

MINUTES

of the

Sixty-Eighth Annual Session of the

MIDWAY FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

of the Original Free Will Baptist of Georgia

convened with

New Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church
Seminole County — November 2, 1966

and

Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church
Early County — November 3, 1966

—: OFFICERS :—

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| Moderator, Rev. C. R. Houston (1968) | Colquitt, Ga. |
| Vice-Moderator, Rev. J. W. Loyless (1968) | Bainbridge, Ga. |
| Clerk, Earl Tabb (1968) | Colquitt, Ga. |
| Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Earl Tabb (1968) | Colquitt, Ga. |
| Treasurer, J. W. Clower (1968) | Arlington, Ga. |
| Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Clower (1968) | Arlington, Ga. |

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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| Beauchamp Houston, Chairman (1968) | Colquitt, Ga. |
| W. R. Lofton (1968) | Albany, Ga. |
| Martin Murkerson (1968) | Blakely, Ga. |
| Vinson Evans (1968) | Blakely, Ga. |
| W. O. Clower (1968) | Morgan, Ga. |
| Alvin Day (1968) | Blakely, Ga. |
| Bobby Nichols (1968) | Donalsonville, Ga. |

MISSION BOARD

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| Rev. C. R. Houston (1968) | Rev. S. T. Shutes (1969) |
| Rev. J. W. Loyless (1968) | Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield (1967) |
| J. W. Clower (1968) | Beauchamp Houston (1968) |
| Earl Tabb (1968) | |

ORDAINING COUNCIL

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| Rev. J. W. Loyless | Rev. S. T. Shutes |
| Rev. C. R. Houston | Rev. Coy Watson |
| | Rev. George C. Lee |

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

QUARTERLY SESSIONS:

January 20, 1967 First Church, Albany, Ga.
April 21, 1967 Hammock Springs
July 21, 1967 Patmos

ANNUAL SESSION:

November 2, 1967 Travelers Rest

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION:

July 30, 1967 Cedar Springs Church
President George Eason, White Plains Church
Vice-President Wyatt Brackin, New Enterprise Church
Secretary & Treasurer Mrs. Virginia Lovering, Blakely, Ga.
Ass't. Sec. & Treas. Mrs. Janice Johns

C. T. S. RALLY:

November 19, 1966 Albany, Ga.
February 18, 1967 Travelers Rest
May 20, 1967 Blakely, Ga.
August 19, 1967 Patmos
President Billy Helms, Albany, Ga.
Vice-President Mrs. Ida Tabb, Colquitt, Ga.
Secretary & Treasurer Mary Ellen Houston, Colquitt, Ga.
Corresponding Secretary Mary Ann Holt, Newton, Ga.
Bible Quiz Leader Mrs. Pauline Bush, Leary, Ga.
Pianist Mrs. Linda Griffin, Albany, Ga.
Song Leader Mr. Bill Lofton, Albany, Ga.

MASTER'S MEN:

January 9, 1967 Blakely, Ga.
April 10, 1967 Albany, Ga.
July 10, 1967 Macedonia
October 9, 1967 Hammock Springs
President O. B. Everson, Colquitt, Ga.
Secretary Earl Tabb, Colquitt, Ga.
Promotional Chairman Whit Mercer, Blakely, Ga.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

March 3, 1967 Workshop Albany, Ga.
October 6, 1967 Convention New Enterprise
President Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield, Blakely, Ga.
Secretary Mrs. Melvin Moody, Morgan, Ga.
Treasurer Mrs. Alene Lovett, Albany, Ga.

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

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| Missions | Rev. S. T. Shutes (1969) |
| Trustee | Mr. Jessie Griffin (1967) |
| Superannuation | Mrs. Leron Clower (1967) |
| Camp Board | Mr. Vinson Evans (1967) |
| Christian Education | Rev. C. R. Houston (1969) |

ORDAINED MINISTERS

ACTIVE:

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| Rev. Ralph Bell | Brinson, Ga. |
| Rev. C. R. Houston | 758-2106 Colquitt, Ga. |
| Rev. Paul Irvin | 734-5385 Newton, Ga. |
| Rev. J. W. Loyless | 246-1826 Bainbridge, Ga. |
| Rev. George C. Lee | 436-1973 Albany, Ga. |
| Rev. Melvin Moody | 849-2875 Morgan, Ga. |
| Rev. Louis E. Sheffield | 432-9894 Albany, Ga. |
| Rev. S. T. Shutes | 758-3877 Colquitt, Ga. |
| Rev. Coy Watson | Rt. 1, Blakely, Ga. |
| Rev. C. C. White | Rt. 4, Blakely, Ga. |
| Rev. E. C. Williams | Rt. 5, Colquitt, Ga. |
| Rev. Lewis Williams | 372-4259 Blakely, Ga. |
| Rev. H. L. Knighton | 1212 Whitney Ave., Albany, Ga. |
| Rev. Dennis Irvin | HE6-5258 Albany, Ga. |

INACTIVE:

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| Rev. Eugene Irvin | Newton, Ga. |
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LICENSED MINISTERS

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| Rev. Robert D. Parker | 3606 West End, Nashville, Tenn. |
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ROLL OF DEACONS

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| Albany | A. B. Paul, Billy Parker, Roy Waird, W. R. Lofton, Aaron Lovett, Lloyd Renfrow, Gleson Fowler. |
| Bainbridge | W. S. Tedder, Harrison Gordon, Joe Lane McLendon. |
| Blakely | Alvin Day, Jack Henderson, S. W. Mercer, Fred Middleton. |
| Cedar Springs | Vinson Evans, George Pyle, E. A. Reed, E. Hoyt Sheffield, J. H. Radney, Davis Pyle. |
| Damascus | L. W. Wiley, W. V. Peek. |
| Donalsonville | T. C. Cox . |
| Enterprise | T. W. Jenkins, Ralph Jenkins, A. L. Taylor. |

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| Hammock Springs | . R. R. Williams, W. M. Barber, Robert Cum- mingham, Bobby Nichols, Billy Grant. |
| Immanuel . . . | . Herman Irvin, Floyd S. Morey, Billy Amer- son, Lamar Jordon. |
| Macedonia . . . | . Beauchamp Houston, J. M. Craft, O. B. Everson, Earl Tabb. |
| Mt. Zion . . . | . L. A. Wiley, C. G. Jordon. |
| New Enterprise . . . | . E. B. Ard, A. C. Williams, Wyatt Brackin, J. R. Shores, Henry Barber. |
| New Light . . . | . W. O. Clower, W. D. Beard, W. L. Drink- water, W. H. Turner, C. R. Drinkwater, G. L. Bryant, Walter Paul. |
| Oak Grove . . . | . S. F. Boyd, H. A. Harbin, Cecil Houston. |
| Patmos . . . | . M. G. Shiver, C. C. Sheffield, Steve Bush, W. J. Star, Herbert Woodard, J. F. Griffin, Austin Craft. |
| Travelers Rest . . . | . T. L. Edwards, Claudia Rhodes, Clarence Edwards, Clinton Musgrove. |
| White Plains . . . | . Martin Murkerson, S. A. White, Leroy Lofton, J. O. Houston. |
| Arlington Mission . . . | . J. W. Clower, Leron Clower, Robert Lisenby. |

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The first quarterly session of the Midway Association of Free Will Baptist met with Bethlehem Church, Randolph County, Georgia on January 21, 1966.

Bro. Jessie Griffin led the group in hymn singing. Prayer was led by Rev. S. T. Shutes. The Moderator and Rev. D. F. Pelt extended a welcome to all.

The Moderator called the session to order. The Credentials Committee appointed by the moderator were: Rev. G. C. Lee, Rev. S. T. Shutes, Mr. Cecil Houston.

Six ministers were present for the roll call:

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| Rev. C. R. Houston | Rev. Bobby Register |
| Rev. G. C. Lee | Rev. S. T. Shutes |
| Rev. Melvin Moody | Rev. Lewis Williams |

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. D. F. Pelt from Florida, Rev. Pelt's father, Rev. J. B. Lovering, Florida and Rev. Mance Cason.

The Finance Committee was appointed as: J. W. Clower, Treasurer, G. C. King, Rev. Melvin Moody, Wyatt Brackin and Rev. Lewis Williams.

The morning devotional was brought by Rev. C. R. Houston from the Book of Isaiah.

The Credentials report was read and adopted and the delegates were seated.

Letters were received from 16 churches.

Number of delegates present, 53

Representation fees from 16 churches, totaling \$339.50.

Sunday School enrollment 1144; average attendance 778.

C T S enrollment 540; average attendance 367.

Woman's Auxiliary enrollment 120; average attendance 85.

Master's Men enrollment 32; average attendance 23.

Prayer meeting average attendance 219.

Number of churches having Sunday Schools, 16.

Number of churches having C T S, 14.

Number of churches having a Woman's Auxiliary, 11.

Number of churches having Master's Men, 3.

Number of churches having Prayer Meetings, 12.

An offering was received and prayer was led by Rev. D. F. Pelt. Special music was by Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield. Rev. J. B. Lovering brought the message from Matthew 22.

The noon meal, served by the host church, was enjoyed by all.

The Moderator called the afternoon session to order at 1:15. Rev. H. L. Knighton gave the devotional from Hebrew.

Rev. Mance Cason gave a report from the Promotional office.

M S C to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality for the day.

M S C to adopt the Mission Board report.

M S C to adopt the Finance Committee report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – January 21, 1966

Assets:

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| Brought forward | \$ 93.21 |
| Received from churches | 472.85 |
| Special offering | 45.05 |
| Interest on bonds | 22.50 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$633.61</u> |

Disbursements:

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| Home Missions (40% of offerings) . | \$207.16 |
| Moderator | 15.00 |
| Clerk | 6.00 |
| Rev. E. C. Williams | 25.00 |
| Mrs. J. L. Tedder | 25.00 |
| Mrs. W. T. Wiley (Love offering) . | 25.00 |
| Printing minutes | 261.82 |
| C T S National Board | <u>50.00</u> |

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| Total Disbursements | <u>\$614.98</u> |
| Balance in treasury | \$18.63 |

Bro. Samuel Johnson was in the Midway Association teaching the C T S. The Finance Committee further recommends that each C T S receive a special offering and send same to the C T S department for Bro. Johnson's services in our Association.

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| Mission Treasury brought forward . | \$101.05 |
| Received, January 21, 1966 . . . | <u>207.16</u> |
| Total in treasury | \$308.21 |

M S C that the Midway Association recommend to the State Superannuation Board that Rev. Ralph Bell be placed on the list of Superannuates.

After much discussion it was *Moved, Seconded and Carried* that a committee be appointed to revise the by-laws of the Midway Association Superannuation and to add the word *disable*.

M S C that the Standing Resolutions Committee be the same committee to revise the Superannuation by-laws.

The Resolutions Committee gave the following report which was M S C that the report be adopted.

We, your Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following recommendations to this body:

- (1) Resolved, that the Midway Association assume the total financial responsibility of the next session of the State Association.
- (2) Resolved, that we use the Damascus School facilities for entertaining the '66 Session of the State Association.
- (3) Resolved, that a budgeting committee be appointed to revise our financial system of operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. O. B. Everson

Mrs. Lewis Williams

Mrs. J. F. Griffin

M S C that the Budgeting Committee consist of three (3) members. The Moderator appointed the Budgeting Committee as follows: Rev. G. C. Lee, O. B. Everson and J. H. Radney.

Rev. S. T. Shutes gave a report on the State Mission Board.

M S C that the session adjourn. Bro. Martin Murkerson dismissed with prayer.

Moderator, *Rev. C. R. Houston*

Clerk, *Earl Tabb*

MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Midway Mission Board met at Cedar Springs Church on November 8, 1965. There were 7 members present. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator who gave the board a request from Immanuel Church for a loan or a gift.

M S C that any church or mission desiring a loan, send in a written request to the Mission Board after their request had been adopted in conference of the church or mission.

M S C that we give Immanuel Church \$200.00.

M S C that we give Rev. Hubert Henderson (Georgia State Home Worker) \$45.00 as a love offering.

M S C to adjourn and the session was adjourned with prayer.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

The second quarterly session of the Midway Association of Free Will Baptist met with Blakely Church in Early County, Georgia on April 22, 1966. Bro. Jessie Griffin led the singing. Prayer was led by Bro. Boyd.

The session was called to order by the clerk introducing the Moderator, Rev. C. R. Houston. Bro. Whit Mercer extended a welcome to all. Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield gave the response.

The Moderator appointed the committees as follows:

Credential Committee: Rev. H. L. Knighton, Bro. Claudia Rhodes, Bro. Beauchamp Houston.

Finance Committee: Bro. J. W. Clower, Bro. O. B. Everson, Mrs. Wyatt Brackin, Bro. G. C. King.

Bro. H. A. Harbin offered special music. Rev. J. W. Loyless gave the morning devotional using Psalm 119 for scripture.

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. Harvey Giddens, Rev. J. C. Hubert Carter, Rev. Mance Cason and Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Everson.

Eight ministers were present for the roll call:

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| Rev. C. R. Houston | Rev. Bobby Register |
| Rev. G. C. Lee | Rev. S. T. Shutes |
| Rev. J. W. Loyless | Rev. Lewis Williams |
| Rev. Melvin Moody | Rev. Coy Watson |

Rev. Mance Cason, State Promotional Secretary, gave a report on the state work.

The Credential Committee gave a partial report and the delegates were seated.

The clerk read a letter to the Association from Joe McDowell, clerk of the Paul Palmer Conference, asking that the Bethlehem FWB Church of Shellman, Georgia, be removed from the membership of the Midway Association.

M S C that Bethlehem Church be granted their request and that their membership be taken from the Midway Association with deep regret.

An offering was received. Rev. Hubert Carter led in prayer. Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield rendered special music. The message was brought by Rev. George C. Lee.

The noon meal was served by the host church and enjoyed by all.

The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator with congregational singing and a prayer. Rev. Lewis Williams gave the devotional. Bro. Alvin Day rendered special music.

Rev. George C. Lee gave a report on the National Sunday School.

M S C to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality today.

Rev. and Mrs. Leo Curtis were recognized as visitors from Alabama.

M S C to adopt the Credentials Committee report:

Letters received from 17 churches.

Representation fee from 17 churches, totaling \$319.50.

Number of Sunday Schools 17; enrollment 1276; av. att. 810.

Number of C T S 15; enrollment 643; av. att. 379.

Number of Woman's Aux. 11; enrollment 91; av. att. 75.

Number of Master's Men 3; enrollment 30; av. att. 19.

Number of Prayer Meetings 12; average attendance 199.

MSC to adopt the Finance Committee report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – April 22, 1966

Assets:

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| Brought forward, April 22, 1966 | . | \$ | 20.73 |
| Received from churches | . | . | 319.50 |
| Special offerings | . | . | 64.90 |
| Total Assets | . | . | <u>\$405.13</u> |

Disbursements:

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| Home Missions (40%) | . | . | \$153.76 |
| Moderator | . | . | 15.00 |
| Clerk | . | . | 6.00 |
| Mrs. J. L. Tedder | . | . | 25.00 |
| Rev. E. C. Williams | . | . | 25.00 |
| Mrs. W. T. Wiley (Love offering) | . | . | 25.00 |
| Rev. Ralph Bell (Love offering) | . | . | 50.00 |
| Christian Education Board | . | . | <u>25.00</u> |
| Total Disbursements | . | . | <u>\$324.76</u> |
| Balance in treasury | . | . | <u>\$80.37</u> |

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| Missions Treasury brought forward . | \$308.21 |
| Received today (40%) | <u>153.76</u> |
| Total in treasury | \$461.97 |

We recommend that we reserve \$70.00 in the treasury to be loaned to Immanuel Church, Albany, providing the proper applications are made to the Mission Board.

M S C to adopt the Resolutions Committee report:

We, the Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following report to this body.

- (1) That Bro. H. L. Knighton and Bro. Ralph Bell be added to the list of Superannuation in our Association.
- (2) That by-laws explaining the duties of each Board and Standing Committee be drawn up and presented to the next Annual Session.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Coy Watson, Chairman
Mrs. O. B. Everson
Rev. Lewis Williams (proxy)

M S C to adjourn. The session was adjourned with prayer.
 Moderator, *Rev. C. R. Houston*
 Clerk, *Earl Tabb*

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

The third quarterly session of the Midway Association of Free Will Baptist met with Damascus Church on July 22, 1966. Bro. H. A. Harbin directed the singing and Rev. E. C. Williams led in prayer. Moderator Rev. C. R. Houston led the devotional.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Credentials Committee: Rev. George C. Lee, Bro. George Pyle, Bro. T. L. Edwards.

Finance Committee: J. W. Clower (Treasurer), Bro. Wyatt Brackin, Bro. Harrison Gordon, Mrs. Iris Paul, Bro. Ralph Jenkins.

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. Louis Moulton, Rev. Harris Nix and daughter, Rev. Mance Cason and Mrs. J. H. Wilson.

Nine ministers were present for the roll call:

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| Rev. C. R. Houston | Rev. George C. Lee |
| Rev. S. T. Shutes | Rev. Louis Sheffield |
| Rev. Ralph Bell | Rev. E. C. Williams |
| Rev. Coy Watson | Rev. Melvin Moody |

Rev. Paul Irvin

M S C that Rev. H. L. Knighton be placed on the Roll of Ordained Ministers.

Rev. C. C. White contacted Rev. C. R. Houston since he was unable to attend because of illness.

M S C that Rev. Bobby Register be granted a letter of dismission from the Midway Association to the Martin Association.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given. M S C that the delegates be seated.

The Ministers sang a special song. An offering was taken. Rev. Louis Moulton delivered the message, using James 3: 1-10 as his scripture.

The noon meal, served by the host church, was enjoyed by all.

The afternoon session was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Harris Nix. Bro. Howard Davis gave the devotional from Hebrew 10: 24-25.

The following reports were given as information:

State Promotional Office, Rev. Mance Cason.

National Association, Earl Tabb and Beauchamp Houston.

National Youth Rally, Mary Joyce Tabb.

National Woman's Auxiliary, Ida Tabb.

State Home Missions, Rev. S. T. Shutes.

M S C to adopt the Credential Committee report.

Letters received from 16 churches.

Fees received from 16 churches, totaling \$344.50.

Number delegates present 31.

Number Sunday Schools 16; enrollment 1139; av. att. 830.

Number C T S 14; enrollment 583; av. attendance 25.

Number Woman's Auxiliaries 11, enrollment 94; av. att. 75.

Number Master's Men 3; enrollment 25; average attendance 7.

Number Prayer Meetings 11; average attendance 18.

M S C to adopt the Finance Committee report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Assets:

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| Brought forward from April | \$110.37 |
| (Received from New Light, \$30.00) | |
| Received from churches today | 344.50 |
| Offering today | 53.69 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$508.56</u> |

Disbursements:

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| Home Missions (40% of offerings) | \$159.27 |
| Moderator | 15.00 |
| Clerk | 6.00 |
| Mrs. J. L. Tedder | 25.00 |
| Rev. E. C. Williams | 25.00 |
| Rev. Ralph Bell | 25.00 |

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| Rev. H. L. Knighton | 25.00 |
| Mrs. W. T. Wiley (Love offering) | 25.00 |
| Rev. C. C. White | 25.00 |
| Children's Home, Eldridge, Ala. | 25.00 |
| Immanuel Church, Albany, Georgia | 75.00 |
| FWB Bible College | 75.00 |
| Total Disbursements | <u>\$505.27</u> |
| Balance in treasury | \$3.27 |
| Missions treasury brought forward | \$461.97 |
| Received today | 159.27 |
| Total in treasury | <u>\$621.24</u> |
| Designated funds for Arlington Mission | \$1738.99 |

M S C to adopt the Resolutions Committee report:

We, the Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following recommendations to this body.

- (1) That the Annual Session of our Association be a one-day session beginning at 9:30 A. M. on Wednesday before the first Sunday in November and continuing until all business is finished in the afternoon. We further recommend that this resolution be laid on the table until the Annual Session at which time action be taken on this resolution.
- (2) That a Credential Committee be elected along with the officers of the Association serving a two-year term of office and that each church send its reports to the Chairman at least one week in advance of each session.
- (3) That each church bring \$12.50 or more to our Annual Session for the purpose of defraying costs of the State Association.
- (4) That the Midway Association furnish the bread, plates, c. cups, forks, spoons, napkins, tea, coffee, milk, sugar, and ice for the entire session.
- (5) That the Damascus Church be responsible for preparing the drinks and assist in serving the meals and cleaning up throughout the session.

That Tuesday dinner be furnished by Macedonia, Blakely and Oak Grove.

That Tuesday supper be furnished by Cedar Springs, Hammock Springs and New Enterprise.

That Wednesday dinner be furnished by Patmos, White Plains, Donalsonville and Albany.

That Wednesday supper be furnished by Travelers Rest, New Light and Immanuel.

That Thursday dinner be furnished by Mt. Zion, Enterprise and Bainbridge.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Coy Watson

Mrs. O. B. Everson

Mrs. Irene P. Dykes (proxy)

M S C to adjourn. The session was adjourned with prayer.

Moderator, *Rev. C. R. Houston*

Clerk, *Earl Tabb*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL SESSION

The Sixty-Eighth Annual Session of the Midway Association of the Original Free Will Baptist of Georgia convened with New Enterprise FWB Church in Seminole County, Georgia, on November 2, 1966.

Bro. Kenneth Fasion led the congregation in singing hymns. Rev. E. C. Williams led in prayer. Rev. S. T. Shutes brought the devotional at this time.

A warm welcome was extended to all by Bro. Wyatt Brackin and Mrs. R. R. Williams made the response.

The session was called to order by the clerk introducing the Moderator, Rev. C. R. Houston. Rev. Houston read St. John 13:35, "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another", as his opening remarks.

The digest report was given by the clerk. The roll call of delegates was given. M S C to seat the delegates.

Nine ministers were present for the roll call:

Rev. C. R. Houston — Rev. George C. Lee — Rev. Dennis Irvin

Rev. S. T. Shutes — Rev. E. C. Williams — Rev. Ralph Bell

Rev. H. L. Knighton — Rev. J. W. Loyless — Rev. Coy Watson

The clerk read a letter from the Arlington Mission petitioning for membership in the Midway Association, and that Bro. Leron be seated as the delegate. M S C that the Arlington Mission be received in the Midway Association and delegate be seated.

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. Larry Powell, Rev. S. E. Newberry and wife, Rev. Kenneth Fasion, Rev. Mance Cason, Bro. O. F. Everson and wife.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Placement: Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Mrs. Leon Eubanks,
Mrs. Voncile Musgrove.

Finance: J. W. Clower, Chairman, George C. Lee, O. B. Everson, Bobby Nichols, Davis Pyle.

Planning: Mrs. Grace Brackin, Mrs. Alma Edwards, Mrs. Martin Murkerson, Mrs. Irene Dykes, Mrs. L. A. Wiley, Mrs. Hoyle White.

Nominating: Rev. J. W. Loyless, T. L. Edwards, Mrs. B. E. Houston, William Clower, Clif Jordon.

M S C to recess the business session until the afternoon session.

Rev. Ralph Bell led in prayer. An offering was received. The message was brought by Rev. Mance Cason. The noon meal was served by the host church.

The afternoon session was begun with singing hymns led by Bro. Jessie Griffin. The devotional was brought by Rev. Larry Powell, missionary-appointee to the Virgin Islands.

M S C to take item No. 1 in the resolution adopted at the session in July 1966 from the table. M S C to amend this resolution changing the day from Wednesday to Thursday. M S C that the resolution be adopted. Resolution reads – *That the Annual Session of the Midway Association be a one-day session beginning at 9:30 A. M. on Thursday before the first Sunday in November and continuing until all business is finished in the afternoon.*

The proposed Rules and By-Laws for the standing Boards and Committees of the Midway Association were read. M S C to table these Rules and By-Laws until Thursday.

M S C to adopt the Budgeting Committee report.

M S C to adopt the Mission Board report.

Rev. Mance Cason gave a report of the State work and certificates were awarded to the churches supporting the Cooperative Plan of Support.

The Planning Committee gave a report of plans to entertain the State Association meeting at Damascus, Georgia, on November 15, 16, and 17, 1966. M S C that the Planning Committee purchase the necessary items.

M S C to recess until tomorrow at 9:30 A. M. when the session will meet with Enterprise Church in Early County, Georgia.

NOVEMBER 3, 1966

The Midway Association convened with Enterprise Church in Early County, Georgia on November 3, 1966. Bro. Ralph Jenkins led the hymn singing with Mrs. Martha Everson as pianist. Bro. L. W. Wiley offered prayer. Rev. S. T. Shutes brought the devotional. Rev. Melvin Moody, pastor of the host church, gave the welcome and Bro. Alvin Day made the response.

The Moderator called the session to order for business. The clerk read the minutes of the previous days session. M S C to adopt the minutes as read.

The Woman's Auxiliary report was given by Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield. M S C to adopt this report and same be printed in the minutes.

The Master's Men report was given by O. B. Everson. M S C to adopt this report and print same in minutes.

M S C to adopt the Placement Committee report given by Mrs. Johnson and to accept the invitations.

M S C to adopt the Obituaries Committee report.

Delegates to the State Associations are: Mrs. Martha Everson, Mrs. Hoyle White, Mrs. Martin Murkerson and Mr. Virgle Gay.

M S C to recess the business session for the worship hour. Bro. Jenkins led in singing hymns. A worshipful offering was received and Rev. H. L. Knighton led in prayer. The host church rendered special singing. Rev. Coy Watson brought the message. Rev. C. R. Houston led in prayer and asked God's blessings on the noon meal served by the host church.

Reassembled the afternoon session with singing hymns and prayer led by Bro. Martin Murkerson. Rev. George C. Lee presented special music. Rev. James Roland brought the devotional.

The business session began with the Resolutions Committee reading their report. M S C to adopt this report as read.

M S C to take from the table the proposed Rules and By-Laws and that they be read item by item.

M S C that the rules governing the Executive Board be adopted.

M S C that the rules governing the Ordaining Council be adopted with amendments.

M S C that the rules governing the Credentials Committee be adopted.

M S C that the rules governing the Budget and Finance Committee be adopted.

M S C that the rules governing the Resolutions Committee be adopted.

M S C that the Superannuation By-Laws be adopted.

M S C to give the Resolutions Committee a rising vote of thanks for the splendid work in preparing the Rules and By-Laws.

M S C to accept the Nominating Committee report. Nominations from the floor were called for. There being no nominations from the floor, the officers of the Association were elected as recommended by the Nominating Committee report.

M S C to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown today.

M S C to give a rising vote of thanks to the outgoing officers and board members and to all the officers of the Association.

M S C to receive the report of Immanuel Church given by Bro. Howard Davis as information.

M S C to adopt the Finance Committee report.

M S C that the Executive Board meet with the Mission Board

when they meet with the Immanuel deacons and trustees.

M S C to adjourn. The session was dismissed with singing "Amazing Grace" and prayer by Bro. Willard Tedder.

Moderator, *Rev. C. R. Houston*

Clerk, *Earl Tabb*

REPORTS

BUDGETING -

We recommend that each church pay one dollar (\$1.00) per year, per member to the Association. This should be made in four equal payments. (Example: If your church has 100 total membership, you would pay \$25.00 at each associational meeting). It is understood that this is to be on total membership - active and inactive.

OBITUARIES - Damascus Church and Pastor .

We do bow in humble submission to the will of God, in the loss of these wonderful souls. But we must be resigned that our loss is their eternal gain, and we must pray for replacements, for some of these souls were leaders. We recommend a moment of silence and prayer for the bereaved families.

Bainbridge 2

Blakely - 2

Cedar Springs - 1

Enterprise - 1: Raymond Harrell.

Hammock Springs - 1

Macedonia - 4: Mrs. Lennie Tabb; Mrs. Ona Jones;
Mr. W. R. Tabb; Captain Phil Tabb.

New Enterprise - 1

New Light - 3

Travelers Rest - 1

White Plains - 1: Bro. Wallace Sheffield.

PLACEMENT -

Quarterly Sessions:

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| January 20, 1967 | Albany |
| April 21, 1967 | Hammock Springs |
| July 21, 1967 | Patmos |

Annual Session:

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| November 2, 1967 | Travelers Rest |
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NOMINATING -

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| Moderator | Rev. C. R. Houston |
| Vice-Moderator | Rev. J. W. Loyless |
| Clerk | Earl Tabb |
| Assistant Clerk | Mrs. Earl Tabb |

Treasurer J. W. Clower
Assistant Treasurer Mrs. J. W. Clower

Executive Board: Beauchamp Houston, Vinson Evans,
William Clower, Alvin Day, Bobby Nichols,
Martin Murkerson, W. R. Lofton.

Ordaining Council: Rev. J. W. Loyless, Rev. Coy Watson,
Rev. C. R. Houston, Rev. S. T. Shutes,
Rev. George C. Lee.

Resolutions Committee: Rev. Coy Watson, Mrs. Martha
Everson, Mrs. Lewis Sheffield.

Credentials Committee: Earl Tabb, Chairman, Mrs. Hoyle
White, Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield.

Budget and Finance Committee: J. W. Clower, Chairman,
Rev. S. T. Shutes, Jessie Griffin,
Rev. George C. Lee, Wyatt Brackin.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY -

The Midway Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the New Light Auxiliary. The nine local Auxiliaries eligible for delegates to be seated were: Albany, Bainbridge, Hammock Springs, Macedonia, Mt. Zion, New Enterprise, Patmos, Cedar Springs and New Light. The Arlington Mission petitioned the body for membership; they were voted in and their delegates seated, making a total of ten Auxiliaries reporting.

We held a district workshop on March 3, at Mt. Zion with 9 Auxiliaries represented. There were 40 members present including 8 district officers and 3 state officers. We had 1 minister and 3 other brethren present making a total of 44 present. The topic for the workshop was a standard study course taught by Mrs. Martha Everson on Stewardship with each auxiliary participating.

At the annual convention we had 9 district officers, 3 state officers, 35 delegates, 1 minister, 4 visitors from the Martin Association and 3 other visitors, making a total of 52 present. We had a total of 86 local members reported last year; this year we had 88 reported. We received 14 new members but we lost 12. The 9 local auxiliaries reporting held a total of 15 Standard Study Courses and 18 Regular Study Courses. New Enterprise was the only auxiliary to have 5 Standard Study Courses. Albany had the only A-1 Standard of Achievement Chart and New Enterprise, Macedonia and Cedar Springs reached their quota on the State project. We reached our district project of \$40.00 for shelves for the WNAC Provisions Closet. We almost reached our quota on the State project which was \$614.00 on the deficit Garcia

Account. We raised \$497.47, missing our quota by \$116.53.

We were blessed with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; we had two very inspiring devotionals given by Mrs. Lewis Williams of Cedar Springs and Mrs. Nita Tyler of New Enterprise. A very heart warming and challenging convention message was rendered by our guest speaker, Mrs. Doris Grant from the Martin Association.

We humbly ask you, as our association, to remember us and our work in your prayers so we might continue to grow and be a blessing to others.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Sheffield, President
Vaudine Moody, Recording Secretary

MASTER'S MEN -

The District Master's Men organization has met 4 times this year. Attendance has been unusually poor and lack of interest has been very noticeable. We are failing as a district in this most worthwhile organization. Some of the reasons for this failure are: carelessness, indifference, worldly doings, selfish business activities, and lack of pastoral interest.

God is a wonderful God! He has blessed us so much as a nation, as a church, and as individuals! Men, we should be accepting our responsibility as Christian Witnesses. Our denomination needs lay leadership! Let us take advantage of the opportunities offered to us through the medium of the Master's Men organizations. May those of us who already have a Master's Men Chapter in our local churches take heart and really make this the best year ever. May those of us who have inactive chapters in our churches re-examine ourselves spiritually and become active for the Master. May those of us who have never organized awaken to the possibilities of such an organization and get a chapter started.

Christ needs trained Christian men, and we need Christ. Let's try to have every church in our association represented at Blakely on January 9, 1967, at the next meeting of the Midway District Master's Men.

Respectfully submitted,
O. B. Everson, President
Earl Tabb, Secretary

FINANCE-

Assets:

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| Brought forward, Nov. 3, 1966 | \$ 30.79 |
| Received from churches | 349.50 |
| Special offering, Nov. 2, 1966 | 68.74 |
| Special offering, Nov. 3, 1966 | 46.01 |
| Total Assets | \$495.04 |

Disbursements:

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| Home Missions (40% of \$464.25) | \$185.70 |
| Moderator | 15.00 |
| Clerk | 15.00 |
| Mrs. J. L. Tedder | 25.00 |
| Rev. E. C. Williams | 25.00 |
| Rev. Ralph Bell | 25.00 |
| Rev. H. L. Knighton | 25.00 |
| Mrs. W. T. Wiley (Love Offering) | 25.00 |
| Rev. Larry Powell (Missionary) | 50.00 |
| Bible College Expansion | 25.00 |
| Registration fees to State Association | 20.00 |
| Total Disbursements | <u>\$435.70</u> |
| Balance in treasury | \$59.34 |

MISSIONS TREASURER—

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| Brought forward | \$521.24 |
| Received this session | 185.70 |
| Mission offering, Travelers Rest | 18.79 |
| Total in treasury | <u>\$725.73</u> |

RESOLUTIONS —

We, the Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following resolutions and recommendations:

1. That we recommend to the State Superannuation Board that the Rev. H. L. Knighton and the Rev. Ralph Bell be added to the State Superannuation List.
2. That the names, dates of birth, dates of death, ages and church affiliation of our members overtaken by death every year be included in that years minutes, such information to be given to the Obituary Committee by the clerks of all our churches.
3. We further recommend that in the future when the Lord takes one of our ministers from us that a page in our following years minutes be draped in black to his memory, giving his birth, age, death, church affiliation, when ordained, and pastoral record as much as possible.
4. That deacons be standing delegates in the Midway Association.
5. That the name "Executive Committee" be changed to "Executive Board".
6. That the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Board, Credentials Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Resolutions Committee and the Ordaining Council be elected by the body for a two year term to be re-elected or replaced on even years.

7. That the rules (or by-laws) governing the Standing Board and Committees be printed in a certain place in the Minutes every year.
8. That our standing resolutions be printed in a certain place in the minutes every year.
9. That standing Boards and Committees shall have authority to declare vacancies on their own boards and committees whenever members consistently fail to attend the meeting unless providentially hindered. The Board or Committees must notify the Association of such action so that the body can fill these vacancies in the following session.
10. That reports from the churches should be sent to the Association clerk 15 days before every session. (January, April, July, Annual).
11. That associational funds from the churches be given to the Association treasurer by the beginning of each session. (January, April, July, Annual).
12. That a Nominating Committee of 5 be nominated and elected from the floor at the July session of the Association preceding the Annual Session in which associational officers are to be

MISSION BOARD REPORT -

The Mission Board of the Midway Association met at Oak Grove Church, September 17, 1966. There were 5 board members present. The business discussed was a letter from Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Albany, Ga. Scripture was read by Rev. C. R. Houston and prayer led by Bro. S. F. Boyd.

M S C that the request from Immanuel Church for \$500.00 be denied for further contemplation, until the Mission Board meets with the deacons and trustees of Immanuel.

M S C that the Midway Mission Board hold a joint meeting with Immanuel deacons and trustees at Immanuel Church on Friday night, September 23, 1966, at 8:00 o'clock.

M S C that the Midway Mission Board make the following recommendations to Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church.

1. That the Mission Board from here on in granting loans to Immanuel Church be denied for general expenses.

2. All loans by the Mission Board hereafter be paid to the creditors of the church.

3. We, the Mission Board, request of Immanuel Church, as joint owners of property, the same consideration as they desire.

4. We suggest to Immanuel Church the change of literature since the profit for sale of literature is going into channels of connective government.

5. We further suggest that Immanuel Church consider that at the earliest possible date to call a full time pastor, who is trained in evangelistic and pastoral work, to work in building spiritual and physical membership of the church.

6. We, the Mission Board, recommend that the request of Immanuel Church, the excerpt from the letter of September 7, 1966, paragraphs 3 and 4 be discussed with the deacons, trustees, and pastor.

M S C that the Mission Board give \$100.00 to the Arlington Mission, Arlington, Georgia.

M S C to adjourn. The board was dismissed with prayer.

Rev. C. R. Houston, Moderator
Earl Tabb, Clerk

The Mission Board met with the Executive Board at Macedonia Church on Friday night, October 7, 1966.

Scripture reading by Rev. C. R. Houston and prayer by Rev. Coy Watson.

The minutes of the last Mission Board meeting were read. A discussion of the Mission Board meeting with Immanuel Church on September 23. A Letter from Immanuel Church to the Mission Board was read, telling the Board of their church conference on September 28, 1966. The Mission Board does not see the need to meet with the Immanuel deacons and trustees at this time. The Mission Board had no other business to attend to at this meeting.

Rev. C. R. Houston, Moderator
Earl Tabb, Clerk

WORKING RULES FOR THE HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE MIDWAY 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 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, Clerk, Treasurer, 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 the 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.

**RULES (BY-LAWS)
FOR STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
MIDWAY ASSOCIATION**

Executive Board -

1. This Board shall be composed of seven lay members elected for two year terms along with the other associational officers. Members should be devout Christians, who are alert, active in their local churches, loyal to Christ and His Church, and who are willing to accept the responsibility of this office.

2. This Board shall have a general oversight of our associational work, promoting the Cause of Christ in our association at all times, acting for the association between sessions when necessary, laboring in love to keep our ministry clean and above reproach, striving always for peace and harmony within the association, and assisting any church in any matter when requested to do so by the church. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board to make written reports of ALL its work to the association, and it shall be responsible to the association for all its actions.

3. This Board shall elect a chairman and a secretary from its membership promptly after their election.

It shall be the duty of the chairman to call meetings when

needed, to preside over the meetings, and to assume all responsibilities relative to the duties of a chairman.

It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep accurate minutes of each meeting, to send copies of these minutes to both the clerk and moderator of the Association as well as to each member of the Executive Board promptly after each meeting, to prepare the Board's report to the Association, and to call meetings of the Board when the chairman fails to do so or is unable to do so.

Ordaining Council –

The Ordaining Council shall be composed of five ministers who are members of our Association in good standing. Council members shall be elected for two year terms along with the other officers of the Association. Duties of the Ordaining Council shall be:

1. To examine applicants for ordination to the ministry relative to their doctrines and walk.
2. To ordain applicants to the ministry who have been recommended and approved by their church and the Ordaining Council.
3. To examine all previously ordained ministers seeking membership in our Association in regards to their doctrines and walk and to recommend those qualified for membership to the Association.
4. To uphold, sustain, and lead the ministry of our Association as befitting disciples of Christ.
5. To ordain or to assist in the ordination of deacons when requested by the deacon-elect's church to do so.

(Recommendation: Deacons should be ordained at their own church in the presence of their local membership whenever possible.)

Credentials Committee –

The Credentials Committee shall be composed of three members, the clerk of the Association who shall serve as its chairman and two other members elected on even years with the other associational officers.

This committee shall receive and examine corresponding letters from all churches, compiling the statistics and reporting same to the Association. A roll call of the delegates shall be made at the beginning of each session of the Association in order that the delegates may be properly seated.

Reports from churches should be mailed to the clerk of the Association by the clerk of each church 15 days ahead of each session. (January, April, July, and Annual.)

Budget and Finance Committee -

This committee shall be composed of five members, the treasurer of the Association, who shall serve as its chairman, and four others elected by the body every two years on even years along with the other associational officers. Duties of this committee shall be:

1. To receive all associational monies.
2. To receive pleas for help and suggestions for disbursements of money.
3. To revise and prepare recommendations for associational funds from churches whenever deemed necessary by the Association.
4. To present recommendations for disbursements of monies to the Association.
5. To keep a general oversight of the financial work of the Association and to keep the Association informed at all times along this line.

Resolutions Committee -

The Resolutions Committee, composed of three members who shall be elected by the Body for a two year term on even years along with the other officers of the Association, shall receive and present worthwhile resolutions to the Association.

Superannuation By-Laws -

1. That *retired* ministers who have served the Midway Association for a period of at least five years, *are members of our Association and are in good standing with our Association*, be given a quarterly supplement of money (the amount depending upon the financial status of the Association at the time) when they shall have attained the age of 65 provided the income of said ministers is *inadequate for their needs*.
2. That any *qualified* minister of this Association who, by accident or sickness, has been rendered *permanently unable* to continue as a minister of the Gospel, *upon recommendation of his home church and approval of the Association*, be given this *same* supplement.
3. That at the minister's death, this *same* quarterly supplement be continued to his widow as long as she shall live or remain a

widow provided she meets the same qualifications as set forth for the ministers.

4. We further state that the recommendations set forth herein do not prevent the Association from taking "love offerings" or making a "love gift" to any minister or any layman at any time the Association so desires.

Digest Report of Churches of Midway Association

October 1965 – September 1966

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| Number of churches reporting | 17 |
| Church membership | 1733 |
| Members received: | |
| Baptism | 42 |
| Letter | 43 |
| Statement of Faith | 1 |
| Members dismissed: | |
| Letter | 53 |
| Excluded | 14 |
| Deceased | 17 |
| Sunday School enrollment | 1222 |
| Average attendance | 823 |
| CTS enrollment | 603 |
| Average attendance | 399 |
| Woman's Auxiliary enrollment | 113 |
| Average attendance | 81 |
| Master's Men enrollment | 16 |
| Average attendance | 13 |
| Prayer Meeting average attendance | 228 |
| Vacation Bible Schools conducted | 5 |
| Number of Deacons | 72 |
| Revivals held | 22 |

FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Total Offerings | \$74,432.86 |
| Amount Paid: | |
| Pastors | \$25,728.71 |
| Evangelists | 2,569.60 |
| Literature | 3,953.74 |
| Building and repairs | 18,395.88 |
| Other | 15,718.22 |
| Total spent for local causes | \$66,667.54 |
| State Ministries | 3,608.85 |

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| Cooperative Plan, Missions, Superannuation, Youth Camp, Children's Home Christian Education. | |
| National Ministries | 2,970.80 |
| Bible College Foreign Missions, National Home Missions Superannuation. | |
| Total expenditures | \$73,411.76 |
| Value of Church Property | \$399,000.00 |
| Value of Parsonages | \$15,450.00 |

STANDING RULES OF THE MIDWAY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

1. Each church close its books on the 30th day of September and mail its annual report to the associational clerk 15 days before every session.
2. The pastoral year begins September 1st each year.
3. Each Church prepare the program for the day the Association meets at their church, and be responsible for the preacher and speakers, and let the moderator or clerk know 30 days in advance to the date of the meeting.
4. That 40% of all offerings goes for Home Missions.
5. Each Minister who is a member of the Midway Association be required to attend at least one session yearly unless providentially hindered. When he is unable to attend, he must report to the clerk by letter. Failure to attend at least one session annually will result in that minister's name being removed from the active list of Ordained Ministers.
6. Each convention or rally give an annual report at the annual convention. (Woman's Auxiliary, Master's Men, C T S, Sunday School).

Midway District Woman's Auxiliary —

The Midway District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with New Light Auxiliary on Thursday, October 6, 1966. Theme for the day was taken from Matthew 26:36 — "Sit ye here — Go Yonder".

Linda Griffin led the congregation in singing hymns, "Jesus Calls Us" and "Take My Life and Let It Be" with Mrs. Shirley Kimbrell at the piano. Mrs. R. R. Williams led in prayer. Mrs. Lewis Williams brought a very direct devotional to us as Christians using Jerimiah 1:4-10. The congregation then sang a very timely hymn, "Where He Leads Me".

The welcome was extended by Mrs. Melvin Moody of the host

church and Mrs. N. N. Clower of the Arlington Mission Auxiliary gave the response.

It was MSC to enter into the business session.

The President, Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield, recognized the visitors. Nine district officers were recognized. The state officers recognized were Mrs. Martha Everson, Field Secretary; Mrs. G. N. Fowler, Treasurer; Mrs. Shirley Kimbrell, Corresponding Secretary. Rev. C. R. Houston was recognized and also Bro. Jessie Griffin.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Credentials: Mrs. Leron Clower, Chairman; Mrs. Jessie Griffin;
Mrs. Janice Evans.

Registration: Mrs. Wynell Clower, Chairman; Mrs. Leon Eubanks;
Mrs. Alene Lovett.

Finance: Mrs. G. N. Fowler, Chairman; Mrs. Iris Paul, Mrs. Nita
Tyler; Mrs. Nancy Johnson; Mrs. Sallie Woodard.

Resolutions: Mrs. Martha Everson, Chairman; Mrs. Irene Dykes;
Mrs. Ruth Grant; Mrs. C. E. Fincher, Mrs. Addie
Barber.

The Credentials Committee gave their report and the delegates were seated. (See reports).

The Arlington Mission petitioned the convention for membership. It was MSC to receive them. It was MSC to seat the Arlington delegates.

The minutes of the executive committee meetings were read and approved. A report on the workshop held at Mt. Zion in March was given and it was MSC to receive these as information.

It was MSC that the president appoint a committee to work with the Midway Association to plan for the State Association. The following were appointed: Mrs. Martha Everson, Mrs. H. O. Perry, Mrs. Wynell Clower, Mrs. G. C. Lee, Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield.

A compiled Recording Secretary's report was given. MSC to accept this report.

A compiled report of the Treasurer was given. MSC to accept this report.

It was MSC to adjourn for the worship service. An offering was received by Mrs. G. N. Fowler and Mrs. Janice Evans. The offertory was prayed by Rev. C. R. Houston. The congregation sang "To the Work" and "Footsteps of Jesus". A message in song was brought by Eleanor Sheffield entitled "Follow Me". Mrs. Doris Grant brought a very heart warming, challenging and inspiring convention message using Acts 1:8 and Luke 24:47. She included a poem entitled "Where We Are".

Bro. Jessie Griffin dismissed with prayer for fellowship during the noon hour.

The afternoon session reconvened at 1:30 P. M. with the group signing "Stand Up for Jesus" and "He Keeps Me Singing". Alene Lovett offered prayer. Mrs. Nita Tyler from New Enterprise gave the devotional using Matthew 26:36. Prayer by Rev. C. R. Houston. Mrs. Joan Morris sang "Breathe On Me".

It was MSC to reopen the business session. The treasurer gave the annual treasurers report. MSC to adopt this report. (See reports).

The Registration Committee report was given by Wynell Clower. MSC to adopt this report (See reports).

MSC to award the awards to the auxiliary for the largest percentage present. Hammock Springs had the largest percentage of members present at the convention. New Light had the largest number of members present for the convention. These two auxiliaries received the awards.

The Finance Committee report was given. MSC to adopt this report.

The Resolutions Committee report was given. MSC to adopt this report and to adopt each item by item.

MSC to adopt item 1 - 2 - 3 - 4.

MSC that the workshop in March be held with Albany Auxiliary and the annual session in October be held with New Enterprise Auxiliary.

Delegates to the State Convention were appointed as follows: Ida Tabb (to serve on the Nominating Committee for 1967); Iris Paul; Wynell Clower; Elise Williams; Irene Dykes.

The Nominating Committee for 1967 were nominated from the floor as follows: Alene Clower, Chairman, Arlington; Mrs. C. E. Fincher, Mt. Zion; Linda Griffin, Albany; Leon Eubanks, New Light; Janice Evans, Cedar Springs.

Mrs. G. N. Fowler resigned as treasurer. MSC to accept her resignation and give a rising vote of thanks for her services. Mrs. Fowler nominated Alene Lovett to serve as treasurer. MSC that Alene Lovett be elected treasurer.

MSC to give Mrs. Doris Grant a rising vote of thanks in appreciation for her wonderful message.

All district officers gave their personal reports. (See reports for Auxiliary achievements reported). New Enterprise was awarded a certificate for having 5 standard study courses. Albany was given a certificate for their A-1 Standard of Achievement Chart. New Enterprise, Cedar Springs and Macedonia were recognized for reaching their quota on the State Project.

MSC to adjourn. The congregation sang "Have Faith In God".

Several announcements were made. Mrs. B. Houston dismissed with prayer. —

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Sheffield, President
Vaudine Moody, Recording Secretary

Credentials Committee Report —

We, your Credentials Committee, have examined the reports and found the following auxiliaries eligible to seat in this Convention:

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| Albany | Mt. Zion | Patmos |
| Bainbridge | Macedonia | New Light |
| Hammock Springs | New Enterprise | Cedar Springs |

Also, we have a new auxiliary organized in September, 1966 — Arlington Mission with 5 members.

Registration Committee Report —

We, your Registration Committee, submit the following report:

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| District officers | 9 |
| State officers | 3 |
| Delegates | 35 |
| Ministers | 1 |
| Visitors | 7 |
| Total persons registered | 52 |

Resolutions Committee Report —

1. That the phrase "one year prior to the election of officers" be added to the first sentence of Section 2, Article V of the By-Laws.

2. That we adopt the recommendations suggested by the WNAC.

3. That each auxiliary send an offering for the WNAC general fund during the month of February.

4. That we give the New Light Church and community a rising vote of thanks for the splendid hospitality shown to us today.

Finance Committee Report —

Assets:

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| Balance in treasury, October 6, 1966 | \$120.77 |
| Representation fees | 20.25 |
| Offering today | 30.03 |
| Speaker | 3.00 |
| Total assets | <u>\$174.05</u> |

Recommended disbursements:

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| State Convention representation fees | \$ 66.30 |
| (78 members at 85¢ per member) | |
| State Project (Esenio Garcia account) | 65.00 |
| Total disbursements | <u>\$131.30</u> |
| Balance in treasury | \$42.75 |

Standard of Achievement Charts Report -

Received a report from 8 Auxiliaries but only 5 Charts were brought to the Convention. 8 new members were gained during the year. Albany reached all 10 points of the Standard. They had a 5% increase in membership; our manual calls for a 10% increase but we couldn't count the increase against them. They will have to work harder this next year.

Study Course Chairmans Report -

A total of 33 study courses were reported to the district chairman. Of the 33 courses reported, 15 were Standard Study Courses and 18 were Regular Study Courses.

Subjects reported were as follows:

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| Missions | 5 courses |
| Methods | 7 courses |
| Evangelism | 3 courses |
| Prayer | 4 courses |
| Stewardship | 9 courses |
| Christian Living | 5 courses |

Auxiliaries reported as follows:

Albany, Mrs. Lloyd Rentfrow, SC Chr.: 1 Standard; 4 Regular.
Bainbridge, Mrs. J. L. Tedder, SC Chr.: 1 Standard; 4 Regular.
Cedar Springs, Mrs. Jenette Pyle, SC Chr.: 2 Standard.
Hammock Springs, Mrs. Ruth Grant, SC Chr.: 1 Standard; 4 Regular.
Macedonia, Mrs. B. Houston, SC Chr.: 2 Standard; 2 Regular.
Mt. Zion, Mrs. J. W. Clower, SC Chr.: 2 Standard; 2 Regular.
New Light, Mrs. Iris Paul, SC Chr.: 2 Regular.
Travelers Rest, Mrs. W. C. Musgrove, SC Chr.: 1 Standard.
New Enterprise, Mrs. C. C. Bell, SC Chr.: 5 Standard.

Treasurers Report, 1965-1966

Compiled report for the district:

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| Albany 22 | Mt. Zion 5 | Patmos 10 |
| Bainbridge 7 | Macedonia 6 | Cedar Springs |
| New Light 15 | Hammock Springs 4 | New Enterprise 7 |

Stewardship of Possessions:

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| Number contributing to missions | 76 |
| Tithers on roll beginning of year | 52 |
| New tithers | 4 |
| Present number of tithers | 57 |

Financial Report:

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| Active members on roll | 76 |
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| Per capita membership fee sent by | |
| Woman's Auxiliary | \$ 73.85 |
| Co-Laborer Fund | 138.30 |
| WNAC General Fund | |
| Student Loan Fund | 4.00 |
| Easter offering foreign missions | 65.56 |
| Thanksgiving National Home Missions | 50.62 |
| Christmas State Home Missions | 74.76 |
| Cash gifts to Children's Home | 68.35 |
| Value of other gifts to Children's Home | 45.00 |
| Cash gifts to FWB Bible College | 102.00 |
| Cash gifts to retired ministers | 5.50 |
| Spent for auxiliary literature | 179.58 |
| Local church activities | 71.56 |
| Garcias State Project | 267.51 |

Treasurers report of money received from Auxiliaries:

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| Co-Laborer Fund | \$156.30 |
| Dot Harvey Loan Fund | 69.00 |
| Westfield India Pastor | 77.00 |
| FWB Children's Home, Eldridge, Ala. | 79.35 |
| FWB Bible College | 101.00 |
| Mt. Olive College | 11.00 |
| Co-operative Plan | 36.00 |
| African Missions | 12.00 |
| Wilkinson Fund | 36.00 |
| State Project (Garcias account) | 432.47 |
| National Home Missions, Thanksgiving | 47.25 |
| State Home Missions, Christmas | 66.05 |
| Foreign Missions, Easter | 50.96 |
| District project(Provision Closet Shelves) | 40.00 |
| WNAC Emphasis | 26.25 |
| WNAC General Fund | 28.00 |
| Superannuation | 5.50 |
| Student Loan Fund | 4.00 |
| State paper expense | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Miley (1965 Convention speaker) | 45.00 |
| Laura Belle Barnard | 3.75 |
| Larry Powell | 2.00 |
| Representation fees to State | 7.00 |
| District speaker | 30.00 |
| Representation fees | 59.85 |
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| Total received from Auxiliaries | \$1,427.73 |

Disbursements:

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Designated funds to State Treasurer . | \$1,337.88 |
| Bank service charge | 10.55 |
| District workshop awards | 4.00 |
| Stamps and cards | 3.00 |
| Total disbursements | <u>\$1,355.43</u> |

Compiled treasurers report:

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| Balance on hand, October 1965 | \$ 20.47 |
| Workshop offering | 28.00 |
| Total received from Auxiliaries | <u>1,427.73</u> |
| Total receipts | \$1,476.20 |
| Total disbursements | <u>1,355.43</u> |
| BALANCE in Treasury | \$120.77 |

Mrs. G. N. Fowler, Treasurer

| CHURCH | MEETING DAYS | TOTAL MEMBERSHIP | RESIDENT MEMBERS | NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS | RECEIVED BY BAPTISM | RECEIVED BY LETTER | RECEIVED BY STATEMENT OF FAITH | DISMISSED BY LETTER | EXCLUDED | DECEASED | SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT | AVERAGE ATTENDANCE | CTS ENROLLMENT | AVERAGE ATTENDANCE | WOMAN'S AUXILIARY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE | MASTER'S MEN | AVERAGE ATTENDANCE | PRAYER MEETING Average Attendance | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | NUMBER OF DEACONS | REVIVALS HELD | TOTAL OFFERINGS | PAID PASTOR | EVANGELIST | LITERATURE | BUILDING AND REPAIRS | OTHER | TOTAL SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES | STATE MINISTRIES: Children's Home Cooperative Plan, Youth Camp, Missions | NATIONAL MINISTRIES: Bible College Missions, Superannuation | TOTAL EXPENDITURES | VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY | VALUE OF PARSONAGE | |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------------------|--|---|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Albany | Full | 307 | | | 18 | 20 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 260 | 209 | 90 | 70 | 22 | 18 | 12 | 10 | 60 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 24,126.81 | 5,510.00 | 230.00 | 1,447.45 | 10,916.83 | 5,202.92 | 23,607.18 | 545.00 | 1,437.62 | 25,589.80 | 140,000.00 | 10,450.00 |
| Bainbridge | Full | 50 | 40 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 47 | 36 | 55 | 26 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2,623.94 | 937.00 | 150.00 | 155.08 | 157.97 | 395.88 | 1,795.93 | 210.60 | 37.00 | 2,043.53 | 10,000.00 | |
| Blakely | Full | 89 | 64 | 25 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 75 | 55 | 36 | 25 | 12 | 8 | | | 20 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5,339.45 | 2,480.00 | | 237.82 | 810.19 | 604.58 | 4,132.59 | 325.00 | 81.00 | | 20,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Cedar Springs | Full | 98 | 61 | 37 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 66 | 31 | 66 | 28 | 13 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 4,240.63 | 3,005.00 | 150.00 | 235.39 | 608.95 | 965.57 | 4,964.91 | 512.17 | 107.25 | 5,584.33 | 14,000.00 | |
| Damascus | 1 | 48 | 16 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1,153.30 | 579.85 | 120.00 | 29.60 | 15.00 | 247.68 | 992.13 | 119.00 | | 1,111.13 | 10,000.00 | |
| Donalsonville | 2/4 | 22 | | | | 2 | | | | | 28 | 12 | 21 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1,084.38 | 718.00 | | 40.00 | 64.24 | 247.02 | 1,069.26 | 5.00 | | 1,074.26 | 6,000.00 | |
| Enterprise | 1/3 | 55 | 21 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 32 | 24 | 34 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 3 | 1 | 1,310.39 | 474.93 | 129.35 | 72.82 | 126.00 | 180.02 | 983.12 | 120.60 | | 1,103.72 | 9,500.00 | |
| Hammock Springs | 2/4 | 58 | 32 | 26 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 42 | 35 | 35 | 25 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | | 5 | 1 | 1,455.96 | 457.00 | 80.00 | 152.25 | 13.60 | 354.51 | 1,057.36 | 149.54 | | 1,206.90 | 5,000.00 | |
| Immanuel | Full | 53 | 44 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 105 | 62 | 47 | 25 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6,414.53 | 1,480.00 | 150.00 | 196.75 | 3,367.59 | 881.22 | 6,075.56 | 19.50 | 8.00 | 6,103.06 | 35,000.00 | |
| Macedonia | 1/3 | 82 | 45 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 59 | 39 | 26 | 19 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 4,791.38 | 1,115.00 | 150.00 | 309.98 | | 2,520.94 | 4,095.92 | 480.84 | 181.28 | 4,758.04 | 17,000.00 | |
| Mt. Zion | 1/3 | 70 | 19 | 51 | 0 | 1 | | 20 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 20 | 22 | 18 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1,827.27 | 845.00 | 100.00 | 111.25 | 25.00 | | 1,081.25 | 296.12 | 233.75 | 1,611.12 | 5,000.00 | |
| New Enterprise | 1/3 | 80 | | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 55 | 40 | 36 | 25 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 2,215.63 | 850.00 | 140.00 | 169.06 | 316.50 | 372.04 | 1,847.60 | 155.00 | 182.00 | 1,184.60 | 20,000.00 | |
| New Light | 2/4 | 239 | 104 | 135 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 120 | 70 | 33 | 25 | 15 | 12 | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 7 | 1 | 4,973.73 | 2,691.97 | 540.00 | 237.29 | 428.61 | 773.67 | 4,635.54 | | | 4,635.54 | 60,000.00 | |
| Oak Grove | 2/4 | 86 | 34 | 52 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 40 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 3 | 1 | 1,156.29 | 750.00 | | 26.85 | 101.02 | 164.54 | 1,042.41 | 60.24 | 10.00 | 1,112.65 | 10,000.00 | |
| Patmos | 2 | 173 | 57 | 116 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 71 | 55 | 30 | 24 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 5,743.15 | 1,385.00 | 335.00 | 204.27 | 1,376.00 | 687.24 | 3,987.51 | 495.00 | 526.00 | 5,008.51 | 20,000.00 | |
| Travelers Rest | 2/4 | 122 | 79 | 43 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 50 | 45 | 31 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 4 | 2 | 4,485.70 | 1,560.00 | 100.00 | 252.85 | 54.75 | 1,923.85 | 3,891.43 | 75.00 | 166.90 | 4,298.33 | 15,000.00 | |
| White Plains | 1/3 | 101 | | | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 57 | 30 | 41 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1,490.32 | 889.96 | 231.25 | 75.03 | 13.63 | 1,197.54 | 1,407.41 | 40.00 | | 1,447.65 | 7,500.00 | |
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