

EIGHTY EIGHTH YEAR

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

**1986
MINUTES**



**Convened with
Bellview Church - January 25
Blakely Church - April 26
Berean Church - August 2
Cedar Springs Church - October 25**

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**Macedonia Church - Jan. 24
Hammock Springs Church - April 25
Enterprise Church - August 1
New Light Church - October 24**

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Rev. Walter Baxley (1986)	Cedar Springs, Ga.

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1987 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 24

Quarterly Association at Macedonia Church 10:00 A.M.

JANUARY 30-31

State Ministers and Wives Retreat - Norman Park Assembly \$44.00 per couple.

FEBRUARY 7

C.T.S. Rally at Patmos Church, 7:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY 16-18

Target 90 Conference - F.W.B. Bible College

FEBRUARY 21

Sunday School Convention at Bellview Church 9:30 A.M.

MARCH 7

Women's Auxiliary Workshop at Hammock Springs Church 10:00 A.M.

MARCH 20-21

State Women's Auxiliary Retreat, Norman Park Assembly.

APRIL 4

C.T.S. Rally at Albany Church, 10:00 A.M.

APRIL 25

Quarterly Association at Hammock Springs Church, 10:00 A.M.

MAY 1-2

State Youth Conference, Norman Baptist Assembly, 25.00 per person

MAY 12-15

Georgia State Ministers Retreat - Norman Baptist Assembly .67.00 per person.

JUNE REVIVALS

JULY 19-23

National F.W.B. Association, Birmingham, Ala.

AUGUST 1

Quarterly Association at Enterprise Church, 10:00 A.M.

C.T.S. Rally at Cedar Springs Church, 7:30 P.M.

Midway Youth Camp, Camp Mount Bethel

SEPTEMBER: FALL REVIVALS

OCTOBER 3

Midway Auxiliary Convention at Macedonia, 10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 24

Annual Association at New Light Church, 9:30 A.M.

NOVEMBER 7

C.T.S. Rally at Macedonia Church, 7:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER 11-12

State Women's Auxiliary Convention, Norman Park Assembly

NOVEMBER 12-14

State Association of Free Will Baptists, Norman Park Assembly

DECEMBER

Take inventory of your service to the Master.

Count your blessings.

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The Midway Association met at Bellview Free Will Baptist Church Jan. 25, 1986 for the first session of the 88th year of the Association.

Rev. Reuben Cason of Cedar Springs Church served as chorister for the day. The congregation sang "Stand Up for Jesus". Bro. Bill Lofton led in prayer. Rev. Bill Robinson, pastor of Bellview welcomed everyone after which all sang "I Want To Be A Worker for the Lord".

Rev. Rudy Woods, pastor of Macedonia, rendered the devotion using scripture from Ez. 33:30. Topic being - "A Prophet Hath Been Among Them."

Bro. Malcolm Freeman, Moderator, called the session to order and welcomed everyone.

Ministers answering to roll call were: Rev. Reuben Cason, E.R. Corbett, Damon Dodd, Billy Hanna, Ralph Lightsey, W.F. McDuffie, M.C. Powell, Bill Robinson, Roger Russell, Willie Summerlin, Tony Tilly, Coy Watson, Rudy Woods. Pastor James Miller. The Moderator recognized and welcomed visitors.

A partial report of the Credentials committee was given and the delegates were seated by standing delegates. The printed program as adopted.

Mrs. Edith Shiver gave a report of the Sunday School convention, and Rudy Woods told about the workshops to be held for the Sunday School convention on Feb. 22. Steve Long announced the CTS Rally will be held on the night of the 22nd with Jonathan Thigpen as the speaker to be held at Cedar Springs. Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield, Woman's Auxiliary President, announced the Workshop, Retreat and the National Retreat, urging all women to take part.

A letter from Danny Thomas concerning the Midway YET Team and its program of activities was read.

Bro. Freeman, State Mission Board member, reported on the work over Georgia. The congregation was dismissed until 11:00 for the worship hour.

The congregation opened the worship hour by singing and prayer by Dan Brown. An offering of \$110.92 was received. Miss Debbie Griffin, Missionary appointee to Japan and member of Bellview Church sang "His Eye Is On The Sparrow."

The message was brought by Rev. Frank Breeden of the FWB Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. He used Psalm 119:89 - "Forever God, Your Word Is Settled In Heaven." He challenged all to live by God's Word so others would believe God's Word. Rev. Bill Robinson announced lunch and dismissed with prayer.

After a bountiful lunch was enjoyed by all and committees met the congregation gathered to begin the afternoon session by singing "Victory In Jesus". Prayer was by Kent Barwick.

The devotion was given by Rev. Willie Sumerlin, pastor of Patmos. He used I Cor. 14:33 as his text - "Do You Have Confusion In Your Church." Miss Debbie Griffin related to all how the Lord has blessed her. She has a

pledge of \$11,000.00 of the \$17,000.00 needed. She needs a 2,000.00 monthly pledge.

The CAMP Board report was given by Rev. Reuben Cason. The 1986 camp will be August 10-15. Each church is asked to give \$100.00. to help keep the expenses of the students down. Rev. Roger Spirvey, Camp Director stated the camp needed a care taker, a mower, the girls' dorm covered, and the pool prepared for summer.

The ORDAINING Board's report was given by Rev. Roger Russell. MSC to adopt report No. 1. The Treasurer gave his report. See report No. 2.

John English gave the BUDGET and FINANCE Board's report and it was adopted. See report No. 3.

Bro. Richard Hays gave the MISSION Board's report. See report No. 4. He announced about the Masters Men's work.

The RESOLUTION Committee report was given by Mrs. Ollie Trawick. MSC to adopt report 5.

The Clerk read a letter concerning Bro. Richard Riley of the Berean Church who is suffering with lung cancer. An offering of \$202.55 was received for Bro. Riley as a love offering. Special prayer for Mrs. Pat Freeman and others was prayed. Bro. Murry Haire stated Berean Church was still without a pastor, but Rev. M.C. Powell was filling in.

Mrs. Wynelle Clower gave a final report of the CREDENTIALS and REGISTRATION committee. It was accepted. See report No. 6.

The session was adjourned and dismissed with prayer by the Moderator.

ORDAINING BOARD 1-25-1986 NO. 1 REPORT

1. We recommend that the name of the Rev. Jim Capshaw be removed from the Roll of Ministers.
(Clerk's note-Rev. Capshaw has left the State and did not attend a conference the last year he was in the state.)
2. We recommend that the Association grant a letter of good standing to the Pamlico Association of North Carolina in behalf of Rev. Paul Suggs.
3. The Ordaining Board stands ready and available to assist any church in the ordaining of deacons according to Article IV, Section 2b of the By-Laws of the Midway Association.
4. A letter request which was pending from New Light Church concerning the reception of their Pastor, Dr. Ralph Lightsey was received by the Associational Clerk. We welcome Dr. Lightsey into the Association.

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION TREASURY REPORT NO. 2

January 23, 1986

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	280.59
Received:	
Midway Assoc. Churches Dues	935.50
Morning Offering	108.35
National Dues from Three Churches	30.00
White Plains F.W.B. Church (30 Oct 85 Nat. Dues)	10.00
Bellview F.W.B. Church (11 Nov. 85 Nat. Dues)	10.00
Blakely F.W.B. Church (10 Dec. 85 Nat. Dues)	10.00
TOTAL RECEIVED:	1384.44
PAID OUT:	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Superannuates	
Mrs. Eva Clenny	30.00
Rev. S.T. Shutes	30.00
Mrs. Dennis Irvin	30.00
Mrs. H.L. Knighton	30.00
Midway Minutes	100.00
Midway Mission (40 percent of off)	541.78
Ga. State Assoc. (delegates to state assoc.)	75.00
Midway Assoc. churches fee to pay for Nat. Assoc.	160.00
Debra Griffin	150.00
Ga. State Corp. Program	100.00
Bank service charges	5.00
TOTAL PAID OUT	1,311.78
BALANCE IN TREASURY	72.66
BALANCE IN MINUTE TEASURY	575.00

Leron Clower
Midway Assoc. Treasurer

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT NO. 3

Balance brought forward	72.66	
Received from churches, Dues	654.50	
Morning Offering	112.92	
TOTAL	840.08	840.08
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Moderator	30.00	
Clerk	30.00	
40 percent to Mission Board	336.03	
Superannuates (\$25.00 each)	100.00	
Mrs. Eva Clenny		
Rev. S.T. Shutes		
Mrs. Dennis Irvin		
Mrs. H.L. Knighton		
Minutes Account	100.00	
Debbie Griffin	100.00	
YET Team (Midway)	100.00	
TOTAL Disbursed	796.03	796.03
Balance in Treasury		44.05

John English
Robert E. Duke
Leron Clower, Treas.

MIDWAY DISTRICT HOME MISSIONS NO. 4 TREASURY REPORT

October 26, 1985 - January 25, 1986

Balance from previous quarter	\$536.59
Oct. 28 - Payment, Berean Church	\$322.86
Balance	\$211.73
Nov. 1 - Received from State Office	128.56
Received from Midway Dist.	541.78
Dec. 4 - Received from State Office	120.00
Jan. 3 - Received from State Office	207.82
	<u>\$1,209.89</u>
Jan. 3 - 2 mo. payment - Berean Church	\$645.72
Balance	\$564.17
Jan. 9 - Received from Berean Church	<u>\$132.20</u>
Jan. 20 - Balance	\$696.37
Berean payments paid to Mar. 1, 1986	
Certificate of Deposit at	
Farmers Fertilizer & Milling	\$1,600.00
Accrued Interest	1,098.54
Jan. 20 - Balance	<u>\$2,698.54</u>

(Interest accrued to 12-31-85)
Midway District Home Mission Board
Richard Hays
Treasurer

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 5

1. We resolve that we express appreciation to today's speakers for the Spiritual food we received from the messages.
2. Resolve that every church in the Association receive a free will offering in support of the YET Team of our Association and our Association help them with their expenses in the television program.
3. We resolve to give Bellview Church a rising vote of thanks for the good food, fellowship and hospitality we all have enjoyed today.

Respectively submitted,
Mary Griffin and Ollie Trawick

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 6

14 Ministers present
13 Deacons present
47 Church Delegates present
16 Churches with letters and Dues in amount of
\$644.50
10.00 National Dues
\$654.50

74 Eligible Voting Representatives
57 Laymembers present
28 Visitors
1 Free Will Baptist College Representative
160 Grand total present

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION APRIL 26

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptist held its second session of 1986 at Blakely F.W. B. Church. The chorister for the day was Bro. Richard Hays and Mrs. Roger Russell the pianist.

The Devotion was delivered by Rev. Coy Watson, Pastor of Enterprise using Acts 11 as his scripture. The topic being "Let All Christians Live More Christ Like."

The Clerk Mrs. Edith Shiver, called the meeting to order and presented Moderator, Bro. Malcolm Freeman, who welcomed the 92 guests to the meeting.

Those answering Roll Call of Ministers were: Revs. Reuben Cason, Ralph Lightsey, W.F. McDuffie, M.C. Powell, Bill Robinson, Roger Russell, Willie Sumerlin, Tony Tilly, Coy Watson, Rodney Wilson, Rudy Woods and Pastor Murray Giddens.

Mrs. Wynell Clower gave a partial report of the Credentials committee and all delegates were seated. Visitors, Earl Jordon, Paul Palmer Association and Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid, State Office were welcomed.

The following were appointed to serve on committees for the day: Rev. Ralph Lightsey to the Ordaining Board, Mrs. Doris Sheffield and Herman Irvin to the Budget and Finance Board, and Mrs. Ailene Clower on the Resolution Committee.

Rev. Waid brought greetings from the State Office. He told of the needs at Camp Mt. Bethel and encouraged all men to attend the work day at camp May 23-24.

Bro. Malcolm Freeman, State Mission Board Chairman, gave a report of the State Mission work which was encouraging. The meeting recessed for 10 minutes.

Beginning worship service the congregation sang "He Lives." Prayer by Rev. Tony Tilly, Pastor at Hammock Springs Church. Offeratory prayer by Bro. Bill Lofton. Offering of \$129.02 was received. Rev. Reuben Cason sang a special, "Fill My Cup Lord".

Rev. Roger Russell introduced Rev. Allen Crowson, Missionary to France. Rev. Crowson told first of the needs of their account to go back to France. He brought the message of "A Missionary's Life in France." He used scripture from Phillipians 2:1-11, stating the most important thing a creature to do is be obedient to God. Bro. Bill Lofton dismissed with prayer for lunch.

After a bountiful lunch was enjoyed the congregation met and sang "Faith Is the Victory". Prayer by Rev. Willie Sumerlin, Pastor of Patmos Church. Devotion was brought by Rev. Bill Robinson, Bellview's Pastor, using Matt. 9:36-38. His main idea was "Study the Bible" and one will be motivated to help send missionaries to other lands.

Rev. Waid explained the value of money in other countries compared to the U.S.

The MISSION BOARD treasurer's report was given by Bro. Richard Hays. See report No. 1.

Rev. M.C. Powell stated he had been called to serve as Pastor of Berean's Church and told of the progress of the church.

BUDGET and FINANCE BOARD report was given by Mrs. Doris Sheffield. See report No. 2. Loren Clower gave the TREASURER'S report. See report No. 3.

The ORDAINING BOARD report was given by Rev. Roger Russell, MSC to adopt report No. 4.

Mrs. Ailene Clower gave the report of the RESOLUTION Committee. Each item was acted on separately. M.S.C. to adopt report No. 5.

The NOMINATING Committee report was given by Mrs. Pauline Bush. MSC to adopt report No. 6. Mrs. Wynelle Clower gave a final report of the CREDENTIALS Committees. See report No. 7. A letter of thanks for money given to the YET team was read from Danny Thomas, Director of the YET team.

Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield gave a report on the Woman's Auxiliary. It was announced the Masters Men will meet in Blakely and the Call A-Thon for Missions will be tomorrow, Sunday, April 27.

Association closed with prayer for the physical and spiritually sick and for rain.

Moderator, Malcolm Freeman
Clerk, Edith Shiver

**TREASURER'S REPORT
OF MIDWAY MISSION BOARD NO. 1**

January 31	Balance from previous quarter	696.37
February 2	Received from Midway Assn.	336.03
February 24	Received from State Office	142.25
February 24	Received from Berean Church	76.88
February 24	Received from Berean Church	69.90
February 28	Received from State Office	210.04
February 28	Balance	1,531.47
March 3	Payment for Berean Church for 3 months	968.58
March 3	Balance	562.89
March 31	Received from State Office	204.52
March 31	Received from Berean Church	110.02
April 21	Balance on Hand	877.43
	Certificate of Deposit	1,600.00
	Accrued Interest	1,098.00
April 21	Balance	\$2,698.00

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Hays
Treasurer

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT NO. 2

Balance brought forward	37.05
Dues from churches today	634.50
Offering today	129.02
Total Receipts	\$800.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Midway Mission Board	305.00
Four Superannuates	100.00
Debbie Griffin	100.00
Allen Crowson	100.00
Minutes Account	100.00
Total disbursed	765.00
Balance	\$35.57

**MIDWAY ASSOCIATION TREASURE REPORT NO. 3
April 25, 1986**

Balance Brought Forward	72.66
Received from Churches	654.50
Morning Offering	113.92
Special Offering for Richard Riley	252.45
TOTAL RECEIVED:	1093.53

Paid Out:

Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
40 percent Midway Mission Board Superannuates	336.03
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
Debbie Griffin	100.00
YET Team	100.00
Richard Riley	252.45
Bank Service charge	8.00
TOTAL PAID OUT	1056.48
BALANCE IN TREASURY	37.05
Midway minutes account brought forward	675.00
Paid out for printing of minutes (1985)	568.64
Balance in Midway Minutes account	106.36

ORDAINING BOARD REPORT NO. 4

The Board voted to grant a letter of good standing to the State Line Association of Florida in behalf of Rev. David Langley.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT No. 5

We the Resolution Committee resolve that:

1. We be much in prayer for our leaders in making decisions about the acts of terrorism in our world today.
2. The Midway Association stand behind Debbie Griffin in helping get her to the field with our prayers and financial support.
3. We express our appreciation to our speakers for today.
4. We give Blakely Church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality and good food we received today.

Submitted by: Mary Griffin
Ailene Clower

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6

We the nominating committee recommend Rev. Ralph Lightsey to fill the unexpired term of Rev. David Langley on the ORDAINING BOARD.

Submitted by: Pauline Bush
John Grant
Oliver Houston

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 7

Number Ministers present	12
Number delegates present	28
Number Deacons present	12
Total voting delegates	52
Number laymembers present	28
Other Visitors	9
State Representatives	2
Missionaries	1
Grand total present	92
Number Churches with letters	16
Number Churches with Dues paid	16
Amount of Dues	\$634.50

STATISTICS:

- 16 Sunday Schools - Enrollment 1058, Average Attendance 738
- 12 C.T.S. - Enrollment 468, Average Attendance 377
- 11 Women's Auxiliaries, Enrollment 150, Average Attendance 102
- 7 Masters Men, Enrollment 103, Average Attendance 65
- 12 Prayer Meetings; Average Attendance 438

THIRD QUARTERLY ASSOCIATION

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists held its 3rd quarterly meeting at the Berean FWB Church in Albany, Ga. on August 2, 1986 at 10:00.

Bro. Murry Haire led the congregation in singing. Rev. Roger Russell led in prayer.

Rev. M.C. Powell, Pastor of Berean, welcomed everyone and delivered the Devotion from First Samuel. The Moderator, Bro. Malcolm Freeman, welcomed the crowd of 84 representatives. There were 8 ministers answering Roll Call who were: Rev. Billy Hanna, W.F. McDuffie, M.C. Powell, Roger Russell, Willie Sumerlin, Tony Tilly, Rodney Wilson and Rudy Woods. The Credentials chairman gave a partial report and the delegates were seated.

Rev. Walter Baxley and his wife, Jan, were introduced and welcomed as the new Pastor of Cedar Springs Church. The Moderator appointed the following to serve on committees for today: Rev. Willie Sumerlin to the Ordaining Board, Bro. W.L. Drinkwater to the Budget and Finance Board, Mrs. Minnie Cleveland and Mrs. Martha Jenkins to the Resolution Committee.

Rev. Herbert Waid, Executive Secretary of Georgia Free Will Baptists gave a report of the State work of Home Missions, Youth Camp, Celebration Year for Foreign Missions and Laura Bell Bernard Day for Foreign Missions.

Rev. Billy Hanna gave a report of the Youth of Georgia accomplishments in the National competitions at the National Association. Congregation observed 10 minutes of fellowship during recess.

Beginning worship service Bro. Danny Thomas led in singing after which Rev. Billy Hanna prayed the offertory prayer. Offering of \$115.98 was received.

Mrs. Kathy Jennings of Berean brought special music as she sang "All In The Name of Jesus".

The morning message by Rev. Herbert Waid was inspiring as he used the theme, "All scripture is the authoritative Word and the final authority for my life." We must use God's Word to conquer Satan. The session was dismissed with prayer for the noon hour.

A most delicious meal was enjoyed. As the congregation gathered together Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield led in singing, and Mr. Danny Thomas led in prayer. The Devotion was delivered by Rev. Willie Sumerlin, Pastor of Patmos Church, using scripture from John.

The MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S report was read by Mrs. Edith Shiver, MSC to accept report. See No. 1.

Rev. Rudy Woods gave a report of the CAMP BOARD, stating camp at Mt. Bethel will be held Aug 11-15, 1986.

The BUDGET and FINANCE BOARD report was given by Bro. John English. MSC to adopt report No. 2. Bro. Leron Clower gave the TREASURER'S report. MSC to accept report No. 3.

Rev. Roger Russell gave the report of the ORDAINING BOARD. MSC to adopt report No. 4.

The CREDENTIALS Committee report was given by Mrs. Wynelle Clower. MSC to accept report No. 5.

Mrs. Martha Jenkins gave the report of the RESOLUTION Committee. MSC to adopt report No. 6.

Rev. Tony Tilly asked the Association to please prepare a directory of the churches's location and direction how to reach them.

Special prayer requests were made for rain, Mrs. Burna Middleton, Bro. M.M. Franks, Mrs. Carlton Houston, Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield, our Youth and our Association. Rev. Willie Sumerlin led this prayer.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. M.C. Powell.

Moderator-Malcolm Freeman
Clerk, Edith Shiver

MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT NO. 1

April - August 1986

Balance April 21	\$877.43
RECEIPTS	
May 9 Berean Church	95.55
Midway Association	305.00
Georgia State Office	177.50
May 30 Georgia State Office	102.50
Berean Church	85.50
June 30 Georgia State Office	181.75
Berean Church	117.71
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1065.51
Grand Total	<u>\$1942.94</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

June 4 - Three Months Payments on Berean Church	968.58
June 10 - Balance in Treasury	974.36
June 10 - Certificate of Deposit & Farmers Fertilizer and Milling Company at 9 percent interest	\$2,698.00
Accrued Interest	50.95
	<u>2748.95</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Hays, Treasurer
Mission Board

BUDGET AND FINANCE BOARD REPORT NO. 2**RECEIPTS:**

Balance brought forward	385.57
Dues from churches	577.50
Offering Today	<u>115.98</u>
	693.48
Total Receipts	\$732.05

DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator and Clerk	60.00
Midway Mission Board	292.82
Mrs. Eva Clenny	25.00
Rev. S.T. Shutes	25.00
Mrs. Dennis Irvin	25.00
Mrs. H.L. Knighton	25.00
Minutes Account	100.00
State Mission	45.00
Debbie Griffin	<u>100.00</u>
Total Disbursements	697.82
Balance on Hand	\$34.23

John English
W.L. Drinkwater

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION TREASURY REPORT NO. 3

August 1, 1986

Balance brought forward	37.05
Received from Churches	634.50
Morning offering	129.02
Ga. State Assoc.	10.00
Total Offering Received	810.57

Paid Out:

Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
40 percent Midway Mission Board	305.00
Superannuates:	
Mrs. Eva Clenny	25.00
Rev. S.T. Shutes	25.00
Mrs. Dennis Irvin	25.00
Mrs. H.L. Knighton	25.00
Debbie Griffin	100.00
Allen Crowson (miss to France)	100.00
Minutes	100.00
Bank service charge	7.00
Total Paid Out	772.00
Balance in Treasury	38.57

Balance in minutes Account 206.36

Leron Clower, Treas.

ORDAINING BOARD REPORT NO. 4

1. We examined Rev. Walter Baxley and found him to be sound in doctrine and practice. We have received a letter from his church, Cedar Springs, and a letter from the State Line Association in Alabama requesting we receive him, and giving him a good recommendation. We therefore recommend we receive him as a member of our Midway Association.

2. We have received a letter of good standing from the South Georgia Association for Rev. Bill Robinson.

Respectfully submitted,
The Ordaining Board - Rev. W.F. McDuffie,
Rev. Roger Russell and Rev. Willie Sumerlin

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 5

15 Churches with letters and fees with amount of fees \$577.50
12 Churches with delegates
11 Ministers
6 Deacons
29 Church delegates
46 Voting delegates
38 Visitors and Laymembers
84 Total present today

Sunday Schools 15, Enrollment 1012, Ave. Attend. 688
Number of C.T.S. 12, Enrollment 460, Ave. Attend. 335
Women's Auxiliaries 11, Enrollment 130, Ave. Attend. 100
6 Churches with Masters Men with 82 enrolled and 56 Ave. Attend.
12 Churches with prayer meetings.

Submitted by Mrs. Wynelle Clower
Mrs. Tammy Parker

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6

We the Resolution Committee resolve that:

1. We express our appreciation to the speakers for the spiritual food we received today.
2. We give a rising vote of thanks to the Berean Church for the wonderful hospitality, fellowship and delicious meal today.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Minnie Cleveland
Mrs. Martha Jenkins

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 10-25-86

The 88th Annual meeting of the Midway Association of Free Will Baptists was held at Cedar Springs FWB Church in Early County, October 25, 1986 at 9:30 in the morning.

Congregational singing was led throughout the day by Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield with Mrs. Jan Baxley at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. Kenneth Faison, a visiting minister. The Devotion was given by Rev. W.F. McDuffie which was a challenge to all to live more for the Master.

The Clerk, Mrs. Edith Shiver called the meeting to order and presented the moderator, Bro. Malcolm Freeman, who welcomed everyone.

The 14 ministers answering to Minister's Roll Call were Revs. Walter Baxley, E.R. Corbett, Daman Dodd, Billy Hanna, Ralph Lightsey, W.F. McDuffie, M.C. Powell, Bill Robinson, Roger Russell, Willie Sumerlin, Tony Tilly, Coy Watson, Rodney Wilson, and Rudy Woods.

The Moderator recognized and welcomed all visitors, Rev. Kenneth Faison, Martin Association, Rev. Melvin Moody, and Mr. Earl Jordon, The Paul Palmer Association.

The following were appointed to serve on committees for the day: Mrs. Irene McGowen, and Mrs. Janice Temples on the Budget and Finance Board, Mrs. Lannie Grant on the Resolution Committee, Mrs. Coy Watson and Rev. M.C. Powell on the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Doris Eason and Mrs. Betty Bentley on the Obituary Committee.

Rev. Bill Robinson, Assistant Moderator of the State Association, encouraged all to attend the State Association.

Bro. Malcolm Freeman, State Mission Board Chairman, reported on the work in the state which was very encouraging. Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield reported on the Auxiliary work. Rev. Billy Hanna stated the Sunday School convention will be held at Bellview church again in February with program similar to the 1986 program.

Miss Debbie Griffin, Missionary appointee to Japan stated she'd be leaving Dec. 2 and asked for everyone's prayers. Everyone is invited to the commissioning Service of Debbie at Bellview on November 23rd at 3:00 P.M.

Rev. Rudy Woods gave the report of the CAMPING BOARD. MSC to accept report No. 1. A ten minute break was observed by everyone before worship.

Worship services began with all singing "Victory In Jesus". Prayer by Rev. Bill Robinson after which all sang "Surely Goodness and Mercy".

Rev. E.R. Corbett prayed the offertory prayer. An offering of \$84.32 was received.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pyle of Cedar Springs Church sang "I Believe In the Cross Called Calvary" as they set the mood for the morning message by Rev. Walter Baxley, Pastor of Cedar Springs Church. He used Acts 2:42 as his text and encouraged all to bring others into the church through love and the study of God's word. Rev. Roger Russell led in prayer and dismissed for lunch.

After a bountiful lunch was enjoyed by all, and committees met, the congregation began the afternoon session with all singing "Grace, Grace, Marvelous Grace. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Baxley presented a musical number all enjoyed. Rev. Tony Tilly, Pastor of Hammock Springs brought the devotional using 2 Cor. 2:7-14.

The Moderator appointed a Placement committee of Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. Tony Tilly, and Rev. W.E. Brown.

The C.T.S. report was given by the moderator. See report

The MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S report was given by Bro. Richard Hays. MSC to accept report No. 2. Rev. Roger Russell gave the report of the ORDAINING BOARD. MSC. to adopt report No. 3. The BUDGET and FINANCE BOARD'S report was given by Bro. John English. MSC to adopt report No. 4. The TREASURER'S report was given by Bro. Leron Clower. MSC. to accept report No. 5. Rev. Tony Tilly made the report of the PLACEMENT Committee stating the following churches will host the Associational meeting for 1987 - Macedonia-January 24; Hammock Springs-April 25; Enterprise-August 1; and New Light-October 24.

Mrs. Betty Bentley gave the OBITUARY Committee Report. MSC to accept. See report No. 6.

The RESOLUTION Committee report was given by Mrs. Lannie Grant. MSC to adopt report No. 7.

Mrs. Wynelle Clower gave the final report of the CREDENTIALS Committee. MSC to accept report No. 8. Mrs. Pauline Bush gave the NOMINATING committee report. See report No. 9.

The 5 delegates appointed to the State Association were Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Mrs. Ann Sumerlin, Mrs. Becky Woods, Mrs. Helen Robinson, and Mr. J.W. Clower.

Conference closed with prayer.

Moderator, Malcolm Freeman
Clerk, Edith Shiver

CAMPING BOARD'S REPORT 1986 NO. 1

Opened Account	\$876.97
Churches Contribution	800.00
TOTAL	\$1676.97
EXPENSES:	
K-Mart for Crafts	25.24
Art-Attic for Crafts	58.71
Art Attic for Crafts	167.99
Board of Camping	370.00
B. lot	8.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	629.94

Balance on hand 10-15-86 \$1,047.03

Total Average Attending	71
Boys	30
Girls	31
Workers	11
Director	1-Rev. Roger Spivey
Cooks	1
Evangelist	1-Rev. Jammie Allen

DECISIONS - 5 salvation, 3 assurance, 22 rededications

On Thursday night after services all the young people committed their lives to Christian Service.

All workers were provided by the Midway Association.

Submitted by
Rev. Rudy Woods

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION MISSION BOARD NO. 2

FINANCIAL REPORT

AUGUST 3 to OCTOBER 24, 1986

August 6	Balance brought forward	974.67
July 31	Received from State Office	157.00
August 4	Received from Midway Assn.	292.82
July 31	Received from Berean Church	96.46
	Balance	1,520.95
Sept. 3	3 Month Payment on Berean Church	968.58
	Balance after payment	552.37
Sept. 5	Received from Berean Church	108.96
	Received from State office	174.00
Oct. 1	Received from State office	252.00
Oct. 3	Received from Berean Church	66.80
	Balance October 25, 1986	\$1,154.13

Certificate of Deposit at Farmers Fertilizer & Milling Company, Colquitt

\$2,748.95

Berean Church Paid up to December 5, 1986

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Hays
Midway Association Mission Board

ORDAINING BOARD'S REPORT NO. 3

10-25-86

1. We recommend Rev. W.E. Brown be taken under the watch care of the Association until such time as we receive letters from his church, The Enterprise Church, and the Martin Association from whence he comes to us.

2. We recommend a letter of good standing to be given the Coastal Association of North Carolina in behalf of Rev. Reuben Cason.

Respectfully submitted,
Revs. E.R. Corbett, W.F. McDuffie, Coy Watson,
Roger Russell, and Ralph Lightsey

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT NO. 4

Balance brought forward	28.23
Dues from Churches	905.00
Dues for National Association help	30.00
Morning offering	84.32
Home Missions (designated)	40.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	1,057.55

DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator and Clerk	60.00
Midway Missions (40 percent of offerings)	407.02
State Association for 5 delegates	75.00
Home Missions (designated)	40.00
Dues to National Association	160.00
Midway Minutes Account	200.00
4 Superannuates (25.00)	100.00

Mrs. Eva Clenny, Rev. S.T. Shutes
Mrs. Dennis Irvin, Mrs. H.L. Knighton

TOTAL DISBURSED 1,042.02

Balance in treasury \$15.53

Submitted by John English
Illene McGowan
Janice Temples

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION TREASURY REPORT NO. 5

October 24, 1986

Balance brought forward	38.57
Received from churches	577.50
Morning Offering	115.98
Late offerings from churches	44.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED	776.05

PAID OUT:

Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Midway Missions (40 percent of offerings)	292.82
Superannuates:	
Mrs. Eva Clenny	25.00
Rev. S.T. Shutes	25.00
Mrs. H.L. Knighton	25.00
Mrs. Dennis Irvin	25.00
Minutes Account	100.00
Debbie Griffin	100.00
State Missions	45.00
Bank Service Charge	6.00
TOTAL PAID OUT	703.82

BALANCE IN TREASURY 72.23

Minutes Account	306.36
Women's Auxiliary for Minutes	50.00

BALANCE IN MINUTES TREASURY 356.36

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6

At this time we pause and pay loving tributes to those who have left us this past year to be with their Master. May we never forget God is always with us through the good and sad times. He shares each joy, and each pain. Let us remember he will help us again and again.

After the names of our deceased are read we ask everyone to stand for a moment of silent prayer of thanksgiving and praise for all we have.
Albany Church:

Mrs. Trude Mock-B.-12-13-1897; D. 4-19-1986

Mr. James D. Mathis-B.-2-5-1921; D. 7-8-1986

Mr. O.L. Houston

Bellview Church:

Kim English B-10-04-1955; D. 10-14-1986

Jessie Merle Cleveland B-7-12-1937; D. 8-30-1986

Blakely Church:

Mrs. Lucy Swann B-5-9-1908; D. 2-17-1986

Berean Church:

Mr. Richard Riley D. 4-30-1986

Enterprise Church:

Mrs. Hattie Jenkins Reynolds

Hammock Springs Church:

Ollie Herford B.-3-10-1901; D. 7-9-1986

Macedonia:

Mrs. Louise Richardson D. June 1986

New Light Church:

Mrs. Leon Eubanks B.10-20-1908; D. 11-9-1985

Patmos Church:

Mr. A.E. Sheffield B.10-20-1908; D.11-9-1985

Mrs. Mittie S. McDaniel B.11-18-1903; D.9-17-1986

Travelers Rest Church:

Mrs. Christine Cline B.4-4-1921; D. 2-21-1986

Mrs. Lollie Hopper D. 1986

White Plains Church:

Mrs. Evelyn Reddley Page B.2-10-1940; D. 6-10-1986

Was a member of White Plains since March 1986, a devout Christian and homemaker.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 7

We the Resolution Committee resolve that:

1. We express our appreciation to those who have blessed our hearts through special music and preaching God's Word.

2. To Debbie Griffin, Missionary to Japan, our support through prayer, finances, and correspondence.

3. To give those outgoing officers a rising vote of thanks for a job well done.

4. To give Cedar Springs Church a rising vote of thanks for the good food, fellowship and hospitality we have enjoyed today.

CREDENTIALS REPORT NO. 8

15 churches reporting with reports and dues of \$905.00

12 churches represented with delegates

13 ministers present

4 visiting ministers

11 deacons present

35 delegates present

10 laymembers present

8 visitors

81 total present

STATISTICS: Only figures reported on church letters can be reported in this. Those letters which are left blank hurt the report. (Note by Clerk)

16 members baptised this year, 27 members received into churches, 72 members lost by death and letters. Total membership in churches -10,208.

982 enrolled in Sunday School; Ave. Attend. 732

524 enrolled in C.T.S.; Ave. Attend. 339

148 enrolled in Women's Auxiliary; Ave. Atten. 114

92 enrolled in Masters Men; Ave. Attend. 55

69 deacons listed

15 Ordained Ministers

2 Licensed Ministers

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 9

We the Nominating committee nominate the following officers to serve for the years 1987 and 88.

Moderator - Rev. E.R. Corbett

Assist. Moderator - Rev. Willie Sumerlin

Clerk - Mrs. Janice Temples

Assist. Clerk - Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield

Treasurer - Mr. Leron Clower

Assist. Treasurer - Mrs. Leron Clower

MISSION BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Fred Middleton, Mr. M.G. Shiver, Mr. Bill Lofton, Mr. Richard Hays and Mr. Jo Martin.

BUDGET AND FINANCE Committee - John English and Mrs. Betty Bentley.

ORDAINING BOARD MEMBERS - Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Rev. Billy Hanna, Rev. Bill Robinson, and Rev. Tony Tilly

CAMPING BOARD: Mrs. Myra White, Mrs. Evera Moye, Rev. Rudy Woods, Rev. Rodney Wilson and Rev. Walter Baxley.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Myrtis Paul and Mrs. Lannie Grant

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Mrs. Wynell Clower and Mrs. Tammy Parker.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mrs. Pauline Bush, Mr. Oliver Houston and Rev. M.C. Powell.

1986 C.T.S. MEETINGS (REPORT)

The Midway District CTS Rally held 4 meetings during the 1985-86 term. They were held: 1. November 9, 1985 at Patmos Church with an attendance of 86. A film, "Givers, Takers and Other Kinds of Love" was shown. Refreshments were served. White Plains Church won both banners.

2. On February 22, 1986 Cedar Springs hosted the Rally with 9 churches represented and 117 in attendance. Brother Jonathan Thigpen from the Bible College was the guest speaker. The YET team performed. Refreshments were served.

3. April 19, 1986 the Rally was held at Bellview Church. The Competitive Activities were held for eliminations for the State youth Rally in May.

4. Albany Church hosted the Rally on August 9, 1986 with 7 churches represented. There were 99 in attendance. Officers for the 1986-87 term were elected as: Phil Smith-President, Rod Daniel-Vice President and Katherine A. Eason-Secretary and Treasurer. The C.T.S. Rally will meet at the following churches next year: Macedonia Church in November 1986; Patmos Church in February 1987, Albany Church in April 1987, and Cedar Springs Church in August 1987. Refreshments were served by the host church.

Katherine A. Eason, Sec. and Treas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION 2-22-1986

The Midway District Sunday School Convention met February 22, 1986 at Bellview Church at 9:30 A.M. President Bobby Rish welcomed everyone. Rev. Rudy Woods led the congregation in singing the "Sunday School Song", "When The Roll Is Called Next Sunday". Rev. Billy Hanna led in prayer.

The Secretary called the roll of churches. Those answering were: First Church of Albany, Bellview, Blakely, Cedar Springs, Hammock Springs, Macedonia, New Light, Patmos and Travelers Rest with a total of 93 present.

Rev. Billy Hanna introduced and presented Jonathan Thigpen of Randell House. He taught a session on "Teaching Sunday School".

Rev. Roger Reeds, Director of the National Sunday School department spoke on the importance of Sunday School. There was a 10 minutes recess after which the Sunday School song was sung again. An offering of \$70.65 was received.

Rev. Jonathan Thigpen gave the ten qualities of a Sunday School Teacher. This was a challenge for each teacher to examine self.

Rev. Bill Robinson Pastor of Bellview invited everyone to the dining hall for a basket lunch which was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Roger Reed gave the 200 years history of the Sunday School with the 7 laws of teaching. Rev. Thigpen showed a film "Ministry of Milestone" which depicted the history and work of Randell House Publications.

Bro. Bobby Rish called the meeting to order for business. He praised the two speakers for a successful convention. The Program Committee was commended for planning the program for today. Minutes of the 1985 convention were read and approved. A count of Sunday School teachers was taken. All were encouraged to take the information received today home to others.

Macedonia Sunday School received the set of Bible maps for having all 5 departments teachers present plus 4 of the assistant teachers.

Bro. M.G. Shiver dismissed the convention with prayer.

1986 SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount brought forward	38.80
Received from Churches	200.00
Morning Offering	70.65
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$309.45
PAID OUT:	
Clerk	10.00
Dr. Roger Reed	150.00
Jonathan Thigpen	150.00
Total Paid Out*	310.00
Balance in Treasury	-(.55)
Received from	
White Plains Church	25.00
Balance in Treasury	\$24.45

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION MINUTES

The Women's Auxiliary of the Midway Association held its annual convention at Cedar Springs Church on Saturday, October 4, 1986 with 9 Auxiliaries represented. The Theme for the convention was "Burning Bridges for Jesus" with scripture from Genesis 19:26, Luke 9:62, Hebrews 11:15-16.

Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield, President presided during the day and began the Convention by leading the congregation in "Stand Up For Jesus". Rev. Walter Baxley, Pastor of Cedar Springs led in prayer. Mrs. Jan Baxley welcomed everyone.

Miss Debbie Griffin appointee to Japan as a Missionary brought the morning devotion taken from Phil. 3:8 and Col. 3:1.

A partial report of the Credentials and Registration Committee was given and the delegates were seated. The following committees were appointed: Finance-Mrs. Ruth Russell, Becky Woods, Annie Maude Sowell, Janice Temples and Vaudine Moody; Registration-Katie Rogers and Pat Freeman; Credentials-Ailene Clower, Myra White, and Edwina Drinkwater; Resolution-Myrtis Paul, Irene McGowen, Betty Bentley, Susan Long and Evera Moye; Nominating-Pauline Bush, Pat Freeman, Lorene Edwards, and Janice Temples.

Mrs. Vaudene Moody gave the treasurer's report. It was accepted. See report. Wynelle Clower gave a report on the State Women's Auxiliary retreat, stating the 1987 Retreat will be held on March 20+21. Doris Sheffield read two poems she had composed for the special day. The one "Heathen Cry" was a challenge to the congregation and "To Know My Master" was dedicated to Debbie Griffin as a challenge to her as she goes to the foreign land of Japan. Mrs. Jan Baxley rendered special music as she played and sang, "Jesus, Something About That Name".

Debbie Griffin brought the message keeping with the theme using "Bridges That Need To Be Burned". It was a very inspiring message for all to completely do away with anything that will prevent us from serving Jesus, and being completely in His will.

The morning session was dismissed with prayer and a delicious meal was enjoyed by all with wonderful fellow ship.

The convention reconvened at 12:35 as sang "Send The Light", and Mrs. Eva Clenny led in prayer. Cedar Springs Women's Auxiliary sang and dedicated a song "Burning Bridges For Jesus", to Debbie Griffin. The song was composed by Jan Baxley. Mrs. Edith Shiver escorted Debbie to a chair of honor and pinned her with a lovely corsage. She realized at this time she was an honored guest. A representative from each Auxiliary helped bring out a long paper bridge covered with bills (money) as they sang "We Are Building A Bridge For Jesus". As the bridge was displayed before Debbie each representative spoke words of love and kindness for encouragement to Debbie. The bridge held \$385.00 which were presented to Debbie as a personal gift. The bridge began to be folded away when a large wheel barrel loaded with gifts was rolled out to Debbie's chair. She surprisingly opened the gifts and they were displayed. She thanked everyone for their love and concern as she hurried off for another speaking engagement.

The business hour began with Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield stating anyone planning to attend the Women's State Retreat must send a deposit of \$7.50 in by Dec. 1.

The Registration Committee reported there were 9 Auxiliaries with delegates, 10 with paid dues. Fifty two delegates present, 2 Pastors and three children, with a total of 57.

The Credentials Committee find the following Auxiliaries reported properly with reports and dues; Bellview, Blakely, Cedar Springs, Hammock Springs, Macedonia, New Light, Patmos, White Plains, and Travelers Rest. Albany sent in dues, but no report. Berean sent report, but no dues. Delegates to the State Women's Auxiliary Convention were

appointed as: Edith Shiver, Myrtis Paul, Helen Robinson, Becky Woods, Ann Sumerlin, Betty Bentley, Evera Moye, Janice Temples, Wynelle Clower, and Edwina Drinkwater.

The 1987 Workshop will be held at Hammock Springs March 7, and the Convention will be October 3rd at Macedonia.

The Resolution Committee report was given and adopted as: 1. Feeling we are honored by God to have a Missionary called from our Midway District we want to pledge our \$10.00 per member to go to Debbie Griffin, Missionary to Japan, and we will appeal to the Georgia State Auxiliary Conention to adopt this as our State Project. 2. We give a rising vote of thanks to the Cedar Springs Church for the hospitality shown us today.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 1986

Brought forward	\$111.25
Expenses:	
Minutes	\$50.00
Printing	7.50
State	10.00
TOTAL	.67.50
(1.00 for each Auxiliary present at convention)	
Balance in Treasury	
\$43.75	

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT 1986

Balance brought forward	125.54
Receipts	3,876.16
TOTAL	4001.70
Disbursements:	
Bank Service Charge	34.41
Printers	5.00
Debbie Griffin	75.00
Minutes	50.00
Georgia State Treasurer	3713.97
Christian Supply	9.87
Postage	2.20
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,890.45
Balance on hand	111.25

Dues from the following Auxiliaries at 2.00 per member \$286.00

Albany	72.00
Bellview	36.00
Blakely	18.00
Cedar Springs	30.00
Hammock Springs	22.00
Macedonia	16.00
New Light	26.00
Patmos	18.00
White Plains	22.00
Travelers Rest	26.00

DESIGNATED FUNDS RECEIVED 1986

Co-Labors	249.75
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	134.10
India Pastor	50.00
Spanish Contact	11.00
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering	189.25
Pre-Easter Offering	265.00
Jerry Banks Fund	192.00
Chidren's Home	50.00
Pre-Christmas Offering	40.00
WNAC Emphasis	35.00
Retired Ministers	10.00
WNAC Student Loan Fund	56.00
Co-Laborer Printer	11.00
Vandivota	25.00
*State Project	1380.22
*Debbie Griffin	370.00
*Bishops	240.00
TOTAL DESIGNATED	3,308.22
*Total State Project	\$1,990.22

**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.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds 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. The proposed amendment or alteration shall be furnished in writing to each church at least thirty (30) days prior to the session during which the vote is to be taken.