

**1972
MINUTES**

of the

**O G E E C H E E
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

MEETING AT:

Corinth Church, Oak Park, Ga. February 26, 1972
Friendship Church, Twin City, Ga. May 27, 1972
Metter Church, Metter, Ga. August 26, 1972
Augusta Church, Augusta, Ga. October 14, 1972

OFFICERS

Rev. Walter Keheley Moderator
Rev. Johnny Eason Ass't. Moderator
Mr. W. J. Wimberly Clerk
Edward Johnson Ass't. Clerk
Leon Findley Treasurer

DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR 1972

MODERATOR — Walter Keheley, 1841 Broad Street, Augusta, Ga.
ASST. MOD. — Johnny Eason, Rt. 3, Midville, Ga.
CLERK — W. J. Wimberly, Twin City, Ga.
ASST. CLERK — Edward Johnson, Rt. 4, Box 280, Millen, Ga.
TREASURER — Leon Finley, Rt. 2, Lyons, Ga.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Charles E. Beasley, Rt. 3, Box 285, Metter Ga.
Jimmy Smith, Rt. 2, Box 181, Cohran, Ga.
Johnny Eason, Rt. 3, Midville, Ga.

ORDAINED MINISTERS of the

OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION

Carl Baker, Route 1, Box 95A, Metter, Georgia
Charles E. Beasley, Route 3, Box 285, Metter, Georgia
Johnny Eason, Route 3, Midville, Georgia
G. S. Holten, Route 2, Lyons, Georgia
Walter Keheley, 1841 Broad Street, Augusta, Georgia
Jimmy Smith, Route 2, Box 181, Cochran, Georgia

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the

OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION

held at

CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OAK PARK, GEORGIA

February 26, 1972

The quarterly meeting of the Ogeechee Association met on February 19, 1972 at Lower Corinth Free Will Baptist Church near Oak Park, Georgia.

Rev. Jimmy Smith welcomed all the churches. All joined in a song with prayer by Bro. Sikes.

The session was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Keheley. Roll call of the ministers was made. Rev. Buddy Morris of the Statesboro Church was also recognized.

The letters were received and read at this time. It was moved and seconded to seat the delegates and to receive and seat all standing delegates.

The minutes were read and moved and seconded to receive them as read. Committees were appointed at this time:

RESOLUTIONS — Rev. G. S. Holten, Mrs. Britie, Mary Johnson

OBITUARY — Rev. Jimmy Smith, Mrs. Mildred Wimberly, Mrs. Oglesby

FINANCE — Mr. Leon Findley, Mrs. Dees, Mrs. Doyle

Old Business — Concerning R. D. Smith who left Hope Chapel, it was found that he had gone into the music world. It was agreed that guidelines to ordain ministers be set up to go by. It was agreed to use in the treatise.

New Business — Rev. Kehely suggested taking 75% of the treasury and dividing it into three parts: 25% to go to Statesboro; 25% to go to target city Athens; 25% to go to the Georgia State Cooperative Program. It was seconded and voted on to do so.

A letter was received to dismiss Rev. Billy Jackson from our Association in good standing as he had moved back to North Carolina. It was moved and carried to write such a letter.

Rev. Johnny Eason then brought the morning message on "We Shall Witness."

We were then dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Afternoon Session was opened with prayer by Bro. Holton.

Bro. Truluck gave a brief talk on state work. Bro. Jerry Johnson talked on Athens where he will be starting a Church.

The Youth rally was postponed until the weather was better.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned in prayer.

REPORT ON THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

1. That all churches have a weekly prayer meeting as it is a corner stone of the church.

That each church have their program sheets filled out before the Association ready to pass out.

3. That we give a rising vote of thanks to the host Church.

Rev. G. S. Holton Chairman, Mrs. Britie, Mrs. Mary Johnson.

OBITUARY:

Corinth — Mrs. Shirley Harvey Larcery, Lyons, Ga.

Deep Creek — Evelyn Turner Powell, Millen, Ga.

Deep Creek — Jessie Williamson, Twin City, Ga.

Rev. Jimmy Smith, Chairman, Mrs. Mildred Wimberly, Mrs. Oglesby

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bro. George Salyers came before the Ordaining council but due to not having a letter of recommendation from his home church and question of his being unstable in one Doctorine we had to reconsider until next meeting.

Rev. Charles E. Beasley, Rev. Johnny Eason, Rev. Jimmy Smith

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Augusta —

Deep Creek — Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mrs. Virgie M. Oglesby

Friendship — W. J. Wimberly, Mrs. Dolly Wrye, Mrs. Mildred Wimberly

Lower Corinth — Mrs. Louise Dees, Mrs. Nanerl Larcery, Mrs. Jean Smith.

Metter —

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the Finance committee make the following report.

Balance foward Foward From Last Report	\$427.19
Letters from Churches	\$50.00
Offering for Promotional Sec.	23.01

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TOTAL	\$500.20
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator	5.00
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Clerk	8.00
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Statesboro Mission	87.60
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Target City (Athens)	87.60
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Mobile Chapel	87.60
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Co-Op Plan	87.60
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Collection For Promotional Sec.	23.01
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Total Disbursements	\$386.41
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BALANCE ON HAND Feb. 26, 1972	\$113.79
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Respectfully submitted Leon W. Findley Treasurer-Chairman

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING

of the

OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION

held at

FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

TWIN CITY, GEORGIA

May 27, 1972

The quarterly meeting of the Ogeechee Association met on May 27, 1972 at Friendship Free Baptist Church near Twin City, Ga.

Rev. Charles E. Beasley gave the welcome address. Congregational singing and prayer.

The morning session was called to order by moderator Rev. Kehely. Roll call of the ministers was made. All standing delegates were seated.

The letters were read at this time. It was moved and seconded that we seat our delegates and receive the letters as were.

Committees were appointed at this time.

RESOLUTIONS — Johnny Beasley Chairman, Sis. Zera Holton, Sis. Kathy Collins

OBITUARY — Rev. Jimmy Smith, Chairman, Sis. Larcery, Sis. Gaynelle Perry.

FINANCE — Bro. Leon Findley Chairman, Rev. G. S. Holton, Mr. Jessie Johnson.

At the present time our state has three Missions in progress: Statesboro, Athens, and Swainsboro.

A Mobile Chapel has been purchased which will seat 55 people, 3 class rooms and 2 bath rooms which is to be moved to Athens when land has been purchased.

A motion was made and passed to send what money we were sending to Statesboro to Swainsboro because Statesboro was in good shape at the present time, but Swainsboro was in bad need of funds.

The State has given Rev. Johnny Eason \$100.00 a week and \$25.00 for car expenses.

Rev. Jimmy Smith brought the morning message. Then came the lunch break.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Afternoon Session was opened with congregational singing and prayer. Bro. Louis Williams of Colquitt, Ga. our State Mission Board Representative gave a brief talk on our 3 state works. Swainsboro, Statesboro, and Athens. He expressed the greatness of having a mobile chapel that can be seated on a track of land in a short time where services can start.

Bro. Johnny Eason gave a short talk on how his mission was thriving in Swainsboro.

A Youth Rally was planned for June 17, 1972 at Metter Church to decide what can be done with the Youth Rally.

Rev. A. C. Truluck, gave a short talk on state work using Psalms 118-24; Psalms 9-9; Psalms 90-12; Cor. 10-31; and expressed the need for our churches supporting our state work for the saving of souls.

The New Free Will Baptist Book Store will opened for business by the first of June. It will carry Sunday School Literature, Books, Church Supplies and anything concerning Church Supplies.

Co-operative giving is up for all churches and we need to keep it up.

Next Associational meeting will be held at Metter Free Will Baptist Church on Aug. 26, 1972.

Adjournment.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

1. Each person work more with Youth of our Churches.
2. That each church stress the dress of our Youth. Be better dressed. No short dresses and no shaggy hair.
3. That we give a rising vote of thanks to host Church.

Mr. Johnny Beasley Chairman, Miss Kathy Collins, Mrs. Zera Holton.

REPORT FROM OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Turner Scarboro (death)

Rev. Jimmy Smith Chairman, Mrs. Gaynelle Perry, Mrs. Larcery.

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

No. report.

Rev. Charles E. Beasley, Rev. Johnny Eason, Rev. Jimmy Smith.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES:

Augusta — Garnell Perry, Mrs. Sarah Larcery

Deep Creek — Bro. H. A. Drake, Bro. Jessie Johnson

Friendship — Mrs. Ruth Brown, Mrs. Dolly Wrye, Mrs. Mildred Mercer
Lower Corinth — Mrs. Cathy Atheran, Mrs. Louise Dees, Mrs. Zera Holton
Metter — Mrs. Newman, Mrs. James F. Beasley, Mrs. Johnny Beasley

REPORT ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Balance Brought Forward From Last Report.....	\$113.79
Received of Church Letters.....	\$50.00
Offering.....	18.61
TOTAL.....	\$182.40
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Moderator.....	5.00
Clerk.....	8.00
Swainsboro Mission (Building Fund).....	30.00
Unified Program.....	10.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$53.00
Balance brought forward May 27, 1972.....	\$129.40

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. G. S. Holton, Treasurer, Chairman

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING

of the

OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION

held at

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

METTER, GEORGIA

August 26, 1972

The quarterly meeting of the Ogeechee Association met on August 26, 1972 at First Free Will Baptist Church in Metter, Ga.

Rev. Carl Baker gave the welcome address. Congregational singing and prayer.

The morning session was called to order by moderator Rev. Walter Kehelly. Roll call of Ministers was made. All standing delegates were seated.

Letters were received and read. Delegates were recognized. It was moved and seconded that we seat delegates and receive letters as are.

No old business was brought before the session.

New Business: Rev. Bill Barksdale, pastor of Deep Creek Free Will Baptist Church, brought a letter of recommendation from Little River Association to become an Ordained Minister in the Ogeechee Association. It was passed by a unanimous vote.

Rev. Johnny Eason wrote a letter asking that he be removed from the ordaining council due to personal problems in his family which he had to work out for himself.

Replacement Rev. Bill Barksdale.

COMMITTEE WERE APPOINTED AT THIS TIME.

RESOLUTIONS — Rev. G. S. Holton Chairman, Sis. Ruth Brown, Sis. Oglesby.

OBITUARY — Rev. Carl Baker, Chairman, Bro. Charles Collins, Sis. Charles Collins

FINANCE — Bro. Johnson, Sis. Jimmy Smith, Sis. Dolly Wrye

Ogeechee Association Youth Rally was put on the floor and discussed as to what needed to be done to upgrade the youth rally. All pastors were to get together during lunch and work out a plan for the youth rally to work by.

MORNING MESSAGE: Rev. G. S. Holton; Acts 5:1

We then dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Bro. Leon Findley has left our Association as Treas. Rev. G. S. Holton was elected as new Treas.

Bro. Johnny Beasley and wife were elected as advisors to visit each church and get feelings of all youth and work out a solution to have a youth rally. His expenses will be paid by the Association.

Oct. 2-7 Revival Augusta with Rev. Creech Evangelist.

Oct. 2-7 Revival Metter Church, Rev. Charles E. Beasley, Evangelist. Promotional Secretary Report.

Mail in money when mail for Sunday School Literature. Each church send 50 cents per member to help pay for National association debt in Macon.

Rev. Johnny Eason has resigned as missionary to Swainsboro and Rev. Luther Burns has moved to Swainsboro. A building has been appropriated and bought but waiting for some land to sit it on.

Our Mission work at Athens is doing good and the Mobile Chapel is already sitting on a spot of land.

Evangelist Conference: Oct. 16-18

State Association at Colquitt, Ga. Nov. 18-20

Next Association at Augusta Free Will Baptist Church Oct. 14, 1972. Yearly Association. Adjournment.

REPORT ON THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We your resolutions committee, wish to make the following report:

1. That each church fill out his quarterly letter plus his \$10 fee and mail to the clerk two weeks before the Associational meeting.

2. That each church have a weekly prayer meeting.

3. Rise and host of thanks to Metter for a great lunch and good hospitality on this day.

Rev. G. S. Holton, Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Brown Mrs. Oglesby

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY

No Deaths

Rev. Carl Baker, Chairman, Mr. Charles Collins, Mrs. Charles Collins

REPORT FROM THE ORDAINING COUNCIL:

We the Ordaining Council met with Bro. George Sayers and there was some questions of the Status of his life since he was Ordained Minister of Free Will Baptist. The question of His life of the time of His ordination in another doctrine.

Rev. Charles E. Beasley

Rev. Jimmy Smith

Rev. Bill Barksdale

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Augusta — Mrs. Sarah Larcery, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Kehelly

Deep Creek —

Friendship — Mrs. Dolly Wrye, Mrs. Ruth Brown

Lower Corinth — Mrs. Zera Holton, Mrs. Jimmy Smith

Metter — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins, Mrs. Johnny Beasley, Mrs. James F. Beasley

REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Balance Brought Forward	\$129.40
Received of Church Letters	\$50.00
Offering	19.00
Offering	28.05
Total Received	\$97.05
TOTAL	\$226.45
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Moderator	5.00
Clerk	8.00
Speaker	5.00
Swainsboro Mission	19.00
Total Disbursements	\$37.00
BALANCE OF August 26, 1972	\$189.45

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING

of the
OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION
of the
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

October 14, 1972

The quarterly meeting of the Ogeechee Association met on October 14, 1972 at First Free Will Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga.

Rev. Walter Kehelly gave the welcome address. Congregational singing and prayer.

The morning session was called to order by Moderator Rev. Walter Kehelly. Roll call of ministers. Standing delegates were seated.

Letters were received and read. Delegates were recognized. It was moved and seconded and passed by majority that we seat delegates and receive minutes as are.

COMMITTEE WERE APPOINTED AT THIS TIME:

OBITUARY — Mrs. Ruth Brown, Chairman, Mrs. Mildred Mercer

RESOLUTION — Mrs. James Beasley, Chairman, Mrs. Jennie Griffin, Mrs. Sars Larisey

FINANCE — Rev. G. S. Holton, Chairman, Mr. Grady Atkinson, Mrs. Zera Holton

Rev. Luther Burns our missionary to Swainsboro, Ga. was recognized and gave a short talk on how glad he was to be present at our association.

Bro. Johnny Beasley gave a report that he had met with all churches and each church was in favor of continuing the Youth Rallies but have them inside at night and have programs drawn up at each one.

Bro. James F. Beasley and wife were appointed to work with the churches to help each church organize a program and activities for each Youth Rally.

Each church is supposed to send Church letter to clerk at least two weeks before each quarterly meeting.

Rev. Bill Barksdale was elected to the Trustee Board.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 73.

MODERATOR — Rev. G. S. Holton

ASS'T. MODERATOR — Rev. Bill Barksdale

SECRETARY — Rev. Charles E. Beasley

ASS'T. CLERK — Edward Johnson

TREASURER — Mr. W. J. Wimberly

Rev. Bill Barksdale was elected to fill the vacancey left by Rev. Johnny Eason on the Ordaining Council.

Rev. Charles E. Beasley brought the morning message on "A Famine for the true word of God."

EVENING SESSION

Discussion was made as to what to use the money left from the youth rally as the change is being made to have a C. T. S. in place of a youth rally. The funds were to be used to start the C. T. S. rallies. Each church should send \$10.00 to the C. S. T. Rallies to help pay for all expenses that be passed on by the C. T. S.

A motion was made and passed that we have our minutes printed by Bro. A. C. Truluck if we could get them printed for less than \$100.00. The clerk will get the minutes printed.

Rev. Luther Burns gave a report on the mission in Swainsboro. The work is doing fine. A building has been purchased and a track of land on the Lambs Bridge Road near the Junior College.

Rev. Walter Kehelly gave out certificates for co-operative giving given by each church. Harvest Drive in October.

Rev. Kehelly said that Associational of Free Will Baptist will meet in Macon, Ga. in July and each church was asked to send 50c per member to help pay for the expenses of renting an auditorium and pay for the facilities.

All C. T. S. Literature is supposed to be ordered for the rallies and paid for by the rally.

Next Associational meeting to be held at Deep Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

Announcements.

Revivals:

Lower Corinth — Rev. Charles E. Beasley, Evangelist. October 30-November 3, 1972

Friendship — Rev. Buddy Morris, Evangelist. October 23-27, 1972

A motion was made and passed on to send \$100.00 to Rev. Luther Burns account in Moultrie.

Adjournment.

REPORT FROM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

We your Resolution Committee make the following report.

1. We would like for each church to plan their revivals not to conflict with other of our churches revivals.

2. That more of the adults work closer with the youth of our churches.

3. A rising vote of thanks to Augusta Church.

Mrs. James Floyd Beasley, Chairman

Mrs. Sarah Larcery

Miss Jeannie Griffin

REPORT FROM THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Mrs. J. B. Wheeler, Friendship Free will Baptist Church

Mrs. Ruth Brown, Chairman

Mrs. Mildred Mercer

REPORT FROM ORDAINING COUNCIL

No Report.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES:

Augusta — Mr. George Salyers, Mrs. Sarah Larcery, Mr. Richard Cozart
Deep Creek — Mrs. Virgie Mae Oglesby, Mr. Lon Drake, Mrs. Ollie Ruth Brown.

Friendship — Mrs. Mildred Mercer, Mr. W. J. Wimberly
Lower Corinth — Mrs. Zera Holton, Miss Jeannie Griffin, Miss Sherial Faye
Collins

Metter — Mrs. James F. Beasley, Mrs. Johnny Beasley, Mr. Grady Atkinson

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance Brought Forward From Last Report.....	\$189.45
Received of Church Letters.....	\$50.00
Free Will Offering.....	13.95
TOTAL.....	\$253.40

DISBURSEMENT:

Moderator.....	5.00
Clerk.....	8.00
Speaker.....	5.00
Promotional Sec. Luther Burns Account.....	123.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$141.00

BALANCE ON HAND OCT.14, 1972..... \$112.40

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. G. S. Holton Treasurer-Chairman