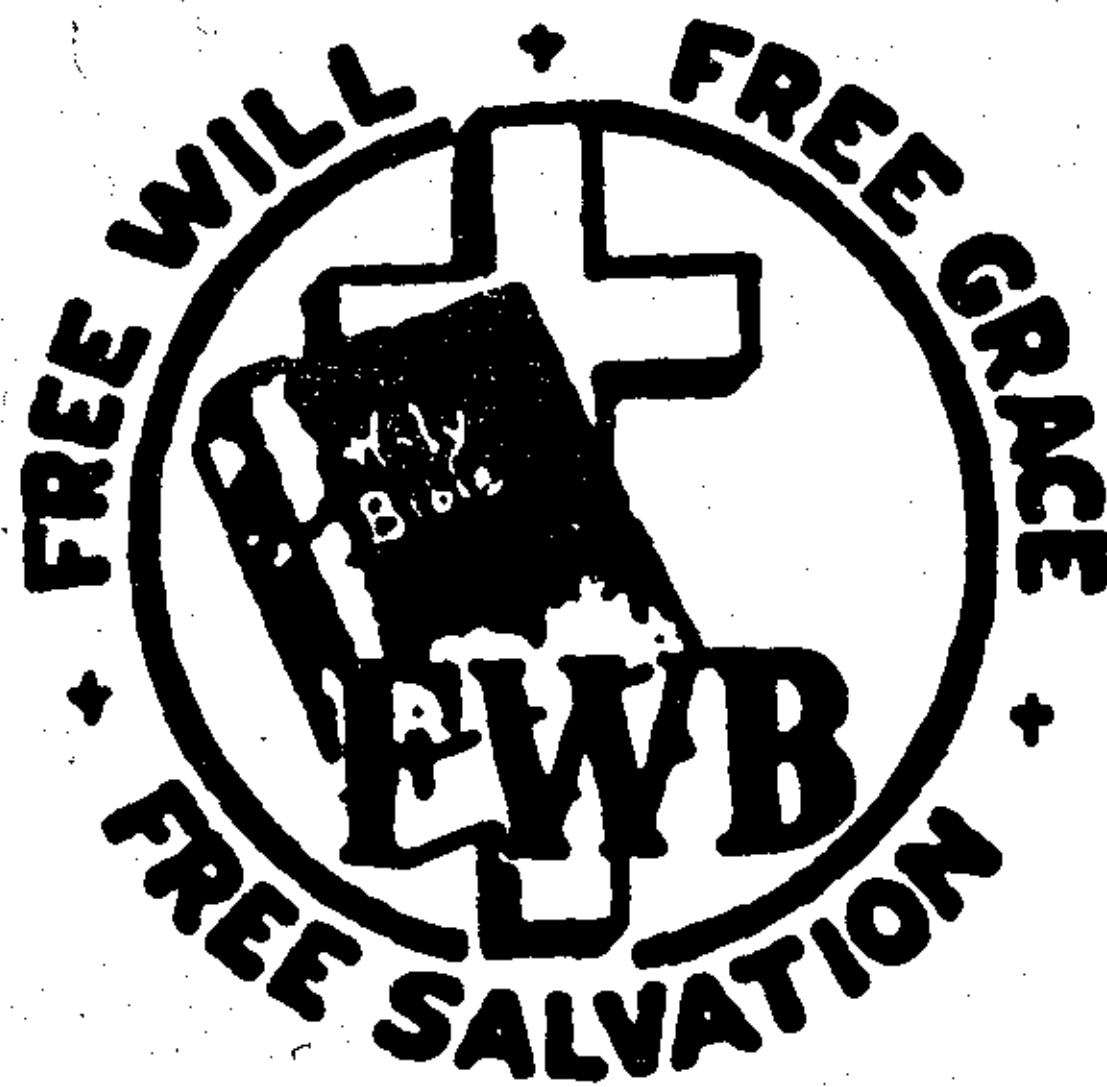


**EIGHTY NINTH  
YEAR**  
of the  
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of  
**Freewill Baptists of Georgia**

**1987  
MINUTES**



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**1988 Sessions  
to Convene with**

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**Patmos - April 23, 1988 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Travelers Rest - July 30, 1988 - 10:00 a.m.**

**White Plains - October 22, 1988 - 9:30 a.m.**

## GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator	Reverend E.R. Corbett (1986) Route 3, Box 3100 Donalsonville, GA 31745 912-524-2673
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Mr. Fred Middleton (1983)	Blakely, GA 31723
Mr. M.G. (Bud) Shiver (1984)	Rt. 2, Leary, GA 31762
Mr. Bill Lofton (1984)	Albany, GA
Mr. Richard Hays (1984)	Blakely, GA 31723
Mr. Joe Martin (1985)	Colquitt, GA 31737

## BUDGET AND FINANCE BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. John English (1982)	Colquitt, GA 31737
Mrs. Betty Bentley (1986)	Newton, GA 31770

## ORDAINING BOARD MEMBERS

Reverend W.F. McDuffie (1984)	Blakely, GA 31723
Reverend Ralph Lightsey (1986)	Statesboro, GA 30458
Reverend Coy Watson (1987)	Blakely, GA 31723
Reverend Billy Hanna (1986)	Albany, GA 31707
Reverend Tony Tilly (1986)	Donalsonville, GA 31745

## CAMPING BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Myra White (1982)	Blakely, GA 31723
Mrs. Evera Moye (1984)	Newton, GA 31770
Reverend Marty McWilliams (1987)	Blakely, GA 31723
Reverend Rudy Woods (1985)	Colquitt, GA 31737
Reverend Walter Baxley (1986)	Cedar Springs, GA 31732

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Myrtis Paul (1986)  
Mrs. Lannie Grant (1986)

Blakely, GA 31723  
Donalsonville, GA 31745

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Wynelle Clower (1982)  
Mrs. Becky Woods (1987)

Arlington, GA 31713  
Colquitt, GA 31737

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Pauline Bush (1984)  
Mr. Oliver Houston (1984)  
Reverend M.C. Powell (1986)

Rt. 2, Leary, GA 31762  
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Sylvester, GA 31791

## STATE BOARD MEMBERS FROM THE MIDWAY ASSOCIATION

Mr. Malcolm Freeman - Mission Board  
Mr. M.G. Shiver - Trustee Board  
Mr. Bobby Rish - Camp Board  
Mr. Bill Lofton - Christian Education

Rt. 1, Jakin, GA 31761  
Rt. 2, Leary, GA 31762  
Rt. 2, Arlington, GA 31713  
Albany, GA

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Mrs. Janet Baxley - President ..... Rt. 4, Blakely, GA 31723  
912-372-4590

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Ms. Edwina Drinkwater - Secretary ..... Rt. 1, Box 44, Morgan, GA 31766  
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Mrs. Vaudine Moody - Mission Study Chairman

Mrs. Mary Griffin - Mission Prayer Chairman

Mrs. Wynelle Clower - Field Worker

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Secretary ..... Mrs. Edith Shiver  
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Treasurer ..... Mr. Leron Clower  
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Program Committee Members:

Reverend Billy Hanna

Reverend Willie Sumerlin

Reverend Rudy Woods

Mr. Tim Jordan

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President ..... Bill Lofton  
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Secretary and Treasurer ..... Susie Moore  
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## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Reverend Walter Baxley ..... Rt. 4, Blakely, GA 31723  
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Reverend W.E. Brown ..... Rt. 1, Box 1130, Brinson, GA 31725  
912-243-0109  
Reverend E.R. Corbett ..... Rt. 2, Box 3100, Donalsonville, GA 31745  
912-524-2673  
Reverend Damon Dodd ..... Rt. 3, Colquitt, GA 31737  
912-758-2817  
Reverend Billy Hanna ..... 1712 Dawson Rd., Albany, GA 31707  
912-436-1973  
Reverend Ralph Lightsey ..... P.O. Box 731, Statesboro, GA 30458  
912-681-3298  
Reverend W.F. McDuffie ..... 928 Central Ave., Blakely, GA 31723  
912-723-4097  
Reverend Marty McWilliams ..... 117 Perry Ave., Blakely, GA 31723  
912-723-4516  
Reverend M.C. Powell ..... Rt. 4, Box 161, Sylvester, GA 31791  
912-776-4071  
Reverend W.L. Rentz ..... Newton, GA 31770  
912-734-5666  
Reverend Willie Sumerlin ..... Rt. 2, Leary, GA 31762  
912-734-5531  
Reverend Tony Tilly ..... Rt. 3, Box 319, Donalsonville, GA 31745  
912-524-8693  
Reverend Coy Watson ..... Rt. 1, Box 161, Blakely, GA 31723  
912-723-4743  
Reverend Rudy Woods ..... Rt. 4, Box 295, Colquitt, GA 31737  
912-758-3555  
Reverend Rodney Wilson

**CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS OF THE  
MIDWAY ASSOCIATIONS, 1988**

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>PASTOR</b>	<b>CLERK</b>
First Church of Albany 1601 Gillespie Ave. Albany, GA 31707	Rev. Billy Hanna 1712 Dawson Rd. Albany, GA 31707 912-436-1973	Mrs. O.L. Segraves 1702 Avalon Ave. Albany, GA 31707 912-435-5623
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Bellview FWB Church Route 3 Colquitt, GA 31737 912-758-2087	Rev. Damon Dodd Rt. 3, Box 60 Colquitt, GA 31737 912-758-2817	Mr. Randy Clenney Rt. 2, Box 21 Colquitt, GA 31737 912-758-3986
Berean FWB Church Rt. 9, Branch Road Albany, GA 31705	Rev. M.C. Powell Rt. 4, Box 161 Sylvester, GA 31791 912-776-4071	Mrs. Dorothy P. Haire Rt. 1, Countryside Est. Albany, GA 31705 912-436-2263
Blakely First Church Perry Avenue Blakely, GA 31723 912-723-5685	Rev. Marty McWilliams 117 Perry Avenue Blakely, GA 31723 912-723-4516	Mrs. Martha Hobby 200 W. Baptist Branch Blakely, GA 31723 912-723-6792
Cedar Springs FWB Rt. 4 Blakely, GA 31723 912-372-4590	Rev. Walter Baxley Rt. 4 Blakely, GA 31723 912-372-4590	Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield Rt. 4, Box 132 Blakely, GA 31723 912-372-4605
Damascus FWB Church Highway 45 Damascus, GA 31741	Rev. W.F. McDuffie 728 Central Avenue Blakely, GA 31723 912-723-4097	Mrs. Margaret Daniel Rt. 1, Box 7 Damascus, GA 31741 912-725-4480
Enterprise FWB Church Rt. 1, Box 162 Blakely, GA 31723	Rev. W.E. Brown Rt. 1, Box 1130 Brinson, GA 31725 912-243-0109	Mrs. Martha Jenkins Rt. 1, Box 162 Blakely, GA 31723 912-723-5260
Hammock Springs FWB Rt. 3 Donalsonville, GA 31745 912-524-8693	Rev. Tony Tilley Rt. 3 Donalsonville, GA 31745 912-524-8693	Mrs. Janice Jones Rt. 3, Box 314-A Donalsonville, GA 31745 912-524-5618
Macedonia FWB Church Rt. 4 Colquitt, GA 31737 912-758-3555	Rev. Rudy Woods Rt. 4 Colquitt, GA 31737 912-758-3555	Mr. Glynn Henley Rt. 3 Colquitt, GA 31737 912-758-2347



New Light FWB Church Rt. 1 Highway 41 North Morgan, GA 31766	Rev. Ralph Lightsey P.O. Box 731 Statesboro, GA 30458 912-681-3298	Mr. C.R. Drinkwater Rt. 1, Box 44 Morgan, GA 31766 912-849-2560
New Enterprise FWB RFD Iron City, GA 31759	Rev. Joe Murkerson 320 Lee Street Blakely, GA 31723 912-723-6923	Mrs. Pat Williams Rt. 1, Box 1020 Iron City, GA 31759 912-774-2468
Oak Grove FWB Church Rt. 4 Highway 27 Colquitt, GA	Rev. W.F. McDuffie 728 Central Avenue Blakely, GA 31723 912-723-4097	Mr. Bob George Rt. 4, Box 49 Colquitt, GA 31723 912-758-2980
Patmos FWB Church Rt. 2 Leary, GA 31762	Rev. Willie Sumerlin Rt. 2 Leary, GA 31762 912-734-5531	Mrs. Edith Shiver Rt. 2, Box 82 Leary, GA 31762 912-734-5021
Travelers Rest FWB Church Rt. 2, Box 30 Newton, GA 31770 912-734-4184	Rev. F.W. Harris P.O. Box 531 Newton, GA 31770 912-734-5541	Mrs. Voncille Musgrove Route 2, Box 28 Newton, GA 31770 912-734-5360
White Plains FWB Church Rt. 4 Blakely, GA 31723	Rev. Michael Barton Rt. 4 Blakely, GA 31723 912-723-8185	Mrs. Edd Eason, Sr. Rt. 4 Blakely, GA 31723 912-723-4727

## 1988 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### Association:

January 23 - New Enterprise Church - 10:00 A.M.  
 April 23 - Patmos Church - 10:00 A.M.  
 July 30 - Travelers Rest Church - 10:00 A.M.  
 October 22 - White Plains Church - 9:30 A.M.

### Woman's Auxiliary:

March 5 - Workshop - New Light Church - 10:00 A.M.  
 October 1 - Convention - Patmos Church - 10:00 A.M.

### C.T.S. Rally:

February 6 - Blakely Church - 7:00 P.M.  
 May 7 - Bellview Church - 7:00 P.M.  
 August 6 - Patmos Church - 7:00 P.M.  
 November 5 - Church to be announced - 7:00 P.M.

### Sunday School Convention:

February 20 - Bellview Church - 9:30 A.M.

**State Meetings:**

**NOTE: ALL STATE MEETINGS ARE TO BE AT THE NORMAN BAPTIST ASSEMBLY, NORMAN PARK, GEORGIA.**

February 26-27 - Ministers'/Wives Retreat

March 18-19 - State Woman's Auxiliary Retreat

May 16-18 - Ministers' Retreat

May 27-28 - Georgia State Youth Conference

October 21-22 - "Layman's" Couples Retreat

November 16-17 - State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

November 17-19 - Georgia State Association Session

**NOTE: THE COST FOR EACH OF THE ABOVE WILL BE ABOUT \$25.00 A DAY FOR OVERNIGHT LODGING AND THREE MEALS IF TWO STAY IN A ROOM.**

**National Association:**

July 17-21 - Kansas City, Missouri

**FIRST SESSION JANUARY 24, 1987**

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on January 24, 1987 at Macedonia FWB Church for the first session of the 89th year of the Association.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "The Lily of the Valley" led by Reverend Rudy Woods. Reverend Ralph Lightsey led the opening prayer. Reverend Woods, pastor of the Macedonia Church, welcomed everyone. Reverend Damon Dodd brought the morning devotion from Colossians Chapter 2, verses 1 thru 10, "Move Ahead Spiritually" was his theme. In closing he asked the congregation to join with him on the chorus as he sang "Palms of Victory", Mrs. Dodd accompanied.

The Clerk, Mrs. Janice Temples, called the session to order and presented the Moderator, Reverend E.R. Corbett.

The following ministers answered roll call: Reverend Walter Baxley, Reverend W.E. Brown, Reverend E.R. Corbett, Reverend Damon Dodd, Reverend Billy Hanna, Reverend Ralph Lightsey, Reverend W.F. McDuffie, Reverend M.C. Powell, Reverend Bill Robinson, Reverend Roger Russell, Reverend Willie Sumerlin, Reverend Tony Tilley, Reverend Coy Watson and Reverend Rudy Woods.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given. The Moderator welcomed visitors, Reverend Melvin Moody and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jordan of the Paul Palmer Association.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve for the day: Mrs. Juanita Houston and Mrs. Edith Shiver to serve on the Camping Board, Mrs. Patricia Harrison on the Resolutions Committee and Mrs. Annie Maude Sowell on the Credentials Committee.

Brother Malcolm Freeman reported on the State Mission work. Brother M.G. Shiver reported for the State Trustee Board. An invitation was given by Brother Bobby Rish for all to attend the Sunday School Convention on February 21, 1987 at Bellview Church. Brother E.R. Corbett asked Brother Walter Baxley to lead in a special prayer for Reverend S.T. Shutes. Session was dismissed for ten minutes until the Worship Hour.

Worship Hour began with all singing "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Joy



Unspeakable." Brother Bobby Rish gave the offeratory prayer. An offering of \$98.08 was received.

Reverend Rudy Woods provided special music by singing "Beulah Land" accompanied by Mrs. Becky Woods. The message was brought by Reverend Roger Russell on the subject, "A Blighted Church" was taken from 1 Corinthians 11:26-32. Dismissed for lunch with prayer.

The afternoon session began with the song, "Jesus Loves Even Me". Reverend Melvin Moody led in prayer. Reverend W.E. Brown brought the devotional message from the text Psalms 137:2.

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

- No. 1 -- Treasurer's by Leron Clower.
- No. 2 -- Mission Board by Richard Hayes.
- No. 3 -- Budget and Finance Board by Betty Bentley.
- No. 4 -- Ordaining Board by Reverend Billy Hanna.
- No. 5 -- Resolutions Committee by Janet Baxley.
- No. 6 -- Credentials Committee by Wynelle Clower.

Announcements were made and session adjourned with prayer by Brother M.G. Shiver at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Temples, Clerk

#### NO. 1 -- MIDWAY ASSOCIATION TREASURY REPORT

January 22, 1987

Balance Brought Forward	28.23
Received from Churches	905.00
National Dues	30.00
Morning Offering	84.32
State Mission	40.00
Total Offering	1087.55

Paid Out	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
40 Percent Midway Association	407.02
Superannuates	
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00
Rev. S.T. Shutes	25.00
Mrs. Dennis Irvin	25.00
Mrs. H.L. Knighton	25.00
Minutes	200.00
National Dues	160.00
Home Mission	40.00
Midway delegates fee to state association	75.00
Total Paid Out	1042.02
BALANCE IN TREASURY	45.53
BALANCE IN MINUTES TREASURY	556.36

Leron Clower  
Midway Association Treasurer

**NO. 2 -- MIDWAY ASSOCIATION  
HOME MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT**

October 25, 1986 --	Balance brought forward	\$1,154.13
October 25, 1986 --	Received from Midway Assn.	407.02
November 4, 1986 --	Received from State Office	129.50
November 6, 1986 --	Received from Berean Church	86.72
November 7, 1986 --	Payment for Berean for 4 months	<u>\$1,291.34</u>
November 7, 1986 --	Balance	486.03
November 28, 1986 --	Received from Georgia State Off.	188.00
November 30, 1986 --	Received from Berean Church	112.56
November 31, 1986 --	Received from Georgia State Off.	<u>50.00</u>
		<u>\$836.59</u>
January 6, 1987 --	Received from Berean Church	123.70
January 20, 1987 --	Balance	<u>\$960.29</u>
January 20, 1987 --	Certificate of Deposit	
	Farmer's & Fertilizer Co.	
	plus accrued interest	<u>2,748.16</u>
	Bal. of note on Berean Church	<u>\$16,788.72</u>
	Account paid up to April 5, 1987	

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Hays, Treasurer

**NO. 3 -- BUDGET AND FINANCE BOARD REPORT**

Balance brought forward	\$45.53
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Dues from churches	662.00
Oak Grove Church	18.75
Morning Offering	<u>98.08</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<u>\$824.36</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Midway Mission Board (40 percent of total received)	329.74
Minutes Account	100.00
4 Superannuates, \$25.00 each	100.00
Mrs. Eva Clenney	
Reverend S.T. Shutes	
Mrs. Dennis Irvin	
Mrs. H.L. Knighton	
Deborah Griffin, Missionary in Japan	100.00
FWB Bible College	<u>100.00</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSED</b>	<u>\$789.24</u>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<u>\$34.62</u>

By: John English  
Betty Bentley

## NO. 4 -- ORDAINING BOARD REPORT

Reverend Ralph Lightsey was elected Chairman of the Board, Reverend Bill Robinson, vice chairman, and Reverend Billy Hanna, Clerk of the Board.

We, the Ordaining Board, upon receipt of a letter of good standing from the Martin Association do hereby request that Reverend W.E. Brown be received into full fellowship of the Association.

Respectfully,  
Rev. Billy Hanna, Clerk

## NO. 5 -- RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Resolutions Committee resolve that:

1. We express our appreciation to each speaker for the spirit filled messages and for the blessings we received from the special music.
2. We give this, Macedonia Church, a rising vote of thanks for the delicious food, fellowship and hospitality we have all enjoyed today.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Lannie Grant  
Mrs. Janet Baxley

## NO. 6 -- CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Number Ministers Present .....	14
Number Deacons Present .....	10
Number Church Delegates .....	38
Total Delegates .....	62
Church Letters .....	15
plus 1 late added to statistics	
Churches with dues .....	15
plus 1 late: \$662.00 plus \$22.50 equals \$684.50	
(includes \$90.00 National Assoc. Dues)	

### STATISTICS:

Lay Members Present .....	11
Visitors .....	9
State Representatives (counted in total delegates) .....	2
	<u>20</u>
Grand Total Present .....	82

	Enrollment	Avg. Attendance
16 Sunday Schools	968	683
10 C.T.S.	326	234
11 Auxiliaries	147	104
5 Master's Men	82	52
12 Prayer Meetings	342	29

## SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION, APRIL 25, 1987

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on April 25, 1987 at Hammock Springs FWB church for the second session of the 89th year of the Association. Brother Rudy Woods was chorister for the day and Mrs. Becky Woods was the pianist.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "How Firm A Foundation". Brother Damon Dodd led in prayer. Reverend Tony Tilley, pastor of the Hammock Springs Church welcomed everyone. The congregation sang "Rescue The Perishing".

Reverend Walter Baxley gave the morning devotion. The Clerk, Mrs. Janice Temples, called the session to order and presented the Moderator, Brother E.R. Corbett. Brother Corbett opened the business session with scriptural reading.

The following ministers answered roll call: Reverend Walter Baxley, Reverend E.R. Corbett, Reverend Damon Dodd, Reverend Ralph Lightsey, Reverend W.F. McDuffie, Reverend M. C. Powell, Reverend Willie Sumerlin, Reverend Tony Tilley, Reverend Coy Watson, Reverend Rodney Wilson and Reverend Rudy Woods.

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

Reverend Rudy Woods gave a report on the FWB Bible College Campaign, "Pass The Torch". This campaign places emphasis on FWB Bible College students.

The Moderator asked each committee to secure a replacement for their absentees. The congregation sang "Since I Have Been Redeemed". A Special Tribute was given Brother S.T. Shutes by Mrs. Edith Shiver. Brother Shutes went to be with our Lord on March 26, 1987. Silent meditation was followed by prayer led by Reverend W.F. McDuffie.

A report was given by Mrs. Mary Griffin on current news about Debbie Griffin, FWB Missionary in Japan. Prayer was led by Reverend Coy Watson.

The meeting recessed for 10 minutes.

Brother Woods opened the Worship Service with the congregation singing "Stand Up For Jesus". Reverend Tony Tilley led in prayer. The congregation sang "I Am Thine, Oh Lord." Reverend Willie Sumerlin gave the Offeratory Prayer. An offering of \$64.55 was received.

Reverend Rudy Woods presented special music as he sang "Saved, Saved"

Reverend Rodney Wilson's morning message was inspiring using the theme, "Sounding A Trumpet". His scriptures were from Nehemiah and Joel. The session was dismissed for lunch with prayer and blessing by Mrs. Emmie Williams.

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "When We All Get To Heaven". Brother Kenneth Faison led in prayer. Reverend W.E. Smith, Interim Pastor at White Plains was recognized as a visitor from the Paul Palmer Association. Brother Kenneth Faison was recognized as a visitor from the Martin Association. Reverend M.C.

Powell gave a devotional using John 21:15, "Strengthen The Lambs". A prayer by Brother E.R. Corbett concluded the devotional. "Give Of Your Best To The Master" was sung by the congregation.

Reports were given. MSC to accept or adopt all reports, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NUMBER 1. a. and b. on the Resolutions Report, (report no. 4), MS and tabled until a later date.

No. 1 -- Ordaining Board by Reverend Tony Tilley.

No. 2 -- Credentials Committee by Wynelle Clower.

No. 3 -- Budget and Finance by Betty Bentley.

No. 4 -- Resolutions Committee by Myrtice Paul.

No. 5 -- Camping Board by Reverend Rudy Woods.

No. 6 -- Mission Board by Richard Hays.

No. 7 -- Treasurer's Report by Leron Clower

Brother Richard Hays reported on the work at the Youth Camp by Master's Men. He stated they needed financial help to carry out their projects.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Temples, Clerk

#### **ORDAINING BOARD REPORT NO. 1**

1. We recommend that a letter be granted to Reverend Roger Russell who has joined the Martin Association.

Ralph Lighsey  
W.F. McDuffie  
Tony Tilley

#### **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2**

- 13 churches reporting with reports and dues of \$409.50
- 3 churches reporting late with reports and dues of \$177.50
- 11 ministers present
- 6 deacons present
- 31 church delegates
- 8 lay members present
- 8 visitors
- 64 total present



## STATISTICAL REPORT

Sunday School Enrollment .....	985
Average Attendance .....	706
C.T.S. Enrollment.....	389
Average Attendance .....	304
Woman's Auxiliary .....	151
Average Attendance .....	111
Master's Men .....	62
Average Attendance .....	48
Prayer Meetings .....	12
Average Attendance .....	248

Note: the above figures include the 3 churches reporting late.

Wynelle Clower  
Annie Maude Sowell

## BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT NO. 3

Balance brought forward	\$34.62
Received from Travelers Rest Church	10.00
Received from Brother McDuffie, designated (Debbie Griffin 50.00, State Missions 45.00)	95.00
Received from Oak Grove Church	22.50
Dues from churches today	419.50
Morning Offering	<u>64.55</u>
Total Receipts	\$646.17

### Disbursements:

Debbie Griffin	50.00
State Missions	45.00
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Superannuates	
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00
Mrs. Dennis Irvin	25.00
Mrs. H.L. Knighton	25.00
40 percent to Midway Mission Board	258.46
Midway Minutes	<u>100.00</u>
Total disbursed	\$588.46
Balance in Treasury	\$57.71

Betty Bentley  
John English  
Leron Clower, Treasurer

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4

1. Flower fund be established to be used at the death of a Midway Minister.
  - (a) This fund is to be funded by setting aside 4 percent of the offerings after the 40 percent for Missions has been deducted.
  - (b) The Treasurer is to be notified at the time of death and be responsible for ordering flowers, not to exceed \$20.00 each time.  
\*See note.
2. We encourage each Minister to organize a Master's Men organization



in their church and assist and encourage Woman's Auxiliary work.

3. We encourage each church to send students to the Midway Youth Camp at Mt. Bethel and to support the Camp with prayers and finances.

4. We give speakers for this assembly and this church a rising vote of thanks for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,  
Myrtice Paul  
Edith Shiver

\*Note: All these Resolutions were passed with the exception of Number I, (a) and (b), Resolution was MS and tabled until a later date.

CAMPING BOARD REPORT NO. 5

Camp for Midway Association at Mt. Bethel: August 2 thru August 7, 1987.

- 1. Recommend each church send \$100.00.
- 2. Recommend Association pay \$10.00 per camper to keep Camp fee at \$25.00
- 3. Recommend that qualified life guards be supplied.

Board of Camping .....\$50.00  
Balance in Treasury .....\$997.03

Reverend Rudy Woods

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT -  
REPORT NO. 6

January 24, 1987 - April 24, 1987

January 24	Balance brought forward	\$960.29
24	Received from Midway Assn.	329.74
28	Received from Berean Church	80.12
February 3	Received from State Office	424.00
24	Received from Berean Church	85.73
28	Received from State Office	203.00
April 2	Received from State Office	215.75
3	Balance on Hand	\$2,298.63
3	4 Months payment on Berean Church	\$1,291.34
4	Balance on hand	\$1,007.29
10	Received from Berean Church	105.84
24	Balance on hand	\$1,113.13
	Total receipts this quarter	\$1,444.18
	Total Expenditures this quarter	\$1,291.34
24	Certificate of Deposit at Farmers Fertilizer & Milling Co.	\$2,748.95
	Interest added	243.16
	Total CD & Interest	\$2,992.11
	Balance in Check Account	\$1,113.13
	Total CD including interest	2,992.11
	Total amount in Treasury	\$4,105.24

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Hays, Treasurer

## MIDWAY ASSOCIATION TREASURY REPORT - REPORT NO. 7

25 April 1987

Balance brought forward	45.43
Received from Oak Grove Church	18.75
Received from Churches	662.00
Morning Offering	98.08
Total Offering	824.26
Paid Out:	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
40 percent Miday Assoc. Mission Board	329.74
Minutes	100.00
Debbie Griffin	100.00
Bible College	100.00
Superannuates	
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00
Rev. S.T. Shutes	25.00
Mrs. Dennis Irvin	25.00
Mrs. H.L. Knighton	25.00
Total Paid out	789.74
Balance in Treasury	34.52
Minute Account brought foward	656.36
Paid out (printing of minutes)	543.48
Balance in minute accout	112.88

### THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION, AUGUST 1, 1987

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on August 1, 1987 at Enterprise FWB church for the third session of the 89th year of the Association. Brother Rudy Woods was Chorister for the day and "Buddie" Jenkins was the pianist.

The meeting opened with a congregational song, "He Keeps Me Singing". Reverend Willie Sumerlin led in prayer. Brother Ralph Jenkins gave the welcome.

Reverend Coy Watson had the morning devotion. He chose scripture from Mark 2, 1-12, "Thy Sins Are Forgiven". The Clerk, Mrs. Janice Temples, called the session to order and presented the Moderator, Brother E.R. Corbett. Brother Corbett opened the meeting with a cordial welcome.

The following ministers answered to roll call: Reverend Walter Baxley, Reverend E.R. Corbett, Reverend Billy Hanna, Reverend W.F. McDuffie, Reverend M.C. Powell, Reverend Willie Sumerlin, Reverend Tony Tilley, Reverend Coy Watson, Reverend Rudy Woods and Reverend W.E. Brown.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given and the delegates were seated. The following were appointed to serve on committees for the day: Mrs. Ann Sumerlin on the Camping Board, Mrs. Edith Shiver and Mrs. Nancy Johnson on the Resolutions Committee.

Reverend Herbert Waid, Executive Secretary of Georgia Free Will Baptists gave a report on the meeting of the National Association. He

stated that new FWB Hymn Books are available to order, and September 6, 1987 will be "Hymn Sunday" throughout all Free Will Baptist Churches. Mrs. Edith Shiver gave a report on the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention. Reverend Rudy Woods stated that the camp date at Mt. Bethel would be August 2, 1987 thru August 7, 1987. Reverend Woods gave a report on the Missionary Conference to be held September 13 thru 20, 1987 at eight area churches. He urged everyone to attend.

The meeting recessed for 10 minutes.

The Worship service opened with the congregaion singing "Joy Unspeakable". Reverend Michael Barton led in prayer. The congregation sang "At Calvary". Reverend Walter Baxley prayed the Offeratory Prayer. An offering of \$105.50 was received. Mrs. Henrietta Brown sang "My House Is Full" as the special music.

The morning message was from Isaiah 9, 6-7. Reverend W.E. Brown, pastor of Enterprise Church preached of "The Prince of Peace", he closed his message with prayer.

Mrs. Mary Griffin gave a report on Debbie Griffin, FWB Missionary in Japan. Reverend Herbert Waid dismissed for lunch with prayer.

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "Count Your Blessings". Reverend Tony Tilley opened with prayer. Reverend Marty McWilliams gave the devotional, read scripture from Philippians, Chapter 2, 1-11, and closed with prayer.

Reports were given, MSC to accept or adopt all report.

No. 1 -- Resolutions Committee by Edith Shiver

No. 2 -- Camping Board Report by Reverend Rudy Woods.

No. 3 -- Budget and Finance by Betty Bentley.

No. 4 -- Nominating Committee by Janice Temples.

No. 5 -- Credentials Committee by Wynelle Clower.

No. 6 -- Treasurer's Report by Leron Clower.

No. 7 -- Mission Board by Richard Hays

No. 8 -- Ordaining Board by Reverend Billy Hanna.

Reverend Michael Barton, pastor of White Plains FWB Church, who has problems with his sight was the subject of special prayer offered by Reverend Herbert Waid as well as all other pastors and laymen. The congregation closed this special prayer emphasis by singing "To God Be The Glory."

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. with prayer by Reverend W.F. McDuffie.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Temples, Clerk

#### **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1**

We, the Resolution Committee, resolve that:

1. Every church in the Association be encouraged to make contributions during the year to the program for missions called "Celebration."
2. Every member pray for our FWB Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.
3. Every church in the Association make contributions often to the "Pass The Torch Fund", for the Bible College.
4. Every church be encouraged to order one or more Free Will Bap-

- list, "Praise" song books by September 10, 1987 which is the first deadline for ordering, and proclaim December 6, 1987 as "Rejoice 87 Sunday" and join all FWB churches in the world singing.
5. Our churches strive to get more of our youth involved in our youth work in the Association.
  6. We express our appreciation to the speakers and music contributions for the spiritual food today.
  7. We give a rising vote of thanks to Enterprise Church for the hospitality and delicious meal.

Submitted by,  
Edith Shiver,  
Nancy Johnson

## CAMPING BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2

Partial Camp Report	
Received from churches (savings)	\$800.00
Checking	<u>\$980.31</u>
Total	\$1780.31

Camp Reservation	50.00
Postage	13.20
Report Envelopes	3.52

Applications	41
Others	11

	52
Workers	12

Camp Evangelist.....	Reverend Steve Faison
Treasurer.....	Reverend Marty McWilliams
Junior Teacher .....	Reverend Tony Tilley
Reverend Kenneth Faison.....	Boy's Dormintory
Mrs. Faison.....	Girl's Dormitory
Reverend and Mrs. Hunt .....	Full-time lifeguards
Mrs. Betty Bentley .....	Kitchen
Ms. Middleton.....	Kitchen
Mrs. Becky Woods.....	Pianist and Canteen
Mrs. Anne Sumerlin.....	Canteen

Submitted by  
Reverend Rudy Woods  
Mrs. Ann Sumerlin

### **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3**

Balance brought foward	\$57.61
Received from Reverend McDuffie (State Missions)	45.00
Received from Reverend McDuffie (Debbie Griffin)	50.00
Bainbridge FWB Church dues	15.00
Albany FWB Church dues	150.00
Oak Grove FWB Church dues	12.50
Morning Offering	105.50
Dues from Churches	589.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$1024.61</b>

<b>Paid Out:</b>	
Debbie Griffin	\$50.00
State Missions	45.00
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
40 percent to Mission Board	348.80
Three Superannuates	
Clenney, Irvin, Knighton	75.00
Minute Fund	100.00
Debbie Griffin	100.00
FWB Bible College, Nashville, TN	100.00
<b>Total Paid Out</b>	<b>\$878.80</b>
<b>Balance on Hand as of August 1, 1987</b>	<b>\$145.81</b>

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4**

We the Nominating Committee recommend Reverend Coy Watson for the Ordaining Council to replace Reverend Bill Robinson.

Submitted by  
Reverend M.C. Powell  
Brother Oliver Houston  
Read by: Janice Temples

### **CREDENTIALS REPORT NO. 5**

Churches reporting with letters	15
Churches reporting with fees	15
Pastors present	11
Visiting Pastors	2
Deacons present	12
Church Delegates present	39
Lay Members present	11
Visitors present	6
State Officers present	<u>2</u>
<b>Total present</b>	<b>83</b>



## **Statistical Report**

Sunday School Enrollment	941
Average Attendance	641
C.T.S. Enrollment	398
Average Attendance	317
Woman's Auxiliary	153
Average Attendance	116
Master's Men	76
Average Attendance	64
Prayer Meetings	13
Average Attendance	320

## **BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT NO. 6**

### **Midway Association Treasury Report**

**Jan. thru April, 1987**

**31 Jul 87**

Balance brought forward	34.52
Received from Travelers Rest Church	10.00
Received from Bro. McDuffie	
Debbie Griffin, 50.00; State Mission, 45.00	95.00
Received from Oak Grove (Feb. 10, 87)	22.50
Received from Churches	419.50
Morning Offering	64.55
Total Offering & Amount brought forward	646.07

#### **Paid Out:**

Debbie Griffin	50.00
State Mission	45.00
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Superannuates	
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00
Mrs. Dennis Irvin	25.00
Mrs. H.L. Knighton	25.00
40 percent Midway Mission Board	258.46
Minutes	100.00
Total Paid Out	588.46
Balance in Treasury	57.61
Balance in Minutes Treasury	212.88

**Leron Clower,  
Treasurer**



**MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT NO. 7**  
**Report from April 24 thru August 1, 1987**

April 25 --	Balance brought forward	\$1113.03
28 --	Received from Midway Assoc.	258.46
May 1 --	Received from State Office	147.00
7 --	Received from Berean Church	86.81
June 2 --	Received from State Office	<u>50.00</u>
2 --	Balance June 2, 1987	\$1655.30
16 --	Received from Berean Church	102.98
July 2 --	Received from State Office	<u>394.00</u>
2 --	Balance July 2, 1987	\$2152.28
2 --	Received from Berean Church	<u>97.78</u>
2 --	Balance July 2, 1987	\$2250.06
8 --	Four month payment ( Berean Church)	<u>1291.34</u>
August 1 --	Balance August 1, 1987	\$958.72
August 1 --	Total Balance in C.D. at Farmers	\$2992.11
	Plus Accrued Interest	?
	Total Receipts this Quarter	\$1137.03
	Total Expenditures	\$1291.34

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Hays, Treasurer

**ORDAINING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 8**

We, the Ordaining Board, recommend the following items:

1. That Brother Marty McWilliams and Brother Michael Barton be received under the watchcare of the Association until a letter of good standing is received from their respective Association.
2. That we drop Reverend C.F. Harting and Reverend Steve Hasty from our roll of ordained ministers because of their failure to report, correspond or attend our Association.
3. To send a letter of good standing for Brother Bill Robinson to the Blue Ridge Association of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brother McDuffie  
Brother Tilley  
Brother Hanna

## ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 24, 1987

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on October 24, 1987 at New Light FWB Church for the Annual Meeting of the 89th year of the Association. Reverend Rudy Woods was chorister for the day, and Mrs. Jan Baxley was the pianist.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "To God Be The Glory". Reverend Michael Barton led the opening prayer. Reverend Ralph Lightsey, pastor of New Light Church welcomed everyone. Reverend Willie Sumerlin presented the morning devotion from Acts, Chapter 10, "Jesus Wants Dependable Workers" was his theme. Reverend Sumerlin closed his message with prayer.

The Clerk, Mrs. Janice Temples, called the session to order and presented the Moderator, Reverend E.R. Corbett, who welcomed everyone to the Association. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jordan and Reverend Melvin Moody were visitors from the Paul Palmer Association.

The following ministers answered roll call: Reverend Walter Baxley, Reverend W.E. Brown, Reverend E.R. Corbett, Reverend Billy Hanna, Reverend Ralph Lightsey, Reverend W.F. McDuffie, Reverend M.C. Powell, Reverend Willie Sumerlin, Reverend Coy Watson, and Reverend Rudy Woods.

Delegates from each church were asked to stand and were registered vocally and seated.

Reverend Herbert Waid, Georgia State Association Executive Secretary, gave his appreciation to all churches for the Laura Belle Barnard Offerings. Reverend Waid gave information concerning the State Association to be held at Norman Park, Georgia on November 12th thru 14th, 1987.

The Moderator made the following Committee Appointments: Credentials; Mrs. Edith Shiver and Mrs. Becky Woods, Obituary; Mrs. Leron Clower, Mrs. Mary Griffin and Mrs. Margaret Daniel, Placement; Mr. Malcom Freeman, Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield and Mrs. Anne Sumerlin, Resolutions; Miss Nadine Blanton, Mrs. Jan Baxley and Mrs. Pat Freeman.

The congregation sang "Banner Of the Cross". Brother Malcom Freeman was elected to serve on the State Mission Board for another term. He gave a report on Home Mission Churches. Brother M.G. Shiver was elected to serve on the State Board of Trustees for another term. Mrs. Edith Shiver gave a report for Brother Shiver. Brother Rudy Woods gave a report on the Mission Conference.

Brother Tim Jordan led in prayer. The meeting was recessed for ten minutes.

Brother Woods opened the Worship Service with the congregation singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder". Reverend W.F. McDuffie led in prayer. The congregation sang "He Keeps Me Singing". Reverend Ralph Lightsey gave the Offeratory Prayer. An offering of \$119.20 was received. Special music was presented by Mrs. Beverly Paul and Mrs. Janice Temples.

Reverend Billy Hanna presented the morning message. His text was Proverbs 20:4, "Looking For A Harvest". Reverend Ralph Lightsey dismissed for lunch with prayer.

The afternoon session began with the song "Wonderful Grace of Jesus". Reverend Sonny Harris led in prayer. Reverend Rudy Woods presented special music. Reverend Marty McWilliams gave a devotional

using a text from Hebrews. "We've A Story To Tell" was sung by the congregation. Murray Haire expressed his concern about difficulties within Home Missions.

The delegates appointed to the State Association were Mrs. Anne Sumerlin, Mrs. Jan Baxley, Mrs. Teresa Harris, Mrs. Mary Griffin, Mrs. Betty Bentley, and Mrs. Becky Woods, alternate.

Board and Committee reports were given. MSC to accept or adopt all reports, **WITH THE EXCEPTION OF REPORT NO. 3**, and that report was accepted as amended. (Explained below).

- Report No. 1 -- Mission Board Treasurer's by Richard Hays
- Report No. 2 -- Budget and Finance by Betty Bentley
- Report No. 3 -- Treasurer's by Leron Clowr, amended as follows; pay Mrs. S.T. Shutes a quarterly supplement.
- Report No. 4 -- Ordaining Board by Reverend Billy Hanna
- Report No. 5 -- Camping Board by Reverend Rudy Woods
- Report No. 6 -- Resolutions Committee by Mrs. Jan Baxley
- Report No. 7 -- Credentials Committee by Mrs. Edith Shiver
- Report No. 8 -- Placement Committee by Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield
- Report No. 9 -- Nominating Committee by Mrs. Pauline Bush
- Report No. 10 -- Obituary Committee by Mrs. Leron Clower

Announcements were made. The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Temples, Clerk

#### REPORT NO. 1 -- MISSIONS BOARD REPORT FOR

AUGUST 1 TO OCTOBER 24, 1987

Aug. 1 -- Balance brought forward	\$958.72
1 -- Received from Midway Assoc.	348.80
6 -- Received from State Office	390.92
Sept. 5 -- Received from State Office	50.00
5 -- Received from Berean Church	86.43
13 -- Received from Berean Church	99.60
Oct. 1 -- Received from State Office	50.00
16 -- Received from Berean Church	76.86
Balance of October 24, 1987	<u>\$2061.33</u>

#### BEREAN PAYMENTS TO DECEMBER 5, 1987

Oct. 21 -- Balance in C.D. at Farmers & Fertil.	\$2992.11
Interest from April 21, 1987	104.99
Oct. 21 -- Total Amount; Oct. 21, 1987	3097.10
Oct. 21 -- New C.D. at 8½ percent	
Oct. 21 -- Total monies in Treasury	\$5158.43

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Hays, Treasurer

## REPORT NO. 2 -- BUDGET AND FINANCE BOARD REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$145.80
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### RECEIPTS:

Brother McDuffie, 45.00 State Missions	45.00
Brother McDuffie, 50.00 Debbie Griffin	50.00
Damascus Church	10.00
Dues from churches	924.00
Morning Offering	119.20
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$1,294.00</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Debbie Griffin	50.00
State Mission	45.00
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Superannuates	60.00
Minutes	200.00
Delegates to State Association	75.00
National Association Dues	160.00
Midway Mission Board (40 percent of total recd.)	377.28
Debbie Griffin	100.00
Cooperative	100.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSED</b>	<b>\$1,227.28</b>

<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>66.72</b>
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Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Bentley  
John English

## **REPORT NO. 3 -- MIDWAY ASSOCIATION TREASURY REPORT**

**October 24, 1987**

Balance Brought Forward		57.61
Received from Bro. McDuffie	Debbie Griffin 50.00	
	State Mission 45.00	95.00
Bainbridge FWB Church		15.00
Albany FWB Church		150.00
Oak Grove FWB Church		12.50
Morning Offering		105.50
Received from Churches		589.00
Total Offering		1024.61

### **Paid Out:**

Debbie Griffin Account	50.00
State Mission	45.00
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
40 percent Mission Board (Midway)	348.80
Superannuates:	
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00
Mrs. Dennis Irvin	25.00
Mrs. H.L. Knighton	25.00
Minutes	100.00
Debbie Griffin	100.00
Bible College	100.00
Total Paid Out	878.80
Balance in Treasury	145.81
Minutes treasury brought forward	312.88
Received from Midway Women Aux.	50.00
Balance in Minutes Treasury	362.88

**Leron Clower, Treasury**

## **REPORT NO. 4 -- ORDAINING BOARD REPORT**

1. Upon reception of a letter of good standing from St. Francois District Association of Missouri, we recommend Brother Marty McWilliams into full fellowship of the Association.

2. Recommend Brother Sonny Harris from Travelers Rest FWB Church to the watchcare of the Association until we receive letter of good standing from Southeast Alabama Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
Reverend Ralph Lightsey  
Reverend W.F. McDuffie  
Reverend Billy Hanna



**REPORT NO. 5 -- CAMPING BOARD REPORT**

Amount in a checking account	\$379.12
Amount in a savings account	809.61
Total	\$1,188.73

Respectfully submitted,  
Reverend Rudy Woods

**REPORT NO. 6 -- RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

- We, the Resolutions Committee resolve that:
1. We express our appreciation to the speakers today.
  2. We pray that we will be willing to be used in reaping the harvest in our Free Will Baptists Churches.
  3. We continue our prayers and financial support for Debbie Griffin in Japan.
  4. We give New Light a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality and delicious meal.

Nadine Blanton  
Pat Freeman  
Janet Baxley

**REPORT NO. 7 -- CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

12 churches reporting with reports and dues of \$924.00  
2 churches reporting late with reports and dues \$90.00  
13 ministers present  
14 deacons present  
42 church delegates  
11 lay members present  
2 visitors  
1 State Officer Present  
83 total present

**STATISTICAL REPORT**

Sunday School Enrollment .....	889
Average Attendance .....	618
C.T.S. Enrollment.....	378
Average Attendance .....	285
Woman's Auxiliary .....	128
Average Attendance .....	103
Master's Men .....	66
Average Attendance .....	53
Prayer Meetings .....	11
Average Attendance .....	285

Note: The above figures do not include the 2 late reporting churches.

Edith Shiver  
Becky Woods



## **REPORT NO. 8 -- PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Placement Committee, submit the following report for the Midway District Association of 1988.

New Enterprise -- January 23, 1988 -- 10:00 a.m.

Patmos -- April 23, 1988 -- 10:00 a.m.

Travelers Rest -- July 30, 1988 -- 10:00 a.m.

White Plains -- October 22, 1988 -- 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Sumerlin

Malcom Freeman

Eleanor P. Sheffield

## **REPORT NO. 9 -- NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Nominating Committee recommend the following serve for the year 1988.

Credentials Committee; Tammy Parker asked her name to be removed from the Committee. Becky Woods will serve on the committee for the next year.

Camping Board; Reverend Rodney Wilson has left Georgia. Reverend Marty McWilliams will serve on the Camping Board.

## REPORT NO. 10 -- OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

At this time we pause and pay loving tributes to those who have left us this past year.

Church	Name	Born	Died
Albany First	Mr. O.L. Houston	04-18-14	10-08-86
	Mr. Lonzo E. Akdridge	10-07-34	07-06-87
	Mrs. Lizzie M. Adams	07-10-25	08-03-87
	Mrs. Susie M. Williams	07-20-12	09-19-87
Bellview	Mr. Ike Addison		Dec., 86
	Mr. Jimmy Carter		87
	Mrs. Pansy Pate		Sept., 87
Blakely	Mrs. Ruby Glass		Sept., 87
Cedar Springs	Mrs. Jennie Roberts Pyle		87
Damascus	Mrs. Margaret Wright	12-20-10	09-10-87
Macedonia	Mr. Alto Ross		Nov., 87
	Rev. S.T. Shutes	10-23-02	03-26-87
New Light	Mr. Lehman Drinkwater	04-13-11	05-18-87
	Mrs. Peggy Martin	07-22-35	06-17-87
	Mrs. Vivian Morris	03-02-13	05-29-87
	Mr. Perry Paul	04-10-19	06-27-87
	Mrs. Georgia Turner	1891	07-24-87
	Mrs. Iva Mae Morris	02-22-06	11-17-86
	Mr. Wallace Barnett	04-06-13	12-07-86
Travelers Rest	Mrs. Susie Collins	03-23-00	07-03-87
	Mrs. Bessie Mae Parker	03-03-01	08-30-87
	Mr. J.B. Edwards	09-24-38	08-07-87
	Mr. James Lee Irvin	11-03-00	05-21-87
White Plains	Mr. Hollis Cochran	04-01-23	04-13-87

Submitted by,  
Ailene Clower  
Margaret Daniels  
Mary Griffin

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION MINUTES

The Midway District Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held Saturday, Oct. 3, 1987 at Macedonia FWB Church in Colquitt, Georgia.

The theme for the Convention was "In One Accord" with scriptures from Acts 1:8 and 2:1.

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "The Regions Beyond" led by Henrietta Brown, music director for the day. Becky Woods was the pianist.

The president asked Myrtice Paul to open the meeting with prayer. Eleanor Sheffield gave the devotional from First Corinthians.

Gloria Henley welcomed everyone to Macedonia Church. The following committees were appointed by the President. Credentials; Evelyn Temples, Janice Temples and Edwina Drinkwater, Finance; Vaudine Moody, Mary Doris Eason, Juanita Parker, Evera Moye, and Janet Baxley, Resolutions; Alice Martin, Louise Houston, Willie Clyde Henderson, Irene Dykes, and Martha Jenkins.

A partial report from the Credentials and Registration Committee was

given and the delegates were seated. There were 11 Auxiliaries reporting with dues paid.

Delegates for the State Convention were appointed as follows: Edith Shiver, Myrtice Paul, Shirley Kimbrel, Mary Griffin, Willie Clyde Henderson, Doris Sheffield, Evera Moye, Betty Bentley, Janice Temples and Edwina Drinkwater.

A report was given on Debbie Griffin, Missionary to Japan, attending language school at this time. The report was given by Mary Griffin, Debbie's mother. Mary spoke of Debbie being happy in the Lord with the work that she is involved in while in language school. Debbie requested prayer for this quarter of school.

The State WNAC President, Martha Everson, gave a report of the State Meeting to be held November 12, 1987, asking that all Auxiliaries help pay expenses for Janice Banks, Speaker for the Convention, and the Nashville Bible College Drama Team that will perform.

The Worship Hour began with a hymn and prayer. Renee Henley presented special music. Doris Sheffield, Mission Study Chairman introduced Mrs. Lora Shutes as the guest speaker. Mrs. Shutes spoke on "Witnessing In The Market Place". Mrs. Shutes read from the book of Acts. Mrs. Shutes led a panel in presenting ways to witness in the marketplace. Doris Sheffield, Mildred Bowen and Edith Shiver gave interesting points on how to witness in our everyday lives.

After this Christ-centered program, we adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session began with the hymn "We've A Story To Tell". Shirley Kimbrel led in prayer.

Committee reports were given, MSC or accepted. The Resolutions Committee made the following resolutions.

1. We continue our support to Debbie Griffin account through our State Project.
2. We give a rising vote of thanks to Macedonia Church for hosting our Auxiliary Convention.

The Registration and Credentials Committee reported 11 Auxiliaries reported with 11 paying dues. A total of 62 present; five visitors, two children, and fifty-five Auxiliary members.

Dates and locations were given for 1988 meetings. District workshop: March 5, 1988, New Light. State Retreat: March 18-19, 1988, Norman Park. Distict Convention: October 1, 1988, Patmos.

Evera Moye held an Installation Service for the new officers for 1989-90. Each officer was challenged and motivated as she presented this service.

The new officers were asked to hold hands together with Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield as the Convention was closed with prayer.

New officers for 1988 and 1989:

President .....	Mrs. Janet Baxley
Vice President .....	Mrs. Katie Rogers
Secretary .....	Mrs. Edwina Drinkwater
Treasurer .....	Mrs. Lannie Grant
Mission Action Chairman.....	Mrs. Ethel Henley
Mission Study Chairman .....	Mrs. Vaudine Moody
Mission Prayer Chairman .....	Mrs. Mary Griffin
Field Worker .....	Mrs. Wynelle Clower

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, 1987**

Brought forward	\$157.91
Expenses paid out:	
Printing	7.50
Minutes	50.00
Speaker	<u>50.00</u>
Total Paid Out;	\$107.50
Balance in Treasury	\$50.41

Offering received:  
October 3, 1987 not included in balance above: \$137.23

Submitted by,  
Vaudine Moody, Chairman  
Mary Doris Easom  
Juanita Parker  
Evera Moye  
Janet Baxley

**MIDWAY DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP**

Albany .....	35
Bellview .....	24
Blakely .....	10
Cedar Springs.....	15
Enterprise .....	7
Hammock Springs .....	11
Macedonia .....	7
New Light .....	10
Patmos .....	10
Travelers Rest .....	10
White Plains .....	10
	Total 137

# MIDWAY DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TREASURERS REPORT 1987

Co. Laborer .....	\$226.35
Dot Harvey .....	181.00
India Pastor.....	63.00
Sp. Contact.....	12.00
Pre-Thanksgiving .....	184.20
Pre-Christmas .....	20.00
Pre-Easter.....	316.25
District Stamps .....	59.00
Laura B. ....	85.00
Student Loan.....	42.00
Children's Home .....	40.00
Jerry Banks.....	231.00
WNAC EM .....	148.00
E. Edwards .....	25.00
State Speaker .....	65.00
State Minutes .....	4.00
FWB College .....	10.00
Retired Ministers .....	15.00
Membership Dues .....	(34.25) 274.00
Members .....	(137)
State Project.....	881.65
Debbie Griffin.....	722.00
Bishops .....	330.00
Total \$1933.65	

Submitted by:  
Mrs. Melvin (Vaudene) Moody

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION MINUTES 1987

The Annual Midway Association Sunday School Convention was held at Bellview FWB Church on February 21, 1987, at 9:00 a.m.

Bobby Rish, President of the Convention, opened the meeting at which twelve churches of the Midway Association and three visiting churches were represented by 87 people.

Dr. Ken Riggs, Chairman of the Teacher Education Family at the Free Will Baptists Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee was presented as guest speaker. Dr. Riggs spoke on "How to Use Your Bible." He stressed that Sunday School Teachers need to challenge students, that they have a ministry molding characters, helping families, and edifying Christians. He emphasized that teachers not take teaching lightly. Dr. Riggs also spoke on the "Characteristics of a Good Teacher". He pointed out the five "D's" of a teacher are: (1) Demonstrate what you teach, (2) Desire to be of service to others, (3) Dedicate yourself to the scriptures, (4) Discern your students and (5) Diversify your situations.

Dr. Riggs delivered the message, "Jesus Christ, the Ultimate Educator" during the worship hour. He used scripture from John 3:2, stressing Jesus as the Master Teacher. Education is important but not as important as the inpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The president appointed a Finance Committee composed of Leron



Clower, Billy Parker and Bill Lofton. The session was dismissed with prayer for lunch.

In the afternoon special music was presented by Billy Parker of Albany Church. Dr. Riggs spoke on the "Weekly Teaching Cycle." A teacher has (1) A Personal Relationship to Christ, (2) A Public Relationship to One's Church, (3) Relationship of Preparation to One's Class.

Dr. Riggs closed the session with "Methods of Teaching" pointing out these methods, (1) Bible Search, (2) Lecture, (3) Discussion, (4) Story Telling, (5) Case Study and (6) Visuals.

Rev. Willie Sumerlin, Vice President of the Convention, presided at the afternoon session and praised Dr. Riggs for the information he supplied and the inspiration he has been.

During the business session called by Rev. Sumerlin the 1986 minutes were read and approved. A count of Sunday School teachers was made with Patmos Sunday School being awarded the set of maps for having all its teachers and some assistant teachers present.

The Finance Committee gave its report which is included.

Mrs. Edith Shiver announced an invitation to a Senior Citizens Day at Mount Bethel on May 21, 1987. The plans for the 1988 Sunday School Convention will be announced at a later date. Other announcements were made by Rev. Sumerlin who closed the Convention with prayer.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Balance brought forward	\$ 24.45
Received from churches	450.00
Morning Offering	<u>129.36</u>
Total	603.81
Disbursements:	
Plane ticket for Dr. Ken Riggs	138.00
Printing of Programs	70.00
Secretary	10.00
State Book Store	35.00
Dr. Ken Riggs	200.00
Debbie Griffin (Missionary)	<u>100.00</u>
Total	553.00
Balance in Treasury	50.81
Submitted by:	
Leron Clower	
Billy Parker	
Bill Lofton	



**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**

Each Sunday Shool 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 Con-

vention to uplift Christ and to better the Sunday Schools.

Revision Committee

Leon Clower

Jimmy Brown

Edith Shiver

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**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 OFFICES:**

**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 associa-



tional 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.

(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.

## **COMMITTEES:**

### **ARTICLE V**

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 association 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.

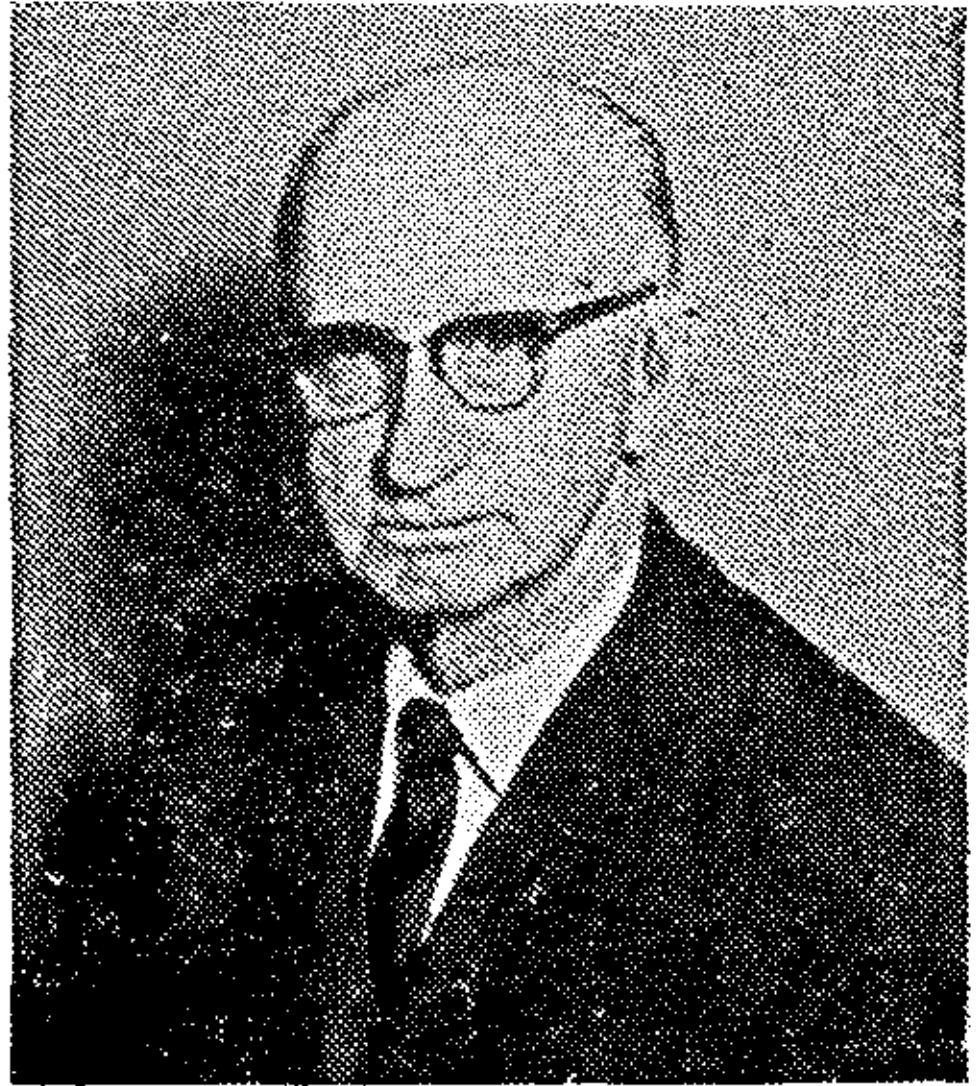
Section 5: The Budget and Finance Board shall examine each applicant at each annual associational meeting to see if they are still in compliance with these By-Laws.

## **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.

# **TRIBUTE TO REV. S.T. SHUTES**



Reverend Samuel Thomas Shutes was born October 23, 1902, in Jackson County, Florida. He was born from above in August of 1922, and affiliated with the Salem FWB Church, Cottondale, Florida. Soon after his conversion, he received a Divine call to the ministry. He attended Eureka Bible College, Ayden, North Carolina from 1924 until 1928. He was ordained to the ministry in 1925.

Brother S.T. and his brother, K.V. formed an evangelistic team in the early years of their ministry. They sang and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ in numerous revival meetings and saw many souls saved.

Brother S.T. was active in youth for many years. He served as president of the Georgia-North Florida Free Will Baptist League Convention during the 30's. It was during this time that the idea of a Youth Training Camp was born. He worked faithfully to help get a Youth Camp started in Georgia and worked in the Youth Camp for a number of years. He loved all young people and delighted in helping young ministers get started in the ministry.

Brother S.T. helped to lay plans for the organization of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist, and was active in the work of the association until he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage in December of 1971. He served as assistant moderator, clerk and chairman of the Board of Religious Education, and promoted all the different phases of the state and national work.

Brother S.T. pastored a total of 23 churches in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi. He helped start some of the churches he pastored. His last pastorate was the Damascus FWB Church. After suffering the cerebral hemorrhage, he was informed by his physician that he could no longer pastor, but he continued to fill in for other pastors until his condition prohibited his preaching. He and his wife, Effie, attended Macedonia FWB Church together until he was stricken with apoplexy early in December of 1986.

The Lord saw fit to call his faithful servant to his Eternal Home March 26, 1987. Memorial services were held for Brother S.T. at the Macedonia FWB Church on Sunday afternoon, March 29. Interment was in Colquitt City Cemetery.

He is survived by his faithful and devoted wife, Effie Deaton Shutes; one daughter, Mary Kathryn Leon; one brother, G.B. Shutes, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mrs. Lora Shutes