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of the
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of
Free Will Baptists
of
Georgia
98th Year



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**Cedar Springs Church - January 25, 1997
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Session Time: 9:00 a.m.

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Mr. Bill Lofton (84)	Mrs. Henrietta Brown (96)
Mr. Joe Martin (85)	Mrs. Shirley Kimbrell (96)
Mr. Charles Drinkwater (92)	
Mr. Marshall Day (95)	
Reverend William Smith (96)	
Budget And Finance Board Members:	Credentials Committee
Reverend Joe Murkerson (95)	Mrs. Betty Day (92)
Miss Nadine Blanton (96)	Mrs. Helen Gilchrist
	Mrs. Mavis Warson

Ordaining Board Members:

Reverend Billy Hanna (86)
 Reverend Gary Smith (88)
 Reverend Joe Buttgen (94)
 Reverend J. M. Creech (92)
 Reverend Walter Baxley (95)

Nominating Committee:

Mrs. Mary Griffin (92)
 912-849-3343
 Mrs. Janice Temples (96)
 912-849-2491
 Mrs. Edith Shiver (96)
 912-734-5021

Camping Board Members:

Reverend Rudy Woods (85)
 Reverend Terry Pierce (94)
 Mr. Rod Goodman (95)
 Mr. Eddie Williams (96)
 Mrs. Edwina Drinkwater (96)

Midway Association**State Board Members:**

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

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Mission Chairman	Mrs. Patricia Fite	912-758-3555
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Church Training Service (CTS) Officers

President	Rev. Rodney D. Goodman
Vice President	Mr. Ti Barnhill
Secretary and Treasurer	Mr. Allen Raburn

The 1997 C.T.S. Rallies dates and places will be announced later.

Sunday School Officers and Program Committees

Due to no convention held in 1996 there were no officers appointed. The Nomination Committee submit the following names to be elected at the 1997 Sunday School Convention to be held February 8, at New Light Church.

President	Rev. Joe Buttgen
Vice President	
Secretary	Mrs. Joy Brackin
Treasurer	Mr. Charles Drinkwater

Program Committee

Mrs. Edwina Drinkwater, Mrs. Dorothy Irvin, Mr. Leron Clower and Rev. Rudy Woods

Midway Association Ordained Ministers

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 912-723-4516
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 Reverend Damon Dodd - Rt. 3 Box 60, Colquitt, GA 31737
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 Reverend David Fite - 30 Phillips Road, Colquitt, GA 31737
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 912-246-6547

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1997 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MIDWAY DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

First Association	January 25, 1997	Cedar Springs Church
Second Association	April 26, 1997	Enterprise Church
Third Association	August 2, 1997	Hammock Springs Church
Annual Association	October 25, 1997	Macedonia Church
W.G.A.C. Workshop	March 1, 1997	Hammock Springs Church
W.G.A.C. Workshop	October 4, 1997	Macedonia Church
Sunday School Convention	February 8, 1997	New Light Church
C.T.S. Rallies	To be announced later	

STATE MEETINGS

State W.G.A.C. Prayer Retreat, March 14-15, Norman Park Assembly
 Youth Conference, Time and place to be announced
 W.G.A.C. Convention, November 13, Savannah Church, 210 Skidaway Rd.
 State Association, November 12-15, Savannah Church, 210 Skidaway Rd.

NATIONAL MEETINGS

W.N.A.C. Retreat, October 10-12, Glorieta, N.M.
 W.N.A.C. Convention, July 22, Cincinnati, Ohio
 National Association, July 20-25, Cincinnati, Ohio
 National Youth Conference, July 21-23, Cincinnati, Ohio

FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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 27, 1996

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on January 27, 1996, at Bellview Free Will Baptist Church for the First Session of the 98th year of the Association. Reverend J. M. Creech was song leader for the day. Steve Long was pianist and Shirley Kimbrel organist.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "I Stand Amazed". Reverend M. C. Powell led in prayer. The welcome was given by Reverend J.M. Creech, pastor of Bellview Church. Special music was given by a quartet consisting of members from the host church, entitled "What A Day That Will Be".

The morning devotional was presented by Reverend Damon Dodd. He read scripture from Romans 12:20. Brother Dodd challenged each person present to finance the Free Will Baptist work in Russia. He 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. Mrs. Grace Driggers, Reverend Matthew and Melinda Pinson were welcomed as visitors.

The following ministers answered roll call: Reverend W. E. Brown, Reverend Walter Baxley, Reverend Joe Buttgen, Reverend J. M. Creech, Reverend Damon Dodd, Reverend David Fite, Reverend Gene Gilbert, Reverend Rodney Goodman, Reverend David Harper, Dr. W. Irvin Hyman, Reverend Melvin Moody, Reverend Joe Murkerson, Reverend Terry Pierce, Reverend M. C. Powell, Reverend Gary Smith, Reverend William Smith, and Reverend Rudy Woods.

The delegates were asked to stand. A motion was made, seconded and carried to seat the delegates. The moderator appointed Jean Ethridge to the Resolutions Committee.

Reverend William Smith reported that Camp Mt. Bethel had sold for \$55,000.00 and the new owners assumed all EPA responsibilities. Brother Smith reported that the state office had a new roof, and would get vinyl siding. The meeting was recessed for twenty (20) minutes.

The congregation sang "He Hideth My Soul". Report #1, Mission Board Financial Report and Business Item Report #1-A read by Bill Lofton, MSC to adopt. Report #2, Treasurer's Report, and Report #2-A, Budget and Finance Report read by Malcolm Freeman, MSC to accept report #2 and to adopt report #2-A. Reverend William Smith entertained a motion to have all the monies of the Camp Board and the Mission Board under the Treasurer, Pat Freeman. This would eliminate any board handling funds, MSC. Dr. Irvin Hyman made a motion to increase the salary of the clerk to \$50.00, effective April 1996, MSC. Report #3, an oral report by Reverend William Smith, camp dates were given, MSC to accept report. Report #4, Ordaining Board, read by Reverend Joe Buttgen, MSC to adopt.

Report #5, Resolutions, read by Martha Jenkins, MSC to adopt. Report #6, Credentials Report, read by Betty Day, MSC to accept. Joe Martin entertained a motion to pay the balance remaining of the money the Midway Association collected for the purchase of an acre of land for the FWB Bible College, MSC.

Reverend David Harper announced that the District CTS Valentine Banquet would be held February 17, 1996 at Patmos Church. Malcolm Freeman reported on the State Mission work. Reverend J. M. Creech reported from the Bible College. Nathan Snow gave appreciation remarks for support from the association. Reverend Joe Buttgen announced that a surprise birthday celebration for Mrs. Mathel Barnes would be held at Blakely FWB Church on February 3, 1996 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The business session ended at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Melvin Moody closed with prayer.

The worship service opened with the congregation singing "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story". Reverend Roger Russell led in prayer. "All That Thrills My Soul Is Jesus", was sung by the congregation. Patsy Merritt rendered special music entitled "He's All I Need".

The message was brought by Reverend Matthew Pinson of the Colquitt FWB Church. He read scripture from I Peter, Chapter 1:1-21. Brother Pinson encouraged everyone with his message of hope in Christ. He closed his message with prayer.

The congregation sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus". Reverend J. M. Creech invited everyone to lunch. Dr. Irvin Hyman dismissed with prayer, asking God's blessings on the lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Temples, Clerk

REPORT NO. 1 - MISSION BOARD Financial Report for Midway Association

October 31, 1995	Balance brought forward.....	\$ 981.80
	Deposit.....	326.30
	Interest from N.O.W.	3.30
	Balance.....	\$1,311.40
November 30, 1995	Balance brought forward.....	\$1,311.40
	Check to Debbie Griffin Acct.	500.00
	Balance.....	\$ 811.40
	Interest from N.O.W.	3.00
	Balance.....	\$ 814.40
January 1, 1996	Balance brought forward.....	\$ 814.40
	Check to Kathy Durden Acct.	250.00
	Balance.....	\$ 564.40
	Interest from N.O.W.	2.33
	Balance.....	\$ 566.73
January 1, 1996	Balance brought forward in CD	\$5,814.00
	Interest at 6% for 3 months	87.93
	Balance.....	\$5,901.93

REPORT #1-A MISSION BOARD BUSINESS ITEM REPORT

1. We recommend that the association sponsor one pastor for the Russian training conference in the amount of \$135.00.
2. If the body votes to draw money from the certificate account, we recommend the following:

A. Give \$750.00 to the Debbie Griffin account.

B. Give \$1500.00 to Nathan and Linda Snow account.

MSC to draw money from the certificate account, and the above recommendations were MSC.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Drinkwater
Joe Martin
Bill Lofton
Marshall Day

REPORT #2 BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT JANUARY 27, 1996

Beginning Balance	208.45
Received From Churches	631.00
Received From Morning Offering.....	123.25
Received In The Interim.....	101.25
Total To Account	1,063.95
Payments:	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	30.00
Mission Board	322.20
Minutes Account	81.00
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
Mrs. Sylvia McDaniel	25.00
Rev. W. F. McDuffie, designated.....	50.00
Debbie Griffin	150.00
Nathan Snow	150.00
Total Payments	963.20
Balance	100.75

MINUTES ACCOUNT

Brought Forward	634.50
Received	81.00
Balance	715.50

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Joe Murkerson
Mrs. Edwina Drinkwater
Malcolm Freeman

REPORT NO. 4 ORDAINING BOARD

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

That Reverend Rod Goodman be received into full fellowship after receiving a letter of good standing from his former association.

Respectfully submitted,
Reverend Joe Buttgen
Reverend J. M. Creech
Reverend Gary Smith
Reverend Walter Baxley

REPORT NO. 5 RESOLUTIONS

We encourage each church of the Midway Association to write their Senators and Congressmen opposing the partial birth abortion bill.

We recommend that this body give a rising vote of thanks to Bellview Church for thier gracious hospitality and the warm fellowship we have enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Jenkins
Jean Ethredge

REPORT NO. 6 - CREDENTIALS REPORT

Churches reporting with letters and dues of \$631.00	15
Ministers present.....	17
Deacons present.....	16
Church delegates.....	26
Total delegates.....	59
Lay members present.....	21
Visitors.....	7
Total present.....	87
Statistical Report	
Sunday School enrollment.....	1010
Average attendance.....	704
C.T.S. enrollment.....	361
Average attendance.....	271
Woman's Auxiliary.....	115
Average attendance.....	91
Master's Men.....	35
Average Attendance.....	21
Prayer Meetings.....	12
Average Attendance.....	308

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Day, Voncile Musgrove

Second Quarterly Session, April 27, 1996

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on April 27, 1996, at Berean FWB Church in Albany, Georgia for the Second Session of the 98th year of the Midway Association of Freewill Baptist of Georgia.

The meeting opened with Reverend Rudy Woods leading the congregation in a hymn. The association was welcomed to the Berean Church by their pastor, Reverend M. C. Powell.

The morning devotional was given by Brother Nathan Snow, missionary to Japan. Brother Nathan challenged us from Luke 16:15 to examine what our goals are in life, what our greatest purpose is in life, who are our heroes, and what consumes us to the point of satisfaction.

The clerk called the session to order and presented the Moderator, Brother Leron Clower. Brother Clower welcomed all to the association meeting and recognized all visitors.

The clerk called the roll of ministers. Twelve were present. All the delegates were asked to stand by the moderator. A motion was made, seconded and carried to seat the delegates. The moderator appointed Mrs. Henrietta Brown to serve on the resolutions committee and Mrs. Wynelle Clower was appointed to serve pm the Credentials Committee. An offering was taken and we were recessed so the committees could meet.

After the recess we reconvened with Reverend Rudy Wood leading the congregation in another hymn, and Reverend Joe Buttgen led in prayer.

The Midway Missions Board Report was given by Brother Bill Lofton. All Mission Board monies were turned over to the Midway District Treasurer, Mrs. Malcolm Freeman. Moved, seconded and carried to accept report. See report #1.

The budget and finance report was given by Brother Malcolm Freeman. It was recommended that the Clerk's salary be changed from fifty dollars to forty nine dollars and ninety nine cents. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept report. See report #2.

The Ordaining Board Report was given by Reverend Joe Buttgen. The board reported that a letter of good standing has been received from the Polk Bayou Association in Arkansas on the behalf of Reverend David Fite. The board recommended that Brother Andy Merritt and Brother Nathan Snow be licensed to preach the gospel for one year under the watch care of the Midway Association of Free Will Baptist of Georgia. The report was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

The camping board report was given by Brother Terry Pierce. The dates for camp are June 9-14 at Kolomoake Mounds. The dates for teen camp are July 7-12 at Camp Tatnell. The report was moved, seconded and carried to adopt.

The Credentials Report was given by Mrs. Wynelle Clower. It was moved, seconded and carried. See Report #3.

The Resolutions Committee Report was given by Mrs. Martha Jenkins. (1) In view of the importance of the upcoming elections and the impact they can and will have on our future as a Christian nation, we recommend that we begin a prayerful approach to the decisions we will make in the voting booth. (2) In thanks for their warm hospitality in hosting todays session we recommend this

body give a rising vote of thanks to the members of Berean Free Will Baptist Church. Moved, seconded and carried.

The worship service was opened by Reverend Rudy Woods leading the congregation in a hymn. Prayer was given by Reverend Billy Hanna. Reverend Rudy Woods led in another hymn and special music was presented by the Berean Youth Choir. Reverend Jimmy Aldridge from the Foreign Missions Department brought a stirring message concerning the different works across the globe including Cuba, Brazil and Russia. We were challenged to be a part and are a part of these missions endeavors by our all around support of the missionaries. We were dismissed in prayer and enjoyed a marvelous lunch prepared by the members of the Berean Free Will Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Reverend David Harper, Clerk

REPORT #1 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MIDWAY ASSOCIATION FROM MISSION BOARD

Balance Forward	566.73
Interest	1.93
Deposit	322.20
	890.86
Check For Russian Pastor 2-12-96	- 135.00
Balance 2-20-96	755.86
Interest	2.55
Balance 2-29-96	758.41
Check To Debbie Griffin Account 3-14-96	- 700.00
Balance	58.41
Interest	1.55
Balance To Date - Checking Account	59.96

Goldkist Investment Account

Balance	5,784.53
Interest	220.46
	6,004.99
Penalty For Withdrawal	- 86.77
Balance	5,918.22

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Lofton

REPORT #2 MIDWAY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT APRIL 27, 1996

Beginning Balance	347.82
Received From Churches	671.50
Received From Morning Offering	88.55
Total To Account	1107.87

Payments:

Moderator	30.00
Clerk	49.99
Mission Board	212.02
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
Mrs. Coy Watson	25.00
Mrs. Sylvia McDaniel	25.00

Nathan Snow	75.00
Debbie Griffin	75.00
Paul Creech	75.00
Jim Cowart	75.00
Total Payments	942.01
Balance	165.85

Respectfully submitted,
Edwina Drinkwater
Malcolm Freeman
Joe Murkerson
Pat Freeman

REPORT #3 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE APRIL 27, 1996

Churches reporting with letters and dues of \$671.50	16
Ministers present	15
Deacons present	4
Church delegates	19
Total delegates present	38
Lay members present	46
Visitors present	4
State officers present	4
Total Present	92

Statistical report

Sunday School Report	965
C.T.S. Enrollment	748
Woman's Auxiliary	327
Master's Men	43
Number of Churches With Prayer Meetings	13

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Voncille Musgrove
Mrs. Wynelle Clower

Third Quarterly Session, August 3, 1996

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on August 3, 1996, at Bainbridge FWB Church in Bainbridge, GA for the third session of the 98th year of the Midway Association of Free Will Baptist of Georgia.

The meeting opened with Reverend Rudy Woods leading the congregation in a hymn. Reverend W. E. Brown led in prayer, and the host pastor of the Bainbridge Free Will Baptist Church, Reverend Rudy Woods, welcomed the association to Bainbridge.

The morning devotion was given by Brother Kirk Whitaker on the subject of "Getting Plugged In", his text was taken from Ephesians 1:17-18.

The clerk called the session to order, and presented the Moderator, Brother Leron Clower. Brother Clower welcomed all to the meeting.

The roll call of ministers was taken by the clerk with 10 ministers present.

A partial report of the credentials committee was given by Sister Edith Shiver. There was a motion to seat all the delegates, and this was moved, seconded and carried.

The moderator appointed Mrs. Betty Creech to the Budget and Finance Committee, and Mrs. Gladys Harold and Mrs. Wynelle Clower to the Resolutions Committee. The moderator recessed the meeting so the boards and committees could meet.

The session reconvened as Reverend Rudy Woods led the congregation in a hymn.

The moderator called for reports from the boards. The following reports were given:

Mission Board: No report.

Ordaining Board: No report.

Camping Board: Reverend Terry Pierce reported as information that the 96 Junior Camp session was a great success with 96 campers attending, and several decisions were made.

Resolutions Committee: The Resolutions Committee report was given by Mrs. Gladys Harrell and the following resolutions were moved, seconded and carried. (1) "Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to Bainbridge Church for hosting the meeting today." (2) "Be it resolved that we commend our missionaries both home and foreign on behalf of their work. May we pray for them more earnestly."

Credentials Committee: Given by Mrs. Edith Shiver. Moved, seconded, and carried. See Report # 2.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Reverend Jackie Creech gave a report as information on the National Convention.

Debbie Griffin, missionary to Japan gave a report as information on her ministry in Japan.

Sister Henrietta Brown presented a check of \$1,250 from the Midway District Women Nationally Active for Christ to Debbie Griffin missionary to Japan for a shopping spree.

The offering was taken up in the amount of \$75.

Budget and Finance: Brother Malcolm Freeman gave the report and it was moved, seconded, and carried. See Report #1.

State Mission Board: Report was given by Brother Malcolm Freeman as information.

National Sunday School Board: Report was given by Reverend Irvin Hyman as information.

State Teen Camp: Report given by Reverend Terry Pierce as information.

Credentials Committee: Final report was given by Mrs. Edith Shiver. See Report #2.

The moderator recessed the meeting for a short break.

The meeting reconvened with the song leader, Reverend Rudy Woods, leading the congregation in a hymn, followed by a prayer by Reverend Melvin Moody. After announcements, the Rev. Rudy Woods presented the special music. The morning message was given by Reverend Billy Hanna, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Albany. The title of the message was "Beware Of That Wayfaring Stranger" from II Samuel 12. After the message Reverend Rudy Woods led the congregation in an invitational hymn.

The meeting was dismissed by Reverend Terry Pierce.

Respectfully submitted,
Reverend David Harper, Clerk

REPORT NO. 1 MIDWAY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT AUGUST 3, 1996

Beginning Balance	241.42
Received From Churches	597.00
Received From Morning Offering	75.00
Total To Account	913.42
Payments:	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	49.99
Mission Board	160.49
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
Mrs. Coy Watson	25.00
Debbie Griffin	275.00
Total Payments	840.48
Balance	72.94

MINUTES ACCOUNT

Brought Forward	200.00
Received	200.00
Balance	400.00

Respectfully submitted,
Malcolm Freeman
Edwina Drinkwater
Betty Creech

**REPORT #2
MIDWAY ASSOCIATION
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
AUGUST 3, 1996**

Chuches reporting with letters and dues of \$597.00	12
Ministers present	10
Deacons present	9
Church delegates	22
Total delegates	41
Lay members present	10
Visitors	1
State Officers present	2
Total present	52

Statistical Report	
Sunday School Enrollment	895
Average Attendance	644
C.T.S. Enrollment	355
Average Attendance	260
Woman's Auxiliary	102
Average Attendance	80
Master's Men	46
Average Attendance	26
Prayer Meetings	10

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Shiver
Voncille Musgrove

Annual Association, October 26, 1996

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on October 26, 1996, at Blakely FWB Church for the fourth session of the 98th year of the Association.

The meeting opened with Rev. J. M. Creech leading the congregation in a hymn. Brother Malcolm Freeman led in prayer and Rev. Joe Buttgen, pastor of the Blakely Free Will Baptist Church, welcomed the association to Blakely.

The morning devotion was given by Rev. Melvin Moody from Galatians 6:1-5. He spoke to us about the great need for all believers to be involved in the ministry of restoration.

The association was called to order by the clerk, Rev. David Harper and he presented the moderator, Leron Clower. The moderator welcomed all to the association.

The roll call of ministers was called by the clerk. Thirteen ministers were present for the association.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Edith Shiver.

The delegates were asked to stand. A motion was made, seconded and carried to seat the delegates. The moderator appointed Sarah Gladis and Shirley Kimbrel to serve on the resolutions committee; Janice Temples, Patricia Harrison and Will Middleton to serve on the Placement Committee; and Mae Harris and J. W. Clower to serve on the Obituary Committee.

The association elected Janice Temples, Pat Freeman, Edwina Drinkwater, Lucy Hyman and Edith Shiver to serve as delegates to the state association.

The nominating committee report was given by Nadiene Blanton. It was moved to elect by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried. See Report #1.

The Budget and Finance report was given by Malcolm Freeman. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept report. See Report #2.

The state office report was given by Rev. William Smith as information concerning the up coming state meeting.

The State Missions report was given by Rev. Terry Pierce as information.

The Sunday School Convention report was given by Rev. Joe Buttgen. The next Sunday School Convention will be held February 8, 1997 at New Light Freewill Baptist Church and Rev. John Gibbs will be the guest speaker.

Rev. Jakie Creech was asked by the moderator to tell about his trip to Africa. Rev. Creech gave a brief but encouraging report of his visit to Africa.

The morning offering was then taken and the association was dismissed for a break so that all the boards could meet.

After the break, Rev. Joe Buttgen led the congregation in a hymn.

The Missions Board report was given by Bud Shiver. It was moved, seconded, and carried to give five hundred dollars to the North Fayetteville Mission Work; two hundred dollars to the account of Debbie Griffin, missionary to Japan, and two hundred dollars to the Linda and Nathan Snow account, missionaries to Japan.

The Camping Board report was given by Rev. Terry Pierce. A Fall Retreat was scheduled for junior ages on November 22-23, 1996. A Teen Retreat was scheduled for January 3-4, 1996.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Mrs. Sarah Harrell. The report was "We ask that we give Blakely Church a rising vote of thanks for their generous hospitality and warm welcome." It was moved, seconded, and carried to adopt report.

The Placement Committees report was given by Mrs. Janice Temples. See Report #3.

The Credentials Committee Final report was given by Mrs. Edith Shiver. The report was moved, seconded, and carried. See Report #4.

The obituary committee report was given by Murray Haire. The names of the deceased were read and then there was a moment of silence in honor of the deceased. The report was moved, seconded, and carried. See Report #5.

Mrs. Henrietta Brown gave a Midway District Women Nationally Active for Christ report as information.

A motion was made to dismiss the business session for the worship service. It was moved, seconded, and carried.

Rev. Joe Buttgen led the congregation in a hymn. Rev. Jakie Creech led in prayer. Rev. Joe Buttgen introduced the guest speaker for the morning message. Rev. Keith Fletcher, Editor and Chief of Randall House Publications. Rev. Joe Buttgen led the congregatin in another hymn.

Rev. Irvin Hyman gave a second introduction of the speaker for the morning message.

Rev. Keith Fletcher preached on the subject "Lessons That Change Lives For Eternity" from Matthew 16:1-12. He gave us some characteristics of those that are caught in trivial pursuit.

1. They have mangled memories.
2. Misguided arguments
3. Misguided searching
4. Misplaced values

After the message the association was dismissed and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal together.

Respectfully submitted,
David Harper, Clerk

REPORT #1 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 26, 1996

Moderator	Leron Clower - 1994
Assistant Moderator	Rev. W. E. Brown - 1993
Clerk	Rev. Gene Gilbert - 1996
Assistant Clerk	Rev. David Harper - 1996
Treasurer	Mr. Malcolm Freeman - 1996
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. Pat Freeman - 1996

Mission Board	Rev. William Smith - 1996 (to replace Bud Shiver)
Budget and Finance Committee	Miss Nadine Blanton (to replace Mrs. Edwina Drinkwater)
Credentials Committee	Mrs. Helen Gilchrist Mrs. Mavis Watson Mrs. Betty Day
Camping Board	Eddie Williams Mrs. Edwina Drinkwater
Nomination Committee	Mrs. Edith Shiver Mrs. Janice Temples Mrs. Mary Griffin
Resolutions Committee	Mrs. Henrietta Brown Mrs. Shirley Kinbrel

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Kimbrel
Mary Griffin
Nadine Blanton

REPORT # 2 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OCTOBER 26, 1996

Total of funds beginning balance	241.42
Received from morning offering	597.00
Received in the interim	16.00
Designated	180.00
Other	67.27
Totals to account	1,226.29
Payments	
Moderator	30.00
Clerk	49.99
Mission Board	160.49
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
Other	
Debbie Griffin	275.00
Designated Minutes	300.00
Camp Board	80.00
Total Payments	1020.48
Balance	205.81

MINUTES ACCOUNT

Balance Brought Forward.....	200.00
Received This Session.....	300.00
Balance Minutes Account.....	500.00

CAMPING BOARD ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward.....	2880.82
Receipts.....	80.00
Expenditures.....	576.00
Balance Camping Board.....	2384.82

MISSION BOARD ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward.....	5485.79
Receipts.....	160.49
Balance Mission Board.....	5646.28

ALL OTHER FUNDS

Balance brought forward.....	241.42
Receipts.....	984.87
Expenditures.....	1020.48
Balance.....	205.81
Balance Totals.....	8791.46

REPORT # 3

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

The following churches will host the Midway Association Sessions in 1997:

January 25 - Cedar Springs	August 2 - Hammock Springs
April 26 - Enterprise	October 25 - Macedonia

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Temples
Patricia Harrison

REPORT # 4

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT - OCTOBER 26, 1995

Number of churches with letters.....	15
Total dues from churches.....	1,447.05
Ministers present.....	13
Church delegates present.....	14
Total delegates.....	59
Lay members present.....	13
Visitors present.....	2
Total present.....	74

STATISTICAL REPORT

Church enrollment in 15 churches.....	1332
Sunday School enrollment in 15 churches.....	989
C.T.S. enrollment in 9 churches.....	381
WNAC enrollment in 11 churches.....	111
Master Men enrollment in 3 churches.....	29
Number of churches having weekly prayer services.....	10
Number of baptisms in 14 churches.....	38
Number of members added to 14 churches.....	83
Number of members lost from 14 churches.....	37
Number of city churches.....	5
Number of rural churches.....	10
Number of full time churches.....	12
Number of part time churches.....	3
Number of churches with parsonages.....	8
Number of churches with budgets.....	3
Number of ordained ministers.....	25
Number of licensed ministers.....	4
Number of ordained deacons.....	59
Total income of 11 churches.....	869,202.51
Total value of 11 churches and church property.....	3,339,912.00

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Shiver

Betty Day

**REPORT #5
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT
OF LOCAL CHURCHES
OCTOBER 26, 1996**

	Number on church roll	Sunday School Enrollment	C.T.S. Enrollment	Women's Auxiliary Enrollment	Masters Men Enrollment	Prayer Meeting	Amount of Dues
Albany First	426	345	135	16	15	✓	344.50
Bainbridge	30	15	X	X	X	X	47.50
Bellview	115	111	60	14	X	✓	111.25
Berean	35	28	10	5	X	✓	51.25
Blakely First	89	68	33	8	X	✓	91.75
Cedar Springs	111	60	10	11	X	✓	133.25
Damascus	16	20	X	X	X	X	45.00
Enterprise	28	14	X	6	X	X	56.05
Hammock Sprs.	48	48	48	10	X	✓	61.00
Macedonia	60	50	X	7	X	✓	100.00
New Enterprise	36	25	17	X	7	X	52.00
New Light	145	110	44	15	X	✓	133.75
Oak Grove							
Patmos	57	30	24	10	7	✓	67.75
Travelers Rest	90	50	X	9	X	✓	92.50
White Plains	46	15	X	X	X	X	59.50
Totals	1332	989	381	111	29	10	1447.05

District Dues - \$ 1047.05
National Dues - \$ 375.00
For Minutes - \$ 25.00
\$ 1447.05

**REPORT #5
OBITUARY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL MEETING**

CHURCH	NAME	BORN	DIED
Albany First	Betty Ragan	08/29/1929	11/22/95
	Ermon Garnett Ross	10/18/1924	01/27/1996
	Lolita Stearman Segroves	07/28/1940	01/27/1996
	Vaudell Thompson	07/12/1911	05/11/1996
	Floyd Donley	01/06/1933	09/25/1996
Berean Church	Oscar Lorum		1996
Blakely Church	Florrie M. Alexander	11/02/1901	07/25/1996
Bellview Church	Nellie Brooks	06/25/1909	09/13/1995
	Rufus Brown	04/22/1907	09/24/1995
	Sylvia Dodd	01/25/1917	05/05/1996
Cedar Springs Church	Charles Wayne Brown	10/22/1933	07/31/1996
Damascus Church	Alberta Milliner	12/22/1915	02/11/1996
Travelers Rest Church	Hopson Irvin	03/15/1940	07/25/1995
White Plains Church	Janet Baxley	07/14/1949	07/04/1996

Submitted by,
Murray Haire
J. W. Clower

**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 alteration 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.