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of the

Sixtieth Annual Session of the MIDWAY ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF GEORGIA

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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; A. C. Anderson, Iron City, Georgia; J. W. Clower, Arlington, Georgia; Ed Sanders, Colquitt, 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, Bronzo Parrish, Albert Ellingwood.

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

The Home Missions Board is composed of the following: The moderator, assistant moderator, treasurer, clerk, president of the Midway District Auxiliary Convention, the chairman of the executive board, and the state mission board member from the Midway Association.

QUARTERLY SESSIONS

The first quarterly session will convene with Travelers' Rest Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in January, 1959, at 10:00 a. m. Rev. J. B. Lovering will bring the message; Rev. C. R. Houston will be his alternate.

The second quarterly session will meet with Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church in Early County on Friday before the fourth Sunday in April, 1959. Rev. Ralph Bell will bring the message; Rev. J. N. Barnes will be his alternate.

Proceedings of the Annual Session

Wednesday Morning

The sixtieth annual session of the Midway Association convened with the Albany Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, on October 29, 1958, at 10:00 a. m.

The moderator, Rev. C. R. Houston, opened the service by leading in congregational singing. He read a portion of Scripture and spoke on the subject, "Going Forward."

The finance committee was appointed, as follows: Rev. T. B. Mellette, L. W. Wiley, O. B. Everson, Rev. H. L. Knighton, together with the treasurer and assistant treasurer.

The committee on nominations was appointed, as follows: W. J. Starr, Leroy Loftin, T. W. Jenkins.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the prepared program and follow through with it as outlined.

Rev. S. T. Shutes read the report of the digest committee. (See Report.)

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be adopted and the delegates seated.

The roll of ministers was called, and the following were present: E. C. Williams, T. B. Mellette, J. L. Tedder, J. N. Barnes, C. R. Rouston, H. L. Roberts, Coy Watson, W. F. McDuffie, H. L. Knighton, J. W. Loyless, Ralph Bell, Leo Curtis, Paul Irvin, S. T. Shutes.

Petitionary letters were called for, but none were presented.

Corresponding messengers from other associations were as follows: *Martin*—Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Everson, R. W. Holmes, Rev. J. B. Lovering, Mrs. B. W. Clenny, Mrs. Effie Kimbrell; *State Line*—Rev. Ralph Bell, Rev. John Edwards, Mr. S. O. Fowler, Rev. Malcolm Taylor; *Little River*—Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris; *Union*—Rev. C. J. Harvey; *Chattahoochee*—Rev. C. B. Dowdney, Rev. K. V. Shutes.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to give the hand of fellowship to these messengers.

The congregation sang several songs.

A special message in song was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. W. F. McDuffie.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. S. T. Shutes. He used "Startling Facts Taken from James 5:8 and Habakkuk 2:1." He also showed how Ezekiel 5:5 sets the stage for a discussion of happenings at the center of the world, together with how they will end there.

The host church served dinner in South Georgia style—good.

Wednesday Afternoon

At 1:30 p. m., the audience reassembled for devotions by Rev. K. V. Shutes. He spoke on "The Upward Look."

The churches of the association were represented, as follows:

Albany: Mr. Curtis Houston, Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Mrs. Edmond Stearman, Mrs. A. B. Paul.

Bainbridge: Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Pickron.

Bethlehem: Mr. Marlin Brown, Mrs. Vivian Barfield, Mrs. A. H. Aycock, Mrs. Bill Furgerson.

Blakely: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Middleton, Mr. Alvin Day, Mrs. C. C. Jordan, Mrs. Mamie L. Phillips.

Cedar Springs: Mrs. E. H. Sheffield, Mrs. R. B. Pyle, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pyle, Mrs. Mary Houston.

Damascus: Mr. L. W. Wiley, Mrs. Christine Cheshire, Mrs. Alberta Milner.

Donalsonville: By letter.

Pine View: No letter.

Enterprise: Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Jenkins, Mr. Pres Harrell.

Hammock Springs: Mrs. R. R. Williams, Mrs. Hilton Lynn, Mrs. Melissa Kilgore.

Live Oak: Mr. J. M. Etheridge, Mrs. Kitty Tyson, Mrs. Eunice Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sanders, Mrs. Matilda Sanders.

Macedonia: Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McCann, Mrs. Grace Houston, Mr. O. B. Everson.

Mt. Zion: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clower, N. N. Clower, C. G. Jordan.

New Enterprise: Mr. C. E. Waddell, Anderson Williams.

New Light: Mr. Allen Kemp, Mr. Thad Hawk, Mr. D. E. Drinkwater, Mr. Falcom Turner, Mrs. Maud Clowers, Mr. William Clower.

Oak Grove: Mrs. Lester Trawick, Mrs. S. F. Boyd, Mrs. Cecil Houston.

Jakin: Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Reeves, Mr. Crawford Helms, Mr. A. D. Ivey, Mrs. Niza Dunning, Mrs. Minnie Hudson, Miss Iva Sewell.

Patmos: Mrs. Lillie Mae Hay, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Griffin, Mrs. Myron Shiver, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Starr.

Travelers' Rest: T. L. Edwards, Mrs. Sara Rhodes, Mrs. Kate Edwards, Mrs. Loraine Edwards, Mrs. Sam Jones Irvin.

White Pond: Mrs. Ollie Manion, Mrs. Enid McDowell, Mrs. Lee Roy Haddock.

White Plains: Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Loftin, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton McCorkle, Mrs. Oliver Houston.

Zion: Mrs. Edna Mills, Mrs. Catherine Still, Mrs. Coren Moseley, Mrs. Laura Anderson.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that special prayer be offered for the families of Rev. C. B. Dowdney and Rev. K. V. Shutes.

The mission board reported; a motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the report with the following amendment: Instead of each church raising one dollar per capita, each church is asked to raise as much as it can for this cause. (See Report.)

Rev. E. C. Morris, promotional secretary for the Georgia State Association, gave some reports which were glowing and some which were not so good. He presented certificates to several of the churches for certain amounts contributed to the promotional department.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to give a rising vote of thanks to the Albany Church for the wonderful hospitality shown during the day.

The report on Christian education by the Mt. Zion Church and pastor was read and adopted. (See Report.)

The report on temperance by the Cedar Springs Church and pastor was read and adopted. (See Report.)

The Rev. T. B. Mellette was recognized to discuss raising funds for the entertainment of the Georgia State Association at Camp Mt. Bethel. Each church was asked to raise from seven to ten dollars each and send it to Rev. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Georgia, or to carry it to the state association.

Corresponding delegates were appointed to the various associations, as follows:

Martin: C. G. Jordan, Alvin Day, O. B. Everson.

State Line: S. T. Shutes, T. B. Mellette.

Chattahoochee: J. L. Tedder, Alvin Day, Coy Watson.

Little River: C. R. Houston, T. B. Mellette, G. C. King, H. L. Knighton.

Union: C. R. Houston, W. F. McDuffie, S. T. Shutes.

The moderator made the standing committee appointments for 1958-1959, as follows:

Education: New Light Church and pastor.

Obituaries: Jakin Church and pastor.

Temperance: Enterprise Church and pastor.

Auxiliaries: Albany Church and pastor.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to suspend business until Thursday morning at 9:30 a. m. with the Blakely Free Will Church.

Thursday Morning

The Midway Association convened with the Blakely Free Will Baptist Church on Thursday, October 30, 1958, at 9:30 a. m., as per adjournment the day before.

Mr. J. M. Craft led the congregation in singing. Rev. J. N. Barnes offered prayer.

Rev. T. B. Mellette conducted devotional services, reading and discussing John 10:22-30.

Rev. W. F. McDuffie gave the report on obituaries. A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the report and a moment of prayer and silence were observed in memory of the deceased.

Rev. Paul Irvin gave the report on auxiliaries. The report was adopted. (See Report.)

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the clerk send cards at the expense of the association to the clerks of the various churches informing them as to when to mail their annual church letters to the associational clerk.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the letter from Hammock Springs Church and seat the delegates.

Mrs. Martha Everson gave a glowing report from the Midway District Auxiliary Convention. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be received as information, since the report on this work will be in the minutes in a more complete form.

Rev. H. L. Knighton gave a report on the National Association of Free Will Baptists, placing special emphasis on the Master's Men's Organization. He urged the men to accept the challenge offered to them from the activities so beautifully carried out by the good women of our church, not only in promoting the work of our Lord in a general way, but so gracefully developing their own spiritual lives.

The moderator appointed the following delegates to the Georgia State Association: Mrs. Martin Still, Mr. L. W. Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Griffin, Mr. Alvin Day.

A motion was adopted to recess business for the eleven o'clock message and noon refreshments.

The message was delivered by the Rev. John Edwards of Dothan, Alabama, in the absence of the Rev. Daniel Pelt of Grand Ridge, Florida. The subject was, "The All-Powerful Christ," taken from Matthew 28:18. It was a fine message placing the power of Christ before the power of man.

The host church served another South Georgia dinner.

Thursday Afternoon

The session was called to order again at 1:30 p. m.

Song service was conducted by Mrs. E. H. Sheffield.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. John Golden of the South Eastern Association. His subject was, "No Man Cared for My Soul."

The executive committee made the following report: So far as we are able to find out, all our ministers and churches are in good standing with

the exception of one—Pine View Church is disbanding. (Report made by S. F. Boyd, Martin Murkerson, B. Houston and Alvin Day.) The report was adopted. (See Report.)

The moderator appointed the following delegates to the National Association: Martin Murkerson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Houston, Alvin Day, Mrs. S. T. Shutes.

Rev. W. F. McDuffie gave the report of the program committee, as follows:

January Meeting, "Youth in Our Church."

Second Session, "Stewardship of Possessions."

Third Session, "The Stages of the Second Coming of Christ."

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be adopted.

Rev. Paul Irvin gave the report of the committee on nominations. The report was adopted with the amendment which reads: "Pastoral year to begin September 1 of each year." (This appears in the report as amended.) By motion, Mrs. Martha Everson's name was replaced on the nominations committee by that of Mrs. Ida Tabb. (This will also appear in the report.)

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the mission board take in consideration the Atlanta Church and its financial status; that the board make assistance possible to the church and its pastor according to its discretion.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to extend to the pastor and the church a big "thank you" for the wonderful entertainment today.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to extend the Atlanta Free Will Baptist Church and its pastor a cordial invitation to come and join the Midway Association.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn to meet with Travelers' Rest Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in January, 1959.

C. R. Houston, Moderator

S. T. Shutes, Clerk

Martin Still, Treasurer

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION, JANUARY 24, 1958

The Midway Association of Original Free Will Baptists met in its first quarterly session of the new year on January 24, 1958, with the Jakin Church. The session opened at 10:00 a. m.

The presiding moderator, Rev. C. R. Houston, led the singing. The Rev. Ralph Bell led the devotions. The Rev. C. B. Dowdney offered prayer.

The following finance committee was appointed: S. T. Dunning, O. B. Everson, Blackshire DuBose, together with the treasurer and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Still.

Reading clerks appointed were: C. B. Dowdney and E. C. Morris.

Twenty-two churches reported by letter and 62 delegates reported for service. There were eleven ministers present.

Visitors were present from the following associations: *Martin*—Mrs. McDonald; *Chattahoochee*—Mr. and Mrs. G. C. King; *State Line*—Rev. G. W. Nobles, G. H. Jordan.

The body recessed by motion for the morning message and the noon refreshments. Rev. Paul Irvin brought an enlightening and inspiring message. The host church entertained with a fish dinner.

The body reassembled as per adjournment. The vice-moderator was in charge, since the moderator and the Rev. T. B. Mellette had to leave to attend a funeral.

The executive committee report relative to the churches using Sunday school literature published by our own press at Ayden, North Carolina, was carried by a vote of 31 to 9.

The recommendation that Rev. Roy Roberts continue at Pine View for three months was carried by voice vote. Brother Lemuel Lovering was ordained to the office of deacon from Pine View Church. The council was: Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. W. F. McDuffie and Rev. S. T. Shutes. The hand of fellowship was given by the congregation.

Rev. T. M. Mellette delivered a message on the creation.

Mr. Wayne Carr delivered a message on "Ordinances of the Gospel as Free Will Baptists Believe."

Report on finances raised amounted to \$456.73.

The state promotional secretary was recognized for a pep talk.

Mr. G. C. King spoke on the needs of Camp Mt. Bethel.

A vote of thanks was given to the host church and community.

The treasurer's report was read and made a part of the records of the association.

Sympathy was extended to the Wiley family.

Motion was made by O. B. Everson that the Midway Association petition the mayor and council of Blakely, Georgia, that the billiard parlor be placed off limits for all teen-agers. The motion was carried. (The clerk wrote the petition as per instructions.) Members who signed the recommendation were: A. C. Williams, Martin Murkerson, B. Houston, J. W. Clower, C. Rhodes, S. F. Boyd.

A motion to adjourn was adopted.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION, APRIL 24, 1958

The second quarterly session of the Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Cedar Springs Church on April 24, 1958, at 10:00 a. m.

Miss Iva Sewell led the singing.

Rev. S. T. Shutes delivered a devotional message on "The Importance of the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ."

The session was officially opened by the moderator.

Standing committees were appointed.

Reading clerks appointed were: Mrs. Ida Tabb and Mrs. Laverne Houston.

The finance committee was composed of the following: Rev. Leo Curtis, Zack Jones, James Clower, B. Houston, Mrs. R. B. Pyle, together with the treasurer.

The roll of the ministers was called, and twelve ministers answered. One Licentiate was present.

Twenty-two churches represented with delegates and letters. There were sixty-nine delegates present.

Rev. W. F. McDuffie preached an interesting sermon from Acts 20:24, "But None of These Things Move Me."

The host church served a wonderful dinner.

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing.

Rev. C. C. White led in prayer.

For devotions, Mr. William Clower discussed "The Blood Atonement."

Rev. W. F. McDuffie led the congregation in singing a song.

Mrs. Martin Still discussed the topic, "The Appropriateness of the Sacrifice."

The report of the finance committee was given by Mrs. Martin Still; it was adopted by the body.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the association pay Rev. H. L. Roberts ten dollars for three more months' work at Pine View Church.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the body give the host church a rising vote of thanks for the splendid hospitality shown during the session.

Finances received were reported to be \$385.33.

A special prayer was offered for Mr. W. B. Griffin. Rev. E. C. Morris led the prayer.

A motion was made to draw up definite plans such as the state association has for raising money for the purpose of building new churches in the bounds of the Midway Association. The motion was carried with the following amendment: That the present mission board draft rules and regulations for governing the plans for this mission work and present them to the next quarterly session of the association in July.

A motion was carried that the moderator appoint a temporary board of trustees to manage any property transactions we might have; this appointed board will serve until the annual session, at which time a board of trustees will be duly elected by the body.

The following were appointed to this board: Martin Murkerson, J. W. Clower, S. F. Boyd, Alvin Day, Rev. Ralph Bell.

A motion to adjourn was adopted by the body.

C. R. Houston, Moderator

Mrs. Martha Everson, Clerk pro tem

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION, JULY 25, 1958

The third quarterly session of the Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened with White Pond Church on July 25, 1958, at 10:00 a. m.

Mr. J. M. Craft directed the singing.

The moderator officially opened the session.

The Rev. Henry Melvin of Winterville, North Carolina, conducted devotions, using 2 Kings 20:1.

The moderator made committee assignments.

The reading clerks were: Mrs. Wynell Clower and Mrs. Vonnie Musgrove.

The finance committee was composed of Alvin Day, H. A. Harbin, Leroy Loftin, Ed Sanders, together with the treasurer and his assistant.

The following ministers answered the roll call: T. B. Mellette, J. N. Barnes, J. L. Tedder, C. R. Houston, H. L. Roberts, W. F. McDuffie, H. L. Knighton, J. W. Loyless, Paul Irvin, Leo Curtis, S. T. Shutes.

The church letters were read and the delegates seated.

Visitors present were: Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris, Rev. Henry Melvin, Rev. Arnold Woodlief, Rev. C. W. Edmondson, Rev. M. H. Taylor, Miss Sarah Taylor, Gordon Odum and family.

Rev. Henry Melvin was chosen to speak in the absence of the speaker. He spoke on the subject, "The Atonement," reading Hebrews 9.

The host church served a fine lunch.

At 1:15 p. m., the devotional service was conducted by Steve Dunning in the absence of his mother. His subject was, "The Heart of Mary and the Hands of Martha."

A special song was sung by Miss Odum from Alabama.

Mrs. Martha Everson discussed the subject, "A Woman's Best Tool—the Bible."

This good message brought a rising vote of thanks.

The body adopted a report of the mission board on the rules for the governing of the missions activities as per the motion in the April session at Cedar Springs Church. The motion was adopted. (See Report.)

The executive committee recommended that Rev. J. L. Tedder be placed on the superannuated list. The recommendation was adopted.

A resolution of respect and appreciation was passed for the long and

useful life of Mr. W. B. Griffin, deceased. This article was written by a member of the family and published in *The Free Will Baptist*. We could add nothing to the fine article.

A motion was adopted to give the host church a vote of thanks for the splendid hospitality shown during the session.

A report of the National Association and the Master's Men was made.

The report of the finance committee was read by Martin Still and adopted by the body.

A motion was adopted to add \$50 to the offering for the Atlanta Church.

A motion was adopted to adjourn.

C. R. Houston, Moderator

S. T. Shutes, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

From Churches	\$345.00	
Special Collection Wednesday	49.12	
Special Collection Thursday	55.02	
Brought Forward	53.38	
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Total to Account For		\$502.52

Disbursements

Ten Per Cent of Session's Collections (Home Missions)	\$ 50.25	
To Clerk	15.00	
To Moderator	15.00	
To E. C. Williams	20.00	
To Mrs. W. T. Wiley	20.00	
To J. L. Tedder	20.00	
To State Superannuation Treasurer	10.00	
To State Associational Dues	10.00	
To Programs	50.00	
To Atlanta Church (Set Aside)	50.00	
To Donalsonville Church	50.00	
To Camp Mt. Bethel for State Association Lunch	50.00	
To Minutes	100.00	
To Bible College	50.00	
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Total Disbursements		\$478.25

Balance	\$ 24.27
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Mission Fund

Brought Forward	\$ 51.66
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Received	89.00
Total to Account For	\$140.66
Plus Ten Per Cent of Collections	50.25
Balance	\$190.91

MISSION BOARD REPORT

We, your Home Mission Board of the Midway Association, do hereby offer the following report and recommendations as we were authorized by the July session of the association, to wit:

We recommend that \$1.00, or as much as possible, be raised from each church in the Midway Association, in keeping with the motion passed at the session in April at Cedar Springs Church on April 25, 1958.

We recommend that this money be used in conducting revivals in places where there is no Free Will Baptist church:

The first purpose being that of winning souls to the Christ who made it possible for our souls to find the necessary refuge in Him.

Second, in establishing new churches, or trying to revitalize those that seemingly are a dying issue—what one would call reanimate or raise from discouragement; to help them to become active, operative or flourishing again. That will bring them from a state of neglect or disuse and aid in their becoming normal and worthy in the promoting of the work of so great a Christ and Saviour.

S. F. Boyd
W. F. McDuffie
W. J. Starr
Martha Everson
Martin Still
C. R. Houston
S. T. Shutes

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mt. Zion Church and pastor, in consideration of the vastness of Christian education, recommend a careful study of Paul's admonition to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:14, 15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Hence, the truth of God's Word must be carefully distinguished from error. Truth must be divided from philosophy and mere human speculations. We must distinguish between fundamental truth and such as is not fundamental.

There are great marks of fundamental doctrines. The denial of fundamental truth destroys the system, and the knowledge of them is essential to piety. The Bible teacher needs to be able to divide and to arrange in

such an order as for them to be easily comprehensible and well understood. The Christian teacher must be able to distinguish between the law and the gospel, between the covenants of works and that of God's free grace through Jesus Christ. Also, the promises and threatenings of Scripture should be applied to the character to which they belong. The word of truth should be adapted to Christians in different states and stages of divine life.

Ministers, Sunday school teachers and Free Will Baptist league group captains should make a careful study at all times that they may rightly divide the word of truth.

We commend those of our connection who are studying at our National Bible College, especially of the Midway Association and others, to avail themselves of a Bible school education.

Mt. Zion Church and Pastor

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We find, according to the records, that twenty-five members have passed from our ranks. This should serve notice to each of us that we should live holy and serve our Saviour with diligence. We, the obituary committee, also recommend a motion for standing one minute and then having prayer.

W. F. McDuffie, Reporting

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, the executive committee, report the following:

So far as we know, all the ministers are in order, and all the churches except Pine View Church in Miller County which, according to reports, is disbanding.

S. F. Boyd
Martin Murkerson
B. Houston
Alvin Day

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Acts 24:25 says, "He reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come." Temperance means moderation and control in the indulgence of the appetites and passions: in other words, self-control.

Of what is temperance a fruit? "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Galatians 5:22, 23).

Benjamin Franklin said, "Temperance puts wood on the fire, meal in the barrel, flour in the tub, money in the purse, credit in the country, contentment in the home, clothes on the back and vigor in the body."

Churches	Pastors and Addresses	Church Clerks and Addresses	S. S. Superintendents and Addresses	S. S. Secretaries and Addresses	
✓ Albany 30	H. L. Knighton Albany, Ga.	C. E. Austin 1200 Waddell Albany, Ga.	R. J. Eubanks 1608 Edgerly Ave. Albany, Ga.	C. E. Austin 1200 Waddell Albany, Ga.	Mr. 304 Alb
✓ Blakely	Leo Curtis Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Hortense Alexander Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Flossie M. Alexander Blakely, Ga.	Delores Jordan Lee Street Blakely, Ga.	Mr. Bla
✓ Bethlehem 20	D. F. Pelt Marriana, Fla.	Mrs. Evelyn Jones Shellman, Ga.	W. F. Furgerson Dawson, Ga.	C. L. Jones Shellman, Ga.	Mr. She
✓ Cedar Springs 18	Ralph Bell Brinson, Ga.	Mrs. Eleanor P. Sheffield Rt. 4, Box 135 Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. R. B. Pyle Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Gordon To Jakin, Ga.	Mr. Bla
✓ Damascus 14	W. F. McDuffie Blakely, Ga.	L. W. Wiley Damascus, Ga.			
✓ Donalsonville 12	Lewis Bachelor Camilla, Ga.	Mrs. Lena Brown Donalsonville, Ga.	T. E. Cox Rt. 5 Colquitt, Ga.	Ben Henderson Donalsonville, G	
✓ Enterprise 20	T. B. Mellette Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Hattie Reynolds Blakely, Ga.	Ralph Jenkins Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. R. J. Reyn Blakely, Ga.	
✓ Hammock Springs 18		<i>Mr. Ruth Grant Donalsonville, Ga.</i>			
✓ Live Oak	Paul Irvin Newton, Ga.	D. M. Phillips Elmodel, Ga.	Mrs. Christine DeBerry Leary, Ga.	Mrs. Theo. Kille Leary, Ga.	
✓ Macedonia	C. R. Houston Colquitt, Ga.	Mrs. Ida Tabb Colquitt, Ga.	H. L. McCann Colquitt, Ga.	J. M. Craft Colquitt, Ga.	Mr. Col
✓ Mt. Zion	J. W. Loyless Bainbridge, Ga.	Mrs. N. N. Clower Arlington, Ga.	L. O. Wiley Arlington, Ga.	Mrs. Wynelle C Arlington, Ga.	Mr. Arl
✓ New Enterprise	J. W. Loyless Bainbridge, Ga.	E. B. Ard Brinson, Ga.	Larry Simmons West Bainbridge, Ga.	Lucille Williams Iron City, Ga.	Mr. Bri
✓ New Light	D. F. Pelt Marrianna, Fla.	C. R. Drinkwater Morgan, Ga.	Charles R. Drinkwater Morgan, Ga.	Mrs. Sidney Pa Morgan, Ga.	Mr. She
✓ Oak Grove	W. F. McDuffie Blakely, Ga.	L. C. Trawick Colquitt, Ga.	H. A. Harbin Colquitt, Ga.	H. A. Harbin Colquitt, Ga.	Mr. Col
✓ Jakin	S. T. Shutes Colquitt, Ga.	Wayne Carr Donalsonville, Ga.	Dick Ward Jakin, Ga.	Wayne Carr Donalsonville, G	Mr. Jak
✓ Patmos	Paul Irvin Newton, Ga.	Jack Griffin Leary, Ga.	J. F. Griffin Leary, Ga.	M. G. Shiver Elmodel, Ga.	Mr. Lea
✓ Pine View					
✓ Travelers' Rest	C. R. Houston Colquitt, Ga.	C. Rhodes Newton, Ga.	Herman Irvin Albany, Ga.	Voncille Musgro Newton, Ga.	Mr. Ne
✓ White Plains	Ralph Bell Brinson, Ga.	S. A. White Blakely, Ga.	Martin Murkerson Blakely, Ga.	J. O. Houston Blakely, Ga.	Mr. Bla
✓ White Pond	Coy Watson Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Albert Jones Damascus, Ga.	Lewis Cleveland Damascus, Ga.	Mrs. W. E. McD Damascus, Ga.	
✓ Zion	T. B. Mellette Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Martin Still Blakely, Ga.	Henry Green Wiley Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Dennis Joh Blakely, Ga.	Mr. Bla
✓ Bainbridge	B. W. Clenny Colquitt, Ga.	C. L. Pickron 417 Louise St. Bainbridge, Ga.	Willard Tedder P. O. Box 495 West Bainbridge, Ga.	Mrs. Edna Tedd Box 495 West Bainbridge, Ga.	Mr. 503 We

W. A. Presidents and Addresses	W. A. Secretaries and Addresses	F.W.B.L. Presidents and Addresses	F.W.B.L. Secretaries and Addresses	Day of Services
s. Curtis Houston Residence Ave. any, Ga.	Mrs. James Mathis 1606 Whitney Ave. Albany, Ga.	Earl Pace Albany, Ga.	Mrs. James Mathis 1606 Whitney Ave. Albany, Ga.	Full Time
s. Bettie Day kely, Ga.	Mrs. Sol Brunson Cedar Springs Road Blakely, Ga.	Marshall Day Blakely, Ga.	Alice Roberts Blakely, Ga.	Full Time
s. Raymond Rice ellman, Ga.	Mrs. Frank Sauls Shellman, Ga.			Half Time
s. E. H. Sheffield kely, Ga.	Mrs. Irene P. Dyke Cedar Springs, Ga.	Julian Houston Jakin, Ga.	Miss Sue Evans Route 4 Blakely, Ga.	Half Time
				Third Sunday
		John Hudson Donalsonville, Ga.	Mrs. T. C. Cox Route 5 Colquitt, Ga.	Half Time
		Mrs. Gordon Jenkins Blakely, Ga.	Ralph Jenkins Blakely, Ga.	Half Time
				Half Time
		Barbara Kirksey Leary, Ga.	Matilda Sanders Elmodel, Ga.	Half Time
s. S. T. Shutes quitt, Ga.	Mrs. Ida Tabb Colquitt, Ga.	Mrs. Ida Tabb Colquitt, Ga.	Miss Joy Tabb Colquitt, Ga.	Half Time
s. Robert Lisenly ington, Ga.	Mrs. L. A. Wiley Arlington, Ga.	Mrs. Robert Lisenly Arlington, Ga.	Miss Ann Raybon Arlington, Ga.	Half Time
elma Bell nson, Ga.	C. E. Waddell Iron City, Ga.	Rudolph Shores Iron City, Ga.	Patricia Paitwent Iron City, Ga.	Half Time
s. Henry Shealy llman, Ga.	Mrs. C. R. Drinkwater Morgan, Ga.	Thad Hawk Morgan, Ga.	Patricia Drinkwater Morgan, Ga.	
s. J. Walter Sheffield quitt, Ga.	Mrs. Gordon McDonald Colquitt, Ga.			Half Time
rgie Hudson in, Ga.	Mrs. S. T. Dunning Jakin, Ga.	Bob Pace Jakin, Ga.	Jack Pace Jakin, Ga.	Half Time
s. Cecil Duke ry, Ga.	Mrs. Roy Lanier Leary, Ga.	Mrs. Grace Starr Arlington, Ga.	Miss Joyce Sheffield Newton, Ga.	Half Time
s. B. B. Edwards vton, Ga.	Bette Allen Newton, Ga.	Kate Edwards Newton, Ga.	Sarah Irvin Newton, Ga.	Half Time
s. L. R. Lofton kely, Ga.	Mrs. Clifton McCorkle Donalsonville, Ga.	J. A. Bruner Blakely, Ga.	Ed Eason Jr. Blakely, Ga.	Half Time
		Mrs. Allie Manion Damascus, Ga.	Miss Sue George Blakely, Ga.	Half Time
s. T. B. Mellette te 5 kely, Ga.	Mrs. Hallie Still Route 4 Blakely, Ga.	Wilson Still Route 4 Blakely, Ga.	Kay Still Route 4 Blakely, Ga.	Half Time
s. J. W. Loyless Mills St. st Bainbridge, Ga.	Mrs. B. H. Mallard Bainbridge, Ga.			Full Time

Churches	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelist	Building and Repairs	Literature	Incidentals	Benevolence or Charity	Unified Program	Other Causes	Grand Total	Value of Church Property
Albany	\$4,685.00	\$125.00	\$1,323.71	\$474.03	\$370.59	\$165.90	\$175.00	\$	\$7,319.23	\$15,000
Blakely	2,860.00	220.00	1,030.50	162.09	337.12	49.83	100.00	78.00	4,855.69	13,000
Bainbridge	226.80	85.00	687.79	103.01	7.55	21.96	63.36	113.83	1,303.30	6,000
Bethlehem	1,189.00			77.00		93.00	30.00		1,389.00	5,000
Cedar Springs	974.28	138.47	15.00	62.74	118.05	76.25	153.63	113.95	1,652.37	5,000
Damascus	323.52	80.00	100.00	25.39	89.11		30.00		632.31	10,000
Donalsonville	43.00	35.00	652.17	39.94	59.87	5.15	15.00	242.56	1,092.62	6,500
Enterprise	562.67	90.00	555.53	51.86	52.63	23.49	24.00	70.00	1,439.68	7,000
Hammock Springs										
Live Oak	669.00	100.00		60.00	151.75	15.00	46.15		1,132.40	7,000
Macedonia	840.00	135.00	1,409.17	183.98	543.37	220.33	110.00	44.00	3,607.68	15,000
Mt. Zion	440.00	190.00	1,079.72	36.23	15.81	35.04	20.60	39.68	1,503.01	5,000
New Enterprise	540.00	183.99		89.45	99.42	30.00	146.00		912.59	10,000
New Light	1,282.32	227.00	1,620.54	161.36			475.00		3,539.22	40,000
Oak Grove	600.00	37.00		31.03	31.50	23.07	120.00	182.00	1,024.60	
Jakin	1,200.00	175.00	90.00	97.82	154.43	116.20	120.00	130.00	2,221.23	1,500
Patmos	1,145.00	125.00		165.73	148.77	173.54	240.00	579.15	2,577.19	6,000
Pine View										
Travelers' Rest	1,020.00	204.00	266.33	135.55	214.91	29.60		160.00	2,048.19	10,000
White Pond	548.11	100.00		83.33	84.54		95.82	10.00		7,000
White Plains	885.62		304.21	55.00	50.00	7.75	66.00	73.46	1,445.36	7,000
Zion	773.50	100.00	660.16	46.63	131.34	198.84	144.00	121.45	2,047.30	5,000

Churches	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Restoration	Total Received	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Lost by Death	Total Lost	Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Female Members	Male Members	Total Members	For Associational Year	Parsonage	Dollar Club
Albany	15	10		25	6			6	189		109	80	189	\$	\$10,000	\$
Blakely	5	5	1	11	1		1	2	135	34	118	51	169		6,000	
Bainbridge	18	3	2	23					40	5	23	22	45			
Bethlehem		2		2			2	2	33	31	36	28	61			
Cedar Springs	2			4		1	2	3	58	34	62	30	92			
Damascus	1			1	1			1	10	43	39	14	53			
Donalsonville									10		6	4	10			
Enterprise					1		1	2	51	13	37	27	64			
Hammock Springs																
Live Oak	1	1		2	1		3	4	85	87	100	72	172			
Macedonia	3			3	2			2	33	54	52	34	87			
Mt. Zion	1			1	3			3	48	39	44	43	89	80.00		44.00
New Enterprise	1	3		4			1	1			46	27	73			
New Light	3			3	8		1	9	127	132	140	119	265			
Oak Grove	1				1		1	2	36	45	46	35	81			
Jakin	1	1		1	3		2	5			72	58	130			
Patmos	12	8		20	2		1	3	99	188	108	99	207			
Pine View																
Travelers' Rest	11	7		18	5		2	7	112	50	73	89	162			
White Pond	4	1		5	2		5	7	68	31	64	34	98			
White Plains	11	4		15	1			1	68	83	102	49	151			
Zion	3			3	7		3	10	46	91	55	82	137			

Churches	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Offering	Sunday School Average Attendance	Sunday School Officers	Sunday School 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. Dues Collected	W. A. Meetings	W. A. Special Offerings
Albany	179	\$1,242.44	135	3	15	12	82	53	\$779.87	22	18	\$382.69	12	\$
Blakely	167	707.56	86	3	9	9	70	35	223.32	17	12	8.50	24	375.53
Bainbridge	57	199.87		2	5	5				7	5	77.43	22	81.77
Bethlehem	35		20	2	5	5				12	7	36.00	12	
Cedar Springs	51	216.84	41	4	5	5	50	34	123.69	9	7	13.82	9	
Damascus	70	238.84	45	2	5	5								
Donalsonville	19	133.65	21	2	3	3	19	13	186.93					
Enterprise	30	69.36	20	4	3	3	60	30	69.75					
Hammock Springs														
Live Oak	30		20	2	4	4	26	20	35.00					
Macedonia	45	456.11	30	2	4	4	35	23	54.20	9	8	4.50	24	198.80
Mt. Zion	45	184.26	25	2	2	2	35	15	72.06	11	8	30.52	22	15.50
New Enterprise	75		45	2	4	4	62	31	70.26	10	7	36.00	24	24.00
New Light	128	780.00	78	2	7	7	32	15	20.00	15	13		12	500.00
Oak Grove	40		22	2	4	4				15	8		24	
Jakin	63	1,134.54	38	3	9	5	38	15	115.00	11	9	11.90	23	23.70
Patmos	85	795.60	65	2	10	10	50	38	285.92	11	8	125.00	24	42.85
Pine View														
Travelers' Rest	68	368.36	40	2	5	5	45	30	99.73	8	5	13.50	24	64.90
White Pond	47	187.39	36	2	4	4	28	20	100.13					
White Plains	53	112.81	40	2	4	4	43	33	78.83	9	7	2.80	1	
Zion	39	234.44	32	3	4	4	27	20	143.09	10	8	29.47	12	130.54

Knowledge is a prerequisite of temperance, and temperance to patience. It is very difficult for an intemperate person to be patient. To know to do good and not do it is a sin, and is as useless as is faith without works.

In Leviticus 10 we find how the Lord spoke unto Aaron, saying, "Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee . . . (Why?) That ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between clean and unclean." Therefore, we are supposed to be temperate not only with strong drink, but in every walk of life as one living Christian principle.

Respectfully,

Cedar Springs Church and Pastor

REPORT ON CHURCH AUXILIARIES

"Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 3:7).

Today, we are living in a world of specialists. People go to school for years to become specialists in their chosen fields. Emphasis is placed seemingly on getting an education above everything; but education without spiritual guidance leads to moral decay. In the past, a great deal of the spiritual guidance was given in the home, but today the greatest responsibility is left entirely to the church.

Auxiliary is defined as an assistant or helper. That is exactly the purpose of our church auxiliaries—to aid in carrying out the mission of the church; helping the church to become specialist in the field of service and soul winning.

1. The Sunday school is the teaching agency of the church. The great need in our Free Will Baptist churches today is for better qualified Sunday school teachers. Each of us is highly concerned over the qualifications of the teacher who is to instruct our child in the secular schools, but is complacently indifferent as to who will teach our child in Sunday school. Psalm 27:11 says, "Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of my enemies."

2. The league is the training agency of the church. We are admonished in God's Word to "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). If we fail in this great responsibility today of training the young people of our churches, we cannot hope for a strong church tomorrow.

3. The prayer service is truly the source of spiritual power. Matthew 21:22 says, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." The strong church is the church with a strong and faithful prayer group.

4. The chief purpose of the woman's auxiliary is to teach and support missions. A church without missionary vision is a church that is spiritually crippled. Christ's great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15, is the life line of the church.

Every Christian should sincerely ask God to lead him in doing his very best in carrying out the program of work in all the auxiliaries of the church. Psalm 139:10, "Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me."

Patmos Church and Pastor

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the nominating committee, recommend that we keep the same slate of officers.

We recommend that Mr. Jessie Griffin take the place of W. B. Griffin on the board of trustees.

We recommend that Mr. Ed Sanders take the place of Mr. C. Rhodes on the executive committee, since Mr. Rhodes has resigned.

We recommend that the new pastoral year begin on the first Sunday in September in each year.

We recommend that the digest committee be abolished, and that the letters be sent to the clerk, one at a time.

We recommend that the first session of the Midway Association meet at Travelers' Rest Church in January; that Rev. J. B. Lovering preach the sermon, with Rev. C. R. Houston as his alternate.

We recommend that the second session go to Enterprise in April; that Rev. Ralph Bell preach, and that Rev. J. N. Barnes be his alternate.

We recommend that the third session be held with Mt. Zion Church in July; that Rev. E. C. Morris preach and that Rev. J. W. Loyless be his alternate.

We recommend that the annual session meet with Zion Church on the first day; that Rev. Paul Irvin preach, and that Rev. S. T. Shutes be his alternate; that last day's session be at White Pond Church, that Rev. H. L. Knighton preach, and that Rev. Coy Watson be his alternate.

We recommend that Mrs. Ida Tabb, Rev. W. F. McDuffie and Mr. Alvin Day serve on the program committee.

We recommend that this report be adopted.

W. R. Loftin

W. J. Starr

T. W. Jenkins

Paul Irvin

WORKING RULES FOR THE HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE MIDWAY ASSOCIATION

(Prepared by those designated by the April session of the
above-named association)

Preamble

The mission of Christ Jesus into the world was to complete the plan of salvation, to call sinners to repentance, to set up the work and the workers in establishing the Church; then He set in motion the missionary program for the church of all time. Matthew 28:19, 20 simply means to teach all the gospel to all the people.

1. The name of this board shall be The Home Mission Board of the Midway Association.

2. The board shall be composed of the following: the moderator, assistant moderator, treasurer, clerk, president of the Woman's Midway District Auxiliary Convention, the chairman of the executive board, and the state mission board member from the Midway Association.

3. The duties of this board shall be: (1) To formulate and promote a live missionary program; (2) to aid weak churches; (3) to establish new churches; (4) to strive to keep the revival fires burning high (at all cost) in the bounds of the Midway Association.

4. It shall be the duty of this board to supervise any and all the home mission programs of the association.

5. This board shall ask or require any church that receives much money from the mission treasury to give the board joint ownership in the property, not for the board to interfere in the internal affairs of the church, but merely to secure the investment of mission money.

6. This board shall be vested with the power of trusteeship: to hold and convey titles to any property coming under the jurisdiction of the home mission board through the Midway Association or as dealing with any or all of the property requiring trusteeship of the Midway Association.

Respectfully,

C. R. Houston, Moderator

W. F. McDuffie, Assistant Moderator

Martin Still, Treasurer

S. T. Shutes, Clerk

We have received letters from all the churches, except Patmos, Hammock Springs and Pine View. There are a total of 80 delegates listed. The figures for the various expenditures are as per the listings:

Paid pastors \$20,047.82; evangelists \$2,415.26; building and repairs \$10,874.55; literature \$2,013.63; incidentals \$2,527.30; benevolence or charity \$1,146.57; unified program \$1,955.16; other causes \$1,458.61; grand

total \$40,668.79; value of church property \$193,500.00; pastoriums \$16,000.00.

Members received by baptism 86; received by letter 36; restorations 3; total received 122; lost by letter 45; expelled 1; lost by death 24; total lost 70; total gained 52; number of resident members 1,672; non-resident 811; female 1,268; male 941; total 2,213.

We have 19 Sunday schools reporting with an average attendance of 774; on roll 1,241; offerings \$6,304.87; officers 46; teachers 92; departments 94.

Number of Free Will Baptist leagues reporting 15; on roll 552; average attendance 390; offerings \$2,180.86.

Woman's auxiliaries reporting 14; members 156; average attendance 121; amount collected in dues \$647.11; meetings 244; special offerings \$1,414.74.

For a complete reading of the associational statistics, turn to the statistical table.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Digest Committee

Minutes of the Midway District Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Morning Session

The Midway District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with Blakely Free Will Baptist Church on October 2, 1958.

The theme of the convention was "Following Jesus." The Scripture verse was Luke 9:57, "Lord, I will follow thee."

The meeting was called to order by the president. The congregation sang, "Standing on the Promises." The singing was led by Miss Iva Sewell. The pianist was Mrs. S. H. Bush.

Inspiring devotions were brought by Mrs. Bernice Still. She read Matthew 9:9. Mrs. Still offered prayer.

Mrs. Sol Brunson of the host church extended a welcome to everyone. Mrs. Ralph Bell responded.

The report of the credentials committee was read and adopted. The Albany Auxiliary stated that they had made an error in reporting the amount of their dues.

The new auxiliary of White Plains Church was welcomed and introduced.

The nominating committee was elected as follows: Mrs. S. T. Dunning, Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Mrs. W. J. Starr, Mrs. Hollis Still, and Mrs. Grace Houston.

The following committees were appointed by the president:

Credentials—Mrs. W. T. Hudson, Miss Iva Sewell, Mrs. Bernice Still.

Registration—Mrs. Wynell Clowers, Mrs. C. C. Cannon and Mrs. N. N. Clowers.

Finance—Mrs. L. R. Curtis, Mrs. J. W. Sheffield, Mrs. Essie Butler, Mrs. Grace Brackin and Mrs. T. B. Mellette.

Resolutions—Mrs. Pauline Bush, Mrs. Kate Edwards, Mrs. Martha Lewis, Mrs. H. L. Knighton and Mrs. Irene Dykes.

The roll of all the delegates was called.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to seat all the auxiliaries and delegates. Ministers and visitors were recognized respectively.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that we continue our business and have our worship service after lunch, since the Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkerson could not be present until lunch.

A compiled report of the recording secretary and treasurer was given and accepted.

Delegates to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention were appointed

as follows: Mrs. Hoyt Sheffield, Mrs. S. T. Shutes, Mrs. R. E. Mills, Mrs. Sara Rhodes and Mrs. W. J. Starr.

The congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

A motion was made to appoint an assistant secretary; Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield was appointed.

The following reports were made and accepted:

By enlistment chairman, Mrs. J. W. Clowers.

By youth chairman—no report.

By study course chairman, Mrs. S. T. Dunning.

By personal service chairman, Mrs. Nancy Johnson.

We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by W. J. Starr.

Afternoon Session

After congregational singing, members of the Blakely Church brought a special message in song, "Following Jesus."

The president introduced the Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkerson who brought an inspiring message, reading Luke 6:1-9.

The following reports were received and accepted: finance, credentials, registration, resolutions and nominations.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that each auxiliary send a love offering to Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes toward the hospital expense of Terry, for whom we are much in prayer.

The following invitations were received for workshops and conventions:

New Enterprise in December.

Blakely in March.

Travelers' Rest, the convention.

Cedar Springs in June.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Blakely Church for its hospitality.

We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. Sammy Wilkerson.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance

Receipts

District Dues	\$69.50	
Special Offering	71.37	
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Total to Account For		\$140.87

Disbursements

Rev. Sammy Wilkerson	\$71.37
State Treasurer	56.31

Total Paid Out	127.68
Balance in Treasury	\$ 13.19

We make the following recommendations:

1. That our offering today be given to Rev. and Mrs. Wilkerson.
2. That our district treasurer be supplied with cards out of the treasury

Credentials

We have examined all reports and find that:

Albany failed to send enough dues and failed to receive secretary's report.

The secretary failed to receive a complete report from Bethlehem, although the treasurer received dues.

New Light failed to respond.

This committee asks that our president explain how the report from each auxiliary should be given concerning missions; that it be made clear at this convention which funds this district treasurer shall receive and disburse; and that reports be sent to the proper officers.

Registration

Number of Delegates	45
Number of Auxiliaries	19
Number of Visitors	11
Number of Ministers	8
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Total Number Registered	83

Resolutions

Be it resolved that:

1. Each local auxiliary send or bring its Standard of Achievement chart to district corresponding secretary who shall display all of these charts at the annual convention.

2. The convention furnish receipt cards for the district treasurer.

3. We adopt the denominational calendar of activities.

4. The Midway District Convention adopt an officer's pledge. This pledge must be made by every newly elected officer before she is installed.

5. Each local auxiliary send a complete slate of officers to the district corresponding secretary immediately.

6. Each local chairman send a quarterly report to her respective district chairman. (This is not to be a personal report but rather a report of the entire local auxiliary's work in her particular department.)

7. Each local auxiliary begin now to keep better records so that the 1959 convention reports will be complete and accurate.

8. We co-operate with our state and national auxiliary with our means and efforts and also co-operate with our district in whatever project comes up.

9. Each officer of the convention submit a written report next year to the annual convention.

10. Each of us bring a covered dish to the annual convention next year.

11. Each auxiliary support the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention Co-Laborer Plan.

12. Each auxiliary use the Woman's National Auxiliary Standard of Achievement Chart.

13. The Midway Auxiliary Convention still continue the quarterly workshops next year and have at least one study on Woman's National Auxiliary Convention work and one on state work.

Nominations

We, the nominating committee, recommend the following list of officers for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. Martha Everson, Colquitt, Georgia.

Vice-President—Mrs. Martin Still, Blakely, Georgia.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Betty Day, Blakely, Georgia.

Assistant Recording Secretary—Mrs. Grace McDuffie, Blakely, Georgia.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Grace Houston, Colquitt, Georgia.

Treasurer—Mrs. Leo Curtis, Blakely, Georgia.

Study Course Chairman—Mrs. S. T. Dunning, Jakin, Georgia.

Stewardship-Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Kate Edwards, Newton, Georgia.

Youth Chairman—Eleanor Sheffield, Blakely, Georgia.

Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Albany, Georgia.

Field Secretary—Mrs. Edith Shiver, Elmodel, Georgia.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

The secretary of the Midway District Auxiliary Convention makes the following report:

President—Mrs. Martha Everson, Colquitt, Georgia.

Treasurer—Mrs. Leo Curtis, Blakely, Georgia.

Number of Auxiliaries Reporting, 14.

Amount Per Capita Representation Fees Sent to Treasurer, \$69.50.

Standard Auxiliaries, No. "C", 5.

Enlistment Department

Enrollment at Beginning of Convention Year, 163.

Present Enrollment, 130.

New Members, 15; Members Lost, 23; Average Attendance, 109.

Youth Department

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

Total Membership: G. T. A., 8; Y. P. A., 30; B. A., 8.

Number of Vacation Bible Schools Assisted in, 7.

Number of Active Church Libraries, 2.

Study Course Department

Courses in Missions Conducted, 7; Attendance, 50.

Courses in Stewardship Conducted, 7; Attendance, 43.

Courses in the Manual Conducted, 7; Attendance, 67.

Courses in Evangelism Conducted, 1; Attendance, 28.

Courses in Prayer Conducted, 10; Attendance, 83.

Reading Circles, 2.

Number of Daily Bible Readers, 57.

Program-Prayer Department

Number of Special Programs Held, 40.

Number of Weeks of Prayer Conducted, 49.

Total Amount Self-Denial Offering Resulting from Weeks of Prayer, \$151.09.

Total Number of Family Altars, 60.

Total Number of Members Observing Prayer Fellowship, 126.

Personal Service Department

Number Making Soul-Winning Efforts, 89.

Number of Souls Won, 16.

Number Active in Community Missions, 65.

Total Value of All Contributions to Children's Homes, \$165.05; Coupons, 160.

Publicity Department

Number Subscribers to Free Will Baptist Papers, 64.

Number of Articles Written for Publication, 9.

Other Publicity Work Done, 5.

Personal Gifts (Contributions through other channels)

Missions, \$481.87; Free Will Baptist Bible College, \$66.00; Children's Home, \$113.50; Superannuation, \$13.00; Other, \$841.36.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Day, Secretary
P. O. Box 173
Blakely, Georgia

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER

The treasurer of the Midway District Auxiliary Convention makes the following report:

Stewardship of Possessions

Number of Auxiliary Members Contributing to Missions, 89.

Number of Tithers on Roll at Beginning of Convention Year, 38.

Number of New Tithers This Convention Year, 18.

Present Number of Tithers, 48.

Financial Report

Amount of Offering Sent to W. N. A. C. Co-Laborer Fund, \$95.66.

Amount of Easter Offering for Foreign Missions, \$83.68.

Amount of Thanksgiving Offering for State Home Missions, \$75.40.

Amount of Christmas Offering for National Home Missions, \$72.86.

Cash Gifts to Orphanage, \$35.05.

Value of Boxes to Orphanage, \$298.61.

Cash Gifts to Free Will Baptist Colleges, \$28.45.

Total Gifts to Missions Sent to W. N. A. C. Treasurer This Year by Woman's Auxiliaries, \$361.36; By Y. P. A., \$25.66.

Cash Gifts to Aged Ministers, \$11.00.

Total Per Capita Representation Fee Sent to W. N. A. C. Treasurer This Convention Year, \$69.50.

Total Amount Spent for Literature, \$155.65.

Total Amount Spent for Local Church Activities, \$1,080.75.

Total Amount Spent for Unified Program, \$63.22.

Total Amount Sent to Dot Harvey Loan Fund, \$66.80.

Total Amount Sent for State Workshop, \$50.80.

Other, \$19.00.

Sent for Student Memorial Fund, \$16.00.

World Day of Prayer, \$4.00.

Gifts to Missionaries, \$23.90.

Sent for African Mission Station, \$44.95.

Books for Missionaries, \$14.50.

For Local Charity, \$40.90.

Minutes of Midway District League Convention

The Midway District Free Will Baptist League Convention met with White Plains Free Will Baptist Church, Early County, Georgia, on November 15, 1958.

Twelve churches were represented with around one hundred fifty leaguers present.

The devotional service was rendered by the host church.

A program on "The Spirit of Missions" was presented by Patmos leaguers.

Mrs. Martin Still gave a review on the constitution and bylaws of the league.

Delegates were appointed to the State Free Will Baptist League Convention to be held at Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia. The amount of \$10 was voted as dues to the state convention.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Bob Pace.

Vice-President, Pat Tolar.

Recording Secretary, Kay Still.

Corresponding Secretary, Joyce Sheffield.

Treasurer, Fay Houston.

Chorister, Geraldine Musgrove.

Pianist, Patricia Tabb.

Bible Quiz Leader, Martha Jean Everson.

Field Worker, Martin Murkerson.

Program Chairman, Doris Sheffield.

The next convention is to meet with Patmos Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in February, 1959, at 7 p. m.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Resolutions—Martin Still, chairman; Mrs. Marshall Day; Mrs. Ida Tabb.

Finance—Rev. S. T. Shutes, chairman; Miss Kay Still; John Hudson.

Digest—Mrs. Hollis Still, chairman; Alice Roberts; Pat Tolar.