, Colquitt	3	56	Mrs. G. F. Boyd, Colquitt Minnie Worsley, Colquitt	18
Pine View								
Patmos	J. F. Griffin, Leary Ga. Christine Griffin, Leary, Ga.	4	40	Leon Duke, Leary, Jimmie Nesbit Leary	3	30	Mrs. Mary Adams Leary Mrs. Sallie Woodward, Leary	12
Travelers Rest	G. R. Parker, Newton, Ga. Miss Othela Edwards, Newton	4	21	O'hela Edwards, Newton Herman Irvin, Newton	3	45	Mrs. Effie Ivin Newton Mrs Edna Irvin, Newton	12
White Pond	Mrs. C. W. Bridges Blakely Miss Erma Lewis, Blakely	3	30					
Zion	W. T. Wiley,, Hilton, Ga. Alston Nasworthy, Hilton. Ga.	3	40	Mrs. Katie Johnson, Hilton John A. Brown, Blakely	2	30	Mrs L. A. Norris, Hilton Mrs. Dennis Johnson, Hilton	15