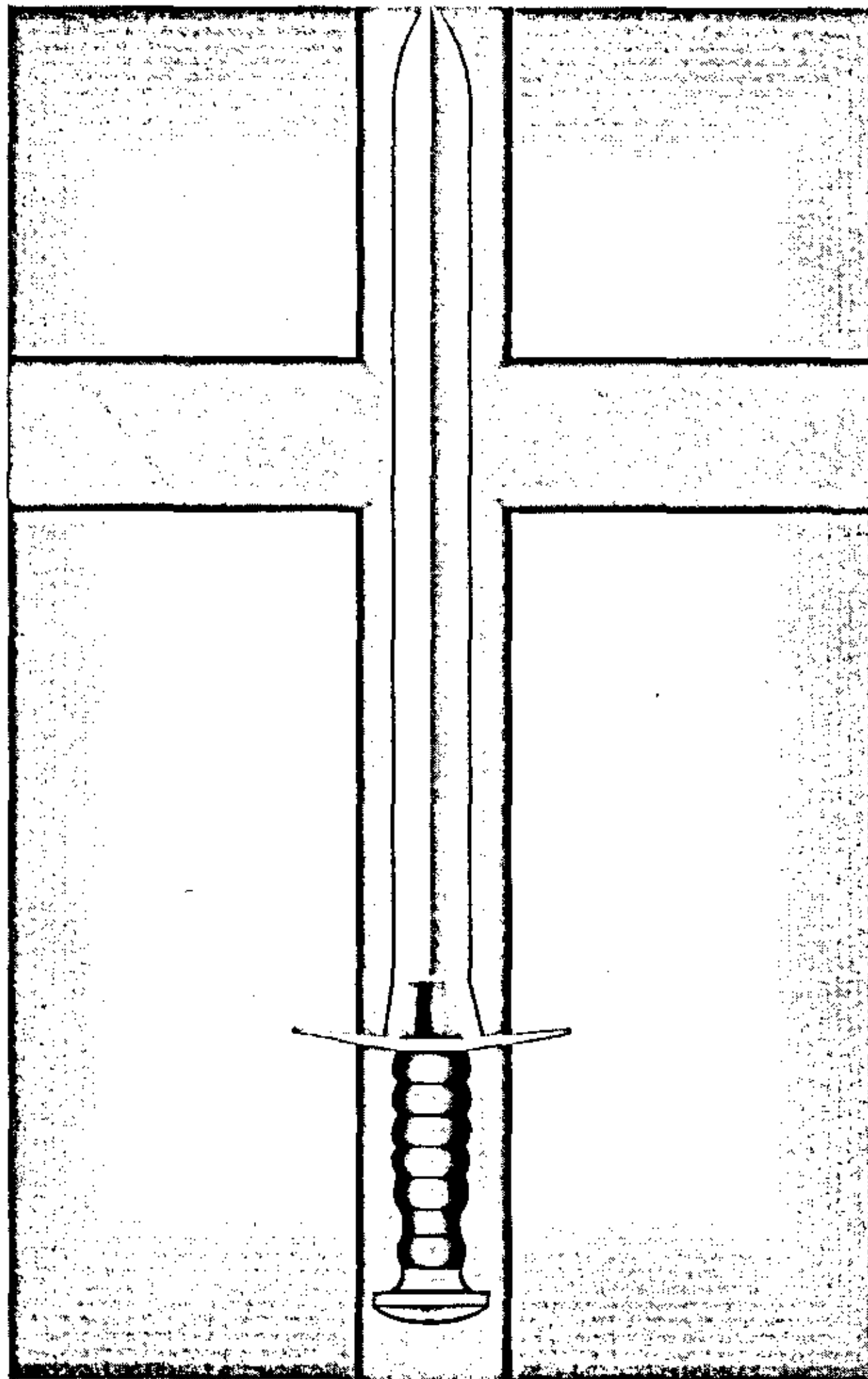


# Midway

**Association of  
Free Will Baptists of Georgia**



2000 Minutes

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Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church	January 22, 2000	Blakely, Georgia
First, Albany Free Will Baptist Church	April 22, 1999	Albany, Georgia
First, Bainbridge Free Will Baptist Church	July 29, 2000	Bainbridge, GA
First, Blakely Free Will Baptist Church	October 21, 1999	Albany, Georgia

*2001 Sessions of Midway Association*  
*will meet on*

January 27, 2001 at  
Hammock Springs Free Will Baptist Church,  
Donalsonville, GA

April 21, 2001 at  
Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, GA

July 28, 2001 at  
New Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church,  
Brinson, GA

October 27, 2001 at  
New Light Free Will Baptist Church,  
Morgan, GA

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**Budget and Finance Committee:** Joe Murkerson, Malcom Freeman

**Camping Board:** Bonnie Amburgey, Edwina Drinkwater, Mark Walker, Eddie Williams, Rudy Woods.

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

**Mission Board:** Marsall Day, Charles Drinkwater, Mack Harrison, Danny Thomas, and Joe Martin.

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

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

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

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

Mission Board	Billy Hanna	2000
Trustee Board	Edward Kimbrell	1999
Camp Board	John Amburgey	1999
Christian Education Board	Mark Walker	2000

# Women Active for Christ

## Midway Association

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## Church Training Service Officers

President .....	Mark Walker
Vice President .....	Ti Barnhill
Secretary/Treasurer .....	Allen Raburn
<i>(Same as 1999 no report for 2000)</i>	

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## Sunday School Convention Officers

President .....	Rudy Woods
Vice President .....	John Amburgey
Secretary .....	Joy Brackin
Treasurer .....	Charles Drinkwater

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**Bellview, 2018 Bellview Road, Colquitt, GA 31737** 229-758-2087  
**Pastor: Cliff Holland, 2023 Bellview Road, Colquitt, GA 31737** 229-758-2982  
**Clerk: Randy Clenney, 1486 Bellview Road, Colquitt, GA 31737** 229-758-3986

**Berean, 515 South Branch Road, Albany, GA 31705**  
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**Clerk: Valerie Cloyd, 171 Johnny Aultman Rd, Sylvester, GA 31791** 229-776-3966

**Cedar Springs, Route 4, Box 1640, Blakely, GA 31723** 229-372-4590  
**Pastor: Steve Faison, P. O. Box 295, Cedar Springs, GA 31732** 229-372-4949  
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## **Free Will Baptist Churches, Pastors and Clerks of Midway Association**

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Patmos, Route 2, Leary, GA 31762	229-734-5599
Pastor: John Amburgey, Route 2 Box 67, Leary, GA 31762	229-734-5553
Clerk: Edith Shiver, Route 2, Leary GA 31762	229-734-5021
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Pastor: Gene Gilbert, Route 2 Box 405, Newton, GA 31770	229-734-6815
Clerk: Ruby Ethridge, 9733 Look Out Road, Baconton, GA 31716	229-787-5366
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Pastor: Melvin Moody, P. O. Box 67 Morgan, GA 31766	229-849-0098
Clerk: Linda Skipper, 529 S. Church Street, Blakely, GA 31723	229-723-4932

### **First Quarterly Session, January 22, 2000**

The Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on January 22, 2000 at Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church for the first session of 2000. The meeting opened with the congregational song, "To God Be the Glory" led by Brother Jenkins. The welcome was given by the pastor, Rev. Neal Harting. Brother Harting then introduced Brother Joe Murkerson for the devotion.

Brother Joe Murkerson text was 2 Corinthians 5:17. He stated that a new person completely surrendered to God as stated in the first paragraph of the church covenant. Totally surrendered to God - sold out Faith - the substance of things hoped for. Adopting the word of God as my rule book, inspired Word.

The clerk, Gene Gilbert, called the roll of ministers present, with the following answering the roll: Rev. John Amburgey, Rev. Rev. Billy Hanna, Rev. Irvin Hyman, Rev. Gene Gilbert, Rev. Cliff Holland, Rev. Melvin Moody, Rev. Joe Murkerson, Rev. M.C. Powell, Rev. Danny Thomas, Rev. Glenn Thomas, and Rev. Rudy Woods. The Moderator recognized the standing delegates and asked that we seat the church delegates. MSC to seat the delegates. The roll call of Boards and Committees were called and vacancies were referred to the Nominating Committee. A partial report of the Credential Committee was given by Ruby Ethridge. A short recess was then called by the Moderator for the Boards and Committees to meet and refreshments were served by the ladies of Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church.

#### **Mission Board Report**

We recommend to give \$500.00 to the Free Will Baptist Bible College Relocation Fund.

#### **Camping Board Report**

Junior Camp will be held June 4-9 at Kolomoki Mounds, Brother Mark Walker will be director, Rudy Woods Assistant. Brother Billy Bevans, Jr. will be the evangelist. He asked for help in the way of counselors. He stated that the State Camp Board had allotted them \$2,000 to use since it was the Midway/Martin Camp Session. He also stated that the Teen Camp will be at Camp John Hope on June 25-30.

### **Ordaining Board Report**

Recommendation concerning Rev. Neal Harting to reexamine prior to reinstating him in Midway Association.

We received a letter from the Cumberland Association concerning Rev. Steve Faison recommending him to Midway Association in good standing. Respectfully submitted: John Amburgey. MSC

### **Resolution Committee Report**

Whereas the Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church has been a most gracious host, be it resolved we give them a rising vote of thanks. Respectfully submitted: Irvin Hyman MSC

### **State Trustee Board Report**

Brother Ed Kimbrell related the problems with the property at Macon concerning the building of the State Office. It was his understanding that the land owner had many restrictions yet on the property he requested that Midway Association express our opinion to the Georgia State Association and the Trustee Board. Therefore the following motion was moved, second and passed.

We ask the Georgia State Association to rescind the decision to build the State Office in Macon that was approved earlier. Letters are to be sent to the State Association and the State Trustee Board.

### **Credential Committee Report**

Number of Churches with Letters: 12, Number of Churches with Delegates: 13, Total Dues from Churches : \$660.50, Ministers Present: 13, Deacons Present: 17, Delegates Present: 37, Lay Members Present: 8, Visitors Present: 0, Total Present: 45.

### **Statistical Report**

Total Church Enrollment: 1381, Number of Churches with Sunday Schools: 15, Sunday School Enrollment: 958, Number of Churches with Church Training Services: 9, Church Training Enrollment: 385, Number of Churches with Women's Auxiliary: 11, Women's Auxiliary Enrollment: 136, Churches with Master's Men: 1, Master's Men Enrollment: 6, Number of Churches with Prayer Meeting: 9. *(This report reflects amounts with White Plains, Damascus, and Hammock Springs not reporting; White Plains representation fee of \$25.00 was brought to the meeting)*

Respectfully Submitted: Ruby Ethridge

### **Nominating Committee**

We nominate Mrs. Linda Skipper, and Mrs. Juanita Parker to serve on the Credential Committee. On the State Christian Education Board we recommend Brother Mark Walker. On the Mission Board we recommend Brother Danny Thomas.

### **State Mission Board**

Billy Bevan Jr. is serving at the Kingsland Church, our newest mission work. This work formerly was a mission project of the South Georgia Association, who still hold the title deed to the property. South Georgia is responsible for maintaining the building and property and the State Association will provide the missionary's salary for a period of 5 years depreciating at ten percent each year and ending in 5 years.

Trinity Mission work, Brother Malcom said that Brother Paul Smith stated that he would have the frame work up for the building and hopefully by this week, he would have it walled in. Hopefully, they will have dedication of the building by May 2000.

#### FINANCIAL TRANSACTION REPORT

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD:	October 23, 1999	\$89.67
DUES		\$1,766.45
MORNING OFFERING		\$78.00
Interest		\$34.57
Received during interim Designated for Camp		\$200.00
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
	State Dues	\$75.00
	National Dues	\$750.00
	N.C. Church Flood Relief Fund	\$500.00
	Total Expenditures	\$2,039.60
	1/22/00 Balance	\$129.09

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 \$ 00.00	EXP \$ 1000.00
BAL \$793.11	BAL \$3,494.06	Balance \$1,552.09

1/22/00 BALANCE \$5,968.35

#### BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 22, 2000

Beginning Balance	\$129.09
Received from churches	\$660.50
Morning Offering	\$ 103.00
Received during interim	\$100.00
Interest	\$31.98
Totals	\$1,024.57

# PAYMENTS:

Moderator	\$30.00
Clerk	\$49.99
Mission Board	\$243.40

# SUPERANNUATES:

Mrs. Mathel Barnes	\$25.00
Rev. W.F. McDuffie	\$25.00
Mrs. Coy Watson	\$25.00
State Dues	\$75.00

# OTHER:

Korean Ministry ( <i>Shallowford</i> )	\$200.00
<u>State Youth Conference (<i>in memory of Bill Loftin</i>)</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>

TOTAL PAYMENTS: \$873.39

Balance \$151.18

Minute Account	Camp Board Account	Mission Board Account
BAL FWD \$793.11	FWD \$3,494.06	FWD \$1,552.09
REC \$000.00	REC \$ 00.00	REC \$ 243.40
EXP \$000.00	EXP \$ 450.00	EXP \$ 500.00
BAL \$793.11	BAL \$3,044.06	Balance \$1,295.49
Total Balance \$6,183.84		

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Freeman, Malcom Freeman

We elected Janice Temples, Bonnie Amburgey, Edwina Drinkwater, Edith Shiver, and Ruby Ethridge to serve as Midway delegates to the State Association Meeting in March of 2000. Brother Glen then received a motion to adjourn and the business session was closed.

We opened our worship service with Brother Jenkins leading us in "Sunlight" and "Lily of the Valley". We then had a special in song "That's the Man I'm Looking For" by the Jenkins family. Brother Neal Harting then introduced our speaker for the worship hour Brother Rudy Woods.

Brother Rudy's text was John 20:19. "As my father has sent me, even so send I you". 1. How did the Father send the Son? John 5:19 tells us he could not do anything unless the Father sent Him. Totally under the control of his Father. 2. How did the total reliance come about? He told his parents he needed to be about his father's business, and his ministry did not fully begin until he was baptized by John (Matthew 3:13) From this point on, the Holy Spirit never left him, in the wilderness, the crucifixion, the ascension. John witnessed this in verse 34, Jesus did as he was directed by the Father, and the Holy Spirit. 3. What did Jesus learn? Without the Holy Spirit and his Father, he could do nothing. He remained obedient to God, so he could provide salvation for us. "Not my will, but thine be done." This is our lesson to learn. We need not to fight but trust in the Spirit of the Lord and allow the Lord to lead us in what we need to do. Bro. Jenkins then led us in "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". Bro. Neal Harting then gave instructions for the noon meal.

Announcement - March 4, 2000 will be the District WAC Meeting to be held at Cedar Springs Free Will Baptist Church. Prayer of dismissal, and blessing on the food



was given by Malcom Freeman.

## Second Quarterly Session April 24, 2000

Our Second Quarterly Session was held on April 24, 2000 at Albany Free Will Baptist Church. Our congregational singing was led by Bro. Danny Thomas, singing "He lives". Our welcome Bro. Billy Hanna. Prayer by Bro. Rudy Woods. Our devotion was given by the pastor of the church, Bro. Billy Hanna. His text was from I Corinthians 15:12, 35. He stated that Jesus lives, so that we can have our eternal life. The sin debt has been paid by Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. He then led in a prayer.

Our call to order was given by the clerk and then the introduction of the moderator Bro. Glenn Thomas was given by Bro. Gene Gilbert, clerk.

The Roll of Ministers was called for and the delegates were seated. A partial report of Credential Committee was called for with 11 ministers, 6 deacons, 17 delegates, and 6 visitors. A motion was called to accept this partial report. MSC.

We then took up the morning offering, and took a short recess for the boards to meet.

We were called back into the session by moderator, Bro. Glenn Thomas.

### Mission Board

The mission board recommended to give \$400.00 to the Laura Bell Barnard offering. MSC to accept this report.

### State Mission Board

Bro. Malcom gave this report of the work in Kingsland - Bro. Billy Bevan Jr. is the pastor, and the church is reported as doing well.

The mission work at Hampton - Bro. Paul Smith and the folks there are coming along with the building project and it should be completed in late May. He did request that they had a urgent need at this time. The furnishings have to be in the building before the state inspectors will code the building. They need an extra \$14,000 to do this.

MSC to accept this report.

### Ordaining Board Report

Bro. Burt Hall was recommended to meet with the board, but he was unable to attend this association meeting, so they will meet with him at the next meeting time. Bro Neal Harting was unable to attend the meeting, so the board will have to meet with him at a later date.

### Financial Report

Given by Malcom Freeman:

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD:	January 22, 2000	\$151.18
DUES		\$699.00
MORNING OFFERING		\$ 86.70
Received during interim		\$187.00
Interest		\$ 28.54
TOTALS		\$1,152.42

EXPENDITURES

Payable to:	Amount
Rev. Glenn Thomas, Moderator	\$ 30.00
Rev. Gene Gilbert, Clerk	\$ 49.99
Mission Board	\$288.50
Camp Board	\$300.00
Mrs. Mathel Barnes	\$ 25.00
Rev. W.F. McDuffie	\$ 25.00
Mrs. Coy Watson	\$ 25.00
Midway Missions	\$100.00
Rev. W.F. McDuffie (Designated)	\$ 25.00
Total Payments:	\$868.49
Balance of undistributed funds	\$283.93

Minute Account	Camp Board Account	Mission Board Account
BAL FWD \$793.11	FWD \$3,494.06	FWD \$1,552.09
REC \$000.00	REC \$ 00.00	REC \$ 242.40
EXP \$000.00	EXP \$ 450.00	EXP \$ 500.00
BAL \$793.11	BAL \$3,044.06	Balance \$1,295.49

THE ENDING UNDISTRIBUTED BALANCE AS OF 1/22/00 \$6,183.84

4/22/00 BALANCE \$283.93

State Camp Board

Bro. John Amburgey gave the following dates for the camps: Junior June 4-9; Teen June 26-30. He asked for helpers and prayer from each church.

Resolutions Committee

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

Christian Education Report

Bro. Mark Walker gave out some hand outs of a survey concerning the Bible Institute of Georgia, who would be interested and what they would like to study. At this time Bro. Irvin Hyman came forward and asked that we accept the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church back into our association. There was questions on the floor as to how to proceed. Bro. Leron Clower pointed out the Article 1 Section1 of our Constitution on page 24 of the minutes. Bro. Gene Gilbert then stated that we need to include the rules as to how to proceed in these matters into our new minutes so that there will be less confusion next time. A motion and second was called for to receive them pending a letter for admission into the association.

Bro. Malcom Freeman asked the body to find someone to replace him on the State Mission Board, and also the Treasurer of the Association. He appreciated all the help and support of the past, but he felt like it was time to step down. A round of applause was given to him and to his wife Pat for all their years of labor.

A call for delegates to the National Association in California was given, but the moderator was asked that he appoint anyone from our association that was able to

attend the services there. Motion by Bro. Leron Clower. MSC

Bro. Billy Hanna then moved to give \$500.00 to the Hampton, Georgia work for pews for the work with Bro. Paul Smith. Second by Bro. John Amburgey. MSC

#### Announcements

Easter program will be presented at Darton College, Albany, Ga. at 5p.m.; by the First Church of Albany. Everyone invited.

#### Worship Service

Our devotion was brought by Bro. M.C. Powell. His text was Luke 17:17. Challenged us to pray for our Association Meetings. Concerned about Pastors and Deacons not attending the meetings.

Bro. Billy Hanna put into a motion about a letter being written to each Pastor concerning the seriousness of being at the meetings. MSC.

Motion to adjourn business and enter into the worship service. MSC

Bro. Danny Thomas led us in "I Know that my Redeemer Liveth" and "Because He Lives" Bro. Danny then sang "He Looked Beyond My Faults" The Moderator then introduced Bro. Cliff Holland for the Morning Message. His text was Malachi 1:6-14 with vs. 13 as the key verse. He talked about the responsibility of church members. Even when there is no joy we still have an obligation to attend. He stated that there were three things to remember: 1) Nature of God (vs.6) Remember who we are to worship - commitment 2) Reverence His Name Royal priesthood -dress appropriately for worship 3) Nobility of God - Worship the King of Kings

Bro. Billy Hanna then gave instructions for the noon meal.

Announcements: Allison Burch fund set up at Donalsonville State Bank. This child was born without any eyes.

Bro Irvin Hyman dismissed and gave the blessing over the food.

### Third Session July 29, 2000

First Free Will Baptist - Bainbridge

Opening Song "His Way With Thee" lead by Rudy Woods Jr. William I. Smith, Executive Secretary, Georgia State Association lead in prayer. We were then welcomed by Pastor Rudy Woods, who graciously welcomed Midway Association to First Free Will Baptist Church. Our morning devotion was brought by Burt Hall. Brother Hall used I Kings 19:1-4 as his text and spoke concerning using God's Word to counter Satan.

The call to order was given by the clerk and the Moderator was then introduced.

Brother Glenn Thomas then gave the moderator's greeting and asked the clerk to give the roll call of ministers. Brother Thomas then recognized the visitors and called for the quorum of boards and committees. Standing delegates was recognized and then the church elected delegates were seated. A partial report was given by the credential committee of 10 ministers, 5 deacons, 23 delegates, 4 visitors and 1 state representative for a total of 45 in attendance. Offering was then taken and the moderator ordered a short recess for the boards to meet.

After a brief recess Moderator Glen Thomas called the session to order and opened the floor for business and reports.



**Mission Board**

Special Report Debbie Griffin, Home for 6 months, Team work to start cluster of churches, Received as information. Danny Thomas - Mission Board - \$500.00 to Nathan Snow account. MSC

**Camp Board - Rudy Woods**

Great Camp Session - Midway Martin Camp Brother Rudy also reported that Camp John Hope had 126 Teenagers registered this year with several saved, several rededication's and several answered call to mission work. Report received MSC

**Ordaining Board**

Reported that Burt Hall - letter still pending, that Neal Harting be accepted into full fellowship and that they would examine Shane Carter and Paul Irvin at a later date.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$283.93
Received from Churches DUES	\$710.50
MORNING OFFERING	\$105.10
Interest	\$ 33.95
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,133.48</b>
Payments:	
Moderator	\$30.00
Clerk	\$49.99
Mission Board	\$277.82
Mrs. Mathel Barnes	\$25.00
Rev. W.F. McDuffie	\$25.00
Mrs. Coy Watson	\$25.00
Acts 1:8	\$200.00
Debbie Griffin	\$200.00
WNAC Organ Fund	\$200.00
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$1,032.81</b>

Minute Account	Camp Board Account	Mission Board Account
BAL FWD \$793.11	FWD \$3,344.06	FWD \$ 783.99
REC \$000.00	REC \$7,590.81	REC \$ 277.82
EXP \$000.00	EXP \$7,499.92	EXP \$ 500.00
BAL \$793.11	BAL \$3,434.95	BAL \$ 561.81

THE ENDING UNDISTRIBUTED BALANCE AS OF \$100.67  
BALANCE \$4,890.54

**Credential Committee**

Sister. Ruby Ethridge gave a final report of the committee which was as follows: 15 churches reporting with delegates and \$710.50. In attendance were 10 ministers, 5 deacons, 23 delegates, 4 visitors, 2 lay members and 1 state representative for a total of 45 in attendance. MSC to accept the report.

**Resolution Committee**

Thanks to First Free Will Baptist for their hospitality.  
Respectfully Submitted by Wynell Clower and Martha Jenkins

### **State Mission Board**

Brother Malcom Freeman reported that Trinity Fellowship - Tentative dedication Services was being planned, Kinsland - Billy Bevan and church reported doing well, Korean Ministry - Reports 7 Attending Brother Malcom praised the support given for missions. MSC

### **State Office Report**

Executive Secretary/Treasurer William I Smith, Jr. reported a good National Association and that FWBBC plans to be relocated in 2 years. Brother Smith also reported that the Alaska work was doing great, that Paul Smith would soon be in his new building and that dedication services were being planned. Received as Information

Moved to Adjourn business session. MSC

### **Worship Service:**

Brother Rudy Woods led the congregation in "The Banner of the Cross", and then "Stand Up For Jesus" Special Music was Brother Rudy Woods playing and singing "Do You Know My Jesus".

Brother Rudy then introduced Brother John Amburgey to bring the message. Brother Amburgey used Hebrews 12:29 and entitled his message as FOR OUR GOD IS A CONSUMING FEAR he spoke of how that God is still speaking to us today through the still small voice.

Brother Rudy Woods dismissed and gave instructions for the noon meal.

## **Annual Meeting October 21, 2000**

### **First Free Will Baptist Church, Blakely**

Our meeting was called to order by Shane Carter, Pastor. We sang "Send the Light" led by Rev. Danny Thomas, pianist Sister Ruth Russell. Our morning devotion was brought by Rev. Steve Faison, and his text was I Timothy 1:15, Brother Steve stated that we are sinners saved by grace through faith.

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. Burt Hall. 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. Glen Thomas leading in prayer. The clerk, Rev. Gene Gilbert then called for a quorum of the boards. MSC.

After a short recess where the host church provided refreshments, we met back to sing "Redeemed" with Rev. Danny Thomas leading. 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 \$400.00 for Nathan Snow family to help them out of the red. Submitted by Brother Danny Thomas.

### **Ordaining Board**

A letter of good standing received from the Twin Cities association for Rev. Burt

Hall. A letter received from Paul Palmer Association of good standing, recommending Rev. Paul Irvin acceptance in the Midway Association. Submitted, Rev. Billy Hanna, Chairman, Rev. John Amburgey, Secretary Our moderator, Rev. Glen Thomas then welcomed Rev. Paul Irvin into the Association.

#### Credential Committee

Churches reported 14, Delegates 27, Ministers 17, Deacons 9, Delegates 27, Lay members 2, Visitors 4 Total 59. MSC to receive final report. Submitted by Juanita Parker and Ruby Ethridge.

#### Obituary

The following Churches submitted the members they lost in death since the last annual meeting: *First, Albany*: William R. "Bill" Lofton, Viola Phelps, Doris Kelly, Clyde Du Bose, Thomas Sadler, Henry Clinton Reno, Monroe Sellers, *First Blakely*: Fred Middleton, Arrie Lou Middleton, *New Enterprise*: Austin Brackin, *New Light*: Nanny Lou Drinkwater, Waynell Beard, Edith Turner, Mark Drinkwater, Newte Aycock, *Patmos*: Pauline Bush, J. W. Clower. The reading of these names was followed by a moment of silent prayer, followed by Rev. Shane Carter leading in a prayer for these families and their loss. Report submitted by: Rev. Shane Carter, Mrs. M.C. Powell, Mrs. Joe Murkerson.

#### Nominating Committee

We the Nominating Committee recommend the following nominations for the 2001-2002 term: Moderator: Rev. Steve Faison, Treasurer: Mrs. Rhonda Paul, Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Janice Temples, Budget and Finance: Mr. Malcom Freeman, State Mission Board: Rev. Billy Hanna Ordaing Board: Rev. David Fite. We make a motion that the body accept these nominations. Submitted by Doris Grant, Willie Clyde Henderson, Rev. Melvin Moody. MSC

#### Camp Board

Rev. Rudy Woods gave a report about the Winter Retreat coming up December 28-30, 2000, in Covington GA. The fee will be \$35 each camper.

Rev. John Amburgey gave a report about the camp at Kolomoki, expenses totally covered for last camp time.

Submitted by Rev. Rudy Woods, Rev. John Amburgey and Charles Drinkwater.

#### Placement Committee

The following was submitted as the churches that will hold the meetings for the year 2001:

First session	Hammock Springs	January 27, 2001
Second session	Macedonia	April 21, 2001
Third session	New Enterprise	July 28, 2001
Fourth session, Annual	New Light	October 27, 2001

Report submitted by: Rev. Danny Thomas, Rev. Burt Hall, Rev. Rudy Woods.

#### Resolutions Committee

Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the 1st Church of Blakely for hosting the convention today.

Respectfully Submitted: Wynelle Clower, Martha Jenkins MSC

## FINANCIAL REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$100.67
Received from Churches DUES	\$984.50
MORNING OFFERING	\$111.32
Interim -Camp	\$100.00
National Dues	\$192.00
Interest	\$ 26.51
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,515.00</b>

### Payments:

Moderator	\$30.00
Clerk	\$ 49.99
Mission Board	\$386.94
Camp Board	\$100.00
Mrs. Mathel Barnes	\$25.00
Rev. W.F. McDuffie	\$25.00
Mrs. Coy Watson	\$25.00
National Dues	\$192.00
Acts 1:8	\$300.00
State Missions	\$200.00

Total Expenditures: **\$1,333.93**

Minute Account	Camp Board Account	Mission Board Account
BAL FWD \$793.11	FWD \$3,434.95	FWD \$ 561.81
REC \$ 0.00	REC \$ 0.00	REC \$ 386.94
EXP \$ 0.00	EXP \$ 0.00	EXP \$ 400.00
BAL \$793.11	BAL \$3,434.95	BAL \$ 548.75

**THE ENDING UNDISTRIBUTED BALANCE** **\$181.07**  
**BALANCE** **\$4,957.88**

After this report was given by Malcom Freeman, the Moderator Rev. Glen Thomas, presented Brother and Sister Freeman with a plaque and certificates of appreciation for the past years of service.

The following reports were received as information:

Bro. Gene Gilbert gave us some information in lieu of Bro. William Smith, Ethe National Dues are \$50.00 per church and need to send in by next quarter, \$.75 per member for annual meetings, \$.50 per member for quarterly meetings.

Bro. Glen Thomas gave us some information about the Damascus church . They voted to close their doors on October 15, 2000. They were advised to attend Macedonia church with Bro. David Fite. This gives us a total of 14 churches in the association.

Bro. Billy Hanna gave us some information on Bro. Chuck Walker and family. He is out of the hospital after a three week stay. He doesn't have any income at this time. His heating /cooling unit went out in the house they are living in Albany, so the First Albany church has taken on this project of helping to get it fixed.

We had a motion to adjourn to enter our worship service, and Bro. Glen Thomas gave us a five minute break.

We entered into our Morning Worship Service singing "We will glorify", "When we all get to heaven", "The last mile of the way" led by Rev. Danny Thomas , Mrs.



Ruth Russell at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Roger Russell. Bro. Shane Carter introduced for special in song his wife, Valerie Carter. She sang "His eye is on the sparrow". Rev. Roger Russell gave the message for today from Luke 17:20-37, he called on us to make the right connections.

After the message Bro. Shane Carter gave us some final instructions for the noon meal.

## **Midway Sunday School Convention**

November 18, 2000

The Sunday School Convention was held at Bainbridge Free Will Baptist Church, on Saturday, November 18, 2000, 10:00am until 12:00 noon. Rev. Rudy Woods welcomed the convention and President John Amburgey presided.

Debbie Griffin, missionary to Japan, shared the trials and blessings of organizing Sunday School while avoiding conflict with Japanese customs and culture.

Rev. Steve Faison expounded upon the scripture and presented a memorable demonstration to sum up the necessity of consistent teaching and evangelism.

Rev. Amburgey then presided over the business. Records indicate a continuing decline in participation in the annual Sunday School Convention :

- Attendance has decreased from 45 to 19.
- Churches represented are only 8 of 15
- Only 1/3 of those attending are teachers and S.S. Supt.

This is the situation in spite of :

- Conventions held at various times of the year..Feb., Mar., Sep., and Nov. and at various locations.
- Announcements mailed not only to pastors but to clerks, individual teachers and superintendents.
- One to two notices mailed, one to two months in advance.

A discussion ensue regarding time, location, agenda, target group, etc.

The following motion was made and approved: Sunday School President Rev. John Amburgey to appoint a committee, to prepare and present the status of the Sunday School Convention, to the January 2001 Midway Association, seeking the association's direction and assistance with this matter. Committee members: Rev. Rudy Woods, Rev. Cliff Holland, Sister Janice Temples, and Rev. Steve Faison, Ex Officio.

The last items of business was election of officers, to serve the usual two years. Motion made and carried to re-elect the same four officers, alternating president and vice-president. Officers for 2001-2002 as follows:

President	Rev. Rudy Woods
Vice-President	Rev. John Amburgey
Treasurer	Charles Drinkwater
Secretary	Joy Brackin.

Churches represented at the 2000 Convention were: Bainbridge, Bellview, Cedar Springs, Enterprise, New Enterprise, New Light, Patmos and Travelers Rest. Attendance was 19. Meeting adjourned with lunch to follow.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy Brackin, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Balance	\$141.92
Offering	\$ 58.26
Dues	\$150.00
Speaker Debbie Griffin	\$100.00
Speaker Rev. Faison	\$100.00
President	\$ 30.00
Secretary	\$ 30.00
Ending Balance	\$ 90.18

## 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.

## **MIDWAY WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST REPORT**

### **MIDWAY DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST WORKSHOP**

**March 4, 2000**

The March 4, 2000, Midway District WAC Workshop met at the Cedar Springs Free Will Baptist Church. Our meeting was opened with Pat Freeman welcoming us. Paula Gilbert then led us in singing "I Love to Tell the Story."

Before turning the program over to our speaker Sandra Bishop, a beautiful rendition of "Written in Red" was sung by Helen Holland, Leigh Ann Walton and Shirley Kimbrel. The devotional thought that Sandra shared was taken from Acts 26:11-20. She talked about God getting our attention before showing us what he wants done.

The churches represented were: Albany 4, Bellview 7, Blakely 2, Cedar Springs 9, Enterprise 4, Hammock Springs 8, Macedonia 5, New Light 5, Patmos 2, Traveler's Rest 10.

We had 4 visitors to make a total attendance of 60. Traveler's Rest received an attendance prize for having the most in attendance.

Our Prayer Chairman, Kathy Marshall, encouraged us in our prayer lives. She distributed to us a list of requests to help us know how and where our prayers are needed.

Coordinator Shirley Kimbrel then presented an explanation of the Dot Harvey Loan Fund. It was established in 1954 as a revolving loan program of the Georgia Women Active for Christ to assist students from Georgia who attend Free Will Baptist Bible College.

After a short break, we resumed with Paula leading us in "Majesty" and "People Need the Lord." Renee Haire blessed us with "On My Knees" before Sandra shared with us her work in Japan. We presented Sandra with a love offering of \$235.

Tina Brooks, once again thanked all of us for coming to the workshop. After a few brief announcements, Edwina Drinkwater dismissed us in prayer to a salad luncheon prepared by the ladies of Cedar Springs.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Ann Faison, Secretary



## **MINUTES OF THE MIDWAY DISTRICT WAC HELD AT FIRST FWB CHURCH BLAKELY ON OCTOBER 7, 2000**

The Midway District WAC (Women Active for Christ) Convention met at 9:30 AM at First Free Will Baptist Church in Blakely, Georgia. This year's theme is taken from Psalm 96, Door Ajar.

Our meeting opened with a hymn. After prayer, Betty Day welcomed us with the reading of scripture. Shirley Kimbrel reading from the Psalms led our devotion. After we sang God is so Good, we had a time of sharing our blessings, which led to singing Everybody Ought to Know. Shirley gave our offertory prayer, while Helen Holland played the piano.

Christine Daniels, Marie Glover and Janice Temples gave a glowing report from the WNAC retreat at Ridgecrest. We were also reminded that the Georgia WAC prayer retreat is at Norman Park on October 27 - 28, 2000. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

Presiding over our meeting, Shirley Kimbrel called for reports from the various committees and chairpersons.

Credentials Committee: All Auxiliaries have reported and paid dues. In addition, Berean WAC petitioned to join us in the Midway District WAC. MSC to accept and seat delegates. (Exhibit A)

Action Chairwoman: Edwina Drinkwater gave a report and distributed prayer cards from various missionaries.

Study Chairwoman: Tina Brooks reported that our spring workshop had over 60 in attendance. The date for our next workshop will be March 3, 2000.

Prayer Chairwoman: Teresa Smith gave us a list of prayer requests, including home and foreign missionaries, our churches and our colleges and schools.

Service Chairwoman: Marie Glover reported on our gift to the Bishops. We purchased a grill and a tent. The Bishops have already enjoyed the grill and are looking forward to using the tent.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Henley gave the report. MSC to accept this report. (Exhibit B)

Finance Report: Gloria Henley also gave this report. Our offering for the day was \$450.07. A gift of \$250.00 was given to Debbie Griffin for personal expenses. MSC to accept this report.

Resolutions: Wynelle Clower gave this report. MSC to accept this report. (Exhibit C)

Registration: Betty Day reported that a total of 31 delegates, 3 visitors and 1 missionary were in attendance. MSC to accept this report.

Delegates to the Women of Georgia Active for Christ convention were elected as follows: Helen Holland, Wynelle Clower, Janice Temples, Edwina Drinkwater, Robin Faison, Jeweleen Powell and Doris Grant. Other to be appointed on site. MSC

MSC to elect Janice Temples to serve on the State nominating committee.

As this concluded our business, we entered into the worship portion of our meeting. Marie Glover led us in a hymn and then turned the service over to Debbie Griffin. She sang a beautiful special then spoke to us of her ministry, using our theme Door Ajar from Psalm 96.

After requests were given, a special time was spent in intercessory prayer. We were then dismissed to a meal prepared for us by the women of the Blakely church.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Faison, Secretary

**Exhibit A**  
**10-7-2000**

**Credentials Service**

We, the Berean WAC petition for membership to the Midway District WAC. Jeweleen Powell, Berean WAC. This 7th day of October 2000.

We, the Credentials Committee, recommend to the Convention that the Berean WAC become a part of our Midway District Convention.

We your Credential Committee submit the following report. We have examined the reports from the local auxiliaries and find that the following auxiliaries have properly reported and paid their fees: Albany, Bellview, Blakely, Cedar Springs, Enterprise, Hammock Springs, Macedonia, New Light, Patmos, Travelers Rest, and Berean.

Respectfully Submitted: Mildred Bowen, Janice Temples, Shirley Harting

**Exhibit B**  
**Midway District Women Active for Christ**  
**Annual Treasurer's Report 1999-2000**

Balance on Hand 10-1-99	\$302.60
Deposits	\$6,701.35
	\$7,003.95
Annual Convention Offering	\$120.53
Workshop Offering	\$260.00
Local Auxiliary Offering	\$6,320.82
	\$6,701.35
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
WNAC Designated Funds	\$6,037.57
June Hersey Convention Speaker	\$100.00
Sandra Bishop Workshop 235.00+(50.00 cash)	
North Carolina Flood Victims	\$100.00
	\$6,475.57
Balance on Hand 10-1-2000	\$ 531.38
Respectfully submitted: Gloria Henley, District Treasurer	

**Exhibit C**  
**October 7, 2000**

**Resolutions: WAC Midway District**

Approved by WNAC during 2000 Session Anaheim, California:

- I. To decorate and furnish the Mission House to be built on Campus of FWBBC by Foreign Missions and Masters Men Departments. Be it resolved that each WAC send offerings for this project.
- II. To grant up to three scholarships of \$1,000 each from Cleo Purcell Foreign Student Scholarship Fund. Be it resolved that our WAC continue to support this Fund.
- III. Be it resolved that each WAC send a donation to FWBBC and earmark it for the Mary Wisehart Organ Fund to help finish that project for FWBBC.
- IV. Be it resolved that we give First Blakely WAC a rising vote of thanks for hosting the Convention today.

Respectfully Submitted: Wynelle Clower, Martha Everson, Alice Martin, Willie Clyde Henderson, and Teresa Smith.

**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 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 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 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 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, 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 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:** 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**

**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.

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## *Statistical Information*

Church	Sunday School	CTS	WAC	MM	Baptisms	Total Members
Bellview	96	0	12	0	0	130
Berean	20	20	13	5	0	34
Cedar Spgs	59	25	9	0	1	114
Enterprise	16	0	6	0	0	28
First, Albany	382	130	21	0	4	480
First, Bainbridge	5	0	0	0	0	30
First, Blakely	27	0	7	0	0	71
Hammock Spgs	73	73	10	0	0	73
Macedonia	50	0	9	0	2	60
New Enterprise	24	15	0	0	0	33
New Light	105	0	10	0	0	149
Patmos	37	26	8	6	1	57
Travelers Rest	60	30	18	0	0	93
White Plains	15	0	0	0	0	42
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,394</b>