



MINUTES

of the

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MIDWAY ASSOCIATION

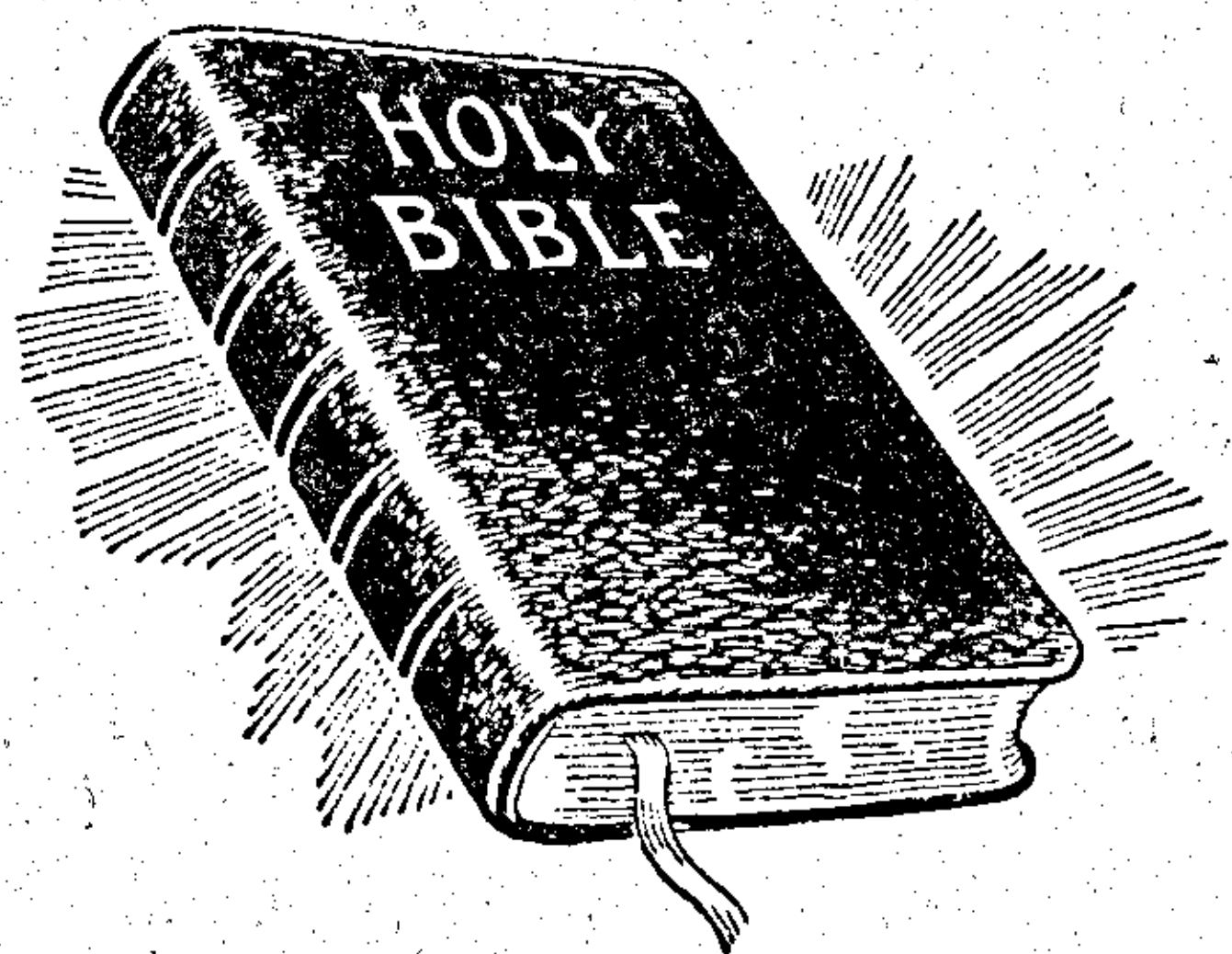
of the Original Free Will Baptists of Georgia

held with

MACEDONIA CHURCH

Miller County, Georgia

November 1st and 2nd, 1951



Next session to convene with Hammock Springs Church, Seminole County, Georgia, on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1952. Session to open at ten o'clock. Rev. J. N. Barnes to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. J. L. Tedder as his alternate.

--: OFFICERS --:

Rev. T. B. Melette	-----	Moderator
Rev. S. T. Shutes	-----	Clerk



-- OFFICERS --

Rev. T. B. Melette, Moderator - - - - - Blakely, Ga.
Rev. J. N. Barnes, Assistant Moderator - - - - - Blakely, Ga.
Rev. S. T. Shutes, Clerk - - - - - Colquitt, Ga.
Vandine Reeves, Assistant Clerk - - - - - Jakin, Ga.
A. D. Ivey, Treasurer - - - - - Jakin, Ga.



-- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE --

J. F. Griffin, Chairman, Leary, Ga.; Martin W. Still, Blakely, Ga.;
J. O. Irvin, Newton, Ga.; L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.; Alvin Day, Blakely,
Ga.; G. L. Bryant, Morgan, Ga.; B. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.



-- LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS --

Rev. W. T. Wiley, Rev. E. C. Williams, Rev. T. B. Melette, Rev. C. C.
White, Rev. J. N. Barnes, Rev. S. T. Shutes, Rev. J. L. Tedder, Rev.
Cooper Fort, Rev. C. J. Harvey, Rev. C. R. Houston, Rev. J. B. Lovering,
Rev. J. O. Fort, Rev. Calvin Williams, Rev. H. L. Roberts, Rev. Adam
Scott. Burdette Dowdney



-- LICENTIATES --

Cecil Strickland

Paul Irvin



Annual Association -- Order of Business

First Day's Session, 10 A .M.—

Assembly of 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 seating 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 associations, and the hand of fellowship by the moderator.

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

Appointment of delegates to sister associations 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 Message.

Report of Finance Committee.

Miscellaneous business.

Election of officers, including the executive committee, etc.

Report of Treasurer.

Appointment of new committees.

Completion of all unfinished business.

Clearing of the clerk's table.

Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

The Fifty-Third Annual Session of the Midway Association met with Macedonia Church in Miller County, 5 miles north of Colquitt, Georgia, on October 31st and November 1st, 1951.

The Moderator, Rev. T. B. Melette of Hilton, Georgia, called the body in session.

The song service was lead by W. B. Griffin of Leary, Georgia. The Moderator read and commented on Romans 12: 8-18 for the devotional.

The Moderator called for reports from the churches composing Midway Association. All churches responded.

Rev. J. B. Lovering and Rev. E. C. Morris were appointed reading clerks.

W. B. Griffin, Mrs. T. B. Melette and T. L. Edwards were appointed to serve as the finance committee, disbursement committee and the budget committee for 1951 and 1952.

The church letters were read and the delegates, listed below, were seated.

Blakely: S. W. Mercer, Alvin Day.

Bethlehem: Mrs. Florence Rice, Mrs. Lynett Aycock, Mrs. Evelyn Jones.

Cedar Springs: Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pyle, Mrs. A. B. Paul, Mrs. Gordon Tolor.

Damascus: Mrs. Christine Cheshire, Clara Mae Tabb, Margaret Wright.

Enterprise: T. W. Jenkins.

New Enterprise: Henry Barber.

Live Oak: Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Sanders, Mrs. Myrtle Sanders.

Macedonia: Howard McKan, Auther Phillips, Omer B. Everson, T. V. Merritt, J. M. Craft.

Mt. Zion: Mrs. C. G. Jordon, Mrs. Haniel Swords, Mrs. B. C. Craft.

New Light: Alex Kempf, Danny Drinkwater.

Pine View: Scottie Driggers, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Widner.

Open Pond: Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Dunning, Ira Sewell.

Oak Grove: Mrs. S. F. Boyd, Mrs. W. R. Houston, Emory Boyd.

Patmos: Mrs. J. F. Griffin, Mrs. Sallie Woodard, Mrs. W. A. Ethridge.

Travelers Rest: T. L. Edwards, R. L. Edwards, G. R. Parker, Lizzie Ruth Hughes, Mrs. Sarah Rhode, Mrs. Kate Edwards.

White Plains: Mr. and Mrs. Emory Richardson, Mrs. Jeanette Batchelor.

White Pond: Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. J. N. Barnes, Mrs. Olla Gordon.

Zion: Mr. and Mrs. Martin Still, Jimmie Wiley, Mrs. Annie L. Anderson, Mrs. T. B. Melette.

Petitionary letters were called for and two responded.

Hammock Springs: Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Williams, Hilton Lynn, G. R. Jones, Hubert Grant, Mrs. Ira Barber.

Albany: Mrs. Lawerance Houston, Mrs. Nadyne Scott.

The following ministers answered to the roll call: Rev. W. T. Wiley, Rev. E. C. Williams, Rev. T. B. Melette, Rev. C. J. Harvey, Rev. J. N. Barnes, Rev. S. T. Shutes, Rev. J. L. Tedder, Rev. C. R. Houston,

Rev. J. B. Lovering, Rev. H. L. Roberts, Rev. C. C. White, Rev. Calvin Williams.

Visitors and corresponding delegates were called and answered as listed:

Island of Cuba: Rev. T. H. Wiley.

Chattahoochee Association: Mr. and Mrs. G. C. King, Brother and s Mrs. Coy Watson.

State Line Association: Mrs. Hugh Jefcoat and mother, Brother G. H. Jordon, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Jones.

South Georgia: E. C. Morris.

Martin Association: Rev. B. W. Clenney, Mrs. W. O. Brunson, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Everson.

The motion was carried to seat the corresponding delegates as visitors.

The motion was carried to add Rev. Adam Scott's name to the list of Ordained Ministers.

The motion that Brother G. W. Sheperd of the Missionary Baptist be recognized as a visitor.

The order of business was dispensed with.

The Moderator delivered his sermon which was taken from Eph. 4: and I Cor. 11:2. This was a very enlightening message on the "Upside down condition of the Church as of today, but the conditions will place it right side up."

A sumptuous dinner was served by the host church at this time.

The afternoon session was opened by the Moderator who requested Rev. W. T. Wiley to read and comment on the Twenty Third Psalm and Rev. T. H. Wiley who explained Luke 12.

Business was resumed and special committees were appointed.

Obituaries: C. R. Houston, S. F. Boyd, G. R. Parker.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers: W. B. Griffin, Edd Sanders, Mrs. Andrew Paul, Martin Still.

Nominations: J. B. Lovering, C. G. Jordon, J. M. Craft.

Devotionals: Macedonia Church and Pastor.

An offering totaling \$83.36 was taken for Missions.

Brothers Melette, Harvey, King and Morris gave talks on our Camp, Mt. Bethel. An offering totaling \$26.74 was taken for Mt. Bethel.

The Devotional Committee reported that Rev. Scott was to preach Thursday at 11:00 o'clock A.M.

The Moderator appointed representatives to other Associations as listed below.

Chattahoochee: Rev. Roy Roberts and Cliff Jordon.

Martin: Rev. E. C. Williams and Alvin Day.

South Georgia: Rev. J. B. Lovering.

State Line: Rev. J. L. Tedder and Rev. J. N. Barnes.

State Association: Alton Mercer, Mrs. Kate Edwards, Mrs. Grace Starr, S. F. Boyd.

National Association: Byron Edwards.

Committees for the new Associational year, listed below:

Christian Education: Macedonia Church and Pastor.

Sunday School and League: Open Pond Church and Pastor.

Temperance: Mt. Zion Church and Pastor.

The motion was moved to adjourn until 9:30 Thursday morning.

THURSDAY SESSION, Nov. 1st, 1951

The body met in session as per adjournment. Rev. E. C. Morris gave the devotional and used the 16th Psalm as his scripture.

Minutes of the previous days work were read and declared approved by the Moderator.

The call was renewed for letters and visitors. Rev. K. V. Shutes from the Union Association and Brother Tom Henry from the Martin Association were present.

Committee reports were called for; none seemed to be ready, so the Moderator requested Brother T. H. Wiley to tell the session about the work in Cuba. This message was well received.

Resumed call for committee reports and the committees reported as listed below.

The Finance and Budget Committee reported. The report was discussed and adopted by a vote of the body. (see report.)

The Nominations Committee reported and the report was adopted by the body. (see report.)

The motion was carried to receive Brother Chester Pelt from the Salem Association of Florida as a Corresponding Messenger.

The committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers made their report. The report was adopted. (see report.)

The committee on Obituaries reported. The report was adopted. (see report.)

Moved to recess for preaching and lunch.

At 11:00 o'clock Rev. Adam Scott of Albany, Georgia preached, using as Scripture Acts 1:18 and verse 8 as text. This was a well organized Gospel message on "The Great Power."

The session met as per adjournment.

The afternoon devotional was opened at 1:30 P.M. with Bro. Calvin Williams singing "Leave It There." Bro. G. C. King of the Chattahoochee Association offered prayer.

The Moderator presided and a special offering to assist Rev. J. L. Tedder in paying a hospital bill for his wife in the amount of \$51.65 was taken.

A welcome was given Brother Pollock of the Missionary Baptist.

Reports were resumed. The Temperance committee reported. The report was adopted. (see report.)

The Treasurer's report was submitted by A. D. Ivey. The report was adopted. (see report.)

Rev. C. R. Houston reported on Sunday Schools and F.W.B. League. The report was adopted. (see report.)

The Patmos Church and pastor reported on Christian Education. The report was adopted.

Rev. J. B. Lovering reported for the Program committee. The motion was carried to continue the same report. Report adopted. (see report.)

The motion was carried to have five hundred minutes printed. Twelve minutes to be used by our Promotional Secretary of the Georgia State Association in presenting the State Promotional work.

Recognition was given to Bro. and Mrs. Granger and Mrs. Calaway of Cottonwood, Alabama.

By motion, a rising vote of thanks was given the New Enterprise Church, Community and Pastor for the fine hospitality shown to ministers

and delegates during the 1950 Annual Session of the Midway Association.

The motion was moved to adjourn to meet with Enterprise Church in Early County, Georgia at 10:00 A.M. on Friday before the 4th Sunday in January 1952.

T. B. Melette, Moderator
S. T. Shutes, Clerk

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

:- FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT :-

We, your Committee on Finance, recommend that the Association give each Superannuate \$15.00 and the State Superannuate Treasurer \$20.00.

We also recommend the following payments: Moderator - - - \$15.00; Clerk - - - \$12.00; National Association dues - - - \$5.00; State dues - - \$10.00.

We recommend the Association give to \$10.00 Rev. S. T. Shutes; \$50.00 to the Youth Camp; \$40.00 to the Albany Church; \$50.00 to Home Missions; \$25.00 to Burdette Dowdney.

We also recommend that each Church bring the amounts listed below and divided quarterly.

Albany - - - -	\$20.00	Hammock Springs - - - - -	\$30.00
Bethlehem - -	60.00	New Enterprise - - - - -	40.00
Blakely - - - -	60.00	Oak Grove - - - - -	50.00
Cedar Springs -	60.00	Open Pond - - - - -	60.00
Damascus - - -	28.00	Patmos - - - - -	60.00
Enterprise - - -	40.00	Pine View - - - - -	30.00
Live Oak - - - -	40.00	Traveler's Rest - - - - -	60.00
Macedonia - - -	60.00	White Plains - - - - -	50.00
Mt. Zion - - - -	50.00	White Pond - - - - -	40.00
New Light - - -	60.00	Zion - - - - -	60.00

Money the churches have paid at this session is listed below.

Albany - - - - -	\$ 3.00	New Enterprise - - - - -	\$15.00
Bethlehem - - - - -	15.00	New Light - - - - -	25.00
Blakely - - - - -	15.00	Oak Grove - - - - -	10.00
Cedar Springs - - - - -	25.00	Open Pond - - - - -	12.50
Damascus - - - - -	8.00	Patmos - - - - -	12.50
Enterprise - - - - -	7.50	Pine View - - - - -	10.00
Hammock Springs - - - -	5.00	Traveler's Rest - - - - -	12.50
Live Oak - - - - -	10.00	White Plains - - - - -	10.00
Macedonia - - - - -	15.00	White Pond - - - - -	15.00
Mt. Zion - - - - -	10.00	Zion - - - - -	15.00

Mrs. T. B. Melette
W. B. Griffin
T. L. Edwards

Sub-total	\$251.00
Collections	25.74
TOTAL	\$276.74

-:- NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT -:-

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following report.

The First Quarterly Session to meet with Old Enterprise. Rev. W. F. McDuffie to preach; Rev. C. J. Harvey as alternate.

The Second Quarterly Session to meet with Cedar Springs. Rev. Roy Roberts to preach; Rev. S. T. Shutes as alternate.

The Third Quarterly Session to meet with Oak Grove. Rev. B. C. Dowdney to preach; Rev. E. C. Williams as alternate.

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Session to meet with Hammock Springs. Rev. J. N. Barnes to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. J. L. Tedder as alternate.

Quarterly Sessions to meet on Friday before the 4th Sunday in January, April and July 1952. The Annual Session to meet on Wednesday and Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November 1952.

Rev. J. B. Lovering

C. G. Jordon

J. M. Craft

-:- STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS -:-

As far as has been reported to us, all churches are in good standing. Our ministers are in full fellowship with one another and with the churches.

We as a committee, recommend that every church go on full time services, or at least half time.

We further recommend that each church and pastor impress upon the minds of their congregations the obligations that are on them to support the cause of their denomination.

It has recently come to our attention that Rev. W. H. Eley has been expelled from his church and we, therefore, recommend that his name be dropped from the ministers' list.

Yours for cooperation,

E. A. Sanders

Martin Still

W. B. Griffin

-:- COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES -:-

We, your Committee on Obituaries, wish to submit the following.

Since our last session, the grim hand of death has claimed twelve of our members.

We sorrow in the passing of those noble souls, not as those who have no hope in Christ, for we believe that, though they have been taken from our midst, the world has been made better by their lives and Heaven has been made brighter by their deaths.

Humble submitted,

Rev. C. R. Houston

S. F. Boyd

G. R. Parker

-:- TEMPERANCE REPORT -:-

We bring the following report.

We know that many things should come under this subject: we should be temperate in all things - speech, thought and acts - and then we will be able to yield the right kind of influence.

That we may read, learn and obey our Church Covenant and then, we as Christians, will abstain from all appearance of evil. Christian leaders will help in the fight against intoxicating beverages and all evils.

Reporting for Cedar Springs Church,

Mrs. Nina Tolor

Mrs. R. B. Pyle

-:- SUNDAY SCHOOL AND F.W.B. LEAGUE REPORT -:-

We, your Committee on Sunday School and F.W.B. League report the following.

We note an increase of Church Sunday School and Free Will Baptist League in membership and attendance. We highly commend these churches and their leaders and encourage their youth in Christian Service.

The Sunday School is the teaching department of the Church, while the League is the training center of the Church. These two departments have a two-fold task; first, win the lost to Christ; second, educate the saved for Christian Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Oak Grove Church and Pastor

-:- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT -:-

We, your Committee on Christian Education, submit the following report.

We suggest a reprint of our present Christian Education report, except in 3rd paragraph, line 4 which reads "Three young people's" be changed to read "Four young people's" this year.

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A Christian education is education for Christian living. It is centered around the love of Christ. The Christian home is the fundamental base for its beginning and promulgation. Many institutions are temporary, but the family was conceived in the mind of God and brought into being as a permanent institution. The responsibility for the Christian upbringing of our children is clearly set forth in the Bible. When from early childhood one is taught the Word of God around the family altar and by earnest Sunday School teachers and ministers of the Gospel, he draws from it impressions that mold his habits and principles of life and will not depart from such teaching.

We have many active Christian teachers in our public schools, but we also have too many who are counteracting what we are trying to do by taking the attitude that the Church is unimportant, and are thus creating and nourishing a spirit of indifferent aloofness to the church among school children everywhere. We can do something about this by a more careful

selection of our public school teachers. We differ with those who believe that the Bible should not be taught in our public schools. Few people realize that such an idea had its origin in the Catholic Church. They have always consistently opposed and will continue to oppose the free access of the laity to the open Bible and especially its being taught publicly. If there is anything the Catholic Church has hated, it is private judgment. Therefore, they exclude it from the schools where they have influence and from the homes of those who belong to their Church.

During this year one pastors institute was conducted at the Bethel Youth Camp. It is believed that far-reaching results will come from such meetings. We encourage all pastors, if possible, to make a special effort to attend next year. We also believe that each church should back the pastor financially who desires to attend the Camp next year. Three young people's sessions were held there and one Woman's Auxiliary session. As this interest continues, we are sure that great good will be reaped in the state as a whole. We urge the churches to send your children to the camp next year.

For our young people and young ministers, we have the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, where you can get a full four-year course in Christian Education. If you plan to go into the work of a full time Christian Worker or a full time house-wife and mother, we can think of no better place for you to go for your training, as a Free Will Baptist, than our school in Nashville. We also urge that all churches and ministers give full support to our college with regular financial contributions.

Respectfully submitted,
Patmos Church and Pastor.

-:- TOPICS AND SPEAKERS FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS -:-

- First session - "Looking on the Harvest Fields", Mrs. Martin Still.
- Second session - "Preparing for the Harvest Fields", Brother William Clower.
- Third session - "Covering the Harvest Fields", Mrs. A. B. Paul.

J. M. Craft
Rev. C. R. Houston
Rev. J. B. Lovering

-:- REPORT OF TREASURER, 1st Quarter 1951 -:-

Jan. 26 - Balance on hand - - - - -	\$ 84.55
Jan. 26 - Transferred from sinking fund - - - - -	23.06
Jan. 26 - Received from Association - - - - -	157.50
Jan. 26 - Rec. collection for Burdette Dowdney - - - - -	35.00
Jan. 26 - Total received - - - - -	\$300.11
Jan. 29 - Total Disbursements - - - - -	229.00
Jan. 29 - BALANCE on hand - - - - -	\$71.11

- Disbursements -

Jan. 26 - Paid Georgia Superannuate Treasurer - - - - -	\$20.00
Jan. 26 - Paid Rev. E. C. Williams - - - - -	15.00
Jan. 26 - Paid Rev. J. L. Tedder - - - - -	15.00
Jan. 26 - Paid Clerk - - - - -	4.00
Jan. 29 - Paid Rev. W. T. Wiley - - - - -	15.00
Jan. 29 - Paid Mrs. J. M. Emanuel - - - - -	15.00
Jan. 29 - Paid Burdette Dowdney - - - - -	65.00
Jan. 29 - Paid Paul Ervin - - - - -	30.00
Jan. 29 - Paid Mt. Bethel Camp - - - - -	50.00
Jan. 29 - Total Disbursements - - - - -	\$229.00

-:- REPORT OF TREASURER, 2nd Quarter 1951 -:-

April 20 - Balance on hand - - - - -	\$ 71.11
April 20 - Received from Association - - - - -	246.00
April 20 - Rec. from Asso. collection - - - - -	104.00
April 20 - Rec. from Asso. collection - - - - -	18.75
April 20 - Total received - - - - -	\$439.86
April 20 - Total Disbursements - - - - -	356.50
April 20 - BALANCE on hand - - - - -	\$83.36

- Disbursements -

April 20 - Paid Rev. K. V. Shutes for radio program - - - -	\$ 18.50
April 20 - Paid State Superannuate Treasurer - - - - -	20.00
April 20 - Paid Rev. W. T. Wiley - - - - -	15.00
April 20 - Paid Rev. E. C. Williams - - - - -	15.00
April 20 - Paid Rev. J. L. Tedder - - - - -	15.00
April 20 - Paid Clerk - - - - -	4.00
April 21 - Paid Rev. E. C. Morris - - - - -	113.00
April 21 - Paid for blocks for Camp - - - - -	31.00
May 22 - Paid F.W. Baptist Press for minutes - - - - -	50.00
July 3 - Paid Ministerial Institute - - - - -	25.00
Paid Mrs. J. M. Emanuel - - - - -	15.00
July 7 - Paid H. H. Reeves delegate National Asso. - - -	35.00
July 20 - Total Disbursements - - - - -	\$356.50

-:- REPORT OF TREASURER, 3rd Quarter 1951 -:-

July 20 - Balance on hand - - - - -	\$ 83.36
July 20 - Received from Association - - - - -	185.00
July 20 - Received from Asso. collection - - - - -	91.36
Oct. 31 - Total received - - - - -	\$359.72
Oct. 31 - Total Disbursements - - - - -	349.00
Oct. 31 - BALANCE on hand - - - - -	\$10.72

- Disbursements -

July 20 - Paid State Superannuation Treasurer - - - - -	\$ 20.00
July 20 - Paid Rev. E. C. Williams - - - - -	15.00
July 20 - Paid Rev. J. L. Tedder - - - - -	15.00
July 20 - Paid Clerk - - - - -	4.00
July 20 - Paid Rev. E. C. Morris for College - - - - -	100.00
July 23 - Paid Rev. W. T. Wiley - - - - -	15.00
July 23 - Paid Mrs. J. M. Emanuel - - - - -	15.00

July 23 - Paid Rev. C. J. Harvey for Lady's Camp - - - -	25.00
July 23 - Paid G. C. King for mattresses - - - - -	40.00
July 23 - Paid Rev. E. C. Morris for Home Mission - - -	100.00
Oct. 31 - Total disbursements - - - - -	\$349.00

-:- REPORT OF TREASURER, 4th Quarter 1950 -:-

Nov. 2 - Amount brought forward - - - - -	\$ 68.55
Nov. 2 - Received from Association - - - - -	268.00
Nov. 8 - Received from White Pond Church - - - - -	10.00
Total received - - - - -	\$346.55
Total Disbursements - - - - -	262.00
BALANCE on hand - - - - -	84.55

- Disbursements -

Nov. 2 - Paid Rev. E. C. Williams - - - - -	\$ 15.00
Nov. 2 - Paid Rev. J. L. Tedder - - - - -	15.00
Nov. 2 - Paid State Superannuate Treasurer - - - - -	20.00
Nov. 2 - Paid Clerk - - - - -	12.00
Nov. 2 - Paid Rev. W. T. Wiley - - - - -	15.00
Nov. 2 - Paid Mrs. J. M. Emanuel - - - - -	15.00
Nov. 2 - Paid Moderator - - - - -	15.00
Nov. 13- Paid Counce Sheffield, Jr. for Mt. Bethel - - - - -	100.00
Nov. 14 Paid State and National dues - - - - -	15.00
Nov. 15 - Paid Ladies Auxiliary - - - - -	40.00
Total disbursements - - - - -	\$262.00

QUARTERLY SESSIONS IN 53RD ASSOCIATION YEAR

-:- FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION -:-

The First Quarterly Session of the Midway Association in the 53rd Association year convened with Pine View Church in Miller County, Georgia on January 26, 1951. Fourteen churches were represented by delegations and most of our ministers were present. There was a large number present from other Associations.

The fourteen churches present had very good reports and offerings in the amount of \$157.50 was received by the Finance Committee.

Rev. C. J. Harvey very ably gave the morning sermon. Scripture: Rev. 10:2, subject, "Faithfulness."

Brother Jordon asked permission to take an offering for Rev. K. V. Shutes' radio program; \$51.25 was received.

Everyone enjoyed a bountiful noonday meal prepared by the ladies of Pine View Church and community.

At 1:15 P.M. the session was resumed with Mrs. Martha Everson presenting the program. She very forcefully discussed "Evangelising in the Local Church." This was a master message. By motion, Mrs. Everson was asked to publish this message in our church paper and give it on the radio program, from Cairo and Dawson, Georgia, known as "Faith Program".

A motion carried for Rev. Melette, Rev. Lovering and Brother A. D. Ivey serve as a Home Mission Committee. Rev. Lovering reported the success of the load of produce sent to Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama.

Listed as follows is money voted to various persons and sources: Brother Dowdney, \$30.00; Brother Paul Irvin, \$30.00; Camp Mt. Bethel, \$50.00. Rev. J. N. Barnes asked for a special offering for Brother Dowdney, amount \$35.00.

The session adjourned to meet with Mt. Zion Church on Friday before 4th Sunday in April, 1951.

T. B. Melette, Moderator

S. T. Shutes, Clerk

-:- SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION -:-

The Second Quarterly Session convened with Mt. Zion Church, Early County, Roena, Georgia at 10:00 A.M. in April, 1951.

Moderator T. B. Melette presided. Singing by W. B. Griffin. Moderator used Jer. 33: 1-16 as a basis for his opening remarks.

Eighteen churches were represented by delegates and most of our ministers were present. There were visitors from several Associations; Brother G. C. King and E. C. Morris.

Rev. J. B. Lovering gave a good sermon using Matthew 9: 36-38 as his text.

Noon refreshments were served.

The afternoon session resumed at 1:30 P.M. with singing by Rev. S. T. Shutes and W. B. Griffin. Rev. J. L. Tedder gave the devotional from Matthew 10:6.

The Vice-moderator presided and Rev. Melette requested a special offering for Camp Mt. Bethel; \$104.00 was received.

The program was called. Mrs. Dorris Sheffield gave a well worded and forcefully delivered message, "Evangelism in the Sunday School." The motion was carried to print this message in the church paper and give it on Rev. K. V. Shutes' radio program and that the Association pay for same.

Finance Committee reported \$246.00. A special offering for "The Faith Program" of \$18.75 was received.

The motion was carried to adjourn.

T. B. Melette, Moderator

S. T. Shutes, Clerk

-:- THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION -:-

The Third Quarterly Session convened with White Plains Church, July 20, 1951 at 10:00 A.M. with Vice-moderator J. N. Barnes presiding.

The Vice-moderator offered prayer and used as Scripture I Cor. 13. Church letters were called and fifteen reported. A good number of our preachers were present. Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Bloss were present, Rev. T. O. Terry, Nashville, Tennessee, T. E. Daniels and wife, Tallahassee,

Florida; Rev. E. C. Morris; Rev. Drew Floyd; Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. E. C. Morris and Rev. Melette ordained Brother Burdette Dowdney to the Gospel Ministry.

Sermon by Rev. S. T. Shutes, "Remembering the Ancient Landmarks."

Lunch by the local church was greatly enjoyed by all.

The Vice-moderator called the afternoon session to order at 1:30 P.M. Rev. T. O. Terry, Jr., of Nashville, Tennessee gave the devotional using I Cor. 4: . Rev. Bloss made a talk on Home Missions.

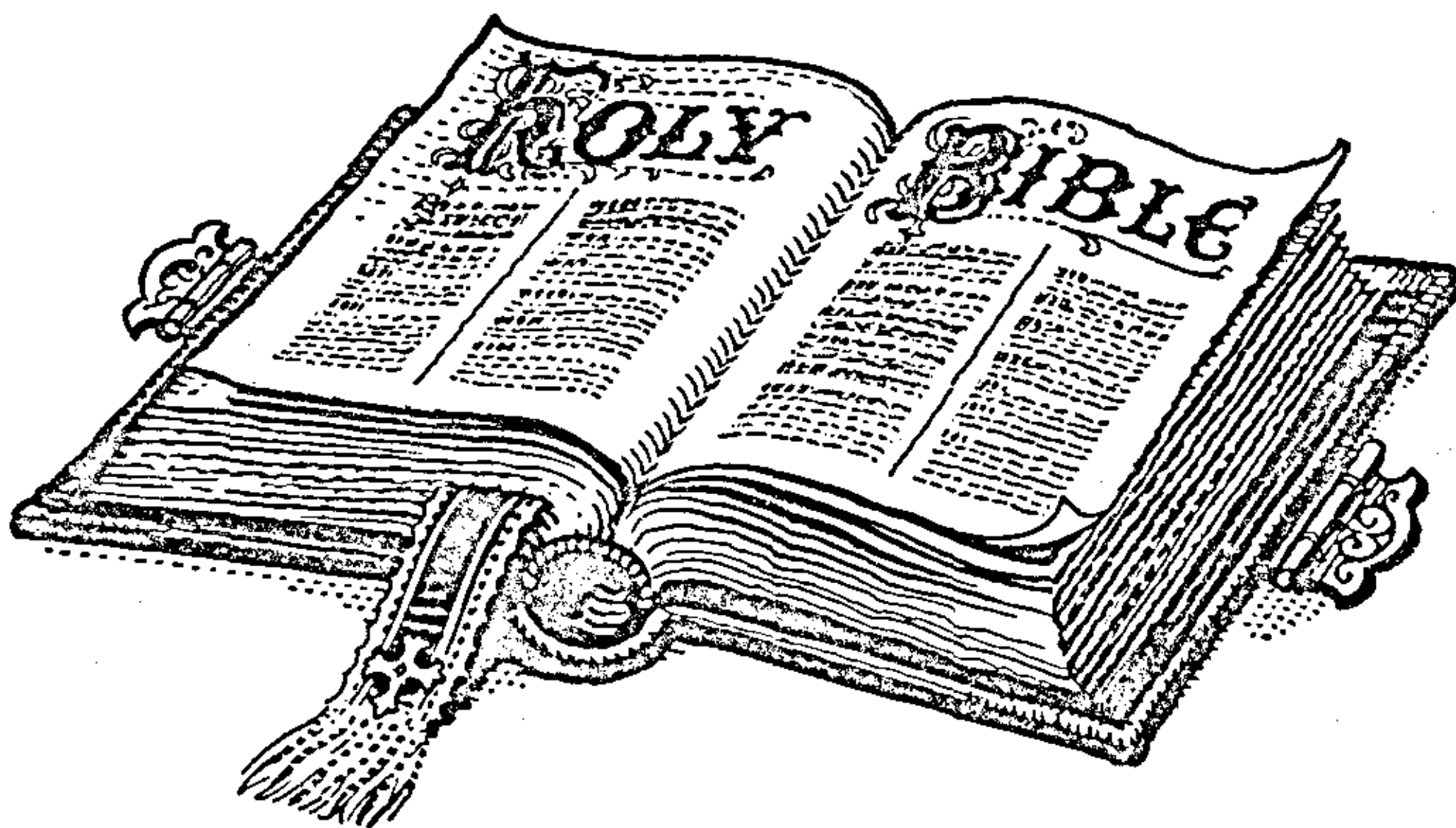
Rev. T. B. Melette resumed the duties of Moderator and discussed "Evangelism". An offering of \$91.00 was taken.

Motion was carried that Ivey Sewell be elected assistant treasurer to Brother A. D. Ivey.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Macedonia Church on Wednesday, October 31st, 1951.

Rev. T. B. Melette, Moderator

Rev. S. T. Shutes, Clerk



	Meeting Days	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Died	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Evangelist	Buildings & Repairs	Incidentals	Superannuation	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Christian Education	Publications	Miscellaneous	Youth Camp	Auxiliary	Ass'n Funds	Value of Church Property	Children's Home
Albany *	Full time; organizes September 5, 1951																					\$2,000.00	\$28.10
Blakely	1 & 3	5	5		0	0	1	113	\$955.00	0	\$129.35	\$ 47.63	\$ 12.77	\$19.16	\$41.16	\$196.77	\$ 52.59	\$ 80.00	\$25.55	\$15.33	\$15.00	15,000.00	
Bethlehem	4	0	0	2	0	0		81	265.00	\$100.00	0	0	0	18.00	10.00	0	0	0	0	0	30.00	5,000.00	
Cedar Springs	1 & 3	7	3		4	0	1	74	476.03	90.00	121.92	8.93	7.45	61.16	29.76	40.73	0	119.68	0	0	25.00	5,000.00	
Damascus	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	208.00	42.20	37.50	3.00	0	0	6.00	0	0	0	0	0	32.00	5,000.00	
Enterprise	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	220.51	25.00	14.00	12.15	0	0	0	0	0	37.50	15.00	0		3,500.00	
Hammock Springs **	2 & 4	Letter moved to Midway Association																				7,500.00	
Live Oak	3	8	0	0	1	0		44	300.00	0	0	25.00	2.59	4.88	11.28	7.22	0	30.10	5.11	0	10.00	5,000.00	
Macedonia	1 & 3	1	0	0	3	0	1	86	1,288.33	0	0	130.41	7.20	10.87	10.87	20.29	29.00	81.52	25.00	0	10.00	7,500.00	28.10
Mt. Zion	3	6	0	3	0	0	1	88	229.00	75.00	0	0	9.78	25.92	25.62	6.39	0	0	0	0	40.00	2,000.00	
New Enterprise	1	5	0	0	1	0	0	52	288.00	60.55	0	13.02	12.00	0	0	27.00	0	25.00	27.00	0	15.00	3,000.00	
New Light	4	11	1	8	0	3		255	469.00	167.00	0	0	25.00	25.00	0	0	50.00	75.00	0	0	25.00	5,000.00	
Oak Grove	1	0	0	4	0	0		91	375.51	40.00	80.00	12.00	0	17.16	20.00	10.00	30.00	10.00	15.00		10.00	3,000.00	
Open Pond	2 & 4	3	0	2	0	0	0	131	840.00	100.00	2,710.10	0	155.00	16.10	37.32	44.96	45.70	24.44			12.50	5,000.00	
Patmos	2 & 4	14	1	1	6	0	1	186	710.00	212.00	165.00	135.00	14.69	53.85	53.85	57.60	133.52	0			50.00	5,000.00	
Pine View	2 & 4								313.67												10.00	2,000.00	
Travelers Rest	4	16	1	0	0	0	0	100	417.10	103.90	61.50	0	50.00	75.75	22.44	29.40	0	12.60	10.50	36.50	12.50	4,000.00	
White Plains	3	1	0	0	5	0	1	100	499.50	68.00	26.80	99.61	317.00	4.75	19.00	7.27		10.13			10.00	4,000.00	
White Pond	3 & 4	6	3	0	0	0	2	107	450.00	60.00	7.35	15.00	6.14	24.50	37.72	31.45	58.65	71.64			15.00	3,500.00	
Zion	3	1	0	0	5	0	2	138	250.00	100.00		0	0	20.00	10.00	0	0	0	0	0	15.00	2,000.00	

* Albany - Full time; organized September 5, 1951..

** Hammock Springs - Letter moved to Midway Association.

CHURCHES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	SUNDAY SCHOOL		F. W. B. LEAGUE		LADIES AID		PRAYER MEETING
			On Roll	Avg. Attd.	On Roll	Avg. Attd.	On Roll	Avg. Attd.	
Albany	Adam Scott, 507 Highland Ave. Albany, Ga.	Hoyt Sheffield, 303 S. Madison St. Albany, Ga.	53	50	40	30		20	20
Blakely	E. C. Morris, Tifton, Ga.	Mrs. J. S. Yates, Blakely, Ga.	78	55	51	33	15	12	26
Bethlehem	W. T. Wiley, Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Evelyn Jones, Shellman, Ga.	40	20	60	40	0		0
Cedar Springs	W. F. McDuffie, Hilton, Ga.	Mrs. A. B. Paul, Hilton, Ga.	61	49	68	60	14	9	0
Damascus	John D. Ellis, 1140 Neels Drive Columbus, Ga.	L. W. Wiley, Damascus, Ga.	26	20	0		0		18
Enterprise	S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Ga.	Miss Hattie Jenkins, Blakely, Ga.	30	18	0		12	8	15
Hammock Springs	G. W. Nobles, Cottonwood, Ala.	Z. R. Jones, Donalsonville, Ga.	30	25	Yes		Yes		Yes
Live Oak	H. L. Catrett, Colquitt, Ga.	Mrs. Kittie Tyson, Leary, Ga.	40	20					20
Macedonia	J. B. Lovering, Colquitt, Ga.	J. M. Craft, Colquitt, Ga.	32	24	0		0		12
Mt. Zion	Roy Roberts, Colquitt, Ga.	Mrs. N. N. Clower, Arlington, Ga.	45	25	60	50	13	9	25
New Enterprise	G. W. Nobles, Cottonwood, Ala.	E. B. Ard, Brinson, Ga.	67	35	0		0		15
New Light	W. T. Wiley, Blakely, Ga.	B. E. Paul, Morgan, Ga.	150	90	150	90	0		0
Oak Grove	C. R. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.	Emory Boyd, Colquitt, Ga.	40	25	30	25	20	12	25
Open Pond	Chester Pelt, Marianna, Fla.	J. C. Hudson, Jakin, Ga.	49	40	22	22	18	12	25
Patmos	C. R. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.	Miss Eloise Griffin, Leary, Ga.	60	50	55	45	12	6/8	0
Pine View	J. B. Lovering, Colquitt, Ga.	Mrs. Inez Parr, Colquitt, Ga.							
Travelers Rest	Roy Roberts, Colquitt, Ga.	G. R. Parker, Newton, Ga.	75	50	35	25	25	20	25
White Plains	C. R. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.	Miss Jeanette Batchelor, Blakely, Ga.	35	20	0		0		0
White Pond	J. N. Barnes, Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Marcine Ezell, Blakely, Ga.	57	30	39	30	16	14	0
Zion	W. T. Wiley, Blakely, Ga.	Jimmie Wiley, Hilton, Ga.	40	20	35	15	12	7	0