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Moderator.....	Rev. C. R. Houston, Colquitt, Georgia
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. W. F. McDuffie, Blakely, Georgia
Clerk.....	Rev. S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Georgia
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Georgia
Treasurer	Mr. Martin Still, Blakely, Georgia
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. Martin Still, Blakely, Georgia

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

S. F. Boyd (Chairman), Colquitt, Georgia; Martin Murkerson, Blakely, Georgia; Alvin Day, Blakely, Georgia; B. Houston, Colquitt, Georgia; C. Rhodes, Newton, Georgia; A. C. Anderson, Iron City, Georgia; J. W. Clower, Arlington, Georgia.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

E. C. Williams, T. B. Mellette, C. C. White, J. N. Barnes, J. L. Tedder, C. R. Houston, H. L. Roberts, Coy Watson, W. F. McDuffie, H. L. Knighton, J. W. Loyless, Ralph Bell, Paul Irvin, Leo Curtis, S. T. Shutes.

LICENTIATES

Dennis Irvin and Benjamin Griffin

QUARTERLY SESSIONS

The first quarterly session will convene with Jakin Church at 10:00 a. m., Friday before the fourth Sunday in January, 1958. Rev. Paul Irvin is to preach at 11:00 a. m. with the Rev. J. N. Barnes as alternate.

The second quarterly session will convene with Cedar Springs Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in April, 1958. The Rev. J. W. Loyless is to preach at 11 a. m. with the Rev. W. F. McDuffie as alternate.

The third quarterly session will convene with White Pond Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1958. The Rev. Ralph Bell is to preach at 11:00 a. m. with the Rev. Coy Watson as alternate.

Program of the first quarterly session of the Midway Association to be held at Jakin Free Will Baptist Church.

10:00—Devotional, "What Free Will Baptists Believe About the Teachings of the Holy Spirit," Rev. Ralph Bell

11:15—"Gospel Ministry of the Free Will Baptist Doctrine," Rev. Paul Irvin

1:15—Devotions, "What Free Will Baptists Believe About Creation," Rev. T. B. Mellette

1:45—Ordinances of the Gospel as Free Will Baptists Believe," Wayne Carr

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, assistant moderator or clerk
- Call for corresponding church letters from various 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
- Midday service with worship and praise and prayer
- Recess for refreshments

Afternoon Session

- Devotional—worship period
- Renewal of call for committee reports
- Report 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 all unfinished business
- Adjournment

Proceedings of Annual Session

The fifty-ninth annual session of the Midway Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of Georgia convened with Live Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Baker County, Georgia, October 30, 1957. The second day was held with Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Miller County, Georgia.

At 10:00 a. m., in the absence of Brother J. M. Craft, Brother W. B. Griffin led the singing. The moderator asked Brother Drew Floyd of the Martin Association to give the devotions in the absence of Brother Jim Loyless.

The body was then officially opened by the moderator. The first item of business was calling for the digest report. This report was given by the clerk. (See the figures.)

All the churches represented by delegates except four: Pine View, Hammock Springs, Donalsonville and Damascus: these represented by letter.

Church letters read as follows: Paid pastors, \$20,666.86; evangelists, \$2,785.28; buildings and repairs, \$23,895.75; for literature, \$1,747.91; incidentals, \$1,618.72; benevolence or charity, \$1,567.65; unified program, \$2,609.96; other causes, \$4,028.51; value of church property, \$229,000; total monies received, \$51,555.16; total members, 2,353; received by baptism, 71; by letter, 41; restoration, 7; lost by death, 25; lost by letter, 30; Sunday school roll, 1,296; offerings, \$5,063.39; league roll, 584; offerings, \$1,043.66; woman's auxiliary roll, 181; offerings, \$1,345.64. For a complete digest turn to the statistical page. The report was adopted by voice vote and the delegates seated.

The moderator appointed these brethren and one sister as a finance committee: T. B. Mellette, Alex Kemp, Mrs. Nina Dunning, W. J. Starr and Martin Still.

The following brethren answered the roll call of ordained ministers: E. C. Williams, T. B. Mellette, J. L. Tedder, J. N. Barnes, C. R. Houston, H. L. Roberts, Coy Watson, W. F. McDuffie, H. L. Knighton, J. W. Loyless, Ralph Bell, Leo Curtis, Paul Irvin, S. T. Shutes.

Licentiates present: Dennis Irvin and Benjamin Griffin.

Brothers C. J. Harvey and Burdett Dowdney were given letters of recommendation to the association which they joined.

The nomination committee was appointed by the moderator: Brothers H. L. Knighton, A. B. Edmonds and J. R. Shores.

Macedonia Church was appointed as devotional committee.

Correspondence was called for with the following responding:

Martin Association: Rev. Drew Floyd and wife, B. W. Clenny and wife, Mrs. Alma McDonald, Alma Houston, Mrs. McKorkel, Mrs. Idus Goocher and Rev. Edward Sheffield.

Chattahoochee Association: G. C. King and wife.

Salem of Florida: Rev. D. F. Pelt.

Union of Georgia: Rev. C. J. Harvey.

Little River Association: Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris.

From other denominations: Mrs. W. B. Griffin of the Missionary Baptist church and Brother Perry Thomas of the Primitive Baptist church.

At this time a motion was made for the body to recess until 1:30 p. m.

The moderator, Rev. C. R. Houston, brought the introductory message. He used as a subject, "Mobilization of Our Forces for an All-Out Offensive Against the Devil and His Forces." This was a well-balanced message for the church. The urge was to get the strength of the church so mobilized that a quick and fast attack would win many to the great cause of our Lord and His wonderful work. The offering to supplement the association budget was \$53.

The dinner was typical of the Georgia out-door dinners—a real meal for all.

Wednesday Afternoon

Reassembled at 1:30 p. m. with singing led by Brother W. B. Griffin, followed with prayer by Brother Knighton. The Scripture was given by Brother D. F. Pelt, taken from Matthew 5:1-12.

The business was resumed at this time and the floor was yielded to the promotional secretary, E. C. Morris, who gave us a report of the work of our Lord under the label of the Free Will Baptists, and the good we are doing.

Two churches were given the grand honor certificate by Brother Morris and several were given the junior award. The moderator asked Brother Griffin to lead the congregation in an old hymn.

The moderator appointed the following standing committees for 1957-58:

Education: Mt. Zion Church and pastor.

Obituary: Damascus Church and pastor.

Temperance: Cedar Springs Church and pastor.

Church Auxiliaries: Patmos Church and pastor.

Again the floor was yielded for talks about one of the important features of our work in Georgia, Mt. Bethel Youth Camp. G. C. King and T. B. Mellette gave some very timely but true facts about the work and the needs of this Georgia center of our work. Brother Mellette also urged the group to do something to attract the youth of our church to the association as well as to the camp.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Albany—Sisters Nancy Johnson, Lillie Grimes, J. W. Patterson, E. B. Stearman, Jess White, H. L. Knighton.

Bainbridge—Sister Lucile Loyless.

Bethlehem—Sister R. R. Rice, Fred Johnson, A. H. Aycock, Evelyn Jones, Bill Furgerson.

Blakely—Brothers Alton Day, Alton Mercer, Sisters L. R. Curtis, Bettie Day, Sol Bronson, Mrs. O. B. Weaver.

Cedar Springs—Sisters R. B. Pyle, Agnes Pyle, Burdie Houston, Hoyt Sheffield, Mrs. Hoyt Sheffield, Mrs. Irene Dykes.

Damascus—By letter.

Donalsonville—By letter.

Pine View—By letter.

Enterprise—Brother Ralph Jenkins and wife, Sister T. W. Jenkins, Brother T. C. Harrell.

Hammock Springs—By letter.

Live Oak—Brother J. N. Etheridge and wife, Charles Burks, Brother Edd Sanders and wife.

Macedonia—Sisters Martha Everson, Reuber Tabb, Brother and Sister Viola McCann.

Mt. Zion—Sister C. E. Fincher, L. A. Wiley, C. G. Jordan.

New Enterprise—Brother and Sister J. R. Shores.

New Light—Mr. Alex Kemp, Mr. W. H. Turner and wife, Brother Elmore Drinkwater and wife, Brother Claude Blanton, Sister Sidney Paul.

Oak Grove—Brother Cecil Houston and wife, Sister S. F. Boyd, Sister Leslie Trawick.

Jakin—Sisters Niza Dunning, W. T. Hudson, Brother H. H. Reeves and wife.

Patmos—Brothers Herbert Woodard, W. J. Starr, Sisters Edith Shiver, Sallie Woodard.

Travelers' Rest—Brother A. B. Edmonds, Sisters Juanita Parker, Sarah Rhodes, Kate Edwards, Eddie Butler.

White Pond—Sisters Dorothy McDowell, Pearl McDowell, Louise Jones.

White Plains—Brother Leroy Lofton and wife.

Zion—Sisters R. E. Mills, Ella Wiley, Laura Anderson.

Reports were called for and the following were read:

Auxiliaries: Jakin Church and pastor; Mrs. W. T. Hudson reading. Report adopted by voice vote. (See report.)

Education: Macedonia Church and pastor; Mrs. Martha Everson reading. Report adopted by voice vote. (See report.)

State of Churches and Character of Ministers: Rev. J. N. Barnes reading. Motion to table the motion for adoption and refer the report back to the committee for further study and then report back to this body as to the duty of this body in helping Pine View Church to get going in the full work of the Lord.

Missions: Cedar Springs and pastor; Mrs. Irene Dykes reading. Report adopted by voice vote. (See report.)

Reports from corresponding messengers to other associations were given orally as follows:

Martin Association: Brothers Day and E. C. Williams.

Salem Association of Florida: Brother S. T. Shutes.

State Line Association: Brother J. L. Tedder and wife, Brothers J. N. Barnes and T. B. Mellette.

Chattahoochee Association: Brothers W. F. McDuffie, Leo Curtis and C. R. Houston.

Southeastern Association: Brother H. L. Knighton.

Union Association: Brother C. J. Harvey.

Liberty Association of Florida: Brother Leo Curtis.

The reports were all good.

At this time a rising vote of thanks was given to Live Oak Church and community for the wonderful entertainment.

The devotional committee reported that Brother Leo Curtis would preach at the 11:00 o'clock service on Thursday.

Motion was made to adjourn to meet at Macedonia Church Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Thursday Morning

Session opened as per adjournment at Macedonia Church, Miller County, Georgia.

In the absence of Brother Bell, Brother Jim Loyless led the devotional. The singing was led by Brother Griffin.

Brother Knighton gave a report from the Little River and South Georgia Associations.

Motion was made and carried to receive Pine View Church's letter.

The minutes of the previous day's work were read and approved by voice vote.

The moderator renewed the call for visitors and the following were present: Brother O. F. Everson and wife of the Martin Association, and Mrs. Beulah Cook and Mrs. J. B. Tarper of the Methodist church.

The following were appointed by the moderator as a program committee to arrange speakers and topics for the afternoon programs of the quarterly sessions: Rev. W. F. McDuffie, Mrs. Martha Everson and Mrs. Niza Dunning.

Motion was made by Brother Barnes to adopt the report of the committee on state of churches and character of ministers, and let the mission board help Pine View Church. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Delegates were appointed to the various associations as follows:

State Association: Mrs. Jim Loyless, Mrs. Effie Shutes, Mr. W. J. Starr and wife and Mrs. Nancy Johnson.

National Association: Mrs. Leo Curtis, Mrs. H. L. Knighton, Mr. Alvin Day and Mr. O. B. Everson and wife.

The body at this time heard from the delegates to the National Association.

The moderator appointed the following delegates to sister associations:

Martin Association: Rev. E. C. Williams, Rev. Leo Curtis and Alvin Day.

Chattahoochee Association: Rev. C. R. Houston and Rev. Leo Curtis.

State Line Association: Brothers T. B. Mellette, J. N. Barnes and J. L. Tedder.

Little River Association: Brother H. L. Knighton and wife.

Georgia Union Association: Mrs. H. L. Knighton and Nancy Johnson.

Union Association: Brother H. L. Knighton.

Brother George H. Jordan and wife and Brother George Nobles and wife of the State Line Association of Florida and Alabama were recognized and made welcome at this time. Brother Jordan is just closing out his year as pastor of the host church.

Brothers J. N. Barnes, T. B. Mellette and J. L. Tedder were appointed to the Southeastern association.

Motion was passed to suspend with the regular order of business for preaching and noon hour.

Brother Leo Curtis took charge and spoke on the church and facts for the general oversight of the church. It was, he urged, a true standard for the church. Scripture was taken from 1 Corinthians 3 and Matthew 16:16-18.

At the noon hour the host church served a fish dinner.

Thursday Afternoon

At 1:00 p. m. Brother Griffin led the singing, followed with the devotional by Brother McDuffie, using Matthew 25:40, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Brother and Sister McDuffie sang a very beautiful duet.

Resumption of the business at 1:00 p. m. as we were through with dinner. Business resumed at this point.

The nomination committee gave its report with Brother H. L. Knighton reading. Report was adopted by voice vote.

Obituary committee gave its report with Mrs. Kate Edwards reporting. Report adopted by voice vote.

Temperance committee gave its report with Brother J. N. Barnes reporting. Report adopted by voice vote.

The finance committee gave its final report for the 1957 calendar year. Report adopted by voice vote. (See report.)

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

C. R. Houston, Moderator

S. T. Shutes, Clerk

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

State of Churches and Character of Ministers: We, the committee of the state of churches and character of ministers, make the following report: As far as we can find out, all the churches and ministers of our association are in good standing for which we praise the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. Barnes

S. F. Boyd

Ralph Jenkins

Temperance Committee: We are inclined to believe that the Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things and not just be temperate with alcoholic beverages. We should be total abstainers from any kind of alcohol and be temperate in our everyday Christian living. In all our ways, no one can have much Christian influence without being temperate in all things.

Respectfully,

White Pond Church and Pastor

Nomination Committee: We, the nomination committee, submit the following report: We recommend that the first quarterly session in the new year meet with Jakin Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in January. Brother Paul Irvin of Newton, Georgia, is to preach the morning sermon with Rev. J. N. Barnes as alternate.

We recommend that the second quarterly session be held with Cedar Springs Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in April. Brother J. W. Loyless is to preach the morning sermon with Rev. W. F. McDuffie as alternate.

We recommend that White Pond Church be host to the third quarterly session on Friday before the third Sunday in July. Rev. Ralph Bell is to bring the morning message with Rev. Coy Watson as alternate.

We further recommend that Albany Church be host for the first day of the annual session with Rev. S. T. Shutes to preach the morning message; Rev. C. R. Houston to be the alternate. The second day's session to convene with Blakely Church.

Finally, we recommend that Brother W. J. Starr's name be sent to the State Association to replace Brother C. J. Harvey as a member of the Home Missions Board from the Midway Association for the remainder of Brother Harvey's term.

We also recommend that Brother S. T. Shutes succeed himself on the board of education.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. Knighton

A. B. Edmonds

J. R. Shores

Obituary Committee: We, your obituary committee, submit the following report: Since our last annual session we have lost 26 members. We humbly bow our heads to the will of God at the passing of these noble souls. We recommend that a moment of silent prayer be observed in appreciation for their lives and a sustaining power to the bereaved families.

Bethlehem: Sister Cora H. Brown and Brother Robert Morris.

New Light: Brother Dannie Drinkwater.

Jakin: Sister A. H. Hayes and Brother J. W. Bowen.

Cedar Springs: Brother J. G. Philmon.

Mt. Zion: Brother C. C. Swords.

Zion: Sisters Alma Clark and Ida Middleton.

Travelers' Rest: Brothers M. W. Irvin, Tom Boatright, R. J. Edwards, Charlie Holt, W. P. Davis, Sisters Aleph Irvin and Effie Irvin.

Hammock Springs: Brothers Nelse Livingston, Byron Lynn and Sister Hattie Lynn.

White Pond: Brother Zack Lewis and Sister Nellie Ezell.

We commend these to Him in whom they trusted and in whom can be found their every need for their souls.

Respectfully submitted,

Travelers' Rest Church and Pastor

QUARTERLY SESSIONS

The first quarterly meeting convened with Oak Grove Church, Colquitt, Georgia, January 25, 1957. The body was opened with singing led by Brother C. R. Houston. The Scripture reading was from Hebrews 12:2.

The moderator officially opened the body for business. In his opening remarks he urged the members of this body to give more earnest heed to the reaching of the lost for Christ.

Brothers D. B. Dowdney and T. B. Mellette were appointed as reading clerks.

The finance committee is as follows: Rev. H. L. Knighton, L. R. Lofton, Rev. Jim Loyless and the treasurer of the association.

The moderator asked for the church letters to be placed on the clerk's desk; the following responded:

Albany: Mrs. H. L. Knighton, Mrs. O. L. Houston, Mrs. Nancy Johnson and Mr. Y. N. Fowler.

Bainbridge: Mrs. Chloc Whitaker.
 Blakely: Mrs. O. B. Weaver and Mrs. Fred Middleton.
 Bethlehem: Mrs. R. R. Rice, Mrs. A. H. Aycock, Mr. Bruce Johnson and Gene Hersey.
 Cedar Springs: Mrs. Gordan Toler and Mrs. Elzie Evans.
 Donalsonville: By letter.
 Damascus: Mrs. H. J. Wright and Miss Emily Ann Wright.
 Enterprise: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Taylor and Mrs. R. J. Reynolds.
 Hammock Springs: Mrs. Hubert Grant and Mrs. C. R. Williams.
 Jakin: Mrs. Margie Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Reeves, Mrs. Tommie Pace and Wayne Carr.
 Live Oak: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Phillips and Miss Kitty Tyson.
 Macedonia: Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Everson, B. Houston, J. M. Craft and S. T. Shutes.
 Mt. Zion: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wiley and J. M. Clower.
 New Enterprise: Wilford Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williams.
 New Light: Alex Kemp, Claude Blanton, Mrs. George Nix and Mrs. Gene Paul.
 Oak Grove: Mrs. Lester Smith, Mrs. S. F. Boyd and Mrs. Ruby Sheffield.
 Patmos: Mr. W. B. Griffin, Mr. Jesse Griffin and Mrs. Sallie Woodard.
 Pine View: Mr. J. W. Widner and wife, Mrs. Mollie Davis and Mrs. W. S. Driggers.
 Travelers' Rest: Mrs. Juanita Parker, Mr. T. L. Edwards and Mrs. C. Rhodes.
 White Plain: Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Lofton and Mr. Louis Houston.
 White Pond: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones, Mr. Louis Cleveland and Donelle McDowell.
 Zion: Sisters R. E. Mills, Ella Wiley, Bernice Still and Dennis Johnson.
 The following ministers were present: T. B. Mellette, J. N. Barnes, J. L. Tedder, C. J. Harvey, C. R. Houston, H. L. Roberts, C. B. Dowdney, H. L. Knighton, J. W. Loyless, Ralph Bell, Leo Curtis and S. T. Shutes.
 Corresponding messengers were called for the following responded:
 Martin Association: Mrs. Alma McDonald, J. W. Tulley, C. G. Dawson and E. H. Mock.
 Chattahoochee Association: G. C. King and wife.
 Salem Association: D. F. Pelt.
 South Georgia Association: Rev. E. C. Morris.
 Little River Association: Brother Mance Cason.
 A motion to seat the delegates was passed by voice vote.
 Motion to recess for the sermon.

Rev. J. N. Barnes brought the message using for his Scripture Luke 18: 9. His subject was "Exalting Christ as Our Saviour."

An offering was taken to supplement the budget, amounting to \$46.72.

The noon meal was typical of what Oak Grove Church can do.

Reassembled for the afternoon service with singing led by Brother W. B. Griffin. Rev. D. F. Pelt conducted the devotional using Philippians 4:4-8.

The call was renewed for letters and Oak Grove and Pine View answered. Motion made and carried to receive letters and seat the delegates.

Rev. Irvin Crump of the Missionary Baptist church was made welcome.

Motion that Mrs. S. T. Shutes be elected as assistant clerk.

The floor was yielded to C. J. Harvey to discuss the mission board's work.

Talks by Brothers King and Mellette on Mt. Bethel Youth Camp.

Brother E. C. Morris was given the opportunity to bring us up to date on the state program or the program of the Lord as we represent it.

An offering was taken for Camp Mt. Bethel, amounting to \$35.45.

The treasurer asked to make his report at this time. His report was accepted as a part of the record of our work.

A motion was passed to order 12 each of ministers' and deacon's blanks.

A motion was made to relieve Bainbridge of caring for the second quarterly session. It was accepted by Enterprise.

Motion made to extend a rising vote of thanks to the host church and community for the entertainment of this body.

Motion carried to adjourn. "God Be With You" was sung, followed with the closing prayer by Brother Ralph C. Bell.

C. R. Houston, *Moderator*

S. T. Shutes, *Clerk*

The second quarterly session convened with Enterprise Church near Iron City, Georgia, April 26, 1957. Opened with singing, followed with the devotional by Brother W. F. McDuffie. He gave us some real remarks to think about.

The body was officially opened at this time by the moderator. Mrs. Martha Everson and Miss Iva Sewell were appointed as reading clerks.

The following finance committee was appointed: W. J. Starr, Jim Loyless, T. B. Mellette and the treasurer of the association.

Motion to adopt the program as a guide with whatever changes are necessary.

A total of 21 churches reported with an offering of \$271.17. There were 66 delegates and 12 ordained ministers present.

Corresponding messengers for the following associations reported:

Martin: Chester Gilbert.

Chattahoochee: G. C. King.

South Georgia: Rev. E. C. Morris and wife.

Brother Dan Merkh, a missionary candidate to Africa, was presented and he talked of the way in which God had led him to accept this challenge.

Brother Jesse Pollock of the Missionary Baptist church was also made welcome.

Motion to recess for preaching and the noon hour.

Rev. Coy Watson brought the message, using for the Scripture Jude 1:3. His subject was "Earnestly Contend for the Faith Once Delivered to the Saints," a very practical message. He asked Brother C. J. Harvey to close the service any way he saw fit. The song, "All on the Altar," was sung, followed with the closing prayer.

A real dinner in the south Georgia style was served by the host church.

Reassembled at 1:20 p. m. with singing by the congregation. Brother J. L. Tedder offered the prayer.

Duties and qualifications of a deacon was given by Rev. E. C. Morris. He showed from the Scriptures that the deacons are not the overlords of the church, but rather to serve, help advise and also recommend along with the pastor to the church things that will be to the best interest of the entire work of the church for the Lord.

Time was given to Brother Dan Merkh to make an appeal for the foreign mission program. He used Ezekiel 33:3 as a basis for the appeal.

G. C. King gave a report on the Youth Camp. C. J. Harvey made an appeal for money and commodities for the camp. An offering was taken amounting to \$32.52.

Brother E. C. Morris brought us up to date on the work of our church from the state level.

Report of the finance committee by Mrs. Martin Still. This was also the treasurer's report. Report adopted.

Motion made and carried to give \$35.00 to the Merkhs for the African trip.

Motion made and carried that the body assume the expense of printing the programs for the association and quarterly sessions.

Motion made and carried that we extend a rising vote of thanks to this church and community for their wonderful hospitality shown us.

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

C. R. Houston, Moderator

S. T. Shutes, Clerk

The third quarterly session convened with New Light Church near Morgan, Georgia, July 26, 1957. Brother W. B. Griffin led the congregation in singing "Jesus Included Me Too." Rev. T. B. Mellette was to give the devotional; instead he called on his nephew, Rev. Thomas Mellette. He used the 23rd Psalm and gave some very timely remarks.

The moderator then officially opened this session for the transaction of business. The following finance committee was appointed: S. F. Boyd, Alvin Day, B. Houston, J. W. Clower, Rev. J. N. Barnes and the treasurer of the association.

Reading clerks were appointed as follows: Mrs. Edith Shiver and Mrs. Martha Everson.

The church letters were brought to the clerk's table and read by the reading clerks and the delegates were seated. Twenty-one churches reported, 68 delegates and 17 ordained ministers.

Our visitors included Brother Henry Melvin of Winterville, North Carolina; Rev. D. F. Pelt, pastor of the host church; Rev. Jim Pelt of Glennville, Georgia; and their father, Mr. C. J. Pelt of Marianna, Florida; Rev. Thomas Mellette of the South Carolina Conference; Brother Walter Sloan of the Union Association; and Brother Pollock and wife of the Missionary Baptist church. These brethren were welcomed by the assistant moderator.

The body then recessed by motion for the preaching services and the noon hour.

The message was brought by Brother McDuffie and was an inspiring message to all.

The dinner served by the host church was simply grand.

Reassembled at 1:15 p. m. and the moderator called the body to order. Rev. Henry Melvin brought the devotional and, as always, it was a treat to hear this man of God.

A report of the youth camp was given by the director, Brother Mellette.

Mrs. O. L. Houston gave at this time a wonderful message on the "Importance of the Family Altar." Keep on preaching this truth, Mrs. Houston. Motion was made that this article be published in *The Free Will Baptist and Contact*.

Motion carried to place Rev. Paul Irvin's name on the ordained minister's list.

Brother Harvey gave a mission report and urged all to rally to the home missions program in Georgia. He asked all to please do some work on the \$1.00 Club to go in the loan fund for new churches. Please pray, he urged.

The treasurer gave his report and the finance report. Total received \$422.91; disbursed \$371.29. Motion was amended to include the printing of the programs.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church for the splendid entertainment given to us during this session.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Live Oak Church October 30, 1957, in the annual session of the Midway Association.

C. R. Houston, Moderator

S. T. Shutes, Clerk

Churches	Pastors and Addresses	Church Clerks and Addresses	S. S. Superintendents and Addresses	Staric Iress
Albany	H. L. Knighton 1205 Whitney Ave. Albany Ga.	E. C. Conder 1414 Whitney Ave. Albany, Ga.	O. L. Houston 1814 Edgerly Ave. Albany, Ga.	Cha 150 Ave. Alb.
Bainbridge	Jim Loyless Bainbridge, Ga.	Lewis Williams Shotwell St. Bainbridge, Ga.	Willard Tedder West Bainbridge, Ga.	Mrsdder Wege, 4
Blakely	Leo Curtis Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Florence M. Alexander 118 County St. Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Florence M. Alexander 118 County St. Blakely, Ga.	Mrsurtis Per Blal
Bethlehem	D. F. Pelt Marianna, Fla.	Mrs. Evelyn Jones Shellman, Ga.	W. F. Fergerson Dawson, Ga.	
Cedar Springs	Ralph Bell Brinson, Ga.	Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield Route 4 Blakely Ga.	Davis S. Pyle Route 4 Blakely, Ga.	
Damascus	W. F. McDuffie Blakely, Ga.	T. W. Wiley Damascus, Ga.	L. W. Wiley Damascus, Ga.	Mrs Ch Daa.
Donalsonville	S. T. Shutes Colquitt, Ga.	Mrs. Lena Brown Donalsonville, Ga.	Tom Cox Colquitt, Ga.	Benn Dol Ga.
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Hammock Springs	A. H. Rutherford Chipley, Fla.	Mrs. Ruth Grant Donalsonville, Ga.	Mrs. Robert Williams Donalsonville, Ga.	MrsWilli Don Ga
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Macedonia	C. R. Houston Colquitt, Ga.	Mrs. Ida Tabb Colquitt, Ga.	O. B. Everson Route 4 Colquitt, Ga.	J. M Colt
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Oak Grove	Leo Curtis Blakely, Ga.	Leslie Trawick Colquitt, Ga.	H. A. Harbin Colquitt, Ga.	Roy Colc
Jakin	S. T. Shutes Colquitt, Ga.	Wayne Carr Donalsonville, Ga.	Dick Ward Jakin, Ga.	Thovey Jaki
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Pine View		Mrs. W. H. Widner Colquitt, Ga.		
Travelers' Rest	C. R. Houston Colquitt, Ga.	Ralph Edwards Newton, Ga.	Herman C. Irvin Newton, Ga.	Jimarke New
White Plains	Ralph Bell Iron City, Ga.	S. A. White Blakely, Ga.	Martin Murkerson Route 4 Blakely, Ga.	J. On Blak
White Pond	W. F. McDuffie Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Albert Jones Damascus, Ga.	Lewis Cleveland Damascus, Ga.	MrsDo Dan'a.
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	Mrs. R. R. Rice Shellman, Ga.	Mrs. Wyman Rice Shellman, Ga.	Mrs. Fred Johnson Shellman, Ga.	Brenda Johnson Shellman, Ga.
	Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield Route 4, Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Vinson Evans Jakin, Ga.	Mrs. Irene Dykes Cedar Springs, Ga.	Mrs. Faye Houston Jakin, Ga.
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STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average Attendance	Sunday School Offering	Sunday School Officers & Teachers	Sunday School Departments	F. W. B. L. Enrollment	F. W. B. L. Average Attendance	F. W. B. L. Offering	W. A. Enrollment	W. A. Average Attendance	W. A. Meetings	W. A. Offerings	Meeting Days
Albany	190	170	\$	21	9	70	65	\$	21	18	12	\$288.56	Full Time
Blakely	148	110	600.46	11	8	77	40	179.29	15	8	24	375.73	Full Time
Bainbridge	42	30	159.58	5	4				8	5	24	125.50	2 & 4
Bethlehem	25	18	104.00	5	3	20	12	52.00	15	6	12	12.00	2 & 4
Cedar Springs	50	38	192.80	7	4	49	37	106.49	13	8	3	3.00	1 & 3
Damascus	70	45	253.67	7	5								3
Donalsonville	20	13	190.79	5	3	17	12	110.21	4	3	4	8.62	Full Time
Enterprise	30	20	58.02	4	4	59	29	40.00	8	6	4	4.85	
Hammock Springs	38	22	62.01	6	5	39	21	58.05	8	5		18.45	2 & 4
Live Oak	35	20	18.00	4	4	33	20	18.00					1 & 3
Macedonia	35	30	178.00	1	4				13	8	24	76.82	1 & 3
Mt. Zion	30	20	208.08	5	3	20	15	111.58	10	8	12	18.35	1 & 3
New Enterprise	80	46	337.96	12	4	51	27	42.78	14	16	24	30.45	1 & 3
New Light	138	80	150.00	10	7	26	18	1.75	22	12	12	17.00	2 & 4
Oak Grove	40	20	274.54	10	3				12	8	24		1 & 3
Jakin	70	46	706.66	8	5	38	20	141.47	14	9	26	241.65	1 & 3
Patmos	80	55	541.85	7	5	50	40	169.50	10	8	26	600.00	2 & 4
Pineview													
Travelers' Rest	60	38	178.60	11	5	60	35	107.79	10	8	26	43.11	2 & 4
White Pond	47	35	129.02	6	4	31	24	38.80					2 & 4
White Plains	33	20	19.45	5	3								1 & 3
Zion	32	29	178.36	7	4	30	24	11.50	14	10	12	100.00	2 & 4

Churches	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Building and Repairs	Literature	Incidentals	Benevolence or Charity	Unified Program	Other Causes	Value of Church Property	Total Amount Received	Total Members	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Restoration	Lost by Death	Lost by Letter
Albany	\$4,370.00	\$339.34	\$ 863.70	\$493.55	\$127.34	\$137.74	\$120.00	\$ 30.03	\$15,000	\$8,585.26	174	15	10			9
Blakely	2,860.00		1,177.26	146.44	211.12	150.65	120.00	199.24	15,000	4,879.74	158	13	2	4		1
Bainbridge	162.50	197.00	1,633.55	33.10	116.33	116.69	172.40	192.50	5,000	2,055.76	22	1	3			2
Bethlehem	1,169.00			70.50		164.66	40.00	5.50	4,000	4,187.66	85	4	2		1	
Cedar Springs	1,011.26	191.10		58.41	53.64	241.71	191.62	354.71	5,000	2,126.28	93	7	2		1	
Damascus	414.63	75.00	23.68	33.78	62.12	41.00	30.00	40.00	15,000	794.47	53					
Donalsonville	59.21	90.00	2,350.30	38.28	23.38	27.63	4.24	68.18	6,000	2,683.84	10	1		2		
Enterprise	528.60	80.00	20.44	45.14	111.18	18.95	25.31		3,000	876.85	66	2				
Hammock Springs	400.00	112.00	128.50	50.71	42.49	55.98	22.55	3.90	5,000	716.49	37		3		3	
Live Oak	600.00	175.00		40.00	33.00	50.00	46.25		15,000	912.00	200	5	2		7	3
Macedonia	669.66	175.00	1,232.50	91.43	220.06	9.30	105.00	100.00	12,500	2,690.16	88		2	1		
Mt. Zion	549.81	80.00	193.85	48.80	101.68	45.44	120.02	85.00	5,000	1,258.95	85	6	3			3
New Enterprise	540.00	203.59	227.87	66.34	75.47	64.00	88.00	109.50	10,000	1,008.37	71	3	1		1	
New Light	1,357.98	180.00	8,306.92	76.11	38.00	25.45	424.61	2,500.00	30,000	5,137.25	268	3	1		3	4
Oak Grove	60.00	80.00	1,686.57	42.75	35.00		269.00	144.00	12,000	2,065.37	76	4				3
Jakin	1,200.00	200.00	73.75	92.27	19.00	50.00	120.00	64.21	15,000	2,211.02	140					3
Patmos	742.00			71.88	43.38	160.18	180.00		10,000	2,544.38	169	8	6			4
Pine View	100.37						7.00		5,000	200.00	30					3
Travelers' Rest	952.57	159.06	1,114.21	78.41	120.06	127.50	97.00		10,000	1,275.58	125	3			7	6
White Pond	647.00	100.00	2,150.54	73.80	96.41		124.67	7.60	7,000	3,214.03	93	5			2	2
White Plain	400.85	103.56	711.69		28.59	21.75	84.00	62.00	7,000	1,433.52	137	1	3			
Zion	725.25	164.83	313.85	53.92	70.47	59.42	146.29	162.20	5,000	1,491.75	144				1	

Woman's Auxiliary

By virtue of a previous assignment from the 1956 association, we are happy in offering the following report. These facts we trust will prove a blessing to the cause of our Lord.

At the close of 1955 we had enrolled in Sunday school, 1,263; at the close of 1956 we had gained only 92. In the league we had a gain of 78, and in the woman's auxiliary a gain of 31.

In 1955 Brother E. C. Morris made a comparison from Psalm 46:4, rivers and streams; rivers the churches; streams the auxiliaries. Rivers have beds, foundations, that is Christ, the rock. But streams may run in many directions but they serve some purpose. So the four major auxiliaries are the vital lifelines to the church in expansion, regardless of the type of expansion.

There is a Lydia here and there whose heart God opens (Acts 16:14, 15), and the missionary endeavors of the church as a result are expanding. The relationship of the woman's auxiliary to the church is just what it says, *a helper or one who helps*. It was never in the minds of the organizers to make the auxiliary a controlling factor in the church. The definite purpose of the auxiliary is to help the church teach and support missions, which means winning the lost to Jesus whether at home or abroad.

Then we need teaching; we have just that in the Sunday school. There is an opportunity for these thousands of Sunday school teachers to enlarge our minds with the Word of God. Through the auxiliary we can teach the basic principles that will change diamonds in the rough to sparkling dazzling, charming jewels for our Lord to use in His program to help in the Christianizing of this cold wicked world.

Then the third, not in importance, but after a booster shot from the woman's auxiliary and the pebbles from the Word of God given to us by the teacher, the main stream or name for the training organization which trains people to be useful in winning the unsaved to the saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the league. The adult's job is to see that the training periods are observed properly.

Since 1955 we have gained around 300 in all in the auxiliaries of the church; not so good but better than losing ground.

We believe that we have let the lifeline get cut somewhere along the way. For reasons better known to the various members of the different churches, prayer meetings are obsolete. The life flow from the power house of God is best obtained from or through the prayer meeting. We receive a real spiritual booster we do not get from any other source. So you see the Spirit operates through the believers in feeding those who hunger and quenches the spiritual thirst; then gives the all around, overcoming strength in the battles for right.

There are several other auxiliaries of the church: Y. P. A., G. T. A., boy's auxiliary and the brotherhood for the men. All are important and have

their place in the Lord's work. So you see we have eight helpers in helping our Lord to recruit new laborers in this great battle for the victory that overcometh the world and sets people in the right.

Respectfully submitted,
Jakin Church and Pastor

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your committee on education, make the following report: God's Word places much emphasis upon the teaching of the principles of righteousness as expressed in the commandments, statutes, and judgments (Deuteronomy 6:1-9). The responsibility for teaching these principles was placed upon parents.

In this day of fast and loose living, many parents are failing in their responsibility to teach their children the principles of Christian living by example and precept. As a result of the failure of parents to teach their children the principles of Christian living, youth delinquency has become our number one problem. We cannot depend upon the public schools of today to teach our children these eternal principles. The law in many of our states forbids the reading of the Bible in the classroom.

The church and its agencies must assume the responsibility of the home if we are to keep alive the principles of morality and righteousness. The church of today should therefore make an all-out effort to enlist all children in Sunday school, the league and youth training centers.

To meet this responsibility and opportunity, we should be very careful in selection of teachers of our Sunday schools and the ministers who pastor our churches. It is a big job. May the church face the task and meet the challenge.

Respectfully submitted,
Macedonia Church and Pastor

MISSION REPORT

His Command—My Task—To Go:

It has been said that no fountain can go higher than the strength of its source. Let's look together to see where the source of mission lies.

Matthew 28:18-20, "And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Then in Mark 16:15 we find these words, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

We find in these Scriptures that Christ is the source of missions.

Christ gave this command to His disciples just before He ascended back to heaven. He had taught them diligently while He was on earth and

now He was leaving the task of spreading the gospel to the people up to the disciples. They were faithful and how thankful we should be that they were, if it had not been for them we would never have heard the gospel ourselves.

It is our privilege and responsibility to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth. Because in Acts 1:8 we are told to start in Jerusalem (which means at home) then Judaea, Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

We have found the source of missions. What is to be the message? The message is to be the Word of God. In Acts 4:12, "Neither is salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." There is only one way and it is Jesus. So we must see that people hear the Word of God.

In Romans 10:13-15, 17, Paul tells us "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How shall these people call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him who they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach except they be sent? . . . So faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

We have the true gospel and it is our responsibility to carry this message to those that know nothing of the forgiveness of their sins.

If we can not go ourselves then we must pray and give. Our missionaries are depending on our prayers first and our financial support also—so please pray and give.

The achievement of missions is the winning of the lost to Christ. It is only through His power that this can be accomplished, but if we are completely yielded to Him and His will for our lives, then we have the promise and assurance of power and victory. As we witness to those who are lost, He will convict them of their sins. So through the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we can lead them to a saving knowledge of Christ.

What will be the reward for missions? If we have done our task with the right attitude, that is if we have something to look forward to—a home in heaven with Christ and a crown.

Proverbs 11:30 says, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."

Then in Daniel 12:3, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 4:8, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only but unto all them that love His appearing." Paul had this assurance because he had done a good job in the task that God had given him.

He had been faithful and at the close of life he had a crown of righteousness to look forward to. As Christians we can have the same reward if we

are faithful and true to the task that is before us. If we do our best for Christ then our efforts will not be in vain. We must not do these things for the praise of man but for the glory of the Lord.

Now remember "It's more blessed to give than to receive. It's not what we give but what we share."

Let us each resolve that we shall do more for Christ through missions in the future than we have in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Cedar Springs Church and Pastor

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance on Hand	\$ 20.24	
Received from Churches	353.50	
Special Offering	85.26	
Received from Home Mission Board	200.00	
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Total Received		\$659.00

Disbursements

State Association Dues	\$ 10.00	
Bainbridge Church	150.00	
Donalsonville Church	150.00	
Mt. Bethel Youth Church	50.00	
Unified Program	50.00	
Compiling Committee	25.00	
Clerk	15.00	
Treasurer	10.00	
Rev. E. C. Williams	20.00	
Sister W. T. Wiley	20.00	
Rev. J. L. Tedder	10.00	
Bible College	50.00	
State Superannuation	10.00	
Programs	8.00	
10% of Day's Offerings	43.83	
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Total Disbursed		633.83

Balance in Treasury		\$ 25.17
Received from Ladies' Auxiliary for Minutes	\$ 10.00	
Unused National Association Delegates Fee	60.00	

Mission Treasurer

Brought Forward	\$274.81
Paid to Donalsonville and Bainbridge Churches	200.00
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Balance	\$ 74.81
10% of Offerings	43.83
Total	<hr/> \$118.64

After careful consideration of the situation of the Pine View Church, we recommend that the Home Mission Board send Brother H. L. Roberts to assist Pine View Church in re-establishing services one Sunday each month, and he can report the standings on the church at the next quarterly meeting.

T. B. Mellette
 Alex Kemp
 W. J. Starr
 Niza Dunning
 Martin Still

The Home Mission Board, consisting of C. R. Houston, Martin Still and S. T. Shutes, approved the above report.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER

I. Stewardship of Possessions:

Number of Auxiliary Members Contributing to Missions, 42
 Number of Tithers on Roll at Beginning of Convention Year, 26
 Number of Tithers as Result of Stewardship Study Courses, 5
 Present Number of Tithers, 31

II. Financial Report:

Amount of Offering Sent to W. N. A. C. Co-Laborer Fund, \$64.37
 Amount of Easter Offering for Foreign Missions, \$45.65
 Amount of Thanksgiving Offering for State Home Missions, \$35.94
 Amount of Christmas Offering for National Home Missions, \$32.28
 Cash Gifts to Orphanage, \$65.74
 Home Mission Tent, \$15.50
 Cash Gifts to Free Will Baptist College, \$56.18
 Total Gifts to Missions Sent to W. N. A. C. Treasurer this Convention
 Year by Woman's Auxiliary, \$56.33
 By G. T. A.'s, \$1.00
 Cash Gifts to Aged Ministers, \$24.00
 Total Per Capita Representation Fee Sent to W. N. A. C. Treasurer
 this Convention Year by Woman's Auxiliary, \$35.50
 Total Amount Spent for Auxiliary Literature, \$122.15
 Total Amount Spent this Convention Year for Local Church Activities,
 \$622.88
 Total Amount Sent for Unified Program, \$38.36
 Total Amount Sent for Dot Harvey Loan Fund, \$53.00
 Total Amount Sent for State Workshop, \$35.00
 Others, \$126.28

Camp Mt. Bethel Silverware, \$56.50
 Mrs. Edwards District Study Course, \$12.05
 Miss Barnard's Trip Home, \$27.00
 Student Loan Fund, \$16.00
 Camp Mt. Bethel Building Fund, \$116.01

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary of Midway Association
 President, Mrs. J. W. Clower, Arlington, Ga.

Treasurer, Iva Sewell, Jakin, Ga.

Number of Auxiliaries Reporting, 14.

Amount Per Capita Representation Fees Sent to Treasurer, 50c.

No. "B", 2, No. "C", 2.

I. Enlistment Department:

1. Enrollment at Beginning of Convention Year, 154; Present Enrollment, 126.

2. Number New Members, 17; Number Lost, 11; Average Attendance, 97.

II. Youth Department:

1. Number Youth Organizations: G. T. A., 3; Y. P. A., 2; B. A., 1.

II. Youth Department:

1. Number Youth Organizations: G. T. A., 3; Y. P. A., 2; B. A., 1;

2. Total Membership: G. T. A., 26; Y. P. A., 21; B. A., 12.

3. Number Mission Declamation Contests Held, 1.

4. Number Vacation Bible Schools Assisted In, 3.

5. Number Active Church Libraries, 0.

6. Number Bible College Students assisted, 4.

7. Other Activities, 0.

III. Study Course Department:

1. Courses Conducted	Attendance
Mission, 6	71
Stewardship, 5	40
Manual, 4	37
Evangelism, 3	33
Prayer, 8	61

2. Reading Circles, 9.

3. Number Daily Bible Readers, 44.

IV. Program-Prayer Department:

1. Number Special Programs Held, 9.

2. Number Weeks of Prayer Conducted, 19.

3. Total Amount Self-Denial Offering Resulting from Weeks of Prayer, \$61.21.

4. Total Number Family Altars, 28.

5. Total Members Observing Prayer Fellowship, 39.

V. *Personal Service Department:*

1. Number Making Soul-Winning Efforts, 52.
2. Number Souls Won, 5.
3. Number Active in Community Missions, 56.
4. Total Value of All Contributions to Children's Homes, \$57.00.

VI. *Publicity Department:*

1. Number Subscribers to Free Will Baptist Papers, 62.
2. Number Articles Written for Publication, 16.
3. Other Publicity Work Done, 15 cards; 2 posters, 5 letters.

VII. *Personal Gifts:*

	(Contributions Through Other Channels)
Special Offerings:	Amount
Missions	\$ 52.02
Free Will Baptist Bible College	
Children's Home	21.00
Superannuation	4.00
Other	838.48

Mrs. Margie Hudson, Recording Secretary
Jakin, Ga.

The Midway District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with Albany Church October 4, 1957.

The theme for the day was "Engage and Evaluate." Devotional was given by Mrs. Wynell Clower, with singing led by Mrs. Iva Sewell.

The welcome was given by Mrs. A. B. Paul with the response by the president.

Minutes were read and adopted.

Roll call of churches and delegates seated.

A welcome was extended to all visitors and ministers.

The following committees were appointed:

Nominating Committee: Mrs. S. T. Dunning, Mrs. Ida Tabb and Mrs. C. E. Fincher.

Finance Committee: Iva Sewell, Mrs. Herbert Woodard, Mrs. L. R. Curtiss, Mrs. N. N. Clower and Mrs. Walter Sheffield.

Credentials Committee: Mrs. Gordon McDonald and Mrs. J. T. Reese.

Registration Committee: Mrs. W. O. Clower, Mrs. O. L. Houston and Mrs. James Mathis.

Resolution Committee: Mrs. Grace Houston, Mrs. Essie Butler and Mrs. Nancy Johnson.

The group sang the song, "Labor On."

Mrs. Betty Day gave an interesting talk on "Engage in Woman's Work."

Special song by Albany Church.

Song by the congregation and a love offering was taken.

Adjourned for lunch with prayer by Brother Houston.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened by the singing of "May God Depend on You" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

The devotional was given by Mrs. W. T. Hudson Sr.

The reports of each district chairman was given and Mrs. O. B. Everson and others that attend the National Convention gave reports on the convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee

President, Mrs. O. B. Everson, Colquitt, Ga.

Vice-president, Mrs. J. W. Clower, Arlington, Ga.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Betty Day, Blakely, Ga.

Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. T. Hudson, Sr., Jakin, Ga.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Grace Houston, Colquitt, Ga.

Treasurer, Mrs. L. R. Curtis, Blakely, Ga.

Field Secretary, Mrs. Edith Shiver, Elmodel, Ga.

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

Study Course Chairman, Mrs. S. T. Dunning, Jakin, Ga.

Stewardship-Prayer, Mrs. Roy Lanier, Leary, Ga.

Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Albany, Ga.

The quarterly workshops for this year will be held with the following churches on the first Thursday in the month: December with Macedonia; March with Jakin; June with Mt. Zion. The district convention meets with Blakely on the first Thursday in October, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. S. T. Dunning

Mrs. Ida Tabb

Mrs. C. E. Fincher

Credential Committee

We, as your committee on credentials, find each report has improved somewhat in the last year. We pray each will do more to improve in the work of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gordon McDonald

Mrs. J. T. Reese

Registration Committee

We, your committee on registration, submit the following report: We have nine churches represented with 41 members present and three ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. O. Clower

Mrs. O. L. Houston

Mrs. James Mathis

Resolution Committee

1. We, the committee, resolve that all local corresponding secretaries and their addresses be listed in the minutes along with the church officers each year.

2. We, as a committee, resolve that we cooperate with our state and national auxiliary with our means and efforts and also cooperate with our district in whatever project comes up.

3. Resolve that each officer of the convention submit a written report next year to the annual convention.

4. Resolve that each of us bring a covered dish to the annual convention next year.

5. Resolve that each auxiliary support the W. N. A. C. co-laborer plan.

6. Resolve that each auxiliary use the W. N. A. C. standard of achievement chart.

7. Resolve that the convention change the meeting dates from Friday to Thursday for meeting.

8. Resolve that the Midway Auxiliary Convention still continue the quarterly workshops next year and have at least one study on W. N. A. C. work and one on state work.

9. Resolve that each church and auxiliary put forth a special effort to send at least three delegates to the convention each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Nancy Johnson

Mrs. Grace Houston

Mrs. Essie Butler

Finance Committee

We, the finance committee, submit the following report:

Receipts

Balance Brought Forward	\$28.45
Received Church Dues	67.15
Special Offering	17.31

Total Received

\$112.91

Disbursements

For State and National Dues	\$50.40
Minutes	10.00
Student Loan Fund	26.26
Mission Station	26.25

Total Disbursements \$112.91

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Sewell
Mrs. Walter Sheffield
Mrs. Herbert Woodard
Mrs. L. R. Curtis
Mrs. N. N. Clower

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

A motion was made and carried that the balance of the camp silver fund be used to purchase more silver for the camp.

The new officers were installed by Mrs. Roy Lanier.

Closing song, "Have Thine Own Way."

Adjourned to meet with Blakely Church the first Thursday in October, 1958.

Mrs. Wynell Clover, *President*

Mrs. Margie Hudson, *Secretary*

Corresponding secretaries and addresses:

Oak Grove, Mrs. Gordon McDonald, Colquitt, Ga.

Travelers' Rest, Mrs. Betty Allen, Newton, Ga.

Mt. Zion, Mrs. L. A. Wiley, Arlington, Ga.

Macedonia, Mrs. Ida Tabb, Colquitt, Ga.

Jakin, Mrs. Iva Sewell, Jakin, Ga.