

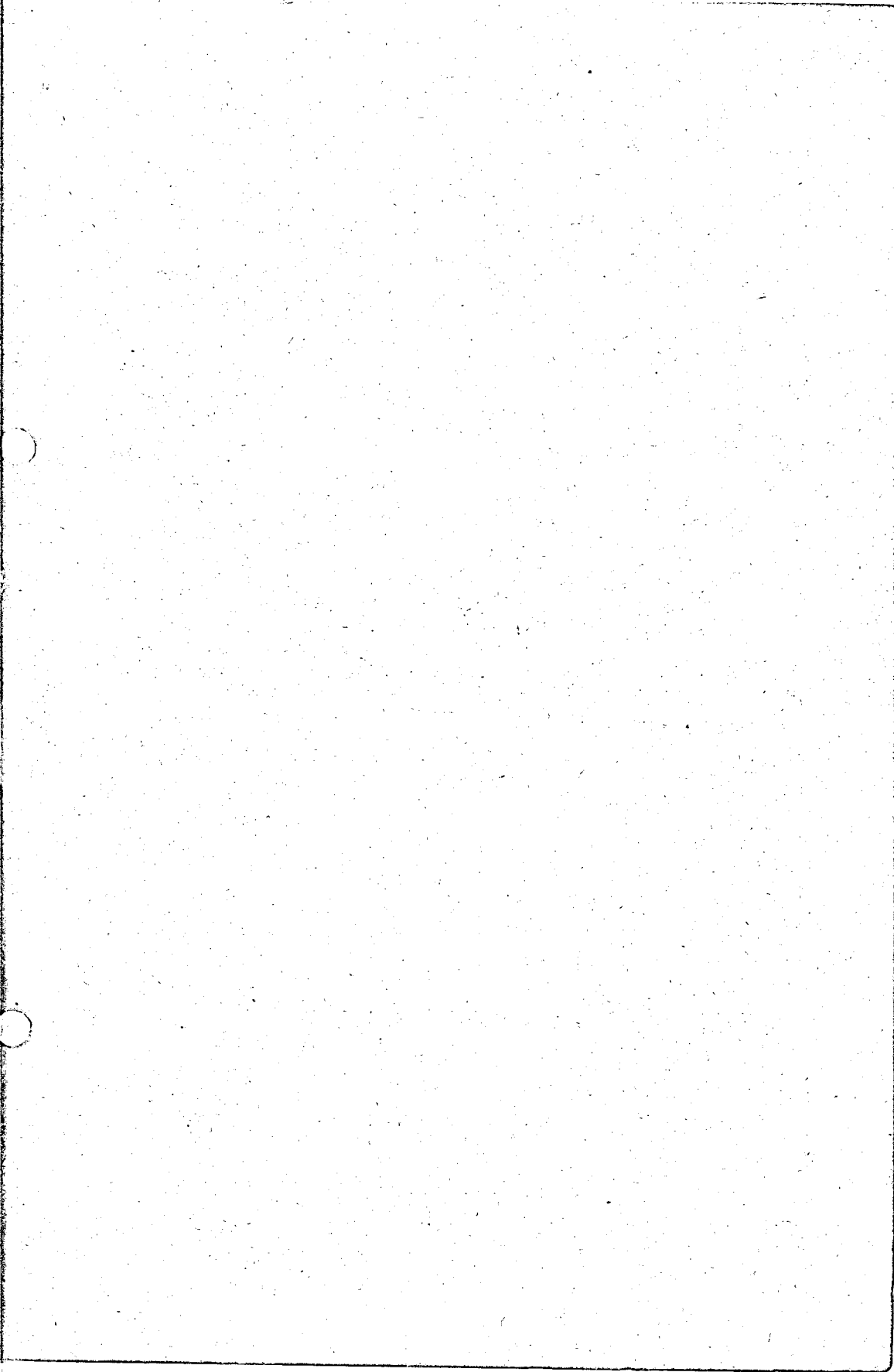
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MINUTES
OF THE
Forty-Fifth Annual Session
OF THE
MIDWAY ASSOCIATION
OF THE
Original Freewill Baptist of Georgia
HELD WITH
Mt. Zion Church
ARLINGTON, GEORGIA
EARLY COUNTY, Nov. 3, 4, 1943

Next session will be held with Live Oak, Baker County, Georgia on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1944 Session to open at 10:30 o'clock (CWT). Rev W. T. Wiley to preach the Introductory sermon with Rev. S. T. Shutes as alternate.

REV. T. B. MALETTE, Mod.
W. B. GRIFFIN, Sec.

The Ladies Auxiliary Convention will convene with Patmos church on the night of the 7th and 8th day of June 1944.



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 Day's Session, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional service as per appointment.

Call to order by the moderator.

Reading correction and adoption of the first 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. MELLETTE, Moderator, Blakely, Ga.
 J. N. BARN, Assistant Moderator Blakely, Ga.
 W. B. GRIFFIN, Clerk Leary, Ga.
 R. B. PYIE, 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. JORDAN 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. Copper 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. S. T. Shutes	Rev. J. L. Teddar -
Rev. H. G. Harvey	

LICENTIATES

Cecil Strikland

PROCEEDINGS

The 45 annual session of the United Free Will Baptist of the Midway Association met with Mt. Zion Church, Early County, Georgia. In the absence of the Moderator, the assistant moderator, Rev. J. N. Barns, called the body to order after singing by the congregation. Rev. J. N. Barns read a passage of Scripture from I Corrinthens, 13th chapter, and prayer by Rev. J. C. Harvey, from the Union Association.

The moderator declared the body in business session and called for the letters from the churches.. After the letters were received, Rev. W. H. McDuffie and Rev. L. A. Norris were appointed to read them. They were read as follows:

MACEDONIA. (Fla.) Delegates: Mrs. C. A. Hulford, B. M. Yates Jr.

PATMOS Delegates: Mrs. W. L. Duke, Leon Bird Duke, Mrs. Hubert Davis

OAK GROVE Delegates: O. H. Everson and wife, S. H. Boyd, Mrs. Flazell Lewis

DAMASCUS Delegates: L. B. Perry

NEW LIGHT Delegates: C. T. Morris, Mrs. J. M. Eubanks, Mrs. G. H. Nix, Dan Drinkwater and wife, John Avra

ENTERPRISE Delegates: P. G. Harrell, T. W. Jinkens and wife

ZION Delegates: Martin Still and wife, Mrs. T. B. Mallette, Avon Clark, Mrs. W. T. Wiley

CEDAR SPRINGS Delegates: R. B. Pyle and wife, Mrs. Nina Tollar

PINE VIEW Delegates: J. W. Widner and wife, Jimmie Williams

WHITE POND Delegates: L. W. Cleveland, Mrs. Mable More, Mrs. W. C. Hunt

NEW ENTERPRISE: Delegates: Mrs. Elma Moulder, C. E. Wordel and wife

MT. ZION Delegates: C. G. Jordan, Mrs. Willie Clowers, N. N. Clowers, Mack Swords

OPEN POND Delegates: S. T. Duning, Joe King, Mrs. W. T. Hudson, Mrs. H. G. Hudson

LIVE OAK Delegates: J. M. Ethredge, E. A. Sanders, Mrs. Ada Ethredge

MACEDONIA Delegates: B. Houston, Howard McCann

BLAKELY Delegates: Alvin Day

WHITE PLAINS Delegates: J. W. Nix, Oliver Houston, Blackshire Debose, L. J. White, H. C. Richardson

TRAVELERS REST Delegates: J. D. Irvin and wife,

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Mrs. M. W. Irvin.

BETHLEHEM. Delegates: R. R. Rice and wife, James Rice, Dan Aycock, Mrs. A. H. Aycock.

After the letters were read, there was a motion and second that the letters be received and the delegates be seated. At this time the moderator came and took charge.

First, a Financial Committee was appointed—Rev. S. T. Shutes, R. B. Pyle, O. H. Everson. Also a Committee on Devotion—C. G. Jordan, J. M. Ethredge, M. Richardson.

The moderator invited visiting Brethrens to sit with us. Rev. C. J. Harvey from the Union Association, Rev. H. L. Catrett and Bro. George Chambers from the Martin Association. They were given a hand of welcome by the Moderator.

There was a motion and second that the Committee on Devotion have a Memorial Service for Rev. J. M. Emanuel, deceased.

The body was recessed for preaching and noon hour until 2 P. M. Rev. W. H. McDuffie brought us a message from Mathews 9:36-37; Benediction, by E. C. Williams. After enjoying the refreshments with each other, the body met according to adjournment. After song services, Rev. E. C. Williams led the devotional.

At this time the Moderator appointed the Nominating Committee; namely, Rev. L. A. Norris, L. J. White, Edd Sanders.

The Moderator called for reports from delegates that visited other Associations. Rev. W. T. Wiley, and Rev. T. E. Malette to the State Line; Rev. L. A. Norris to the Southeastern; Rev. S. T. Shutes, to the Liberty; Bro. R. B. Pyle to the State Association. All reported some progress and much interest.

The Moderator appointed delegates to the following Associations:

MARTIN: C. G. Jordan, Rev. J. N. Barns. Next session will convene with Mt. Gillard Church, 10 miles south of Brinson on Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1944.

STATE LINE: Rev. E. C. Williams, Rev. J. L. Teddar. To convene with Howard's Grove Church, 8 miles south of Ashford, Ala., on Thursday and Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1944.

SOUTHEASTERN: Rev. L. A. Norris and Rev. W. H.

McDuffie. To convene with Pilgram Rest Church, 5 miles east of Abbeville, Ala., on Friday and Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1944.

LIBERTY: Rev. S. T. Shutes, convenes with Bula Church, 6 miles south of Graceville, Fla., on Thursday and Friday, before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1944.

UNION: J. O. Irvin, G. R. Parker, to convene with Greenwood Church, Mitchell County on Wednesday and Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1944.

STATE ASSOCIATION: R. B. Pyle, Edd Sanders, J. M. Ethredge.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Mrs. Alma McDonald

Committee report was called for. The Committee on Devotion reported that Rev. L. A. Norris preach tonight, with Rev. E. C. Williams to follow.

Bro. H. L. Catrette of the Martin Association to preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock, with Rev. W. T. Wiley to conduct the Memorial Services at 2:15 P. M. The report was adopted. The Committee on Temperance from Blakely church and pastor. The report was read and adopted. (See Report)

After arrangements were made to spend the night, the body was adjourned till 10:30 o'clock Thursday A. M.

Benediction by Rev. S. T. Shutes.

THURSDAY A. M.

The body met according to adjournment. After singing by the congregation, the Moderator read a passage from Psalm 19. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Teddar.

The Moderator called the body to order and had the minutes of the previous day read. After the reading and correcting, they were adopted. The Invitation was reopened for visitors. Brother C. A. Gilbert, from the Martin Association stood and was welcomed by the Moderator. The call for committee reports was opened. The Committee on Sunday School and League, from Zion Church and Pastor reported, and was discussed by Rev. L. A. Norris. The report was adopted. (See Report)

The Committee on Christian Education from Damascus Church and Pastor reported. After the reading, the report was discussed by the clerk, Rev. E. J. Harvey, Rev. W. H. McDuffie, Rev. W. T. Wiley and others. The report was adopted. (See Report)

Motion and second to recess for preaching and noon hour. Rev. H. L. Catrett preached. His message was from Col. 3-1 and was greatly enjoyed by all.

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After the noon refreshments, which was greatly enjoyed, according to adjournment. The moderator called the body to order and turned the services over to the Devotional Committee led by Rev. W. T. Wiley, who conducted a Memorial Service for Rev. J. M. Emanuel, deceased.

The call for reports was resumed. The Committee on Obituaries reported. The report was heard and adopted. (See Report)

The Committee on Missions reported. The report was discussed by Rev. W. H. McDuffie and others. The report was adopted. (See Report)

A report from the Committee on State of Churches and Churches and Character of Ministers was read and rejected. It was turned back to the Committee. Committee on Nominations reported. Motion and second that the report be received. The report was adopted. (See Report)

At this time, Mt. Zion Church ask that a special prayer be offered for the boys in service from that church.

Rev. T. B. Malette led the prayer. Motion to receive the report of the Committee on State of Churches and Characters of Ministers The report was adopted. (See Report)

There was a motion and second that the same officers, including Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Committee and their Assistants be reelected, and was carried.

The treasurer made his report and was adopted. (See Report)

The Finance Committee made their report No. 1 and it was adopted. Then their report No. 2, and it was adopted. (See Report)

Christian Education: Patmos Church and Pastor

Missions: Mt. Zion Church and Pastor

Temperance: Travelers Rest Church and Pastor

Sunday School and League: New Enterprise Church and Pastor

State of Churches and Character of Ministers: J. M. Ethredge, Alvin Day, L. W. Wiley, J. O. Irvin, Norman Clowers.

At this time we gave Mt. Zion Church and Community a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Our treasurer, A. D. Ivey, reported that they had sold the Dothan property and that they (the trustees of the school) had decided to spend the money to build a training

camp for Ga., Fla., and Ala., and this body endorsed their procedure.

After a recommendation and explanation by A. D. Ivey, Rev. S. T. Shutes and others. The body voted to endorse a superannuation insurance

The Association will have 2 days next year as here before.

The body adjourned in order. Rev. E. C. Williams pronounced the benediction. To meet with Live Oak Church, Baker County on Wednesday and Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1944.

REV. T. B. MALETTE, Mod.
W. B. GRIFFIN, Clerk

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Our committe report the following since our last session.

God in his wisdom, sympathy and love for his people has seen fit to remove from our midst, and the walk of life. Some of our loved ones such as Rev. J. M. Emanuel, sister Nellie Sheffield, Bro. J. M. Eubanks, Bro. Jack Perry, Bro. J. W. Ellis, and others not named.

We moarn our loss and trust that it will be their gain. But we must look to good, who doeth all things well.

REV. W. T. WILEY, Chairman
DAMASCUS CHURCH AND PASTOR

TEMPERANCE

It is our belief that no man can be a highly efficient and werthy servant of God, or of humanity, if he uses intoxicating liquor or uses his influence in placing it in the hands of others; therefore we believe that both ministers and laymen should totally abstain, not only from the use of intoxicating liquors, but should abstain from the promotion of its use and sales.

(Signed) BLAKELY CHURCH AND PASTOR
By H. L. CATRETT

MINUTES OF THE MIDWAY**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE**

We your committee on Sunday School and League beg to make the following report.

We see our Sunday School work on the rise. But still several of our churches in our Association has no Sunday School. And we want to urge upon those who haven't, to put forth a greater effort in the future to make our Sunday School greater than ever.

Also our League work is doing fine, but we want to beg our older people to take a greater interest in this work, as it is a training for our youth. May we all pray for more interest in the future.

(Signed) ZION CHURCH AND PASTOR

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Damascus Church and Pastor beg leave to report that as a people, we continue to exhort our brethrens to continue in the faith once delivered to the saints; that we cease not to teach and preach Jesus, that those who are able to teach, communicate the teachings of God to others also.

Also, we recommend the support of our National Bible College as sponsored by the National Association. And we pray that our churches and pastors to continue their labors in Sunday School and other teachable forces of the youth of our church.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

We your Committee on Missions wish to say, we believe in missions because Jesus Christ told his disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel". This was the greatest command given us by our Lord. Are we doing this? We have a great part at home and abroad. We began with a native missionary in India. Now we have four active missionaries in foreign fields besides several native missionaries at work. Several at home, waiting for the time and money to go.

Our National Association has appropriated \$5000 to build a school in Cuba to train missionaries. Great fields are white to harvest before use. Are we supporting them as we should?

God is depending on us, therefore we recommend that

our ministers carry a message of mission to their pastorates and that we, as an association support our home and foreign mission boards.

Respectfully Submitted,
OPEN POND CHURCH AND PASTOR

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We your Committee on Nomination beg to submit the following report:

We ask that the next Association to convene with Live Oak Church and that Rev. W. T. Wiley preach the Introductory sermon, and that Rev. S. T. Shute be his alternate.

Your Committee
L. A. NORRIS
E. A. SANDERS
L. J. WHITE

REPORT ON CHARACTER OF MINISTER AND STATE OF CHURCH

We your Committee on Character of Ministers and State of Church beg to report the following report.

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

C. G. JORDAN, Chairman
A. D. IVEY
J. C. IRVING

By amendment, we recommend that Bro. C. J. Chanlio, Bro. Joe Fort and Bro. J. B. Lovering names be dropped from our list ordained ministers. As they have joined other Associations and Bro. J. M. Emanuel, deceased.

C. G. JORDAN, Chairman

REPORT OF A. D. IVEY, TREASURER

1942

Oct. 29 Balance on hand	\$ 51.46	
Oct. 29 Received from Association	236.50	
Oct. 29 Paid W. B. Griffin, Clerk		\$ 10.00
Nov. 9 Paid R. B. Pyle, del. to State. Asso.		10.00
Nov. 9 Paid State Asso.		9.00
Nov. 19 Paid F. S. Vanhooose, Nat. Asso.		50.00
Nov. 19 Paid. Paul Woolsey; Tenn. Orph.		20.00

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Feb. 15 Paid for minutes	30.00	
July 15 Paid Nat Association	5.00	
Oct 31 Rec. from S. T. Dunning Open P.	57.04	
TOTAL	\$345.00	\$134.00
BALANCE ON HAND	\$211.00	

FINANCE COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. I

Bal. in Treas. from 1942 session	\$155.96	
Amt. Paid in at 1943 session	236.50	
Paid to Treas. by Open Pond Church	57.04	
TOTAL	\$443.50	
We recommend disbursements as follows:		
National Association fee		\$ 5.00
Delegates expense		50.00
Minutes		35.00
Clerk		10.00
State Association fee		10.00
Tenn Orphanage		25.00
We recommend that the \$20.00 designated for delegates to Nat. Asso. be paid to A. D.		
Ivey for 1943 session		20.00
National Unified Program		100.00
State Home Mission Board		50.00
TOTAL		\$305.00
We recommend the \$138.50 be retained in Treas. for any emergency that may arise.		

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

REPORT NO II

We recommend the 1944 budget as follows:

Namely:		
Blakely	\$ 15.00	
Bethlehem	15.00	
Cedar Springs	25.00	
Damascus	17.00	
Enterprise	10.00	
New Enterprise	10.00	
Live Oak	20.00	
Mt. Zion	15.00	
Macedonia	27.00	

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New Light	25.00
Open Pond	35.00
Pine View	17.00
Travelers Rest	25.00
Patmos	25.00
Oak Grove	15.00
White Pond	10.00
White Plains	20.00
Zion	17.00



STATISTICAL TABLE NO. I

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Rec. by Letter ✓	Baptism ✓	Restored ✓	Dis. By Letter ✓	Expelled ✓	Died ✓	Meeting Days ✓	Total ✓	Membership ✓	Associational Purposes	Paid Pastors
Blakely	H. L. Catrett	J. E. Houston, Blakely, Ga.	1						2	40	10.00	200.00	
Bethlehem	W. T. Wiley	Mrs. Eveline Jones, Shellman, Ga.				5			4	95	10.00	191.25	
Cedar Springs	T. B. Malette	R. B. Pyle, Cedar Springs, Ga.		1	1			1	1	81	20.00	188.00	
Damascus	T. B. Malette	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.				2			3	48	12.00	158.00	
Enterprise	W. S. Driggers	Hattie Jenkins, Blakely, Ga.	2	8				1	2	45	7.50	180.00	
Live Oak		Mrs. T. C. Jarvis, Leary, Ga.	10	4		1			3	20	15.00	80.00	
Mt. Zion	J. N. Barns	Mrs. N. N. Clower, Arlington, Ga.		3		1		1	4	71	10.00	95.50	
Macedonia, Fla.	S. T. Shutes	Mrs. B. M. Yates, Drifton, Fla.							1	28	10.00	120.00	
Macedonia	W. F. McDuffie	J. M. Craft, Colquitt, Ga.				1	1		1	92	20.00	224.00	
New Light	W. T. Wiley	Elmore Drankwater, Morgan, Ga.	2	7		1		1	4	218	13.00	215.00	
New Enterprise	L. A. Norris	Eager Ard						1	4	24	6.00	80.00	
Open Pond	D. F. Pelt	J. Hudson, Jakin, Ga.		1		2		1	3	114	57.00	391.98	
Oak Grove	H. L. Catrett	W. C. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.		1		2			1	87	10.00	162.66	
Pine View	W. S. Driggers	Calvin Williams, Donaldsonville, Ga.				4				3	105	12.00	108.58
Patmos	W. H. McDuffie	I. H. Griffin, Leary, Ga.		3		3			2	139	20.00	150.00	
Travelers Rest	S. T. Shutes	G. R. Parker, Newton, Ga.	4	3	8	2			2	4	100	20.00	259.01
White Pond	W. F. McDuffie	Mrs. Mable Moore, Blakely, Ga.							4	70	7.00	135.00	
White Plains	W. S. Driggers	S. A. White, Blakely, Ga.	3	5	2			1	1	150	10.00	149.00	
Zion	W. T. Wiley	Jimmie Wiley, Hilton, Ga.	1	3	1			3	3	120	12.00	184.00	

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STATISCAL 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 President and Secretaries	No. Enrolled
Blakely	J. L. Houston, Blakely, Ga.	3	40					
Bethlehem	Mildred Downey, Blakely, Ga.							
Cedar Springs	E. A. Reed, Jakin, Ga.	3	30				Mrs. E. A. Reed, Jakin, Ga.	6
Damascus	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.	3	30				Mrs. Myrtis Paul, Hilton, Ga.	
Enterprise	Eula Wiley, Damascus, Ga.							
Live Oak	C. G. Jordan, Arlington, Ga.	5	40				Mrs. Willie Clower, Arlington	16
Mt. Zion	Wynelle Harris, Arlington, Ga.						Mrs. Berther Fincher, Arlington	
Macedonia, Fla.	B. M. Yates, Drifton,, Fla.	4	28	Mrs. B. M. Yates, Drifton, Fla.	2	25		
	Clara B. Bowers, Drifton, Fla.			Miss Eula Sheffield, Drifton,				
	B. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.	4	42					
Macedonia	J. M. Craft, Colquitt, Ga.							
	G. L. Bryant, Morgan, Ga.	4	42					
New Light	Joe Paul, Morgan, Ga.							
New Enterprise	J. C. Hudson, Jakin, Ga.	4	58	Eveline Reeves, Jakin, Ga.	4	57	Mrs. H. G. Hudson, Jakin	10
Open Pond	T. G. Pace, Jakin, Ga.			Mrs. B. E. Herrington, Jakin			Mrs. W. T. Hudson, Jakin	
	O. H. Everson, Colquitt, Ga.	3	32	Mrs. Grady Gilbert, Colquitt	3	32	Mrs. S. H. Boyd, Colquitt	
Oak Grove	Macrecene Parr, Colquitt, Ga.			Minnie Worsley, Colquitt			Mrs. Pony Mock, Colquitt	
Pine View	J. H. Griffin, Leary, Ga.	4	40	Roy Lanier, Leary	3	30	Mrs. Samie Woodard, Leary	22
Patmos	Christine Griffin, Leary, Ga.			Charlin Goolsby, Arlington			Mrs. Irene Nesbit, Leary	
	G. R. Parker, Newton, Ga.	4	50	R. G. Parker, Newton	3	30	Mrs. Nealie Irvin, Newton	12
Travelers Rest	Mrs. G. R. Parker, Newton, Ga.			Paul Irvin Newton, Ga.			Mrs. R. E. Parker, Newton	
White Pond	Kiley Lofton, Blakely, Ga.	3	25					
White Plains	Oiver Houston, Blakely, Ga.							
	W. T. Wiley, Hilton, Ga.	4	50	Mrs. Dennis Johnson, Hilton	2	30	Mrs. J. D. English, Hilton	10
Zion	Margaret Johnson, Hilton, Ga.			Vandine Merkerson, Hilton			Mrs. Dennis Johnson, Hilton	

