

EIGHTY FIFTH YEAR

**of the
Midway Association
of
Freewill Baptists of Georgia
1985
MINUTES**



**convened with
Travelers Rest Church - January 26
Bainbridge Church - April 27
White Plains Church - August 3
Albany First Church - October 26**

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**Free Will
Free Grace
Free Salvation**

**1986 Sessions to Convene with
Bellview Church - January 25
Blakely Church - April 26
Berean Church - August 2
Cedar Springs Church - October 25**

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FIRST SESSION JANUARY 26, 1985

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptist met on January 26, 1985 at Travelers Rest Church for the first session of the 86th year of the Association.

Singing was led during the day by Danny Thomas of the Albany First Church. Frank Parker welcomed everyone and Rev. W.F. McDuffie brought the devotion from Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever" was his theme. Prayer followed.

The clerk, Mrs. Edith Shiver called the session to order and presented the moderator, Rev. Paul Suggs.

Answering the Roll Call of Ministers were nine: Revs. Jimmy Brown, E.R. Corbitt, David Langley, W.F. McDuffie, Roger Russell, Paul Suggs, Willie Martin, Reuben Cason and Coy Watson.

A partial report of the Credentials committee was given and all delegates were seated. Visitors were Rev. James Miller, Minnie Cobb and Mrs. Bonnie Glenn. All were welcomed by the moderator.

The Moderator, after confirming committee members present appointed Murry Haire to serve on the Budget and Finance committee.

Mrs. Peggy Brown, District Woman's Auxiliary president announced the District workshop to be in Albany on March 1, and the State Retreat will be at Norman Park on May 17-18. The Midway-Martin Youth Camp will be held August 12-17. The C.T.S. Rally will be at Cedar Springs Feb. 9.

Bro. M.G. Shiver, announced plans to air condition the youth camp dormitories. He stated more will be published about it in the future. Rev. Roger Russell announced Bonds for sale from a church at Gainesville, if anyone is interested see him.

Session recessed for worship hour. Worship hour began with all singing "Higher Ground". Prayer by Danny Thomas. An offering was received. A period of prayer by Rev. Roger Russell for Mrs. Irvin Hyman, Rev. Damon Dodd and others who were sick.

Rev. Paul Suggs, pastor of Patmos Church brought the message, using Acts 20:17-27 as scripture. He challenged everyone to live victoriously. This was followed by an altar call for all. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Malcolm Freeman for the lunch hour.

The afternoon session began with the song "How Great Thou Art". Rev. Willie Martin, pastor of Hammock Springs delivered the devotion.

Reports were given. MSC to accept or adopt all reports, see reports numbers:

- #1-Treasury by Leron Clower.
- #2-Budget and Finance Board by Murray Haire.
- #3-Mission Board by Richard Hayes.
- #4-Ordaining Board by Rev. Roger Russell.
- #5-Resolution Committee by Dianne Martin.
- #6-Credentials Committee by Wynelle Clower.

State Mission Board member, Malcolm Freeman, stated how the work over the state was progressing.

Nominating Committee nominated Joe Martin to the Mission Board in Rev. Sonny Harris's place. MSC to elect Bro. Martin.

Announcements were made and session adjourned with prayer at 2:30 p.m.

#1-MIDWAY ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

January 25, 1985

Received 10-27-84

Midway Woman's Auxiliary for Minutes	\$ 50.00
From 12 churches in Association for National fee	120.00
Churches Dues for Annual Session	925.25
Offering today	139.85
TOTAL	\$1,235.10

DISBURSED:

Georgia Association for District Delegates	90.00
Moderator	15.00
Clerk	15.00
Fee for National Association	155.00
Camp Mount Bethel (Building program)	150.00
State Mission Board	100.00
Superannuates:	
Mrs. Eve Clenney	25.00
Mrs. H.L. Knighton	25.00
Mrs. Dennis Irvin	25.00
Rev. S.T. Shutes	25.00
Midway Mission Board	426.04
Checks and Service Charge	9.55
Minutes Fund	125.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	1,185.59
Balance as of Jan. 20, 1985	49.51
Turned in today from last treasurer	981.96
BALANCE	1,031.47

#2-BUDGET AND FINANCE BOARD REPORT**RECEIPTS:**

Church Fees	\$630.00
Offering today	99.65
Designated State Mission	50.00
By Rev. W.F. McDuffie	50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$779.65

DISBURSEMENTS:

Midway Mission Board	291.86
4 Superannuates	100.00
Moderator and Clerk	30.00
Minute Fund	100.00
Dr. Irvin Hyman (Love Offering)	100.00
State Mission-Luther Burns Acc.	100.00
Designated State Missions	50.00
General Treasury	7.79
TOTAL DISBURSED	779.65

Leron Clower
Murry Haire
Jogn English

#3-MIDWAY MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1985

BALANCE GENERAL FUND	\$1,503.82
CONTRIBUTIONS:	
Georgia State Association	302.00
BALANCE	\$1,805.82
DISBURSEMENTS:	
2 payments-Peoples Bank	645.72
BALANCE ON DEPOSIT 1-14-85	\$1,160.10
Farmers Fertilizer and Milling Company	
1 Certificate	\$1,600.00
Interest accrued @13%	1,179.65
Balance	\$2,779.65
Next payment due People's Bank - 3-5-'85	

#4-THE ORDAINING BOARD'S REPORT

Rev. Jimmy Brown was elected as chairman of the Board.

A statement of concern was read to the Board and the Board ask the Association to please send a copy of the statement to each church in the Association. (Statement of concern follows).

Respectfully submitted;
Rev. Jimmy Brown, David Langley,
Coy Watson, W.F. McDuffie
and Roger Russell

The following is a statement of concern presented to the association by the ordaining council on Saturday 26th, 1985 for its consideration. Permission was asked and granted to send copies to each church clerk to be read in the business session of the local church.

We, the ordination council feel the need to make a statement of concern to the whole Midway Association, We are aware that some of our churches have been for some time without a Free Will Baptist minister. They are using temporarily a minister of another doctrine and denomination. We feel sure that there is no intent on their part to depart in any way from our doctrine or our fellowship. At least we know of no such intent, and we value their association so much that we hope that will never happen. However, we feel the need to discourage this practice in the future and encourage our churches to stick to leaders of our own faith and doctrine. It may be that more patience and diligence is needed, but God still answers prayers and is able to supply our needs. We would also like to discourage our churches from calling ministers of other doctrines to conduct revivals and evangelistic meetings. We are confident that we have good men of high quality to preach God's Word so that it is unnecessary to call men of other doctrines for special meetings. One of the problems with using outsiders is that it will eventually lead to confusion of doctrine or a forsaking of our doctrine. Church splits have also resulted from it. We further recommend that each church with its leaders carefully inform themselves about the Association's requirements for ministers and apstors before calling them to your church for meetings or to be your pastor. When you call a man who is in conflict with your Association's standards and requirements you create a breach of fellowship between yourself and the Association which could lead to dismissal.

Respectfully submitted:
The Ordination Council
Rev. Jimmy Brown, Chairman;
Rev. Coy Watson; Rev. W.F. McDuffie;
Rev. David Langley; Rev. Roger Russell, Sec.

#5-THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, the Resolution Committee submit the following:

1. That we express our appreciation to each speaker for today, for the spiritual food we received from the message and the special singing.
2. That we give Travelers Rest a rising vote of thanks for the good food, fellowship, and hospitality we all have enjoyed today.

#6-THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Ministers present	12
Deacons present	15
Church delegates	40
Total Delegates	67
Church Letters	14 plus 2 late added to statistics
Churches with dues	14 plus 2 late-\$630.00 plus 54.00 - \$684.00

STATISTICS:

Laymembers present	18
Visitors	5
Total present today	90

16 Sunday Schools	1057 Enrollment	724 Ave. Attend.
12 C.T.S.	489 Enrollment	342 Ave. Attend.
12 Auxiliaries	169 Enrollment	122 Ave. Attend.
5 Masters Men	76 Enrollment	47 Ave. Attend.
12 Prayer Meetings		

Wynelle Clower, Chairman.

SECOND QUARTER

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptist met April 27, 1985 at Bainbridge FWB Church for the second quarterly conference.

Rev. Reuben Cason, Pastor of Cedar Springs Church served as the chorister for the day. Mrs. Pauline Bush at the organ and Mrs. June Nichols at the piano. The congregation sang "He Hideth My Soul" and Rev. Roger Russell, Pastor of Blakely Church, led in prayer.

Rev. E.R. Corbitt, host pastor welcomed the delegates and visitors for the day.

Mrs. Doris Sheffield of Patmos Church delivered the Devotion with her theme as "Revival Must Begin In An Individual's Heart".

The clerk, Mrs. Edith Shiver, called the session to order and presented the acting Moderator, Brother Malcolm Freeman. MSC to adopt the printed program for the day.

The following ministers answered to Roll Call-Rev. Reuben Cason, E.R. Corbitt, W.F. McDuffie, M.C. Powell and Coy Watson. The Moderator welcomed other ministers serving as Pastors in the Association. They were - Revs. Murry Giddens, Jimmy Miller, Willie Sumerlin, and Rodney Wilson.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given and the delegates were seated.

Brother Bud Shiver gave a report of the State Trustee Board meeting, and told the churches why they have not heard more about the air condi-

tioning at the Camp project which the Patmos Church Masters Men were trying to sponsor. Bro. Malcolm Freeman, a state Mission Board member reported on the work in the state. The session was dismissed until worship hour.

Worship hour began with all singing "I Know In Whom I Have Believed". Prayer by Rev. Willie Martin, pastor of Hammock Springs Church. Special music, "Till I Met Jesus" by Mrs. Georgianna Hawkins of Donaldsonville. The offertory prayer by Rev. Coy Watson of New Enterprise Church. An offering of \$113.34 was received after which Mrs. Hawkins sang "Follow Me".

Rev. Ralph Lightsey, pastor of New Light Church brought the morning message, stressing the "Great Commission" is for the church today. Rev. Corbitt invited all to lunch in the dining hall and Rev. W.F. McDuffie dismissed for lunch with prayer.

After lunch was enjoyed by all the afternoon devotion was delivered by Rev. Reuben Cason.

The moderator began the business section with reports being given. The following reports were given. MSC to adopt or accept each report: See Numbered reports:

#1. MISSION BOARD report by Joe Martin. He asked all churches to give to the Berean Church Fund if possible to keep it progressing.

* #2. BUDGET and FINANCE BOARD report by John English.

#3. The RESOLUTION COMMITTEE report by Mrs. Burna Middleton. Rev. Reuben Cason reported the Midway-Martin Camp applications would be at each church, and asked that all students send them in soon as possible.

Mrs. Edith Shiver reported on the CTS Rally held April 20 in Albany during the day for the competitive activities stating it was a very good day and had a good turnout. She stated the Sunday School Convention will be held at Travelers Rest Church June 29th.

#4. The ORDAINING BOARD report by Rev. Roger Russell.

#5. The CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE by Mrs. Wynelle Clower.

#6. The TREASURER'S report by Leron Clower.

Rev. Paul Sugg's resignation as Moderator was read. MSC to accept the resignation.

#7. The NOMINATING COMMITTEE report was given by Mrs. Pauline Bush.

Brother Leron Clower made motion for the Moderator and Clerk to receive \$30.00 a quarter rather than \$15.00. To begin with the 3rd quarter. Motion carried.

It was announced the National Association will be in Nashville, Tenn. July 21-25. All were encouraged to attend as this is the 50th anniversary of the National Association. Everyone was reminded the 2nd Sunday in October is Laura Bell Barnard (Mission) day in Georgia.

Brother Freeman asked all to be in prayer for rain on our land and Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield. Other prayer requests were for Willie Isler, W.J. Starr, Deborah Waid and Rev. Dodd. Rev. Ralph Lightsey led this prayer, after which the association adjourned.

#1-MIDWAY DISTRICT MISSION BOARD 1985 TREASURY REPORT 4-27-85

Jan.4 - Bal. Brought Forward	\$1,160.10
Receipts from Midway Mission Board	291.86
Receipts from Ga. State Assn.	163.93
Balance	\$1,615.89
Feb.19 - Insurance for Berean Church	\$350.00
Feb.26 - 3 Mo. Payments (Berean Church)	968.58
Total Expenditures	\$1,318.58
Bal. after Expend.	\$297.31
Feb.28 - Rec'd from Ga. State Assn.	118.25
Apr.21 - Rec'd from Ga. State Assn.	190.45
Bal. On Hand	\$606.01
Next payment on Berean Church due June 5, 1985.	
Total monies on deposit at Fertilizer & Milling Company	\$2,779.65
Plus accrued interest, if any.	

Midway Association Missions Board Treasurer
Richard Hays

#2-BUDGET AND FINANCE BOARD REPORT

Balance brought forward in treasury	\$557.05
Dues received from churches	635.00
Morning offering	113.34
TOTAL	1,305.39
Disbursements:	
Moderator	15.00
Clerk	15.00
Superannuates 4 @ 25.00	100.00
Midway Mission Board (40% of dues)	254.00
Minutes account	100.00
State Mission, Luther Burns account	100.00
State Mission, Ronald Wallace account	100.00
Midway Mission Board	200.00
State Youth Camp	100.00
TOTAL DISBURSED	984.00
BALANCE	\$321.39

#3-THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Resolution Committee wish to resolve:

1. That in response to today's devotion and message that we individually commit ourselves the next ten days to fervent prayer for endured power from above, for unity and for an outpouring of his work through us, signify by standing. (Personal Bases).

2. That we personally express our appreciation to Mrs. Doris Sheffield, Rev. Ralph Lightsey and Rev. Reuben Cason, and our musicians for the participation in the program today.

3. That we give Bainbridge FWB Church a rising vote of thanks for the good food, fellowship and hospitality, and for providing special music today by Mrs. Georgianna Hawkins.

Respectfully submitted,

Burna Middleton

Mary Griffin and Dianne Martin

#4-ORDAINING BOARD REPORT

Rev. Willie Sumerlin was examined by the Committee and is found to be in good standing and his credentials are in order. We have a letter from his church, Patmos, requesting that we receive him into our fellowship. We therefore, recommend that we receive him under the Watchcare of the Association until we receive a letter from his former Association, the Coastal Association of North Carolina.

We have a request from the Travelers Rest Church that we receive their new pastor, Rev. Rodney Wilson into fellowship of our Association. We have a letter of good standing from his former Association. We recommend that he be taken under the Watchcare until we have had time to review his doctrinal questionnaire.

We recommend a letter of good standing to be granted Rev. Jimmy Brown who has joined the Central Conference of South Carolina.

We have a letter of request from the First FWB Church of Albany that Rev. Billy Hanna be received into the Association. We recommend that since he was away today at the National Masters Men Retreat that he be taken under the Watchcare and Fellowship of the Association until our examination is complete.

Rev. Joe Murkerson's name should be removed from the list of ordained ministers of the Association as he has several years ago been granted a letter to the Alabama State Line Assoc.

#5-CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ministers present	13
Deacons present	14
Church delegates present	41
Total voting represented	68
Laymembers present	28
Other Visitors present	4
Total present	100
14 Churches with Letters	
14 Churches with Dues of \$635.00	
13 Churches with delegates	

#6-MIDWAY ASSOCIATION TREASURY REPORT

April 27, 1985

Balance brought forward	49.51
Received:	
Midway Assoc. Churches Dues	684.00
Morning off. (Jan. 26, 1985)	99.65
State Mission (Bro. McDuffie)	50.00
Special offering for Rev. Irvin Hyman	145.61
Received from former treasurer	981.96
TOTAL RECEIVED	2010.73
Paid out	
Moderator	15.00
Clerk	15.00
Midway mission board	291.86
Minutes	100.00
Rev. Irvin Hyman (special Off & love off.)	245.61
State Mission (Luther Burns 100.00 Designated 50.00)	150.00
Superannuates:	
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00
Rev. S.T. Shutes	25.00
Mrs. Dennis Irvin	25.00
Mrs. H.L. Knighton	25.00
Printing of minutes (300)	529.71
Bank service charge	6.50
Total Paid Out	1453.68
Bal. in Bank as of April 24, 1985	557.05
Minutes Fund	225.00

#7-THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the nominating committee nominate the following officers to fill the unexpired terms:

Moderator.....	Malcolm Freeman
Rev. E.R. Corbett.....	Ordaining Board
Cecelia Mulliford.....	Camp Board
Tami Parker.....	Credentials Committee

THIRD SESSION

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists met at White Plains on August 2, 1985 with 93 in attendance.

Congregational singing was led by Mrs. Namiko Miller as she led "We're Marching to Zion". Prayer was led by Clifton McCorkle. The Pastor of White Plains, Rev. James Miller, welcomed everyone. The hymn, "There Is A Name I Love To Hear" was sung.

Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Pastor of New Light Church, delivered the devotion. He used Phil. 3:1-3, 13 as his scripture as he challenged hearts to know Christ better.

The Clerk, Edith Shiver, called the session to order and presented the Moderator, Malcolm Freeman who welcomed the congregation.

The nine ministers answering roll call were: Rev. E.R. Corbett, David Langley, W.F. McDuffie, M.C. Powell, Roger Russell, Coy Watson, Reuben Cason, Willie Sumerlin and Rodney Wilson.

A partial report of the Credentials committee was given by Tammie Parker, and all delegates were seated. The Moderator appointed the following to serve for the day - Mrs. Janice Temples on the Budget and Finance Board and Mrs. Ollie Trawick on the Resolution committee.

Edith Shiver reported on the Sunday School Convention and the C.T.S. Rally.

Malcolm Freeman reported on the State Mission work. He asked all to study the Financial report in the state Promotional Bulletin so more will be known about the work in the state of Georgia. Session was dismissed for 10 minutes until worship hour.

Morning worship began with White Plains choir singing the Invocational prayer and response. Congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and "Work For the Night Is Coming". After offertory prayer an offering of \$90.00 was received. The choir sang a special number.

Rev. James Miller, pastor of White Plains, brought the message. His theme was "Have an Alive Church", using Acts 2:41-47 as his scripture.

Session was dismissed with prayer for lunch. After everyone enjoyed a bountiful lunch and fellowship the afternoon session began with all singing "At Calvary". Prayer by J. White. Rev. Reuben Cason brought the Devotion on the "Power of Love" from John 14:15, 23.

The BUDGET and FINANCE Report was given by Janice Temples. MSC to adopt. See report 1.

Rev. Reuben Cason gave the CAMP BOARD's report. MSC to accept. See report 2. Treasurer's report given #2 B.

The CREDENTIALS committee's report was given by Mrs. Wynelle Clower. MSC to accept. See report 3.

The RESOLUTION Committee's report was given by Mrs. Mary Griffin. MSC to accept. Each item was adopted separately. See report 4.

Bro. Joe Martin of Bellview introduced Miss Debbie Griffin, Missionary to Japan. Debbie made comments about the Lord's leading her to be a missionary and asked for prayers of all. Rev. Roger Russell stated he is serving as Debbie's contact person to arrange speaking engagements for her.

The ORDAINING Board's report was given by Rev. Roger Russell. Each item was adopted separately. See report 5.

Leron Clower gave the TREASURER's Report. MSC to accept. See report 6.

Rev. James Miller made remarks concerning his relationship with the Midway Association and White Plains Church since he is presently a Southern Baptist ordained minister.

Announcements were made and the session was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Rudy Woods, pastor of Macedonia.

THIRD QUARTER SESSION BUDGET AND FINANCE BOARD REPORT #1

Balance brought forward	\$321.39
RECEIVED:	
✓ Dues from churches	442.00
Morning offering	90.00
Total received	853.39
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
4 Superannuates 25.00 each	100.00
Mrs. Eva Clenney	
Rev. S.T. Shutes	
Mrs. Dennis Irvin	
Mrs. H.L. Knoghton	
Midway Mission Board (40% of offering)	222.80
Minutes Account	100.00
Deborah Griffin, Missionary to Japan	100.00
State Missions	100.00
Midway Missions designated	100.00
Total disbursed	782.80
Balance in Treasury	50.59

By John English
Janice Temples

CAMP BOARD REPORT #2

Midway-Martin Youth Camp

Registration Statistics:

Midway Campers	90 registered
Martin Campers	48
Other Campers	10
Midway Workers	6
Martin Workers	9
Others	4
	3

FINANCIAL REPORT:

From Savings (5.23-85)	623.54
Contributions from Churches	800.00
Campers	625.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$2,048.54
Supplies and postage	\$38.30
Balance (8-3-85)	\$2,010.24

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION TREASURY REPORT #2B

August 1, 1985

Balance brought forward	557.05
Received:	
Midway Assoc. Churches Dues	635.00
Morning Off. (April 27, 1985)	113.34
Total Received	1305.39
Paid Out	
Moderator	15.00
Clerk	15.00
Superannuates	
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00
Mr. S.T. Shutes	25.00
Mrs. Dennis Irvin	25.00
Mrs. H.L. Knighton	25.00
Midway Mission Board (40% of Offering)	254.00
Minutes	100.00
State Mission (Luther Burns)	100.00
Midway Mission (Designated)	200.00
State Camp Board	100.00
Marietta Church (Ron Wallace)	100.00
Total Paid Out	984.00
Balance Left In Treasury	321.39
Minute Fund	325.00

Leron Clower

Midway Assoc. Treasurer

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT #3

By Mrs. Wynelle and Tammie Parker

Ministers Present	11
Deacons Present	13
Churches with Letters	14
Churches with dues	13 in amount of \$442.00
Number of Church Delegates	40
Total Voting Delegates	64
Number Laymembers Present	27
Other Visitors	1
State Representatives	1
GRAND TOTAL PRESENT	93

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT #4

We, the Resolution Committee resolve that:

1. The Clerk of this Association write a letter from the Association to those churches which CTS had young people in the District, State and National Competitive Activities, commending them for their long hours of preparation and encourage them to continue the good work.

2. We express our appreciation to each speaker for the spiritual food we received from the messages and to the choir for the special music.

3. We give this church, White Plains, a rising vote of thanks for the delicious food, fellowship and hospitality we all have enjoyed today.

Respectively submitted,

Mrs. Olloe Trawick

Mrs. Mary Griffin

ORDAINING BOARD REPORT #5

We, the Ordaining Board of the Midway Association recommend:

1. That a letter of good standing be given the Twin Cities Association in behalf of Rev. Willie Martin.

2. That Rev. Rudy Woods be received into fellowship of the Association until such time a letter of good standing be received from the former Association, the South Ga.

3. Since we have examined Rev. Bill Robinson and have received proper letters from his church and former Association, and found him in good standing we recommend he be received as a member of this Association.

4. Since we have received letters of good standing from former Associations for Rev. Rodney Wilson and Rev. Willie Surnerlin we recommend they be received in full fellowship of the Association.

5. Since the Arlington Church, known as Temple Free Will Baptist Church has publicly declared itself to be an Independent Baptist Church we recommend that it be removed from our roll of churches in the Midway Association.

Respectively submitted,

Revs. Roger Russell, Coy Watson,

David Langley and Emory Corbett

87TH ANNUAL SESSION OF MIDWAY ASSOCIATION

The Midway Association held its 87th annual session at the Albany First Church on October 26 with more than 80 in attendance.

Bill Lofton served as chorister for the day and Mrs. Roger Russell as the pianist. Congregation sang "Bring Them In. Prayer by Rev. Roger Russell. Rev. Billy Hanna, Pastor of Albany welcomed everyone after which all sang "Bringing In the Sheaves".

Rev. Willie Sumerlin, Pastor of Patmos Church brought the devotional from John as he challenged all to repent and get right with God.

The Moderator, Malcolm Freeman called the meeting to order, and added words of welcome to all. Ministers answering to Roll Call were: Revs. Reuben Cason, E.R. Corbett, Billy Hanna, David Langley, W.F. McDuffie, Bill Robinson, Roger Russell, Willie Sumerlin, Rodney Wilson, and Rudy Woods. Visiting Pastors were Revs. James Miller, Murry Giddens, and Tony Tilly.

Mrs. Wynelle Clower gave a partial report of the Credentials committee, and the delegates were seated.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve for today: Murry Haire and Williard Tedder on the Budget and Finance Committee; Willie Clyde Henderson on the Resolution Committee; Mrs. Agnes Pyle and Mrs. Florrie Alexander on the Obituary Committee.

Rev. Herbert Waid of the State Office brought greetings and told about the State Association and the work over the state of Georgia. He stated the Laura Belle Barnard's Day had brought in 8,680.00 as of now. Our goal is \$10,000.00 be raised for missions. He reported a Camp Director for Mount Bethel had been appointed to work with the Districts for Youth Camp.

Malcolm Freeman, State Mission Board Chairman reported on the Mission work over the State.

Rev. Reuben Cason gave the report of the Midway-Martin YOUTH CAMP. See report #1. Mrs. Edith Shiver encouraged everyone to support Camp Mount Bethel more and not let it get run down again as it had in the past. Gleason Fowler, of the Chatt. Association spoke on the State trying to build up the Camp for all State activities to be held there someday.

Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield gave a very enlightening report on the Woman's Auxiliary, and encouraged all ministers to support the Woman's Auxiliary work.

Robert E. Duke reported the Masters Men work needs to have more interest in it. There were so few at the District meeting.

Miss Debbie Griffin of Bellview Church, Missionary to Japan greeted all with thanks and asked for prayers from all. Rev. Roger Russell, Coordinator for Debbie thanked all churches for the help they have given Debbie. He challenged all members to help with Debbie's support.

Dismissed until 11:00 worship.

The Hymn "At The Cross" was sung and Gleason Fowler led in prayer. The Offertory prayer was prayed by Jerry Gresham. Offering of \$108.35 was received. Jerry Gresham rendered the song "Amazing Grace".

Rev. Reuben Cason brought the messae from Acts 2:41-47. His topic

was "What Makes Up a Successful Church". Rev. Billy Hanna dismissed for lunch, asking God's blessings on the meal.

A bountiful lunch was enjoyed by all, served by the host church. The afternoon session began with all singing "When I See the Blood". Prayer by J.W. Clower. Devotional was by Rev. Rodney Wilson, Pastor of Travelers Rest Church, using Col. 2:6-7 "We All Must Be Faithful".

MISSION BOARD report was given by Richard Hays. See report #2.

Rev. Roger Russell gave the ORDAINING BOARD report. See report #3.

The BUDGET and FINANCE Board report was given by Murry Haire. See report #4.

Mrs. Florrie Alexander gave the OBITUARY Committee report. See report #5.

The RESOLUTION Committee report was given by Mrs. Mary Griffin as: We the Resolution Committee resolve that:

1. We express our appreciation to those who have blessed our hearts through messages and special music.

2. We give Albany First Church a rising vote of thanks for the good food, fellowship, and hospitality we all have enjoyed today.

MSC to adopt these resolutions.

Mrs. Pauline Bush gave the report of the NOMINATING COMMITTEE. It was accepted and the following officers were elected to fill vacancies in office: Rev. Rudy Woods to the District Camp Board, Bobby Rish to serve on the State Camp Board and Bill Lofton to the State Christian-Education Board, from the Midway Association.

The TREASURER'S Report was given by Leron Clower. MSC to accept report. See report #6.

Final report of the CREDENTIALS Committee was given by Mrs. Wynelle Clower.

Delegates elected to serve at the State Association were Christine Brown, Mary Griffin, Nancy Johnson and Wynelle Clower.

Murry Haire stated Berean Church asked for everyone's prayers for the selection of a new Pastor and the church's operation. Many prayer requests for the sick were made. Rev. Tony Tilly prayed for those in need of physical and spiritual needs, and dismissed the Association.

CAMP BOARD REPORT #1

The Midway-Martin Associations had a successful camp session on August 12-17, 1985 at Camp Mount Bethel. There were 13 saved and 17 rededications of which we are thankful. Camp Evangelist for the week was Rev. Bill Robinson of Bellview Church. The Board wishes to thank all the churches for their gift of \$100.00 each to help with the camp expenses. Our workers and staff are to be commended for their dedication and hard work.

Submitted by Rev. Reuben Cason, 1985 Camp Director

CAMP REGISTRATION STATISTICS:

Midway Association Campers	64
Martin Association Campers	7
Other Campers	14
Midway Association Workers	9
Martin Association Workers	3
Bible College Students	1
Other Workers	2
TOTAL REGISTERED	100

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Receipts: Savings from 5-23-85	\$623.54
From Churches	900.00
From Campers	2,165.00
TOTAL	\$3,688.54
Expenses:	
Cooks	330.00
Evangelist	175.00
Crafts	182.21
Literature, Postage, Phone	144.44
Banquet and Recreation Supplies	23.78
Groceries	1,047.03
Camp Mount Bethel	972.00
TOTAL	2,874.46

Myra White, Treasurer

LAST QUARTER MISSIONS BOARD MIDWAY ASSOCIATION

JULY TO OCTOBER, 1985	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
August 4 - Balance from Previous Qtr.	\$ 654.87	\$
4 - Received from State Assn.	177.75	
6 - Received from Midway Assn.	322.80	
September 1 - Received from State Assn.	184.50	
BALANCE	\$1,339.92	
September 4 - Payment for Berean Church	\$	\$968.58
5 - Balance	371.34	
October 11 - Received from State Office	165.25	
25 - Balance for this Quarter	\$536.59	

Respectfully Submitted
Richard Hays, Treasurer
Home Missions Board
Midway Association

ANNUAL REPORT MISSIONS BOARD MIDWAY ASSOCIATION

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
October 26, 1984	\$1,099.49	\$
Received in Contributions	727.19	
One Months Payment - Berean Church		322.86
Two Months Payment - Berean Church		645.72
Received in Contributions	50.00	
Received in Contributions	252.00	
TOTAL	\$2,128.68	\$968.58
January 4, 1985 Balance	\$1,160.10	
1/4/85 - 3/85	\$1,160.10	\$
Midway Finance Committee	291.86	
2/19 - Berean Church, Insurance		350.00
Georgia State Association	163.93	
2/26/ - 3 payments, Berean Church		968.58
2/28 - Georgia State Association	118.25	
4/85 - Georgia State Association	190.45	
TOTAL	\$1,924.59	\$1,318.58
April 28, 1985 Balance		
4/85 - 6/85	\$ 606.01	\$
4/85 - 6/85	\$ 606.01	
Georgia State Association	75.00	
District Association	454.00	
5/1 - Georgia State Association	178.44	
6/1 - Georgia State Association	60.00	
June payment - Berean Church		322.86
TOTAL	\$1,373.45	\$322.86
July 1, 1985 Balance	\$1,050.59	
7/85 - 10/85		\$ 645.72
7/3 - 2 payments for Berean Church		
7/3 - Received from State Association	250.00	
8/4 - Received from State Association	177.75	
8/6 - Received from Midway Association	322.80	
9/1 - Received from State Association	184.50	
9/4 - 3 Months payment Berean Church		968.58
TOTAL	\$1,985.64	\$1,614.30
Balance	\$ 371.34	
10/11 - Received from Georgia State Assn.	165.25	
10/11 - TOTAL BALANCE	\$ 536.59	

Next payment due for Berean Church, December 5, 1985.

Respectfully submitted by Home Missions Brd. Treas.
Mr. Richard Hays

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING BOARD #3

1. We have examined Brother Rudy Woods and recommend that he be received into full fellowship of our Association.
2. We have examined Rev. Billy Hanna and recommend that he be received into full fellowship of the Association.
3. We recommend that a letter of good standing be granted to the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of South Carolina in behalf of Rev. Sonny Harris.
4. We have examined Rev. Tony Tilly and recommend that he be received into our fellowship as a minister in good standing.
5. We recommend that Dr. Ralph Lightsey be received into fellowship of the Association pending a letter of request from his church, New Light.

REPORT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE BOARD #4

Balance in Treasury	\$280.59
Dues from Churches	935.50
Offering Today	108.35
TOTAL	1,324.44
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Dues for 5 delegates to State Association	\$75.00
For 16 churches to State Association	160.00
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Superannuates, \$30.00 each for 4	120.00
Printing of Minutes	100.00
Midway Mission Board	541.78
Debbie Griffin, Missionary to Japan	150.00
State Co-op Plan	100.00
TOTAL DISBURSED	1,306.78
BALANCE carried forward to 1986	17.66

By Murray Haire, Willard Tedder

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT #5

* We, the Obituary Committee ask that after we have read the names of our deceased loved ones this year that all will stand in a moment of reverence for their memory and thanksgiving for their lives.

Those deceased since October 1, 1984 to Oct. 1, 1985 are.

ALBANY FIRST BAPTIST:

John H. Rowe- B. 4-29-1927; D. 5-19-1985

BELLVIEW CHURCH:

Monroe Duncan

BLAKELY CHURCH:

Lucille Jones- B. 1-8-1905; D. 3-17-1985

Mrs. Henry Day- B. 9-21-1914; D. 3-6-1985

Mr. Arlin Day- B. 11-17-1907; D. 11-16-1984

HAMMOCK SPRINGS CHURCH:

Mr. Albert Smith- B. 4-22-1915; D. 11-1-1984

Mr. Owen-Weeks- B. 11-2-1918; D. 3-11-1985

MACEDONIA CHURCH:

Rusty Tabb

NEW LIGHT CHURCH:

Mrs. Ollie Mae Turner- B. 10-4-1900; D. 12-6-1984

Mr. Jim H. Morris Died 5-31-1985

PATMOS CHURCH:

Philip Sheffield- B. 2-3-1949; D. 10-3-1984

Mary Sheffield- B. 8-10-1931; D. 12-24-1984

Jessie F. Griffin- B. 8-31-1896; D. 1-2-1985

Celius C. Sheffield- B. 8-27-1913; D. 2-2-1985

TRAVELERS REST CHURCH:

Mr. James Collins

Mrs. Eda Mae Davis

Mr. Harmon Irvin

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION TREASURY REPORT #6

October 26 1985

Balance Brought Forward	321.39
Received From Churches	442.00
Morning Offering	90.00
Blakely F.W.B. Church (Aug 4 1985)	65.00
1st Albany F.W.B. Church (Aug 9 1985)	150.00
Midway Woman Aux. (Oct 9 1985 for minutes)	50.00
TOTAL:	1118.39
Paid Out:	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Superannuates	
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00
Rev. S.T. Shutes	25.00
Mrs. Dennis Irvin	25.00
Mrs. H.L. Knighton	25.00
Midway Minutes	100.00
Debra Griffin	100.00
Midway Mission Board (designated)	100.00
Georgia State Mission	100.00
Midway Mission (40% of Offering)	222.80
Minute Fund (midway woman aux)	50.00
Bank service charge	5.00
Total Paid Out	837.80
Balance in Treasury	280.59
Minute Fund	475.00

Leron Clower

Midway Assoc. Treasurer

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT #7

Number Ministers Present 14
 Number Deacons Present 9
 Number Church Delegates 30
 TOTAL VOTING DELEGATES 53

Churches with Letters 16
 Churches with Dues 16 in amount of 930.50 plus 30.00
 for National Assoc. Fee

Number of Laymembers 17
 Number other visitors 7
 State Representatives 3
 TOTAL VISITORS 27
 Grand Total Present 80

CHURCHES

	Location City - Rural	Full or Part Time Service	Church Budget	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday School Enrollment	SS. Average Attend.	C.T.S. Enrollment	C.T.S. Average Attend.	Woman's Auxiliary Enroll.	W.A. Average Attend.	Masters Men Enroll.	Masters Men Ave. Attend.	No. of Baptisms	Total Number Added	Total Members Lost	Church Parsonage	Total Church Membership
Albany First	C.	F.	Yes	2	15	275	167	131	89	20	15	29	18	10	17	16	yes	300
Bainbridge	C.	F.	No	1	2	35	27	25	17	x	x	x	x	0	4	2	no	48
Berean	R.	F.	Yes	2	3	47	25	10	8	13	10	x	x	1	1	9	no	24
Bellview	R.	F.	No	2	8	126	105	92	67	18	12	18	10	6	18	8	yes	136
Blakely First	C.	F.	Yes	1	5	90	67	25	16	13	9	8	6	0	3	3	yes	132
Cedar Springs	R.	F.	No	1	5	44	33	20	17	16	15	x	x	0	0	2	yes	41
Damascus	C.	P.	No	0	2	35	20	x	x	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	no	21
Enterprise	R.	F.	No	1	1	12	9	x	x	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	no	30
Hammock Springs	R.	F.	Yes	1	2	71	54	60	45	18	12	x	x	6	6	11	yes	121
Macedonia	R.	F.	No	1	3	57	43	31	25	12	10	x	x	3	3	7	yes	117
Oak Grove	R.	P.	No	1	4	18	10	x	x	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	no	24
New Enterprise	R.	F.	No	0	1	27	22	x	x	x	x	x	x	2	2	0	no	47
New Light	R.	F.	No	0	8	78	51	18	10	13	10	x	x	0	0	3	yes	114
Patmos	R.	F.	Yes	1	9	42	35	22	17	7	6	6	5	0	3	6	yes	65
Travelers Rest	R.	F.	No	1	3	50	32	36	30	14	11	x	x	18	18	5	no	89
White Plains	R.	F.	Yes	1	4	30	20	23	20	9	7	x	x	3	3	0	yes	57
TOTALS	4 C. 12 R.	13 F. 3 P.	6	16	75	1037	720	493	281	153	117	61	39	46	78	72	9	1366

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Midway District Sunday School Convention met at 10:00 on June 29, 1985 at Travelers Rest Free Will Baptist Church.

Elton Wilson led the congregation in "Blessed Assurance". Prayer by Rev. Rodney Wilson, Pastor of Travelers Rest. He then welcomed everyone.

The Devotion was given by the "Puppet Ministry" of the Travelers Rest Church. All sang "Love Lifted Me".

President, Bobby Rish welcomed everyone to the convention and thanked Travelers Rest for hosting it.

During the Roll Call of Sunday Schools there were only 5 Sunday Schools answering, but one reported with fee later. There were 15 delegates and many visitors, 4 preachers present.

The following committees were appointed: Finance-Leron Clower, Larry Etheridge, and Ray Henley. Resolutions-Linda Wilson, Pauline Bush and Nelda Goolsby. Special music was rendered by the Wilson Duet.

Rev. Wilson brought the message from Luke 23:28 using the theme, "Weep for your Children". This was a challenge to all Sunday School Teachers and others. He challenged all Sunday Schools to double the enrollments within the next year.

During the discussion of the revision of the Constitution which is to be voted on in the afternoon ways to improve the convention were offered. An offering of \$29.72 was received. Bud Shiver dismissed for the lunch hour.

Travelers Rest Church provided a bountiful lunch which was enjoyed by all. After lunch Rev. Willie Summerlin, Pastor of Patmos brought a Devotion from 2 Cor. 5:17, challenging all to have a revival in the Sunday Schools.

Miss Debbie Griffin of Bellview, Missionary to Japan brought a message about her appointment and asked for prayers of all.

During business session Minutes of 1984 convention were read. Leron Clower gave a report of the Treasury and the Finance Committee:

TREASURY REPORT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Brought forward	\$59.08
Dues from Churches	50.00
Offering today	29.72
TOTAL	138.80
DISBURSED:	
Secretary	10.00
Debbie Griffin	
(Missionary to Japan)	50.00
Bible College Student Fund	50.00
Total Disbursed	110.00
Balance	28.80
Leron Clower	
Ray Henley	
Larry Etheridge	

The Resolution Committee made the following report: MSC to adopt resolutions.

We the Resolution Committee resolve that:

1. The Secretary send two announcements of the convention to the churches. One three months before and one two weeks before the date of the Convention.

2. We give a rising vote of thanks to Travelers Rest Church for the wonderful meal and the hospitality.

Linda Wilson
Pauline Bush
Nelda Goolsby

The Constitution and By-Laws were read and voted on. They were adopted as read. Revised copy follows minutes of Convention.

A program committee was elected consisting of Rev. Billy Hanna, Rev. Willie Summerlin, Rev. Rudy Woods and Tim Jordan.

The convention closed with prayer by Tim Jordan.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MIDWAY ASSOCIATION DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION Revised 1984; Voted on in 1985

The Sunday Schools of the Midway Association of Georgia churches do hereby adopt this revision of the Constitution and By-Laws for the advancement of Christ through the auxilliary of the SUNDAY SCHOOL.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the MIDWAY ASSOCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION of Original Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The Purpose shall be concerted efforts, cooperating in unison, teaching the Word of God, sharing ideas for promoting and improving the Sunday Schools in the Midway Association.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

The Convention shall be composed of delegates and ministers holding membership in the Sunday Schools and Churches in the Midway Association of Georgia.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

The OFFICERS of the Convention shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Program Committee of five. The elected officers shall constitute the Executive Board of the Convention which shall act when Convention is not in session.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

- (1) A Chorister shall be appointed for each Convention.
- (2) A Pianist shall be appointed for each convention.
- (3) The President shall appoint needed committees for each convention.

ARTICLE VI - TIME AND PLACE OF CONVENTION

(1) The Convention shall meet the last Saturday in June or at the discretion of the Executive Committee. It shall begin at 10:00 A.M. unless announced otherwise.

(2) The Convention shall be held at churches which have Sunday Schools, in alphabetical order.

(3) Everyone is to bring a basket lunch for the noon meal. The host church will also furnish the beverage, ice, plates, cups, napkins, forks and spoons.

ARTICLE VII - FINANCES AND REPORTS

(1) Each Sunday School shall pay a fee of \$25.00 annually.

(2) A Free Will Offering shall be received at each convention.

(3) Each Sunday School shall bring to the convention a written report of enrollment, average attendance, and accomplishments during the current year.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

(1) Any Amendment of this Constitution must be presented 30 days, to all Sunday Schools, before the convention and tabled until the next Convention at which time it will be voted on.

(2) A two thirds vote of the delegates must be recorded for a change of this Constitution.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Each Sunday School shall be entitled to FIVE VOTING DELEGATES plus the PASTOR. Others may attend as visitors.

ARTICLE II - OFFICERS

(1) All officers shall be elected at the Convention to serve a TWO YEAR TERM. ELECTIONS shall be held on EVEN NUMBER years.

(2) The Installation of Officers shall be the last item of business at the Convention.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

(1) The Convention shall be held as stipulated in VI of the Constitution. If for any reason a Sunday School and Church can not host the Convention it should notify the President and Secretary.

ARTICLE IV - VOTING

(1) All questions before the body, (except a Constitutional Change) shall be decided by a majority vote of delegates, Ministers and Standing Board members of the Convention.

(2) In case of a "tie" the President's vote declares the final decision.

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendment of these By-Laws must be presented to all Sunday Schools 30 days before the Convention at which time it will be voted on. A 2/3 vote may change the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

(1) DUTIES of the PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the President to preside over each session of the Convention, keeping order of established Parliamentary Procedure. He shall make all appointments of all necessary committees, which are temporary. The President shall serve as chairman of the Executive Committee.

(2) Duties of the Vice President: It shall be the Vice President's duty to serve with the same authority as the President, in the absence of the President.

(3) DUTIES of the Secretary: The Secretary shall make a record of all proceedings of the Convention in regular session and read them in the Convention a year later. He shall send a copy of the proceedings of the Convention to the Clerk of the Midway Association to be published in the Midway Minutes. He shall send out two notices of the time and place of the next Convention - One sent 3 months and one sent 2 weeks before convention. In keeping in touch with State and National Officers he shall keep this convention informed of new methods and techniques to promote in our local bounds. He shall turn all records over to the successor.

(4) Duties of the TREASURER: The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Convention. All expenditures shall be authorized by the Convention or the Executive Board, after its adoption in a regular session of the Convention. He shall give a report of all monies received and disbursed at each convention. He shall turn all monies in his possession to the successor of the office.

(5) Duties of the PROGRAM COMMITTEE: This committee shall work with the Executive Committee in planning programs for the Convention to uplift Christ and to better the Sunday Schools.

Revision Committee

Leron Clower

Jimmy Brown

Edith Shiver

for Reedy Severance

MIDWAY DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Midway District Woman Auxilliary Convention met at Bellview Church Sat. October 5, 1985.

The Theme was "To Know Him Through Prayer and Praise" - Phil. 3:10.

Ailene Clower, Vice President presided and welcomed everyone. The convention opened with all singing "Praise Him" led by Eleanor Sheffield. Doris Sheffield led in prayer, and all sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer".

Doris Grant welcomed all to Bellview.

Devotional was given by Janice Temples, using Jer. 33:3 as her text and challenged all to "Call on God each Day."

During roll call of Auxiliaries there were nine Auxiliaries reporting with forty-six present. Martha Everson of the Martin District was welcomed as a visitor.

The partial report of the Credentials Committee and Registration Committee was given and the delegates were seated.

The following committees were appointed: Finance - Vaudine Moody, Patsy Merritt, Florrie Alexander, Ann Sumerlin, and Terry Cason; Registration - Vaudine Moody Chairman; Credentials - Wynelle Clower, Katie Rogers, Mary Griffin; Resolutions - Edith Shiver, Myra White, Janice Temples, Doris Grant, Pat Freeman.

Laverne Mock of Albany Auxiliary reported on the State Prayer Retreat.

A report of the WNAC was given by Edith Shiver of the Patmos Auxiliary.

The Treasurer's report was given out by Mrs. Vaudine Moody. She reminded each Auxiliary to please send \$1.00 a month for postage and other office needs.

The worship service began with congregation singing "Oh, How I Love Jesus". Prayer by Martha Everson. An offering of \$48.20 was received. Special singing was rendered by the White Plains Auxiliary with Myra White singing "Whatever It Takes". Miss Debbie Griffin of Bellview Auxiliary, Missionary appointee to Japan brought the message and expounded upon "To Know God in All His Power, Holiness, and Majesty Through Love, Praise and Prayer".

Congregation was dismissed for a covered dish luncheon which was enjoyed by all.

Afternoon session began with all singing "Glory To His Name". Prayer by Rev. Roger Russell. The devotional was by Myrtis Paul of Blakely Auxiliary - "To Know Him In The Fullest".

As business resumed the various reports were given, accepted and adopted when necessary. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: We, the Credentials Committee find the following twelve Auxiliaries have properly reported with written reports - First FWB of Albany, Bellview, Berean, Blakely, Cedar Springs, Hammock Springs, Macedonia, New Enterprise, New Light, Patmos, Travelers Rest, and White Plains. It is reported that New Enterprise has discontinued its Auxiliary. We regret to loose them and pray they may be revived soon. All auxiliaries above have paid dues except Berean which will send theirs in later. The dues collected were \$268.00.

Respectfully submitted by Wynelle Clower,
Mary Griffin and Katie Rogers.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Balance on hand	85.63
Dues collected	268.00
Offering Today	48.20
Total Received	401.83
Disbursements:	
State and National Dues - 124 members	234.50
District Speaker, Debbie Griffin	75.00
Printing of minutes	50.00
Printing of reports	5.00
Total Disbursed	364.50
Balance on hand	37.33

Submitted by Ann Sumerlin, Florrie Alexander,
Terry Cason, Patsy Merritt and Vaudine Moody

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

We resolve that:

1. Each local Auxiliary support the State Project suggested by the State Convention.
2. Each Auxiliary organize a telephone prayer chain at least one day a week for Debbie Griffin.
3. The Midway District write a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Cleo Purcell for her loyalty to WNAC or the past years.
4. We encourage each Auxiliary to send representatives to the State Retreat and the National Retreat.
5. We recommend to the State Officers and Convention that Debbie Griffin's support be included in the State Project.
6. We give Bellview Church and Auxiliary a rising vote of thanks for their kindness and hospitality along with the officers and those on program today.

Submitted by:
Edith Shiver, Janice Temples,
Pat Freeman, Myra White
and Doris Grant

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

11 Auxiliaries with dues paid	
9 Auxiliaries with delegates	37 delegates
	14 visitor
	1 minister
	8 lay members
TOTAL	47

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Officers nominated and elected for the year 1986-87

President	Eleanor Sheffield, Cedar Springs Auxiliary
Vice Pres.	Katie Rogers, Hammock Springs Auxiliary
Secretary	Edwina Drinkwater, New Light Auxiliary
Treasurer	Vaudine Moody, New Light Auxiliary
Field Worker	Wynelle Clower, Patmos Auxiliary
Chairmen:	
Mission Prayer	Betty Bentley, Travelers Rest Auxiliary
Mission Study	Doris Sheffield, Patmos Auxiliary
Mission Action	Mildred Bowen, Macedonia Auxiliary

Pauline Bush and Pat Freeman elected to serve on the Nominating Committee to fill unexpired terms of Doritta Suggs and Edwina Drinkwater. They are to serve with Laverne Mock, Ruth Russell and Ethel Henley.

Delegates volunteering to attend the State Convention were: Christine Wilson, Mary Griffin, Edith Shiver, Ann Sumerlin, Becky Woods, Laverne Mock, Vaudine Moody, Mathel Barnes, Janice Temples, Edwina Drinkwater, and Terry Cason as an alternate.

Installation of officers was conducted by Vaudine Moody. Adjournment and dismissed with prayer by Ailene Clower.

MIDWAY DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT 1984-85
DESIGNATED FUNDS RECEIVED AND DISBURSED:

HOME MISSIONS	
Spanish Contact	\$ 12.00
Pre-Thanksgiving (McAdams)	348.02
Vandivort (Arizona)	70.00
TOTAL	<u>\$340.02</u>

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

Pre Christmas	125.97
Pre Easter	391.42
Westfield India	83.00
Banks	134.00
Bishops	606.00
Tallent	88.00
State Project	<u>1,072.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>2,500.39</u>

WNAC GENERAL AND EMPHASIS:

Co-Laborer	330.25
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	269.00
Children's Home	168.00
FWB Bible College Word Processor	55.00
Provision Closet	46.00
WNAC	200.00
Retired Ministers	10.00
WNAC Student Loan Fund	<u>17.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>1,095.25</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	<u>4,025.66</u>

DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEMBERS REPORTED: Fees collected
\$268.00 for 134 members

1. Albany First	18	7. New Enterprise	4
2. Bellview	18	8. New Light	13
3. Blakely First	13	9. Patmos	7
4. Cedar Springs	16	10. Travelers Rest	14
5. Hammock Springs	11	11. White Plains	10
6. Macedonis	10		

CONSTITUTION
of the
Midway District Association
of
Original Freewill Baptist of the State of Georgia

Preamble

We, the Midway District Association of Original Freewill 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 Freewill Baptist of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP: This association shall be composed of such Freewill 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's out of session.

Section 3: The standing boards of this association shall be the Missions Board, Ordaining Board, Budget and Finance Board, the General Board, and the Camp Board.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS: The meeting of this association shall be the Saturdays before the fourth Sunday in January, 10 o'clock A.M.; April, 10 o'clock A.M.; October, 9:30 o'clock A.M.; and the Saturday after the fourth Sunday in July, 10 o'clock A.M.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds 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 alternation 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 Freewill 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 Freewill Baptists as adopted by the National Association of Original Freewill 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 per quarterly session and seventy-five cents 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 reelected 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 coordinate 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 5 ministers who are members of our association in good standing. Board members shall be elected on even years for the term of two years.

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

(4) 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 prerequisite 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 disbursements of monies.

(c) To recommend to the association the disbursement of 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 conditions.

Section 4: The Camp Board shall be composed of five members. Laymembers shall be at least two of the five members. The Chairman of the Board shall be Camp Director, or the board may appoint a Director and Co-Director. This board shall be elected or reelected yearly. It shall be their duties to:

(a) Plan and promote the Youth Camp over the district.

(b) Set time for the Midway Camp.

(c) Set fees for the camp in accordance with the State Camp Board.

(d) Secure volunteer or hire sufficient help and supervision for the camp session.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES:

Section 1: The Nominating Committee shall be composed of three members whose terms of office shall be two years, and who shall be elected or reelected on even years.

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 meeting which meets in October for the Annual Meeting. It is requested that this report be mailed to the Clerk (15) days before the Annual Session.

ARTICLE VII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1: Forty percent (40%) of associational fees (dues) 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 (1) office in the Midway Association at the same time. No General Officer (top six officers) may succeed himself or herself 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

SUPERANNUATION

Section 1: Retired ministers who have served the Midway Association for a period of at least five (5) years, are members of the association, and are in good standing with the association will 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 sixty-five (65) years; provided the income of said ministers is inadequate for their needs.

Section 2: 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 church and the approval of the association, be given this same supplement.

Section 3: 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.

Section 4: The above sections do not prevent the association from taking "love offerings" or making a "love gift" to any minister or any layman at anytime the association so desires.

Section 5: The Budget and Finance Board shall examine each applicant at each annual associational meeting to see if they are still in compliance with these By-Laws.