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

~ 97th Year ~

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1996 Sessions
to Convene with

Bellview - January 27, 1996

Berean - April 27, 1996

Bainbridge - August 3, 1996

Blakely First - October 26, 1996

Session Time: 9:00 a.m.

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Mr. Marshall Day (95)
Mr. Joe Martin (85)
Mr. Charles Drinkwater (92)

Resolutions Committee:

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

Budget And Finance Board

Members:

Reverend Joe Murkerson (95)
Mrs. Edwina Drinkwater (95)

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 Walter Baxley (95)
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 Reverend Terry Pierce (94)
 Mr. Rod Goodman (95),
 Mr. Kirk Whitaker (95)

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Mission Board-Malcom Freeman
 Trustee Board-Reverend William Smith
 Camp Board-Reverend Terry Pierce
 Christian Education- Bill Lofton

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 Eleanor Sheffield (92) for term 93-96 Vice President
 Joy Brackin (94) for term 95-96 Secretary
 Charles Drinkwater (94) for term 95-96..... Treasurer

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1996 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MIDWAY DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

January 27, 1996 Bellview
April 27, 1996 Berean
August 3, 1996 Bainbridge
October 26, 1996 Blakely First

MIDWAY DISTRICT GEORGIA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

November 13, 1996, GWAC State Convention
at Calvary FWB Church, Columbus, GA

March 2, 1996, Midway District GWAC Workshop
at Cedar Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Cedar Springs, GA

March 15-16, 1996, State Prayer Retreat
Norman Park Assembly, Norman Park, GA

July 17, 1996, National WNAC Convention, Fort Worth, TX
September 13-14, 1996, WNAC National Retreat, Ridgecrest
October 5, 1996, Midway District GWAC Convention,
Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church, Blakely, GA

MIDWAY DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

1996 Convention New Light Date to be announced

STATE ASSOCIATION

November 14-16, 1996 Calvary FWB Church
6165 Billings Road, Columbus, GA 31909
706-563-7031

FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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
2004	Kansas City, Missouri	July 18-22

First Quarterly Session, January 21, 1995

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on January 21, 1995, at Patmos Free Will Baptist Church for the First Session of the 97th year of the Association. Bobby Rish was song leader for the day and Jennifer Wallis was pianist.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "Heavenly Sunlight". Reverend Rudy Woods led in prayer. The congregation sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer". The welcome was given by Reverend David Harper, pastor of Patmos Church.

The morning devotional was presented by Leron Clower. His message was entitled "Who Am I", he read scripture from Psalm 8. Leron closed his message with prayer.

The clerk, Mrs. Janice Temples, called the session to order and presented the Moderator, Leron Clower. The Moderator 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 J. M. Creech, Reverend Rudy Woods, Dr. W. Irvin Hyman, Reverend Melvin Moody, Reverend Joe Murkerson, Reverend Terry Pierce, Reverend M. C. Powell, Reverend William Smith, and Dr. Joseph Wallis.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Edith Shiver. MSC to seat delegates.

The Moderator appointed Jean Ethridge and Mary Easom to the Budget and Finance Committee, and Nadine Blanton to the Resolutions Committee.

Reverend Pierce announced plans are in the making for a Midway Mission Conference and invited all churches to participate. Reverend J. M. Creech gave an update on the Bible College.

Prayer was given in Remembrance of Mrs. H. L. Knighton and Mrs. Eva Clenney. An offering of \$116.60 was received. The meeting was recessed for thirty (30) minutes.

The congregation sang "What A Day That Will Be". Prayer was given by Reverend M. C. Powell. Reverend William Smith gave an oral report on Camp Mt. Bethel. He announced that Junior Camp will be June 11, 1995, at Kolomoki.

Report #1, Credentials Report read by Edith Shiver, MSC to accept report. Report #2, ORAL REPORT, given by Reverend J. M. Creech, MSC to adopt report. Report #3, Mission Board Financial read by Richard Hays, MSC to adopt report. Report #4, Resolutions read by Nadine Blanton, she reminded all of the churches to send in Resolutions, MSC to accept report. Report #5, Treasurer's Report read by Malcom Freeman, MSC to accept. Report #5-A, Budget and Finance read by Malcom Freeman, MSC to adopt.

Reverend William Smith announced that the State Board of Trustees would not do anything about a new State Office until the Camp was settled. The Clerk, Janice Temples read a letter of thanks from Reverend and Mrs. Damon Dodd and Melinda Murkerson. Dr. Irvin Hyman spoke on the Sunday School literature available from Randall House. MSC for Reverend W. F. McDuffie to receive superannuation from the Midway Association effective January 21, 1995. Reverend McDuffie's church, Blakely First is to send a letter of recommendation for him to receive superannuation retroactive to January, 1995.

Announcements were as follows: District CTS Competition will be on April 29, 1995; students will be here from the FWB Bible College on February 19, 1995, available to speak in churches and New Light FWB will have revival on April 9th through 12th, 1995. Reverend Kent Barwick will be the Evangelist.

The Business Session ended at 10:45 a.m. Reverend Melvin Moody closed the session with prayer.

The Worship Service opened with the congregation singing "Victory In Jesus". Reverend David Harper led in prayer. "At Calvary" was sung by the congregation. Special music was presented by the youth of Patmos Church. Their music selections were entitled "I'm Too Near Home", and "From The Inside Out".

The message was brought by Dr. Joseph Wallis. He read scripture from Genesis, Chapter 5: Verses 17-24. The title of his message was, "Enoch Walked With God". Brother Wallis opened and closed his message with prayer.

Reverend David Harper, pastor of the Patmos Church invited everyone to lunch and dismissed with prayer, asking God's blessings on the lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Temples, Clerk

REPORT NO. 1 - CREDENTIALS REPORT

15 Churches reporting with letters and dues of	\$620.50
Ministers present	13
Deacons present.....	12
Church delegates	33
Total delegates.....	59
Lay members present.....	14
Visitors	3
State officers present	
Total present	81

Statistical Report

Sunday School enrollment.....	907
Average attendance	708
C.T.S. enrollment	387
Average attendance	294
Woman's Auxiliary.....	92
Average attendance	74
Master's Men	37
Average attendance	26
Prayer Meetings.....	11
Average attendance	289

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Shiver, Voncille Musgrove

REPORT NO. 3 - MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Oct. 22, 1994 to Jan. 21, 1995

October 22, 94	Balance brought forward.....	\$1,427.56
October 26, 94	Check to State for purchase of Bible College land	1,000.00
November 30, 94	Recd. from Midway Association	304.74
	Balance in checking	732.20
January 21, 95	Interest accrued in N.O.W. Account.....	4.44
	Total balance in checking	736.74
January 21, 1995	Balance in Gold Kist C.D.	5,529.80
	Total balance in Treasury.....	6,266.54

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Hays, Treasurer

Note: The Midway Association Mission Board disbursed \$2,750.00 in 1994 to various churches and organizations.

**REPORT NO. 4
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolutions Number 1:

That we give Patmos Church a rising vote of thanks for the gracious hospitality extended to us in this session.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Jenkins, Nadine Blanton

**REPORT #5
TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 22, 1994**

Beginning Balance	149.47
Received From Churches	1,354.25
Received From Morning Offering.....	77.61
Received In The Interim.....	15.00
Designated Offering	
Total To Account	1,596.33
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, Bishop	150.00
State Assn. Dues.....	75.00
National Dues	400.00
4 Bible College Students	100.00
Total Payments	1,494.73
Balance	101.60

MINUTES ACCOUNT

Brought Forward	450.00
Received	200.00
Paid Out.....	-0-
Minutes Account Balance	650.00

H.B. Lawson, Joy Brackin
Mrs. Pat Freeman , Malcom Freeman

REPORT NO. 5-A
BUDGET AND FINANCE
JANUARY 21, 1995

Beginning balance from October 22, 1994	\$101.60
Received from churches	620.50
Received from morning offering	116.60
Total to account	838.00

Payments:

Moderator	\$30.00
Clerk	30.00
Mission Board	230.00
Minutes account	150.00

Superannuates:

Mrs. Mathel Barnes	25.00
Reverend Damon Dodd	25.00
Mrs. S.T. Shutes	25.00
Reverend Coy Watson	25.00
Reverend W.F. McDuffie	25.00
Bible college Land	50.00
Debbie Griffin Account	50.00
Dale Bishop Account	50.00
Kathy Durden Account	50.00

Total payments	\$765.84
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Balance in Treasury	\$72.86
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MINUTES ACCOUNT

Brought forward	\$650.00
Received	150.00
Minutes Account Balance	800.00

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jean Ethridge, Mary Easom,
 Pat Freeman, Malcom Freeman

Second Quarterly Session, April 22, 1995

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on April 22, 1995, at Travelers Rest FWB Church for the Second Session of the 97th year of the Association. The music was directed by Reverend Joseph Wallis. Miss Jennifer Wallis was the pianist.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "Heavenly Sunlight". Reverend David Harper led in prayer. The welcome was given by Reverend

Wallis, pastor of Travelers Rest Church. Special music entitled "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" was presented by Jennifer Wallis. Brother Fred Warner, Director of Missionary Church Relations told of Brother Eugene Waddell, General Director of Foreign Missions, going to Russia and the work that was going on there. He requested prayer for Paul Creech due to his recent surgery.

The Clerk, Mrs. Janice Temples, called the session to order and presented the Moderator, Leron Clower, who welcomed everyone to the Association. The following ministers answered roll call: Reverend M. C. Powell, Reverend W. E. Brown, Reverend Joe Buttgen, Reverend J. M. Creech, Reverend David Harper, Reverend Joe Murkerson, Reverend Terry Pierce, Reverend William Smith, Reverend Joseph Wallis, and Reverend Rudy Woods.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Edith Shiver. The Moderator asked all delegates to stand, MSC to seat delegates. Brother Fred Warner from the National Office was recognized as a visitor. The Moderator made the following committee appointments: Placement, Eleanor Sheffield, H. B. Lawson and Edward Kimbrel; Resolutions, Nelda Goolsby and Edwina Drinkwater; Budget and Finance, Reverend M. C. Powell.

A thank you note was read from W.F. and Grace McDuffie by the Clerk and an oral report was given by Reverend Joe Buttgen on their physical condition. Prayer was given by Leron Clower thanking God for the memories of the work of Reverend W.F. and Grace McDuffie.

The following oral reports were given: FWB Bible College, Reverend J. M. Creech, Camp Mt. Bethel, Reverend William Smith and Mrs. Edith Shiver gave comments about the EPD.

The offertory prayer was given by Brother Malcom Freeman. An offering of \$90.41 was received. The meeting recessed for twenty (20) minutes.

The congregation sang "Farther Along". Prayer was given by Reverend Joe Murkerson. Reports were given. Report #1, Mission Board Treasury read by Richard Hayes, MSC to adopt. Report #2, Budget and Finance, read by Malcom Freeman, MSC to adopt. Report #2-A, Treasurer's Report, read by Malcom Freeman, MSC to accept. Report #3 Resolutions, read by Edwina Drinkwater, MSC to adopt, on Resolution #1, Reverend William Smith made a motion that each church in the Midway Association that could to give an offering for the purchase of land for the Bible College and to give the offering to Malcom Freeman to be mailed to Coop, MSC. Brother Smith suggested that this be announced again at the July, 95 Session and each church could bring their offering to the October, 95 Session. Report #4 Placement Committee, read by Eleanor Sheffield, MSC to accept report as information. Report #5, Final Credentials Report read by Edith Shiver, MSC to accept report.

Malcom Freeman gave a report from the State Mission Board, and Reverend Terry Pierce gave a report on Double in a Decade.

A motion was made to give \$500.00 to Foreign Mission out of the Mission Board Treasury, MSC.

The Business Session ended at 10:55 a.m.

The Worship Service opened with the congregation singing "Heaven Came

Down". Reverend Rudy Woods led in prayer. Special music was presented by Jennifer Wallis.

Brother Fred Warner brought the message. He read scriptures from Matthew 28:18, 19, 20. His message was entitled "The Great Commission". He stated that the only thing that will save our churches is a revival of prevailing prayer. Brother Warner closed his message with prayer.

Reverend Terry Pierce pronounced the Benediction and asked God's blessings on the lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Temples, Clerk

REPORT #1
MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT
JANUARY 21, TO APRIL 23, 1995

Balance Brought Forward Jan. 21, 1995	736.74
Interest from N.O.W. February 4, 1995.....	2.41
Interest from N.O.W. March 3, 1995.....	2.27
Interest from N.O.W. April 23, 1995.....	2.68
Balance In Checking.....	744.10
Balance forward in C.D. April 23, 1995.....	5,529.80
Balance In Treasury	6,273.90
Interest in C.D. @ 4.95% for 2 quarters (6 mos.).....	137.33
Total in Treasury.....	6,411.23

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Hays, Treasurer

Jan. 21, 1995 funds received today.....	230.84
Balance in checking.....	744.10
Total balance in checking	974.94
Balance in C.D.....	6,667.13
Total in Treasury.....	6,642.07

REPORT #2
BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT
APRIL 22, 1995

Beginning Balance From January 21, 1995.....	72.86
Received From Churches.....	457.00
Received From Morning Offering	90.41
Received In The Interim (Late Dues)	50.00
Designated Offering (Minutes Acc. 50.00)	50.00
Total To Account.....	720.27

Payments:	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Mission Board	164.96
Minutes Account	175.00
Superannuates:	
Mrs. Mathel Barnes	25.00
Rev. Damon Dodd	25.00
Mrs. S. T. Shutes	25.00
Rev. W. F. McDuffie	25.00
Mrs. Coy Watson	25.00
Debbie Griffin Acc	50.00
Foreign Mission	50.00
Camp Board	50.00
Total Payments	674.96
Balance	45.31

MINUTES ACCOUNT

Brought Forward	800.00
Received (S.S. Convention \$50 125.00)	175.00
Paid Out to Ink Spot	715.50
Balance	259.50

Reverend M.C. Powell
Mrs. Pat Freeman , Malcom Freeman

REPORT #2-A TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY 21, 1995

Beginning Balance From October 22, 1994	101.60
Received From Churches	620.50
Received From Morning Offering	116.60
Total To Account	838.70
Payments:	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Mission Board	230.84
Minutes Account	150.00
Superannuates:	
Mrs. Mathel Barnes	25.00
Rev. Damon Dodd	25.00
Mrs. S. T. Shutes	25.00
Rev. Coy Watson	25.00
Rev. W. F. McDuffie	25.00
Bible College Land	50.00
Debbie Griffin	50.00
Bishop Account	50.00
Kathy Durden	50.00
Total Payments	765.84
Balance	72.86

MINUTES ACCOUNT

Brought Forward.....	650.00
Received	150.00
Paid Out	
Minutes Account Balance.....	800.00

Mary Easom, Jean Ethridge
Pat Freeman , Malcom Freeman

REPORT #3

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved that the Midway Association purchase at least one acre of land for the FWB Bible College, with each church participating as they can.

We resolve to give a rising vote of thanks to the people of Travelers Rest Church for their generous hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernelda Goolsby, Edwina Drinkwater

REPORT #4

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, the Placement Committee submit the following report: We recommend that the next quarterly meeting on July 29, 1995 be hosted by Cedar Springs FWB Church.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. Lawson, Edward Kimbrel,, Eleanor Sheffield

REPORT #5

Churches reporting with letters and dues of <u>14</u> **	\$457.00
Minister Present.....	9
Deacons Present.....	13
Church delegates.....	21
Total delegates.....	43
Lay members present.....	5
Visitors.....	6
Total present	54

** Two Churches reported late (not included in the above figures and statistics)

Statistical report

Sunday School Enrollment	665
Average Attendance.....	491
C.T.S. Enrollment.....	259
Average Attendance.....	205
Woman's Auxiliary	95
Average Attendance.....	72
Master's Men.....	8
Average Attendance.....	7
Prayer Meetings.....	10
Average Attendance.....	191

Respectfully submitted,
Voncile Musgrove, Edith Shiver

Third Quarterly Session, July 29, 1995

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on July 29, 1995, at Cedar Springs FWB Church for the third session of the 97th year of the Association. Kirk Whitaker and Randy McDuffie were song leaders for the day. Diana Whitaker was the pianist.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven". Reverend Rudy Woods led in prayer. The devotion was given by Mitch Griffin. He read scriptures from the 12th Chapter of Hebrews. He spoke on how we can believe, embrace, and make a difference in the world.

Janice Temples, Clerk, called the session to order and presented the Moderator, Leron Clower. The Moderator welcomed everyone to the Association.

The following ministers answered roll call; Reverend W. E. Brown, Reverend Joe Buttgen, Reverend J. M. Creech, Reverend Billy Hanna, Reverend David Harper, Dr. Irvin Hyman, Reverend Melvin Moody, Reverend Joe Murkerson, Reverend Terry Pierce, 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. MSC to seat delegates by an uplift of hands.

Reverend and Mrs. Bill Evans from the National Office and Mr. Earl Jordan, Paul Palmer Conference, were recognized as visitors. The Moderator appointed Miss Nadine Blanton to the Budget and Finance Committee and Mrs. Jean Ethridge to the Resolution Committee.

Reverend Bill Evans gave comments on retirement and insurance, he challenged all churches to contribute toward retirement for their pastors. Reverend David Harper told of National Winners from our churches in the Midway Association at the National Youth Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. He announced that a youth rally would be September 23, 1995 at 2 p.m. at the Patmos Church with inspirational activity, fun, games and supper. Dr. Joseph Wallis reported on the three phases of the relocation of the FWB Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee. The Moderator, Leron Clower, reminded all present to bring the offering from their church to the annual October, 1995 session for the purchase of an acre of land for the Bible College.

An offering of \$117.90 was received. Prayer was given by Reverend Joe Murkerson. The meeting was recessed for twenty minutes.

The congregation sang "Joy Unspeakable". Dr. Hyman reported on literature from Randall Publishing House. Reverend Terry Pierce reported on Double In A Decade.

Reports were given. Report #1, Ordaining Board, read by Reverend Gary Smith, MSC to adopt. Report #2, Camping Board read by Reverend William Smith, MSC to adopt report, Brother William Smith commented that the Constitution of the Midway Association did not authorize the Camp Board or any board to be in charge of associational monies. The Moderator, Leron Clower, appointed a committee of Mr. Malcom Freeman, Reverend William Smith, Reverend Billy Hanna, and Mr. Charles Drinkwater, to study the

possibility of all association monies to be handled by the association treasurer. This committee is to present a recommendation to the association on this matter at the annual session, October, 1995. The Moderator expressed sadness at the loss of Mr. Richard Hays and led in a moment of silent meditation followed by prayer. He gave tribute for the associational work Mr. Hays did on the Mission Board. Report #3, Mission Board, read by Bill Lofton, MSC to adopt. The Mission Board reported that a member of Oak Grove FWB Church met with them to request monies to help repair the church. A motion was made and seconded to give an offering. Motion was defeated. Report #4, Treasurer's Report read by Malcom Freeman, MSC to accept. Report #4-A, Budget and Finance read by Malcom Freeman, MSC to adopt report. Report #5, Credentials, read by Edith Shiver, MSC to accept. Report #6, Resolutions, read by Martha Jenkins, MSC to accept.

Reverend William Smith gave a report on Mr. Bethel. Reverend Walter Baxley thanked everyone for the warm welcome he and Jan were given and stated that he had accepted pastorate at White Plains Church.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Terry Pierce at 10:55 a.m.

The worship service opened with the congregation singing, "Victory In Jesus". Prayer was given by Reverend Gary Smith. The congregation sang "Redeemed.". Special music, "I'm So Thankful", and "Just A Little Talk With Jesus", was presented by Tara Smith, Diana Whitaker, Kirk Whitaker and Randy McDuffie.

The message was brought by Reverend Bill Evans. He read scripture from Matthew 5:1-12, he closed his message with prayer.

Reverend William Smith, pastor of the host church, invited everyone to lunch. Reverend Danny Thomas pronounced the benediction and asked God's blessings on the lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Temples, Clerk

REPORT #1 ORDAINING BOARD

1. We recommend that we go ahead and vote to give Brother Joe Wallis a letter of good recommendation when requested by the Clerk of the Association he is moving to. The Midway Association Clerk will notify each member of the Ordaining Board that this letter was requested and mailed upon above action.

2. Concerning a request for a letter of good standing on Reverend Mark Barber from the South Carolina State Home Mission Board. The Ordaining Board recommends a letter be sent to the South Carolina State Mission informing them that letters of good standing are sent only to local associations upon request.

3. Recommend that a letter of good standing be sent to the West Fork Association for Reverend Brad Hanna after receiving a request from the West Fork Association.

4. Recommend that we accept Rod Goodman into our association pending a letter of good standing from the Portland Association and completion of questionnaire from the ordaining board.

5. Recommend that we accept Reverend Walter Baxley into our association upon a letter of good standing from the Martin Association.

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

**REPORT #2
CAMP BOARD REPORT
MIDWAY-MARTIN YOUTH CAMP**

Balance Brought Forward \$729.67

2-20	#167 Kolomoki Mounds State Park-Deposit	300.00
6-9	Deposit-New Light, Cedar Springs, Mt. Gilead & Hebrew @ 100.00, Midway Association 50.00 Camper Fees 25.00	700.00
6-9	#168 Cash - Canteen	150.00
6-11	#169 Pizza Hut - Supper	233.10
6-12	#170 Kolomoki Mounds State Park-Cleaning Deposit	100.00
6-14	#171 Toms - Chips	13.68
6-14	#172 Kolomoki Mounds State Park - Museum	18.50
6-15	Deposit-Macedonia, Patmos, White Plains & Blakely @ 100.00, Camp Fees & Canteen 3,960.00	4,360.00
6-15	#173 Dollar General Store - Banquet Supplies	18.82
6-15	#174 Jeff Brazwell - Lifeguard	200.00
6-16	#175 Rod Goodman - Evangelist	200.00
6-16	#176 Kolomoki Mounds State Park-Balance of Rent	1,212.00
6-16	#177 Harvey's - Food & Canteen	569.58
6-16	#178 Terry Pierce - Food, Canteen, & Games	362.24
6-16	#179 William Smith - Sams, Food & Canteen	1,144.94
6-27	Deposit-Bellview @ 100.00, Camp Fees & Canteen 461.00	561.00
7-8	#180 Melinda Murkerson	125.00
7-8	#181 Mitch Griffin	125.00
7-8	#183 Justin Thomas	125.00
7-11	Deposit-Albany @ 100.00, Donalsonville @ 50.00	150.00

Closing Balance \$1,602.81

Savings Account \$1,294.36

Camper - Spend the night 78

Day Campers 2

Staff 15

REPORT NO. 3
MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in Checking Account	\$480.81
(Peoples Bank in Colquitt, GA)	
Amount in Gold Kist Certificate.....	5,737.07

Respectfully submitted,
M. G. Shiver, Joe Martin,
Charles Drinkwater, Bill Lofton

REPORT NO. 4
MIDWAY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
APRIL 22, 1995

Beginning Balance From January 21, 1995.....	72.86
Received From Churches.....	457.00
Received From Morning Offering	90.41
Received In The Interim (Late Dues)	50.00
Designated Offering (Minutes Acc. 50.00)	50.00
Total To Account.....	720.27
Payments:	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Mission Board.....	164.96
Minutes Account.....	175.00
Superannuates:	
Mrs. Mathel Barnes	25.00
Rev. Damon Dodd	25.00
Mrs. S. T. Shutes.....	25.00
Rev. W. F. McDuffie	25.00
Mrs. Coy Watson.....	25.00
Debbie Griffin Acc.	50.00
Foreign Mission	50.00
Camp Board	50.00
Total Payments	674.96
Balance	45.31

MINUTES ACCOUNT

Brought Forward.....	800.00
Received (S.S. Convention \$50+125.00)	175.00
Paid Out	715.50
Balance	259.50

Reverend M.C. Powell,
Mrs. Pat Freeman,
Malcom Freeman

REPORT NO. 4-A
MIDWAY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT
JULY 29, 1995

Beginning Balance From April 22, 1995	45.31
Received From Churches	674.50
Received From Morning Offering.....	117.90
Received In The Interim (Late Dues 199.50+18.00)	217.50
Total To Account	1,055.21
Payments:	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Mission Board	329.96
Minutes Account	175.00
Superannuates:	
Mrs. Mathel Barnes	25.00
Rev. Damon Dodd.....	25.00
Mrs. S. T. Shutes	25.00
Rev. W. F. McDuffie.....	25.00
Mrs. Coy Watson.....	25.00
Debbie Griffin	150.00
Bible College Land.....	100.00
Total Payments	939.96
Balance	115.25

MINUTES ACCOUNT

Brought Forward	259.50
Received	175.00
Paid Out.....	-0-
Balance	434.50

Reverend M.C. Powell
Mrs. Pat Freeman , Malcom Freeman

REPORT NO. 5 - CREDENTIALS REPORT

16 Churches reporting with letter and dues of	\$674.50
Ministers present	17
Deacons present.....	11
Church delegates	29
Total delegates.....	57
Sunday School Statistics	
Sunday School Enrollment.....	876
Average Attendance	628
C.T.S. Enrollment.....	393
Average Attendance	293

Woman's Auxiliary	105
Average Attendance.....	79
Master's Men.....	35
Average Attendance.....	26
Prayer Meetings	11
Average Attendance.....	313

Respectfully submitted,
Agnes Jordan, Edith Shiver

REPORT NO. 6 RESOLUTIONS REPORT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Jenkins, Jean Ethridge

Annual Association, October 21, 1995

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on October 21, 1995, at Albany First FWB Church for the annual meeting of the 97th year of the Association. The music was directed by Danny Thomas. Mrs. Lucy Hyman was the organist and Mrs. Diana Whitaker was pianist.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name". The welcome was given by Reverend Billy Hanna, pastor of the host church. Reverend David Fite gave the devotion reading scripture from First Samuel, he closed his message with prayer.

Mrs. Janice Temples, Clerk, called the session to order and presented the Moderator, Leron Clower. The Moderator welcomed everyone to the association and gave a special welcome to new pastors in the association, Reverend David Fite and Reverend Gene Gilbert.

The following ministers answered roll call: W.E. Brown, Joe Buttgen, J. M. Creech, Billy Hanna, David Harper, Irvin Hyman, Joe Murkerson, Terry Pierce, Danny Thomas, and Rudy Woods.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Edith Shiver. MSC to seat delegates. The Moderator made the following committee appointments; H.B. Lawson and Irvin Hyman to the Budget and Finance Committee, Jean Ethridge to the Resolutions Committee, Joy Brackin and Helen Gilchrist to the Placement Committee, and Jacky Drinkwater and Rod Goodman to the Obituary Committee.

MSC for the association to have ministerial cards printed for the Midway Association pastors. Dr. Irvin Hyman stated he would assume the responsibility and cost of getting the cards printed. Reverend J. M. Creech gave an oral report on the Bible College. The meeting was recessed for twenty (20) minutes.

The congregation sang "My Redeemer" after recess. The offertory prayer was given by Reverend Danny Thomas. An offering of \$93.00 was received.

Report #1, Mission Board, read by Bill Lofton, MSC to adopt report. Report #2, Ordaining Board, read by Joe Buttgen, MSC to adopt report. Report #3, Treasurer's Report and Report #3-A, Budget and Finance, read by Malcom Freeman. The Treasurer stated that the offering given by churches in the Midway Association for purchase of land at the Bible College totals \$1606.08. MSC to adopt reports. The Patmos FWB Church requested to the Budget and Finance Committee that Sylvia McDaniel, wife of deceased pastor, Reverend James Marvin McDaniel, be added to receive superannuation, MSC to be effective as of October 21, 1995. Report #4, Camp Board, oral report given by Terry Pierce, MSC to accept. Report #5, Resolutions read by Martha Jenkins, MSC to accept. Report #6, Credentials Report, read by Edith Shiver, MSC to adopt. Report #7, Placement Committee Report read by Joy Brackin, MSC to adopt report. Report #8, Obituary Committee read by Rod Goodman, MSC to adopt report. Reverend Joe Buttgen led in a moment of silence followed by prayer in remembrance of the deceased. Report #9, Nominating Committee, the recommendations were read by Nadine Blanton. The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor, none were nominated. MSC to adopt the Nominating Committee Report. All reports with the exception of #4 (oral report) are attached in numerical order.

The Moderator appointed delegates to the State Convention as follows: Wynelle Clower, Edith Shiver, Henrietta Brown, Nadine Blanton, and Janice Temples.

Malcom Freeman gave a report on the Riverdale Church and the Lafayette Church pertaining to State Missions. Joy Brackin gave a report on the Midway Sunday School Convention, MSC to accept report as information. Reverend David Harper announced that a Valentine Banquet would be held at Patmos Church on February 17, 1996, and the District Youth CTS Competition would be held April 6, 1996, at Bellview Church.

The Moderator stated the committee appointed to study associational finances had asked to delay this report until January, 1996 quarterly meeting. The business session ended at 11:05 a.m.

The worship service opened with the congregation singing "He Touched Me". The special music was presented by Danny Thomas entitled, "The Anchor Holds".

The message was brought by Reverend Gene Gilbert, he read scriptures from the third chapter of Revelation. He closed his message with prayer.

Reverend Billy Hanna invited everyone to lunch. A prayer of blessing on the lunch and benediction was given by Brother Hanna.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Temples, Clerk

REPORT #1
MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT
OCTOBER 21, 1995

Previous Balance	649.46
Deposit.....	329.96
Interest	<u>2.38</u>
Balance In Checking (10/1/95)	981.80
Balance Brought Forward in C.D.	5,784.53
Interest one month at 6%	<u>29.47</u>
Balance in C.D.	5,814.00
Balance from C.D. and Checking	6,795.80

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Lofton, Treasurer

Business Items:

1. We recommend to give Kathy Durden \$250.00 to go to Brazil next summer.
2. We recommend to give Debbie Griffin, Missionary to Japan, \$500.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Lofton, Joe Martin,
M.G. Shiver, Charles Drinkwater

REPORT #2
ORDAINING BOARD

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

1. From Travelers Rest, requesting membership for Reverend Gene Gilbert, and a petition from the Macedonia Church, requesting membership for David Fite. The committee recommends our acceptance of these men upon completion of our ordaining committee questionnaire and a letter of good standing from their former associations.
2. That we grant Reverend Marvin Castle a letter of good standing to the Western Quarterly of Union Association in Tennessee.
3. That Reverend Walter Baxley be received into full fellowship after receiving a letter of good standing from the Martin Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. M. Creech, Rev. Joe Buttgen,
Rev. Billy Hanna

REPORT #3
TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 29, 1995

Beginning Balance April 22, 1995	45.31
Received From Churches	674.50
Received From Morning Offering.....	117.90
Received In The Interim (Late Dues 199.50 = 18.00)	217.50
Total To Account	1,055.21
Payments	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Mission Board	329.96
Minutes Account	175.00
Superannuates	
Mrs. Mathel Barnes	25.00
Rev. Damon Dodd.....	25.00
Mrs. S. T. Shutes	25.00
Rev W.F. McDuffie.....	25.00
Rev. Coy Watson.....	25.00
Debbie Griffin	150.00
Bible College (Land).....	100.00
Total Payments.....	939.96
Balance	115.25

MINUTES ACCOUNT

Brought Forward	259.50
Received	175.00
Paid Out.....	-0-
Balance	434.50

Respectfully submitted,
Nadine Blanton, Malcom Freeman,
Pat Freeman

REPORT #3-A
BUDGET AND FINANCE
OCTOBER 21, 1995

Beginning Balance	115.25
Received From Churches	1,310.50
Received From Morning Offering.....	75.00
Received In The Interim (designated ministers)	100.00
Total To Account	1,600.75
Payments	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Mission Board	326.30
Minutes Account	200.00

Superannuates	
Mrs. Mathel Barnes	25.00
Rev. Damon Dodd	25.00
Mrs. S. T. Shutes.....	25.00
Rev W.F. McDuffie	25.00
Rev. Coy Watson	25.00
Mrs. Sylvia McDaniel.....	25.00
Debbie Griffin.....	200.00
State Asn Dues.....	75.00
National Dues	400.00
Total Payments	1,411.30
Balance	187.45

MINUTES ACCOUNT

Brought Forward.....	436.50
Received	200.00
Paid Out	-0-
Balance	634.50

Respectfully submitted,
W. Irvin Hyman, Malcom Freeman
H.B. Lawson

**REPORT #5
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

1. We encourage each church to send the number of delegates allowed to each associational meeting.
2. We give a special thanks to the new ministers in our association who presented messages today.
3. We ask that we give Albany Church a rising vote of thanks for their generous hospitality and warm welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Jenkins, Jean Ethridge

**REPORT #6
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Number Of Churches With Letters.....	16
Total Dues From Churches.....	1,410.00
Ministers Present	14
Deacons Present.....	16
Church Delegates.....	26
Total Delegates	51
Lay Members Present	5
Visitors.....	1
Total Present	57

Statistical Report

Sunday School Enrollment.....	948
C.T.S. Enrollment.....	416
Woman's Auxiliary.....	107
Master's Men	35
Prayer Meetings.....	11

Respectfully submitted,
Wynelle Clower, Edith Shiver

REPORT #7 PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

The following churches will host the Midway Association Sessions in 1996:

Bellview	January 27, 1996
Berean	April 27, 1996
Bainbridge.....	August 3, 1996
Blakely	October 26, 1996

Respectfully submitted,
Joy Brackin, Helen Gilchrist

REPORT #8 OBITUARY COMMITTEE

CHURCH	NAME	BORN	DIED
Albany First	Mrs. Lonnie White	12/11/1892	10/23/94
	Mrs. Sarah Knighton	09/24/1909	12/28/94
	Mrs. Lavania Johnson	11/14/1913	03/04/95
	Mr. George Martins	10/05/1922	07/23/95
	Mr. Herman Higdon	09/06/1924	08/27/95
Bellview	Mrs. Eva D. Clenney	10/11/1909	01/18/95
	Mrs. Nellie Brooks		
	Mr. Rufus Brown		
Blakely First	Mr. Richard Hays	12/14/1917	05/15/95
Cedar Springs	Mrs. Irene P. Dykes	04/29/1909	02/04/95
Enterprise	Reverend Coy Watson	02/07/1908	02/11/95
Damascus	Mr. Harold E. Phillips		04/16 /95
Macedonia	Mrs. Louise Griffin		07/17/95
New Light	Mr. James Morris	01/27/1932	01/09/95
	Mrs. Gladys Nix	10/09/1914	02/16/95
	Mr. Foy Nix	03/12/1945	04/10/95
	Mrs. Katie Hawke	07/21/1907	10/27/94

CHURCH	NAME	BORN	DIED
Patmos	Mr. James L. Floyd	01/12/1944	09/22/95
Traveler's Rest	Mr. Lemuel Edwards	11/11/1919	01/11/95
	Mr. C.H. Willis	09/08/1912	01/13/95
	Mr. Hopson Irvin	03/15/1940	07/25/95
White Plains	Mr. Clarence Parr	04/09/1928	10/02/95

Respectfully submitted,
Jacky Drinkwater, Rod Goodman

REPORT #9

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee recommend the following:

1. Brother Marshall Day to the Mission Board. (Replaces Brother Richard Hays)
2. Reverend Joe Murkerson and Mrs. Edwina Drinkwater to the Budget and Finance. (Replaces Mr. Weaver and Mrs. Lovering)
3. Reverend Walter Baxley to the Ordaining Board. (Replaces Reverend Joe Wallis)
4. Brother Rod Godman, and Kirk Whitaker to the Camp Board. (Replaces Reverend and Mrs. Marvin Castle)

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Griffin, Edward Kimbrel,
Nadine Blanton

MIDWAY DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION MINUTES FEBRUARY 25, 1995

The 1995 Sunday School Convention was held at Cedar Springs FWB Church, opened with a welcome from Sister Henrietta Brown and a congregational song, followed by prayer, led by Reverend David Harper.

During the following hour, age-appropriate hints were offered by experienced S.S. teachers/S.S. promoters from within the Midway District. Each participant was given a choice of the following workshops:

Toddlers-Primary

Juniors

Teens

Adults

By: Darlene Buttgen

Henrietta Brown

Edith Shiver

Rev. Joe Wallis

The workshop concluded with an evaluation to help plan the future programs.

Rev. William Smith shared "Why we need Sunday School": (1) to learn Scripture, (2) to learn Bible doctrine, (3) to teach morality, ethics, and standards,

(4) to assimilate people into church, and (5) to evangelize. S.S. helps fulfill the Great Commission. Rev. Smith shared some publications about S.S., church growth, and Christian education.

Sister Brown opened the business session with appointments to a nominating committee (Janice Temples, Marshall Day, and Edith Shiver) for the 97-98 term.

Two suggestions were made: (1) to invite the Martin Association to the 1996 S.S. Convention and (2) to mail a S.S. Convention invitation to more than one church officer.

Reports of the Midway S.S. Convention and of the Treasurer are attached.

Convention adjourned with prayer and lunch to follow.

Respectfully submitted,
Joy P. Brackin

**MIDWAY DISTRICT S.S. CONVENTION
TREASURER'S REPORT
2/25/95**

Date	Transaction	Payment	Deposit	Balance
2/25/95	Brought Forward			\$71.18
	Offering		\$70.00	\$141.18
	Dues		\$225.00	\$366.18
	Henrietta Brown-Pres.	\$30.00		\$336.18
	Joy Brackin-Sec.	\$30.00		\$306.18
	Midway Assoc. (Minutes)	\$50.00		\$256.18
3/10/95	Checks Printed	\$6.36		\$249.82

REGISTRATION REPORT

Nine churches were represented with dues of \$25.00 per church.

Bainbridge, Bellview, Blakely, Cedar Springs, Enterprise, Macedonia, New Enterprise, and New Light

PLACEMENT

The 1996 Sunday School Convention will be held at New Light Free Will Baptist Church.

**MIDWAY DISTRICT WOMEN OF GEORGIA
ACTIVE FOR CHRIST CONVENTION**

The Midway District Women of Georgia Active for Christ convention convened October 7, 1995, at Blakely First Free Will Baptist Church, Blakely, Georgia for the annual convention.

Pianist for the day was Darlene Buttgen and song leader was Cindy Weaver. The congregation joined in singing "Praise Him, Praise Him". District President Marie Glover welcomed everyone to the meeting. Reverend Joe Buttgen, Pastor of the Blakely Church, welcomed the group and prayed the opening prayer.

The offertory prayer was prayed by Christine Daniel. The offering was received by Myrtice Paul and Cindy Weaver.

Linda Griffin sang "He Will Carry You" for special music.

Myrtice Paul brought the devotional message using several reference to support Jeremiah 33:3.

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

Resolutions: Linda Griffin, Patsy Merritt, Wynell Clower

Credentials: Christine Daniel, Mary Griffin, Myrtice Paul

Registration: Willie Clyde Henderson, Janice Temples, Eleanor Sheffield

Finance: Nadine Blanton, Betty Day, Betty Creech, Kattie Rogers,
Edwina Drinkwater

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

Willie Clyde Henderson reported on the National WNAC Convention that was held in Charlotte, North Carolina in July 1995.

A partial report was given by the registration committee.

MSC to accept the report of the Secretary.

MSC to adopt the Treasurer's report given by Nadine Blanton.

Following a short recess, the group reassembled by singing "Amazing Grace".

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Linda Griffin. Resolution 1: Recommend to the State Executive Committee for the Georgia State Women Active for Christ plan the State Prayer Retreats to alternate the locations so that distances to the retreats will be rotated every year for women over the entire state of Georgia. MSC.

MSC to accept the Credentials Committee report.

MSC to accept the Registration Committee report.

The Mission Action Project for the District was for each auxiliary to bring a roll of quarters to be given to Jeff Bishop, son of Missionaries Dale and Sandra Bishop. The total received was \$136.25.

Mission Prayer Chairman Betty Creech gave special requests from missionaries. Other prayer requests for families or friends were given by the group. Shirley Kimbrel prayed remembering these requests.

Our Mission Study Chairman was not present. President Marie Glover gave a brief report on the March Workshop concerning "The New Age Movement".

Field Worker Wynelle Clower had no report.

MSC unanimously to adopt the revised CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS presented by the special committee. (Betty Day, Eleanor Sheffield, Edith Shiver).

MSC to publish the revised CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS in the Midway Association Minutes.

Names of deceased Midway District WGAC members should be given to Wynelle Clower.

The state secretary requested that each local secretary send the names and addresses of officers and members of each auxiliary to the district secretary to be

forwarded to the state secretary.

Mary Sue Durden informed the group about the book Second Chance by Shirley Combs who designates her proceeds to a children's home in Brazil.

The officers elected to serve for 1995 through 1997:

President:	Marie Glover
Vice President:	Shirley Kimbrel
Secretary:	Christine Daniel
Treasurer:	Nadine Blanton
Mission Study Chairman:	Janice Temples
Mission Chairman:	Patricia Fite
Mission Service:	Henrietta Brown
Mission Prayer:	Phyllis Harper
Field Worker:	Betty Day
Registration Committee to serve 1995-1996:	Barbara Johnson, Henrietta Brown, Kattie Rogers

Committees to serve 1995 through 1997:

Resolutions:	Edith Shiver, Beverly Hanna, Mary Griffin, Ethel Henley, Willie Clyde Henderson
Credentials:	Shirley Kimbrel, Edwina Drinkwater, Teresa Smith
Finance:	Nadine Blanton, Aliene Clower, Doris Grant, Linda Griffin, Juanita Parker

Patricia Fite prayed the blessing on the food before dismissing for lunch.

The afternoon session began with the group singing "This Is The Day" led by Janet Baxley.

Linda Griffin sang "I Will Cast My Cares" for special music.

Janet Baxley installed the new officers.

MSC to adopt Finance Committee report.

MSC to give a rising vote of "Thanks" to the host church for the hospitality extended to the group for the day.

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

Dates To Remember:	November 13, 1996, GWAC State Convention at Calvary FWB Church, Columbus, GA
	March 2, 1996, Midway District Workshop Cedar Springs Free Will Baptist Church Cedar Springs, GA
	March 15-16, 1996, State Prayer Retreat Norman Park Assembly Norman Park, GA
	July 17, 1996, National WNAC Convention Fort Worth, TX
	September 13-14, 1996, WNAC National Retreat Ridgecrest

October 5, 1996, Midway District WGAC
Convention
Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church
Blakely, GA

Secretary read minutes for the day. MSC.
Outgoing officers were given words of appreciation for a job well done.
Meeting adjourned with prayer by Eleanor Sheffield.

Pat T. Freeman,
Midway District WGAC Secretary

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Albany First	4
Bellview	4
Blakely	8
Cedar Springs	7
Enterprise	1
Hammock Springs	3
Macedonia (Rueber Tabb)	2
New Light	4
Patmos	3
Travelers Rest	<u>3</u>
TOTAL DELEGATES	36
Visitors	3
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	39

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We resolve that we recommend the following resolution to the Georgia State Women Active For Christ:

The State Executive Committee for the Georgia State Women Active For Christ plan the State Prayer Retreats to alternate the locations so that the distances to the retreats will be rotated every year for women over the entire State of Georgia.

Linda Griffin, Chairman
Patsy Merritt, Wynell Clower

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Auxiliary Name	No. Members Reported	Dues Reported
Albany First	18	\$ 216.00
Bellview	16	192.00
Blakely	8	96.00
Cedar Springs	11	132.00
Enterprise	6	72.00
Hammock Springs	10	120.00

Auxiliary Name	No. Members Reported	Dues Reported
Rueber Tabb (Macedonia)	6	72.00
New Light	15	180.00
Patmos	8	96.00
Travelers Rest	9	108.00
TOTAL	107	1,284.00

Pat T. Freeman

Midway District WGAC Secretary

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	507.86
Offering	<u>73.00</u>
TOTAL	580.86

Paid Out:

President	\$ 20.00
Secretary	30.00
Minutes	100.00
Snows	100.00
Debbie Griffin	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$ 350.00

BALANCE 230.86

Nadine Blanton, Chairman

Kattie Rogers, Betty Day, Edwina Drinkwater

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following slate of officers for 1995-1997 for the Midway District GWAC:

President.....	Marie Glover
Vice President	Shirley Kimbrel
Secretary.....	Christine Daniel
Treasurer	Nadine Blanton
Study Chairman.....	Janice Temples*
Prayer Chairman	Phyllis Harper
Mission Chairman	Patricia Fite*
Service Chairman.....	Henrietta Brown
Field Worker	Betty Day

*These two (2) officers were nominated from the floor.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, submit the following report. The following 10 Auxiliaries have properly reported and paid their fees:

1. Albany
2. Bellview

6. Hammock Springs
7. Macedonia

3. Blakely
4. Cedar Springs
5. Enterprise

8. New Light
9. Patmos
10. Traveler's Rest

We recommend that this report be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Daniel, Chairman

**WNAC
MIDWAY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
1994-1995**

Balance Forward 10-01-94	\$ 228.63
Received from local Auxiliaries	7,171.48
Annual Meeting	214.00
Work Shop	<u>84.35</u>
Grand Total	7,698.46
Disbursements	
Designation funds	\$6,960.98
(see attached sheet)	
Dale Bishop	200.00
(speaker)	
Henrietta Brown	25.00
(Workshop Program)	
Deposit Slips	4.62
Total Disbursements	7,190.60
Balance on hand	507.86

10-01-95

Albany	12.00
Cedar Springs	13.00
Hammock S.	12.00
Patmos	13.00
Dues for 107 members-\$160.50	

Respectfully Submitted,
Nadine Blanton, District Treasurer

Dues for 107 members	\$1,123.50
Co-Laborer	556.00
Emphasis Month	270.00
Memorial Student Loan	61.00
National Building	130.00
State Project	<u>\$1,631.23</u>
Total.....	\$3,771.73

<u>Free Will Bible College General Fund</u>	25.00
Alabama Children's Home	695.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	169.00
Total	\$ 889.00
<u>Foreign Missions</u>	
General Fund	565.00
Laura Bell Barnard Offering	307.25
Debbie Griffin	515.00
Bishops	230.00
Crowsons	160.00
Hanna	38.00
Westfield Pastors	24.00
Comb's Children Home	60.00
Total	\$1,899.25
<u>Home Missions</u>	
Lizzie McAdams Offering	251.00
Len Blanchard	90.00
Total	\$341.00
Spanish Literature	60.00
Total	60.00
Total Missionary	\$3,189.25
Total expenses	\$6,960.98

MEMBERSHIP

	1993	1994	1995
1. Albany	16	17	18
2. Bellview	16	17	16
3. Blakely	11	9	8
4. Cedar Springs	10	11	11
5. Enterprise	6	6	6
6. Hammock Springs	10	11	10
7. Macedonia	9	4	6
8. New Light	13	12	15
9. Patmos	10	8	8
10. Travelers Rest	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
Totals	110	104	107

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
FOR THE
MIDWAY DISTRICT WOMEN OF
GEORGIA ACTIVE FOR CHRIST**
Revised 10/07/95

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Midway District Women of Georgia Active for Christ Convention.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be: (1) to assist various women of the Midway District of Free Will Baptists in providing opportunities for them to understand and fulfill their place in the Great Commission through their responsibilities in the family, the church, the community, and around the world, and (2) to bring women of each local church together for fellowship, for sharing information, and for encouraging one another.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Section 1. The officers and executive members must be in good standing of a church in the Midway Association of Free Will Baptists. She must be a member of a local WGAC. Each officer shall perform the duties set forth for her office in the present manual.

Section 2. The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Worker, Study Chairman, Mission Chairman, Prayer Chairman, and Service Chairman. These shall constitute the Executive Committee, five (5) of whom shall be a quorum for transacting business.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This Convention shall be composed of the officers of the Convention together with the local Co-ordinators and five (5) delegates from each local group in the Midway District which is paid in full its membership fee as required by the Midway District WGAC Convention.

Section 2. Any eligible WGAC group wishing to become a member of the Midway District WGAC Convention shall present a petitionary letter signed by the officers of the local group, a report of work done and its proportionate part of dues to the secretary who shall present this to the Credentials Committee. The Convention shall vote upon the recommendation of the Credentials Committee.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting shall be held each year on the first Saturday in October or at such time as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. A Workshop shall be held each year on the first Saturday in March, or at such time as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Other meetings may be held at the discretion of the Convention.

Section 4. The Convention and Workshop shall convene with the

WGAC groups in the Midway District according to alphabetical order. If a local group is unable to serve as host, the Executive Committee must be notified by the group.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a 2/3 vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. PRESIDENT - The President shall preside over all meetings and serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee, appoint such committees as may be needed, call a meeting of the Executive Committee, when necessary, be an ex-officio member of all committees, (with the exception of the Nomination Committee, see that reports are made promptly by the Secretary and Treasurer to the State and perform all duties usually pertaining to such an office.

Section 2. VICE PRESIDENT - The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President, or by her request and otherwise assist her in the overall tasks in general. She shall serve as chairman of the Credentials Committee.

Section 3. RECORDING SECRETARY - The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the Convention and Executive Committee meetings, preserve all valuable papers and turn them over to her successor. She shall compile a list of the local WGAC officers immediately after the Convention. She shall send a copy to each local Secretary, a copy to each District officer, and a copy to each Committee Chairman. She shall send the proper report to the State Secretary. She is responsible for sending the appropriate minutes to the Midway Associational Clerk to be published in the Annual Associational Minutes.

Section 4. TREASURER - The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this Convention, and shall disburse monies only when authorized by the Convention. She shall keep an accurate account and shall give a written report of all funds received and disbursed at each Convention. She shall send a annual report to the District Associational Clerk to be published with the minutes in the Midway Minutes. She shall send the per-member dues as designated by the State WGAC to the State Treasurer. The Treasurer shall encourage support of missions through the WNAC Gift Plan and support of the Dot Harvey Loan Fund. She serves as Chairman of the Finance Committee. She shall secure a report of the Dot Harvey Loan Fund as well as a report of the State Project and report this information to the District.

Section 5. FIELD WORKER - The Field Worker shall have charge of all Field work pertaining to or necessary for the promotion of the work of the District. She should visit each local WGAC and help any way she can.

Section 6. STUDY CHAIRMAN - The Study Chairman shall work with the local WGAC groups' Study Chairman through personal contact or correspondence. She shall recommend books for study in the local groups, and may even teach some study courses in the local groups. She shall plan, along with the Executive Committee, the District Workshop and be in charge of its

activities. She shall encourage local Study Chairmen to have the following: 1) two (2) Mission studies a year, 2) one (1) Christian living study a year, 3) one (1) Prayer study, 4) studies to prepare women for special ministries, 5) a study of the WNAC Manual when needed. She shall be responsible for training local officers for their duties and leadership responsibilities.

Section 7. PRAYER CHAIRMAN - The Prayer Chairman shall encourage Prayer Chairmen of local groups to promote family altar, special Seasons of Prayer, Prayer Retreats, and Prayer fellowships. She shall offer periodic suggestions for prayer requests.

Section 8. SERVICE CHAIRMAN - The Service Chairman shall promote projects in the District for service to Missionaries, community needs, ministering to sick, aged, retired ministers, or the promotion of other Christian organizations.

Section 9. MISSION CHAIRMAN - The Mission Chairman shall encourage the local WGAC groups to give through the WNAC Gift Plan, to the Provision Closet, to the Dot Harvey Loan Fund, and the State Project. She is to encourage Mission Chairmen in local groups to learn missionaries' names, send needed gifts, get acquainted with Missionary Kids and find out their needs. She shall encourage locals to present a special program during WNAC Emphasis Month in August and send an offering to WNAC.

ARTICLE II - ELECTIONS

The general officers and four (4) chairman of the Executive Committee shall be nominated by a Nomination Committee and elected every two (2) years by acclamation, unless there are other nominations. In the event of more than one nominee for any office, a vote will be taken on each one. All elections shall be held at the closing business session of the Annual Convention. Election of officers will be held on all uneven years.

ARTICLE III - EXPENSES

The Treasurer's expenses, such as postage, stationary, telephone calls, may be appropriated by each local WGAC sending in \$1.00 a month. The Convention may decide when this fee needs to be increased. Other appropriations may be decided upon by the Convention.

ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee - The Executive Committee shall hold annual meetings for the transaction of needed business and to prepare the program for the annual Convention. It shall maintain an over-all view of the work at large, having authority to call extra meetings of the Committee when necessary, and act for the Convention concerning any matter. It shall also fill vacancies occurring between elections.

Section 2. Resolution Committee - The Resolution Committee, consisting of five (5) members, shall be appointed by the President. This committee shall serve for two (2) years.

Section 3. The Nomination Committee shall be composed of five (5) members who are delegates. They shall be nominated from the floor and elected by the body at its annual meeting on even years to serve for two years. They

shall present a slate of officers for the body to vote on at the annual Convention on the uneven years.

Section 4. Credentials Committee - The Vice President shall be Chairman of the Credentials Committee. Two (2) other members may be appointed by the President. This Committee shall examine the reports of the local WGAC groups to determine if fees are paid and if reports are in order. New local groups of WGAC that have been organized since the last Convention are examined by this Committee and voted upon. This Committee shall serve for two (2) years.

Section 5. Finance Committee - The Finance Committee is composed of the Treasurer and four (4) members appointed by the President. It is their duty to audit the financial records for the year and report on same to the Convention. They make recommendations to the body.

Section 6. Registration Committee - The Registration Committee consists of three (3) members who are appointed by the President. This Committee's responsibility is to register those in attendance. This Committee serves for one (1) year.

ARTICLE V - FEES AND REPORTS

Section 1. Membership fee per member of this Convention shall be set in accordance with the State and National fees.

Section 2. The Minutes of the previous Convention shall be read as information at the beginning of the business session.

ARTICLE VI - GIFTS

The desired financial programs for WGAC local groups are Mission Offerings following each special Season of Prayer, Co-Laborer Offerings, State WGAC projects, and annual gifts to WNAC general fund, the Dot Harvey Loan Fund, and other gifts designated by the Convention.

ARTICLE VII

These By-Laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Convention by a 2/3 vote of members present.

Revised By:

Betty Day

Eleanor Sheffield

Edith Shiver

**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.

In Memory of Rev. Benjamin Coy Watson

Feb. 7, 1908-Feb. 11, 1995

Benjamin Coy Watson was born February 7, 1908. He was ordained to preach the gospel Oct. 5, 1940 at New Life Free Will Baptist Church in Marion County, Georgia.



He pastored churches in the Chattahoochee Association from 1940 to 1948. He moved to Early County from Beuna Vista, Ga, in 1948. He also served several churches in Florida and Alabama. In 1985, after pastoring Enterprise Free Will Baptist in Early County for a number of years, he had to retire from the ministry due to failing health.

Rev. Watson continued to serve the Lord after his retirement by the witness of his life to all those who came in contact with him during his illness. His unfailing faith in his Savior was evident to all who knew him.

Funeral services were held at Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church February 13, 1995, with the Rev. Bill George, the Rev. Bill Brown and the Rev. Joe Buttgen officiating.

Rev. Watson will be missed by his wife, children, church and friends.

Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last.