

MIDWAY FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Minutes
of the
Eighty-first Annual Session
of the
Midway Free Will Baptist Association
of **Free Will Baptists of Georgia**



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Hammock Springs
Free Will Baptist Church

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OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. Roger Russell (1979)-(1)	Blakely, Ga. 31723
Asst. Moderator: Mr. Leron Clower (1978)-(2)	Arlington, Ga. 31713
Clerk: Mr. Malcom Freeman (1979)-(1)	Jakin, Ga. 31761
Asst. Clerk: Mrs. Malcom Freeman (1979)-(1)	Jakin, Ga. 31761
Treasurer: Mr. Edward Kimbrell (1978)-(1)	Colquitt, Ga. 31737
Asst. Treasurer: Mrs. Edward Kimbrell (1978)-(1)	Colquitt, Ga. 31737

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Robert Clyatt (1978)-(2)	Colquitt, Ga. 31737
Rev. Curtis Alligood (1978)-(1)	Leary, Ga. 31762
Mr. Henry Peterson (1978)-(1)	Blakely, Ga. 31723
Mr. Howard Davis (1978)-(2)	Albany, Ga. 31702
Mr. John Grant (1978)-(1)	Colquitt, Ga. 31737
Mr. Alvin Day (Honorary Member Life)	Blakely, Ga. 31723

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Mr. Murray Haire (1978)-(1)	Albany, Ga. 31705
Mr. Wiley Girard (1978)-(1)	Arlington, Ga. 31713

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. E.R. Corbett (1978)-(1)	Donalsonville, Ga. 31745
Rev. W.F. McDuffie (1979)-(1)	Blakely, Ga. 31723
Rev. Melvin Moody (1979)-(1)	Morgan, Ga. 31766
Rev. Dennis Irvin (1978)-(2)	Albany, Ga. 31702
Rev. Tom McCall (1978)-(1)	Bainbridge, Ga. 31717

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mathel Barnes (1978)-(1)	Blakely, Ga. 31723
Mrs. Eva Clenny (1978)-(1)	Colquitt, Ga. 31737
Mrs. Leron Clower (1978)-(1)	Arlington, Ga. 31713

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Edith Shiver (1978)-(2)	Leary, Ga. 31762
Mrs. Melvin Moody (1978)-(1)	Morgan, Ga. 31766

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Lillian Rodgers
Glynn Hendley
Wayne Chambliss

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

January 26, 1980
April 26, 1980
August 2, 1980
October 25, 1980

Macedonia Church
New Enterprise Church
New Light Church
Patmos Church

WOMANS AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Myra White
Vice-President	Mrs. Mildred Bowen
Secretary	Mrs. Laverne Mock
Treasurer	Mrs. Betty Akridge
Mission Action Chairman	Mrs. Gloria Henley
Mission Prayer Chairman	Mrs. Pauline Bush
Mission Study Chairman	Mrs. Brenda Evans
Field Worker	Mrs. Doris Grant

W.A. SPRING WORKSHOP

Arlington Free Will Baptist Church

W.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION

Blakely Free Will Baptist Church

MASTER'S MEN OFFICERS

President
Vice-President
Secretary

MASTER'S MEN ANNUAL MEETING

ROLL CALL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Curtis Alligood, Rt. 2, Leary, Ga. 31762	734-4164
Rev. Ernest Barnes, 122 Force Drive, Albany, Ga. 31705	437-8424
Rev. Wayne Chambless, P.O. Box 25, Arlington, Ga.	725-3196
Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Rt. 4, Colquitt, Ga. 31737	758-3555
Rev. E.R. Corbett, Rt. 3, Donalsonville, Ga. 31745	524-2673
Rev. William Evans, Rt. 3, Colquitt, Ga. 31737	758-2982
Rev. Neal Harting, Blakely, Ga. 31723	
Rev. Donnie Hicks, Blakely, Ga. 31723	
Rev. C.R. Houston, Rt. 1, Colquitt, Ga. 31737	758-2106
Rev. Dennis Irvin, 202 Hilside Ave., Albany, Ga.	436-5258
Rev. Bob L. Jones, Cedar Springs, Ga. 31732	372-4590
Rev. H.L. Knighton, Albany, Ga. 31705	436-2502
Rev. Tom McCall, P.O. Box 2436, Bainbridge, Ga.	246-4436
Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Central Ave., Blakely, Ga.	723-4097
Rev. Melvin Moody, P.O. Box 44, Morgan, Ga. 31766	849-2875
Rev. W.L. Rentz, Newton, Ga. 31770	
Rev. Roger Russell, 115 Perry Ave., Blakely, Ga.	723-4516
Rev. Billy Sharpston, Rt. 3, Colquitt, Ga. 31737	
Rev. S. T. Shutes, Rt. 4, Colquitt, Ga. 31737	
Rev. Coy Watson, Rt. 1, Blakely, Ga. 31723	723-4743
Dr. Melvin Worthington, Albany, Ga. 31705	

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The First Quarterly Session of the Midway District Association convened with Enterprise Church on Saturday, January 27, 1979. Both Enterprise and Calvary Churches were hosts for this session.

The Reverend Kenneth Faison, who led the singing for the day, led the congregation in the opening song. The opening prayer was led by the Reverend Wayne Chambers. The Reverend Neal Harting addressed the delegation with a warm welcome.

The Reverend Billy Sharpston called the meeting into session by asking for a motion to adopt the program with the privilege of making necessary changes. The motion was made and approved by the standing delegation.

A partial report of the credentials committee was given by Mrs. Edith Shiver. A motion was made and approved to seat the delegates. The following visitors were recognized: Dr. Irvin Hyman, newly elected pastor of Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church; Mrs. Dose English and Mrs. Henry Green Wiley from the Paul Palmer Association.

The Moderator reviewed the committees and appointed the Reverend W.F. McDuffie to serve on the Ordaining Council and Brother Lamar Brooks on the Budget and Finance Committee.

The Executive Board Report was read by the clerk. The report consisted of three recommendations:

1. That the Executive Board be allowed the privilege of meeting with the host pastor to plan the program of the quarterly meeting. (This recommendation was approved.)

2. That Article Two of the by-laws be changed to read: "Each church shall be requested to pay a minimum fee per member of 50 cents (50c) per quarterly session and seventy-five cents (75c) each annual session. This is to become effective at the July session in 1979. (Motion was made to table this until next session.)

3. That Article Six, section 1, of the by-laws be changed to read: Each church must mail its report to the clerk fifteen (15) days before each session in order that the church delegation may be seated at the quarterly session. (Motion was made to table this until the next session.)

Brother Joe Martin, President of the CTS Committee reported the upcoming CTS Banquet to be held February 24th in Albany at the American Legion Hall. Dr. M.L. Worthington gave a reminder of the State Youth Conference to be held February 23-24 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Albany.

Dr. Irvin Hyman shared information with us about six books he has authored and has available for sale. The Moderator gave information concerning the South Georgia Bible Institute. The Winter Quarter began January 22nd and is being held at The Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church.

The business session was adjourned for the eleven o'clock worship hour.

During the worship hour, we joined in congregational singing. The Jenkins Family offered special music and singing. The Reverend Willie Summerlin brought the morning message entitled "Christian Happiness" using the Scriptures Genesis 3:6-14 and Matthew 5:8. We were served a delicious meal by the host churches.

The afternoon session began with congregational singing. Mrs. Edith Shiver gave a tribute to our Senior Citizens of the Midway Association. The Reverend Roger Russell gave a brief devotion taken from Ephesians 5:25.

The business session continued with reports from standing boards and committees and motions were made to receive them.

The following recommendations were approved:

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

1. We resolve that each church especially emphasize prayer during our next quarter. We ask that each pastor, Sunday School Superintendent, C.T.S. Director, and other leaders encourage prayer among the members. We would especially ask that each church promote midweek prayer services.

2. We re-emphasize that each church clerk place the names and number

of their deceased on the back of their church letters before sending them to the association clerk.

3. We resolve to give Enterprise and Calvary Churches a rising vote of thanks for such wonderful hospitality to this body and the great meal served.

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

We recommend that the Standard for Ordination presented by the State Association be tabled and acted upon at the next session.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

We recommend that we set aside \$150.00 for the minutes from the general fund today.

Mrs. Carole Barnes reported a Woman's Auxiliary Study Course planned for March 3rd to convene at White Plains Church.

Motion was made to adjourn.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT - January 27, 1979

Letter received from 16 churches.

Representation fees received from 16 churches.

Total representation fees received \$380.25.

Number of delegates: 64

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Reporting 16; Enrollment 1072 Av Attend. 903

C.T.S.

Reporting 12; Enrollment 605; Av Attend. 483

WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

Reporting 11; Enrollment 168; Av Attend. 130

MASTER'S MEN

Chapters 6; Enrollment 74; Av Attend. 55

PRAYER MEETINGS 11 Av Attend. 322

Number of Visitors Present (local churches) 24

Number of State Office representatives present 0

Number of National Office representatives present 1

Number of visiting ministers present 1

Total of all present for this session 89

Submitted by: Mrs. Edith Shiver,

Mrs. Vaudine Moody

TREASURER'S REPORT First Session, January 27, 1979

Brought Forward \$ 31.85

Received from Churches today 380.25

Offering Today 87.87

Special Offering 0.00

Received since last session 70.21

1. Retirement Fund \$5.00

2. Outstanding Check and Stamps \$15.21

3. Aux. Check correction \$50.00

*It was voted in Executive Committee meeting in Dec. to transfer Retirement Fund balance to General Fund.

DISBURSEMENTS

40% Missions Treasury \$187.25

Moderator	15.00
Clerk	15.00
Mrs. B.W. Clenny	20.00
Rev. H.L. Knighton	20.00
Mrs. J.W. Loyless	20.00
Rev. S.T. Shutes	20.00
Retained for minutes	0.00
Check printing	<u>3.27</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$300.52

BALANCE \$269.66

MINUTE ACCOUNT

BROUGHT FORWARD	\$256.81
Received Today	0.00
Received since last session	50.00
TOTAL	\$306.81

DISBURSEMENTS

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TOTAL	0.00

BALANCE \$306.81

MISSION TREASURY REPORT

BROUGHT FORWARD	\$1,206.55
Received since last session	0.00
Received today (40%)	187.25
TOTAL	\$1,393.80

DISBURSEMENTS:

Mission Board 11/30/78 \$160.00

BALANCE \$1,233.80

MIDWAY YOUTH CAMP YEARLY REPORT

Camp convened August 7-11, 1978 at Kolomoki Mounds State Park, Blakely, Georgia 31723.

- Dr. Melvin Worthington - Director
- Rev. Ernest Barnes - Assistant Director
- Rev. Bobby Clyatt - Secretary-Treasurer

Total Number attending - 111

FINITIAL REPORT

Balance Brought Forward 9/11/77 \$ 852.90

RECEIPTS

Blakely First Church	\$135.00
Campers fees	486.00
Mission Board (returned)	470.00
Ministers Retreat (returned)	58.45
Campers fees and snack shack	1165.59
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,315.04
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	3,167.94

EXPENDITURES

Mission Board (loan)	\$470.00
Camp Rent	571.65
Ministers Retreat (loan)	100.00
Recreation Equipment	65.41
Evangelist (Honorium & exp)	330.00
Candy for Snack Shack	134.05
Entertainment	180.91
Camper Insurance	116.55
Cooks	120.00
Groceries	762.47
Returned Check	6.00
Transferred to savings	300.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,157.04

Balance in Checking Account 10/19/78 10.90

Balance in Savings Account 10/19/78 300.95

We have one outstanding debt of \$28.75 for literature.

MISSION BOARD TREASURY REPORT

BALANCE BROUGHT FOWARD OCTOBER 1, 1978 \$ 470.96

Salary and Berean Church Support**Contributions**

Albany First Church	\$202.00
Cedar Springs Church	75.08
Bellview Church	300.00
Rev. W.F. McDuffie	35.00
Mrs. Myrtle McGlamory	12.00
Midway Association	311.46
Blakely First Church	335.00
Georgia State Assn.	81.00

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS **\$1,351.54**

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR **1,822.50**

EXPENDITURES**Rev. Ernest Barnes - Missionary-Pastor**

Salary	\$ 600.00
Car Allowance	150.00
Housing Allowance	150.00
Hospitalization Insurance	67.05
Bank Overdraw	4.00

Berean Church Support	1,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$1,971.05
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT DEC. 31, 1978	(Minus)	148.55

BUILDING ACCOUNT

CONTRIBUTIONS		
Berean Church	\$400.00	
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		\$400.00
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD OCTOBER 1, 1978		0.00
EXPENDITURES		0.00
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT DEC. 31, 1978		400.00

TOTAL BALANCE IN TREASURY DEC. 31, 1978 \$251.45

BALANCE OWED PEOPLES BANK ON BEREAN BUILDING
DEC. 31, 1978 \$22,081.41
plus interest

Rev. R.H. (Bobby) Clyatt, Treasurer

BEREAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH QUARTERLY REPORT
Financial Report for October, November, December

Balance Brought Forward

	\$	242.70
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Regular offerings

October	\$1,665.89
November	1,756.72
December	1,088.25

Designated offerings

Midway Mission Board	1,000.00
Student Loan	17.50
Woman's Auxiliary dues	16.50
Larry Nix Account	89.00
Cuban Missions	10.00
Jerry Banks Account	61.02
Building Fund	200.00

TOTAL INCOME \$5,904.88

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR \$6,147.58

EXPENSES

Georgia Power	\$	252.11
Postage		30.00
Telephone		74.84
Fruit Basket		8.24
Pastor's Combined Salary		2,048.45
Larry Nix		89.00
Cuban Mission		10.00
Student Loan		17.50
Literature		136.17
Jerry Banks		61.02
Office Supplies		33.78

Building Fund	1,000.00
Termite Inspection	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$3,786.11

BALANCE \$2,361.47

Statistics:

Sunday School Enrollment 74; Av. Attend. 49
 C.T.S. Enrollment 40; Av. Attend. 30
 Sunday Morning Worship services Av. Attend. 46
 Sunday Evening Worship services Av. Attend. 30
 Professions of Faith 2; Members by letter 1

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

The Second Quarterly Session of the Midway District Association convened with Bainbridge Church on Saturday, April 21, 1979.

The host pastor, the Rev. Tom McCall, led the singing for the day. The session was opened by singing "Sunlight." The Rev. C.B. Dowdney led in the opening prayer. A warm welcome was extended by the host pastor after which we sang "Stand Up, Stand Up."

Brother Damon Dodd delivered the morning devotion from Philippians 3:10-14.

The moderator called the meeting into session and asked for a motion to adopt the printed program with the privilege of making necessary changes. The motion was made and approved by the standing delegation.

Brother C.B. Dowdney gave a report from the State Office. He shared with us dates of upcoming state activities. He gave a brief report of our State Home Mission works in Dalton, Dublin, and Athens. A motion was made and approved to receive his report as information.

A motion was made and approved to remove from table the items of business tabled at the first quarterly session. Changes concerning Article Two of the constitution was adopted. Changes concerning Article Six of the constitution was not approved.

The business session was adjourned for the eleven o'clock worship hour. During the worship hour, we joined in congregational singing. Brother Danny Thomas sang "Amazing Grace" just before Dr. Melvin Worthington delivered the morning message. Brother Worthington's message was based on Daniel chapter six. He shared with us six basic elements to prosperity.

After the worship hour we were served a delicious meal by the host church. We returned for the afternoon session and were blessed again as Brother Danny Thomas sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

The first item of business was the approval of the Georgia State Association Ordination Standard. It was unanimously approved.

The business session continued with reports from standing boards and committees and motions to receive them.

Dr. Melvin Worthington, President of Georgia Bible Institute, gave a progress report on plans for beginning the institution. Brother S.T. Shutes extended an invitation from some of his friends to all of us to attend his fiftieth (50th) wedding anniversary.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Recommendations approved at this session:

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

We have received a letter requesting a letter of good standing on behalf of the Rev. Vernon Whaley to the Cumberland Association of Tennessee.

We recommend that the letter of good standing be sent.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

1. We recommend that we pay \$131.15 from today's offering for printing of minutes.

2. We further recommend that we retain \$100.00 for the Midway Youth Camp.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. We resolve that each church include their young people as delegates in the July session since we need to get more young people involved in the business of the association.

2. We resolve that each pastor ask that their delegates after each quarterly meeting give a report of the happenings of the session to inform the churches of the business of the association.

3. We resolve to give Bainbridge Church a rising vote of thanks for the warm hospitality given to this body today.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT: April 21, 1979

Letters received from 18 churches.

Representation fees from 18 churches.

Total Representation fees received \$432.50.

Number of delegates: 40

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Reporting 18; Enrollment 1258; Av. Attend. 903
C.T.S.

Reporting 13; Enrollment 641; Av. Attend. 474

WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

Reporting 11; Enrollment 174; Av. Attend. 155

MASTER'S MEN

Chapters 6 Enrollment 70; Av. Attend. 53

PRAYER MEETINGS - 13 Av. Attend. 333

FULL TIME CHURCHES 14, PART TIME CHURCHES 4

Number of Visitors present (local churches) 45

Number of State Office representatives present 1

Number of National Office representatives present 1

Number of visiting ministers present 0

Number of ministers present 17

TOTAL OF ALL PRESENT FOR THIS SESSION: 92

Submitted by: Mrs. Edith Shiver

Mrs. Vaudine Moody

TREASURER'S REPORT Second Session, April 21, 1979

Brought Forward	\$269.66
Received from churches today	357.50
Offering today	86.47
Special offering	0.00
Received since last session	<u>31.75</u>
TOTAL	745.38

DISBURSEMENTS

40% Missions Treasury	\$177.59
Moderator	15.00
Clerk	15.00
Mrs. B.W. Clenny	20.00
Rev. H.L. Knighton	20.00
Mrs. J.W. Loyless	20.00
Rev. S.T. Shutes	20.00
Retained for minutes	131.15
Jan Session MSC for minutes	150.00
Youth Camp	100.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$668.74

BALANCE \$ 76.64

MISSIONS TREASURY REPORT

Brought forward	\$1,233.80
Received since last session	0.00
Received today (40%)	<u>177.59</u>

TOTAL \$1,411.39

Disbursements:

First session 40%	\$187.25
Mission Board 4/6/79	250.00
TOTAL DISBURSED	\$437.25

BALANCE \$ 974.14

MINUTE ACCOUNT

Brought forward	\$ 306.81
Received today	131.15
Received since last session	<u>150.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 587.96

MISSION BOARD TREASURY REPORT Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1979

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$ 251.45

CONTRIBUTIONS

New Light Church	\$ 444.62
Bellview Church	100.00
Georgia State Association	202.00
Rev. W.F. McDuffie	35.00
Blakely First Church	235.00
Midway Association	187.25
Cedar Springs Church	<u>117.29</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,321.16

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD JAN 1, 1979 (minus) 148.55

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR \$1,172.61

EXPENDITURES:

Berean Church	\$1,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$1,000.00

BALANCE IN ACCOUNT MARCH 31, 1979		172.61
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BUILDING ACCOUNT

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Bearean Church	\$ 1,400.00	
BALANCE BROUGHT FOWARD JAN 1, 1979		400.00
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$ 1,800.00	

EXPENDITURES

Peoples Bank of Colquitt	\$ 1,800.00	
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT MARCH 31, 1979		0.00

TOTAL BALANCE IN TREASURY MARCH 31, 1979	\$ 172.61
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Balance owed Peoples Bank on Berean Building 3/31/79	\$20,281.41
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Rev. R.H. (Bobby) Clyatt, Treasurer

**QUARTERLY REPORT - Berean Free Will Baptist Church
Financial Report**

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 2,361.47
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Income:

Tithes	\$3,718.76	
Designated		
Larry Nix (Revival)	171.34	
Nix Account	127.00	
Banks	19.65	
Woman's Auxiliary	23.70	
Mission Board	500.00	
Jerry Banks (W.A.)	15.00	
Church Bus	600.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,675.45	
		\$ 5,675.45
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		\$ 8,036.92

EXPENSES:

Georgia State Association	\$ 146.10
Nix Account	127.00
Banks Account	19.65
Midway District WNAC (BANKS)	15.00
Ga. Farm Bureau Insurance	305.00
Georgia Power Company	266.30
WNAC Literature	23.70
Postage	30.00
Revival (Larry Nix)	171.34
Telephone	83.50

Building Fund	1,200.00	
Literature (CTS & SS)	171.34	
Office Supplies	30.24	
Gravel for driveway	197.60	
Walker Cooling and Heating	22.50	
First State Bank (Bus)	600.00	
Pastor		
Housing	\$ 489.00	
Car	480.00	
Hospital Ins.	241.35	
Salary	1,860.00	
	<u>3,070.35</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,478.84	\$6,478.84
BALANCE IN BANK April 1, 1979		\$1,558.08

Progress Report Berean Church

Sunday School Av. Attend. 59 CTS Av Attend 26
Morning Worship Av. Attend 59; Evening 27
Wednesday Night Prayer meeting Av. Attend 18
New Members: Baptism 2, By Letter 1

ORDINATION STANDARD AS ADOPTED BY THIS ASSOCIATION IS INCLUDED IN THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS SECTION OF THESE MINUTES.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

The Third quarterly session of the Midway Association convened with Berean Church of Albany on Saturday, July 28, 1979.

The session was opened with congregational singing led by Brother Danny Thomas. Opening prayer was led by Brother Roger Russell. The host church gave a warm welcome by singing "You know you are welcome to Berean Church" to the tune of "My Lord knows the Way Through the Wilderness." The Reverend Ernest Barnes brought the morning devotion by contrasting man's most solemn thought "hell" with that of his most sublime thought "Heaven."

The assistant moderator, Brother Leron Clower, called the session into order and presided during the session. He called for a motion to adopt the program with the privilege of making necessary changes. The motion was made and approved by the standing delegation.

Mrs. Edith Shiver gave a partial report of the credentials committee. A motion was made and approved to seat the registered delegates.

Brother Clower reviewed the standing boards and appointed "fill ins" to the boards where needed.

Several miscellaneous reports were given. Brother Joe Martin spoke for the District CTS Rally and encouraged everyone to attend the next CTS Rally to be held at Bellview Church on August 4th, 1979.

Carole Barnes gave a report of the National Woman's Auxiliary convention. Brother Robert Lisenby gave a report of the District Master's Men Meeting and encouraged all the men to attend next year's District

Meeting. Brother Roger Russell gave a report of the National Association. Brother Ernest Barnes gave information concerning the Georgia Bible Institute and encouraged many to enroll for the first quarter which begins in September.

During the worship hour we were blessed as we joined in congregational singing and as we heard three special songs by a youth group Bellview Church led by Brother Johnny Van Clyve. Brother Roger Russell, Jr. (Rusty), student at Free Will Baptist Bible College, brought the morning message "Be ye doers of the Word", James 1:22. After the worship hour we were served a delicious meal by the host church.

We returned for the afternoon session which was opened with congregational singing and prayer by Brother Ken Bailey. Brother Danny Thomas rendered special message in song, "Until Then."

Business continued as the standing boards gave their reports: Ordaining, Resolutions, Budget and Finance, and Mission Board. Reports of these Boards were approved.

The Mission Board announced that Brother Ernest Barnes had resigned as pastor/missionary of the Berean Church. Brother Barnes and his family stood at the front of the church and everyone expressed their thanks to them for their work they did as Midway District Missionaries and wished them God's blessings as they continued to serve God.

Brother Malcom Freeman, member of the State Mission Board, gave a report of the State Mission work. Brother Jimmy Miller has taken the work at Dublin and Brother Larry Nix is holding services in a school house near Smyrna, Ga. The work at Smyrna (Atlanta) has purchased 13 plus acres of land.

Brother Ernest and wife Carole Barnes resigned as clerk and assistant clerk of the Association. Brother Malcom Freeman was elected interim clerk until the Annual Session.

Motion was made to adjourn.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT - July 28, 1979

Letters received from 16 churches.

Representation fees received from 16 churches.

Total representation fees received \$635.00.

Number of delegates: 43

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Reporting 16; Enrollment 1104

C.T.S.

Reporting 12; Enrollment 612

WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

Reporting 11; Enrollment 156

MASTER'S MEN

Chapters 5; Enrollment 64

PRAYER MEETINGS - 12; A. Attendance 355.

Submitted by: Mrs. Vaudine Moody

Mrs. Edith Shiver

TREASURER'S REPORT, Third Session, July 28, 1979

BROUGHT FORWARD \$ 76.64

Received from churches today	640.00
Offering today	84.90
Special offering	0.00
Received since last session	<u>150.00</u>
TOTAL	\$951.54

DISBURSEMENTS:

40% Missions Treasury	\$256.00
Moderator	15.00
Clerk	15.00
Mrs. B.W. Clenny	20.00
Rev. H.L. Knighton	20.00
Mrs. J.W. Loyless	20.00
Rev. S.T. Shutes	20.00
Retained for minutes	100.00
Youth Camp Fund	100.00
Clark's Book Store (Bulletins)	20.04
Camp Mt. Bethel	<u>10.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	\$621.04

BALANCE \$330.50

MISSIONS TREASURY REPORT

BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 974.14
Received since last session	0.00
Received today (40%)	<u>256.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,230.14

DISBURSEMENTS:

2nd Session 40%	\$177.59
BALANCE	\$1,052.55

MINUTE ACCOUNT

BROUGHT FORWARD	\$587.96
Received today	0.00
Received since last session	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$687.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Automat Printers (Minutes)	\$587.96
5/7/79	
BALANCE	\$100.00

YOUTH CAMP

Balance brought forward	\$ 0.00
Received April Session	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$100.00

DISBURSED

Camp Board	\$100.00
BALANCE	\$ 0.00

MISSION BOARD TREASURY REPORT July 28, 1979

Balance Brought Forward April 1, 1979	\$ 172.61
Support Account	
Blakely First Church	320.00
Midway Association	427.59
Georgia State Association	104.00
Rev. W.F. McDuffie	35.00
Macedonia Church	68.11
Cedar Springs	<u>178.54</u>
Total Contributions	<u>\$1,133.24</u>
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR:	<u>\$1,305.85</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Berean Church (Support)	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND, June 30, 1979	\$ 305.85

BUILDING ACCOUNT

BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 0.00
Contributions	
Berean Church	<u>1,200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,200.00

EXPENDITURES

Peoples Bank of Colquitt	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,200.00
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BALANCE IN ACCOUNT JUNE 30, 1979	0.00
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TOTAL BALANCE IN MISSION TREASURY	\$ 305.85
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BALANCE OWED PEOPLES BANK ON BEREAN BUILDING NOTE

Plus interest 6/30/79	\$19,081.41
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Rev. R.H. Clyatt, Treasurer

The following recommendations and reports were approved at this third quarterly session:

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

1. We recommend that we grant a letter of good standing to the Georgia Union Association on behalf of Rev. Billy Sharpston.

2. We recommend that we receive Rev. William Evans under the watch-care of the Association until a letter of recommendation is granted from said Association. (NOTE: Letter received from Missouri Association December 20, 1979.)

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

1. We recommend that we give the young people that participated in the program today a vote of thanks and appreciation.

2. We recommend that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality today.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

1. We recommend that we set aside \$100.00 for minutes.
2. We recommend that we set aside \$100.00 for the Midway Youth Camp.
3. We recommend that we give Rev. and Mrs. S.T. Shutes \$25.00 in recognition of their 50th wedding anniversary.
4. We recommend that we give \$10.00 to the State Youth Camp at Camp Mt. Bethel.

MISSION BOARD:

The Mission Board met at the Patmos Church July 24, 1979, 8:00 p.m. All members were present. We met with members of the Berean Church to discuss the pastoral transition, Brother Ernest Barnes having resigned. After much deliberation we reached the unanimous decision that the church make contacts, hear, and pursue the possibility of electing a pastor. However, before a final decision is reached, the Mission Board is to be consulted and is to approve the choice.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

1. We recommend Brother Malcom Freeman to fill the place of Brother Ernest Barnes as Clerk of the Association.

ANNUAL SESSION

The Annual Session of the Midway District Free Will Baptist Association convened with the Hammock Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday, October 27, 1979.

The meeting was opened with congregational singing of "Soldier of the Cross" led by Rev. Ken Bailey, and prayer by Rev. Roger Russell. Special singing by Sisters Shirley Kimbrel and Eleanor Sheffield leading the congregation in "Because He Lives."

The Association was welcomed by the Rev. E.R. Corbett, pastor of the host church. Rev. Corbett gave special recognition for those individuals who have been attending Associations for fifty or more years. The response to the welcome was given by the Rev. W.F. McDuffie. "The Sense of right and wrong" from Genesis 39 was the topic of the morning devotion given by the Rev. Roger Russell.

The clerk called the Association into annual session and introduced the moderator for the day, Brother Leron Clower. There was a motion to adopt the program as prepared by the host church with the moderator having the privilege to make any necessary changes. This motion carried.

There was a motion to seat the church delegates. This was carried as the standing delegates voted.

The roll call of ordained ministers was answered by twelve. Ministers visiting in the Association included the Rev. C.B. Dowdney, State Promotional Secretary, Rev. Paul Suggs, new pastor of Berean FWB Church, Rev. Bob L. Jones, new pastor of Cedar Springs FWB Church, and Rev. Damon Dodd from the Martin Association.

The Rev. C.B. Dowdney gave a report from the State Office and reminded the Association that the State Woman's Auxiliary meeting would be November 14 and 15 in Albany. The Women of the Midway Association were to furnish lunch on Thursday for their meeting. The State Association will be held in Albany November 15, 16, and 17, at the First Church of Albany.

Rev. Bobby Clyatt gave the treasury report on the Midway District Youth Camp.

Mrs. Mildred Bowen gave a report on the Woman's Auxiliary Workshop and other activities.

The Master's Men report encouraged those churches that did not have chapters to combine to form other chapters in the Association.

Brother Joe Martin gave the CTS report and reminded everyone of the CTS Rally to be held at Blakely First Church on November 3, 1979.

Brother M.G. Shiver encouraged everyone to think of the Harvest Day Drive for the Children's Home. He requested that cash donations be given because of the distance and expenses involved in the giving of commodities.

Moderator Brother Clower recognized the presence of former moderators Rev. C.R. Houston, Brother W.O. Clower, and Rev. E.R. Corbett.

Delegates to the State Association to be held in Albany, November 15, 16 and 17 were elected. Those named were Mrs. Edith Shiver - Patmos Church, Mrs. Melvin Moody - White Plains Church, Mrs. Roger Russell - First Church Blakely, Rev. Ken Bailey - Arlington Church, and Brother Billy Fortner - Bearean Church.

Rev. Roger Russell presented some proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws. MSC for this to be tabled to the next session for action.

The morning message was brought by the Rev. Damon Dodd from the Martin Association. His message was entitled "Rejoicing" and came from Philippians chapters 3 and 4.

After the message the host church served a bountiful and delicious meal.

The afternoon session came to order with prayer by the Rev. Bob Jones. Devotional thoughts on "Not being slothful" from Romans 12:11 were brought by Rev. Bobby Clyatt.

Reports from the following committees and boards were given and acted upon: Mission Board, Budget and Finance, Credentials, Ordaining Council, Resolutions, Obituary (Necrology), and Nominating committee.

Brother Clower introduced the new moderator, the Rev. Roger Russell, and expressed the cooperation of the Association to him.

The meeting was adjourned.

Recommendations and reports approved at this session:

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

1. We recommend that we set aside \$400.00 for the printing of the minutes.

2. \$100.00 for the Associational Youth Camp.

3. \$100.00 to the Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama.

4. \$75.00 for State Association fees.

Murray Haire, Edward Kimbrel, Shirley Kimbrel.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

We, the Placement Committee appointed by the moderator of the Midway Association wish to make the following report:

1st Quarterly Session, January 27, 1980, at Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church

2nd Quarterly Session, April 26, 1980 at New Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church

3rd Quarterly Session, August 2, 1980, at New Light Free Will Baptist Church

Annual Session, October 25, 1980, at Patmos Free Will Baptist Church
Rev. Melvin Moody, Rev. Wayne Chambless, Bro. W.O. Clower

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We the Obituary Committee make the following report:

God saw fit to call 11 of our members home since our last annual session.

They were:

Albany: Mrs. Evelyn Davis, Ray Parr

Bellview: Ms. Laura Calhoun

Cedar Springs: Mrs. Ada Chandler

New Light: Mrs. Clara Taylor Davis

Travelers Rest: Mrs. Elizabeth Parker, Oxford Irvin, Sally Wilkerson

White Plains: Mrs. Lucille Bentz, Mrs. Ida Myrtle Seagraves, Charlie E.
(Pete) Houston

Brother Moderator, we ask that everyone please stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of these.

Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield, Mrs. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. S.T. Shutes

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

We, the Ordaining Council, make the following recommendations:

1. That Rev. Ken Bailey, after having been licensed for more than one year, and called to pastor in said Association, we recommend that Brother Bailey complete the questionnaire for ordination upon recommendation of pastorate.

2. Having received a letter of recommendation from the Cumberland Association, Nashville, Tenn., we recommend that Rev. Bob Jones be received into the Midway Association.

3. Having received a letter from Rev. Willie Summerlin's Association in Michigan requesting a letter of good standing from the Midway Association, we recommend that a letter of such be granted.

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. Emory R. Corbett, Rev. Dennis Irvin, Rev. Tom McCall

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

We nominate the following officers for the Association because of vacancies:

Moderator - Rev. Roger Russell

Clerk - Malcom Freeman

Assistant Clerk - Mrs. Malcom Freeman

Ordaining Council Members:

Rev. W.F. McDuffie

Rev. Melvin Moody

State Board - Budget and Finance

Bro. Bill Loftin

State Mission Board - Malcom Freeman

Respectfully submitted:

M.G. Shiver, Glynn Hendley, Oliver Houston

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

That we give Hammock Springs Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality and fellowship today.

Respectfully submitted:

Mrs. Mathel Barnes, Mrs. Eva Clenny, Mrs. Leron Clower

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT: Annual Session
October 27, 1979**

Number of churches in Association - 18
Letters received from 17 churches
Representation fees received from 17 churches
Total representation fees received \$870.75.
Number of churches with delegates 18 plus mission
Number of delegates present - 49
Number of pastors present - 16 plus 2 visiting
Number of Deacons present - 17
Number of visitors present - 24.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Reporting 17; C.T.S.	Enrollment 1237;	Av Attend. 946
Reporting 13;	Enrollment 550;	Av Attend. 505
WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES		
Reporting 11;	Enrollment 169;	Av Attend. 123
MASTER'S MEN		
Chapters 6;	Enrollment 71;	Av Attend. 46
PRAYER MEETINGS - 13		Av Attend 311

In the 17 churches Resident members	1464
Non Resident members	445
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	1909

Submitted by: Mrs. Edith Shiver
Mrs. Vaudine Moody

TREASURER'S REPORT Annual Session, October 27

Brought Forward	\$ 300.50
Offering Today	870.75
Received since last session	37.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,432.05

DISBURSEMENTS

40% Mission Treasury	\$ 437.82
40% Offering from last three sessions plus late fees	176.40
Moderator	15.00
Clerk	15.00
Mrs. B.W. Clenny	20.00
Rev. H.L. Knighton	20.00
Mrs. J.W. Loyless	20.00

Rev. S.T. Shutes	20.00
Retained for minutes	400.00
Youth Camp	100.00
State Representation fee	75.00
Children's Home	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$1,399.22

BALANCE \$ 32.83

MINUTE ACCOUNT

BROUGHT FOWARD	\$ 100.00
Received today	400.00
Received since last session	160.00
Woman's Auxiliary	
Sunday School	
TOTAL	\$ <u>660.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS 0.00

BALANCE \$ 660.00

MISSIONS TREASURY REPORT

BROUGHT FORWARD	\$1,082.55
Received since last session	0.00
Received today (40%)	<u>614.22</u>
TOTAL	\$1,696.77

DISBURSEMENTS To Mission Board

July Session	\$256.00
Designated Gift	<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSED	\$286.00

BALANCE \$1,410.77

YOUTH CAMP FUND

Received July Session	\$100.00
Received today	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$200.00

Disbursed to Youth Camp Board \$100.00

BALANCE \$100.00

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION MISSION BOARD TREASURY

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD JULY 1, 1979 \$ 305.85

Support Account	
CONTRIBUTIONS	
New Light Church	\$499.01

Blakely First Church	310.00
Midway Association	286.00
Macedonia Church	35.00
Ga. State Association	36.50
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>1,166.51</u>
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	<u>\$1,472.36</u>

EXPENDITURES

Berean Support	\$1,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,500.00
BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1979	(Minus \$27.64)

Building Account BROUGHT FORWARD	0.00
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CONTRIBUTIONS

Berean Church	\$1,200.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,200.00

EXPENDITURES

Peoples Bank of Colquitt	\$1,200.00
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT	0.00
BALANCE IN TREASURY SEPTEMBER 30	(Minus \$27.64)

BALANCE OWED PEOPLES BANK ON BEREAN BUILDING NOTE	
September 30, 1979 plus interest	\$17,881.41

TOTALS FOR THE YEAR

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD OCT. 1, 1978	\$ 470.96
CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>9,172.45</u>
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$9,643.41
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>9,671.05</u>
BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 1979	(Minus) \$ 27.64

Rev. R.H. Clyatt, Treasurer

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 31.85
Received from churches	2,467.25
Offering received (4 sessions)	483.04
Other	<u>70.21</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$3,052.35</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing of checks	\$ 3.27
40% Missions	1,235.06
Moderator	60.00
Clerk	60.00
Mrs. J.W. Loyless	80.00

Mrs. B.W. Clenny	80.00	
Rev. S.T. Shutes	80.00	
Rev. H.L. Knighton	80.00	
Retained for minutes	781.15	
Rev. and Mrs. Shutes (gift)	25.00	
Ga. Association dues	75.00	
Youth Camp	300.00	
Children's Home	100.00	
Clark's Bookstore	20.04	
Mt. Bethel	10.00	
Designated gift (Missions)	30.00	
TOTAL DISBURSED	<u>\$3,019.52</u>	
BALANCE		\$ 32.83

MINUTE ACCOUNT:

BROUGHT FORWARD		\$ 256.81
From 4 sessions	781.15	
Midway District CTS		
Midway Sunday School	100.00	
Woman's Auxiliary	60.00	
Other	50.00	
TOTAL		<u>\$1,247.96</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing of Minutes \$587.96

BALANCE \$ 660.00

YOUTH CAMP

BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 0.00
April, July & October Sessions	300.00
TOTAL	300.00
TOTAL DISBURSED	200.00

BALANCE \$ 100.00

MISSION TREASURY REPORT

BROUGHT FORWARD	\$1,206.55
Received 4 sessions 40%	1,235.06
Designated gift	30.00
TOTAL	<u>\$2,471.61</u>

DISBURSED

Mission Board as follows:

November 11, 1978	\$ 160.00
April 6, 1979	250.00
Designated gift	30.00
40% Churches	620.84

TOTAL DISBURSED \$1,060.84

BALANCE \$1,410.77

Shirley Kimbrel, Edward Kimbrel

	Total Membership	Resident Members	Non Resident Members	Baptized Received by Letter/State- ment	Members Lost	Members Lost to Non FWB Church	Sunday School Enrollment
Albany	450	400	50		10	12	350
Arlington	40	29	11		6	4	28
Bainbridge	79	71	8	5	4		45
Bellview	244	124	120		6	9	126
Blakely	108	100	8	6	2	6	103
Cedar Springs	86	47	39		2	4	54
Damascus	25	15	10				50
Enterprise	34	29	5			11	20
Hammock Springs	96	96		1	1		85
Macedonia	120	95	25		3	18	3
Mt. Zion	61	38	23	3	7	1	24
New Enterprise	80	80			1		50
New Light	128	81	47	3	4	3	76
Oak Grove	49	25	24				23
Patmos	132	73	59	2	3	5	65
Travelers Rest	119	108	11			2	50
White Plains	58	53	5	1		3	43
TOTALS	1909	1464	445	21	49	78	1192

Average Sunday School Attend.	CTS Enrollment	Average CTS Attendance	W. A. Enrollment	W.A. Average Attendance	Masters Men Enrollment	Masters Men Av Attendance	Prayer Meeting Attendance	VBS Attendance	No. Students Attend FWB Col.	No. Students Attend other	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Ministers
205	140	100	40	25	15	10		40	1			2
28	28	28	7	6	7	7	25			1		1
50	40	50					10			1		2
116	99	72	17	11	18	7	50		1		1	1
80	70	48	19	12	12	6	28	63	1	1		1
48	44	31	17	15			25	44		2		1
35								50				2
20	20	15									2	2
60	55	44	14	12	10	8	35	63				1
			9	7	9	5	25	42	2		3	3
20												1
40			8	7			10					1
53	16	14					12	52		1		
11											1	1
60	35	24	10	8			21	46		1	1	1
	25		14	11			20					
35	43	29	14	9			10	20				2
861	615	455	169	123	71	43	271	420	5	7	8	22

MIDWAY DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

June 30, 1979

The Midway District Sunday School Convention was held on June 30, 1979, at Bellview Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, Georgia.

The Convention was opened with congregational singing and prayer by Brother Roger Russell. Song Leader for the day was Johnny VanKluyve. Pianist and organist were Shirley Kimbrel and Brenda Wade.

The roll call of Churches was given with eleven churches represented and the delegates were recognized and seated.

Brother Bill Evans of Bellview gave an inspiring talk on "We Persuade Men by Teaching and Training." Mr. Johnny Van Kluyve presented a message in song, after which Brother Damon Dodd gave the morning message from Matthew Chapter 28.

A delicious meal was served by the host church and enjoyed by all.

We reconvened at 1:00 o'clock with the reading and adopting of the minutes. Committee reports were given with the Placement Committee accepting an invitation to hold the Sunday School Convention at Albany First Church June 28, 1980.

The Committee for the Awards of The Year brought a recommendation that due to the lack of sufficient interest to the Awards that we discontinue these awards. It was so agreed and Terry Hart of Patmos was recognized as Superintendent of the Year; Mrs. Ella Phillips of Macedonia as Teacher of the Year.

New officers were elected and are as follows: President - Tim Jordan; Vice President - Murray Haire; Recording Secretary - Ella Phillips; Corresponding Secretary - Margaret Barnes; Treasurer - Barry Clower; Choirster - Johnny Van Kluyve.

A rising vote of "Thanks" was given to the host Church for their warm hospitality which has been extended. The Convention was dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rudy Clenny - President
Ella Phillips - Secretary

MIDWAY DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

Report of Awards Committee

1. We recommend the following teachers be recognized as Teachers of the Year:

Mrs. Pauline Bush	Patmos
Mr. John Grant	Bellview
Ken Strickland	Albany First
Lloyd Rentfrow	Team Teachers
Ella Phillips	Macedonia

II. We recommend that Terry Hart, Patmos, be recognized as Superintendent of the Year.

III. We recommend that due to a lack of sufficient response to the Teacher and Superintendent of the Year awards that we discontinue these awards.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Russell
Ken Faison
Dr. Melvin Worthington

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

President	Mr. Tim Jordan
Vice President	Mr. Murray Haire
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Ella Phillips
Corresponding Secretary	Margaret Ann Barnes
Treasurer	Barry Clower
Choirster	Johnny Van Kluyve

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, the Placement Committee, make the following report:

An invitation has been extended and accepted to meet at Albany First Church in 1980.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Martin
Edith Shiver
Ray Henley.

MIDWAY DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

OCTOBER 6, 1979

The Midway District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Patmos Free Will Baptist Church on October 6, 1979. "Knowing and Growing" was the theme for the convention with scripture taken from Ephesians 4:15b. The convention opened with congregational singing led by Mrs. LaVerne Aligood, with Mrs. Pauline Bush as pianist. Prayer was offered by Bro. Curtis Aligood.

A warm and delightful welcome was given by members of the Patmos Auxiliary. The morning devotion was given by Mrs. Elaine Grant of the Hammock Springs Ladies Auxiliary using Ephesians 4:13 as scripture. Using the convention theme we were made aware of the similarities between the Christian and a tree. This was illustrated by their likeness in attractiveness, usefulness, dependency on their creator and especially in their growth.

Mrs. Evera Moye, President, called the business session to order. The Credential Report was given and the delegates seated. MSC that this report be adopted. (See Report.)

The Credential, Registration, Finance and Resolution Committees were appointed. MSC that we accept each one appointed. Mrs. Alice Martin, treasurer, gave a report on the state project response. Mrs. Laverne Mock and Mrs. Ackridge of the Albany Woman's Auxiliary shared with us Prayer Retreat highlights held at Camp Mt. Bethel. Mrs. Martha Everson, State Field Worker, enlightened us with news from the National Convention. Mrs. Ethel Henley, District Mission Prayer Chairman, brought us up-to-date on the prayer needs of several of our missionaries serving on the field asking us to pray for them and their needs.

Mrs. Alice Martin gave a Compiled Treasurer's Report. MSC that this

report be adopted. (See Report.) The morning business session was then closed.

We entered into the morning worship service with congregational singing. An offering was then received. Special music "He Cared That Much For Me" was rendered by Mrs. Myra White, White Plains Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Brenda Evans of the Bellview Auxiliary brought us our morning message sharing her thoughts of how we can know and grow in Christ.

After the morning message we were dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Emily Harding for lunch. Everyone enjoyed a good lunch and fellowship after which we reconvened for the afternoon session at 1:15 P.M.

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Alice Martin. Our afternoon devotion was brought to us by message in song by Mrs. Virginia Sheffield, Mrs. Nelda Goosly, Mrs. Laverne Aligood, Mrs. Doris Sheffield and Mrs. Pauline Bush. Our hearts were lifted as we enjoyed listening to several songs by these ladies.

The afternoon business session was opened. The Finance Report was given by Mrs. Alice Martin. (See Report.) MSC to adopt this report.

The Registration Report was given by Mrs. Myra White. She reported 54 members and visitors had registered. MSC to accept as information. The Resolution Report was given by Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield. MSC to vote on each item by item. (See Report.) There was a MSC to adopt each resolution. The Nominating Committee Report was given by Mrs. Ethel Henley. (See Report.) The floor was open for nominations. There were no nominations from the floor. MSC to accept each officer nominated.

Nominations were opened for the nominating of a member to serve on the State Nominating Committee. MSC that Mrs. Doris Grant serve on the State Nominating Committee.

The following delegates were secured for the State Convention to be held November 15, 1979, at Albany FWB Church: Mrs. Jean Parr, Mrs. Emily Harding, Mrs. Doretta Suggs, Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield, Mrs. Brenda Evans, Mrs. Wynelle Clower, Mrs. Essie Mae Edwards, Mrs. LaVerne Aligood and Mrs. Hazel Smith.

MSC that the Spring Workshop be held at Arlington FWB Church and that the Annual Convention be held at Blakely FWB Church.

The New officers were then installed by Mrs. Wynelle Clower.

The Convention was adjourned in prayer.

Evera Moye, President

Argent Corbett, Secretary

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials Committee, submit the following report:

We find that the following 12 auxiliaries have properly reported:

Albany	Blakely	Patmos
Arlington	Cedar Springs	Travelers Rest
Bellview	Hammock Springs	Macedonia
Berean	New Enterprise	White Plains

We therefore recommend that this report be accepted and the delegates seated.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Grant, Chairman

Argent Corbett

**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
MIDWAY DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
OCTOBER 1978 thru SEPTEMBER 1979**

General Treasury - Brought Forward Oct. 2, 1978	\$ 141.02	
Workshop offering March 1979	47.86	
Representation fees received	<u>238.50</u>	
Total receipts	\$ 427.38	
Disbursed:		
Printing of workshop bulletins	\$10.00	
Workshop speakers	30.00	
Total disbursements	<u>40.00</u>	
Balance in treasury Sept. 30, 1979	\$ 387.38	
Designated funds received and disbursed from the following Auxiliaries:		
1. First Albany (20)	5. Blakely (19)	9. New Enterprise (8)
2. Arlington (7)	6. Cedar Springs (17)	10. Patmos (11)
3. Bellview (17)	7. Hammock Springs (13)	11. Travelers Rest (14)
4. Berean (9)	8. Macedonia (10)	12. White Plains (14)
HOME MISSIONS		\$1,317.45
National Home Missions	\$ 187.95	
Rev. J.D. Norris	260.00	
Larry Powell	142.00	
Jerry Barron	37.00	
Bill Adkisson, Larry Russell, Larry McLeod, David Fox (5.00 ea.)	20.00	
State Home Missions	122.50	
Larry Nix	298.00	
Dublin Mission	80.00	
Jerry Johnson (Athens F.W.B. Church)	70.00	
Earnest Harrison (Dalton Mission)	<u>105.00</u>	
	\$1,317.45	
FOREIGN MISSIONS		\$2,364.67
Pre-Easter Offering	\$ 151.10	
Sam Wilkinson Fund	104.00	
Charolette Tallent	131.00	
Tom Willey Project	116.00	
Westfield India Mission	83.00	
Dale Bishop Account	26.00	
Laura Belle Barnard	22.50	
State Project (1977-78)	81.39	
Jim Cowart, Thomas Hughes, Lonnie Sparks, Cuban Mission (5.00 ea.)	20.00	
Jerry Banks Account	212.55	
STATE PROJECT (Jerry Banks)	<u>\$1,417.13</u>	
	\$2,364.67	
WNAC General and Emphasis Fund	\$ 336.90	
Co-Laborer Fund	184.00	
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	225.00	
WMAC Student Loan Fund	37.00	
Childrens Home	90.00	
F.W.B. Bible College General Fund (10.00) Ugandan Student (39.00)	49.00	

Speaker for State Convention	25.00
Retired Ministers (15.00) Youth Camp (6.00)	21.00
Provisions Closet	25.00
Representation fee 1979 added in general treasury	<u>238.50</u>
Total funds received and disbursed	\$4,913.52
Balance in general treasury Sept. 30, 1979	\$ 387.38

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Martin - Treasurer

MIDWAY DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DESIGNATED FUNDS

OCTOBER 1, 1978 thru SEPTEMBER 30, 1979

ALBANY

Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 11.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	23.00
Westfield India Mission	11.00
State Project (1977-78)	45.30
Larry Nix (Pre-Christmas Offering)	70.00
Tom Willey Project	9.00
Pre-Easter Offering (Ugandan Student)	29.00
STATE PROJECT (Jerry Banks)	104.13
W.N.A.C. Emphasis Month	79.65
Representation Fees	<u>30.00</u>
	\$ 367.17

ARLINGTON

Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 16.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	16.00
Larry Nix	55.00
STATE PROJECT (Jerry Banks)	20.00
Jerry Banks Acct. (Pre-Easter Offering)	10.00
W.M.A.C. Emphasis Month	5.00
Representation Fees	<u>10.50</u>
	\$ 132.50

BELLVIEW

Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 12.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	12.00
Westfield India Mission	12.00
W.N.A.C. Student Loan Fund	12.00
J.D. Norris Fund	260.00
Charolette Tallent Fund	60.00
Sam Wilkinson Fund	5.00
Speaker for State Convention	5.00
Ugandan Student	5.00
Tom Willey Project	55.00
Pre-Christmas Offering	37.00
STATE PROJECT (Jerry Banks)	170.00
Larry Nix	100.00
Earnest Harrison, Jr. (Dalton Mission)	100.00
Larry Powell Acct.	20.00
Pre-Easter Offering	54.15
W.N.A.C. General Fund	118.50

General Fund for 10 newly appointed Home Missionaries	10.00
Dublin Mission	20.00
Representation Fees	25.50
	<u>\$1,093.15</u>

BEREAN

Cuban Mission	\$ 5.00
STATE PROJECT (Jerry Banks)	150.00
Representation Fees	13.50
	<u>\$ 168.50</u>

BLAKELY

Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 24.00
Sam Wilkinson Fund	30.00
Speaker for State Convention	5.00
Dalton Mission	5.00
Ugandan Student	5.00
Larry Nix	20.00
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering	17.50
Thomas Hughes	5.00
Bill Adkisson	5.00
Jim and Karen Cowart	5.00
Jerry Johnson	10.00
Pre-Easter Offering	22.50
STATE PROJECT (Jerry Banks)	120.00
Charolette Tallent	5.00
Larry Russell	5.00
Lonnie and Anita Sparks	5.00
Larry McLeod	5.00
Bishop's Account	5.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	2.00
David Fox Family	5.00
Representation Fees	28.50
	<u>\$334.50</u>

CEDAR SPRINGS

Co-Laborer Fund	24.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	60.00
Westfield India Mission	12.00
Sam Wilkinson Fund	7.00
Children's Home	30.00
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering	75.45
Pre-Christmas Offering	20.50
STATE PROJECT (Jerry Banks)	170.00
Pre-Easter Offering	26.95
Jerry Banks Account	5.00
W.N.A.C. General Fund	20.00
Representation Fees	25.50
	<u>\$476.40</u>

HAMMOCK SPRINGS

Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 12.00
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Dot Harvey Loan Fund	24.00
Westfield India Mission	12.00
State Project (1977-78)	9.00
State Missions	25.00
Home Missions	25.00
STATE PROJECT (Jerry Banks)	103.00
Foreign Missions	50.00
Larry Powell Account	50.00
Mabel Willey	52.00
Larry Nix	24.00
Representation Fees	19.50
	<u>\$405.50</u>

MACEDONIA

Dot Harvey Loan Fund	\$ 12.00
Westfield India Mission	12.00
Jerry Banks Account	80.00
Pre-Easter Offering (Jerry Banks)	22.55
Jerry Johnson	60.00
Children's Home	5.00
W.N.A.C. General Fund	56.75
Speaker for State Convention	5.00
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering (Larry Nix)	19.00
STATE PROJECT (Jerry Banks)	160.00
Pre-Christmas Offering (Larry Nix)	22.00
Representation Fees	15.00
	<u>\$469.30</u>

NEW ENTERPRISE

Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 48.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	36.00
Westfield India Missions	24.00
Children's Home	30.00
Charolette Tallent	66.00
Larry Powell	72.00
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering	35.00
Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Barron	32.00
Pre-Christmas Offering	40.00
Sam Wilkinson Fund	72.00
STATE PROJECT (Jerry Banks)	50.00
Youth Camp	6.00
Pre-Easter Offering (Jerry Banks)	35.00
Provisions Closet	25.00
W.N.A.C. General Fund	40.00
W.N.A.C. Student Loan Fund	25.00
Representation Fees	12.00
	<u>\$648.00</u>

PATMOS

Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 22.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	22.00
Sam Wilkinson Fund	12.00
State Project (1977-78)	15.00

Speaker for State Convention	5.00
Larry Nix	38.00
Dale Bishop's Account	21.00
Pre-Easter Offering	20.00
Children's Home	10.00
STATE PROJECT (Jerry Banks)	95.00
Representation Fees	<u>16.50</u>
	\$276.50

TRAVELER'S REST

Retired Ministers	15.00
Home Missions (Lizzie McAdams)	10.00
STATE PROJECT (Jerry Banks)	135.00
Children's Home	15.00
Co-Laborer Fund	15.00
W.N.A.C. General Fund	15.00
Home Missions	15.00
F.W.B. Bible College General Fund	10.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	10.00
Representation Fees	<u>21.00</u>
	\$261.00

WHITE PLAINS

Dublin Mission	\$ 60.00
Jerry Banks Fund	60.00
State Convention Speaker	5.00
STATE PROJECT (Jerry Banks)	140.00
Representation Fees	<u>21.00</u>
	\$286.00

**MIDWAY DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
COMPILED ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURERS IN THE DISTRICT
OCTOBER 1, 1978 thru SEPTEMBER 30, 1979**

12 Auxiliaries reporting.

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| 1. First Albany (20) | 5. Blakely (19) | 9. New Enterprise (8) |
| 2. Arlington (7) | 6. Cedar Springs (17) | 10. Patmos (11) |
| 3. Bellview (17) | 7. Macedonia (10) | 11. Travelers Rest (14) |
| 4. Berean (9) | 8. Hammock Springs (13) | 12. White Plains (14) |

Number of active members on roll - 159

Membership fees received (\$1.50 per member) \$238.50

HOME MISSIONS **\$1,333.20**

 Pre-Thanksgiving Offering (National Home
 Missions) \$ 263.95

 State Missions 258.25

 Special Projects 811.00

\$1,333.20

FOREIGN MISSIONS **\$2,404.67**

 Pre-Easter Offering \$ 270.15

Special Projects	636.00
State Project (1977-78)	81.39
State Project (1978-79)	<u>\$1,417.13</u>
	<u>\$2,404.67</u>

BIBLE COLLEGE	\$ 282.00
General Fund	\$ 10.00
W.N.A.C. Student Loan Funds	37.00
Special Projects	10.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	<u>225.00</u>
	<u>\$282.00</u>

WNAC General Fund (Emphasis Month)	\$ 336.90
Co-Laborer Offerings	184.00
Children's Homes	90.00
Retired Ministers	15.00
Local Church Activities	1,184.43
Auxiliary Literature and Supplies	555.73
Other Special Offerings - Convention Speaker	25.00
Provisions Closet	<u>25.00</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$2,416.06</u>

Cash Gifts Sent Directly to:	\$ 243.55
Home Missions	\$111.55
W.N.A.C. Emphasis	27.00
Retired Ministers	22.00
Children's Homes	68.00
Youth Camps on Projects	<u>15.00</u>
	<u>\$243.55</u>

GRAND TOTAL DISBURSED **\$6,679.48**

Respectfully submitted
Alice Martin - Treasurer

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Balance in Treasury September 30, 1979	\$387.38
Convention offering and membership fees	\$ 60.30
Total Receipts	<u>\$447.68</u>

We, your Finance Committee, recommend the following disbursements:

State W.A. Representation Fees	\$198.75
(159 members at \$1.25)	
Convention Speaker	25.00
Printing of Minutes	60.00
Convention Bulletins	4.42
Registration Expenses	2.58
Larry Nix	50.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$340.75</u>
Balance in Treasury	<u>\$106.93</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Martin, Chairman
Betty Akridge
Ailene Clower
Arrie Lou Middleton
Lucille Perry

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Resolutions Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That auxiliaries save used postage stamps and send to the WNAC office. They will be sold to a professional stamp dealer and the proceeds used to purchase office equipment. (SOS)
2. We recommend that the District Secretary include the date, time and place of our annual meeting on her report to the State Secretary.
3. That special enlistment thrusts be promoted by our auxiliaries both during January (enlistment month) and August (WNAC Emphasis Month) for the purpose of enlisting women in membership and in active service. We encourage the use of the enlistment materials available from the WNAC office.
4. That a special effort be made to arouse interest in missions and in spiritual growth by establishing the Individual Reading Plan. Each member is encouraged to "know and grow" by reading at least two books from WNAC's approved study list.
5. That we support WNAC by regular gifts to the Co-Laborer Fund.
6. That we support the National Retreat September 25-27, 1980 at the Smoky Shadows Conference Center, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee (four miles north of Gatlinburg).
7. That we continue our State Prayer Retreat in the Spring.
8. That we prayerfully support the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.
9. That each member of each local auxiliary send three dishes to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention; that the District furnish the paper products and that the Albany auxiliary furnish the tea, coffee, and ice in addition to the food.
10. That each auxiliary send \$5.00 to the treasurer to help out on the State Convention Speaker prior to the day of the convention.
11. That the recipes collected by the District Convention over the last two years be shared at our next District Convention.
12. That we support the project selected at the State Convention as the State Project.
13. Be it resolved that this body give Patmos Auxiliary a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality shown today.

Eleanor Sheffield, Chairman
Doris Grant
Evelyn Temples
Nita Tyler
Lorene Edwards

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee make the following nominations:

President - Myra White
Vice President - Mildred Bowen
Secretary - Laverne Mock
Treasurer - Betty Akridge
Mission Prayer Chairman - Pauline Bush
Mission Action Chairman - Gloria Henley
Mission Study Chairman - Brenda Evans
Field Worker - Doris Grant

Respectfully submitted,
Ethel Henley, Chairman
Christine Cline
Shirley Sharpston
Pauline Bush
Ruth Russell

AN ORDINATION STANDARD GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

THE LICENSED MINISTER:

1. A person must be licensed for a period of one year before he can be ordained. He must also be called to the care of one or more churches, or into other service which would require ordination.

QUALIFICATIONS OF MINISTERS:

2. They must possess good, natural and acquired abilities, deep and ardent piety, be especially called of God to the work, and ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands.

DUTIES OF MINISTERS:

3. These are to preach the word, administer the ordinances of the Gospel, visit their people, and otherwise perform the work of faithful ministers.

THE QUESTION OF DIVORCE:

4. No individual shall be ordained to the Gospel ministry who has been married and divorced, and in the process has more than one living companion.

No individual shall be ordained whose wife has been previously married and divorced.

NOTE: These regulations are set forth to comply with the Biblical standard for ministers found in I Timothy 3:1-7.

THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN:

5. Traditionally and historically Free Will Baptist in the State of Georgia have not ordained women to the Gospel ministry. So far as we are able to discern, this is still the true sentiment over the state. Therefore, until the thinking of our Free Will Baptist constituency becomes more definitive on this matter, we do not purpose to ordain women.

THE AUTHORITY TO ORDAIN:

6. Free Will Baptist, committed to the doctrine of congregational church government, understand that the authority to ordain ministers is in the local church.

In practice, however, the Free Will Baptist churches in Georgia work together in the matter of ordination by delegating the authority for ordination to the association of churches in which the local church holds membership. The true source of this authority should never be lost sight of.

PERSONAL PLEDGE OF INTEGRITY:

7. IF ORDAINED TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY BY THE
..... ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST OF GEORGIA, I PROMISE BEFORE GOD AND THE
CONSTITUENCY OF SAID

..... ASSOCIATION:

1. To preach the Word of God in its fulness without fear, favor, or compromise, according to the best of my ability.
2. To continue to study and improve myself in every way possible.
3. To live a clean, upright, exemplary life, and to surrender any habit or practice unbecoming to a minister of the Gospel.
4. To be considerate of my fellow ministers and their rights.
5. To be fair and impartial with those to whom I minister.
6. To abide faithfully by the rules and regulations of the
..... Association
of Free Will Baptist.
7. To preach and teach Free Will Baptist doctrines as set forth in the Articles of Faith of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and those of the
Association of Free Will Baptist.
8. Finally, I promise, that if at any time I can no longer agree with Free Will Baptist doctrine or policy and preach and practice the same fully with the free consent of my heart and mind, or if I should fall into error and sin and depart from the faith, I will freely, without coercion or restraint, surrender my ordination credentials to the Ordaining Council of the association of which I am a member and cease my activities as a Free Will Baptist minister.

SIGNED

WITNESSES:

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APPLICATION FOR ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY:

8. (Each of the following questions must be answered in full.)

1. Name Birth Date

2. Address City

State Zip Code

Telephone: Home Business

3. Date of Conversion Home Church

4. Occupation How long?

5. Martial Status: Married Divorced Single

6. Wife's Maiden Name Birth Date

7. Is your wife a Christian? Does she cooperate well with you in Your work in the church?

8. Children and their ages:,
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9. Have you been married more than once? Do you have a former companion still living?

10. Educational level (For purposes of record only. There are no established requirements educationally for Ordination).

Elementary grades completed

High School Date graduated

Where

College Degrees Earned

Other (Vocational, Tech, Correspondence)
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11. Previous Church Leadership Experience:

Sunday School Teacher CTS Leader

Church Officer Associational Officer

Other

12. What type of Ministry do you plan to engage in?

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13. Are you opposed to College Training for Ministers?

14. Would you attend a good Christian College or Bible Institute if you had the opportunity?

15. Are you Homosexual?

16. Would you knowingly accept a homosexual into membership in a church of which you are a pastor?

17. Do you use drugs habitually?

18. Would you knowingly accept a drug-addict into membership of a church of which you are pastor?

19. Give three character references:

1. 2.

3.

20. Give three credit references:

1. 2.

3.

21. Briefly relate your call to the ministry. (Complete on back of page if necessary.)

Your Signature

The Date Today

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Date Application Received

Date Processed

Approved Reason for Approval

Deferred Reason for Deferral

Examination Score

Date and Place of Ordination Service

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Name of Person Supervising Examination

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ORDAINING COUNCIL

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DOCTRINAL EXAMINATION

UNDERLINE the correct answer and give two Scripture references for each.

This information taken from the Free Will Baptist TREATISE.

You may use your Bible for this portion of the examination.

1. God is a. One True and Living God, b. Three gods, c. Jesus.
2. God depends for His existence a. Upon the created world, b. Angels, c. is self-existent.
3. God was a. Created, b. Is in the process of evolution, c. Has always been.
4. Jesus Christ is a. The true Son of Joseph, b. A mere human being, c. The divine Son of God.

5. Jesus was a. Born of the Virgin Mary, b. Of a young Hebrew woman, c. of two human parents.
6. Jesus was crucified a. Against His own will, b. because of human stupidity, c. As a freely given ransom for all.
7. The Holy Ghost is a. An influence, b. The Third Person of the Trinity, c. A misunderstood myth.
8. The Bible a. Was authorized by men, b. Inspired of God, c. Simply recorded history.
9. The Bible contains two divisions. They are
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10. Inspiration means a. God-breathed, b. Man-given, c. Scholarly Interpretation.
11. Man is saved by a. Good works, b. The grace of God, c. Church membership.
12. Repentance means a. Godly sorrow for sin, b. Reformation, c. Joining the church.
13. Regeneration means a. To make completely new, b. Turning over a new leaf, c. Quitting bad habits.
14. God desires to save a. The elect only, b. The Jews only, c. All men.
15. Free Will Baptist doctrine teaches a. Once saved always saved, b. Repeated regeneration, c. The possibility of apostasy.
16. Men are kept in salvation a. Through good works, b. Church membership, c. Faith in Jesus Christ.
17. Free Will Baptist believe in a. Partial inspiration, b. That only the New Testament is inspired, c. Plenary-verbal inspiration.
18. Free Will Baptist believe that a. Some parts of the Bible are inaccurate, b. There are errors in the original manuscript that have crept into the translation of the Bible, c. The Bible is totally inerrant and infallible.
19. What does the term "free will" in our Denominational name mean to you?
20. How many Gospel Ordinances do Free Will Baptist believe in? List them.

21. Define the term "Tithe."

Do you believe in this Biblical teaching? Practice it?

Will you teach and preach it to your congregation?

Give at least two Scriptures that teach tithing.

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22. The resurrection of all men will take place a. At the last day, b. When they are saved, c. When they die.

23. The righteous will come forth to a. The resurrection of life, b. Reincarnation, c. A second chance to be saved.

24. The unrighteous will come forth to a. The resurrection of damnation, b. A second chance to be saved, c. The millennial kingdom.

25. The eternal abode of the righteous will be

26. The eternal abode of the unrighteous will be

27. Give briefly your belief concerning the baptism of the Holy Ghost as a second work of grace with the accompanying evidence of speaking in other tongues. Be sure to give Scripture in support of your answer. (You may use the other side of this page if necessary.)

CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND PRACTICES:

1. The highest body of authority in the Free Will Baptist Denomination is the

2. Each local church must elect a, who is to preach the Word of God and lead the church in her program of service.

3. Local churches are made up of people who have been saved from their sins and have been in the names of the, and the

4. The church is to elect to assist the pastor in his work.

5. The teaching arm of the church is the

6. The training arm of the church is the

7. The several churches in an area come together to make up the

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8. The various Districts over the State comprise the

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9. The several State Associations over the nation make up the

.....

10. Answer TRUE or FALSE:

None of these Associations has the right or authority to dictate policy or program to the local church

11. Define the following terms:

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

HOME MISSIONS:

SUPERANNUATION:

12. Do you believe in and support Foreign Missions?

13. Do you believe in and support Home Missions?

14. Where is our Denominational National Headquarters located?

15. Tell what you know about the Cooperative Program of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist.

16. When was the first Free Will Baptist Church organized in North America?

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Who was its founder?

17. When was the first Free Will Baptist Church organized in the State of

Georgia? By Whom?

18. Briefly describe how you would conduct a baptismal service.

YOUR NAME DATE

HOME TELEPHONE

YOUR CHURCH

Recommended Reading:

DOCTRINE: Free Will Baptist Doctrine - By Dr. J.D. O'Donnell

HISTORY: Marching Through Georgia - By Rev. Damon Dodd

GOVERNMENT: Free Will Baptist Treatise

HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE: Biblical Graphics

(Story of the Bible) Dr. R. Reeds

THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY: The Ministers

Mission - By Dr. C.E. Colton

Committee Members: Rev. C.B. Dowdney, Rev. Hurbert Arnold, Rev. Emmett McDuffie, Rev. Adam Scott, Rev. Damon Dodd, Rev. Billy Sharpston, Rev. John Cannon, Rev. Russell Horne, Rev. Garvin Page, Rev. Ronald Wallace.

CONSTITUTION
of the
Midway District Association
of
Original Free Will Baptist of the State of Georgia

Preamble

We, the Midway District Association of Original Free Will Baptist of the State of Georgia, do ordain this Constitution for the purpose of advancing, promoting and increasing all phases of the cause of Christ.

ARTICLE I

NAME: This organization shall be known as the Midway District Association of Original Free Will Baptist of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP: This association shall be composed of such Free Will Baptist Churches as shall adopt this compact and agree to this constitution.

ARTICLE III

REPRESENTATION:

Section 1. The standing delegation of this association shall consist of all ordained ministers, ordained deacons and officers of this Association.

Section 2: Voting privileges shall extend to all standing delegates and to those duly elected delegates representing the churches of this Association.

Section 3. Each church shall be entitled to two (2) delegates for the first fifty (50) members or fractional part thereof and one delegate per each additional twenty five (25) members.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS:

Section 1. The general officers of this Association shall be the moderator, vice moderator, Clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer and assistant treasurer. These officers shall be elected on even years for the term of two years.

Section 2: There shall be a General Board composed of the officers of the association and the chairmen of the various Boards which shall serve as the Association out of session.

Section 3: The standing Boards of this Association shall be the Missions Board, Ordaining Board, Budget and Finance Board and the General Board.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS: The meeting of this Association shall be the Saturdays before the fourth Sundays in January, April and October and the Saturday after the fourth Sunday in July.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the delegates present provided that the proposed amendment or alteration is presented in writing during one session, placed on the table and voted on in the next session. Further, it shall be understood that the proposed

amendment or alteration be furnished in writing to each church at least thirty (30) days prior to the session during which the vote is to be taken.

BY-LAWS
of the
Midway District Association
of
Original Free Will Baptists of the State of Georgia

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1. All churches affiliated directly with this Association shall be required to adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the Original Free Will Baptists as adopted by the National Association of Original Free Will Baptists. Application for membership must contain a statement to this effect.

Section 2. Churches desiring to affiliate themselves with this body must make application by letter and representation to this Association while in session.

ARTICLE II

REPRESENTATION: Each church shall be requested to pay a minimum fee per member of 50 cents (50c) per quarterly session and seventy-five cents (75c) per member each annual session.

ARTICLE III

FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICERS:

Section 1. The duties of the moderator shall be to preside at all meetings of the Association. He shall be empowered with the authority to appoint any committees not otherwise provided for by the constitution.

Section 2. The duties of the vice moderator shall be to preside at the request or in the absence of the moderator and assist him in such ways as are necessary and advisable.

Section 3. The duties of the clerk shall be to keep accurate minutes of the Association, to compile the minutes of the Boards and Auxiliaries, to prepare them and to publish them. It shall further be the duty of the clerk to take care of all necessary correspondence.

Section 4. The duties of the assistant clerk shall be to function at the request of or in the absence of the clerk and to assist him in any way necessary.

Section 5. The duties of the treasurer shall be to receive all Associational funds and to disburse them as directed by the Association.

Section 6. The duties of the assistant treasurer shall be to function at the request of or in the absence of the treasurer and to assist him in any way necessary.

ARTICLE IV

FUNCTION OF THE BOARDS:

Section 1. The Missions Board shall be composed of five (5) members whose terms of office shall be two years and who shall be re-elected or replaced on even years. The function of this Board shall be:

a. To supervise any and all mission's programs of this Association and to co-ordinate their efforts with our state and national agencies.

b. To be vested with the power of trusteeship; to hold and convey titles of

any property coming under the jurisdiction of the Missions Board through the Midway Association or as dealing with any or all of the property requiring trusteeship of the Midway Association.

c. To formulate and promote a live missionary program by the aiding of weak churches, the establishment of new churches and by an earnest effort to keep the spirit of revival ever present within our Association. It shall not be the function of this Board to hold joint ownership of any church.

Section 2. The Ordaining Board shall be composed of five ministers who are members of our Association in good standing. Board members shall be elected on even years for the term of two years.

Function of this Board shall be:

a. To examine all applicants for ordination to the ministry and all previously ordained ministers seeking membership in our Association.

b. To ordain or assist in the ordination of deacons and ministers when requested to do so by the church of the candidate.

(1) That all ministers wishing to become members of the Midway Association be recommended from the church of which they are members.

(2) That all examinees be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as may be asked of them.

(3) That all applications must be made at least sixty (60) days before an Associational meeting to the chairman of the Ordaining Board.

(4) That a person who is presented for ordination or to be recognized as ordained must be pastoring, be in a state of retirement due to age or health or have justifiable cause preventing his pastoring.

(5) That ministers desiring to be ordained must have been licensed for the period of one year and have pastored for at least six months prior to ordination. Six months pastoring during the one year tenure of licensing will be accepted as a pre-requisite for ordination.

Section 3. The Budget and Finance Board shall be composed of three (3) members, one of whom shall be the Treasurer, and who shall serve as its chairman. These members shall be elected on even years for the period of two (2) years. It shall be their duty to:

a. Receive and disburse all Associational monies at the request of the Association.

b. To receive all pleas for help and suggestions for disbursement.

c. To recommend to the Association the disbursement of the monies received.

d. To keep a general oversight of the financial work of the Association and to keep the Association informed at all times of its financial condition.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES:

Section 1. The nomination committee shall be composed of three (3) members to be elected at the October session and who shall serve for the period of one year.

Section 2. All committees not provided for by either the Constitution or its By-Laws may be appointed by the moderator as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. Each church is requested to mail its report to the clerk fifteen (15) days before each session.

Section 2. Each auxiliary of the Association shall give a report to the Association which meets in October. It is requested that this report be mailed to the clerk (15) days before the session.

ARTICLE VII

MISCELLANEOUS:

Section 1. Forty percent (40%) of Associational fees and offerings will go for missions.

Section 2. Each minister who is a member of the Midway Association shall be expected to attend at least one session yearly unless providentially hindered.

Section 3. The name, date of birth, date of death, age and church affiliation of any member overtaken by death each year shall be included in that year's minutes, and such information is to be given to the clerk by the various clerks of the churches.

Section 4. At the death of a minister, a page in that year's minutes shall be draped in black in his memory, giving all pertinent information concerning him and his ministry.

Section 5. The general officers of the Association shall be elected on even years for the term of two (2) years.

Section 6. No person may be elected to more than one elective office in the Midway Association at the same time and may not succeed himself more than once.

Section 7. The Constitution and By-Laws with any amendments and alterations shall be printed each year in the minutes.

Section 8. A quorum shall consist of a majority of any Board or Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS:

These By-Laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present provided that the proposed amendment is presented in writing during one session, placed on the table and voted on in the next session. Further, it shall be understood that the proposed amendment or alteration be furnished in writing to each church at least thirty (30) days prior to the session during which the vote is to be taken.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	CTS DIRECTOR	W. A. PRESIDENT	M. M. PRESIDENT	CHAIRMAN DEACON BOARD
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