

**M I N U T E S**  
of the  
**Fifty-Sixth Annual Session**  
of the  
**M I D W A Y   A S S O C I A T I O N**  
**OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF GEORGIA**

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**HELD WITH**  
**MT. ZION CHURCH, ROWENA, GA.**  
**and**  
**BLAKELY CHURCH, BLAKELY, GA.**  
**November 3, 4, 1954**

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## OFFICERS

REV. T. B. MELLETTTE, Moderator.....	Blakely, Georgia
REV. J. N. BARNES, Assistant Moderator.....	Blakely, Georgia
REV. S. T. SHUTES, Clerk.....	Colquitt, Georgia
MR. EMORY BOYD, Assistant Clerk.....	Colquitt, Georgia
MR. MARTIN STILL, Treasurer.....	Blakely, Georgia
MRS. MARTIN STILL, Assistant Treasurer.....	Blakely, Georgia

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Elected for two years)

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.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

E. C. Williams, T. B. Mellette, C. C. White, J. N. Barnes, S. T. Shutes, J. L. Tedder, C. J. Harvey, C. R. Houston, K. V. Shutes, Calvin Williams, H. L. Roberts, W. S. Driggers, Burdette Dowdney, and Coy Watson.

## LICENTIATES

Ralph Bell

## QUARTERLY SESSIONS

First quarterly session of the association will convene with Enterprise Church near Blakely, Georgia. Rev. Ralph Bell is designated to preach, with Rev. H. L. Roberts as alternate. Time of meeting: January.

Second quarterly session of the association will convene with New Enterprise Church near Iron City, Georgia. Rev. H. L. Knighton is designated to preach, with Rev. J. N. Barnes as alternate. Time of meeting: April.

The third quarterly session of the Association will convene with Jakin Church, Jakin, Georgia. Rev. S. T. Shutes is designated to preach, with Rev. E. C. Williams as alternate. Time of meeting: July.

## ANNUAL ASSOCIATION—ORDER OF BUSINESS

### First Day's Session, 10:00 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 delegated body.  
Recess for 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 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.  
Renewal of call for committee reports.  
Reports of Nominating Committee whose duty it is to make selection of place for next session of the Association and the introductory message.  
Report of the 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 clerk's desk.  
Adjournment.



# Proceedings of Annual Session

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the Midway Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of Georgia convened with Mt. Zion Church, Rowena, Georgia, November 3, 1954, and Blakely Church, November 4, 1954, both churches being in Early County, Georgia.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. T. B. Mellette.

The Moderator conducted the devotions, reading Hebrews 11.

The Finance Committee was appointed by the Moderator as follows: S. F. Boyd, Martin Still, Jessie Griffin.

The Moderator brought a very timely message.

Reading clerks were appointed as follows: Rev. K. V. Shutes and Rev. J. N. Barnes.

Letters from the churches composing the body were called for, and the following responded:

Albany—Mrs. O. L. Houston, Mrs. H. L. Knighton, Miss Fay Knighton.

Blakely—Alvin Day, J. A. Mercer, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Mrs. O. B. Weaver, Mrs. Marshall Day, Mrs. Fleda Mercer.

Bainbridge—Mrs. W. L. Lamb.

Bethlehem—Mrs. Pete Aycock, Mrs. Bill Furgerson.

Cedar Springs—Mrs. Keaton Tiner, Mrs. R. B. Pyle, Mrs. Irene Dykes.

Damascus—Mrs. L. W. Wiley, Mrs. H. C. Milliner.

Enterprise—T. W. Jenkins, Mrs. Coy Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Watson.

Hammock Springs—Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Lynn, Mrs. Herbert Grant, Mrs. R. R. Williams.

Live Oak—E. A. Sanders and wife, J. M. Etheridge and wife, D. W. Phillips and wife, C. V. Phillips.

Macedonia—Mrs. O. B. Everson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Houston, J. M. Craft.

Mt. Zion—Mr. C. E. Jordon, E. C. Hudgens, J. W. Clower.

New Enterprise—E. B. Ard, M. S. Waddell.

New Light—J. A. Kemp, D. D. Drinkwater, Hershel Drinkwater, Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner.

Oak Grove—S. F. Boyd and wife.

Jakin—Mrs. Margie Hudson, Mrs. S. T. Dunning.

Patmos—Mrs. Sallie Woodard, Mrs. Grace Starr, C. T. Griffin, W. B. Griffin, Mrs. S. H. Bush, Mrs. C. C. Sheffield.

Pine View—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Widner, Mrs. Lena Williams.

Travelers Rest—Mrs. Kate Edwards, Mrs. E. C. Musgrove, Mrs. W. W. Irvin, Mrs. Clinton Musgrove, Mrs. C. Rhodes.

White Plains—Mr. Martin Murkerson, Mr. Leroy Lofton.

White Pond—Mrs. L. W. Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. John Hayes.

Zion—Mrs. T. B. Mellette, Mr. W. T. Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Still.

The delegates were seated by motion, properly sustained and carried.

Visitors were welcomed as follows: Chattahoochee Association: G. C. King and wife; State and South Georgia Associations: Rev. E. C. Morris and wife; Martin Association: O. F. Everson and wife, B. W. Clenny and wife; Southeastern Association of Alabama: D. F. Pelt and wife. The hand of fellowship was extended to these brethren and sisters.

Ministers answering the roll call: T. B. Mellette, J. N. Barnes, K. V. Shutes, C. R. Houston, W. F. McDuffie, F. Wade, J. L. Tedder, H. L. Knighton, Coy Watson, C. J. Harvey, H. L. Roberts, E. C. Williams, S. T. Shutes, Ralph Bell (Licentiate).

The body was recessed by motion in order to hear the morning message and enjoy the noon refreshments.

Rev. K. V. Shutes brought the message, reading Jude 3 and Luke 1:1, 2. He preached a doctrinal sermon which was superb and contained no errors.

Lunch was served by the host church in grand style.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Moderator led the congregation in singing and conducted devotions, reading John 15:1-11.

Prayer was offered by Mr. C. G. King.

The body resumed business at 2:00 p. m.

Petitionary letters were called for, and none were presented.

The following committees were appointed:

Devotions—Mrs. Grace Starr, Alton Mercer, T. G. Jenkins.

Obituaries—Ralph Bell, W. M. Murkerson, Mrs. Irene Dykes.

A call was made for reports from delegates to sister associations, and the following reports were made:

State—W. B. Griffin.

National—Mrs. T. B. Mellette.

State Line—Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Union—Mr. E. C. Hudgens.

Martin—Rev. E. C. Williams.

A special offering was taken for the budget amounting to \$61.34.

The following delegates were appointed to sister associations:

National—Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Everson, Alvin Day, Martin Murkerson, Mrs. H. L. Knighton.

State—Alvin Day, John Etheridge, Mrs. Martha Everson.

Martin—Rev. E. C. Williams, C. B. Jordan, Rev. K. V. Shutes, Alvin Day.

South Georgia—Rev. H. L. Roberts, Rev. H. L. Knighton.

**Chattahoochee**—Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. Coy Watson, Rev. Carlton Houston, Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. T. B. Mellette.

**Union**—Rev. W. F. McDuffie and wife.

**State Line**—Rev. Coy Watson, Rev. J. N. Barnes.

**Southeastern**—Rev. J. L. Tedder, Rev. J. N. Barnes.

The report of the Committee on Divine Service was accepted as follows:

The devotions on Thursday morning to be conducted by Rev. H. L. Knighton; the eleven o'clock sermon to be brought by Rev. E. C. Morris; the one-thirty o'clock devotions to be conducted by Rev. Carlton Houston.

Mrs. C. C. Sheffield reported on her trip to Jacksonville, Fla.

A Program Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. Carlton Houston, Rev. H. L. Knighton, and Mrs. Edith Shiver.

A motion was made and carried that a rising vote of thanks be extended to Mt. Zion Church and community for their splendid entertainment of the day's session of the Association.

A motion was made and carried that the body adjourn to meet with Blakely Church on Thursday morning, November 4, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

Rev. H. L. Knighton conducted devotions, reading Psalm 103 and making timely remarks.

The business session was opened by the Moderator.

J. M. Craft was appointed to serve in Mr. Jessie Griffin's place on the Finance Committee.

Visitors were welcomed as follows: **Southeastern Association**: Linnie J. Stokes, Hattie J. Melvins, Mrs. R. T. Commanders; **State Line**: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones, Rev. George Nobles and wife; **Union**: Rev. A. L. Sellers and Mrs. Boyd Hutto.

Committees reported as follows:

The report of the Committee on Auxiliaries was made by Mrs. Kate Edwards and was adopted by the body. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on Education was made by Rev. J. N. Barnes and was adopted by the body. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on Temperance was made by W. B. Griffin and was adopted by the body. (See Report.)

A motion was made and passed to recess for the morning message and noon refreshments.

Rev. E. C. Morris brought the morning message, reading Daniel 6:10, 11, and preaching an inspiring sermon.

A free will offering was taken for expense on the India trip. The offering amounted to \$35.75.

Rev. Coy Watson dismissed the congregation with prayer.

Everyone enjoyed the noon refreshments and fellowship.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. C. R. Houston conducted the devotions, reading Luke 24:45, and giving a short devotional talk.

The body resumed business upon the announcement of the Moderator.

The report of the Committee on Missions was made by the pastor of Cedar Springs Church and was adopted by the body with a standing vote. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was made by Rev. Ralph Bell and was adopted by the body. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on Nominations was made by Rev. C. R. Houston and was adopted by the body. (See Report.)

The report of the Treasurer was made and adopted by the body. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on Finance, Disbursement and Budget was made by Mr. Martin Still and adopted by the body. (See Report.)

The report of the Program Committee was made by Rev. C. R. Houston and was adopted by the body. (See Report.)

A motion was made and carried to appoint a Digest Committee, and instruct the churches to mail letters to the Clerk of the Association at least 10 days before the date of each meeting of the Association. The Digest Committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. Martha Everson, Rev. W. F. McDuffie and the Clerk of the Association.

A motion was made and carried to give a standing vote of thanks to Blakely Church and sister churches for their entertainment of the day's session.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

Auxiliaries—Blakely Church and pastor.

Education—Macedonia Church and pastor.

Temperance—White Plains Church and pastor.

Missions—New Enterprise Church and pastor.

A motion was made and carried that the Executive Committee be empowered to work out a radio program and report at the January session.

A motion was made and carried that the Executive Committee be retained for the next two years.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn.

T. B. Mellette, Moderator

S. T. Shutes, Clerk

## QUARTERLY SESSIONS—COMBINED REPORT

The First Quarterly Session of the Midway Association of Free Will Baptists met at 10:00 a. m. on January 21, 1954 with the Damascus Church, Damascus, Georgia.

The Moderator presided over the meeting.

Scripture Reading—Matthew 3:1-19.

Letters were called for, and 21 churches reported.



Rev. J. B. Lovering and Rev. K. V. Shutes read the reports which were good.

The Finance Committee was composed of M. W. Still, John Hudson and Alvin Day.

Fifty-Seven delegates, ten ministers, and three visitors were present.

Rev. W. F. McDuffie read 2 Corinthians 2:1-9 and preached a fine sermon on the subject, "My Grace is Sufficient."

The host church served a real South Georgia dinner.

The money received was \$458.52.

Travelers Rest Church petitioned the Association to ordain Clinton Musgrove, Herman Irvin and John Edwards to the office of deacon. The work was done by the presbytery composed of Rev. T. B. Mellette, Rev. S. T. Shutes, and Rev. J. N. Barnes. Reverend Paul Irvin made a talk in this connection.

Mrs. Martha Everson made a talk from the subject, "Christ in Benevolence." This was one of the best yet.

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

The Second Quarterly Session of the Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on April 23, 1954 at 10:00 a. m. with Live Oak Church, Baker County, Georgia.

The Moderator presided over the meeting.

The subject for discussion was "Fellowship."

Twenty-one churches reported by letter.

The Reading Clerks were Rev. J. B. Lovering and Rev. W. S. Driggers.

The Finance Committee was composed of Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield, Mr. Jessie Griffin, and Mr. A. D. Ivey.

The money received was \$330.54.

Fourteen member ministers were present with five visiting ministers.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney read 1 Kings 17 and preached a forceful sermon.

A fine South Georgia dinner was spread by the host church.

Afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. J. N. Barnes.

Mrs. C. C. Sheffield presented a playlet on the theme, "Following Christ in Education." She was assisted by Mrs. Edith Shiver and Mrs. Steve Bush.

Contact persons were instructed to work in the interest of Mount Bethel Youth Camp, their expenses to be paid by the Association.

The meeting adjourned in order.

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

The Third Quarterly Session of the Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on July 23, 1954 with Pine View Church, Miller County, Georgia.

The Moderator presided over the meeting.

For devotions, Acts 15 was read.

Reading Clerks were Rev. C. B. Dowdney and Rev. J. B. Lovering.

The Finance Committee was composed of A. D. Ivey, S. G. Jordan and Mrs. O. B. Everson.

Twenty churches reported by letter.

The money received was \$337.90.

Twelve member ministers and five visiting ministers were present.

Rev. E. C. Williams brought an inspiring message from Matthew 22:42 using the subject, "What Think Ye of Christ?"

A real Southern outdoor dinner was served by the host church.

The Moderator conducted the afternoon devotions.

Mr. David Pyle was ordained to the office of deacon.

Mrs. T. B. Mellette made a report on the National Association.

Rev. J. B. Bloss made a report on the National Home Missions activities.

Rev. E. C. Morris made a report on his trip to India.

A letter of recommendation was voted for Rev. J. B. Lovering.

A committee was appointed to nominate officers of the Association for the next two years as follows: Alton Mercer, Rev. C. R. Houston and Mrs. Margie Hudson.

The meeting adjourned in order.

T. B. Mellette, Moderator

W. B. Griffin, Assistant Clerk

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Nominating Committee:** We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following: We recommend for moderator, Rev. T. B. Mellette; for assistant moderator, Rev. J. N. Barnes; for clerk, Rev. S. T. Shutes; for assistant clerk, Mr. Emory Boyd; for treasurer, Mr. Martin Still; for assistant treasurer, Mrs. Martin Still.

We further recommend that the First Quarterly Session of the Association convene in January with Enterprise Church, Rev. Ralph Bell to preach the sermon and Rev. H. L. Roberts as alternate; the second session to convene in April with New Enterprise Church with Rev. H. L. Knighton preaching and Rev. J. N. Barnes as alternate; the third session to convene in July with Jakin Church with Rev. S. T. Shutes preaching and Rev. E. C. Williams as alternate; the annual session to convene on Wednesday before the First Sunday in November, 1955 with the Zion Church, Rev. W. F. McDuffie preaching and Rev. C. R. Houston as alternate, and on Thursday following with Cedar Springs Church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. Houston

J. A. Mercer

Mrs. Margie Hudson

**Program Committee:** We, the Program Committee, recommend the adoption of the following for discussion in the three one-day sessions of the Midway Association in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five:

CHURCHES	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Building and Repairs	All Literature	Incidentals	Benevolence or Charity	Unified Program	Other Causes	Value Church Property	Total Membership	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Restoration	Lost by Death	Lost by Letter	Lost by Expulsion	Meeting Days
Albany	\$2,567.78	\$	\$2,183.91	\$	\$	\$	\$133.44	\$	\$9,668.16	92	0	5	0	0	2	0	Full Time
Blakely	1,144.00	107.67	845.00	104.50	82.50	28.50	229.00	62.34	20,000.00	120	13	9	0	2	8	0	Full Time
Bainbridge			1,082.15		29.21	8.55	58.95	58.00	1,500.00	11	0	5	0	0	2	0	Full Time
Bethlehem	1,014.00		80.00	90.00	15.00	35.00	25.00	19.78	5,000.00	78	3	0	0	1	1	0	2nd and 4th
Cedar Springs	710.97	94.82	40.00	50.00	25.00	15.82		479.88	5,000.00	97	0	3	0	1	0	0	1st and 3rd
Damascus	449.30	75.03		20.00	40.96		12.00	28.00	10,000.00	56	5	2	0	0	0	0	3rd
Enterprise	335.70	135.10			9.16		62.96	9.77	4,000.00	62	9	3	0	1	1	0	4th
Hammock Springs	460.00	150.00	75.00	73.55	132.34	1	65.37		7,500.00	30	3	2	0	1	1	0	2nd and 4th
Live Oak								48.00	4,000.00								1st and 3rd
Macedonia	937.85	115.00	225.00	36.17	85.43	324.02	15.00	70.00	7,500.00	77	1	0	1	2	4	1	1st and 3rd
Mt. Zion	416.25	167.75	248.37	37.32	15.00		18.00	60.00	4,000.00	84	0	1	0	1	0	0	1st and 3rd
New Enterprise	485.00	84.00	1,807.72	26.54	15.00	14.00	60.00	40.00	4,000.00	62	2	3	0	1	0	0	1st
New Light	1,058.00	150.00	18.00					175.00	5,000.00	270	11	1	0	3	3	0	2nd and 4th
Oak Grove	312.36	144.00	25.00	25.00	10.00	127.00	34.35	101.50	3,000.00	80	0	1	0	1	3	0	2nd and 4th
Jakin	1,200.00	200.00	1,520.43	86.56	53.79	45.24	224.65	224.75	15,000.00	136	2	1	0	1	5	0	1st and 3rd
Patmos	935.00	175.00		98.78	400.00	111.00	180.00	172.04	5,000.00	186	0	0	0	3	4	0	2nd and 4th
Pine View	200.50	175.00		3.45				40.00	2,000.00	60	1	0	0	0	5	0	2nd and 4th
Travelers Rest	1,037.88	75.00	164.00	142.00	30.00	201.00	50.00	60.00	5,000.00	170	3	3	0	3	3	0	2nd and 4th
White Pond	771.00	135.00	300.00	35.00	33.75	46.00	10.00	60.00	6,000.00	118	0	4	0	2	2	0	1st and 3rd
White Plains	493.08	80.00	1,310.00	40.76	12.36	40.00	63.05	40.00	6,000.00	84	0	0	0	1	0	0	2nd and 4th
Zion	369.00	153.00		30.00	17.65	54.80	50.22	73.70	3,000.00	146	8	0	0	0	2	0	2nd and 4th

CHURCHES	Pastor and Address	Clerk and Address	Sunday School Roll	Average Attendance	F.W.B. League Roll	Average Attendance	Woman's Auxiliary Roll	Average Attendance
Albany	Rev. H. L. Knighton, 1606 Gillespie Ave., Albany, Ga.	Mr. Ellis Conger, 507 Oglethorpe Ave., Albany, Ga.	114	90	55	40	21	18
Blakely	Rev. K. V. Shutes, Blakely, Ga.	S. W. Mercer, Blakely, Ga.	98	50	85	40	17	10
Bainbridge	Rev. C. B. Dowdney, Box 553, West Bainbridge, Ga.	C. L. Pickron, 1203 Broughton St., Bainbridge, Ga.	33	19				
Bethlehem	Rev. D. F. Pelt, Marianna, Fla.	Mrs. Evelyn Jones, Shellman, Ga.	32	20				
Cedar Springs	Rev. W. F. McDuffie, Cedar Springs, Ga.	Miss Pat Tolar, Jakin, Ga.	50	30	50	46	13	8
Damascus	Rev. John D. Ellis, 1911 Second Ave., Phenix City, Ala.	L. W. Wiley, Columbus, Ga.	60	45				
Enterprise	Rev. Coy Watson, Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Ruleford Reynolds, R. F. D., Blakely, Ga.	25	18			8	8
Hammock Springs	Rev. S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Ga.	Mrs. Hubert Grant, Route 2, Donaldsonville, Ga.	38	30	40	35	14	10
Live Oak	Rev. B. W. Clenny, Colquitt, Ga.							
Macedonia	Rev. S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Ga.	J. M. Craft, Colquitt, Ga.	32	25			12	8
Mt. Zion	Rev. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. N. N. Clower, Arlington, Ga.	45	30	40	35	12	6
New Enterprise	Rev. C. R. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.	Mr. E. B. Ard, Iron City, Ga.	58	36	26	21	10	6
New Light	Rev. D. F. Pelt, Marianna, Fla.	Mr. P. E. Paul, Morgan, Ga.	125	75	48	25	28	18
Oak Grove	Rev. C. R. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.	Mr. Emory Boyd, Colquitt, Ga.	40	25			10	8
Jakin	Rev. James C. Pelt, Marianna, Fla.	John E. Hudson, Donaldsonville, Ga.	77	42	44	28	17	12
Patmos		Miss Eloise Griffin, Camilla, Ga.	65	60	60	55	14	12
Pine View	Rev. C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga.	Patricia McLendon, Donaldsonville, Ga.	20	16	15	12		
Travelers Rest	Rev. H. L. Roberts, Colquitt, Ga.	Ralph Edwards, Newton, Ga.	109	64	105	60	14	8
White Plains	Rev. H. L. Roberts, Colquitt, Ga.	S. A. White, Blakely, Ga.	40	30	29	20		
White Pond	Rev. W. F. McDuffie, Cedar Springs, Ga.	Mrs. Hansford Cleveland, Blakely, Ga.	67	25			11	8
Zion	Rev. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Martin Still, Blakely, Ga.	41	33	41	25	16	12



1. January—Communion, by Rev. W. F. McDuffie.
2. April—Feet Washing, by Rev. S. T. Shutes.
3. July—Temperance, by Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. Houston  
H. L. Knighton  
Mrs. Myron Shiver

**Obituaries Committee:** We, your Committee on Obituaries, report as follows:

A number of our beloved members have answered the last call and we trust they are at rest. Truly, we will miss their presence, but, as a body, we offer our prayers and sympathy to their homes, churches, and families.

We submit below the number of deaths from each church as they have been reported to us together with the names of those whom we have been able to ascertain: Bethlehem, 1; Blakely, 2, Bob Allen, age 76; Cedar Springs, 1, J. S. Pyle, Deacon, age 62; Enterprise, 1; New Enterprise, 1, Lula Ely; Mt. Zion, 1; Patmos, 3, Mrs. Mattie Timmons, age 74, A. L. Bush, age 54, and Homer Bush, age 14; Oak Grove, 1; Macedonia, 2; Jakin, 1; New Light, 3.

We also recommend that each church give the name, date of birth and date of death of each deceased one, in its annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Bell  
Martin Murkerson  
Mrs. Irene Dykes

**Christian Education Committee:** We, your Committee on Christian Education, make the following report:

Generally speaking, this report should cover a large field, such as Sunday school and league work, woman's work, missionary work and personal work—all work of the church. We should have some training in the Word, its saving grace and church doctrine; and this training should be according to the Word of God. Then, all other phases of work should be along the line of stewardship according to the Word.

We believe we have ample equipment within our own denomination to do a much better job than we are doing. Through our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, Mt. Allen Junior College in North Carolina, Mt. Bethel Youth Camp at Ashburn, Georgia, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, local Sunday schools and leagues, we have more opportunities than we are taking advantage of. We therefore urge our people to wholeheartedly support all of the above-named institutions with our means and with our attendance upon all of them that we can, so that we, too, can comply with the Apostle Paul's instruction to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). We believe in genuine Christian education.

Respectfully submitted,

Zion Church and pastor



**Temperance Committee:** As we think of where we live, the period in which we live, and the conditions that surround us, together with our opportunities, we are amazed to think that, out of 16,000 college students in 1953, it was found that 74% of them were drinkers. A further report showed 80% of the boys and 61% of the girls were drinkers. STOP! LOOK! AND THINK! Who is to blame for the condition? And what can be done about it? We have to confess that the professed Christian is to blame through the life that he lives before the youth of his home and land. Then, what can be done about the present drinking condition of today? The first thing we can do is to be Christlike in our homes, before our children, and in our association and business dealings with others.

Respectfully submitted,

Patmos Church and pastor

### TREASURER'S REPORT

1954	Money Received
July 24, 1954—Balance on hand .....	\$ 5.58
July 24, 1954—Received from Churches .....	281.39
July 24, 1954—Received Collection .....	56.51
July 24, 1954—Received Collection .....	21.78
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November 3, 1954—Total Received .....	\$365.26
November 3, 1954—Total Disbursements .....	295.64

November 3, 1954—Balance on hand .....	\$ 69.62
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1954	Money Disbursed
July 24, 1954—Camp operation fund .....	\$ 50.00
July 24, 1954—Bainbridge Church .....	50.00
July 24, 1954—Rev. C. B. Dowdney .....	25.00
July 24, 1954—Rev. K. V. Shutes Radio Program .....	25.00
July 24, 1954—Mrs. W. T. Wiley .....	15.00
July 24, 1954—Rev. E. C. Williams .....	15.00
July 24, 1954—Rev. J. L. Tedder .....	15.00
July 24, 1954—State Sup. Treas. ....	15.00
July 24, 1954—Bible College Indebtedness .....	50.00
July 24, 1954—Rev. S. T. Shutes, Clerk .....	4.00
July 24, 1954—Rev. C. J. Harvey, Mileage .....	15.68
July 24, 1954—Rev. E. C. Morris, Posters .....	6.18
July 24, 1954—Rev. K. V. Shutes, Mileage .....	7.00
August 11, 1954—Postage State Minutes .....	2.78
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November 3, 1954—Total Disbursements .....	\$295.64

**Auxiliary Committee:** “. . . I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth: The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it” (Daniel 4:10-12).

Doesn't that describe the ideal church? The church should stand as the center of the community—giving off influence. The church should grow and be strong, reaching toward heaven, yet, conscious of the sin that exists all over the world. The church should be beautiful and fruitful, supplying the spiritual needs of everyone under its influence.

The auxiliaries of the church can play a large part in the spiritual progress of the church. Properly organized auxiliaries help to seek and save the lost which is the primary purpose of the church.

Let us briefly summarize our auxiliaries here: First, let us name the mid-week prayer service. Think of the good that comes from prayer meeting. We can feel the power of prayer; therefore, a spiritual church does not neglect its prayer meeting. All of us realize the need of studying the Scriptures, and there is no better way to do so than through the Sunday school. Right here, we would like to mention the improvements that have been made in all our literature during the last year or so. Not only is it more attractive, but it is also more readable and better written. The Free Will Baptist Press is to be commended for this.

Next, we have the training service of the church, the league. We have shown progress in our league work in the district this year by organizing a district convention. Then, the serving auxiliary of our churches is the woman's auxiliary. At the district convention last month, it was voted to hold quarterly workshops in order to better acquaint our women with their work. This convention also adopted a new constitution and by-laws which will harmonize with the State and National constitutions. Yes, our woman's auxiliaries are definitely moving forward now. Finally, we shall mention the youth auxiliaries and vacation Bible schools. Too few of our churches are using these. These, too, will prove beneficial if we will only give them the opportunity.

The auxiliaries are wonderful helpmates in the church. They offer untold opportunities for service that help us to grow in grace as well as to reach the lost ones. There is some way that everyone can serve through properly organized auxiliaries.

Surely we are interested in spiritual progress; and the church that grows spiritually must supply the spiritual needs of the community just as the tree in King Nebuchadnezzar's dream supplied all the temporal things to everything around it.

They threw the torch to us; let's hold it high.

Travelers Rest Church and pastor

**Missions Committee:** The reports that are coming through the Baptist and Contact are encouraging. It, no doubt, thrills each of our hearts to hear of the very thing taking place for which we have so long wanted to hear taking place.

This, to be more exact, is more directly the result of personal gifts than the work of the denomination. For the promoters of the denomination have merely formulated the plans and have executed such plans only as we made it possible through personal gifts.

You have made an investment. If you wish to know how your dollar has been spent, then go with us to Cuba. There are Rev. and Mrs. Willey, Mrs.

Yeley, the Chapel, yes, and our Cuban Bible School. But this isn't all: there are twenty or more native missionaries scattered throughout Cuba. Yes, they are your investments too, and more, for each convert may trace his or her conversion to your spirit of giving. What is true in Cuba is true in India, Africa, and Japan.

This isn't all: for, look at the couples here and there throughout the states, organizing new churches, and as a result of this most worthy undertaking, many new churches have already been organized. This, too, is the result of your sacrifices. There is also a nation-wide interest growing in proclaiming the gospel over the radio as the Free Will Baptists preach it and as the Bible teaches it.

In the light of all this, may our hearts be gladdened and strengthened, because there are many countries that do not, as yet, have Free Will Baptist missionaries. There are ten thousand towns and cities in the United States which do not have a Free Will Baptist church. As yet, we do not have a Midway Association sponsored radio evangelist. Yes, we have an evangelist, but it is strictly a faith program.

May we resolve that we will do more giving with less complaining, knowing where our gifts are going and what they are accomplishing.

May we resolve that we shall sponsor a radio program and that this association will set aside enough money to sponsor such a program broadcasting one day a week for three months, if possible; that each quarterly meeting set aside enough money to carry the program a quarter throughout the period of one year.

May it be resolved that no missionary call, from this time forward, go without a responding gift from each church, however large or small it may be.

Respectfully submitted,

Cedar Springs Church and pastor

Finance Committee: We, the Finance Committee submit the following report:

#### Receipts

Churches	Associational Funds
Albany .....	\$ 7.50
Bainbridge .....	5.00
Bethlehem .....	7.50
Blakely .....	18.00
Cedar Springs .....	20.00
Damascus .....	7.00
Enterprise .....	10.00
Hammock Springs .....	7.50
Jakin .....	20.00
Live Oak .....	10.00
Macedonia .....	17.50
Mt. Zion .....	15.00
New Enterprise .....	10.00
New Light .....	20.00
Oak Grove .....	22.50
Patmos .....	20.00
Pine View .....	10.00

Travelers Rest .....	20.00
White Plains .....	12.50
White Pond .....	12.50
Zion .....	25.00
Woman's Auxiliary .....	10.00
Offering .....	61.34

Total .....	\$368.84
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We recommend the following disbursements:

Superannuation .....	\$ 60.00
Minutes .....	100.00
Delegates to National Association .....	100.00
State and National Associations .....	20.00
T. B. Mellette, Moderator .....	15.00
S. T. Shutes, Clerk .....	12.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	50.00
Bainbridge Church .....	50.00

Total disbursements .....	\$407.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Martin Still  
J. M. Craft  
S. F. Boyd



# Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The District Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Midway Association met with Travelers Rest Church, October 1, 1954.

The devotions were conducted by Mrs. B. B. Edwards of Travelers Rest Church. The Scripture reading was taken from Luke 16.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Janice Mulford of Travelers Rest Church.

The President, Mrs. Martin Still, gave a very timely talk on the subject, "Sin."

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by the convention.

Moved and seconded that the members of auxiliaries who had registered might compose this body.

Moved and seconded that all delegates be seated.

A welcome was extended to all visiting auxiliary members of the sister associations.

A welcome was extended to all ministers present: Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. H. L. Roberts, Rev. C. B. Dowdney, and Rev. C. R. Houston.

The report from the State Auxiliary Convention was given by Mrs. Doris Sheffield.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Finance: Mrs. Mary Parker, Mrs. Marshall Day, Mrs. O. B. Everson.

Nominations: Mrs. J. N. Barnes, Mrs. W. J. Shiver, Mrs. T. B. Mellette.

Resolutions: Mrs. J. W. Clower, Mrs. H. W. Carr, Mrs. James Mathis.

Credentials: Mrs. Dennis Johnson, Mrs. W. T. Hudson, Mrs. Gordon McDonald.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes read the new constitution and by-laws to the body. Moved and seconded that we adopt the constitution and by-laws as read.

Mrs. Edith Shiver introduced the State and National officers from the Midway Association: Mrs. K. V. Shutes, National Vice-President; Mrs. Grace Starr, State Vice-President; and Mrs. Doris Sheffield, State Youth Chairman.

A special song was rendered by the host church, and Mrs. Edith Shiver gave a talk on, "Jesus Glorified in Our Homes."

The congregation sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and we were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. H. L. Roberts.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation sang a song.

Mrs. Doris Sheffield gave a talk concerning our district league work.

The State Youth Chairman reported two G. T. A. bands organized.

Delegates elected to the State Auxiliary Convention are as follows: Mrs. B.

B. Edwards, Mrs. Edith Shiver, Mrs. O. L. Houston, Mrs. Sallie Woodard, and Mrs. Nancy Johnson.

Mrs. Shutes gave a talk on the workshop for auxiliaries. The workshop will be held quarterly. The first session will meet with Zion Church on Friday before the First Sunday in December, the second session with Patmos Church on Friday before the First Sunday in March, the third session with Oak Grove Church on Friday before the First Sunday in June. Each member is urged to carry a covered dish, and the host church to furnish drinks.

Committees reported as follows:

**Finance:** We, your Finance Committee, submit the following report:

Total dues received from the convention, \$69.90. A special offering was taken amounting to \$18.62, making a total of \$88.52 received. We recommend that \$62.91 be sent for state and national dues, \$10.00 for the unified program, \$10.00 for publishing of minutes, and the balance of \$5.61 be left in the treasury for correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Mary Parker

Mrs. Marshall Day

Mrs. O. B. Everson

**Nominations:** We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

**President**—Mrs. Martin Still, Route 4, Blakely, Ga.

**Vice-President**—Mrs. J. W. Clower, Arlington, Ga.

**Recording Secretary**—Mrs. Margie Hudson, Jakin, Ga.

**Assistant Secretary**—Mrs. Gordon McDonald, Colquitt, Ga.

**Corresponding Secretary**—Mrs. Sallie Woodard, Leary, Ga.

**Treasurer**—Mrs. Winnie Hudson, Jakin, Ga.

**Field Secretary**—Mrs. Martha Everson, Colquitt, Ga.

**Youth Chairman**—Mrs. O. L. Houston, Albany, Ga.

**Study Course Chairman**—Mrs. Marshall Day, Blakely, Ga.

**Stewardship-Prayer Chairman**—Mrs. B. B. Edwards, Newton, Ga.

**Personal Service Chairman**—Mrs. Jannie Johnson, Hilton, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. N. Barnes

Mrs. W. J. Shiver

Mrs. T. B. Mellette

**Resolutions:** We, your Resolutions Committee, submit the following report:

1. Be it resolved that we thank our Father in heaven for the blessings of this past year in allowing us to meet today.
2. Be it resolved that this convention adopt a new constitution and by-laws of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, and that this convention allow each auxiliary five delegates to be represented at the forthcoming convention.

- 3 Be it resolved that we print the District Auxiliary Convention minutes in the back of our Association Minutes.
- 4 Be it resolved that each auxiliary send the names and addresses of their officers and chairmen to the District President and Secretary.
- 5 Be it resolved that we hold a workshop for the local and district officers.
6. Be it resolved that each auxiliary send more news articles telling of their work to the church papers.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. W. Clower

Mrs. James Mathis

Mrs. H. W. Carr

**Credentials:** We, the Credentials Committee, submit the following report:

Upon examination, we find the auxiliaries acceptable to this convention. Nine auxiliaries represented at the convention: Albany, Mt. Zion, Blakely, Zion, Macedonia, Oak Grove, Patmos, Travelers Rest, and Jakin.

Respectfully submitted;

Mrs. Dennis Johnson

Mrs. W. T. Hudson

Mrs. Gordon McDonald

A motion was made and carried that these reports be accepted.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the host church for the splendid hospitality to the convention.

We adjourned to meet with the Macedonia Church on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1955.

Mrs. Martin Still, President

Mrs. Margie Hudson, Secretary

#### **REPORT OF ENLISTMENT AND PROMOTION CHAIRMAN**

**Membership:** Members on roll, 156; new members, 17; active members, 67; members suspended, 9; present enrollment, 123; average attendance, 63.

**Enlistment Work Done:** Members making phone calls, 28; members making visits, 23; members sending cards, 18; programs on plan of work, 2; sponsored shut-in visit by young people each Sunday.

**Youth Work:** Young people in church, 36; intermediates in church, 33; Vacation Bible schools assisting among unchurched, 1.

**Missions:** Mission study classes, 39; books studied, **Women and the Church—Stewardship of Life**, 1; **Modern Jonah—Go Home and tell Thy Friends**, 12; number attending classes, 64; manual of methods classes, 12; stewardship classes, 38; evangelism classes, 14.

**Special Programs:** Programs planned in advance, 97; special programs planned, 8; special programs on prayer, 18; special programs on missions, 9; special programs on stewardship, 3; special programs on evangelism, 2; average number attending the week of prayer, 93.

**Benevolence:** Children adopted for clothing, 1; money sent for clothing, \$15.00; coupons sent, 414; gifts sent to needy ministers, \$25.00; cards and letters sent to aged ministers, 2.

**Personal Service and Miscellaneous:** Members engaged in community personal service, 101; members making soul winning efforts, 53; converts resulting from efforts made, 30; members distributing Bibles, 4; members distributing baskets and garments to needy, 75; subscribers to the auxiliary manual, 19; subscribers to the auxiliary year book, 51; articles published in religious papers, 12; auxiliary programs publicized with poster invitations, 3; enlistment leaflets, papers or tracts, 200; used suggested calendar of activities each month, yes.

**Finances:** Tithers, 54; new tithers, 5; contributing to missions, 43; contributing to co-laborer fund, 46; spent for literature, \$79.20; dues to convention, \$52.50; home missions, \$316.70; foreign missions, \$311.18; orphanage, \$57.00; Bible College, \$128.00; old age ministerial fund, \$30.00; W. N. A. C. co-laborer fund, \$142.07; W. N. A. C. per capita dues, ----; local church projects, \$873.52; promotional secretary, \$88.65; Woman's Auxiliary Institute, \$10.00; Mt. Bethel Camp, \$110.00.