

1977
MINUTES
of the
OGEECHEE
FREE WILL
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

MEETINGS FOR 1978

Deep Creek Church, Midville, Ga. February 25, 1978
Metter Church, Metter Ga. May 27, 1978
Friendship Church, Twin City, Ga. August 26, 1978
Lower Corinth Church, Oak Park, Ga. October 14, 1978

DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

FOR 1977

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. John Cannon, 1841 Broad Street, Augusta, Ga.
Rev. G.S. Holton, Rt. 2, Lyons, Ga.
Rev. Charles E. Beasley, Rt. 3, Box 285, Metter, Ga.

ORDAINED MINISTERS of the OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION

Charles E. Beasley, Rt. 3, Box 285, Metter, Ga.
John Cannon, 1841 Broad Street, Augusta, Ga.
Johnny Beasley, Rt. 3, Box 285, Metter, Ga.
G.S. Holton, Rt. 2, Lyons, Ga.
Leroy Lowery, Rt. 1, Midville, Ga.

MEETING AT:

Metter Church, Metter, Ga. February 26, 1977
Friendship Church, Twin City, Ga. May 28, 1977
Corinth Church, Oak Park, Ga. August 27, 1977
Augusta Church, Augusta, Ga. October 8, 1977

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION
held at
METTER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
METTER, GA.
February 26, 1977

The Ogeechee Association met at Metter Church on February 26, 1977. It was opened with a song and prayer by Bro. Dowdney, Bro. Mike Beasley gave the Welcome address. The morning devotional was brought by Bro. Bobby Crosby.

The ministers were recognized and seated at this time. They were Bro. John Cannon, Bro. Charles Beasley, Bro. G.S. Holton, Bro. W.H. Daughtry, Bro. John Beasley, Bro. Leroy Lowery, Bro. Jimmy Smith and Bro. C.B. Dowdney.

The Deacons were recognized and seated at this time. The letters were called for and read. The delegates were recognized and a motion was made and seconded to seat them at this time.

The minutes were read and approved. Committees were appointed at this time:

RESOLUTION: Jessie Johnson, Sheila Youngblood, G.S. Holton, Johnny Beasley.

FINANCE: Gene Henry, W.J. Wimberly, J.B. Athern, Bobby Crosby.

OBITUARY: Mildred Mercer and Debbie Miller

CARD OF THANKS: Jimmy Smith

Bro. C.B. Dowdney gave a report on our state work.

The morning message was brought by Bro. Leroy Lowery. An offering was taken of \$48.39.

We were then dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was opened with a song and a prayer. Bro Johnny Beasley brought the afternoon devotion.

All the committees reported at this time. There was no new or old business. The Sunday School Convention was discussed and it was agreed to call it off until the Superintendents could get together.

The church gave a host of thanks to the host church. Bro. W.J. Wimberly was appointed to the Board of Retirement and

Insurance to take Bro. Carl Baker's place. Bro. Leroy Lowery was appointed to replace Bro. Drew Hopkins on the Budgeting Board.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The next meeting to be at Friendship Church on May 28, 1977. We were then dismissed with prayer.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

1. We resolve that each church pastor encourage his church to send a letter of support to Anita Bryant for her support to fight homosexuality.
2. We resolve that each church support mission and mission cause.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Johnny Baker Walt Mosley Mrs. Nettie Johnson

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Letters	\$50.00	Speaker	\$10.00
Offering	48.39	Moderator	10.00
	<u>98.39</u>	Clerk	10.00
Bal. Bro't For'd.	-5.76	Mission	25.00
	<u>92.63</u>	C.B. Dowdney	20.00
	75.00		<u>\$75.00</u>
	<u>\$17.63</u>		
Service Charge	.90	Mission Fund	\$75.00
Now in treasurer	<u>\$16.73</u>		

DELEGATES

Augusta: Sheila Youngblood, Christine Miller, Bobby Miller, Alice Mount, Birdie Youngblood.

Corinth: Virginia Athern, Lucille Willie, W.B. Kirkland, Joe Williams.

Deep Creek: Gene Henry, Martha Henry, Mike Henry, Peggy Lowery.

Friendship: Mildred Mercer and Lottie Ellington.

Metter: Mike Beasley, Roy Biggers, Tony Beasley, Teresa Johnson, James Crosby.

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of the
OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION
held at
FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
TWIN CITY, GA.
May 28, 1977

The Ogeechee Association met at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church on May 28, 1977. The service was called to order by the Moderator Bro. John Cannon. The congregation sang a song and prayer was given by Bro. Jimmy Smith. The Welcome address was made by Bro. Charles E. Beasley. Morning Devotional was brought by W.J. Wimberly.

The ministers were recognized at this time and seated. All the Deacons were recognized and seated. The letters were called for and read and all the delegated were recognized and it was moved and seconded for them to be seated and accepted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Moderator appointed committees at this time. They are:

FINANCE: Bro. Gene Henry, W.J. Wimberly, Sister Collins

RESOLUTION: Lorle Corly, Hershall Collins, Wallace Corcey, Mike Henry, Janell Baker.

OBITUARY: Birdie Youngblood and Joe Williamson.

CARD OF THANKS: Bobby Crosby

An offering was taken at this time in the amount of \$40.80.

We were then entertained by a special song by Janell Baker, Lottie Ellington and W.J. Wimberly.

The morning message was then brought by Bro. Leroy B. Lowery.

There was no old or new business brought before the floor at this time. Bro. Jimmy Smith gave a testimony on how the Lord had helped him through his sickness. He requested our prayers.

We were then dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with a song and prayer. Bro. G.S. Holton brought the evening devotional.

The committees reported at this time.

Bro. Leroy Lowery reported that he was going to start a training school at Deep Creek this fall. He will get in touch with all the

pastors as to what it will involve.

Bro. Johnny Beasley was recognized as pastor of Metter Church to fill in for Bro. Daughtry who resigned due to sickness.

The Sunday School superintendants met and decided to have a gathering at Hillview. Bro. James Floyd Beasley was put in charge to find out about time and date. It was moved and passed on.

Corinth Church is to have the next meeting in August. It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

1. Resolve that we challenge our lay leaders, Sunday School teachers, youth workers, etc. to study more that they might be more effective for Christ.
2. Resolve that all churches stick to the original covenant and not change so that people won't get confused.
3. Resolve that the people go back to their churches and express the need to get another church started at the location of the associations choice.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Augusta Church. Sister Bertha Kelly
Deep Creek Church Sister Molly Powell

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Letters	\$50.00	Speaker	\$10.00
Offering	40.80	Moderator	10.00
	<u>90.80</u>	Clerk	10.00
Bal. Bro't For'd.	16.73	Missions	25.00
	<u>107.53</u>		<u>\$55.00</u>
	55.00		
Now in treasure	\$52.53	Mission Fund	100.00

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
of the
OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION
held at
AUGUSTA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
AUGUSTA, GA.
October 8, 1977

The Ogeechee Association met at Augusta Free Will Baptist Church on January 8, 1977 for their annual meeting. The meeting was called to order by the moderator Bro. John Cannon. The congregation was led in a song and prayer was given by Bro. Leroy Lowery. The Welcome Address was given by Richard Cozart. Bro. Johnny Beasley brought the morning devotion.

The ministers were recognized and seated at this time. The Deacons were recognized and seated as standing delegates.

The letters were called for and read. It was moved and seconded to accept the letters and to seat the delegates.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The moderator appointed the committees at this time.

RESOLUTION: Leroy Lowery, W.J. Wimberly, Herbert Collins, Lula Corly, Neomi Smith

FINANCE: Gene Henry, Bonnie Robinson, Bobby Crosby.

OBITUARY: Richard Cozart and Mary Allen

CARD OF THANKS: Gene Henry

The morning message was brought by Bro. Charles Beasley.

The business session was postponed until the afternoon so the congregation could hear the singing of The Masters Touch. We enjoyed the singing very much.

We were then dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was opened with a song and prayer by James Beasley. Bro. G.S. Holton brought the evening devotion.

All the committees reported at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: The ordaining council approved Bro. Leroy Lowery and he was accepted in the Association in full fellowship.

Officers were elected at this time:

Moderator - G.S. Holton

Assistant Moderator - John Cannon

Clerk - Charles Beasley

Assistant Clerk - Frances Beasley

Treasure - Bobby Crosby

Bro. Johnny Beasley was elected to take Bro. Jimmy Smith's place on the Mission Board.

The Harvest Drive for the orphanage to be the week of October 16, 1977. Bro. John Cannon is in charge for the association.

Delegate to the State Association was elected. Sister Faye Beasley.

It was moved and seconded to take enough money out of special fund to print minutes and send delegate to state association.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn with the next meeting to be February 25, 1978 at Deep Creek Church.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Resolve to make posters for each church of the date of meeting.
2. Resolve to have active Ladies Auxiliary.
3. Resolve to start to support mission work, childrens home and etc.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Sister Lottie Laricery Bro. Lester Burke

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Offering	35.38	Speaker	10.00
	<u>85.38</u>	Clerk	10.00
Bal. Bro't For'd.	90.53	Mission	25.00
Service Charge	.90	Singers	<u>15.00</u>
Disbursements	<u>70.00</u>		70.00
Now in Treasure	\$101.01		

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DELEGATES

Augusta: Laura Corley, Debbie Miller, Bonnie Robertson, Bertis Youngblood, Myrtice Davis

Corinth:

Deep Creek:

Friendship: Mary Allen and Sue Williamson

Metter: Naomi Smith, Doris Ann Crosby, JoAnn Myers, Brenda Beasley.

CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

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

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. *The Bible.* The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. *God.* There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. *Christ.* Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. *The Holy Spirit.* The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

5. *The Government of God.* God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. *The Sinfulness of Man.* Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.

7. *The Word of Christ.* The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. *The Terms of Salvation.* The conditions of salvation are:
1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.
2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God.
3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. *Election.* God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of Salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. *Freedom of the Will.* The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. *Salvation Free.* God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. *Perseverance.* All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. *Gospel Ordinances.* BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.

14. *Tithing.* God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2a).

15. *The Christian Sabbath.* The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. *Resurrection, Judgment, and Final Retribution.* The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."