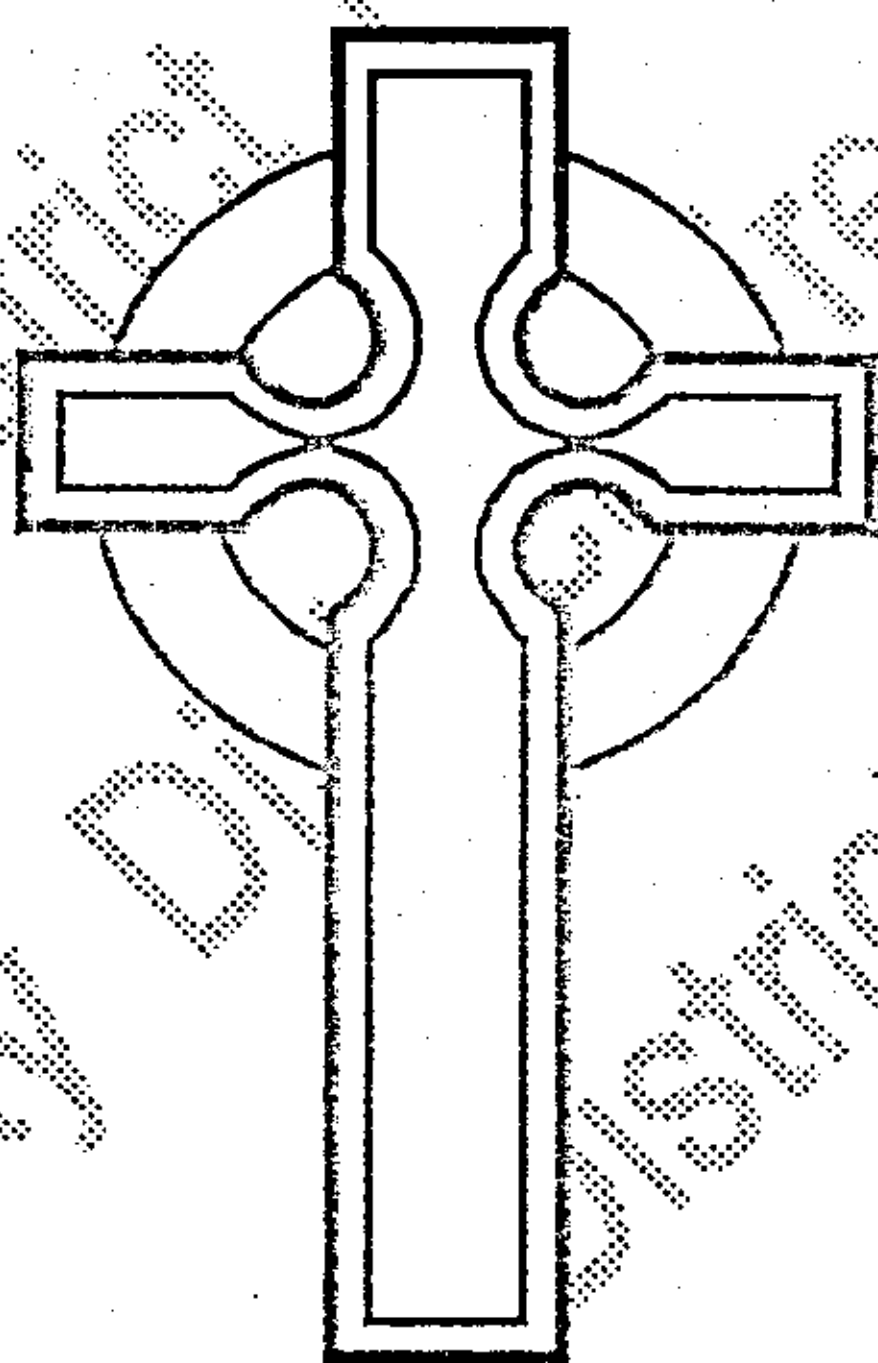


2003
ANNUAL MINUTES
of



MIDWAY DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF
GEORGIA

Midway Association Of Free Will Baptists of Georgia

Quarterly Sessions for 2003 were held :

January 25, 2003 at Cedar Springs Free Will Baptist Church , Cedar Springs, Ga

April 26, 2003 at Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church, Newton, Ga

August 2, 2003 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Bainbridge, Ga

October 25, 2003 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Ga

Midway Association 2004 Scheduled Meetings

9:00 A.M. through Noon

First Session: January 24, 2004

Blakely Free Will Baptist Church, Blakely, Ga

Second Session: April 24, 2004

Hammock Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Donalsonville, Ga

Third Session: July 31, 2004

Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, Ga

Fourth Session: October 23, 2004

New Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church, Iron City, Ga

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Boards and Committees

Budget and Finance Committee: Joe Murkeson, Malcolm Freeman, Rhonda Paul, Janice Temples

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

Credentials Committee: Ruby Etheridge, 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: Steve Dowless, Irvin Hyman, M.C. Powell, Walter Daniels and Gary Smith

Resolutions Committee: Jean Etheridge and Martha Jenkins

Georgia State Association Board Members

Mission Board	Billy Hanna	Term Expires	2005
Trustee Board	Steve Dowless	Term Expires	2005
Camp Board	Burt Hall	Term Expires	2005
Christian Education	Mark Walker	Term Expires	2005

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Pastor: M.C. Powell, 177 Johnny Alt Rd, Sylvester, Ga	229-776-4071
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Cedar Springs, Blakely, Ga 39823	229-372-4590
Pastor: Keith Horn, 4572 Cedar Springs Rd, Cedar Springs, Ga	229-372-4949
Clerk: Eleanor P. Sheffield, Rt. 4 Box 132, Blakeley, Ga 39823	229-372-4605
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Pastor: CB Dowdney, 3185 Billy Newberry Rd, Arlington, Ga	229-725-6414
Clerk: Martha Jenkins, 2232 Simmons Rd, Blakely, Ga 39823	229-723-5260
First, 420 North Westover Albany, Ga 31707	229-436-4021
Pastor: Billy D. Hanna, 125 W. Doublegate Dr, Albany, Ga 31707	229-436-1973
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Clerk: Venescia Knight, 420 N. Westover Blvd, Albany, Ga	229-436-4201
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Pastor: Rudy Woods, 132 Croley Road, Bainbridge, Ga	229-246-6547
Clerk: Mamie Howard, 431 E. Broughton St, Bainbridge, Ga 31717	229-243-7512
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First Quarterly Session

First Session of Midway Association met with Cedar Springs Free Will Baptist Church on January 25, 2003.

Our meeting began with the song "Just Over in the Glory Land" led by Phil Buckhalter with Faye Buckhalter at the Piano. Our welcome by the host pastor Reverend Keith Horn.

Our devotion by Reverend Cliff Holland with his text in Jude, verses 1-2 pointed out that Mercy is the love of God in action; Peace passes all understanding; Love is unconditional; Multiplied to overflowing. Wanted us to learn to "slosh out" our love for the Lord to others so they will know we are Christians.

We were then called to order by Reverend Gene Gilbert, our clerk, who presented our Moderator, Reverend Burt Hall. 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.

We had a roll call of committees and Ordaining Committee went ahead and met with three of the ministers at this times. We had the Treasurer's report by Rhonda Paul, MSC. We then had an offering and recess for the other boards to meet. The church provided coffee, cakes and doughnuts in the fellowship hall.

We were welcomed back by singing "This World is Not My Home", and then went into our business session and had the following reports from the boards; Budget and Finance: Joe Murkeson - \$200.00 to the following young people going to Mission trips; Jonie Thomas going to Japan from First FWB Albany, Stephanie Paul going to Spain from New Light FWB Morgan, Shawn Mercer going to Spain, from First FWB Albany. MSC

Campboard: Johnny Lewis - Junior Camp dates June 29- July 3 at Camp Mt Pleasant, Bonifay, Florida, will be \$55.00 for each camper, and they asked for each Church to send \$100.00 donation to help with camp expenses. Also they asked if anyone would love to help in any way, to get in contact with the camp board. MSC

State Camp Board: Rudy Woods - Teen Camp, Lizella, Ga. June 1-6, 2003. MSC

Mission Board: Mack Harrison - \$ 100.00 to the following for Mission trips: Jonie Thomas, First FWB, Albany, Stephanie Paul, New Light, Shawn Mercer, First Albany. \$200.00 to Nathan Snow, 65.00 to Acts 1:8 program. MSC

Ordaining Board: Wayne Parker - recommended theses into full fellowship: Reverend Walter Daniels, Macedonia FWB, Reverend Steve Dowless, Patmos, Recommended Reverend Keith Horn, Cedar Springs, into full fellowship as soon as they receive his letter from Kentucky Association. Also received Reverend Gene Gilbert's letter from the Martin Association, and this is his last meeting with us in

the Midway Association and we wish his God's blessing on his new work at Thompson FWB, Colquitt, Ga. Reverend Glen Thomas prayed for these men that are coming in as well as the one is to be leaving. MSC.

WAC (Women Active for Christ) – Janice Temples told about the workshop that will be held at Patmos FWB Church, Leary on March 1, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon with the ladies of Patmos fixing us a lunch, and also we will have a surprise Speaker, and everyone needs to come and find out who she is MSC.

Resolution – Teresa Smith read the following resolutions to be voted on:

1. Resolve to pray for our country and President Bush, as we face the uncertainty of war. Reverend Rudy led us in prayer. MSC
2. Resolve to pray our young people as they go on short term ministries they are the following: Jonie Thomas to Japan from First FWB Albany, Shawn Mercer to Spain from First FWB Albany, Stephanie Paul to Spain from New Light, Morgan. Reverend Billy Hanna led prayer. MSC
3. Give a rising vote of thanks to the Cedar Springs Church for hosting this meeting today. MSC.

State Trustee: Gene Gilbert told us some of the things about the State Office project in that the bids were below what they had thought, having some trouble with the landscaping, the plans are drawn up, and the fact that he is elected to the Trustee board in the Martin association and someone needs to be elected today to replace him in the Midway Association. The moderator then asked Reverend Moody if he had anyone in mind to fill this position, since he was on the Nominating Committee and he suggested we elect Reverend Steve Dowless, from Patmos, we then voted to receive him by acclamation. MSC.

National reports: Billy Hanna told us about the extensive work being done to Free Will Baptist Bible College since the buildings are in need of repair, especially the Library. He noted that the spirit on campus was great since Matt Pinson has been there. Enrollment was up this semester, as well as finances. MSC

Nominating – Melvin Moody - In lieu of Brother Gene and Sister Paula not being the clerk and assistant clerk after today, he suggested Brother Keith Horn and his wife Lorene Horn as the Clerk and Assistant Clerk. MSC

We then elected delegates to the State Meeting in March at Columbus FWB: Edwina Drinkwater, Freda Hall, Janice Temples, Margaret Daniels, and Kim Dowless. We also gave the moderator power to appoint anyone to take the place of any of these that could not serve. MSC

Reverend Joe Murkeson suggested that if anyone has something or someone that they need to get a monetary gift to or a person in need, please do so before the meeting times so that they will be aware of this prior to the board meeting times.

Reverend Gene Gilbert stated that Budget and Finance and the Mission Boards need to get together so that they will both know what the other is spending, and possibly work on a joint effort. Brother Charles Day made a suggestion that maybe some way there should be a blank part on the report for such a case if any pastors knew of it before the meeting so it could be handled in business part. MSC received as information.

Announcements:

January 26, 2003, First FWB Church Blakely will have a Youth Concert starting at 6:30 p.m.

February 2, 2003, First FWB Church Donalsonville will have Open House 2-5 p.m. for the community and other FWB Churches to see how they have remodeled after the flood. February 2, 2003, First FWB Church, Albany will have a converted Jew Service; Brother Burt Salder will be the speaker.

February 9-12, 2003, Macedonia will be in revival.

February 9-12, 2003, Hammock Springs will be in Revival.

February 16-19, 2003, Patmos will be revival.

The new minutes are here today and are dedicated to Reverend John Amburgey, former pastor of Patmos. After these announcements, Reverend Melvin Moody dismissed us from business session.

Singing "What A Day That Will Be" opened our Worship Service and Reverend Gary Smith took prayer requests at this time. They are the following: Reverend Burt Hall's uncle died our country, Travelers Rest Sick, Praise for Dianne Thomas Harris in remission (Reverend Glen Thomas' daughter), Reverend Jerry McArthur led in this prayer for these requests.

We then sang "The Longer I Serve Him" and Steve Horne from Cedar Springs sang a special "The Potter's Hand" and then Phillip Buckhalter then introduced our speaker for the message, Reverend Keith Horn. His message was taken from Acts 2:47. He asked the following questions: What is God able to do? What has changed since the early church? He stated that God is still the same. The Church has changed. Is there a difference between the Christian and the world? We are all saved the same way, the knee way. Sin is still the same, no sin shall enter into Heaven. Encouraged the Lord and us to press on would add to the Church such as should be saved. Rather Keith closed with an invitation. Many responded to Brother Horn's message then he closed in prayer and gave instructions for the noon meal. He then called on Reverend M. C. Powell to ask the blessing on the food.

Clerk: Gene Gilbert

Submitted by: Keith Horn

Midway District Association – Treasurer's Report

(Submitted: April 26, 2003)

Jan. 1, 2003	Midway Association Beginning Balance:	\$5282.67
Total Receipts	\$2376.22	
Total Expenditures:	\$2269.99	
Mar. 31, 2003	Midway Association Ending	\$5388.90

Account Balances

General Account:

January 1 Beginning Balance	\$ 415.46
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Receipts:

Received from Churches (dues)	\$1258.50
Offerings	\$ 149.51
Checking Account Interest	\$ 18.21
Total Receipts:	\$1426.22

Expenditures:

Clerk – Gene Gilbert	\$ 49.99
Moderator – Burt Hall	\$ 30.00
Transfer to Mission Board	\$ 299.24
Dues: State - \$75.00; National - \$700.00	\$ 775.00
Donations: \$200 ea to S. Mercer, S. Paul, J Thomas (Summer Missionaries)	\$ 600.00
Total Expenditures from General Account	\$ 1754.23
General Account Balance 3/31/03	\$ 87.45

Minutes Account:

January 1 Beginning Balance	\$393.11
Printing Expenses	\$ 0.00

Minutes Account Balance 3/31/03:	\$393.11
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CTS Account:

January 1 Beginning Balance	\$314.13
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CTS Account Balance 3/31/03	\$314.13
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Camping Board Account:

January 1 Beginning Balance	\$3411.09
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Receipts: Transfer from Gen Fund – Designated	\$ 0.00
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Interim receipts – Designated Camp	\$950.00
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Expenditures: Deposit, Camp Mt Pleasant	\$250.00
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Camping Board Account Balance 3/31/03:	\$4111.09
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Mission Board Account:

January 1 Beginning Balance	\$ 748.88
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Receipts: Total Rec to Mission Fund: (40% transfer)	\$ 299.24
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Expenditures: Expnd/Don: Nathan Snow Bible Sch Lit	\$ 200.00
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Expnd/Don: 3 Summer Missionaries (\$100 ea)	\$300.00
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Expenditure/Donation : ACTS 1:8	\$ 65.00
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Mission Board Account Balance 3/31/03:	\$ 483.12
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TOTAL MIDWAY ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$5388.90
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Second Quarterly Session

The Second Quarterly meeting of the Midway Association met at the Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church, April 26, 2003.

Song leader Donnie Burke opened the service with several hymns. Pastor C.B. Dowdney then welcomed everyone. W.E. Brown gave our devotion; he took his text from II Thes. 2:15. Then Brother Rudy Woods led in prayer. The meeting was called to order by Clerk Keith Horn, who introduced the Moderator Burt Hall.

A roll call of ministers and seating of the delegates was MSC. The Clerk read the minutes. MSC. Rhonda Paul gave the treasurer's report. MSC Following the roll call of Committees the following changes were made: Malcolm Freeman asked to be removed from Budget & Finance. Kim Dowless will replace him on that committee. Walter Daniels and Steve Dowless replaced Cliff Holland and Wayne Parker on the Ordaining Board. Kathy Marshall was added to the Resolutions Committee. We had a partial report of the Credential Committee. We then took up an offering and had a recess for the boards to meet.

The Association re-convened at 10:10 a.m. We went into our business session and had the reports from the following boards:

Budget & Finance: Joe Murkeson – \$306.49 to Mission Board, \$200.00 was set aside for Minutes to be printed. \$100.00 to Sean Mercer and Stephanie Paul for Mission trips. Leaving Budget with \$147.00

Camping Board: Rudy Woods – Teen Camp at Lizella June 1-6, junior Camp at the Camp Mt Pleasant, Bonifay, Fl. June 29-July3

Mission Board: \$200.00 to World Mission offering. \$65.00 Act 1:8, and \$50.00 to Stephanie Paul and Sean Mercer.

Ordaining Board: Gary Smith -- Recommended a letter of good standing for C.F. Harding from Association. So Moved.

WAC: Janice Temples – District Convention will meet first Saturday at Travelers Rest Church.

Resolution Committee: Pray for Troops in IRAQ, and a vote of thanks to Enterprise Church for hosting the Association.

State Mission Board: Billy Hanna gave a report that at the State Meeting permission had been given to sell the property at Hampton and that prospective buyers were being considered.

CTS: Donnie Burke spoke on Youth Competition and encourages Churches to get more involved.

FWBBC: Billy Hanna – Enrollment at the college doing great. Work is being done on the buildings.

New Business: Reverend M.C. Powell requested for good standing cards for ministers to be mandatory. Clerk Keith Horn was put in charge of making cards. Also asked for Ordaining Board and the Executive Board meet to discuss matter in hand.

The Association gave a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to Brother Malcolm and Sister Pat Freeman for the dedication and work they have given the Association. Malcolm was treasurer and on the Finance Committee. Brother

Malcolm stepped down as treasurer sometime ago but continued to serve on the Finance Committee. Effective today he has been removed from the Finance Board per his request.

Credentials Committee Final Report: Ruby Etheridge – Total present today was 54, consisting of 13 ministers, 4 deacons, 28 delegates, 4 lay members, 5 visitors and 13 churches represented. MSC.

The next Association meeting to be held August 2, 2003 at First Free Will Baptist Church in Bainbridge. We adjourned the meeting and went into worship service with Brother C.B. Dowdney bringing the message from Romans 3:21. Prayer dismissed the meeting and a meal followed in the fellowship hall.

Clerk: Keith Horn

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(Summer Missionaries)	
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Minutes Account:

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Minutes Account Balance 3/31/03: \$393.11

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CTS Account Balance 3/31/03 \$314.13

Camping Board Account:

January 1 Beginning Balance \$3411.09

Receipts: Transfer from Gen Fund – Designated \$ 0.00

Interim receipts – Designated Camp \$950.00

Expenditures: Deposit, Camp Mt Pleasant \$250.00

Camping Board Account Balance 3/31/03: \$4111.09

Mission Board Account:

January 1 Beginning Balance \$ 748.88

Receipts: Total Rec to Mission Fund: (40% transfer) \$ 299.24

Expenditures: Expnd/Don: Nathan Snow Bible Sch Lit \$ 200.00

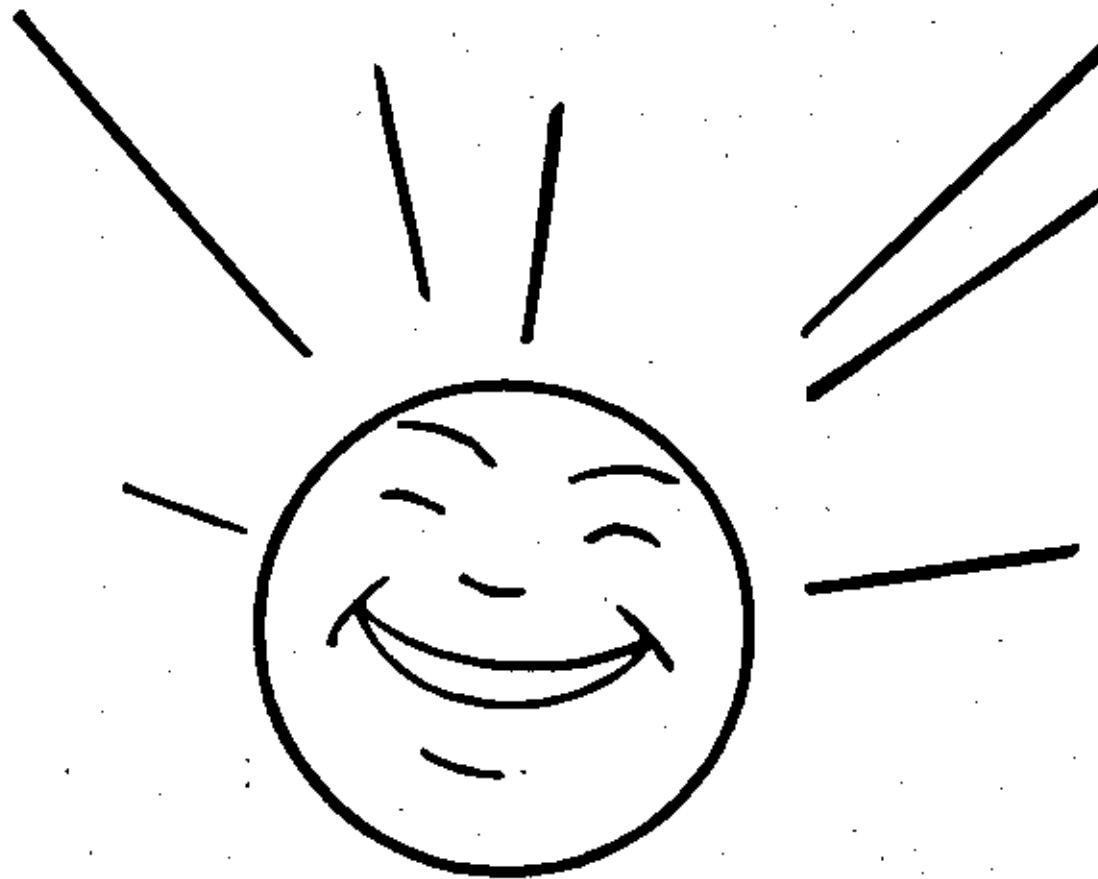
Expnd/Don: 3 Summer Missionaries (\$100 ea) \$300.00

Expenditure/Donation : ACTS 1:8 \$ 65.00

Mission Board Account Balance 3/31/03: \$ 483.12

TOTAL MIDWAY ACCOUNT BALANCE:

\$5388.90



Third Quarterly Session

The third quarterly meeting of the Midway Association met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Bainbridge on August 2, 2003

Our opening song "At The Cross" and welcome by host pastor Rudy Woods was given.

The devotion was given by Bro. M.C. Powell, pastor of Berean Free Will Baptist Church.

Introduction of the Moderator Burt Hall, he then asked for a roll call of ministers, a motion was made to seat the delegates. Roll call of Boards and Committees was given, reading of the Minutes and Treasurers report was accepted as given. A motion was made by Melvin Moody to remove Linda Skipper from the Credentials Committee. MSC. We had a partial report of the Credential Committee and an offering was received, we then recessed for the boards to meet.

The Association reconvened at 10:15 a.m. We went into business session and had the following reports from the boards:

Budget and Finance Committee: Joe Murkeson - \$ 285.28 to Mission Board, \$ 200.00 set aside for minutes, \$ 150.00 to Heather Smith, MSC. Bro Murkeson made a motion to buy a filing cabinet for the clerk. MSC.

Camping Board: Rudy Woods- Reported that teen camp went very well, with several decisions made and a total of 221 campers. The Midway/ Martin Junior camp had a total of 52 campers and everyone had a great time.

Mission Board report: \$ 250.00 to Debbie Griffin, \$ 100.00 to Paul Hammon and \$65.00 to Acts 1:8, MSC.

Ordaining Board: Motion was made to accept David Womack into the Midway Association as Pastor of Bellview FWB Church pending a letter of good standing. MSC. David and his family come to us from Florida, Salem Association.

Bro. M.C. Powell reported that the Ordaining Board has agreed to give Danny Thomas until the October meeting to comply with FWB or risk losing his good standing with the FWB as a Minister.

WAC: Janice Temples reported that the District Convention meeting would meet the first Saturday in October at the Travelers Rest Church.

Resolution Committee: Asked for a rising vote of thanks to the First FWB Church, Bainbridge.

Mission Board: Billy Hanna reported that the property at Hampton has been leased and repairs are being made at this time. He also stated they would be getting an 1. pastor is doing very well with an average attendance of 90 each Sunday Morning, he encouraged us to pray for that God would meet the needs in that area and also that God would give us men to be laborers in mission work. Brother Billy asked for our churches to consider concentrating on coop and Acts 1:8 programs in giving money for missionaries.

State Executive Office: William Smith reported that we needed to meet our obligations to the Georgia Missionaries by giving to the Coop and Acts 1:8

programs. He asked that our churches remember Pastor Appreciation Month, which is September. He also said that the Teen Retreat would be Sunday, Monday and Tuesday after Christmas, and Teen Camp will begin May 30, 20004.

FWBBC: Billy Hanna stated that the Free Will Baptist Bible College is doing very well. They had 49 to graduate this year and were looking at property next to the college to buy. Matt Pinson, President of the College is doing a wonderful job and commended him for his work and encourages us to do the same.

Credentials Committee Final Report: Ruby Etheridge – Total 10 ministers, 21 delegates, 6 deacons, 15 lay members and 1 visitor. The total was 53 present with 11 churches represented.

Old Business: Per a request from the second session meeting for good standing cards to be distributed to he ministers it was done so at this time and a motion was made to accept the cards. MSC

New Business: A request was made for financial help for Patricia Fite for her move to the Virgin Islands. It is recommended to request help from local churches.

With no other business we dismissed and went directly into the worship service.

We had an opening song and Brother William Smith led in prayer. The special song “What a Day” was sung and the speaker, Rev. Steve Dowless, took our text from Matthew 14:16-20 and entitled his message: Worlds Greatest Leader”. He charged us to become great leaders and to remain fresh and not burned out.

A closing hymn, “Just As I Am, was sang and Rev. Melvin Moody dismissed the service and asked a blessing on the food. Lunch was served.

Clerk: Keith Horn

Midway District Association – Treasurer’s Report
(Submitted: August 2, 2003)

Apr 1, 2003	Midway Association Beginning Balance:	\$5388.90
Total Receipts	\$4148.76	
Total Expenditures:	\$2408.17	
June 30, 2003	Midway Association Ending	\$7129.49

Account Balances

General Account:

April 1 Beginning Balance \$ 87.45

Receipts:

Received from Churches (dues)	\$ 662.00
Offerings	\$ 166.00
Checking Account Interest	\$ 20.76
Total Receipts:	\$848.76

Expenditures:

Clerk – Keith Horn	\$ 49.99
Moderator – Burt Hall	\$ 30.00
Transfer to Mission Board	\$ 306.49
Transfer to Minutes Account	\$ 200.00
Donations: \$100 ea to S. Mercer, S. Paul (Summer Missionaries)	\$ 200.00

Total Expenditures from General Account **\$ 786.48**

General Account Balance 06/30/03 **\$149.73**

Minutes Account:

April 1 Beginning Balance	\$393.11
Transfer to Minutes Acct from Gen fund	\$200.00

Minutes Account Balance 06/30/03: **\$593.11**

CTS Account:

April 1 Beginning Balance	\$314.13
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CTS Account Balance 06/30/03 **\$314.13**

Camping Board Account:

April 1 Beginning Balance	\$4111.09
Receipts: Transfer from Gen Fund – Designated	\$ 0.00
Interim receipts – Designated Camp	\$3300.00
Expenditures	\$1763.18

Camping Board Account Balance 06/30/03: **\$5647.91**

Mission Board Account:

April 1 Beginning Balance	\$ 483.12
Receipts: Total Rec to Mission Fund: (40% transfer)	\$ 306.49
Expenditures: World Mission Offering	\$ 200.00
Expnd/Don: 1 Summer Missionaries (\$50 ea)	\$ 100.00
Expenditure/Donation : ACTS 1:8	\$ 65.00

Mission Board Account Balance 06/30/03: **\$ 424.61**

TOTAL MIDWAY ACCOUNT BALANCE: **\$7129.49**

Annual Session

The Fourth Quarter Annual Session of the Midway Association met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Albany. Host Pastor, Billy Hanna, offered a warm welcome.

The clerk who presented the moderator, Burt Hall, called the meeting to order. He then asked Brother Donnie Burke to give the devotion. Brother Burke's message was entitled "Why Are We Still In the Ministry?"

The roll call of ministers and seating of delegates followed. MSC. The minutes of the third quarterly meeting were read. MSC. Rhonda Paul gave the treasurers report. MSC.

We then had a roll call of committees and an appointment of Obituary and Placement Committee. MSC. Partial report of the Credentials Committee was given. MSC. The offering was received. The moderator asked for a recess for Boards and Committees to meet.

After recess the committees gave their reports:

Budget and Finance: Joe Murkeson – stated that due to the misunderstanding of dues sent to the Association that they would not designate any money.

Camp Board: Mark Walker reported that the Teen Retreat would be December 27, 28, and 29, 2003 at Lizella. Our junior camp will be looking to moving closer to home churches. He also stated that the \$100.00 per church to the camp is on a voluntary basis.

Mission Board: Steve Long stated that \$200.00 goes to Benjamin Randall Day and \$65.00 to ACTS 1:8. MSC

Ordaining Board: Brother M.C. Powell asked that we accept, Harold Williams into the Midway Association as a pastor of Travelers Rest FWB Church pending a letter of good standing from the Johnson County Conference of Kentucky. MSC. He then stated that Danny Thomas has failed to comply with the Midway Association and asked that we not give him a letter of good standing. MSC

WAC: Betty Day reported that Midway District Workshop would be March 6, 2004 at Bellview FWB church. The state WAC convention will be March 18, 2004 at First FWB Church in Albany. MSC.

Resolution Committee: Asked that the Christians stand firm in the faith and boldly speak against ungodly actions and influences. We give a raising vote of thanks to the First FWB Church of Albany. MSC

Obituary Committee: Betty Day reported that there were 18 deaths in the past year. They are reported as :

Albany – Callie Mallory, Allen Eugene Sadler, Sun Nam “Nancy” Gray, John Loyd Rentfrow, Geraldine Parr, Nell Danley and Daniel (D.P.)”Pat” Renaue.

First Blakely – Willie Jackson, Cedar Springs – Davis Sanders Pyle, Sr., Elve Dykes, Gatsi Sheffield,

Patmos – Leron Clower,

Travelers Rest – Purd Edwards, Guy Holt, C.E. Irvin, Marvin Holt, Rena Bentley Kimbrell, Alverna Edwards.

We had prayer following this report.

Placement Committee: Freda Hall reported that the Association meetings for 2004 are as follows:

January 24, 2004 – First FWB, Blakely , April 24, 2004 – Hammock Springs, July 31, 2004 – Macedonia, and October 23, 2004 – New Enterprise. MSC.

Mission Board: Billy Hanna stated that the board has been doing some in-depth study of where, when, and how to use funds generated from Hampton Property and asked that we pray for them to be good stewards and that God would send good men for a rewarding job. He also stated that Billy Bevin is doing a great job at Kingsland. MSC.

CTS: Mark Walker announced that there would be a youth rally the weekend after Mothers Day, May 15.

FWBBC: Billy Hanna said the school is doing very well. Attendance is up. Dr. Matt Pinson is doing a great job. He asked that we continue to pray and support the school and its staff.

Credentials Committee: Ruby Etheridge reported that we had 13 ministers, 10 deacons, 24 delegates, 2 lay members and 7 visitors with a total of 56 present. There were a total of 14 churches represented. MSC

We adjourned and went into the worship service with Brother Donnie Burke leading the singing. There was special singing by the Men’s Quartet. Brother David Womack, pastor of Bellview FWB Church brought the morning message. His choose Luke 10:25 for his text and encouraged us to love the Lord and one another as the Lord gave us an example.

Brother Billy Hanna thanked everyone and dismissed with prayer.

Clerk: Keith Horn

Midway District Association – Treasurer's Report

(Submitted: October 25, 2003)

July 1, 2003	Midway Association Beginning Balance:	\$7129.49
Total Receipts	\$4188.12	
Total Expenditures:	\$7012.85	
Mar. 31, 2003	Midway Association Ending	\$4304.76

Account Balances

General Account:

July 1 Beginning Balance	\$ 149.73
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Receipts:

Received from Churches (dues)	\$ 664.00
Offerings	\$ 108.43
Checking Account Interest	\$ 9.54
Total Receipts:	\$ 781.97

Expenditures:

Clerk – Gene Gilbert	\$ 49.99
Moderator – Burt Hall	\$ 30.00
Transfer to Mission Board	\$ 285.28
Transfer to Minutes Account	\$ 200.00
Bank Service Charge	\$ 9.50
Flowers for Leron Clower	\$ 53.50
Donations: \$150 Heather Smith (Worldwide Discipleship @ UGA)	\$ 150.00
Total Expenditures from General Account	\$ 778.27
General Account Balance 9/30/03	\$153.43

Minutes Account:

July 1 Beginning Balance	\$593.11
Donation, Midway District WAC	\$ 50.00
Transfer to Minutes Acct from Gen Fund	\$200.00
Minutes Account Balance 9/30/03:	\$843.11

CTS Account:

July 1 Beginning Balance	\$314.13
CTS Account Balance 9/30/03	\$314.13

Camping Board Account:

July 1 Beginning Balance	\$5647.91
Receipts: Camp Receipts	\$3365.65
Expenditures: Camp Expenditures	\$6314.36
Camping Board Account Balance 9/30/03:	\$2699.20

Mission Board Account:

July 1 Beginning Balance	\$ 424.61
Receipts: Total Rec to Mission Fund: (40% transfer)	\$ 285.28
Expenditures: Debbie Griffin	\$ 250.00
Paul Hammond	\$100.00
Expenditure/Donation : ACTS 1:8	\$ 65.00
Mission Board Account Balance 9/30/03:	\$ 294.89
TOTAL MIDWAY ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$4304.76



Constitution of the Midway District Association Of Original Free Will Baptist of the State of Georgia

Preamble

We, the Midway District Association of Original Free Will Baptist of the State Of Georgia, do ordain this constitution for the purpose of advance in, promoting and increasing all phase of the cause of Christ.

Article I *NAME*:

The organization shall be known as the Midway District Association of Original Free Will Baptist of the State of Georgia.

Article II *MEMBERSHIP*:

This association shall be composed of such Free Will Baptist Churches as shall adopt this compact and agree to this constitution.

Article III *REPRESENTATION*:

Section 1: The standing delegates of this session 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 churches of this association.

Section 3: Each Church shall be entitled to two (2) delegates for the first fifty (50) members or fractional part thereof and one delegate for each additional twenty-five (25) members.

Article IV *OFFICERS*:

Section 1: The general officers of this association shall be 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, 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 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 in 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 Free Will Baptists of the State of Georgia

Article I MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1: All churches affiliated with this association shall be required to adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists as adopted by the National Association of Free Will 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 7 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 Mission Board shall be composed of five (5) members whose terms of office shall be two (2) 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' 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 the property requiring trusteeship of the Midway Association.
- (c) To formulate and promote a live missionary program by aiding of weak churches, the establishment of new churches and by earnest effort to keep the spirit of revival ever presents 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 of standing. Board members shall be elected on even years for a term of two (2) 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.
 - (ii) That all Ministers wishing to become members of this Midway Association be recommended from the church of which they are members.
 - (iii) That all examines be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as may be asked them.
 - (iv) That a person who is presented for ordination or to be recognized as ordained must be pasturing, involved in a

Pastoral ministry, or be in a state of retirement due to age or health or have a justifiable cause preventing his pasturing.

- (i) That ministers desiring to be ordained must have been licensed for a period of one (1) year and have pastured or been involved in a pastoral ministry for at least six (6) months prior to ordination, six (6) months pasturing, 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 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 conditions.

Section 4: The Camp Board shall be composed of five (5) 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 a Co-Director. This board shall be elected or re-elected yearly. It shall be their duties to:

- 1. Plan and promote the Youth Camp over the District
- 2. Set time for the Midway Camp.
- 3. Set fees for the camp in accordance with the State Camp Board.
- 4. 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 re-elected on even re-elected 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 to 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 taken over by death, each year shall be included in that year's minutes, and such information is 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 the 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 SUPPANNUATION:

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 their 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, the 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

Theses by-laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the association by two-thirds majority vote of the membership present provided that the proposed amendment is presented in writing during one session, place on the table and voted on in the new session. The proposed amendment or alteration 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 Active For Christ Reports

Executive Board Meeting: January 25, 2003, Cedar Springs FWB Church

Present: Janice Temples, Mildred Bowen, Kathy Marshall, Gloria Henley, Teresa Smith, Jewellean Powell, Edwina Drinkwater and Margaret Ann Daniels

Margaret Ann Daniels was appointed as Field Worker to fill the unexpired term of Bonnie Amburgey who has moved.

We finalized our plans for the March 1st workshop to be held at Patmos. Teresa Smith has agreed to be our speaker but doesn't want to be paid. Janice Temples made a motion to pay Teresa's daughter, Heather Smith, \$100.00 to help with her upcoming mission trip with Worldwide Discipleship Association to Texas. Kathy Marshall seconded the motion, which was carried by unanimous vote.

Gloria Henley reported that \$270.00 had been turned in to go toward VBS materials for Nathan and Linda Snow.

Janice Temples announced that the State Prayer Retreat will be held October 17th and 18th, 2003 at Norman Park.

New officers will be installed at the annual meeting in October. Kathy Marshall and Teresa Smith will be in charge of the installation program.

Margaret Ann Daniels reported that there is some interest by one church in starting up a new WAC group.

Janice Temples reminded us to pray for two of our State officers regarding personal situations and to remember Mildred Bowen as she undergoes surgery on January 28th.

Midway District Women Active for Christ Workshop March 1, 2003

The March 1, 2003, Midway District WAC workshop met at Patmos Free Will Baptist Church. Kim Dowless and Virginia Sheffield registered our attendees. Nelda Goolsby welcomed us to the Church, citing 1 John 4:7, 11. Janice Temples led us in our opening prayer. The congregation then sang "Jesus Saves", led by Margaret Daniels. Christine Daniels was our pianist for the day. Becky Tennille then blessed us greatly by singing "Your Grace Still Amazes Me".

Janice Temples then introduced Heather Smith, daughter of Dr. Gary Smith, pastor of Hammock springs Free Will Baptist church, and Teresa Smith, our Midway Study Chairman. Heather spoke of her upcoming mission trip to South Padre Island, Texas, where she and other UGA students will be going to minister to "spring breakers" with acts of kindness. She requested prayer for WDA and for the students that they will come into contact with on their trip.

Committee Reports were given. Mission Chairman, Edwina Drinkwater, gave our mission report. She thanked God for everyone in our WAC. She passed out an information sheet to help local mission chairmen understand their duties. She talked about the literature put out by the National Association of Free Will Baptists

that is so helpful to our members and to mission chairmen especially. Marie Glover and Christine Daniels pointed out that Nathan and Linda Snow still do not have the green light to return to Japan, as they need additional.

Jewellean Powell, Prayer Chairman, then referenced II Chronicles and talked about prayer being our best weapon. She asked that we all pray for our missionaries and servicemen and women.

Marie Glover, Service Chairman, thanked us for participating in the Midway project to get VBS materials for Linda and Nathan Snow, and reiterated how much the Snows want to return to the field. She also suggestions for next years project.

Christine Daniels thanked us for our giving. She said that the State of Georgia gave over \$30,000.00 in the past year towards ACTS 1:8. We exceeded our goal by \$7000.00.

Janice Temples then made some announcements: The Midway Annual WAC meeting will be held at Traveler's Rest in October. She asked for extra volunteers to be delegates at the State Convention in March to be held at Columbus Free Will Baptist Church. Those volunteering were Wynelle Clower, Doris Grant, Freda Hall and Gloria Henley. They will be joining Helen Holland, Edwina Drinkwater and Shirley Kimbrel who have already been appointed.

After a short break, Janice Temples recognized each church represented by having members stand as the church name was called. We had 10 churches represented with a total of 40 present. Janice also announced that we had some aprons left over from the State Retreat that were for sale. Ruby Etheridge asked that we keep Traveler's Rest in our prayers, as they still do not have a pastor.

We then began our worship service by singing "The Regions Beyond". Edwina Mathis led us in prayer, after which Marie Glover and Margie Carter took up the offering. An ensemble of Ladies from Patmos FWB Church comprised of Wynelle Clower, Kim Dowless, Nelda Goolsby, Virginia Sheffield and Lynn Tennille presented a beautiful rendition of "To Do The Fathers Will".

Janice Temples made a plea to s to return to our home churches and decide what we can give to the Snows so they can return to Japan. She asked that we give in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Gloria Henley, treasurer, gave an up-to-date report. We collected \$248.20 this day for a balance of \$518.85 in our treasury.

Janice then introduced our speaker, Teresa Smith. Teresa gave a very interesting and inspiring message on "The Tabernacle", she talked about how the Tabernacle of the Old Testament is reveled and fulfilled in the New Testament.

We sang "Rescue the Perishing" after which we were dismissed in prayer by Willie Clyde Henderson.

Respectfully submitted: Kathy Marshall, Secretary

Midway District Women Active For Christ
September 6, 2003

The Executive Board met at Helen's Pirate Cove Restaurant in Colquitt. Officers present were Janice Temples, Gloria Henley, Edwina Drinkwater, Teresa Smith and Kathy Marshall.

After a delicious lunch buffet, Janice opened our meeting by reading Nehemiah 6:2. She spoke about how God will help us stand against opposition.

Gloria Henley gave our opening prayer.

We discussed our annual convention to be held on October 4, 2003, at Traveler's Rest. We will have reports on the State Convention and on the National Prayer retreat that was held in Branson, Missouri. New officers will also be installed. Renee Haire will sing two specials. Our theme will be "In His Time" taken from Genesis 21:2.

Treasurer Gloria Henley reported that our cash balance is \$638.35.

Janice Temples took us down "Memory Lane" by reading excerpts from the minutes of the 1966 Annual Convention. She then reviewed our committee lists.

It was noted that the State Prayer Retreat will be held October 17-18, 2003 in Norman Park, and the State Association meeting is scheduled for March 18-20, 2004 in Jesup.

All officers present and several visitors had an enjoyable time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Marshall, secretary

Minutes of the Midway District Women Active For Christ
Annual Convention
Travelers Rest Free Will Baptist Church
October 4, 2003

The theme of our convention was "In His Time", based on Genesis 21:2. After our opening hymn, Freda Hall led us in prayer. Voncille Musgrove welcomed us to Travelers Rest.

Renee Haire blessed us in song with a beautiful rendition of "I've Been There".

Shirley Kimbrel presented the devotional. She read from Ecclesiastes 3:1. Her topic was spiritual maturity. She spoke about the tools we are given to help us grow and emphasized that God wants us to grow strong and stable.

Coordinator Janice Temples then read our theme verse and talked about Sarah bore a son in her old age at the very time God had promised.

Bro. Charles Drinkwater gave our offertory prayer, and Shirley Kimbrel and Ruby Etheridge served as ushers to collect our offering.

Delegates were seated, and committee members were finalized with some changes due to absences.

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Edwina Drinkwater reported on the National Convention, which was held in Tampa on July 21-22, 2003, and on the National Prayer Retreat held March 27-29, 2003 in Branson, Missouri.

Janice Temples recognized all churches in attendance. A special welcome was extended to our speaker, Sandra Bishop, and to several members who have not been able to attend for awhile. Janice also recognized all members in attendance who were 80 years old or more. She announced that our state project budget for this year is \$7500.00. The address for Laura Shutes was given out. Her birthday is October 7 and members were encouraged to send birthday wishes to her.

Information about Dot Harvey Loan Fund was given by some of our members in attendance. The fund awarded four loans to students from Georgia in 2002.

Janice then dismissed us for committee meetings. After we reconvened the following reports were given:

Credentials: The following local chapters have reported and paid their dues: Albany, Bellview, Berean, Blakely, Cedar Springs, Hammock Springs, Macedonia, New Light, Patmos and Travelers Rest. Respectfully submitted by Mildred Bowen, Alice Martin, and Renee Haire. MSC to accept the report.

Registration:

The following report was submitted by Ruby Etheridge and Juanita Parker: Albany-3, Bellview-7 Berean-2, Blakely-1, Cedar Springs-7, Hammock Springs-3, Macedonia-2, New Light-4, Patmos-4, Travelers Rest-13, and visitors-1 (Total 47). MSC to accept this report.

Resolutions: "We the Resolution Committee resolve that: (1) we visit Mrs. Laura Shutes in Palmyra nursing Home, room 68B, (2) we pray that we will be willing to be used in reaping the harvest in our Free Will Baptist churches, (3) we join in prayer the week of April 16-18 for the Prayer Summit in Dickson, TN, and (4) we express our appreciation to each one on the program today for the blessings we received through sermons and song and give a rising vote of thanks to Travelers Rest for hosting this meeting." Submitted by Nelda Goolsby, Teresa Womack, Kim Dowless, Freda Hall, and Christine Wilson. MSC to accept the report.

Everyone then rose to show their appreciation to Travelers Rest for hosting our convention.

Treasurer's report: see Exhibit A. MSC to accept the report.

Finance: "We, the Finance Committee, recommend that we give (1) \$200.00 to Sandra Bishop, today's speaker), (2) \$100.00 to Patricia Fite (missionary to the Virgin Islands), (3) \$ 50.00 towards printing of the annual minutes, and (4) \$30.00 for paper, etc for our bulletins for two years". The offering for the day was \$147.00. Submitted by Gloria Henley, Betty Day, Mary Griffin, Barbara Johnson and Jewellean Powell. MSC to accept the report.

Placement: The March Workshop will be at Bellview, and the Annual Convention in October will be at Berean. Submitted by Jewellean Powell and Gwen Brooks.

The nominating Committee recommended the following officers for the next two years:

Coordinator – Betty Day (Blakely), Assistant Coordinator – Sherry Henley (Bellview), Secretary – Kathy Marshall (Hammock Springs), Treasurer – Gloria Henley (Macedonia), Mission Chairperson – Edwina Drinkwater (New Light), Prayer Chairman – Jewellean Powell (Berean), Service Chairperson – Marie Glover (Albany), Study Chairperson – Teresa Smith (Hammock Springs), and Field Worker – Margaret Ann Daniels (Macedonia). Respectfully submitted by Christine Daniel, Chairperson, Pat Freeman, Betty Day, Ethel Henley, and Doris Grant.

These nominations were presented for a vote. MSC to accept them as officers for the next two years. They were charged with their duties and formally installed into office by Kathy Marshall and Teresa Smith.

We were happy to not have a Remembrances Report since no members have passed away during the past year.

Our State Convention will be held in March at Albany (changed from Jesup). Volunteers were accepted to be delegates. They are: Gloria Henley, Edwina Drinkwater, Ruby Etheridge, Jewellean Powell, Freda Hall, Kim Dowless, Bonnie Wishum, Christine Wilson, Wynelle Clower, Shirley Kimbrel and Janice Temples (standing delegate). Doris Grant agreed to serve on the State Nominating Committee.

It was announced that our district service project will be the Bishop family, missionaries to Japan.

At the conclusion of the business session, we went into the worship service. Renee Haire again blessed us in song with “Four Days Late”. Our speaker, Sandra Bishop, was on furlough from the mission field in Japan. She updated us on what is going on in their mission work. She also brought along lots of items and products available in Japan.

Eleanor Sheffield dismissed us in prayer, after which we were served a delicious lunch by ladies of Travelers Rest.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Marshall, Secretary

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 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 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 Coordinators and five (5) delegates from each local group in the Midway District which has paid in full its membership fee as required by the Midway District WGAC convention.

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

Article V MEETINGS

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

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

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

Section 4: The Convention and Workshop shall convene with the WGAC groups in the Midway District according to alphabetical order. If a local group is unable to serve as host, the group must notify the Executive Committee.

Article VI AMENDMENTS

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

BY-LAWS

Article I Duties of Officers

Section 1: President – The President shall preside over all meetings and serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee, appoint such committees as may be needed, call a meeting of the Executive Committee, when necessary, be an ex-officio member of all committees, (with 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 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 monies only when authorized by the Convention. She shall keep an accurate account and shall give a written report of all funds received and disbursed at each convention. She shall send 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 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 Fieldwork 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 Chairman through personal contact or correspondence. She shall recommend books for study in the local groups and may even teach 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 Chairman 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 the 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 Chairman in local groups to learn Missionaries names, send needed gifts, get acquainted with Missionary Kids and find out their needs. She shall encourage local chapters to present a special program during WNAC Emphasis Month in August and sending 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 years by acclamation, unless there are other nominations. In the event of more than one nominee for an 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 per 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: Nominating Committee – 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. The 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 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 the 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. The Committee's responsibility is to register those in attendance. The 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 the 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.

