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Association of  
Free Will Baptists of Georgia

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## 1999 Session were held with:

White Plains Free Will Baptist Church	January 23, 1999	Blakely, Georgia
Bellview Free Will Baptist Church	April 24, 1999	Colquitt, Georgia
Cedar Springs Free Will Baptist Church	July 31, 1999	Cedar Springs, GA
Berean Free Will Baptist Church	October 23, 1999	Albany, Georgia

## 2000 Sessions of Midway Association will meet on

January 22, 2000 at  
Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church, Blakely, GA

April 22, 2000 at  
First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, GA

July 29, 2000 at  
First Free Will Baptist Church, Bainbridge, GA

October 21, 2000 at  
First Free Will Baptist Church,  
Blakely, GA

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**Credentials Committee:** Ruby Ethridge, and Juanita Parker

**Mission Board:** Marsall Day, Charles Drinkwater, Mack Harrison, Bill Lofton, and Joe Martin.

**Nominating Committee:** Willie Clyde Henderson, Doris Grant, and Melvin Moody.

**Ordaining Board:** Billy Hanna, Gary Smith, John Amburgey, M. C. Powell, and Cliff Holland.

**Resolutions Committee:** Shirley Kimbrell and Martha Jenkins

### **Georgia State Association Board Members from Midway Association**

Mission Board	Malcom Freeman	1999
Trustee Board	Edward Kimbrell	1999
Christian Education Board	Bill Lofton	1998

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## Free Will Baptist Churches, Pastors and Clerks of Midway Association

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### First Quarterly Session, January 23, 1999

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on January 23, 1999 at White Plains Free Will Baptist Church for the first session of 1999. The meeting opened with the congregational song, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing" led by Rev. Rudy Woods. The welcome was given to White Plains by the pastor, Rev. Melvin Moody.

We had a special in song "What A Day That Will Be" by Mrs. Janice Temples and Mrs. Jean Morris. The morning devotion was given by Rev. M.C. Powell. His text was Revelation 1:8. He then led in prayer. He stated that sometimes we forget where our strength comes from; the Lord Jesus, and that we do not want to look to him to change us or guide our lives.

The Assistant clerk, Paula Gilbert called the session to order and presented the Moderator Rev. W.E. Bill Brown. We then had the roll call of ministers present, with the following answering the roll: Rev. John Amburgey, Rev. W.E. Bill Brown, Rev. J.M. Creech, Rev. Steve Faison, Rev. Billy Hanna, Rev. Melvin Moody, Rev. Joe Murkerson, Rev. M.C. Powell, Rev. Danny Thomas, Rev. Glenn Thomas, Rev. Chuck Walker, Rev. Rudy Woods. We then had a partial report of the Credential Committee and the roll call of Boards and Committees. The Moderator asked that we seat the church delegates. MSC to seat the delegates.

The Moderator then asked were there any committees that could give a oral report at this time. Sis. Henrietta Brown gave a WNAC report. A manual study at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Albany will be held at 9:30 a.m. on March 6, 1999, and the deadline to register for the retreat has been extended to February 15 and you can get

the form out of the Promotional Bulletin, or see Sis. Henrietta Brown.

We then had our morning offering, led in prayer by Bro. Melvin Moody. After which time, the Moderator then called for a recess and asked all the boards to meet during this time.

We were then called back into session by Bro. Rudy Woods leading the congregation in singing "Heavenly Sunlight" The Moderator then called on the Boards to give their reports at this time.

### Mission Board Report

We recommend to give Debbie Griffin \$200.00; Nathan Snow \$200.00; Acts 1:8 \$400.00. Respectfully submitted: Bill Loftin, Charles Drinkwater, Steve Faison. MSC

### Camping Board Report

We recommend to move the camp dates to June 6-11 because of the heat; We also need workers who could help with camp. If you have anyone that could help, please contact us. Respectfully submitted: Chuck Walker, Rudy Woods, Bonnie Amburgey. Received as information.

### Ordaining Board Report

We have received a letter from the Martin Association requesting a letter of good standing for Bro. William Smith. A letter was also received from the South Georgia Association requesting a letter of good standing for Bro. Rod Goodman. We recommend that we grant letter for each of these Brethren. Respectfully submitted: Billy D. Hanna, Glenn Thomas, J.M. Creech, John Amburgey. MSC

### Resolution Committee Report

Whereas the National Association of Free Will Baptists will convene in Atlanta, Georgia in July of this year; and whereas there is a great need in our denomination for unity to further the cause of Jesus Christ on this earth; Be it resolved that we make a solemn commitment as individuals and churches to be faithful in prayer for all phases of the convention. Whereas the White Plains Free Will Baptist Church has been a most gracious host, be it resolved we give them a rising vote of thanks. Respectfully submitted: Henrietta Brown, Shirley Kimbrell. MSC

### Christian Education Report

Our State Youth Conference will be held at First Free Will Baptist Church of Albany Georgia on May 14 & 15. We were reminded that our Association needs to set up a District Competition and get prepared for the Activities coming up. Respectfully submitted: Bill Loftin. Received as information.

### Sunday School Convention Report

Our Sunday School Convention has Tentative plans to hold the meeting in September, and we need to set a date, and a host church. Respectfully submitted: John Amburgey. Received as information.

### Credential Committee Report

Number of Churches with Letters: 14, Number of Churches with Delegates: 14, Total Dues from Churches: \$666.50, Ministers Present: 13, Deacons Present: 8, Delegates Present: 23, Lay Members Present: 3, Visitors Present: 6, Total Present: 53.

# Statistical Report

Total Church Enrollment: 1331, Number of Churches with Sunday Schools: 14, Sunday School Enrollment: 945, Number of Churches with Church Training Services: 10 Church Training Enrollment: 370, Number of Churches with Women's Auxiliary: 10, Women's Auxiliary Enrollment: 105, Churches with Master's Men: 1, Master's Men Enrollment: 5, Number of Churches with Prayer Meeting: 11. (This report reflects amounts with White Plains not reporting; letter was brought to the meeting)

Respectfully Submitted: Ruby Ethridge; Virginia Sheffield

## FINANCIAL TRANSACTION REPORT

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD:	October 24, 1998	\$9,055.96
DUES		\$1,393.25
MORNING OFFERING		\$127.26
11/9/98 Interest		\$21.81
12/9/98 Interest		\$17.95
1/12/99 Interest		\$19.35
TOTALS		\$10,635.58

## EXPENDITURES

Check #	Date	Payable to:	Amount
635	10/24/98	Leron Clower, Moderator	\$30.00
636	10/24/98	Rev. Gene Gilbert, Clerk	\$49.99
637	10/24/98	Mrs. Mathel Barnes	\$25.00
638	10/24/98	Rev. W.F. McDuffie	\$25.00
639	10/24/98	Mrs. Coy Watson	\$25.00
640		VOID	
641	10/24/98	GAFWB State & National Dues	\$450.00
642	10/24/98	Dr. Melvin Worthington	\$400.00
643	10/26/98	GA. Assoc. FWB	\$1,300.00

(Paul Smith, \$200.00, Paul Creech, \$200.00, Acts 1:8, \$400.00, FWBHC, \$500.00)

Total Expenditures:	\$2,304.99
1/23/99 Balance	\$8,330.59

Minute Account	Camp Board Account	Mission Board Account
BAL FWD \$393.11	FWD \$4,107.18	FWD \$3,890.75
REC \$200.00	REC \$ 00.00	REC \$ 366.21
EXP \$000.00	EXP \$ 00.00	EXP \$ 900.00
BAL \$593.11	BAL \$4,107.18	Balance \$3,356.96

THE ENDING UNDISTRIBUTED BALANCE AS OF	10/24/98	\$214.23
INTEREST SHOWN IN INCOME DURING THE INTERIM		\$ 59.11
TOTAL OF UNDISTRIBUTED FUNDS AS OF	1/23/99	\$273.34
1/23/99 BALANCE		\$8,330.59

## BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 24, 1999

Beginning Balance	\$8,330.59
Received from churches	\$687.50

Morning Offering	\$ 73.50
TOTALS	\$9091.59

## PAYMENTS:

Moderator	\$30.00
Clerk	\$49.99
Mission Board	\$242.40
Minutes	\$200.00

## SUPERANNUATES:

Mrs. Mathel Barnes	\$25.00
Rev. W.F. McDuffie	\$25.00
Mrs. Coy Watson	\$25.00

## OTHER:

Debbie Griffin	\$200.00
Nathan Snow	\$100.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$897.39

Minute Account	Camp Board Account	Mission Board Account
BAL FWD \$593.11	FWD \$4,107.18	FWD \$3,356.96
REC \$200.00	REC \$ 00.00	REC \$ 242.40
EXP \$000.00	EXP \$ 300.00	EXP \$ 800.00
BAL \$793.11	BAL \$3,807.18	Balance \$2,799.36

Undesignated Balance	\$136.95
Total Balance	\$7,536.60

Respectfully Submitted: Janice Temples, Joe Murkerson, Pat Freeman

## Announcements:

Prayer committee for the National Association in Atlanta, Georgia report was given by Bro. W.F. Bill Brown. He stated that they will get with us on a Prayer Concert Association wide, and will set up a date at a central location. He had hand outs for each church with some information for the pastors concerning this. First Free Will Baptist Church of Blakely Georgia will have a speaker the first Sunday in February. Also they will host a Revival the first week of February. Pray much for them as they seek a Pastor. Prayer Requests: Bro. Gene Gilbert, sick, not able to attend this meeting. Bro. William Smith, sick, and also lost his sister in death.

We had a time of specials before the message, Mrs. Jean Morris sang "My House Is Full" and Mrs. Henrietta Brown sang "He Didn't Move Mt. Calvary". We had a time of prayer by Bro. Glenn Thomas and then a short recess. We were welcomed back for our song service by Bro. Rudy Woods leading us in "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". We then had a special in song "Til The Storm Passes By" by Mrs. Jean Morris. Our morning message was brought to us by Bro. Joe Murkerson. Bro. Rudolph, a deacon from Bro. Joe's church led us in prayer of thanksgiving that Bro. John Amburgey was able to be back with us at this meeting after his sickness. Bro. Joe used as his text Psalm 143:5. He stated that we need a little more of that old time Religion, but we say we want it, but the way we are acting is if we don't want it. He shared three points: Love, Joy and Respect. We need Love for: Lost people, God's people, God's word, God's house. Joy - like Stephen in Acts 7 we need to be filled with joy and enjoy

service Jesus. Respect - We need more of the old time respect for his word, his church. He then led in prayer. We were then dismissed for the noon meal.

Respectfully Submitted: Paula Gilbert, Assistant Clerk, January 23, 1999

#### Second Quarterly Session April 24, 1999 Held with Bellview Free Will Baptist Church

Our congregational singing was led by Bro. William Smith, singing page #223 "Standing on the Promises with Mrs. Shirley Kimbrell at the piano. Our welcome and introduction of speaker by Bro. William Smith. Our call to order by clerk and introduction of Moderator was given by clerk Bro. Gene Gilbert.

Our moderator suggested we take our offering and allow the Budget and Finance time to get information together for today's session. Bro. Rudy Woods then led us in prayer over the offering.

The Roll of Ministers was called for and the delegates were seated. A partial report of Credential Committee was called for with 13 ministers, 9 deacons, 22 delegates, 2 from the state office, and 6 visitors. A motion was called to accept this partial report. MSC.

#### Camp Report

Bro. Chuck Walker gave the following report that was received as information: Jr. Camp will be held at Kolomoki Mounds on June 6-11 and we still need help with the camp. Rev. John Taylor will be the speaker for the week. Also, he stated that they could not accept any kids this time without their social security numbers on the registration forms.

Bro. Bill Brown gave the following report that was received as information: Concert of Prayer was announced concerning the prayer time given especially for the National Association. There were hand outs given in the bulletin as folks came in.

#### CTS Youth Competition

Bro. Bill Lofton gave the following report that was received as information: The state Youth Competition will be held May 14-15 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Albany, Ga. He encouraged all of our churches to attend the meeting even if they did not have anyone to participate.

#### State Office

Bro. William Smith gave the following report that was received as information: Ushers are still needed for the night services at the National Association in Atlanta in July. Need more office workers for the booth set up at the National. There will be a special promotional bulletin made up for the National and the hospitality committee needs our help.

We were then dismissed in prayer by Bro. Melvin Moody. Our session resumed with Bro. Danny Thomas leading with "Since Jesus Came In".

Bro. Travis Sturgill was to be our speaker for the devotion, but due to problems, he did not make it to the meeting. Bro. Gene Gilbert filled in for him, speaking on the subject: "When God says No"

- 1) God had a place for us - a success for God if we do what we have to do with
- 2) God blesses us - we have a gracious God - he takes care of us
- 3) God places us on the rock - provides for us. He is our Rock of Ages. Bro. Gene then led in prayer.

#### Mission Board

Our reports were given at this time - Bro. Bill Lofton gave the Mission Board report. They recommended that we give Debbie Griffin \$200.00 and Nathan Snow \$200.00. MSC to accept this report.

#### State Mission Board

Bro. Malcolm Freeman gave the State Mission Board report. They are in the process of surveying the land in Atlanta - the results not back as of this meeting. They are having a lot of trouble with the requirements they have to meet in order to build on this property.

MSC to accept this report.

#### Ordaining Board Report

We need a replacement for Bro. J. M. Creech, they recommended Bro. M.C. Powell. They also received a letter from Bro. Joe Buttgen in Arkansas and recommended a letter of good standing be given for him. MSC to receive this report.

#### Financial Report

Given by Malcom Freeman

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD:	January 24, 1999	\$8,330.59
DUES		\$687.50
MORNING OFFERING		\$73.50
11/9/98 Interest		\$15.31
12/9/98 Interest		\$14.29
1/12/99 Interest		\$13.91
TOTALS		\$9,135.10

#### EXPENDITURES

Check #	Date	Payable to:	Amount
644	1/23/99	Rev. W.E. Brown, Moderator	\$30.00
645	1/23/99	Rev. Gene Gilbert, Clerk	\$49.99
646	1/23/99	Mrs. Mathel Barnes	\$25.00
647	1/23/99	Rev. W.F. McDuffie	\$25.00
648	1/23/99	Mrs. Coy Watson	\$25.00
649	1/23/99	Kolomoki State Park	\$300.00
650	1/23/99	GAFWB Assoc.	\$1,100.00
Total Expenditures:			\$1,554.99
			\$7,580.11

Minute Account	Camp Board Account	Mission Board Account
BAL FWD \$593.11	FWD \$4,107.18	FWD \$3,356.96
REC \$200.00	REC \$ 00.00	REC \$ 242.40
EXP \$000.00	EXP \$ 300.00	EXP \$ 800.00
BAL \$793.11	BAL \$3,807.18	Balance \$2,799.36

THE ENDING UNDISTRIBUTED BALANCE AS OF 4/24/99 \$180.46

4/24/99 BALANCE \$7,580.11

### Sunday School Convention Report

Bro. John Amburgey gave the Sunday School report. They are planning a Sunday School Convention in September with two speakers this year. The meeting will be held at the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church. They will give out the information as they have it together. MSC to receive this report.

### WGAC Report

The women are preparing jars of jellies for the National Convention in Atlanta and are to turn in the jars early so they can be taken to the hotel for approval before we go.

### Credential Report

Churches with Letters: 15; Churches with delegates: 15; Total Dues: \$688.00. Ministers present: 14; Deacons present: 9; Delegates present: 22; Total number of delegates 45; Lay members present: 5; Visitors: 7; Total Present: 57.

Respectfully Submitted, Ruby Ethridge, Virginia Sheffield

### State Camp Board

Proposal to build new camp ground will be discussed at the meeting of the State Camping Board in Perry, GA. It was said the new facilities would cost an estimated \$2,000,000.00 to build. It was recommended by the voting body for the State Camp Board to stay with current practice of using rented facilities. MSC

### Resolutions Committee

Rising vote of thanks for Bellview hosting today was given by the congregation.

### Announcements

Revival Greenwood, Gene Gilbert, evangelist; Prayer concert, May 1, Patmos Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Danny Thomas.

### Worship Service

Met back for service singing "Saved, Saved" led by Bro. Danny Thomas, pianist Shirley Kimbrell. Bro. Murray Haire led us in prayer. Bellview choir sang "Above All Things" and "Come Just As You Are".

Bro. William Smith introduced our speaker. Bro. Roger Russell from New Salem FWB came to speak, his text was taken from Philippians 4. Subject: "Giving your preacher what he wants" Received a lot from church, but encouraged their continual giving- so they can receive more for themselves and the Lord. Wanted for himself- (Chapter 1:12,20). Never do anything to be ashamed of or make them ashamed-live for

Christ- to die is gain. Prayer for pastor-courage to do needed things. Wanted people to do, be organized, need a lot of leaders. Expecting them to be like-minded not in strife or vainglory. Sent Timothy to help them out in the church, sent best person he knew—3:17-wanted them to follow his (pastor) example 2:5- let his mind be in Christ Jesus 3:8,9- gave up the flesh, sold out to Jesus 4:1- stand-fast in the Lord-support leaders. Deacons, women, bishops rejoice in the Lord- careful to pastors. God will supply our need- Give God the praise! Bro. Russell led in prayer. Bro. William gave final instructions about meal; Benediction and prayer over meal led by Danny Thomas.

### Third Session July 31, 1999 Cedar Springs Free Will Baptist

Opened with song, "O Come Let us Adore Him" Bro. Steve Faison leading with Bonnie Amburgey at the piano. Bro. Steve Faison pastor of the Cedar Springs then welcomed everyone and gave the instructions of the facility and then led in opening prayer.

Devotion - Bro. Cliff Holland - Bellview Free Will Baptist, his text was Mark 4:34-41.

- 1) Hearing the Lord is not optional - the Lord told them they would be going to the other side of the lake
- 2) How often we overlook the obvious - vs. 37 tells us the boat was full of water, yet it still floated
- 3) Help in overcoming the obstacles - vs. 40 tells us we are fearful but yet we need more faith. Bro. Cliff then led in prayer.

### Business Session.

Bro. Gene Gilbert called the session to order and presented the assistant moderator, Bro. Leron Clower. Bro. Clower then asked for the roll call of ministers. We then had a partial report of the Credential Committee. The moderator then called for a motion and second to sea. the delegates and then the clerk checked to see if we had a quorum of the committees present.

We then took an offering, with Bro. Melvin Moody leading in the prayer. The moderator then asked Bro. William Smith to come forward and give a report of the National Association in Atlanta and the things that the Georgia folks did while there. This was received as information. The moderator then asked that we have a recess to give the boards time to meet and we could fellowship together. The host church Cedar Springs had donuts, juice, and coffee for us.

After the recess, we met back to sing #317 Victory in Jesus led by Bro. Steve Faison and Bro. Rudy Woods led in prayer. Mrs. Edith Shiver asked to give a little speech concerning changing of the Free Will Baptist Bible College name. She wanted us to think long and hard before we did this, for in 1942 it was named that and she felt it needed to continue to be named this. The college will be sending out a sign up form for those interested in voting their preference. This was received as information.

### Camp Board

We had two good camps this summer - Junior Camp had 103 in attendance, Teen had 100 plus in attendance. The teen week was the largest attended as of yet. We had several commitments and decisions. The teens will be using a different camp this next year that will be self contained, not with the other groups that they have been using, and it will be better on the workers to know more about the kids that attend rather than mixed up as it has been in the past. Bro. Rudy Woods gave as information.

#### Ordaining Board

We recommend that Rev. Cliff Holland be accepted into the association as full member pending letter from his church. MSC - this report was given by Bro. Gary Smith

#### Resolution

1. Encourage everyone to give to the Acts 1:8 plan,
2. Give a rising vote of thanks to Cedar Spring Free Will Baptist for their hospitality.

#### Mission Board

Recommend giving \$200.00 each to the following: Debbie Griffin, Nathan Snow-Japan, Ron Wallace-Alaska, Paul Creech-Macon MSC, Report by Brother Day.

#### Budget & Finance

Brother Malcom Freeman gave the following report.

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD:	July 31, 1999	\$473.26
Received from Churches		\$718.00
*MORNING OFFERING		\$88.00
Received During Interim		\$43.01
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$1,322.27</b>

#### PAYMENT

Moderator	\$30.00
Clerk	\$49.99
Mission Board	\$277.61
Camp Board	\$400.00
Mrs. Mathel Barnes	\$25.00
Rev. W.F. McDuffie	\$25.00
Mrs. Coy Watson	\$25.00
Acts 1:8	\$200.00
FWB BIBLE COLLEGE	\$200.00

Total Expenditures: \$1,232.60

Minute Account	Camp Board Account	Mission Board Account
BAL FWD \$793.11	FWD \$2,894.06	FWD \$2,714.87
REC \$000.00	REC \$ 400.00	REC \$ 277.61
EXP \$000.00	EXP \$ 000.00	EXP \$ 800.00
BAL \$793.11	BAL \$3,294.06	Balance \$2,192.48

THE ENDING UNDISTRIBUTED BALANCE AS OF \$89.67

BALANCE \$6,369.32

#### Credential Committee

Sis. Ruby Ethridge gave a final report of the committee and MSC to accept the report.

#### Nominating Committee

We recommend Bro. Glen Thomas to fill the unexpired term of Moderator. Time was given to receive any nominations from the floor. MSC to accept this nomination.

#### State Office Report

We now have 16 churches without a pastor, our growth and finance has been \$40,000 and up monthly, the Acts 1:8 plan has had \$50,000 and up monthly given to it, Our Women Aux., and our Masters Men has seen some new interest in the last months, the mission church in Atlanta will have the groundbreaking next week, the state office has a chance at moving to a nicer building in Colquitt in the next 6 weeks, 40 to 60 churches in the country of Korea are ready to join the Free Will Baptist movement. Bro. William Smith, Exec. Sec. gave this report as information.

Bro. Leron Clower then asked Mrs. Paula Gilbert to give us a special in song. She sang, "My Wonderful Lord". Old Business: None Reported.

New Business: Sunday school Convention will be held September 18<sup>th</sup>, at Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church at 10a.m. with Bro. Matt Pinson and Bro. David Fite speaking for us. We want to see our Sunday Schools grow and to learn more about the word of God. Bro. John Amburgey gave this report MSC to accept report.

#### Women of Georgia Active for Christ Report

Janice Temples gave a report that the women of Georgia have given over \$10,000 to outside causes. The National Association banquet went well, the jellies that the Georgia women had fixed turned out well as the decorations for the table there, the hostess for each booth and table were well received. Given as information.

#### Announcements:

Minister's Wives Retreat will be held September 16-18, Pastors Appreciation Day September 12, Pastors Conference in Atlanta September 24-25, Walter Baxley is now available to fill the pulpit, he may be reached at 912- 372-4343. Bro. Leron Clower dismissed us in prayer.

#### Worship Service:

We sang "When we all get to Heaven", and "When the Roll is Called up Yonder" led by Bro. Steve Faison. Bro. Travis Sturgill then read Revelation chapter 4 and then led in prayer. We then sang "Thou art Worthy". Bro. Steve Horne a member of the Cedar Springs Free Will Baptist Church sang "Midnight Cry".

Billy Hanna pastor of the First Free Will Baptist of Albany Georgia, delivered the morning message, his text was Ezekiel 33:12 and Hebrews 3:12-14; 6:4-6; 10:22-27 telling us about the Free Will Baptist Doctrine and falling from grace or apostasy. He spoke much about the fact that if the righteous can turn to wickedness then the wicked can change. He said we as a denomination have a divine purpose something for us to say and to give. Plan of Atonement: Salvation is of God through Jesus death. A

provision is for my righteousness thorough faith in Christ. We believe in the free will of God. The fact that God will not make you or anyone go to heaven. We as Christians have a 3-way tie we can make that is 1 - the Lord wants you; 2 - the devil wants you; 3 - you choose which way you will go. Can we fall away? Some examples are Judas, Lucifer, Adam and Eve, Nation of Israel. The word of God teaches it, Jesus taught it in the parables, the sower, the true vine reminded us Free Will Baptist ought not to apologize for their beliefs, take serious about the condition of man. He then led in prayer, and we sang "Trust and Obey". Bro. Steve asked all to stay for lunch and Bro. Chuck Walker led in the dismissal prayer and a blessing on the food.

#### Annual Meeting October 23, 1999

##### Berean Free Will Baptist Church

Our meeting was called to order by Rev. M.C. Powell, pastor of Berean Free Will Baptist Church. We sang "I Want to be a Worker for the Lord" led by Rev. Rudy Woods, pianist Sis. Bonnie Amburgey.

The devotion was brought by Rev. David Fite, and his text was Isaiah 44:6 "I am the first and the last, and besides me there is no God." The people rejected the one true source, they crafted images to worship, they worshipped as we sometimes do now - were selfish in their ways, don't be ashamed to tell the truth.

The meeting was called to order and presentation of the moderator was given by the clerk Rev. Gene Gilbert. The welcome was given by our moderator, Rev. Glen Thomas. Prayer by Rev. Melvin Moody.

We entered in to our Business session with the roll call of ministers, a partial report of the credential committee, and an offering with Rev. Rudy Woods leading in prayer. The clerk, Rev. Gene Gilbert then called for a quorum of the boards. We had a Motion Second Carried to seat the church delegates.

After a short recess where the host church provided coffee, donuts and orange juice, we met back to sing "Bring Them In" with Rev. Rudy Woods leading and Sis. Bonnie Amburgey at the piano. We were then called back to order by our moderator, Rev. Glen Thomas. Our moderator then called on the different boards to report at this time:

##### Mission Board

Recommend \$500.00 to go to Free Will Baptist Bible College for the relocation fund, and \$500.00 to go to the North Carolina Flood Relief Fund. This was moved, second and carried. At this time we had \$2,192.48 in this fund.

##### Ordaining Board

Recommend to receive Rev. Cliff Holland into our Midway Association. Moved, second and carried.

##### Resolutions Committee

- 1 To encourage our North Carolina churches with our prayers and our financial help.
- 2 Give Berean Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of appreciation for hosting

this annual meeting today. Motion, second and carried.  
At this time, our moderator, Rev. Glenn Thomas, led us in a prayer for the Berean church.

##### Credential Committee

Churches reported 14, Delegates 14, Ministers 14, Deacons 7, Delegates 18, Total 44. Motion, second carried to receive final report Submitted by Juanita Parker & Ruby Ethridge

##### Obituary

The following Churches submitted the members they lost in death since the last annual meeting: *Damascus*: Margaret G. Daniel, *Enterprise*: Aubrey Jenkins, Lougene Jenkins, *First, Albany*: Trudie Nalley, Kenneth Stripling, Clifford Davis, Bill Houston, *First, Bainbridge*: Harrison Gordon, *Hammock Springs*: Jamie Jones, *New Enterprise*: Pansey Moulder, *New Light*: Charlie Tom Morris, *Patmos*: Lester Griffin, Jerry Lambreth, *Travelers Rest*: Rev. Weldon L. Rentz, Monroe Addison. The reading of these names was followed by a moment of silent prayer, followed by Rev. Billy Hanna leading in a prayer for these families and their loss. Report submitted by: Kathleen Thomas, Bonnie Amburgey. Motion, second and carried.

##### Nominating Committee

Recommend Rev. Cliff Holland to replace Rev. Glenn Thomas on the ordaining board. Motion, second carried. Report submitted by: Rev. Melvin Moody

##### Camp Board

Rev. Chuck Walker was not here to give the report or financial status, so will have the details concerning the camps sent to us in the mail. Report submitted by: Rev. Rudy Woods. Motion, second and carried to receive as information.

##### Placement Committee

The following was submitted as the churches that will hold the meetings for the year 2000:

First session	Enterprise	January 22, 2000
Second session	First, Albany	April 22, 2000
Third session	First, Bainbridge	July 29, 2000
Fourth session, Annual	First, Blakely	October 21, 2000

Report submitted by: Rev. David Fite, Edith Shiver. MSC.

Our moderator, Rev. Glenn Thomas suggested at this time that we have some maps made up to send to the pastors to help them and their people get to the churches. Our clerk also asked us to send the maps to him.

We had a oral report at this time concerning the Senior Retreat at Epworth by the sea from Mrs. Edwina Drinkwater. This was received as information.

We had a oral report from Rev. Mark Walker concerning the Teen Retreat. It will be held at Camp John Hope on December 27-28 1999, and Jeff Goodman will be the speaker. Bro. Walker said he would be sending out information and forms by mail and

it will also have information in the state paper. This was received as information.

### Finance Report

Bro. Malcom Freeman handed out reports for us to look over and read and discuss. The clerk then reminded him about the \$1000 that he didn't have on the reports that the Mission Board delegated out during the meeting. This was noted and received as information.

Brother Malcom Freeman gave the following report.

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD:	October 23, 1999	\$89.67
Received from Churches		\$1,766.45
MORNING OFFERING		\$78.00
Received During Interim	Designated Camp	\$43.01
Interest		\$34.57
TOTALS		\$2,168.69

### PAYMENT:

Moderator	\$30.00
Clerk	\$49.99
Mission Board	\$359.61
Camp Board	\$200.00
Mrs. Mathel Barnes	\$25.00
Rev. W.F. McDuffie	\$25.00
Mrs. Coy Watson	\$25.00
GA State Dues	\$75.00
National Dues	\$750.00
North Carolina Flood Relief	\$500.00

Total Expenditures: \$2,039.60

Minute Account	Camp Board Account	Mission Board Account
BAL FWD \$793.11	FWD \$3,294.06	FWD \$2,192.48
REC \$000.00	REC \$ 200.00	REC \$ 359.61
EXP \$000.00	EXP \$ 000.00	EXP \$1,000.00
BAL \$793.11	BAL \$3,494.06	Balance \$1,552.09

THE ENDING UNDISTRIBUTED BALANCE AS OF \$129.09  
BALANCE \$5,968.35

It was then brought to the body the recommendation to retain Malcolm Freeman as State Mission Board member, and Bill Lofton as Camp Board member. This will be on our state letter that we send in, and they will vote on them at the state meeting. Motion, second, carried.

We elected the following delegates to the state meeting - November 17-20, 1999 in Metter, Georgia: 1) Edwina Drinkwater, 2) Janice Temples, 3) Bonnie Amburgey. Motion, second carried to allow the moderator or the clerk to have the authority to appoint the other 2 remaining delegates that we are allowed to have as an association.

### Women of Georgia Active for Christ Report

There were 50 registered for our October meeting, and Mrs. June Hersey was our speaker. Martha Jenkins was our Service Chairman and had as our project the Bishop Missionary Kids, giving them quarters for the washer and dryer use at college, and we

raised over \$300.00 to go to this project. We will have a workshop on the home in March and will be getting information out to you on this at a later date. We encourage all of our ladies to participate in our meetings. Mrs. Shirley Kimbrell, president, gave this oral report as information.

### State Mission Report

We have sold the old building at Marietta, Ga. And got \$500,000 cash for it, and the folks along with Rev. Paul Smith will be breaking ground in the next two weeks for the new building. We have a new project at Kingsland, furnishing pastor, Billy Beven, Jr. South Georgia Association will maintain title and deeds to land. This report was submitted by: Malcolm Freeman and received as information.

### Trustee Report

White Oaks Free Will Baptist has land they want to give to build the new state office on, have to work out a clear title on this. Danny Shepherd is our attorney, and he is taking care of this at no charge to us. Report submitted by: Edward Kimbrell and received as information. Motion, second carried to re elect Edward Kimbrell to the Trustee Board, and we will submit his name on our state report to elect him to this board at the state meeting.

### State Camp Board Report

Recommend as a board to continue renting camps rather than purchasing them, stay the same direction we are going now. We voted at our meeting the feelings of our association as such. Ogeechee Association wrote letters to all of our churches and to our association, and we did not feel it was their business to tell us how we should vote on this matter. Submitted by: Rev. John Amburgey and received as information. At this time, our clerk, Rev. Gene Gilbert, stood in opposition to the Ogeechee Association sending letters to us trying to tell us how to transpire business.

### Announcements:

Our state office has moved uptown in nicer facilities and we are proud to be in Colquitt, Ga. and you are invited to come by and see us. Groundbreaking ceremony 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November at First Albany, Everyone invited!

Motion, second, carried to adjourn from the business session. Motion by Bro. Irvin Hyman. Prayer by Rev. Glenn Thomas.

We entered into our Morning Worship Service singing #160 led by Rev. Rudy Woods, Mrs. Bonnie Amburgey at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Gene Gilbert. Song "How Great Thou Art" was then sang, and then we had a song by the host church, "I Wouldn't Miss it, Would You" sang by Carol Watson, Bonnie Watson, and Anna Watson. After which Rev. Glenn Thomas brought us the message from Jeremiah 6:16 "How things have changed" Pilgrims path, Path of peace, Path of light, Path of life, Path of truth, Path of holiness. The old path came upon Jesus and the apostles. Generation after generation degenerated from God. Let us be the generation that will follow the old path. For our closing hymn "Send the Light" Rev. M.C. Powell then gave us instructions for the noon meal, we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Rudy Woods.

## Midway Sunday School Convention

September 18, 1999

The 1999 Sunday school convention was held at Macedonia Free Will Baptist church, on Saturday, September 18. President Rev. John Amburgey opened the convention with a warm welcome and prayer, followed with a song led by Rev. Rudy Woods and pianist Bonnie Amburgey.

Speaker Rev. David Fite presented techniques for studying and applying the scripture to our lives. Rev. Matt Pinson shared his experience and knowledge gleaned from Ken Hemphill's book, "Revitalizing the Sunday Morning Dinosaur". Sunday schools which are a balance of the four components of the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19,20 (evangelism, discipleship, assimilation, and teaching) result in church growth.

Lastly, Sunday School Convention business was attended to. President Rev. Amburgey shared the feelings of the officers: programs for the Sunday school convention can be adequately planned by the four officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer), thus deleting the need for a program committee. Churches represented at the 1999 Convention were as follows: Bainbridge First, Bellview, Enterprise, Macedonia, New Enterprise, New Light, Patmos, Travelers Rest, and Colquitt First of the Martin Association. Attendance was 31.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy Brackin, Secretary

Treasurer's Report	
Balance	\$150.92
Offering	\$51.00
Dues	\$200.00
Speaker Rev. Fite	\$100.00
Speaker Rev. Pinson	\$100.00
President	\$30.00
Secretary	\$30.00
Ending Balance	\$141.92

## Constitution of the Midway District Association of Original Freewill Baptist of the State of Georgia

### Preamble

We, the Midway District Association of Original Freewill Baptist of the State of Georgia, do ordain this constitution for the purpose of advancing, promoting and increasing all phases of the cause of Christ.

### Article I NAME:

The 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 delegates 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 (50) members or fractional part thereof and one delegate for 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, 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 meetings 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 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 Practices of the Original Freewill Baptists as adopted by the National Association of 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 required 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 absence of the Moderator and assist him in such ways as we 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 the 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 the Clerk and to assist him in any way necessary.

**Section 5:** The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive all association funds and to disburse them as directed by the association.

**Section 6:** The duties of the Assistant Treasurer shall be to function at the request of or in the absence of the Treasurer and to assist him in any way necessary.

**Article IV FUNCTION OF THE BOARDS:**

**Section 1:** The Missions Board shall be composed of five (5) members whose terms of office shall be two years and who shall be reelected or replaced on even years. The function of this board shall be:

- a. To supervise any and all mission's programs of this association and to coordinate their efforts with our state and national agencies.
- b. To be vested with the power of trusteeship; to hold and convey titles of any property coming under the jurisdiction of 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 five (5) members who are members of our association in good standing. Boards members shall be elected on even years for the term of two years. The 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 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 this 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 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 association moneys at the request of the association.
- b. To receive all pleas for help and suggestions for disbursements of moneys.
- c. To recommend to the association the disbursements of moneys 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. Lay members shall be at least two of the five members. The Chairman of the Board shall be the Camp Director, or the board may appoint a Director and Co-Director. This board shall be elected or reelected yearly. It shall be their duties to:

- a. Plan and promote the Youth Camp over the district.
- b. Set time for the Midway Camp.
- c. Set fees for the camp in accordance with the State Camp Board.
- d. Secure volunteer or hire sufficient help and supervision for the camp session.

**Article V COMMITTEES:**

**Section 1:** The Nominating Committee shall be composed of three members whose

terms of office shall be two years, and who shall be elected or reelected on even years.

**Section 2:** All committees not provided for by either the constitution or its By-Laws may be appointed by the Moderator as deemed necessary.

#### **Article VI**

**Section 1:** Each church is requested to mail its report to the Clerk fifteen (15) days before each session.

**Section 2:** Each auxiliary of the association shall give a report to the association meeting which meets in October for the Annual Meeting. It is requested that this report be mailed to the Clerk fifteen (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 providently 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 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 shall 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.

#### **Minutes of the Midway District WAC held at Bellview FWB Church on October 2, 1999**

The Midway District WAC (Women Active for Christ) Convention met at 9:30 A.M. at Bellview FWB Church in Colquitt, Georgia. The theme for this year is "Passing the Torch" taken from II Timothy 2:2. Musicians were Helen Holland, pianist and Leigh Ann Walton, song leader. The meeting opened with the singing of "Majesty" followed with prayer by Shirley Harting. Doris Grant gave the welcome as well as recognized those who were visitors.

Shirley Kimbrell, Vice President, presided over the meeting in the absence of President Henrietta Brown who had moved out-of-state. Special Music was rendered by Paula Gilbert. She so beautifully sang "Two More Hands." Teresa Smith followed this with a devotional. Teresa shared the experience of her recent trip to England where she saw evidence of the torch not being passed from generation to generation. She read from II Timothy 2:2.

The offertory prayer was given by Mary Griffin followed with an offering taken by Doris Grant and Sherrie Henley. Edwina Mathis gave a report on the 1999 WNAC Convention and Banquet in Atlanta, Georgia. Willie Clyde Henderson gave a report on the 1999 State Prayer Retreat at Norman Park Assembly.

Edwina Drinkwater gave the Credentials Report (Exhibit A). She stated all Auxiliaries had reported and paid dues. Also, Travelers Rest Auxiliary requested to re-join the Midway District WAC. It was MSC that this report be accepted. It was then MSC that all standing delegates and the appointed delegates be seated and be declared the voting body. The minutes of our last annual meeting (October 3, 1998) were read by Christine Daniel.

Mission Chairperson Patricia Fite gave her report. She had an exhibit showing pictures of foreign missionaries and encouraged everyone to pray for them. She also had several handouts for the local Mission Chairpersons to read and use.

Prayer Chairperson Janice Temples gave her report. She handed out a list of prayer requests, especially encouraging everyone to pray for and to send cards to Tanya Hart who has a serious health problem. Janice also stated that she and several others from Georgia had attended the WNAC Prayer Retreat in Glorieta, New Mexico in September.

Service Chairperson Martha Jenkins gave her report. She thanked everyone for their participation in the items brought to the 1998 State meeting in November for the Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama. The project this year is giving quarters for Sandra and Dale Bishop's two sons, Jeff and Kevin, who are presently attending college. The total amount given was \$280.00.

Treasurer's Report (Exhibit B) was given by Gloria Henley. It was MSC that this report be accepted.

Finance Committee Report (Exhibit C) was given by Gloria Henley, Chairperson. Committee encouraged all Auxiliaries give \$1.00 each month toward postage and office supplies, as stated in the Constitution and By-laws and to remember that our dues are \$12 per member per year. It was MSC that this report be accepted.

Resolution Committee Report (Exhibit D) was given by Edith Shiver. It was MSC that this report be accepted. A suggestion was made by Eleanor Sheffield that an in-depth report be given at our Workshop in March 2000 explaining the Dot Harvey Loan Fund.

Registration Committee Report (Exhibit E) was made by Tina Brooks. There were 47 members and 3 visitors present. It was MSC that this report be accepted.

Delegates to the Georgia Women Active for Christ in November in Metter, Georgia are as follows: Bonnie Amburgey, Mary Sue Durden, Edwina Drinkwater, Marie Glover, Robin Faison, Edith Shiver, Pat Freeman, Willie Clyde Henderson, Paula Walker, Christine Daniel.

Nominating Committee Report (Exhibit F) was given by Marie Glover. She presented a proposed slate of officers for 1999-2001. It was MSC that these officers be accepted.

Doris Grant was thanked for her participation on the Committee for the planning the WNAC Banquet in Atlanta, Georgia. There being no further business, we entered into our Worship Service. Helen Holland blessed our hearts with a song entitled "In the Midst of it All". Christine Daniel, substituting for Martha Everson, introduced June Hersey, the special speaker. Emphasizing our theme, "Passing the Torch," June challenged us to Teach, Obey, Reach, Commit, and Heed. She gave us many ways of living a more victorious life and therefore, being able to pass the torch on to others. She ended her talk by reading the words of the song: "May All Who Come Behind Us Find Us Faithful."

Patricia Fite installed the incoming officers. A torch was passed to each officer as she committed to fulfill her duty. Each person in attendance was also asked to pray for and to support these officers. Patricia read a poem entitled "Pass It On." A prayer of dedication was offered by Eleanor Sheffield.

The dismissal prayer was given by Bonnie Amburgey. A delicious lunch was served by the Bellview ladies.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Daniel

#### Exhibit A Credential Committee

We, your Credential Committee, submit the following report: The following Auxiliaries have properly reported and paid their fee: Albany, Bellview, Blakely, Cedar Springs, Enterprise, Hammock Springs, Macedonia, New Light, and Patmos.

Travelers Rest FWB Auxiliary has petitioned the Midway Women Active for Christ to rejoin. They have also reported and paid their fee.

Edwina Drinkwater, Chairperson and Virginia Sheffield

#### Exhibit B Treasurer's Report 1998-1999

Balance on hand 10-01-98	\$512.37
Deposits	\$6,519.88
Total	\$7,032.25

Annual Convention	\$139.00
Workshop	\$141.00
Local Auxiliary	<u>\$6,239.88</u>
	\$6,519.88

Disbursements:	
WNAC Designated Funds	\$6,017.01
Yvonne Hampton Workshop Speaker	\$150.00
Gloria Jenkins 1998 Convention Speaker	\$50.00
Harland Checks	\$12.64
Midway District WAC to Atlanta Convention	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$6,729.65
Balance on hand as of 10-01-99	\$302.60

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gloria Henley, District Treasurer

Designated	
Dues for 97 members	1,018.50
Co-Laborer	399.50
*Emphasis Month Offering	361.25
Memorial Student Loan	59.00
National Building Office	130.00
State Project	1,226.21
1999 Atlanta Convention	<u>542.00</u>
WNAC Total	3,735.96

Colleges	
FWBBC Organ Fund	60.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	<u>215.00</u>
	275.00

Foreign Missions	
Laura Belle Barnard (Pre-Easter)	279.05
Debbie Griffin	530.00
Bishops	240.00
Snows	100.00
Hanna & Westfield	85.00
Spanish Literature	<u>55.00</u>
	1,289.05

Home Missions	
Lizzie McAdams Offering	517.00
Alabama Children's Home	200.00
	717.00
Total	\$6,017.01

#### Members 1999

Albany 18, Bellview 15, Blakely 7, Cedar Springs 9, Enterprise 8, Hammock Springs 11, Macedonia 9, New Light 12, Patmos 8. Total members 97.

\* Fifty dollars of the Emphasis Month Offering was given in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Lane by her daughter. Mrs. Gertrude loved the work of WNAC.

#### Exhibit C Financial Committee Report

Total:	\$302.60
10-02-99 Offering:	\$120.53
	\$423.13

#### Disbursements:

Speaker, June Hersey	100.00
NC Church (that was affected by flood)	100.00
Grand Total in Treasury	\$223.13

- We encourage all Auxiliaries who do not give \$1.00 each month toward postage and office supplies to do so as stated in our Constitution and By-Laws.
- And please remember dues are \$12.00 per member per year.

Gloria Henley, Chairperson; Doris Grant; Ethel Henley; Paula Walker

#### Exhibit D Resolutions Committee Report

We, your Resolutions Committee submit the following recommendations to the Women of Georgia Active For Christ Convention of the Midway District:

- Be it resolved that we give all who had a part in the meeting of the WNAC National Convention in Atlanta a strong "AMEN" of appreciation for all their services as we realize it was every one who helped which made it a great success.
- Be it resolved that we ask each Auxiliary to increase its contributions to the Dot Harvey Loan Fund of Georgia. This will enable more young people to go to the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.
- We recommend each Auxiliary inform local members of the life and contributions of Miss Dot Harvey for whom the Dot Harvey Loan Fund was named, and further inform them how this loan operates.
- We recommend each Auxiliary send a monthly offering, any amount to the Free Will Baptist Bible College for the Organ Fund in honor of Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart, retired Executive Secretary of WNAC.
- We recommend we give Mrs. Shirley Kimbrell a rising vote of thanks for taking the President's helm so willingly after the President, Henrietta Brown moved away in May.
- We recommend each Auxiliary give an offering to help the flooded churches in North Carolina.
- We recommend we give Bellview Ladies a vote of thanks for hosting this Annual Convention. We all know how much effort goes into preparation of the

building, meal, and other necessary items for this event.

Submitted By: Edith Shiver, Mary Griffin, Teresa Smith, Willie C. Henderson, Mildred Bowen

#### Exhibit E Registration Committee Report

Albany 5, Bellview 10, Blakely 1, Cedar Springs 5, Enterprise 3, Hammock Springs 3, Macedonia 5, New Light 5, Patmos 3, Travelers Rest 7, Visitors 3. The Grand total present: 50. Submitted By: Tina Brooks, Chairperson; Patricia Fite

#### Exhibit F Nominating Committee Report

We, the Nominating Committee, submit this slate of officers for the Midway WAC for 1999-2001:

Coordinator - Shirley Kimbrell  
 Assistant Coordinator - Mildred Brown  
 Secretary - Robin Faison  
 Treasurer - Gloria Henley  
 Missions Chairman - Edwina Drinkwater  
 Study Chairman - Tina Brooks  
 Prayer Chairman - Kathy Marshall  
 Service Chairman - Marie Glover  
 Field Worker - Bonnie Amburgey

#### Midway Women Active for Christ Officers

Coordinator	Shirley Kimbrell	912-758-2587
	1525 Bellview Road	
	Colquitt, GA 31737	
Asst. Coordinator	Mildred Brown	912-758-3475
	715 Harmony Church Road	
	Colquitt, GA 31737	
Secretary	Robin Faison	912-372-4949
	Route 4,	
	Blakely GA 31723	
Treasurer	Gloria Henley	912-758-3995
	439 Cooktown Road	
	Colquitt, GA 31737	
Study Chairman	Tina Brooks	912-758-3220
	3182 N Early County Line Road	
	Damascus, GA 31741	
Prayer Chairman	Kathy Marshall	912-524-6195
	Route Box 495	
	Donalsonville, GA 31745	

Mission Chairman Edwina Drinkwater 912-849-2560  
Route 1 Box 44  
Morgan, GA 31766

Service Chairman Marie Glover 912-439-2447  
1715 Samford Drive  
Albany, GA 31707

Field Worker Bonnie Amburgey 912-734-5553  
Route 2 Box 67  
Leary, GA 31762

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
FOR THE MIDWAY DISTRICT  
WOMEN OF GEORGIA ACTIVE FOR CHRIST CONVENTION**

**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 who 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 has 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 group must notify the Executive Committee.

**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 Nominating 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 Association Clerk to be published in the Annual Association Minutes.

**Section 4: Treasurer** – The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this Convention, and shall disburse moneys 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 an annual report to the District Association Clerk to be published with the minutes in the Midway Minutes. She shall end 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 in any way she can.

**Section 6: Study Chairman** – The Study Chairman shall work with the local WGAC groups' Study Chairmen 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 offices and four (4) chairman of the Executive Committee shall be nominated by a Nominating 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, stationery, 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 Nominating 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.

#### **Constitution and By-Laws of the**

#### **Midway Association District Sunday School Convention**

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, and Treasury. The elected officers shall constitute the Executive Board of the convention which shall act when convention is not in session.

#### **Article V - Committees**

- Section 1:** A Chorister shall be appointed for each convention.  
**Section 2:** A Pianist shall be appointed for each convention.  
**Section 3:** The President shall appoint needed committees for each convention.

#### **Article VI - Time and Place of Convention**

- Section 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.  
**Section 2:** The convention shall be held at churches which have Sunday Schools in alphabetical order.  
**Section 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**

- Section 1:** Each Sunday School shall pay a fee of \$25.00 annually.  
**Section 2:** A Free Will Offering shall be received at each convention.  
**Section 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**

- Section 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.

**Section 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**

**Section 1:** All officers shall be elected at the convention to serve a two year term. Elections shall be held on even number years.

**Section 2:** The installation of officers shall be the last item of business at the convention.

### **Article III - Meeting**

**Section 1:** Thee 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**

**Section 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.

**Section 2:** In case of a "tie" the Presidents 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**

**Section 1:** Duties of the **President:** It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the 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.

**Section 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.

**Section 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.

**Section 4:** Duties of the **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall receive all moneys 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 moneys received and disbursed at each convention. He shall turn all moneys in his possession to the successor of the office.

*Revised September, 1999*

# *Statistical Information*

<i>Church</i>	<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>CTS</i>	<i>WAC Baptisms</i>	<i>Total Membership</i>	
Bellview	117	0	15	8	129
Berean	26	20	10	6	34
Cedar Springs	59	30	9	0	114
Damascus	12	0	0	0	2
Enterprise	16	0	8	0	28
First, Albany	362	136	24	16	470
First, Bainbridge	5	0	0	0	30
First, Blakely	23	0	7	0	70
Hammock Springs	65	65	12	0	65
Macedonia	45	0	8	4	60
New Enterprise	25	17	0	0	34
New Light	105	25	12	8	155
Patmos	40	23	8	0	56
Travelers Rest	60	35	21	0	92
White Plains	15	0	0	0	42
<b>Totals</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1,385</b>