

**1978
MINUTES
of the
OGEECHEE
FREE WILL
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

MEETINGS FOR 1979

Metter Church, Metter, GA February 24, 1979
Lower Corinth Church, Oak Park, GA. May 26, 1979
Deep Creek Church, Midville, GA August 25, 1979
Friendship Church, Twin City, GA October 13, 1979

DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

FOR 1978

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OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION

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MEETING AT:

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

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION
held at
DEEP CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MIDVILLE, GEORGIA
February 25, 1978**

The Ogeechee Association met at Deep Creek Free Will Baptist Church on February 25, 1978. The congregation sang a song and prayer was given by Bro. Grizzard. The meeting was then called to order by the moderator, Bro. Holten. Bro. Lowery gave the Welcome address, and the morning devotionál was given by Bro. Gene Henry.

The ministers were recognized and seated at this time. They were Bro. Jimmy Smith, Bro. Charles Beasley, Bro. Grizzard, Bro. Johnny Beasley, Bro. G. S. Holten, Bro. Leroy Lowery, 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 by the moderator:

RESOLUTION: Bro. Leroy Lowery, Bro. Johnny Beasley,
Bro. Leigie Collins

FINANCE: Bobby Crosby, Chairman; Hershál Collins,
Jessie Johnson

OBITUARY: Brenda Beasley, Lucile Willis, Virgie Oglesby

CARD OF THANKS: Mildred Mercer

Bro. C. B. Dowdney gave a brief talk on State work at this time concerning churches giving a tithe to outside work.

Bro. C. B. Dowdney then brought the morning message titled "Send the Light."

An offering of \$34.07 was then taken up. We were dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was opened with a song and prayer.

All the committees reported at this time. There was no old

business. The new business was the appointing of a committee to go to Waynesboro and investigate the possibility of establishing a church. They were Bro. Leroy Lowery, Chairman; Bro. G. W. Holton and Bro. Jimmy Smith.

The church gave a host of thanks to the host church. There being no further business of any kind, we were then dismissed by prayer with the next meeting to be at Metter on May 27, 1978.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be resolved that the various churches investigate the need for and adoption of a written constitution and by-laws.
2. Be resolved that the next association meeting confront the cults that are prevalent in our communities.
3. Be resolved that the association investigate the need for a church in Waynesboro, Georgia.
4. Be resolved that the ministers names, addresses and phone numbers be placed in the minutes.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Inez Lanier Metter Church

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Letters	\$ 50.00	Speaker	\$10.00
Offering	34.07	Moderator	10.00
Bal. Bro't. For.	<u>105.01</u>	Clerk	10.00
	\$189.08	Printing of Minutes	<u>110.00</u>
Disbursements	<u>175.00</u>		\$140.00
Now in Treasury	\$ 14.08	Special Fund	<u>25.00</u>
			\$165.00
		Asso. Dues	<u>10.00</u>
			\$175.00
		In Mission Fund	\$175.00

DELEGATES

Augusta: Birdie Youngblood, Gary Youngblood, Debbie Miller, Tera Corley, Mary D. Smith
Corinth: Hershall Collins, Geneva Collins, Lucille Willis, Hubert Collins
Deep Creek: Gene Henry, Virgil Canady, Virgie Oglesby, Ollie Brown, Peggy Lowery
Friendship: Mary Allen, Mildred Mercer
Metter: Miriam March, Brenda Beasley, Mrs. Conner, Doris Ann Crosby, Ralph Lively

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION
held at
METTER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
METTER, GEORGIA
May 27, 1978**

The Ogeechee Association met at Metter Free Will Baptist Church on May 27, 1978. The service was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Holton. The congregation sang a song and prayer was given by Bro. John Cannon. The Welcome Address was given by Preston Williams and Bro. Jimmy Smith brought the morning devotional.

The ministers were recognized at this time and seated. They were Bro. G. S. Holton, Charles E. Beasley, Jimmy Smith, John Cannon, Leroy Lowery, Johnny Beasley and Buddy Morris. The Deacons were recognized and seated. The letters were called for and read and all the delegates were recognized and it was moved and seconded for them to be seated.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Moderator appointed committees at this time. They are:
FINANCE: Bobby Crosby, Hershall Collins, W. J. Wimberly
RESOLUTION: Leroy Lowery, Ralph Lively, Lucile Willis
OBITUARY: Mildred Mercer and Sister Youngblood
CARD OF THANKS: Brenda Beasley

An offering was taken at this time in the amount of \$36.27.

Bro. Buddy Morris then brought the morning message on Kingdom of Cults. We were then dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing and prayer by Charles E. Beasley. Bro. John Cannon brought the evening devotional. The committees reported at this time.

Old business: Bro. Leroy Lowery gave a progress report on the work at Waynesboro. Everything looks good but no man to send up there. Bro. Buddy Morris gave a brief talk on state work. They cannot help at Waynesboro because they are tied up at Dublin and Dalton.

There being no other business a move was made and seconded to adjourn with the next meeting at Friendship.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Resolve to go back to churches and stir up men to work for God.
2. Resolve to encourage the church toward evangelism and to be more friendly and to deal with the fundamentals of our Faith.
3. Resolve to deal with a Sunday School Convention on the 5th Sunday.

OBITUARY

Sister Lula Jackson Metter Church

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bal. Bro't For.	\$ 14.08	Speaker	\$ 10.00
Letters	50.00	Clerk	10.00
Offering	36.27	Moderator	10.00
	<u>\$100.35</u>	Mission	<u>25.00</u>
	55.00		\$ 55.00
Now in Treasury	\$ 45.35	Mission Fund	\$200.00

DELEGATES

Augusta: Debbie Miller, Laura Corley, Basil Turner, Berta Youngblood
Corinth: Herschell Collins, Geneva Collins, Lucile Willie
Deep Creek: None
Friendship: Mildred Mercer, Ann Hooks, Jenele Baker, Mary Allen
Metter: Ralph Lively, Brenda Beasley, Myrtice Conner, Miriam Marsh

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION
held at
FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
TWIN CITY, GEORGIA
August 26, 1978**

The Ogeechee Association met at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church on August 26, 1978 at Twin City, Georgia. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. G. S. Holton. The congregation sang a song and Bro. Holton led in prayer. Gary Cavanah gave the Welcome Address and Paul Bowen brought the morning devotional.

The ministers were recognized and seated at this time. They were Bro. G. S. Holton, Bro. Leroy Lowery, Bro. Charles E. Beasley, Bro. Johnny Beasley and Bro. John Cannon. The letters were called for an read. All the delegates were recognized, it was passed and seconded for them to be seated.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed on to be accepted.

The moderator appointed committees at this time.

RESOLUTION: Bro. Leroy Lowery, Bro. John Cannon, Bro. Johnny Beasley.

OBITUARY: Doris Ann Crosby and Ollie Brown

FINANCE: Bobby Crosby, Paul Bowen, Virgie Oglesby

CARD OF THANKS: Ralph Lively.

Bro. Leroy Lowery gave a brief talk on the work at Waynes-

boro. They still have not found a man to go there.

Bro. Johnny Beasley gave a talk on state work.

Bro. Leroy Lowery brought the morning message. An offering of \$35.41 was then taken up. We were dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation sang a song and prayer was given. Bro. Johnny Beasley brought the evening devotion. The committees reported at this time.

New business was the discussion of the Sunday School Convention. It was moved and seconded to have the convention on the 5th Sunday with Augusta Church having the first one on October 29, 1978.

There being no further business it was moved and seconded to dismiss with the next meeting going to Corinth Church at Oak Park.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. We resolve to get each church involved in Clean up America Campaign.
2. Resolve that each church get started to support missions, 10% of offering.
3. Resolve for each church to take an amount out for the Waynesboro Mission.

OBITUARY

Lucille Logan, Porter Williamson, Mildred Proctor Corinth
W. I. Woods, J. T. Logan, William Still Augusta
Lon Drake, John Wiggins. Deep Creek

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bal. Bro't. For.	\$ 45.35	Moderator	\$ 10.00
Collection	35.41	Clerk	10.00
Letters	50.00	Speaker	10.00
	\$130.76	Mission	25.00
Disbursements	55.00		\$ 55.00

Now in Treasury \$ 75.76 Mission Fund \$225.00

DELEGATES

Augusta: Mike Rapp, Debbie Miller, Laura Corley, Dot Milton, Gaynell Perry

Corinth: Sister Holton

Deep Creek: Virgie Oglesby, Peggy Lowery, Ollie Brown, Ruby Burke

Friendship: Mildred Mercer, Ann Hooks, Paul Bowen, Mary Allen

Metter: Ralph Lively, Myrtice Conner, Doris Crosby

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

of the

OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION

held at

CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

OAK PARK, GEORGIA

October 14, 1978

The Ogeechee Association met at Corinth Free Will Baptist Church on October 14, 1978. The meeting was called to order by the moderator Bro. Holton. The congregation was led in song and prayer was given by Bro. Lowery. The Welcome Address was given by Bro. Jimmy Smith. Bro. Charles 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 an 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 committees at this time.

RESOLUTION: Leroy Lowery, John Cannon, Johnny Beasley

FINANCE: Bobby Crosby, W. J. Wimberly, Hershall Collins

OBITUARY: Jeanne Griffin

CARD OF THANKS: Ralph Lively

The association allowed the ladies some time for talks on Ladies Auxiliary. Mary Allen from Friendship gave a short talk

on what they had done during the year and urged each church to start an auxiliary. Mrs. Virgie Oglesby gave a talk on what Deep Creek Church Auxiliary was doing.

Bro. John Cannon brought a brief talk on the Harvest Drive for the Orphanage, the week of October 14-19.

An offering of \$29.71 was then taken up.

Bro. G. S. Holton brought the morning message.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was opened with a song and prayer was given.

Bro. Woods brought the evening devotion.

New business: The election for new officers was taken up.

They are:

Moderator - G. S. Holton

Assistant Moderator - John Cannon

Clerk - Charles E. Beasley

Assistant Clerk - Frances Beasley

Treasurer - Bobby Crosby

Bro. Henry and Bro. Paul Bowen were to check on prices for printing the minutes and report to the Clerk.

It was moved and seconded to raise the fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00 for each church in the association.

It was moved and seconded to have a Sunday School Convention on December 31, 1978, to be held at Deep Creek Church.

Bro. Paul Bowen was elected to be delegate to the State Association.

There being no further business, we were then dismissed with the next meeting to go to Metter Church.

RESOLUTION

1. Resolve for each pastor to serve on Ordaining Council as long as we are small.
2. Resolve for each member on a state board to fulfill their obligation.
3. Resolve for each church to pray more.

OBITUARY

Sister Mary Larisey Metter
 Bro. H. A. Drake Deep Creek
 Sis. Lucille Logan, Porter Williamson, Mildred Procter . . Corinth

FINANCE

Bal. Bro't. For.	\$ 75.76	Moderator	\$ 10.00
Offering	29.71	Clerk	10.00
Letters	50.00	Speaker	10.00
	<u>\$155.47</u>	Mission	<u>25.00</u>
Disbursement	55.00		\$ 55.00
Now in Treasury	<u>\$100.47</u>	Special Mission	\$250.00

DELEGATES

Augusta: Gaynell Perry, Mora Smith, Laura Corley, Milton
 Bazil
 Corinth: Joe William, Jeanne Griffin, Hershall Collins
 Deep Creek: Ollie Brown, Virgie Oglesby
 Friendship: Sue Allen, Paul Bowen, Mary Allen
 Metter: Ralph Lively, Miriam Marsh, Myrtice Conner, Naomi
 Smith

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" (1 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 words, 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."