

~ 1994 ~

**Minutes
of the
MIDWAY ASSOCIATION
of
Free Will Baptists
of
Georgia**

~ 96th Year ~

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1995 Sessions
to Convene with
Patmos - January 21, 1995
Travelers Rest - April 22, 1995
White Plains - July 29, 1995
Albany First - October 21, 1995
Session Time: 9:00 a.m.

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator

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Mr. M. G. Shiver (83)
Mr. Bill Lofton (84)
Mr. Richard Hayes (84)
Mr. Joe Martin (85)
Mr. Charles Drinkwater (92)

Budget And Finance Board Members:

Mr. David Weaver (92)
Mrs. Gloria Lovering (91)

Nominating Committee:

Mr. Edward Kimbrel (92)
912-758-2587
Miss Nadine Blanton (92)
Mrs. Mary Griffin (92)

Resolutions Committee:

Mrs. Martha Jenkins (92)
Mrs. Teresa Smith (89)

Credentials Committee

Mrs. Edith Shiver (90)
Mrs. Voncile Musgrove (91)
Mrs. Betty Day (92)

Ordaining Board Members:

Reverend J. M. Creech (92)
Reverend Billy Hanna (86)
Reverend Gary Smith (88)
Reverend Joseph Wallis (94)
Reverend Joe Buttgen (94)

Camping Board Members:	Midway Assoc. State Board Members
Mr. Jerry Gresham (93)	Mission Board - Malcom Freeman
Reverend Rudy Woods (85)	Trustee Board - Rev. William Smith
Reverend Marvin Castle (90)	Camp Board - Rev. Terry Pierce
Mrs. Marvin Castle (90)	Christian Education - Mr. Bill Lofton

Sunday School Convention Officers

Henrietta Brown (94)	.....	President
Eleanor Sheffield (92)	.....	Vice President
Joy Brackin (94)	.....	Secretary
Charles Drinkwater (94)	.....	Treasurer

Program Committee Members:

Reverend Joe Buttgen (94)	Mrs. Dorothy Irvin (94)
Mrs. Edwina Drinkwater (90)	Reverend Rudy Woods
Mr. Leron Clower (94)	

Midway District Georgia Women Active for Christ Officers

Marie Glover	.....	President
Christine Daniel	.....	Vice President
Pat Freeman	.....	Secretary
Nadine Blanton	.....	Treasurer
Nancy Wallis	.....	Mission Action Chairman
Henrietta Brown	.....	Mission Study Chairman
Betty Creech	Mission Prayer Chairman
Wynelle Clower	Field Worker

Midway Association Ordained Ministers

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Reverend Damon Dodd	Rt. 3 Box 60, Colquitt, GA 31717 912-758-2817
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 Reverend Joseph Wallis Rt. 2 Box 405, Newton, GA 31770
 912-734-7151
 Reverend Joey Wilson

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1995 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MIDWAY DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

January 21, 1995..... Patmos FWB Church
 April 22, 1995..... Travelers Rest FWB Church
 July 29, 1995..... White Plains FWB Church
 October 21, 1995 Albany First FWB Church

MIDWAY DISTRICT GEORGIA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

March 4, 1995	District Workshop	Bellview	9:30 a.m.
March 17,18, 1995	State Prayer Retreat	Rock Eagle	
October 7, 1995	District Convention	Blakely First	9:30 a.m.

MIDWAY DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

1995 Convention..... Cedar Springs..... Date to be announced

STATE ASSOCIATION

November 16-18, 1995 Statesboro FWB Church
 303 Marvin Avenue, Statesboro, GA 30458
 912-764-2150

FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

1995	Charlotte, North Carolina	July 16-20
1996	Fort Worth, Texas	July 21-25
1997	Cincinnati, Ohio	July 20-24

1998	Tulsa, Oklahoma	July 12-16
1999	Atlanta, Georgia	July 18-22
2000	Anaheim, California	July 16-20
2001	Detroit, Michigan	July 15-19
2002	Memphis, Tennessee	July 21-25
2003	Tampa, Florida	July 20-24

First Quarterly Session, January 22, 1994

The Midway Association of FWB convened on January 22, 1994, at Hammock Springs FWB Church for the First Session of the 96th year of the Association. Doug Bryan was song leader for the day and Lisa Bettis was pianist.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder". The welcome was given by Reverend Gary W. Smith. Reverend Rudy Woods led in prayer. The morning devotional was given by Reverend William Smith. He read verses from Matthew 5:1-2. The message was entitled "Beatitudes and Attitudes". Brother Smith closed his message with prayer.

The Clerk, Janice Temples called the session to order and presented the Moderator, Leron Clower who welcomed everyone to the Association. MSC to change printed program as needed for the day.

The following ministers answered roll call: Reverend W. E. Brown, Reverend Marvin Castle, Reverend J. M. Creech, Reverend Billy Hanna, Reverend Joe Murkerson, Reverend Terry Pierce, Reverend M. C. Powell, Reverend Gary Smith, Reverend William Smith, Reverend Danny Thomas, Reverend Joseph Wallis and Reverend Rudy Woods.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Edith Shiver. The Moderator asked all standing and appointed delegates to stand. MSC to seat delegates.

Reverend Herbert and Geraldine Waid were recognized as visitors.

The Moderator appointed Reverend Joe Murkerson and Reverend Joe Wallis to the Budget and Finance Committee, Reverend Terry Pierce to the Camping Board and Wynelle Clower to the Resolutions Committee.

Brother Waid gave a report on the reconstruction for Camp Mount Bethel due to fire damage. He announced the dates for summer camp for all ages. The Moderator dismissed the Session for a twenty minute recess with prayer.

The congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven". Reports were given from various committees. Report #1, Mission Board Financial report read by Richard Hays and report #1-A, MSC to adopt both reports, Reverend William Smith gave an oral report for the Camping Board, MSC to accept as information.

Report #2, Resolutions Committee read by Wynelle Clower, MSC to accept report, Report #3, Credentials Committee read by Edith Shiver, MSC to accept, Report #4, Budget and Finance and Report #4-A, Treasurer's Report read by Malcom Freeman, MSC to adopt, Report #5, Ordaining Board read by Reverend Gary Smith, MSC to adopt, Report #6, Nominating Committee Report, read by Malcom Freeman, MSC to adopt, Report #5, Ordaining Board read by Reverend

Gary Smith, MSC to adopt, Report #6, Nominating Committee Report, read by Nadine Blanton, MSC to adopt report. All of the above reports are attached in numerical order.

Roy Dukes, a member of Hammock Springs announced that they had pews to give away if they were needed by any church. Announcements were as follows; Auxiliary Workshop at Patmos on March 5, 1994, Sunday School Convention at Blakely on March 12, 1994, State Auxiliary Retreat at Norman Park on March 18, 1994, and a Midway-Martin Missions Conference on April 17, 1994 to be held at First Freewill at Colquitt, Blakely First and New Light, services will be held on Sunday nights. Reverend William Smith gave a report on the FWB Bible College at Nashville. Reverend Terry Pierce gave a report on Double In a Decade, he stated that "Win Four in 94" would be the slogan.

The minutes were read for corrections and additions. MSC to adopt minutes. The Business Session ended at 11:00 a.m.

The Worship Service opened with the congregation singing "Victory In Jesus", Reverend Billy Hanna led in prayer. Special music entitled "The Mender Of Broken Wings" was rendered by Doug Bryan. An offering of \$103.00 was received.

The message was brought by Reverend Joe Buttgen. He read scriptures from Ephesians, Chapter 6:10-18. Brother Joe entitled his sermon, "Press Toward Heaven", he closed his message with prayer.

Reverend Gary Smith, pastor of the host church invited everyone to lunch. Reverend J. M. Creech dismissed with prayer, asking God's blessings on the lunch.

Respectfully submitted, Janice Temples, Clerk

REPORT NO. 1

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

October 2, 1993 to January 22, 1994

Balance Brought Forward Oct. 23	2669.45
Received from Midway Association Oct.23	<u>299.60</u>
Total In Checking	2969.05
Check to Foreign Missions	
For Linda & Nathan Snow	<u>500.00</u>
Total Balance in Checking	2469.05
October & November Interest In Now Acct.	13.08
Interest in Now Acct. Dec. 31	<u>6.33</u>
Total In Checking Jan. 22	2488.46
Renewal Gold Kist @ 4.1% C.D. Jan 22	5286.42
Interest for September	18.41
Interest for Oct., Nov. & Dec.	<u>54.82</u>
Total In C.D. Jan 22	5359.65
Total Balance In Treasury	<u>7848.11</u>

Respectfully Submitted, Richard Hays, Treasurer

REPORT #1-A, MISSION BOARD BUSINESS ITEMS

We the Mission Board recommend to send \$250.00 to Brother Mark Barber's mission account.

We the Mission Board recommend \$250.00 for the Camp Mt. Bethel Building Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Martin

Charles Drinkwater

Richard Hays

REPORT NO. 2

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Resolutions Committee resolve that on March 13, 1994, or sooner, each church receive a special offering for new building at Camp Mt. Bethel because of the fire; as this offering is urgently needed to begin construction.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Smith

Wynelle Clower

REPORT NO. 3

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Number of Churches with letters	14 + 2 reported late
Number of Churches with dues	13 + 3 reported late
Number of Pastors	14
Number of Deacons	12
Number of Church Delegates	31
 Total Delegates	 57
 Number of Lay Members	 9
Number of Visitors	4
Number of State Officers	5
 Total Present	 70

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Shiver

Voncille Musgrove

**REPORT NO. 4
MIDWAY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT
JANUARY 22, 1994**

Beginning Balance From October 23, 1993		176.57
Received From Churches		574.50
Received From Morning Offering		
Received In The Interim		
Designated Offering		
Total To Account		751.07
Payments:		
Moderator	30.00	
Clerk	30.00	
Mission Board	145.80	
Minutes Account	193.80	
Superannuates:		
Mrs. Mathel Barnes	25.00	
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00	
Rev. Damon Dodd	25.00	
Mrs. H. L. Knighton	25.00	
Mrs. S. T. Shutes	25.00	
Rev. Coy Watson	25.00	
State Assn Dues		
Camp Mt. Bethel Rebuilding	100.00	
Total Payments	649.60	
Balance		101.47

Minutes Account

Brought Forward	521.70
Received	193.80
Paid Out	715.50
Minutes Account Balance	0.00

Submitted by: Joe Murkerson, Joseph R. Wallis,
Malcom Freeman, Pat Freeman

**REPORT #4-A
MIDWAY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 23, 1993**

Beginning Balance From July 31, 1993	77.17
Received From Churches	1105.25
Received From Morning Offering	88.75
Received In the Interim	
Designated Offering (Women's Auxiliary Minutes)	50.00
Total To Account	1321.17

Payments:

Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Mission Board	299.60
Minutes Account	250.00

Superannuates:

Mrs. Mathel Barnes	25.00
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00
Rev. Damon Dodd	25.00
Mrs. H. L. Knighton	25.00
Mrs. S. T. Shutes	25.00
Rev. Coy Watson	25.00

State Assn Dues

(5 Delegates x \$15.00)	75.00
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National Assn. Dues	160.00
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Camp Mt. Bethel Rebuilding	150.00
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Total Payments	1144.60
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Balance**176.57***** * * * *****Minutes Account**

Brought Forward	271.70
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Received	250.00
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Paid Out

Minutes Account Balance	521.70
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Submitted by: Pat Freeman, Treasurer, R.H. Dukes, Helen Gilchrist**REPORT NO. 5****ORDAINING BOARD REPORT**

We the Ordaining Board of the Midway Association make the following recommendations:

1. We have received a letter of good standing from the South Mississippi Association for Reverend Joseph Buttgen, we recommend that he be received into the Association in full standing.
2. We recommend that Brad Hanna be ordained to preach the Gospel after examination.

Respectfully submitted,
Reverend Billy Hanna
Reverend J. M. Creech
Reverend M. C. Powell
Reverend Gary Smith

REPORT #6 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**We, the Nominating Committee recommend the following:
Reverend Joseph Wallis to the Ordaining Board and
Reverend Terry Pierce to the Camp Board.**

**Respectfully submitted,
Edward Kimbrel
Nadine Blanton**

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION - APRIL 23, 1994

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on April 23, 1994, at Macedonia FWB Church for the Second Session of the 96th year of the Association. The music was directed by Reverend J. M. Creech. Miss Melanie Henley was the pianist.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "To God be the Glory". Malcom Freeman led in prayer. The welcome was given by Reverend Marvin Castle, pastor of Macedonia Church. The morning devotional was given by Reverend Joe Wallis, he spoke on the "Grace of God", reading scriptures from Revelation chapter 12, verses 10 and 11. Reverend Wallis closed his message with prayer.

The Clerk, Mrs. Janice Temples, called the session to order and presented the Moderator, Leron Clower, who welcomed everyone to the Association. MSC to change printed program as needed for the day.

The following ministers answered roll call: Reverend W. E. Brown, Reverend Joe Buttgen, Reverend Marvin Castle, Reverend J. M. Creech, Reverend Billy Hanna, Reverend Melvin Moody, Reverend Joe Murkerson, Reverend Terry Pierce, Reverend M. C. Powell, Reverend William Smith, Reverend Joseph Wallis, and Reverend Rudy Woods.

The Clerk read a letter to the Association from Reverend and Mrs. Damon Dodd. Reverend Dodd asked for our prayers for Mrs. Dodd as she was receiving treatments for cancer. Reverend Billy Hanna led in a special prayer for the Dodds.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Edith Shiver. The Moderator asked that deacons, pastors and board members stand, he then called for delegates from each church to stand. MSC to seat delegates.

Mr. Earl Jordan from the Paul Palmer Conference was recognized as a visitor.

The Moderator made the following appointments: Mrs. Cindy Weaver and Reverend Melvin Moody to the Budget and Finance Committee and Mrs. Jean Ethridge to the Resolutions Committee.

The offertory prayer was given by Reverend David Harper. An offering of \$85.00 was received.

Reverend William Smith gave a report on Camp Mt. Bethel. He reported on the problems with the sewage system and told of the possible solutions that was being checked on. He reported that the Midway Association was top in giving

special offerings for Camp Mt. Bethel.

The meeting recessed for twenty (20) minutes.

The congregation sang "At The Cross". Reports were given. Reverend William Smith gave an oral report for the Camp Board. He stated that if Camp Mt. Bethel is not ready for the campers as scheduled, the Board will work on finding another place to have camp. Report #1, Budget and Finance read by Malcom Freeman, MSC to adopt. Report #1-A, Treasurer's Report, MSC to accept. Report #2, Mission Board Report read by Richard Hays, MSC to adopt. Report #2-A, Mission Board Business Item, MSC to adopt. Report #3 Credentials Report read by Edith Shiver, MSC to adopt. Report #4 Resolutions Report read by Martha Jenkins, MSC to adopt. Report #5, Ordaining Board Report read by Reverend Billy Hanna, MSC to adopt. All of the above reports are attached in numerical order.

Reverend Billy Hanna announced that his son, W. Bradley Hanna would be ordained into the ministry on June 5, 1994, at 6:30 p.m. at the First FWB Church in Albany, Georgia. He gave a special invitation for everyone to come.

The following was given as information. Reverend J. M. Creech gave a report on the Bible College, Reverend Billy Hanna gave a report on the National Sunday School Board, Reverend Joe Buttgen gave a report on the Victory Campaign and Reverend Terry Pierce gave a report on the Double In A Decade.

There was no old or new business. The minutes were read for corrections and additions. Reverend W. E. Brown closed the Business Session with prayer at 11:10 a.m.

The Worship Service opened with the congregation singing "Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus". Reverend Marvin Castle introduced his wife, Mrs. Debbie Castle to present special music "Thank You".

Reverend David Harper brought the message. He read Psalm 3 and spoke on "Victory In The Face Of Defeat". He closed his message with prayer.

Reverend Marvin Castle invited everyone to lunch. Reverend William Smith pronounced the Benediction and asked God's blessings on the lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Temple, Clerk

**REPORT #1
MIDWAY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT**

Beginning Balance From January 22, 1994	\$101.47
Received From Churches	601.50
Received From Morning Offering	85.00
Received In The Interim (Dues)	80.00
Received Form Morning Offering on 1-22-94	105.00
Designated Offering From S. School Conv. For Minutes	<u>50.00</u>
Total To Account	\$1022.97

Payments:

Moderator	\$30.00
Clerk	30.00
Mission Board	264.20
Minutes Account	250.00

Superannuates:

Mrs. Mathel Barnes	25.00
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00
Rev. Damon Dodd	25.00
Mrs. H. L. Knighton	25.00
Mrs. S. T. Shutes	25.00
Rev. Coy Watson	25.00

Camp Mt. Bethel Board 150.00

Total Payments 874.20

Balance 148.77

Minutes Account

Brought Forward	-0-
Received	250.00
Paid Out	-0-
Balance	250.00

Respectfully submitted,
Melvin Moody, Cindy Weaver, Malcom Freeman

REPORT #1-A
TREASURER'S REPORT
JANUARY 22, 1994

Beginning Balance From October 23, 1993 176.57

Received From Churches 574.50

Received From Morning Offering

Total To Account 751.07

Payments:

Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Mission Board	145.80
Minutes Account	193.80

Superannuates:

Mrs. Mathel Barnes	25.00
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00
Rev. Damon Dodd	25.00
Mrs. H. L. Knighton	25.00
Mrs. S. T. Shutes	25.00
Rev. Coy Watson	25.00

Camp Mt. Bethel Rebuilding 100.00

Total Payments 649.60

Balance 101.47

Minutes Account

Brought Forward	521.70
Received	193.80
Paid Out	715.50
Balance	-0-

Reverend Joe Murkerson, Reverend Joseph Wallis,
Mrs. Pat Freeman, Malcom Freeman

REPORT #2 MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 22 TO APRIL 23, 1994

Balance Brought Forward Jan. 22, 1994	2488.46
Check to State Office For Mission and Fire Fund Jan. 31, 1994	<u>500.00</u>
Balance In Checking	1988.46
Received From Midway Association Mar. 17, 1994	145.80
Received From Interest On Now Account (3% for 3 mos.)	<u>16.31</u>
Balance In Checking April 23, 1994	2150.57
Interest Received On Gold Kist Certificate @ 4.10% April 1, 1994	54.19
Principal In Gold Kist C. D.	<u>5359.65</u>
Balance In Gold Kist	5413.84
Balance In Treasury April 23, 1994	7564.41

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Haye, Treasurer

REPORT #2-A MISSION BOARD BUSINESS ITEM

The Mission Board recommends that the Association give \$500.00 to the account of Miss Debbie Griffin, Missionary to Japan.

The Mission Board recommends that the Association give Miss Priscilla Barnes, (daughter of Reverend Earnest Barnes, granddaughter of Mrs. Mathel Barnes) \$500.00 for summer Missionary work in Japan.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Martin
M. G. Shiver
Herman Irvin
Charles Drinkwater
Richard Hayes

REPORT #3 CREDENTIALS REPORT

Number of churches with letters	15
Number of churches with dues	15
Total dues from churches	\$601.50
Number of pastors	13
Number of deacons	11
Number of church delegates	32
Total delegates	56
Number of lay members	5
Number of visitors	3
Total present	64

Statistical Report

Sunday School Enrollment	916 (14 churches)
Average Attendance	742
C.T.S. Enrollment	383 (9 churches)
Average Attendance	287
Woman's Auxiliary	104 (9 churches)
Average Attendance	84
Master's Men	2
Average Attendance	36
Prayer Meetings	11
Average Attendance	285

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Voncile Musgrove, Mrs. Edith Shiver

REPORT #4 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee recommends that we give our host church, Macedonia, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Ethridge, Martha Jenkins

REPORT #5 ORDAINING BOARD REPORT

We received a letter from Patmos Church recommending Reverend David Harper be received into the Midway Association pending a letter of good standing from his former Association, (Martin), and the general information form to be completed.

Respectfully submitted,
Reverend Billy Hanna, Reverend J. M. Creech,
Reverend Joseph Wallis, Reverend M. C. Powell

Statement: The Ordination Service for W. Bradley Hanna has been set for June 5, 1994 at 6:30 p.m. at the First FWB Church of Albany.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION, JULY 30, 1994

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on July 30, 1994, at New Light FWB Church for the third session of the 96th year of the Association. Joan Morris was song director for the day and Joyce Bryant as the pianist.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "Victory In Jesus". Reverend Marvin Castle led in prayer. Reverend Terry Pierce, pastor of New Light gave the welcome.

Henrietta Brown sang "He Whispers Sweet Peace To Me". Reverend William Smith, pastor of Cedar Springs gave the devotional. He read scriptures from Matthew: 5:13-16. He closed his message with prayer.

Janice Temples, Clerk, called the session to order and presented the Moderator, Leron Clower. The Moderator welcomed everyone to the Association. A motion was made and carried to change the printed program as needed for the day.

The following ministers answered roll call; Reverend W. E. Brown, Reverend Joseph Buttgen, Reverend Marvin Castle, Reverend J. M. Creech, Reverend Billy Hanna, Dr. Irvin Hyman, Reverend Joe Murkerson, Reverend Terry Pierce, Reverend Gary Smith, Reverend William Smith, Reverend Danny Thomas and Reverend Joey Wilson.

A partial report of the credentials committee was given. MSC to seat delegates. The Moderator appointed Eleanor Sheffield and Myrtis Paul to the Budget and Finance Committee, and Juanita Parker to the Camp Board.

Oral reports were as follows: Reverend William Smith for Home Missions, Reverend Billy Hanna for the National Association and Reverend Joe Buttgen for the Victory Campaign. An offering of \$100.00 was received. The meeting was recessed for twenty (20) minutes.

The congregation sang "Jesus Is The Sweetest Name I Know". Reverend W.E. Brown led in prayer.

Report #1, Mission Board Financial Report read by Bill Lofton, MSC to adopt report. Report #2, Credentials read by Edith Shiver, MSC to accept report. Report #3, ORAL Camping Board Report given by Reverend William Smith, MSC to accept oral report. Dr. Irvin Hyman gave a report from Randall House Publications.

Report #4, Resolutions Report read by Martha Jenkins, MSC to accept. Report #5, Treasurer's Report read by Malcom Freeman, MSC to accept, report #5-A, Budget and Finance Report read by Malcom Freeman, MSC to adopt. Report #6, Ordaining Board, read by Reverend Gary Smith, MSC to adopt. Reports #1 thru #6 are attached in respective order, excluding report #3 which is an oral report.

Reverend J. E. Creech gave a report on the Free Will Baptist College. Reverend Terry Pierce announced that the Double In A Decade Rally would be on September 17, 1994 at Camp Mt. Bethel.

The Clerk, Janice Temples read a thank you note to the Association from the Traveler's Rest FWB Church acknowledging their help during the flood; financial, food, man power and supplies. MSC to give \$250.00 to Traveler's Rest FWB Church out of the Mission Board Treasury towards flood relief. Reverend Billy Hanna was asked to give a report on the members of his church that were affected by the July flood.

Reverend Joey Wilson announced that the next CTS rally would be at Macedonia on September 10, 1994, from 7 to 9 p.m. The Business Session ended at 11:10 a.m.

The Worship Service opened with the congregation singing "I Love To Tell The Story", Reverend Danny Thomas led in prayer. A congregational hymn, "Footsteps Of Jesus", was sung.

Special music was presented by Joan Morris, "I'm Glad I Know Who Jesus Is". The message was brought by Reverend Joey Wilson, he read scriptures from John 21, versus one thru five, and spoke on "Fishers Of Men". He closed his message with prayer.

Reverend Terry Pierce, pastor of the host church invited everyone to lunch. Reverend David Harper dismissed with prayer asking God's Blessings on the lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice TempleS, Clerk

**REPORT #1
MIDWAY MISSION BOARD
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance Brought Forward April 23	2157.57	
Check To State Office April 27		1000.00
Received From Midway Association	264.20	
Interest From N.O.W. Account July 9	12.79	
Balance In Checking	1427.56	
 Balance In C.D. at Gold Kist July 9	 5413.56	
Interest Accrued At 4.10	55.33	
 Total In Checking July 9	 1427.56	
Total In C.D.	5468.89	
 Total In Treasury	 6896.45	

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Hayes, Treasurer

REPORT #2 CREDENTIALS

Number of churches with letters	15
Number of churches with dues	15
Total dues from churches	644.50
Churches reporting late	1
Total dues of churches reporting late	15.00
Ministers present	12
Deacons present	9
Church delegates	29
Total delegates	50
Lay members present	22
Visitors	0
State Officers present	<u>0</u>
Total present	72

Statistical Report (1 Church reported late not included in statistics)

Sunday School Enrollment	934
Average Attendance	727
C.T.S. Enrollment	407
Average Attendance	295
Woman's Auxiliary	103
Average Attendance	85
Master's Men	36
Average Attendance	26
Prayer Meetings	14
Average Attendance	276

Respectfully submitted,
Voncille Musgrove
Edith Shiver

REPORT #4 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Whereas We as Free Will Baptists are committed to Family Values, therefore we do not support the causes of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Planned Parenthood of America and Education Fund. Since the AT&T and MIC, the major long distance Telephone Companies support the named above causes:

We encourage everyone to change their long distance carrier to America Vision Life Line and sign up for Georgia State Association of FW Baptist Cooperative Budget. The Cooperative Fund will benefit from the above.

2. Resolve that we give Traveler's Rest Church and the churches who helped them, a rising vote of appreciation for their monumental efforts to serve their community during the recent flood. We appreciate their example of how to be a light to the world.

3. That we give a rising vote of thanks to the people of New Light for their generous hospitality.

Submitted by,
Teresa Smith, Martha Jenkins

REPORT #5
MIDWAY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
APRIL 23, 1994

Beginning Balance From January 22, 1994	101.47
Received From Churches	601.50
Received From Morning Offering	85.00
Received In The Interim	
(offering 1/22/94 105) Dues 80.00	185.00
Designated Offering S. S. Convention For Minutes	<u>50.00</u>
Total To Account	1022.97

Payments:

Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Mission Board	264.20
Minutes Account	250.00

Superannuates:

Mrs. Mathel Barnes	25.00
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00
Rev. Damon Dodd	25.00
Mrs. H. L. Knighton	25.00
Mrs. S. T. Shutes	25.00
Rev. Coy Watson	25.00

Camp Board	150.00
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State Association Dues

Total Payments	874.20
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Balance	148.77
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Minutes Account

Brought Forward	0
Received	250.00
Paid Out	0
Minutes Account Balance	250.00

Submitted by: Melvin Moody, Cindy Weaver, Malcom Freeman

REPORT #5-A
MIDWAY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT
JULY 30, 1994

Beginning Balance From April 23, 1994	148.77
Received From Churches	644.50
Received From Morning Offerings	100.00
Received In The Interim (late dues)	50.00
Designated Offering	
Total To Account	<u>943.27</u>

Payments:

Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Mission Board	233.80
Minutes Account	

Superannuates:

Mrs. Mathel Barnes	25.00
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00
Rev. Damon Dodd	25.00
Mrs. H. L. Knighton	25.00
Mrs. S. T. Shutes	25.00
Rev. Coy Watson	25.00

Minutes Account	200.00
National Office Indebtedness	50.00
Midway District Camp Board	100.00
State Association Dues	
Total Payments	793.80

Balance	149.47
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Minutes Account

Brought Forward	250.00
Received	200.00
Paid Out	0
Minutes Account Balance	450.00

Submitted by: Myrtice Paul, Eleanor P. Sheffield,
Pat Freeman, Malcom Freeman

REPORT #6
ORDAINING BOARD

1. William Bradley Hanna was ordained on June 5, 1994, at the First FWB Church of Albany, Georgia.

2. Joey Wilson was ordained on July 24, 1994, at the First FWB Church of Albany, Georgia.

It is the recommendation of this committee that Reverend Michael Barton be dropped from the roll of ministers because he has not attended or communicated

with the Association. (he has not attended the Association in three (3) years)
Above recommendation MSC by the Midway Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Reverend Billy Hanna
Reverend J. M. Creech
Reverend Gary Smith

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION - OCTOBER 22, 1994

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on October 22, 1994, at New Enterprise FWB Church for the annual meeting of the 96th year of the Association. The music was directed by Ed Parker. Mrs. Pat Harrison was the pianist.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "Let's Just Praise The Lord". The welcome was given by Reverend Joe Murkerson, pastor of the host church. The devotional was given by John Thompson, a student from the FWB Bible College. He read scripture from Philippians 4:13 and gave his personal testimony. Mitch Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Griffin who attends the Bible College read scripture from I Corinthians, 10:13 and gave his personal testimony. Special music entitled "He" was given by Diana Murkerson, Melinda Murkerson, Wendy Skelly and Kirk Whitaker.

Mrs. Janice Temples, Clerk, called the session to order and presented the Moderator, Leron Clower. Malcom Freeman led in prayer. The Moderator welcomed everyone to the Association. A motion was made and carried to change the printed program as needed for the day.

The following ministers answered roll call:

W. E. Brown, Joseph Buttgen, J. M. Creech, Melvin Moody, Joe Murkerson, Terry Pierce, M. C. Powell, Gary Smith, William Smith, Joseph Wallis and Rudy Woods.

The Clerk read statements from Blakely Church and Enterprise Church requesting prayer for Reverend W. F. McDuffie and Reverend Coy Watson because they can not attend Association due to health reasons.

A partial report of the credentials committee was given. MSC to seat delegates. The Moderator welcomed all visitors to the Association. The following committee appointments were made: Reverend David Harper to the Mission Board; Joy Brackin and H. B. Lawson to Budget and Finance; Reverend Joe Buttgen to the Nominating Committee; Jorene Brown and Juanita Parker to the Placement Committee; Terra Smith and Juanita Lawson to the Obituary Committee.

Prayer was given by Reverend David Harper. An offering of 77.61 was received.

The Moderator appointed the following delegates for the State Association to be held at Albany First Church on November 17-19, 1994: Mary Griffin, Janice Temples, Wynelle Clower, Juanita Lawson and Edwina Drinkwater. The meeting was recessed for thirty minutes.

The following reports were given after recess. All reports are attached in numerical order.

Report #1, Mission Board Financial report read by Richard Hays, MSC to adopt report.

Report #2, Ordaining Board, read by Reverend Gary Smith, MSC to accept.

Report #3, Resolutions Report, read by Teresa Smith, MSC to accept.

Report #4, Oral Report

Report #5, Treasurer's Report, read by Malcom Freeman, MSC to accept.

Report #5-A, Budget and Finance report, read by Malcom Freeman, MSC to adopt.

Report #6, Credentials Report, read by Betty Day, MSC to accept.

Report #7, Obituary Committee Report, read by Juanita Lawson, MSC to adopt.

A moment of silence in memory of the deceased was held and Leron Clower led in prayer.

Report #8, Placement Committee, read by Juanita Parker, MSC to adopt.

Report #9, Nominating Committee, read by Reverend Joe Buttgen, MSC to adopt.

A report was given by Malcom Freeman on the State Mission Board, Reverend William Smith gave a report on the State Trustee Board.

Midway District Sunday School Convention Report was given by Henrietta Brown. The Association voted to contribute \$1,000.00 to the FWB Bible College to help purchase land to re-locate the Bible College. Prayer was given by Reverend Joe Wallis. MSC that the Clerk discontinue reading the minutes at the end of future sessions of the Midway Association. The clerk read the minutes. The Business Session ended at 11:10 a.m.

The Worship Service opened with the congregation singing "Family of God". The special music was presented by Ed and Mary Ann Parker, entitled, "My Tribute".

The message was brought by Reverend Gary Smith, he read scriptures from Mark 4:35-41, his message was entitled "Peace Be Still".

Reverend Joe Murkerson invited everyone to lunch. A prayer of blessings on the lunch and benediction was given by Reverend Horace Herndon.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Temples, Clerk

REPORT #1 MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

July 30, 1994	Balance Brought Forward	\$1427.56
July 30, 1994	Received From Midway Assoc.	233.80
July 30, 1994	Interest on N.O.W. Acct.	4.24
July 30, 1994	Balance In Checking	1665.60
August 5, 1994	Check To Traveler's Rest	-250.00
August 5, 1994	Balance In Checking	1415.60

October 22, 1994	Interest on N.O.W. Acct.	9.34
October 22, 1994	Balance on C.D.	5468.89
October 22, 1994	Interest Accrued @ 4.95%	60.91
October 22, 1994	Total Balance	6954.74

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Hays, Treasurer

REPORT #2 ORDAINING BOARD

We, the Ordaining Board of the Midway Association, were requested information from Reverend Horace Herndon of White Plains. We gave him a form to be filled out and mailed to us by the next Association Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. M. Creech
Rev. Gary Smith
Rev. Joe Wallace
Rev. M. C. Powell

REPORT #3 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Resolution #1

We resolve to encourage each Christian to vote in the upcoming election for Candidates who possess Christian values.

Resolution #2

We resolve to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their generous hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Jenkins
Teresa Smith

REPORT #5 TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 30, 1994

Beginning Balance April 23, 1994	148.77
Received From Churches	644.50
Received From Morning Offering	100.00
Received In The Interim (Late Dues)	50.00
Designated Offering	-0-
Total To Account	943.27
<u>Payments</u>	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Mission Board	233.80
Minutes Account	-0-

Superannuates

Mrs. Mathel Barnes	25.00
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00
Rev. Damon Dodd	25.00
Mrs. H. L. Knighton	25.00
Mrs. S. T. Shutes	25.00
Rev. Coy Watson	25.00

Minute Account 200.00

National Office 50.00

Midway District Camp Board 100.00

Total Payments 793.80

Balance 149.47

Minutes Account

Brought Forward	250.00
Received	200.00
Paid Out	-0-
Balance	450.00

Respectfully submitted,
Myrtice Paul, Eleanor Sheffield,
Malcom Freeman, Pat Freeman

REPORT #5-A
BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT
OCTOBER 22, 1994

Beginning Balance	149.47
Received From Churches	1354.25
Received From Morning Offering	77.61
Received In The Interim (Late Dues)	15.00
Designated Offering	-0-
Total To Account For	1596.33

Payments

Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Mission Board	304.74
Minutes Account	200.00

Superannuates

Mrs. Mathel Barnes	25.00
Mrs. Eva Clenney	25.00
Rev. Damon Dodd	25.00
Mrs. H. L. Knighton	25.00
Mrs. S. T. Shutes	25.00
Rev. Coy Watson	25.00

Albany First (Bible, Brad Hanna)	54.99
D. Griffin, Creech & Bishops	150.00

State Association Dues	75.00	
National Dues	400.00	
Total Payments	1394.73	
Balance		201.60

Minutes Account

Brought Forward	450.00
Received	200.00
Paid Out	-0-
Balance	650.00

Respectfully submitted,
Malcom Freeman, H. B. Lawson,
Pat Freeman, Joy P. Brackin

REPORT #6
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Number Of Churches With Letters	16
Total Dues From Churches	1354.25
Ministers Present	14
Deacons Present	8
Church Delegates	27
Total Delegates	49
Lay Members Present	8
Visitors	5
State Officers Present	0
Total Present	62

Statistical Report

Sunday School Enrollment	963
C.T.S. Enrollment	426
Woman's Auxiliary	111
Master's Men	37
Prayer Meetings	12

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Day, Voncile Musgrove

REPORT #7
OBITUARY COMMITTEE

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

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BORN</u>	<u>DIED</u>
Albany First	Donna H. Pruett	10/29/52	09/19/94

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BORN</u>	<u>DIED</u>
Blakely First	Minnie Cleveland	09/09/05	02/03/94
	Rose Duffell	07/11/26	03/03/94
Cedar Springs	Reba Lou Philemon		10/30/93
Enterprise	Zimmie Reed		12/ /93
Hammock Springs	Florence Temples		03/ /94
New Light	Joe M. Paul	04/05/11	08/17/94
	Thomas Paul	08/18/16	12/31/93
Oak Grove	Cecil Louis Houston	10/29/20	09/16/94
Patmos	Benjamin E. Griffin	04/12/38	10/17/93
	Ida Mae Peace	10/28/14	05/31/94
	Jim Victor Peace	01/11/08	07/12/94
Traveler's Rest	Troy Daniel Davis	10/03/23	06/30/94

Respectfully submitted,
Terra Smith, Juanita Lawson

REPORT #8 PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

The following churches will host the Midway Association Sessions in 1995:

Patmos	January 21, 1995
Traveler's Rest	April 22, 1995
White Plains	July 29, 1995
Albany First	October 21, 1995

Respectfully submitted,
Juanita Parker, Jorene Brown

REPORT #9 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee recommend the following:

1. Recommend that Reverend Terry Pierce serve on the State Camp Board replacing Brother Joey Wilson.
2. Reverend M. C. Powell requested that he be replaced on the Midway Association Ordaining Board, we recommend that Reverend Joseph Buttgen serve.

3. Leron Clower to be elected to serve as Moderator for 95-96.
Leron filled the unexpired term of Reverend Mark Barber, (Oct. 93 annual meeting thru Oct. 94 annual meeting)
4. Reverend David Harper to serve as Assistant Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Griffin, Reverend Joe Buttgen

**MIDWAY DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION MINUTES
MARCH 12, 1994
BLAKELY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

The Sunday School Convention was opened with a song led by Brother Jim Creech. Brother Leron Clower, President, called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and introduced Brother Alton Loveless of the National Sunday School Department as the instructor for the day. Brother Loveless' subjects for the first session were:

1. What is a Teacher?
2. The Ten Worst Listening Habits.
3. What Do We Gain By Listening?
4. Power Packed Words.

After a short break, our president, Brother Clower, appointed the following Committees:

Finance--Bobby Rish, William Smith and Rudy Wood

Placement--Nadine Blanton, J. M. Creech and Marvin Castle

Nomination--Malcom Freeman, Henrietta Brown and Wynelle Clower

Brother Loveless opened his next teaching session with prayer. He reminded us how much America has changed in the last ten years and that we as Americans can be foreign missionaries without leaving our homes. We must teach to Evangelize! The subjects for this session were:

5. Why Should I Teach?
6. Set Goals.
7. Knock On Doors.

The teaching session was closed with prayer by Brother Loveless.

Reports of Committees were given. (Copy of Reports attached)

Offering received was \$119.00.

In the closing session of the Meeting, Brother Waid expressed thanks for the Camp Fire Fund. Brother William Smith talked about how the Camp has been a blessing and there was a great need to rebuild the dining hall.

Edith Shiver, acting Secretary for the day, read an article from the Magazine, "The Poet's Pen", concerning a book of Christian Plays for sale by Doris B. Sheffield. Mrs. Shiver gave out copies of the book review.

The ten churches represented at this convention were:

Albany	Enterprise
Bainbridge	Macedonia
Bellview	New Enterprise
Blakely	New Light
Cedar Springs	Patmos

Each church represented with a fee of \$25.00.

Convention was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris B. Sheffield

MIDWAY DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORTS MARCH 12, 1994

1995-1996 Officers:

President: Henrietta Brown, Enterprise Church

Vice President: Eleanor Sheffield, Cedar Springs

Secretary: Joy Brackin, New Enterprise Church

Route 1, Box 1500

Brinson, Georgia 31725

Telephone: Home (912) 774-2208

Work (912) 524-2577

Treasurer: Charles Drinkwater, New Light

Program Committee:

Rev. Joe Buttgen, Blakely

Mrs. Dorothy Irvin, Albany

Mrs. Edwina Drinkwater, New Light

Rev. Rudy Woods, Bainbridge

Mr. Leron Clower, Patmos

Placement:

1995 Convention

Cedar Springs Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TREASURER'S REPORT

3/12/94

DATE	TRANSACTION	PAYMENT	DEPOSIT	BALANCE
3/12/94	Brought Forward			\$137.18
3/12/94	Offering/Conv.		\$94.00	\$231.18
3/12/94	Dues/Conv.		\$250.00	\$481.18
3/12/94	Rev. Alton Lovelace (Speaker)	\$250.00		\$231.18

DATE	TRANSACTION	PAYMENT	DEPOSIT	BALANCE
3/12/94	Doris Sheffield (Sec.)	\$30.00		\$201.18
3/12/94	Leron Clower (Pres.)	\$30.00		\$171.18
3/12/94	Midway Assoc. (Minutes)	\$50.00		\$121.18
3/12/94	Randall House Pub. (Lit./Cuba)	\$75.00		\$46.18

Submitted by: Bobby Rish

MIDWAY DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

The Midway District Women Active for Christ convened October 1, 1994, at Albany First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia for its annual convention.

Pianist for the day was Linda Griffin and song leader was Reverend Danny Thomas. The congregation joined in singing "Wonderful Words of Life". District President Marie Glover welcomed everyone to the meeting. Martha Everson prayed the opening prayer. Christine Daniel then welcomed the group to the Albany First Free Will Baptist Church. Mrs. Daniel led the group in a short game to get everyone involved in the activities of the day.

The offertory prayer was prayed by Marie Glover. The offering was received by Mary Sue Durden and Christine Daniel.

Reverend Danny Thomas sang "It Is No Secret" for special music.

Mrs. Lucy Hyman brought the devotional message using several verses to remind us that God's Word helps us receive the light that we need in our lives to help others become more aware of the light.

Delegates to the convention were seated and committees were appointed as follows:

Resolutions: Linda Griffin, Doris Grant, Henrietta Brown, Wynelle Clower,
Teresa Smith

Credentials: Christine Glover, Mary Griffin, Myrtice Paul

Registration: Margie Carter, Janice Temples, Eleanor Sheffield

Finance: Edwina Drinkwater, Doris Sheffield, Betty Day, Betty Creech,
Katie Rogers

Delegates to State Convention: Christine Wilson, Mary Griffin, Edwina
Drinkwater, Myrtice Paul, Doris Grant, Doris Sheffield, Darlene
Buttgen, Jennifer Wallis, Margie Carter, Betty Creech

Serve On State Nominating Committee: Doris Grant

Christine Wilson reported on the National WNAC Convention held in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Wynette Clower reported on the National Prayer Retreat held in Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

A partial report was given by the registration committee.

The special committee appointed to study the constitution and by-laws of the convention asked for another year due to changes that are forth coming from the National Convention. MSC.

MSC to accept the nomination of Nancy Wallis as Mission Action chairman. Nancy Wallis replaces Tina Brooks who was unable to serve.

MSC to accept the report of the Secretary.

MSC to adopt the Treasurer's report given by Edwina Drinkwater.

Following a short recess, the group reassembled and began to sing "Standing On The Promises", after which Martha Jenkins led in prayer.

President Marie Glover suggested to the Convention that dues be sent monthly rather than having to be paid all at one time.

The nominating committee for nominating officers for the term beginning in October 1995 were named. The members named were Christine Daniel, Chairman; Shirley Kimbrel; Henrietta Brown; Martha Jenkins; Myrtice Paul.

MSC to approve Finance Committee report given by Doris Sheffield.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Henrietta Brown. Resolution 1: to change dues to \$12.00 per member per year with \$10.00 to National WNAC, \$0.50 to State WNAC, and \$1.50 to District WNAC. MSC. Resolution 2: Give a rising vote of THANKS to Albany First WNAC for their hospitality. MSC.

MSC to accept Credential Committee report.

MSC to accept Registration Committee report.

Mission Action Chairman Nancy Wallis will let auxiliaries know plans at a later date.

Mission Chairman Betty Creech prepared prayer sheets listing special requests. Doris Grant prayed remembering these requests.

Mission Study Chairman Henrietta Brown reported on the workshop held at Patmos on March 5, 1994, with Jonna Carpenter as speaker. Mrs. Brown announced that the workshop for March 4, 1995, will meet at Bellview Free Will Baptist Church. Mrs. Brown suggested that each group have a book study during the year.

Field Worker Wynelle Clower reported being in contact with women from Berean and New Enterprise churches. Each church has a local meeting but have not affiliated with the District at this time.

Mary Griffin gave a report on Missionary to Japan Debbie Griffin.

Worship services began with Reverend Danny Thomas singing "He Has Been Faithful".

Speakers for the day were Missionaries to Japan Dale and Sandra Bishop. Sandra informed the group of the activities as a missionary wife. Brother Dale used for his sharing Psalm 119:105.

Services ended by singing "Thy Word".

MSC to omit District WNAC Constitution from the Midway District Minutes for the year 1994.

MSC that convention adopt the State Project for the year. This project will be decided at the State Convention in November 1994.

Dates to remember:

March 4, 1995-Midway District Workshop at Bellview Church at 9:30 a.m.

March 17, 18, 1995-State GWAC Prayer Retreat at Rock Eagle, Eatonton, Georgia.

October 7, 1995-Midway District Convention at Blakely First at 9:30 a.m.
The Secretary read the minutes for the day. MSC.
Meeting adjourned with prayer by Henrietta Brown.

Pat T. Freeman,
Midway District Secretary

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Auxiliary Name	No. Members Reported	Dues Reported
Albany First	17	\$ 182.75
Bellview	17	182.75
Blakely	10	107.50
Cedar Springs	11	118.25
Enterprise	6	64.50
Hammock Springs	10	197.50
Rueber Tabb (Macedonia)	4	43.00
New Light	12	129.00
Patmos	8	86.00
Travelers Rest	9	96.75
TOTALS REPORTED	104	\$1,118.00

Pat Freeman,
Midway District Secretary

Credentials Committee
Members
104

Dues Paid
\$1,118.00

Christine Daniel
Mary Griffin
Myrtice Paul

Finance Committee

Morning Offering **\$214.00**

We voted to give the Bishops, missionaries to Japan, \$200.00.
This will leave \$14.00 to go into the treasury.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris B. Sheffield, Edwina Drinkwater,
Betty Day, Betty Creech, Katie Rogers

**MIDWAY DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TREASURER'S REPORT 1993-1994**

Dues for <u>104</u> members @ \$10.50	\$1092.00
Co-Laborer	774.00
Emphasis Month	125.00
Foreign Student Sch.	20.00
Memorial Student Loan	41.00
National Building	110.00
State Project	<u>1194.31</u>
Total Auxiliary Disbursements	\$3356.31
<u>Missions</u>	
FWB BC Library	35.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	143.00
Alabama Children's Home	<u>185.00</u>
Total	363.00
<u>Foreign Missions</u>	
Laura Barnard Offering	348.80
Cuba Vision	100.00
D. Griffin	120.00
D. Bishop	130.00
A. Crowson	110.00
C. Hanna	34.00
Westfield Pastors	23.00
Bryan	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$875.80
<u>Home Missions</u>	
General Fund	\$100.00
Lizzie McAdams Offering	272.25
Mark Barber	<u>67.00</u>
Total	\$439.25
Spanish Literature	55.00
Missions Total	\$1733.05
Grand Total	\$5089.36
Brought Forward 10-01-93	\$95.17
Deposits	<u>5372.82</u>
(Annual Meeting 90.00)	\$5467.99
(Workshop 107.46)	

Disbursements:	
Designated funds	\$5089.36
Malcom Freeman (Minutes)	50.00
Laverne Mock (gift returned)	25.00
Jonna Carpenter (Workshop speaker)	75.00
Total Disbursements:	5239.36
Balance On Hand	228.63

Respectfully submitted,
Nadine Blanton
Midway Auxiliary District Treasurer

Registration Committee

Albany First	9
Bellview	5
Blakely	4
Cedar Springs	5
Enterprise	3
Hammock Springs	5
New Light	2
Patmos	3
Travelers Rest	4
TOTAL DELEGATES	40
Visitors	3
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	43

Margie Carter
Eleanor Sheffield
Janice Temples

Resolutions Committee

RESOLVED:

1. That dues be \$12.00 per member per year of which \$10.00 would go to National WNAC, \$0.50 to State WNAC, and \$1.50 would be for the Midway District WNAC.
2. To give a rising vote of THANKS to the Albany First WNAC for their hospitality in hosting today's meeting.

Linda Griffin, Teresea Smith,
Doris Grant, Wynelle Clower,
Henrietta Brown

Nomination Committee Report

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the name of Mrs. Nancy Wallis of Travelers Rest Church to the office of Mission Action Chairman. This is to replace Mrs. Tina Brooks who is unable to serve.

Respectfully submitted:
Eleanor P. Sheffield, Edith Shiver,
Shirley Kimbrel, Gloria Henley
Christine Daniel

Constitutional Study Committee

We, the committee appointed to examine our present Constitution and By-Laws, for the purpose of clarification, hereby requests an extension until District Meeting 1995. There have been significant changes on the National and State levels, therefore affecting the local district as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Shiver
Betty Day
Eleanor Sheffield

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 auxiliary 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 School 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 Program Committee of five. The elected officers shall

constitute the Executive Board of the convention which shall act when convention is not in session.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

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

ARTICLE VI - TIME AND PLACE OF CONVENTION

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

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

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

ARTICLE VII - FINANCES AND REPORTS

- (1) Each Sunday School shall pay a fee of \$25.00 annually.
- (2) A Free Will Offering shall be received at each convention.
- (3) Each Sunday School shall bring to the convention a written report of enrollment, average attendance, and accomplishments during the current year.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

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

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

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

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

ARTICLE II - OFFICERS

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

(2) The installation of Officers shall be the last item of business at the convention.

ARTICLE III - MEETING

(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 the 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 of the office.

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

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

Revision Committee
Leron Clower
Edith Shiver
for Reedy Servance

CONSTITUTION of the Midway District Association 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 Chairman of the various boards which shall serve as the association out of session.

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

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS: The meeting of this association shall be the Saturdays before the fourth Sunday in January, 9 o'clock thru 12 o'clock noon; April, 9 o'clock thru 12 o'clock noon; October, 9 o'clock thru 12 o'clock noon; and the Saturday after the fourth Sunday in July, 9 o'clock thru 12 o'clock noon, followed with lunch by the host church.

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 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. Applications 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 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 reflected 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 Mission 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, involved in a pastoral ministry, or 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 or been involved in a pastoral ministry for at least six (6) months prior to ordination, six (6) months pastoring or pastoral ministry during the one year tenure of licensing will be accepted as a prerequisite for ordaining.

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 re-elected 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: After payments to the moderator, the clerk, and the superannuates, 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 the 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 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 association 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 new session. The proposed amendment or alternation 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.