

1973 - 1974
MINUTES
of the
OGEECHEE
FREE WILL
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

February 22, 1975 Lower Corinth, Oak Park, Ga.
May 24, 1975 Augusta Church, Augusta, Ga.
August 23, 1975 Deep Creek, Midville, Ga.
October 11, 1975 Metter Church, Metter, Ga.

MEETING AT:

Deep Creek Church, Midville, Ga. February 24, 1973
Corinth Church, Oak Park, Ga. May 26, 1973
Friendship Church, Twin City, Ga. August 25, 1973
Metter Church, Metter, Ga. October 13, 1973

SCHEDULE OF ASSOCIATION MEETINGS FOR 1974

February 24, 1974 Augusta Church
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October 5, 1974 Lower Corinth (Sunday School Conv.)

DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION
FOR 1973

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Charles E. Beasley, Rt. 3, Box 285, Metter, Ga.
Rev. Jimmy Smith, Rt. 2, Box 181, Cochran, Ga.
Rev. Bill Barksdale, Rt. 3, Midville, Ga.

ORDAINED MINISTERS
of the
OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION

Carl Baker, Route 1, Box 95A, Metter, Georgia
Bill Barksdale, Route 3, Midville, Georgia
Charles E. Beasley, Route 3, Box 285, Metter, Georgia
G. S. Holton, 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
DEEP CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MIDVILLE, GEORGIA
February 24, 1973

The quarterly meeting of the Ogeechee Association met on February 24, 1973 at Deep Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Midville, Georgia. All the churches were welcomed and everyone joined in with songs and prayer.

The session was called to order by the moderator, Rev. G. S. Holton. Roll call of ministers was made as follows: Bro. Holton, Rev. Beasley, Rev. Barksdale, Rev. Smith, Rev. Saylers, Rev. Truluck.

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 – Mrs. Oglesby, Mrs. Brown, Rev. Barksdale.

OBITUARY – Mrs. Saylers, Mrs. Dolly Brown, Mrs. Logan.

FINANCE – Rev. Jimmy Smith, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Hopkins.

There was no old business.

New Business: It was suggested that each church put up signs to mark the way to their church. It was moved and seconded that yearly posters for the association be made and passed out at the annual association. Also that the next year's meeting be put in the last meeting's minutes. A short song and testimony service was held. Rev. A. C. Truluck then brought the morning message on Moses leading the children out of Egyptian bondage.

We were then dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was opened with songs and prayer.

Rev. Truluck gave a short talk on state work. He also urged the people of the association to write to Mr. Frank Stanton, President of C.B.S. in protest of the X rated movies being shown on television. He reminded everyone of the Annual Association to be held in Macon on July 8.

It was moved and seconded for the meeting to be adjourned. The next meeting is to be held at Corinth Church at Oak Park on May 26, 1973.

REPORT ON THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Pastor to get committee to pray over the association.
2. To have a short devotion in the morning and evening of the association.
3. To give a host of thanks to Deep Creek Church for their hospitality.

OBITUARY

Metter – Mr. Cape Davis

Sister Nellie MacDaniel

Mr. Toy Powell

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the Finance committee make the following report:

Balance forward from last report		\$102.40
Letters from Churches	\$60.00	
Offering	31.41	<u>91.41</u>
TOTAL		\$193.81

DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator	\$ 5.00	
Clerk	8.00	
Minutes	90.00	
Offering — A. C. Truluck	20.00	<u>123.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND February 24, 1973		\$ 70.81

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Augusta — Sis. Carol Salyer, Bro. J. T. Logan.

Deep Creek — Bro. Drew Hopkins, Bro. Curtis Farmer, Sis. Remer Brown, Sis. Drew Hopkins.

Friendship — Sis. Dollie Wrye, Sis. Ruth Brown, Sis. Lottie Ellington, Sis. Janell Baker.

Lower Corinth — Sis. Louise Dees, Sis. Virginia Athean, Sis. Zera Holton.

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

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION
held at
CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OAK PARK, GEORGIA
May 26, 1973**

The quarterly meeting of the Ogeechee Association met on May 26, 1973 at Corinth Church near Oak Park, Ga.

There was singing and prayer by Rev. Jimmy Smith. Morning devotional was brought by Bro. Teddy Logan.

The morning session was called to order by moderator Rev. G. S. Holton. Roll call of the ministers was made. All standing delegated 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 — Rev. Jimmy Smith, Sis. Ruth Brown, Sis. Farmer.

OBITUARY — Sis. Holton, Ethel Duke, Lottie Ellington.

FINANCE — W. J. Wimberly, Teddy Logan, James F. Beasley.

Old Business: For each church to be sure to put up signs to mark their church.

New Business: There was none.

The morning message was then brought by Rev. Mance Cason.

We were then adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

It was opened with singing and Rev. Sayers bringing the evening devotional.

A short discussion was held about doing something for our youth in the church. Each church was to discuss it.

We were then dismissed with prayer with the next meeting at Friendship Church at Twin City, Ga.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. For each church to be in prayer in establishing a mission board.

2. To be in prayer about the possibility of establishing a church in one of the nearby towns.

3. Rise and give host of thanks to Corinth Church.

OBITUARY

No Deaths.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance		\$ 70.83
From Churches		50.00
Offering		<u>23.40</u>
		\$144.23
Promotional Sec.	\$19.28 exp.	
Moderator	5.00	
Clerk	8.00	
Speaker	5.00	<u>37.28</u>
ON HAND		\$106.95

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Augusta — Bro. J. T. Logan, Sis. Ethel Duke.

Deep Creek — Bro. Farmer, Bro. Drew Hopkins, Sis. Mary Johnson.

Friendship — Sis. Dollie Wrye, Sis. Lottie Ellington, Sis. Ruth Brown.

Lower Corinth — Bro. Teddy Logan, Sis. Zera Holton, Sis. Virginia Athearn, Sis. Iris Horton.

Metter — Mr. and Mrs. James F. Beasley.

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING

of the

OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION

held at

FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

TWIN CITY, GEORGIA

August 25, 1973

The quarterly meeting of the Ogeechee Association met on August 25, 1973 at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church at Twin City, Ga.

W. J. Wimberly gave the welcome address with prayer by Rev. Holton.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Jimmy Smith.

The morning session was called to order by moderator, Rev. G. S. Holton. 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 were.

Old Business: none.

New Business: A discussion was held in trying to revive the Sunday School Conventions. Each church was in favor of it, but some wanted it on Saturday. Each church was to discuss it until the next meeting.

Committees were appointed at this time:

RESOLUTIONS — James F. Beasley, Sis. Mildred Mercer, Drew Hopkins.

OBITUARY

FINANCE – W. J. Wimberly, James Athean, Sis. Oglesby.
The morning message was then brought by Rev. Bill Barksdale.
We were then adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

It was opened with songs and Rev. A. C. Truluck bringing the afternoon devotional. He also gave a short talk on state work.

After the ordaining council gave their report, Rev. Salyers asked for the Augusta Church's letter for dismissal from the association. The council had decided against ordaining him. Each minister gave their reason for refusal. Rev. Truluck then offered to help him in every way. It was decided for the council, to go to the Augusta Church and meet with them to discuss it.

The meeting was then adjourned until the next meeting to be held at Metter Church on October 13, 1973.

REPORT ON THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. That encouragement be given to all deacons and pastors to make an effort to attend all union meetings and to inform other church members that it is their duty to attend also.

2. That prayer will be made over the re-instatement of the Sunday School Convention until next union meeting.

3. That the congregation rise in a host of thanks for the good fellowship and delicious food.

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY

Metter – Bro. Bobby Lewis

REPORT FROM THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

A letter was received from the Augusta Church to ordain George Salyers. The council felt that they could not ordain him at this time.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Augusta – Sis. Birdie Youngblood, Sis. Gaynell Perry, Bro. J. T. Logan.

Deep Creek – Sis. Hopkins, Sis. Barksdale, Sis. Oglesby.

Friendship – Lottie Ellington, Dolly Wrye, Mildred Mercer.

Lower Corinth – Jennie Griffin, Sis. Joan Smith, Sis. Zera Holton.

Metter — Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Beasley, Brenda Beasley, Mrs. Floyd Beasley.

FINANCIAL REPORT

On Hand		\$106.95
From Churches		<u>50.00</u>
		\$156.95
Moderator	\$5.00	
Clerk	8.00	
Speaker	5.00	<u>18.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND		\$138.95

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

of the

OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION

held at

METTER FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

METTER, GEORGIA

October 13, 1973

The annual meeting of the Ogeechee Association met at Metter Church on October 13, 1973. Bro. Johnny Beasley welcomed everyone. Rev. Jimmy Smith brought the morning devotion.

It was then called to order by the moderator Rev. G. S. Holton. Roll call of all the ministers was made. All standing delegates were seated.

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

Committees were appointed at this time:

RESOLUTIONS — Rev. Bill Barksdale, Charles Myers, Sis. Smith.

OBITUARY — Sis. Virgie Oglesby, Brenda Beasley, Mrs. Needam.

FINANCE — W. J. Wimberly, Bro. Needam, Sis. Barksdale.

Old Business: All the churches decided to hold a Sunday School Convention once a year on the first Saturday in October. Lower Corinth will hold first convention. Each church is to present a short program. The time will be worked out later.

New Business: The Augusta Church decided to let Bro. Salyers go. The ordaining council was selected to go and see about the church.

Rev. Barksdale brought up the Harvest Drive for our Orphanage. All the churches would take the food or other things to Deep Creek and they would see that it got to the children.

Officers were elected for the coming year of 1974 as follows:

- Moderator — Rev. Bill Barksdale
- Ass. Moderator — Rev. Charles E. Beasley
- Clerk — Bro. James Athearn
- Ass. Clerk — Bro. Johnny Beasley
- Treasurer — Rev. G. S. Holton
- Ordaining Council — Rev. Carl Baker

A mission board was appointed at this time:

- Rev. Bill Barksdale
- Rev. Jimmy Smith
- Bro. James Floyd Beasley

The morning message was then brought by Rev. W. H. Daughtry. We were then dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

We were reminded of the State Association meeting Nov. 15, 16, 17 in Eastman, Ga.

The next union meeting is to be held in Augusta on February 24, 1974.

We were then dismissed with prayer.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. To appoint a mission board.
2. To appoint an Executive Board: Rev. Carl Baker, Rev. Charles Beasley, Rev. G. S. Holton.
3. For each church to make up the program and send it to the clerk and they will send it to each minister on the program.

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY

Metter — Bro. Grady Atkinson

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance	\$138.95
From Churches	40.00
Offering	27.43
Speaker	<u>5.00</u>
	\$211.38

DISBURSEMENTS:

State Assn.	\$10.00	
Speaker	5.00	
Moderator	5.00	
Clerk	8.00	
Children's Home	27.43	<u>55.43</u>
ON HAND		\$155.95

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

- Augusta —
- Deep Creek — Bro. Emory Powell, Sis. Helen Powell, Sis. Virgie Oglesby, Sis. Ollie Brown.
- Friendship — Bro. Rufus Mixon, Sis. Dolly Wrye.
- Lower Corinth —
- Metter — Mrs. Naomi Smith, Mrs. Marie Collins, Mrs. Johnny Beasley.

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION
held at the
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF AUGUSTA
February 24, 1974**

The quarterly meeting of the Ogeechee Assn. met at the Augusta Church on February 24, 1974.

Bro. John Cannon gave the welcoming address. Bro. Charles Beasley brought the morning devotion.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Barksdale. Roll call of all ministers and deacons was made. All standing delegates were then seated.

The church letters were then read. It was moved and seconded that the letters be received as read.

The following committees were appointed:

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Bro. Hopkins, Bro. Smith, and Bro. Beasley

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Sis. Smith, Sis. Beasley.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bro. G. S. Holton, Bro. Curtis Farmer, and Bro. Wimberly.

CARD OF THANKS COMMITTEE: Bro. Oglesby, Bro. Colbart, and Bro. Beasley.

Bro. Charles Beasley and Bro. J. B. Athearn were appointed to schedule the 1974 Association meetings.

Old Business: The Sunday School Convention is to be held at the Lower Corinth Church on the first Saturday in October, 1974. It will start at 10:00 A.M. and last till 12:00 Noon. At the next quarterly meeting a speaker will discuss the Sunday School Conv. and tell how it should be conducted.

Bro. Barksdale thanked all churches for their gifts to the children's home.

Bro. John Cannon brought the morning message. We were then dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Bro. Gene Collins brought the afternoon message.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Vote of appreciation to the Augusta Church for their hospitality.
2. Copies be made of the minutes for distribution to all delegates at the next regular meeting.
3. All Christians work harder to win souls for Christ.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. G. S. Holton made a motion that the Moderator, Secretary, and Speaker be given \$10.00 each. Approved.

Money on hand	\$155.95
Rec. from Churches	50.00
Free Will Offering	<u>22.24</u>
Total	\$228.19
Less	<u>30.00</u>
	\$198.19

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Deep Creek – Bro. Carlton Whitehead
 Lower Corinth – Bro. Dalton Collins

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bro. John Cannon was accepted on a letter of recommendation to our association to be the pastor at the Augusta Church.

SCHEDULE OF ASSOCIATION MEETINGS FOR 1974

February 24, 1974	Augusta Church
May 25, 1974	Deep Creek
August 24, 1974	Metter Church
October 12, 1974	Friendship Church (annual)
October 5, 1974	Lower Corinth (Sunday School Conv.)

It was recommended that \$25.00 be sent to the Dublin Mission. Approved.

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
 of the
 OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION
 held at the
 DEEP CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 May 25, 1974**

The quarterly meeting of the Ogeechee Assn. met at the Deep Creek Free Will Baptist Church on May 25, 1974. Bro. Bill Barksdale gave the welcoming address. Bro. Jesse Johnson brought the morning devotion.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Barksdale. Roll call of all ministers and deacons was made. All standing delegates were then seated. The church letters were then read. It was moved and seconded that the letters be received as read.

The following committees were appointed:

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Bro. Wimberly, Bro. Williams, Bro. Mosley.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Bro. Oglesby, Sis. Baker.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bro. Holton, Bro. Beasley, Bro. Hopkins.

CARD OF THANKS COMMITTEE: Bro. Gene Collins

Bro. C. B. Dowdney, the State Promotional Secretary, reported that at the present time there are 11 new missions in the State of Ga. He also asked for a vote on the State Association publishing an encyclopedia to cover all churches in the State of Ga. All present were in favor of such a book.

Bro. Carl Baker of the Metter Church resigned from the Ordaining Council. Bro. G. S. Holton was nominated as his replacement.

It was suggested that all church letters be sent to the secretary one month before each association meeting but that the checks be brought at the time of the meeting.

The following were the reports from the committees:

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. We must work harder to get more young people in Sunday School.
2. We must visit more to get more people in church.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Money on hand	\$194.23
Rec. from Churches	40.00
Collection	<u>28.46</u>
	\$262.69
Disbursements	30.00
Printing	<u>3.00</u>
	\$229.69
Send Perry Mission	25.00
For Promotional Sec.	<u>25.00</u>
BALANCE	\$179.69

OBITUARY

Deep Creek — Mrs. Nettie Cruise

Friendship — Mrs. Mary Hadden

Metter — Mrs. Vince Edenfield

CARD OF THANKS COMMITTEE

We, the delegates and members of all participating churches, do thank Bro. Barksdale and all members of the Deep Creek Church for their hospitality and brotherly love shown. May God be ever present in their daily walk.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bro. Daughtery is to be received into the Association as pastor at the Metter Church.

Bro. Gene Collins will be licensed to preach on the second Sunday in June, 1974 at the Lower Corinth Free Will Baptist Church at 3:00 P.M. Bro. Barksdale will deliver the charge.

Bro. Jimmy Smith made a motion that Bro. Wimberly be given the post as Sunday School Coordinator. All present agreed.

Adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING

of the

OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION

held at the

METTER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

August 24, 1974

The quarterly meeting of the Ogeechee Assn. met at the Metter Church on August 24, 1974. Bro. Jimmy Smith brought the morning devotion.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Barksdale.

Bro. Barksdale recognized the visiting ministers, Bro. Buddy Morris, Bro. Mance Cason, and Bro. Taylor Merritt.

Roll call of all ministers and deacons was made. All standing delegates were then seated.

The minutes of the last meeting and all church letters were then

read. It was moved and seconded that they be accepted as read.

The Augusta Church requested that all sister churches pray for her.

The following committees were appointed:

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Bro. Daughtery, Bro. Charles Beasley, Bro. Gene Collins.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bro. Holton, Bro. Beasley, Bro. Wimberly.

CARD OF THANKS COMMITTEE: Sis. Oglesby.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Sis. Charles Beasley.

Old Business: Printing of last year's annual report was again discussed. Bro. Cannon was to have handled this but due to illness was not able. It was suggested that we now wait until the end of this year and have both reports printed at the same time. Bro. Barksdale stated that he knew a printing Co. that is a non-profit organization. He will check into this and advise.

No New Business.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Friendship Church – Bro. Hadden

Metter Church – Carl Beasley

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Cash on hand	\$179.69
From Churches	40.00
Love Offering	<u>27.67</u>
	\$238.36
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Officers	30.00
Printing	<u>3.00</u>
BALANCE	\$205.36

ORDAINING COUNCIL

No report.

Lower Corinth announced their revival was to be held September 16 thru 21.

Bro. Wimberly reported that he would have someone to come to our first Sunday School Convention which will be held on October 5, 1974 at the Lower Corinth Church near Oak Park, Ga.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
of the
OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
held at the
FRIENDSHIP F. W. B. CHURCH
October 12, 1974

The following ministers were present at the Annual Meeting:

- Bro. G. S. Holton
- Bro. Jimmy Smith
- Bro. Gene Collins
- Bro. Blanton
- Bro. Luther Burns
- Bro. Charles Beasley
- Bro. W. H. Daughtery
- Bro. John Cannon

The annual meeting of the Ogeechee Association met at the Friendship Church on October 12, 1974. Bro. G. S. Holton brought the morning devotion.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Barksdale.

Roll call of all ministers and deacons was made. All standing delegates were then seated.

The minutes of the last meeting and all church letters were then read. It was moved and seconded that they be accepted as read.

The following committees were then appointed:

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Bro. J. Smith, Bro. Wimberly, and Bro. Beasley.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bro. Holton, Bro. Daughtery, and Sis. Barksdale.

CARD OF THANKS COMMITTEE: Sis. Inez Glisson.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Sis. Holton.

Old Business: Bro. Barksdale reported that he had located a printing Co. that would print our annual report for both 1973 and

'74 at a cost of \$100.00 for 250 copies.

The Sunday School Convention elected the following officers:

- Bro. W. J. Wimberly — President
- Bro. Joe Williamson — Vice-President
- Bro. Buddy Hopkins — Secretary
- Bro. Mike Beasley — Treasurer

The Ogeechee Assn. elected the following officers for the year 1975:

- Bro. Bill Barksdale — Moderator
- Bro. John Cannon — Ass. Moderator
- Bro. Charles Beasley — Secretary
- Bro. W. J. Wimberly — Ass. Secretary
- Bro. G. S. Holton — Treasurer

The annual "Harvest Day Drive" for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Eldridge, Ala. is from October 20 thru October 26, 1974. All donations must be delivered to the Deep Creek Church on or before Wednesday, October 23, 1974.

The State Assn. meets in Valdosta, Ga. in November. It was voted that we send Sis. Charles Beasley and Sis. Bill Barksdale as delegates to represent our Assn.

The following reports were received from the committees:

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bro. Jimmy Smith's term on the council expires. Bro. Charles Beasley was nominated to fill this vacancy.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

It was suggested that \$25.00 be set aside by the Association to establish a mission board. Bro. Barksdale is to get together with all the ministers in the Assn. and draw up some plans.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance on hand	\$225.36
From Churches	50.00
Love Offering	<u>27.50</u>
	\$302.86

DISBURSEMENTS:

Officers	\$30.00
Printing	3.00
Ogeechee Mission Board	25.00

Perry Mission	25.00	<u>83.00</u>
BALANCE		\$219.86

CARD OF THANKS COMMITTEE

All present was asked to rise to their feet in appreciation.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Lower Corinth – 1 died
 Friendship – 1 died

Bro. Charles Beasley received a letter from Bro. Carl Baker requesting that his name on the Ordaining Council and his ordination be restricted from the committee.

The following list of meetings for the year 1975 to be adopted:

- February 22, 1975 – Lower Corinth
- May 24, 1975 – Augusta Church
- August 23, 1975 – Deep Creek
- October 11, 1975 – Metter Church

**OGEECHEE ASSN. OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
 SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
 PREAMBLE**

We, the Ogeechee Assn. of Free Will Baptists, do ordain this Constitution and By-Laws for the purpose of promoting all Sunday School endeavors of the Ogeechee Assn.

ARTICLE I

Name – This organization shall be known as the Ogeechee Sunday School Convention.

ARTICLE II

Officers – Officers of this Convention shall be president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. They shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE III

This Convention shall be held annually on the last Saturday of April.

ARTICLE IV

Purpose —

1. For each Sunday School to present a program, with the youth presenting the program where possible.

2. By the youth presenting the program, we are giving them a part in our service for the glory of God. They will be our future leaders.

3. Trophies shall be awarded to the Sunday School with the best program. There shall be awards for first and second place.

4. A banner shall be awarded to the Sunday School with the best average attendance.

ARTICLE V

Ministers will be used for the purpose of judging the program.

ARTICLE VI

Finance — This Convention shall be supported by each Sunday School with no less than \$5.00 fee.

Also, it shall be supported by a special offering taken by each church when visited by Sunday School officials and a special offering during Convention.

ARTICLE VII

Duties of Officers —

1. It shall be the duty of the president and vice-president to visit each church in the Assn. for the purpose of promoting the Sunday School and offering assistance where needed.

2. The president shall preside at all meetings.

3. The secretary shall keep the minutes of each meeting.

4. The treasurer shall keep the treasury.

5. The offering received by the officers shall be turned over to the treasurer and they shall be compensated for their mileage.

ARTICLE VIII

Judging —

The judging shall be as follows:

1. Theme

2. Time (20 minutes for getting ready and presenting program).

3. Take into consideration the membership of the church, with the young people presenting the program where possible.

4. How well each part is presented, by how the individual speaks up.

ARTICLE IX

A Gospel message shall be delivered by the host church.

ARTICLE X

Place — Name of host church shall be printed in the annual minutes of the Association and if change has to be made, each church shall be notified.

ARTICLE XI

These by-laws may be changed by two-thirds majority vote while Convention is in session.