

Midway

**Association of
Free Will Baptists of Georgia**

2002 Minutes

Dedicated in memory of



Reverend John Amburgey
our dear brother in the Lord.

2003

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Midway Quarterly Sessions

First SessionJanuary 25, 2003

Second SessionApril 26, 2003

Third SessionAugust 02, 2003

Fourth SessionOctober 25, 2003

Georgia State Association

March 13-15, 2003,

Calvary Free Will Baptist Church

Columbus, GA

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Midway Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia
Quarterly Sessions for 2002 were held:

January 26, 2002 at Patmos Free Will Baptist Church, Patmos, GA
April 27, 2002 at Travelers Rest Free Will Baptist Church, Newton, GA
August 03, 2002 at Berean Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, GA
October 26, 2002 at Bellview Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, GA

Midway Association 2003
Scheduled Meetings

9:00 AM through Noon

First Session: January 25, 2003

at Cedar Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Cedar Springs, GA

Second Session: April 26, 2003

at Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church, Newton, GA

Third Session: August 02, 2003

at First Free Will Baptist Church, Bainbridge, GA

Fourth Session: October 25, 2003

at First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, GA

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Camping Board: Edwina Drinkwater, Mark Walker, Rudy Woods & Martin Association representatives.

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

Mission Board: Marshall Day, Charles Drinkwater, Mack Harrison, Joe Martin and Steve Long.

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

Ordaining Board: Wayne Parker, Irvin Hyman, Cliff Holland, M. C. Powell, and Gary Smith.

Resolutions Committee: Jean Ethridge and Martha Jenkins

Georgia State Association Board Members

Mission Board	Billy Hanna	Term Expires	2005
Trustee Board	<hr/>	Term Expires	2005
Camp Board	Burt Hall	Term Expires	2005
Christian Education	Mark Walker	Term Expires	2005

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First Quarterly Session,

First Session of Midway Association met with Patmos Free Will Baptist Church on January 26, 2002.

Our meeting began with song #350 "Brethren We Have Met To Worship" led by Leron Clower with prayer by Bro. Steve Faison. Our next song #450 "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus".

Our welcome by the host pastor Brother John Amburgey and our devotion by Leron Clower with his text in Psalm 37:1-9. He pointed out that (1) Righteous people do not need to be concerned about the evil people - they will be repaid. (2) God will take care of us if we trust Him, live for Him, and love Him (3) We need to use our time to get closer to God, get our priorities straight in the year 2002.

We were called to order by Gene Gilbert, our clerk, who presented our moderator Brother Steve Faison. Our moderator asked for a roll call of ministers and the seating of the delegates. MSC. We then had a partial report of the Credential Committee with 61 present. We then had a roll call of committees and had a quorum of each except the Resolution Committee, our moderator then asked Burt Hall, Mark Williford and Jean Ethridge to serve as the resolution committee for this meeting.

Brother Steve Faison told the body about his resignation from the Moderator position as well as from the association, to a church in Virginia. He asked for our prayers for him and his family. We then took an offering and Bro. John Amburgey led in prayer. At this time, we were dismissed for a break so the boards could meet.

We were welcomed back by singing #705 "This Is The Day" We then went into our business session and had the following reports from the boards:

Camp Board: Junior Camp - Bonifay, Florida, June 2-7, 2002 could use some more counselors. Teen Camp - July 14-19, 2002 Forsythe, Georgia. We can save almost \$12,000 by using this week and facility, and he stated he could still use some help. The teen winter retreat that was held in December 2001 was a good success, and had about 140 teens there. Given for information by Mark Walker

Mission Board: Recommended to divide Acts 1:8 giving quarterly and gave \$65.00 at this time to Acts 1:8, also recommended to give Heather Paul (from New Light Church) \$200.00 who will be visiting a mission work. Total given from mission board \$265.00. MSC Reported by Mack Harrison.

Budget & Finance: Recommended \$400.00 to Heather Paul, stated she is

one of ours from the association, and wanted to help her, and also that if there had been more that was going from our association, we would try to help them if the money was available from our funds. Recommended to give \$300.00 to the Camp Board, \$100.00 to FWBBC, leaving a balance of \$283.22 in the fund. MSC Reported by Joe Murkerson.

Treasurer: Gave a printed financial statement to everyone and asked if there were any questions. Gave a final balance for the day of \$6,469.78. Reported by Rhonda Paul. See financial report for details.

Ordaining Board: (1) Recommended that a letter of good standing be given to Chuck Walker to join the Union Association MSC (2) Recommended that we accept Wayne Parker into Midway Association pending a letter of good standing from State Line Association in Alabama. He is the new pastor at First Church in Blakely, and has a wife Starla, and daughter Michelle. MSC Reported by John Amburgey.

Resolution: Recommended that we give a rising vote of thanks to Patmos Church for hosting our meeting today. MSC Reported by Jean Ethridge

Final Credential Committee Report: Total Present today 62, consisting of 16 ministers, 9 deacons, 26 delegates, 11 lay members. Reported by Ruby Ethridge. MSC

Nominating Committee: (1) Ed Kimbrel asked to come off the State Trustee Board and they recommended Bro. Gene Gilbert to replace him MSC (2) Shirley Kimbrel on the association resolutions committee asked to come off, so they recommended Jean Ethridge. MSC (3) Moderator Steve Faison is moving to Virginia, they recommended Bro. Burt Hall for moderator. MSC Reported by Melvin Moody

WAC Report: March 2, 2002 is our WAC workshop at New Enterprise Church and the registration starts at 9 am. Teresa Smith is in charge of the program and told us that James and Joann Ethridge, missionaries to the Congo will be there to show slide and tell about their calling. Reported by Janice Temples.

At this time we elected delegates to the State Meeting in Kingsland, Ga. March 14-16, 2002: Bonnie Amburgey, Edwina Drinkwater, Wylene Clower, Janice Temples, and the body gave the moderator or clerk the authority to appoint anyone that was there to be a delegate from our association. MSC

State Reports:

Our District Competition will be at First Church, Albany on April 6, 2002,

and the registration form needs to be in by March 25, 2002. Reported by Mark Walker received as information.

Christian Education Board: Sponsoring the Couples Retreat February 1-2, 2002; Ministers Wives Retreat April 11-13, 2002; Ministers Retreat April 22-24, 2002. MSC Reported by Mark Walker.

Camp Board: Reminded us of the Teen Camp dates July 14-19, 2002 at Lizella, Georgia. MSC Reported by John Amburgey

Mission Board: Kingsland, where Billy Bevan is pastor, is doing well, and the Atlanta mission, where Paul Smith pastors, is struggling to make the mortgage payments, and we had to make the mortgage payment last month. Please pray for them. MSC Reported by Billy Hanna.

Bro. Glenn Thomas suggested that we need to read our minutes at every meeting, and Bro. Steve Faison noted that we had not done this for a long time but asked if there were any suggestions from the body. Brother Steve called for a motion before we had any more discussion. Burt Hall moved that we read the minutes it was seconded and after some discussion the motion was carried.

FWBBC Report: Matt Pinson will officially take over the President of the college in March 2002.

Bro. Irvin Hyman made a motion that we give our outgoing Moderator Bro. Steve Faison a rising vote of appreciation for his work. We did and gave him a round of applause as well. MSC We then had a short recess from our business session.

Our Morning Worship was opened by singing #205 "Breathe On Me" and then prayer requests were taken at this time: Herman Irvin-First, Albany; Martha Hay- Patmos; Rena Kimbrell-Travelers Rest; Louise Houston -White Plains; Eleanor Sheffield -Cedar Springs; Burt Hall's brother-in-law-New Light. Bro. Wayne Parker led in prayer for these requests.

Bro. John Amburgey then sang a special "It is Finished" and then our message was given by Bro. Gene Gilbert. His text was Leviticus 26:27-28, and it was entitled "Walking with God" and he pointed out that if we walk with God He will bless us, and if we do not, He will chastise us. In order to walk with God he gave us seven points: (1) We Must Be Saved, walk away from the world; (2) We must be baptized and join a local church, church membership is necessary to serve God; (3) We must pray, 1 Thessalonians. 5:17 tells us to Pray without ceasing (4) We must read our Bible Psalm 1 - tells us it helps God to be able to speak to us (5) We must separate ourselves from the world and give ourselves to God (6) We must be right with our fellowman, nothing can take the place of

fellowship with God's people in God's house. (7) We must be in agreement with God, and ask ourselves "Am I what you want me to be Lord?" Bro. John Amburgey then gave an invitation and we sang "Have Thine Own Way Lord"

There were announcements at this time: Revival Feb. 4-8 at First FWB Church, Bainbridge. Burt Hall will be the evangelist, Rudy Woods pastor ; Revival Feb. 10-13 at Cedar Springs FWB Church, Gene Gilbert will be the evangelist, Steve Faison pastor; Revival March 17-20 New Enterprise FWB Burt Hall will be the evangelist, Joe Murkerson pastor. We were dismissed in prayer by Irvin Hyman and had a meal in the fellowship hall.

Midway District Association - Treasurer's Report

October 1, 2001 -	Midway Association Beginning Balance:	\$4,993.96
	Total Receipts	\$1,780.81
	Total Expenditures	\$304.99
December 31, 2001		\$6,469.78

Account Balances

General Account:

October 1, 2001	Beginning balance	\$257.78
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Receipts:

Received from Churches	\$1612.75
Offerings	\$138.75
Checking account interest	\$29.31
Total Receipts:	\$1,780.81

Disbursements:

Superannuate - Mrs. Coy Watson	25.00	
Clerk - Gene Gilbert	49.99	
Moderator - Steve Faison	30.00	
Donations: FWBBC Building Fund	200.00	
Transfer: Mission Board Account	298.66	
Total Expenditures:	\$603.65	
12/31/01 General Account Balance:		\$1,434.94

Minutes Account:	\$793.11
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CTS Account:	\$314.13
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Camping Board:	\$2,960.88
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Mission Board Account:

Beginning Balance October 1, 2001	\$668.06
Receipts (40% transfer from General Account)	\$298.66
Mission Board Account Balance (12/31/02)	\$966.72

Total Midway Accounts Balance	\$6,469.78
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Submitted January 26, 2002 by Rhonda Paul, Treasurer

Midway District Budget Report Jan., Feb., March 2002

General Fund: Beginning Balance \$1,434.94

Received from Churches \$641.00

Morning Offering \$189.00

Total Quarterly Receipts \$830.00

General Fund: Balance

\$2,264.94

Expenditures:

Moderator - Steve Faison \$30.00

Clerk - Gene Gilbert \$49.99

Superannuate - Mrs. Coy Watson \$25.00

Transfer to Mission Board \$301.73

State Dues \$75.00

National Dues \$700.00

FWBBC \$100.00

Heather Paul \$400.00

Camp Board \$300.00

Total Expenditures

\$1,981.72

General Fund Undistributed Balance

\$283.22

Submitted January 26, 2002 by Joe Murkerson; Budget and Finance Board, Malcom Freeman, Joe Murkerson, Rhonda Paul and Janice Temples

Second Quarterly Session

The Second Session of Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on April 27, 2002, at Travelers Rest Free Will Baptist Church. The music was directed by Harvey Henderson. Judy Ethridge was the pianist and Tammie Williams was the organist.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus". The welcome was given by Larry Ethridge, of Travelers Rest Church. Larry explained that Brother Gene and Paula had to be in Athens and could not be here today. "At the Cross" was sung by the congregation. The devotion was given by Brother Mark Williford. He read from II Timothy 4:6-8. He asked three questions. 1. Are you fighting a good fight (are you keeping the door open)? 2. Are you finishing the race? 3. Are you keeping the faith? Brother Williford closed in prayer.

The Acting Clerk, Janice Temples, called the session to order and presented Brother Burt Hall as moderator. The following ministers answered roll call: John Amburgey, Burt Hall, Billy Hanna, Cliff Holland, Irvin Hyman, Melvin Moody, Joe Murkerson, M. C. Powell, Gary Smith, Glenn Thomas, Mark Walker, Mark Williford, and Rudy Woods. Wayne Parker of First FWB Church, Blakely was present. The Moderator asked the church delegates to stand, motion carried to seat the delegates.

Janice Temples read the minutes of the First Session dated January 26, 2002, motion carried to approve and adopt minutes. Rhonda Paul distributed a printed Treasurer's report and asked if there was any questions. Motion carried to accept report.

A partial report of the Credentials Report was given by Ruby Ethridge. A roll call of committees was given and had a quorum on each except the Mission Board. The Moderator asked Mark Walker, Wayne Parker and Leron Clower to serve on the Mission Board, a motion carried for them to serve.

The offertory prayer was given by Kenneth Corn. An offering of \$137.11 was received. The meeting was recessed for twenty minutes.

The congregation sang "What A Day That Will Be". The Moderator announced for all pastors to pick up the 2001 Midway minute books and the video tapes from the National Office.

The Budget and Finance Committee was read by Brother Joe Murkerson. Motion carried to adopt report.

Camp report was given by Brother Mark Walker, motion carried to accept report. An announcement was made that each church needs to send their

\$100.00 donation for Midway Camp to Rhonda Paul.

Mission Board report was read by Mack Harrison. The Mission Board proposed to designate to FWB Bible College Relocation Fund \$300.00, World Mission Offering \$200.00, and Acts 1:8 \$65.00 for a total of \$565.00, motion to accept report, an amendment was made to designate \$300.00 to the FWB Bible College General Fund rather than the College Relocation Fund, amendment was carried, motion to accept report as amended was carried.

Ordaining Board was read by Brother John Amburgey. First, a letter of recommendation was received from Alabama State Line Association for Brother Wayne Parker. Brother Parker was received into full fellowship with Midway Association.

Second, a personal letter was received from Brother Neal Harting requesting that a letter from Midway Association be sent to the Beaver Creek Association of South Carolina. The Ordaining Board requested that the clerk of Midway notify Brother Harting that the request for a letter of good standing needs to come from Beaver Creek Association before the Board can act upon this request. Motion was carried to accept the Ordaining Board Report.

Oral report was given by Janice Temples about the Midway District Women Active for Christ, report was accepted as information.

Credential report was read by Ruby Ethridge, total present 68; consisting of 14 ministers, 11 deacons, 28 delegates and 15 visitors, motion carried to accept report.

Resolutions report was read by Jean Ethridge. 1. Remember to pray for the farmers in America. 2. Pray for our men and women in the Armed Services. 3. We give a rise and vote of thanks to Travelers Rest Church for their hospitality today. Respectfully submitted by Martha Jenkins and Jean Ethridge.

State Camp Board: Mark Walker announced that the Teen Camp would be at Lizella, Georgia on July 14-19, 2002, Terry Pierce would be the evangelist. He stated that on Wednesday night of camp the campers would be going to Six Flags and would have a service and the public would be invited Mark stated that the State Camp Board is giving each District Camp \$1250.00.

Brother Mark announced that the State CTS competition will be held at First Church, Albany on May 05, 2002. Brother Lynn Frazier reported for the State Board of Christian Education, he stated that in our weakness, God's power is revealed.

The morning worship service was opened with the congregation singing

“Burden’s Are Lifted At Calvary”. Brother Melvin Moody led in prayer and “He Touched Me” was sung by the congregation. Harvey Henderson sang a special in song, “Til The Storm Passes By”. The message was given by Brother Wayne Parker, pastor of First FWB Church of Blakely, his text was Matthew 14:22-33. His message was entitled “Walking On The Water”. Brother Wayne closed with prayer and “Just As I Am” was sung as an invitation to the altar.

Prayer was asked for Brother J. M. Creech, who underwent open heart surgery for four by-passes on April 26, 2002

A revival will be held at Patmos June 23-26, 2002 with Brother Paul Smith as the evangelist.

Brother John Amburgey pronounced the benediction and asked God’s blessings on the lunch provided by Travelers Rest Church

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Temples, Acting Clerk Burt Hall, Moderator

Midway District Association - Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2002 -	Midway Association Beginning Balance:	\$6,469.78
Total Receipts	\$878.94	
Total Expenditures	\$1,894.99	
March 31, 2001		\$5,453.73
Account Balances		
General Account:		
January 1, 2002	Beginning balance	\$1,434.94
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Received from Churches	\$668.00	
Offerings	\$189.00	
Checking account interest	\$21.94	
Total Receipts:	\$878.94	
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Superannuate - Mrs. Coy Watson	\$25.00	
Clerk - Gene Gilbert	\$49.99	
Moderator - Steve Faison	\$30.00	
State and National Dues	\$775.00	
Transfer: Mission Board Account	\$301.73	
Transfer: Camp Board	\$300.00	
Donations: FWBBC Bldg. Fund	\$100.00	
Donations: Heather Paul Mission Trip	\$400.00	
Total Expenditures:	\$1,981.72	
12/31/01 General Account Balance:		\$332.16
Minutes Account: 3/31/02	\$793.11	

CTS Account: 3/31/02	\$314.13
Camping Board:	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2002	\$2,960.88
Receipts: Transfer from General Fund	\$300.00
Expenditures: Deposit for Camp Site	\$250.00
Ending Balance 3/31/02	\$3,010.88
Mission Board Account:	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2002	\$966.72
Receipts (40% transfer from General Account)	\$301.73
Expenditures: Heather Paul Mission Trip	\$200.00
Expenditures: Acts 1:8	\$65.00
Mission Board Account Balance 3/31/02	\$1,003.45
Total Midway Accounts Balance	\$5,453.73

Submitted April 27, 2002 by Rhonda Paul, Treasurer

Midway District Budget Report April, May, June 2002

General Fund: Beginning Balance	\$332.16	
Received from Churches	\$415.50	
Morning Offering	<u>\$137.11</u>	
Total Quarterly Receipts	\$552.61	
General Fund: Balance		\$884.77
Expenditures:		
Moderator - Burt Hall	\$30.00	
Clerk - Gene Gilbert	\$49.99	
Transfer to Mission Board	\$208.62	
Transfer to Camping Board	\$200.00	
Other: Wanda Carlson Legal Fees	<u>\$100.00</u>	
Total Expenditures	\$588.61	
General Fund Undistributed Balance		\$296.16

Submitted April 27, 2002 by Joe Murkerson; Budget and Finance Board, Malcom Freeman, Joe Murkerson, Rhonda Paul and Janice Temples

Third Session

The Third Session of Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on August 3, 2002, at Berean Free Will Baptist Church. The music was directed by Valerie Cloyd.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "Sweet By and By". The welcome was given by Brother M. C. Powell, pastor of Berean Church. Brother Powell expressed his appreciation for the prayers from all during his sickness. "I'll Fly Away" was then sung by the congregation. The devotion was given by Brother Rudy Woods. He read from Proverbs 23:23. Brother Rudy stated the truth has been bought by Jesus Christ and we must make sure of our salvation, that God's word is truth and is to be hid in our heart, and that God wants His children to be truthful so that we can be men and women of character. Brother Rudy closed in prayer.

The Clerk, Gene Gilbert, called the session to order and presented Brother Leron Clower to serve as moderator. Brother Gene read the minutes of the Second Session dated April 27, 2002, motion carried to approve and adopt minutes.

The following ministers answered roll call: John Amburgey, Gene Gilbert, Irvin Hyman, Joe Murkerson, Wayne Parker, M. C. Powell, Gary Smith, Glenn Thomas, Mark Walker, and Rudy Woods. The Moderator asked the church delegates to stand, motion carried to seat the delegates.

A partial report of the Credentials Report was given by Ruby Ethridge. A roll call of boards and committees was given and had a quorum on each except the Mission Board and Brother Wayne Parker was asked to serve.

Rhonda Paul distributed a printed Treasurer's report and asked if there was any questions. Motion carried to accept report.

The offertory prayer was given by Leron Clower. An offering of \$49.00 was received. The meeting was recessed for the boards and committees to meet.

The congregation sang "Heavenly Sunlight", led by Brother Rudy Woods. Brother Gene Gilbert led in prayer for the session to resume.

Brother Mark Walker reported that Junior Camp was in Bonifay, Florida this year at Camp Mt. Pleasant. We had 50 kids and 15 adults. We believe we were down because of the two hours from home and this being our first year there, some people were hesitant about sending their children.

The Camp Board decided to try again next year and, if attendance was not better, then look for another place. We had 6 saved and many decisions made. Josh Bennett, from Homerville FWB Church, was our evangelist. He did a great

job. Josh will be a sophomore at FWBBC this year.

Teen Camp was wonderful, we had 176 kids and 40 adults, and many decisions made for Christ, Brother Terry Pierce was our evangelist and did fantastic. The altars were full every night.

The highlight of our camp was our Six Flags Trip. Our theme was "Fear Factor" and how you should share your faith and let people know you are a Christian. We talked about that and how to do it on Tuesday and challenged them to do that Wednesday at Six Flags, and do it -they did! Over 300 people either witnessed to, or invited to our service that we had right there in the middle of Six Flags, by our kids. The Holy Spirit, I believe, was there at Six Flags that evening. I've been in Youth Ministry for 12 years now, and this will go down as a highlight as one of the best spiritual youth services I have ever been a part of.

Todd Horne did the music, and the Free Will Baptist Bible College Drama Team performed at each service and they did great. Brother William Smith and his "band of merry men" did all the cooking. It was some of the best camp food you'll ever have. Thanks to all those who helped and who supported us. Come and join us next year! Reported by Mark Walker.

Mission Board report was read by Mack Harrison. The Mission Board proposed to designate to Benjamin Randall Day \$200.00 and Acts 1:8 \$65.00 for a total of \$265.00, motion to accept report.

The Budget and Finance Committee was read by Brother Joe Murkerson. Motion carried to adopt report.

Credential report was read by Ruby Ethridge, total present 35; consisting of 10 ministers, 4 deacons, 17 delegates and 4 visitors, motion carried to accept report.

Resolutions report was read by Jean Ethridge. 1. Pray for the leaders and events 2. We give a rise and vote of thanks to Berean Church for their hospitality today.

Janice Temple gave a report concerning the sentencing of Wanda Carlson scheduled for August 23 and asked that we pray for the judge involved in the sentencing.

Brother Glen Thomas asked for prayer for his daughter Diane, who has cancer. A request for prayer by Gene Gilbert for J. L. Gore and his wife Dot concerning their son. Brother M. C. Powell asked for continued prayer.

No Ordaining report and no old business.

State Trustee Board report was given by Brother Gene Gilbert encouraging

churches to meet the goals for the State Office building project. Brother Gene asked for those continue to pray for the State Mission projects especially Brother Paul Smith in Atlanta.

Brother Irvin Hyman led the congregation in prayer for Wanda Carlson.

Reports of the national association was given by John Amburgey and Irvin Hyman. Brother Hyman reported that we had 8,000 registered this year for the national.

Janice Temples announced an executive board meeting of the Women Active for Christ immediately following lunch. The District WAC meeting would be held October 5, 2002 and Linda Snow would be the speaker.

The business session was closed.

The morning worship service was opened with the congregation singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Brother Glen Thomas led in prayer and "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" was sung by the congregation. Paula and Gene Gilbert sang a special in song, "Little Is Much When God Is In It". The message was given by Brother John Amburgey, pastor of Patmos FWB Church of Patmos, his text was Hebrews 10:22-23. His message was entitled "Contend for the Faith". Brother John Amburgey closed with prayer.

Brother Powell gave instructions concerning the meal and Brother Wayne Parker led in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Gene Gilbert, Clerk

Midway District Association - Treasurer's Report

April 1, 2002 -	Midway Association Beginning Balance:	\$5,453.73
Total Receipts	\$6,554.00	
Total Expenditures	\$7,224.97	
March 31, 2001 Ending Balance		\$4,782.76
Account Balances		
General Account:		
April 1, 2002	Beginning balance	\$332.16
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Received from Churches	\$652.00	
Offerings	\$137.11	
Checking account interest	\$19.70	
Total Receipts:	\$808.81	
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Clerk - Acting Clerk Janice Temples	\$49.99	
Moderator - Burt Hall	\$30.00	

Transfer: Mission Board Account	\$208.62	
Transfer: Camp Board	\$200.00	
Donations: Wanda Carlson Legal Fees	\$100.00	
Total Expenditures:	\$588.61	
6/30/02 General Account Balance:		\$552.36

Minutes Account: 6/30/02	\$793.11
CTS Account: 6/30/02	\$314.13

Camping Board:

Beginning Balance January 1, 2002	\$3,010.88
Receipts: Transfer from General Fund	\$200.00
Receipts: Camp receipts/donation/fees	\$5,745.19
Expenditures: Camp Expenditures	\$6,479.98
Ending Balance 6/30/02	\$2,476.09

Mission Board Account:

Beginning Balance January 1, 2002	\$1,003.45
Receipts (40% transfer from General Account)	\$208.62
Expenditures: FWBBC	\$300.00
Expenditures: World Missions	\$200.00
Expenditures: Acts 1:8	\$65.00
Mission Board Account Balance 6/30/02	\$647.07
Total Midway Accounts Balance 6/30/02	\$4,782.76

Submitted August 3, 2002 by Rhonda Paul, Treasurer

Midway District Budget Report July, Aug., Sep. 2002

General Fund: Beginning Balance \$552.36

Interim Receipts	\$200.00 (Designated for Camp)
Received from Churches	\$649.50
Morning Offering	<u>\$49.00</u>
Total Quarterly Receipts	\$918.20

General Fund: Balance	\$1,270.56
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Expenditures:

Moderator - Burt Hall	\$30.00
Clerk - Gene Gilbert	\$49.99
Transfer to Mission Board	\$335.28
Transfer to Camping Board	\$535.00
Designated for Camping Board	\$200.00
Other: Wanda Carlson Legal Fees	<u>\$100.00</u>

Total Expenditures	\$1,150.27
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General Fund Undistributed Balance	\$321.28
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Submitted August 3, 2002 by Joe Murkerson; Budget and Finance Board, Malcom Freeman, Joe Murkerson, Rhonda Paul and Janice Temples

Annual Meeting

The Annual Session of Midway Association of Free Will Baptists convened on October 26, 2002 at Bellview Free Will Baptist Church. The music was directed by Steve Long. The meeting opened with the opening song, "I Am Thine Oh Lord", prayer by Brother Melvin Moody. Welcome by Brother Cliff Holland. Devotion by Brother Melvin Moody. His text was Matthew 24: 6-8, 37-39. Brother Moody talked about the conditions of the world are certainly as described in Matthew 24. Using Daniel, Brother Moody related the prophecy of Daniel to the world conditions, especially noting the advances of knowledge in medicine and technology. Brother Moody talked about the sinful conditions of the people today that the church is facing in ministering Christ. Brother Moody closed in prayer.

The clerk, Gene Gilbert, called the session to order and presented the moderator, Brother Burt Hall. Brother Gene then read the minutes of the Third Session dated August 3, 2002, motion carried to approve and adopt minutes.

The following ministers answered roll call: Gene Gilbert, Burt Hall, Billy Hanna, Cliff Holland, Melvin Moody, Joe Murkerson, M C Powell, Glen Thomas, Mark Walker, Rudy Woods, Nathan Snow. The Moderator asked the church delegates to stand, motion carried to seat the delegates.

A partial report of the Credential Committee was given by Ruby Ethridge. A roll call of boards and committees was given, Brother Hall asking Brother Glen Thomas to serve on the ordaining board for this session, Sister Betty Day was asked to serve on the resolution committee. Sister Pat Freeman and Sister Wynelle Clower was to serve on the Obituary Committee, Sister Paula Gilbert to serve on the Placement Committee.

We were then dismissed to recess for the boards to meet.

Board Reports:

Budget and Finance: Brother Joe Murkerson gave the report of the budget and finance with \$200.00 to the camping board, \$396.53 transferred to the mission board, \$200.00 to the Donalsonville FWB due to Flood damage, \$200.00 to the Georgia State Office Building Fund, \$200.00 to Sister Bonnie Amburgey, widow of Brother John Amburgey. Balance as of this report \$315.44. MSC to accept this report. Brother Hall asked that we retain all the current Budget and Finance members for the coming year. MSC.

Camp Board: Brother Mark Walker gave the Camp Board Report. Johnny Lewis will be the Jr. Camp Director next year. Sister Bonnie Amburgey needed to be replaced on the board, as well as Eddie Williams, so Brother Mark suggested he get with the Martin Association to see if some of them would like to help serve on the board, since it is a joint camp with Martin Association. He

will get back with the association as to who would serve. Brother Mark also talked about the teen retreat that will be December 29-31 and will get some information out to the churches. MSC to retain the three current members and to accept this report.

Mission Report: Brother Mack Harrison gave the mission report, designating \$365.00 to the following: \$200.00 for Nathan Snow (missionary to Japan) for Bible School Literature, \$100.00 to Donalsonville Free Will Baptist for flood damage, \$65.00 for Acts 1:8. Brother Steve Long was asked to take Danny Thomas place on the Mission Board, as well as retain the other board members. MSC to accept this report.

Ordaining Report: Brother M C Powell gave the Ordaining Board report, replacing Brother John Amburgey with Brother Wayne Parker due to his death. MSC to accept this report .

Women Active for Christ Report: Sister Janice Temples reported about the retreat. The WAC District meeting was privileged to have Sister Linda Snow, missionary to Japan as guest speaker. MSC.

Resolution Committee Report: Sister Betty Day gave the resolution report.

1. Be it resolved that our young people be asked to participate in voice or dramas at our Midway Association meetings and that a committee be appointed to come up with a plan to make this happen. (Died, due to lack of a motion)
2. Be it resolved the Pastor's family encourage the church families to attend the Midway Association meetings. (MSC)
3. Be it resolved that we have a prayer of Thanksgiving for our country giving God the credit for blessing America. (MSC) Brother Cliff Holland led in prayer.
4. Be it resolved that we give Bellview Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the Annual Midway Association. (MSC)

Brother Glen Thomas then shared about the November 10 National Day of Prayer for persecuted Christians.

Brother Hanna recommended that we acknowledge the contribution that John Amburgey made to our association and the work that he did as well as his sweet spirit. Especially his work with camp has been appreciated by many. Edwina Drinkwater and Joe Murkerson, Rudy Woods, Janice Temples, M C Powell, Mark Walker, Melvin Moody, and Burt Hall all shared personal

comments to honor Brother John Amburgey. MSC.

Obituary Committee: Sister Wynelle Clower gave us a list of the members of our churches that have died this past year, then we had a prayer.

They are as follows:

Albany - William A. Phillips, Herman C. Irvin, Dorothy Corbitt, Robert Dale Nalley, Willie King, Emma Lou Houston, Kent Allen Seymore, Jerry A. Mitchell, Wiley Kent;

Berean - Mary Wisham,

Cedar Springs - Birdie Pyle Houston, George E Pyle;

Enterprise - Carlton Kennedy,

New Enterprise - Ed Miller, Sr.,

Patmos - Martha Hay, Otis Houston, Rev John Amburgey,

Travelers Rest - Edna Irvin,

White Plains - Louise Houston, Bo Mckinnon.

Rev. John Amburgey will also have a page in the minutes. MSC to accept this report (*report amended with those who reported after meeting*).

Placement Committee Report: Sister Paula Gilbert reported the following meeting dates and churches: First Session - January 25, 2003 at Cedar Springs; Second Session- April 26, 2003 at Enterprise; Third Session - August 2, 2003 at First Free Will Baptist Bainbridge; Fourth Session - October 25, 2003 at First Free Will Baptist Albany. MSC to accept this report.

State Board Reports:

Camping Board: Brother Burt Hall to replace Brother John Amburgey on State Camp Board. MSC

Mission Board: Brother Billy Hanna gave the report on the closing of the work in Atlanta, and that Brother Paul Smith will be moving to Florida. MSC

Trustee Board: Brother Gene Gilbert gave a report of the groundbreaking of the state office on November 2, 2002. He was asked what if they did not get enough money to build, what would they do with the money already raised. He let the body know that was not an option, that the office would be built. MSC

CTS Board: Brother Mark Walker encouraged the youth to get involved

and try to get more people to be in the competition this year. MSC

Credential Committee Report: Ruby Ethridge gave the final report of 14 churches reporting: 12 Ministers, 6 Deacons, 17 Church Delegates, 9 visitors, for a total of 44 in attendance today. MSC.

Free Will Baptist Bible College Report: Brother Billy Hanna gave a report of the good job that Brother Matt Pinson is doing as the president of the college, and how that the attendance is up, and things are looking up there. Also, Brother Mark Walker told us about the welcome days at the college and that First Free Will Baptist of Albany will be going and to let them know if anyone will want to go. MSC .

A MSC to retain the current officers, Moderator, Clerk, Asst. Clerk, Treasurer.

A motion was given to adjourn the business portion and go into the morning worship service.

Morning Worship began with singing "He Hideth My Soul" led by Brother Steve Long, Sister Shirley Kimbrell at the piano, prayer by Brother Glen Thomas. Our next song "He's Been So Good To Me" and then a special in song by Sister Helen Holland entitled "I Know The Master Of The Wind" and then Brother Cliff Holland introduced Brother Nathan Snow as the speaker, and he shared about the work in Japan. His text was Psalm 67, and he closed with a song, and he prayed. Brother Cliff Holland then called on Brother M C Powell to dismiss in prayer and the blessing on the food.

Midway District Association - Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2002 -	Midway Association Beginning Balance:	\$4,782.76
Total Receipts	\$918.56	
Total Expenditures	\$344.99	
September 30, 2002	Midway Association Ending Balance	\$4,782.76

Account Balances

General Account:

July 1, 2002	Beginning balance	\$552.36
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Receipts:

Received from Churches	\$649.50
Offerings	\$49.00
Checking account interest	\$20.06

Total Receipts: **\$718.56**

Expenditures:

Clerk - Gene Gilbert	\$49.99
Moderator - Leron Clower	\$30.00
Transfer: Mission Board Account	\$335.28
Transfer: Camp Board	\$535.00

Total Expenditures:	\$950.27	
9/30/02 General Account Balance:		\$320.65
Minutes Account: 9/30/02	\$793.11	
CTS Account: 9/30/02	\$314.13	
Camping Board:		
Beginning Balance July 1, 2002	\$2,476.09	
Receipts: Transfer from General Fund	\$535.00	
Receipts: Camp receipts/donation/fees	\$200.00	
Expenditures: Camp Expenditures	\$0.00	
Ending Balance 6/30/02	\$3,211.09	
Mission Board Account:		
Beginning Balance July 1, 2002	\$647.07	
Receipts (40% transfer from General Account)	\$335.28	
Expenditures: Benjamin Randall Offering	\$200.00	
Expenditures: Acts 1:8	\$65.00	
Mission Board Account Balance 9/30/02	\$717.35	
Total Midway Accounts Balance 9/30/02		\$5,356.33
<i>Submitted October 26, 2002 by Rhonda Paul, Treasurer</i>		

Midway District Budget Report July, Aug., Sep. 2002

General Fund:	Beginning Balance	\$320.65	
Interim Receipts	\$200.00 (Designated for Camp)		
Checking Account Interest	\$20.06		
Received from Churches	\$971.25		
National Fees	\$100.00		
Morning Offering	<u>\$80.00</u>		
Total Quarterly Receipts	\$1,371.31		
General Fund: Balance		\$1,691.96	
Expenditures:			
Moderator - Burt Hall	\$30.00		
Clerk - Gene Gilbert	\$49.99		
Transfer to Mission Board	\$396.53		
National Dues	\$100.00		
Other: Donalsonville Flood	\$200.00		
Other: State Office Building Fund	\$200.00		
Bonnie Amburgey Love Offering	<u>\$200.00</u>		
Total Expenditures		\$1,376.52	
General Fund Undistributed Balance			\$315.44

Minutes Account Balance	793.11
Expenditures	400.00
Ending Balance	393.11

Submitted October 26, 2002 by Joe Murkerson; Budget and Finance Board, Malcom Freeman, Joe Murkerson, Rhonda Paul and Janice Temples

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 District Women Active for Christ Reports

Executive Board Meeting: November 10, 2001, Macedonia FWB Church

The Midway District WAC Executive Board met to begin plans for the March 2, 2002, Workshop to be held at Enterprise Church.

Kathy Marshall, Midway District WAC Secretary

Executive Board Meeting: January 26, 2002, Patmos Church

Present: Janice Temples, Coordinator Bonnie Amburgey, Field Worker Kathy Marshall, Secretary Teresa Smith, Study Chairman

The Midway District WAC Executive Board met to finalize plans for the March 2, 2002 Workshop to be held at Enterprise Church. We also discussed the upcoming State meeting at Camden FWB Church in Kingsland, March 14 - 16.

Kathy Marshall, Midway District WAC Secretary

MIDWAY DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST WORKSHOP MARCH 2, 2002

The March 2, 2002, Midway District WAC Workshop met at Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church in Blakely. Bonnie Amburgey registered our members and guests. The meeting was opened with a song, "Sweet How of Prayer," led by Paula Gilbert. Janice Temples, coordinator, then read Matthew 1 8:20 and led us in prayer. Martha Jenkins welcomed us to the church. Paula Gilbert then led us all in singing "The Regions Beyond."

Edwina Drinkwater prayed the offertory prayer, after which Cedar Springs WAC members, serving as ushers, collected the day's offering.

There were 9 churches represented at the workshop. They were: Albany - 2, Blakely - 5, Cedar Springs - 2, Enterprise - 6, Hammock Springs - 2, Macedonia - 4, New Light - 2, Patmos - 3, and Traveler's Rest - 2. We also had 5 visitors to make a total attendance of 31.

Our mission chairman, Edwina Drinkwater, encouraged us to keep missions up front in our church. She told us how important it is for us to subscribe to Heartbeat, our Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions publication, and to Aim, our Home Missions publication. Both magazines are free and available from the home office in Nashville. She pointed out that our Co-Laborer magazine also has a Springboard section to help local mission chairmen and all WAC members with ideas on how to support our missionaries. Our Contact magazine features stories of missionaries, and our prayer hotline lets us know of various missionaries needs. Edwina also indicated how helpful our

Provision Closet is to missionaries. She encouraged us to expose our young people to missions.

Ginny Williford, our Prayer Chairman, followed this up by pointing out the need to pray for our missionaries. In particular, she mentioned the Burnhams, who were kidnapped and still being held captive in the Philippines. She also said it's important to be praying for wisdom for President Bush and our congressmen. She reminded us of the Pre-Easter week of prayer. Ginny then asked for special prayer requests and led us in prayer.

Paula Gilbert then led us in singing "Glory, Glory, Glory, Somebody Touched Me," and we each stood when the day of the week on which we were saved was mentioned in the song.

Teresa Smith, Study Chairman, then introduced our speakers, Jerome and JoAnn Ethredge, who were missionaries to Togo in Africa for 25 years. They gave a wonderful and inspiring presentation of their work with the Togolese people. The Ethredges dressed in traditional clothing of the people and showed the primitive farming equipment used there. They also had many other interesting artifacts from their time in Togo.

After the presentation, Ginny Williford, sang a beautiful song, "Lowest Thou Me."

Wynelle Clower then dismissed us in prayer, and we adjourned to a delicious soup and salad luncheon prepared by the ladies of Enterprise Church.

Respect fully Submitted, Kathy Marshall, Secretary

Executive Board Meeting: August 3, 2002, Berean FWB Church

Present: Janice Temples Teresa Smith Kathy Marshall Bonnie Amburgey Edwina Drinkwater Jewellean Powell.

The Midway District WAC Executive Board met to discuss plans for the October 5, 2002, annual convention to be held at New Light Free Will Baptist Church.

Janice Temples read a letter from the Enterprise WAC. Enterprise WAC disbanded at the end of April, but members there offered their continued prayer and support. We will miss the active participation of the long-time members of Enterprise WAC, but we still hope to see them at our district meetings when possible.

Janice also read a letter from Ginny Williford, who regretfully resigned as Prayer Chairman. Ginny's husband is now pastor of Mt. Gilead

Church, which is not in the Midway District. Jewellean Powell was then nominated and approved to replace Ginny as Prayer Chairman. Respectfully submitted, Kathy Marshall, Secretary

Minutes of the Midway District Women Active For Christ Annual Convention

New Light Free Will Baptist Church - October 5, 2002

The theme for our convention was G.R.O.W. (God Relies on Women), taken from Acts 16:13-15. We opened our meeting by singing "I Am Thine, O Lord," led by Helen Holland, who then prayed our opening prayer. Edwina Drinkwater then welcomed everyone to New Light and asked each person to give a hug to their neighbor and show a caring and loving spirit. We were then blessed in song with special singing by "Joy in Harmony." Members of the group are Terra Smith, Rosa Phillips and Debbie Sloan. Betty Day then presented our devotional based upon our theme scripture. She challenged us to open our hearts to our communities so we can bring salvation back to our churches and homes. Bro. Charles Drinkwater gave the offertory prayer. After our offerings were accepted, we dismissed for the committees to meet.

When the meeting resumed, we heard reports from each committee.

Remembrances: Shirley Kimbrel presented the report as follows. "The Midway Local Auxiliaries have submitted the following members lost in death since the last annual meeting: Mary Frances Whisham - Berean; Birdie Houston - Cedar Springs; Delores McQue - Albany. We regret the passing of these precious ladies. I'm sure they are missed, but our loss is heaven's gain."

2002 National Convention Report: Presented by Christine Daniel.

Credentials: "The Credentials Committee submits the following report. The reports from the following local auxiliaries were in order and fees were paid: Albany, Bellview, Berean, Blakely, Cedar Springs, Hammock Springs, Macedonia, New Light, Patmos; and Travelers Rest.

Submitted by Bonnie Amburgey. MSC to accept the report of the Credentials Committee.

Delegates were then seated, after which committee reports resumed.

Treasurer: see Exhibit A. MSC to accept Treasurer's Report.

Finance: "We the Finance Committee would like to make a motion that we give Linda Snow, our speaker, \$150.00 towards her missions

account and \$150.00 towards her personal wardrobe account. We also make a motion to give \$100.00 to the Free Will Baptist Church in Donalsonville for repairs due to flood damage. We also move to give \$50.00 to our guest singers. We had an offering of \$115.00 today." MSC to accept the Finance Committee report.

Resolutions:

1. At WNAC in Memphis, TN, last July, it was voted unanimously to give scholarships to some students who had been recommended by some of our missionaries, and who are studying in seminaries in fields of service in the Ivory Coast, Africa, Brazil and Cuba, and who are preparing themselves to minister in Free Will Baptist churches in their own countries. Be it resolved, that each of our WAC's continue support of the Cleo-Pursell fund on a regular basis to help equip these students.
2. Due to pressing financial needs, it is recommended that each of our WAC's put WNAC in their monthly budget of support. See Contact magazine, September issue, page 13 for more information.
3. A national project was presented in July at WNAC -- "Furnishing the Missionary in Residence House at FWBBC." We ask that each WAC send a one-time gift to this, as they are able.
4. We recommend that we give a rising vote of "Thanks° to New Light WAC for hosting the convention today.

Respectfully submitted, Wynelle Clower, Freeda Hall, Starla Parker, Jeanette Pyle.

MSC to accept these resolutions.

Registration: The Registration Committee submitted the following report: Delegates from Bellview - 3; Cedar Springs - 2; Albany - 3; Blakely - 2; Hammock Springs - 1; Macedonia - 2; New Light - 6; Patmos - 2. Visitors in attendance - 11. Total in attendance for the day - 32.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Brank and Peggy Aycock. MSC to accept this report.

Missions: The Snows need VBS materials for their Church. It will cost about \$300.00. It is recommended that each church donate \$30.00 toward this cause. A letter will be sent to each church about this.

MSC to accept this report.

The following women were appointed to the Nominating Committee to

select the officers for years 2004 - 2005: Christine Daniels, chairman; Betty Day; Pat Freeman; Ethel Henley; and Doris Grant.

Delegates to the state convention to be held at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church were chosen. They are: Helen Holland, Shirley Kimbrel, and Edwina Drinkwater. Any others who are able to attend will also be representative delegates from Midway WAC.

We began our morning worship service by singing "The Longer I Serve Him," followed by more special singing from "Joy in Harmony."

After singing, Linda Snow spoke to us. She thanked everyone for the Provision Closet. She expressed her desire to see more young people involved in WNAC. She told of God's protection over her family. They were supposed to return home on September 11, 2001, but two years in advance, Nathan and Linda asked for a six-month extension. She praised God for having them not come home on September 11th. Linda read from II Corinthians 2:14 - 15. She spoke of how we are a fragrance or aroma for Jesus and how the sweet aroma comes from sacrifices.

We then adjourned to a delicious meal prepared by the ladies of New Light Free Will Baptist Church.

(In the unavoidable absence of the secretary, Teresa Smith recorded the minutes.)

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Marshall, Secretary

EXHIBIT "A"

MIDWAY DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT 2001-2002

Balance on Hand 10-1-2001	\$ 642.05
Deposits	<u>6,695.35</u>
	\$7,337.40

Annual Convention Offerings	\$ 132.00
Workshop Offerings	38.00
Local Auxiliary Offering,	<u>6,425.35</u>
	\$6,695.35

DISBURSEMENTS

W.A.C. Designated Funds	\$6,153.35
Tonda Solomon Convention Speaker	200.00
James Kilgore Ministries (Hood gift)	150.00
Joanne and Jerome Etheridge Workshop	<u>200.00</u>
	\$6, 703.35

Balance on Hand 10- 1 -02	\$ 634.05
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Respectfully Submitted, Gloria Henley, District Treasurer

Designated

Dues paid on 2001 members	\$ 409.50
Dues for 95 members for 2002	1,187.50
Co-Laborer	566.00
Emphasis Month	170.00
Georgia W.A.C. Emphasis Month	135.00
Memorial Student Loan	48.00
Foreign Student Scholarship	50.00
W.N.A.C.	135.00
National Office Building	40.00
State Project Acts 1:8 & Lora Shutes	853.10

F.W.B.B.C.

Dot Harvey	292.00
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Foreign Mission

Foreign Missions General Fund	200.00
Laura Bell Barnard (Pre-Easter)	379.25
Debbie Griffin	445.00
Dale & Sandra Bishop	220.00
Nathan & Linda Snow	130.00
Hanna Westfield Account	80.00
Spanish Literature	65.00
New Life Children's Home (Combs)	50.00
Children's Home (Brazil)	100.00
Joni Thomas	100.00

Home Missions

Lizzie McAdams (Pre-Thanksgiving)	359.00
Alabama Children's Home	205.00
Virginia Children's Home	15.00

TOTAL MEMBERS - 104

Albany: -----14	Hammock Springs: -----9
Bellview: -----13	Macedonia: -----10
Berean: -----6	New Light: -----9
Blakely: -----9	Patmos: -----8
Cedar Springs: -----8	Travelers Rest: -----18

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 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, 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.



John Amburgey
Called to Glory August, 2002

John Amburgey

By William Smith

Reverend John Amburgey died at his home Wednesday, August 14, 2002. He was sixty-two years old. He is survived by his wife Bonnie. They had been married for thirty-five years. He is also survived by one daughter: Jana Brooks of Dublin, Georgia, and two sons: David of Windsor, Virginia, and Daniel of Midland City, Alabama. John and Bonnie have four granddaughters and three grandsons.

Brother John was born and raised in Robinette, West Virginia. He graduated from Man High School in Man, West Virginia. He served in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge in 1965. He was an alumnus of Brevard Community College, Cocoa, Florida; Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma; Salem Bible College, Scottsmeer, Florida; and Bethany Theological Seminary, Dothan, Alabama.

Brother Amburgey has been active in the service of the Lord his entire adult life. Before answering the call to preach, he served as youth director and deacon at First Free Will Baptist Church in Scottsmeer, Florida. He was licensed to preach in 1979 and was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister in July of 1980. Brother Amburgey had served as pastor of Patmos Free Will Baptist Church since 1997. He also served Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church in Chester; Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Hazlehurst; Corinth Free Will Baptist Church in Iron City, and churches in Florida, Mississippi and Alabama. He held the following positions on the district association level: executive board, assistant clerk, ordaining council, camp director, youth board, resolutions committee, and nominating committee. On the state association level he served as secretary of the Georgia State Board of camping (1986-1988) and (1998-2002). John was active in all levels of the Free Will Baptist work. He was known as a man who supported and promoted every phase of our denomination.

His zeal and sense of humor will be missed. When called upon, he was always willing to serve. Those who knew John referred to him as a "good and honest man." T.E. Moye, deacon of Patmos Church said, "When Brother John said something, you could count on it."

Funeral services were conducted August 17 at the Patmos Free Will Baptist Church in Leary, with long time friend Reverend Jim Foster bringing the funeral message. Reverend David Young assisted in the service. Internment was at the church cemetery.

The Good Shepherd

By Lynn Tennille

Brother John was a special man,
Who surrendered his life to follow God's plan.
Where it would lead him, he did not know,
But to God's command he said "I will go."

God blessed him in many ways throughout his life.
He gave him a great family and a wonderful wife.
They loyally followed him wherever he went,
And grew to love the places they were sent.

We at Patmos are glad God sent him our way.
He taught us from God's Word, for our needs he would pray.
Throughout each day or around the clock,
He was a good shepherd, he cared for his flock.

He sat at our tables and visited in our homes.
In good times and bad we were never alone.
If you needed help, a hand he would lend.
Each stranger he met would soon be a friend.

At times his trials on this earth were many,
But to talk to him you would never know he had any.
He overcame obstacles large and small.
And he always gave God the glory for it all.

Brother John now has a new life.
One with no sadness, sickness or strife.
For us the glass is dark and we cannot see,
But Brother John now knows how wonderful Heaven will be.

And I'm sure it won't be very long,
Before he is in Heaven's choir singing a new song.
He's walking under a glorious sun,
And on Heaven's fairway he just shot a hole in one!

Today, I am sure his prayer for you and me
Would be to one day join him sitting near our Father's knee.
For us his leaving has brought sorrow and pain.
For him life was Christ, and to die is gain.

Church	Sunday School	CTS	WAC	MM	Baptisms	Total Members
Bellview	95	0	12	0	2	129
Berean	16	16	10	5	0	22
Cedar Springs	50	25	8	0	5	107
Enterprise	9	0	0	0	0	22
First, Albany	370	145	16	0	7	627
First, Bainbridge	6	0	0	0	0	30
First, Blakely	30	0	9	0	2	36
Hammock Springs	54	54	10	0	0	54
Macedonia	45	0	10	0	0	56
New Enterprise	25	13	0	0	0	32
New Light	86	0	9	0	6	157
Patmos	25	10	8	6	0	56
Travelers Rest	96	0	20	0	4	99
White Plains	5	0	0	0	0	28
TOTALS	912	263	115	11	26	1,455

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the holy gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2003

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Midway Quarterly Sessions

First Session	January 25, 2003
Second Session	April 26, 2003
Third Session	August 02, 2003
Fourth Session	October 25, 2003

Georgia State Association

March 13-15, 2003,
Calvary Free Will Baptist Church
Columbus, GA