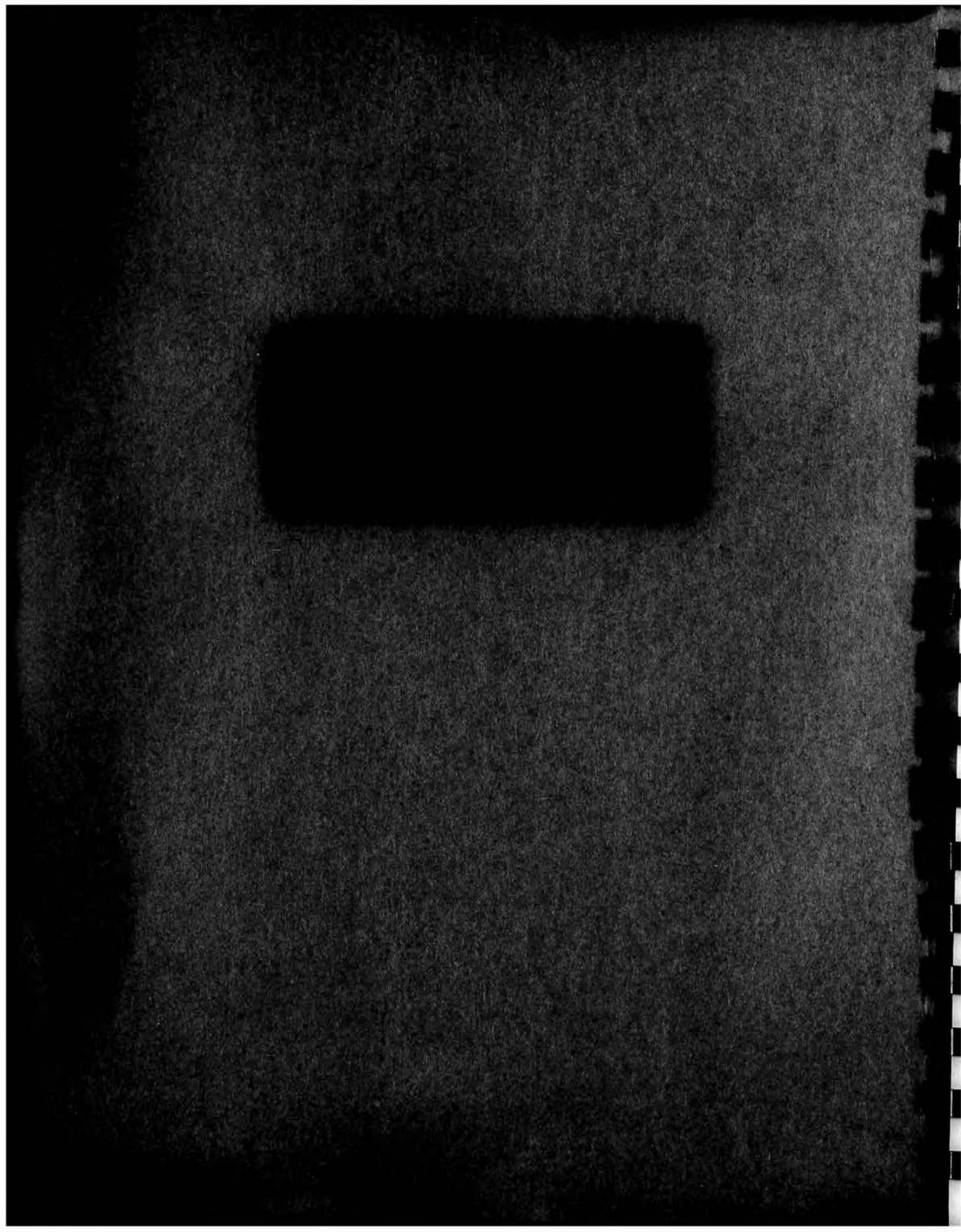


MINUTES

THE OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION



MINUTES
OF THE OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1998

Convened At:

Lower Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, January 17, 1998
Lyons Free Will Baptist Church, April 18, 1998
Marietta Free Will Baptist Church, July 11, 1998
Metter Free Will Baptist Church, October 17, 1998

Ogeechee Association
Officers, Board and Committee Members,
And State Board Members

General Officers

Moderator-----Rev. Irvin Murphy
Assistant Moderator-----Rev. Johnny Beasley
Clerk-----Sister Debbie Igou
Assistant Clerk-----Brother Butch Taylor
Treasurer-----Brother Leon Findley
Assistant Treasurer-----Brother W. J. Wimberly

Ordaining Council

Rev. Harris Nix-----Term expires 2000
Rev. Johnny Beasley-----Term expires 2001
Rev. Charles Beasley-----Term expires 1999

Ogeechee Mission Board

Rev. Charles Beasley-----Term expires 1999
Rev. Butch Taylor-----Term expires 1999
Rev. Larry Williams-----Term expires 2000
Bro. Joe Williamson-----Term expires 2000
Bro. Leon Findley-----Term expires 2000

Board Of Christian Education

Rev. Larry Williams-----Term expires 2000
Bro. Mark Findley-----Term expires 2001
Rev. Allen Carter-----Term expires 1999

Ogeechee Association
Officers, Board And Committee Members,
And State Boards - Continued:

Nominating Committee

Bro. W. J. Wimberly-----Term expires 1999
Bro. Mark Findley-----Term expires 1999
Bro. Butch Taylor-----Term expires 1999

Resolutions Committee

Bro. Cecil Joyner-----Term expires 1999
Rev. Harris Nix-----Term expires 2000

Georgia State Boards

Board Of Camping-----Rev. Allen Carter-----Term expires 2001
Board Of Christian Ed.-----Bro. Mark Findley-----Term expires 2001
Board Of Missions-----Rev. Johnny Beasley-----Term expires 2001
Board Of Trustees-----Rev. Charles Beasley-----Term expires 2001

MEETING PLACES FOR THE
OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION FOR
1999

PEACE-----JANUARY 16, 1999

SAND HILL CREEK-----APRIL 17, 1999

STONEY HILL-----JULY 10, 1999

AUGUSTA-----OCTOBER 16, 1999

CHURCHES AND PASTORS OF THE OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION:

Augusta First FWB Church

1841 Broad Street
Augusta, Georgia 30904
(706)738-1106

Unknown

Deep Creek FWB Church

3415 Drake Chapel Road
Midville, Georgia 30441

Rev. Bobby (Butch) Taylor, Jr.

3415 Drake Chapel Road
Midville, Georgia 30441
(912) 982-1206

Friendship FWB Church

P.O. Box 369 Rt. 3,
Twin City, Georgia 30471
(912)763-2293

Rev. Charles E. Beasley

Box 636, Aline Ave.
Metter, Georgia 30439
(912) 685-2009

Lower Corinth FWB Church

474 Highway 86 East
Lyons, Georgia 30436
(912) 578-4876

Rev. Gene McCard

474 Highway 86 East
Lyons, Georgia 30436
(912)Unknown

Lyons FWB Church

801 Reidsville Highway
Lyons, Georgia 30436
(912) 526-8221

Rev. Rick Wilson

P.O. Box 438
Lyons, Georgia 30436
(912) 526-4320

Marietta FWB Church

3901 Ga. Hwy. 86 W.
Lyons, Georgia 30436

Rev. Irvin Murphy

3931 Ga. Hwy 86 W.
Lyons, Georgia 30436
(912) 526-8207

Metter First FWB Church

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Metter, Georgia 30439
(912) 685-2258

Rev. Johnny Beasley

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Metter, Georgia 30439
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CHURCHES AND PASTORS CONTINUED:

Peace FWB Mission

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Martinez, Georgia 30907
(707) 855-0530

Rev. Larry D. Williams

133 Dewey Ave.
Martinez, Georgia 30907
(706) 860-7856

Sand Hill Creek FWB Church

6822 County Farm Road
Baxley, Georgia 31513
(912) 367-9741

Rev. William Berry Hedrick

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Baxley, Georgia 31513
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Stoney Hill FWB Church

Rt. 1, Box 471
Reidsville, Georgia 30453
(912) 654-4653

Rev. Harris Nix

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(912) 427-8569

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Lower Corinth	Telephone: (912) 578-3141	Mrs. Carol C. Simmons 532 Hwy. 86 East Lyons, Georgia 30436
Lyons	Telephone: (912) 526-4354	Mrs. Cathy Williamson 284 East Gordon Ave. Lyons, Georgia 30436
Marietta	Telephone: (912) 526-3047	Mrs. Amelia M. McCombs 3403 Ga. Hwy 86 W. Lyons, Georgia 30436
Metter	Telephone: (912) 685-5395	Mrs. Floyd Beasley Rt. 3, Box 636, Aline Ave. Metter, Georgia 30439
Peace	Telephone: (706) 860-7856	Rev. Larry Williams 133 Dewey Avenue Martinez, Georgia 30907
Sand Hill Creek	Telephone: (912) 367-3343	Mrs. Debbie M. Igou 330 Ed Igou Road Baxley, Georgia 31513
Stoney Hill	Telephone: (912) 654-3385	Mrs. Omie Jean Anderson Rt. 4, Box 407 Glennville, Georgia 30427

DEACONS OF THE OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION

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(803) 279-9669

Deep Creek

Brother Butch Taylor
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Friendship

Brother W. J. Wimberly
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Twin City, Georgia 30471
(912) 763-2863

Brother Gary Cavanaugh
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Twin City, Georgia 30471
(912) 763-2808

Brother Robert Baker
Twin City, Georgia 30471
(912) 763-2830

Brother Derwin Johnson
1262 Lambs Bridge Road
Twin City, Georgia 30471
(912) 763-3243

Brother Allen Braswell
P. O. Box 456
Twin City, Georgia 30471
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DEACONS OF THE OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION CONTINUED:

Friendship

Brother David Braswell

P. O. Box 211
Twin City, Georgia 30471
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Brother Larry Braswell

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Twin City, Georgia 30471
(912) 763-2605

Lower Corinth

None

Lyons

Brother Cecil Joyner

Route 1, Box 265
Lyons, Georgia 30436
(912) 526-3310

Brother Steve Williams

P.O. Box 261
Lyons, Georgia 30436
(912) 526-6314

Brother Brooks Coursey

Route 3, Box 28C
Lyons, Georgia 30436
(912) 526-4988

Brother Mike Crews

405A Harden Road
Lyons, Georgia 30436
(912) 526-9700

DEACONS OF THE OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION CONTINUED:

Marietta

Brother Leon W. Findley
1490 Findley Cemetery Road
Lyons, Georgia 30436
(912) 578-~~3667~~ 6300

Brother Mark A. Findley
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Lyons, Georgia 30436
(912) 578-3672

Metter

Brother James F. Beasley
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Metter, Georgia 30439
(912) 685-6281

Brother David Googe
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Metter, Georgia 30439
(912) 685-6018

Brother Charles Collins
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Metter, Georgia 30439
(912) 685-2292

Brother Lonnie McCollough
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Brother Wallace Coursey
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245 S. Leroy St.
Metter, Georgia 30439

Brother Jack Wallace
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Metter, Georgia 30439

Peace

Brother Vernon Williams
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Grovetown, Georgia 30809
(706) 855-9380

Brother Jesse Bowman
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Augusta, Georgia 30907
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Sand Hill Creek

Brother Lewis Igou
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Baxley, Georgia 31513
(912) 367-3343

Brother J. W. Orvin
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Baxley, Georgia 31513
(912) 367-4941

Brother D. C. Orvin
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Baxley, Georgia 31513
(912) 367-732

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Brother Andy Orvin
3207 Orvin Road
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Stoney Hill

Brother Cecil Anderson
Route 4
Glennville, Georgia 30427
(912) 654-3385

Brother LeRoy Taul
Route 4
Glennville, Georgia 30427
(912) 654-4653

Brother Raymond Jernigan, Jr.
Richmond Hill, Georgia

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Stoney Hill

Reverend Wilford Harden

133 South Rushing Street
Glennville, Georgia 30427
(912) 654-3292

Marietta

Reverend Kenneth D. Murphy

2500 Ga. Hwy. 130 East
Vidalia, Georgia 30474
(912) 538-0727

LICENSED MINISTERS OF THE OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION:

Deep Creek

Reverend Bobby (Butch) Taylor, Jr.

3415 Drake Chapel Road
Midville, Georgia 30442
(912)982-1206

Sand Hill Creek

Reverend Allen Carter

1752 Orvin Road
Baxley, Georgia 31513
(912) 367-1157

MINUTES

THE OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONVENED AT LOWER CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH JANUARY 17, 1998

The Ogeechee Association convened January 17, 1998 at the Lower Corinth Free Will Baptist Church near Oak Park, Georgia. All ten of the Association Churches were represented at the meeting and sent dues. The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Power In The Blood." Reverend Wilford Harden led the congregation in prayer. A welcome was given by Reverend Ken Murphy. The moderator called the meeting to order and recognized visitors. Reverend Wilford Harden, who is a member of the South Georgia Association but attends the Stoney Hill Free Will Baptist Church was recognized. The moderator asked that all ministers and deacons stand and be recognized.

Ministers Recognized:

The ministers of the Association were recognized with the following being present:

Reverend Irvin Murphy, Marietta FWB Church
Reverend Allen Carter, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Reverend Johnny Beasley, Metter FWB Church
Reverend Charles Beasley, Friendship FWB Church
Reverend Harris Nix, Stoney Hill FWB Church
Reverend Larry Williams, Peace FWB Church
Reverend Gary Page, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Reverend Mike Crews, Lyons FWB Church

Deacons Recognized:

The Deacons of the Association were recognized with the following being present:

Brother Leon Findley, Marietta FWB Church
Brother Mark Findley, Marietta FWB Church
Brother Steve Williams, Lyons FWB Church
Brother Lewis Igou, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Brother J. W. Wimberly, Friendship FWB Church
Brother Brooks Coursey, Lyons FWB Church
Brother Bo Ward, Metter FWB Church
Brother Jack Wallace, Metter FWB Church
Brother Mike Crews, Lyons FWB Church

Ministers and deacons of the Ogeechee Association are standing delegates. All elected Church delegates were asked to stand and be seated.

Church Delegates Seated:

The Church Delegates sent to the Association were as follows:

Sister Frances Beasley, Friendship FWB Church
Sister Edith White, Friendship FWB Church
Sister Dottie harden, Stoney Hill FWB Church
Brother Carlis Wilson, Lyons FWB Church
Sister Martha Wilson, Lyons FWB Church
Sister LaRee Findley, Marietta FWB Church
Brother Tommy Reardon, Metter FWB Church
Sister Charlene Ward, Metter FWB Church
Sister Hazel McCullouth, Metter FWB Church
Sister Beth Wallace, Metter FWB Church
Sister Jennifer Crews, Lyons FWB Church
Sister Betty Avret, Peace FWB Church
Sister Juanita Kennedy, Peace FWB church
Sister Nora Smith, Augusta FWB Church
Sister Terry Carter, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Sister Debbie Igou, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Brother Herbert Collins, Lower Corinth FWB Church
Sister Edna Collins, Lower Corinth FWB Church
Sister Dorothy Murphy, Marietta FWB Church
Sister Debra Page, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Sister Kathy Milligan, Lower Corinth FWB Church
Brother Harold Milligan, Lower Corinth FWB Church
Brother Allen Smith, Deep Creek FWB Church
Sister Deborah Taylor, Deep Creek FWB Church

There was a motion and second made by standing delegates to seat the above Church Delegates. The motion passed.

Appointment of Committees:

The moderator appointed the following committees: Sister Frances Beasley appointed to give the Card of Thanks to the Host Church. Sister Cheryl Wilson to give the Obituary Report.

Offering:

The musicians were called back and ushers Hershall Collins and Johnny Bealsey were asked to receive the morning offering. Reverend Johnny Beasley prayed the offertory prayer. The congregation sang "I'll Be Somewhere Listening." Brother Hershall Collins and Sister Kathy Milligan were the musicians.



Break:

The Association took a break to give Boards and Committees an opportunity to meet. Prior to the break the Moderator announced there would be a benefit sing for Duncan Coursey next Saturday at the Lyons FWB Church. He encouraged everyone to attend. Asked people to announce at Churches tomorrow. The Moderator called on Brother Allen Carter to lead the congregation in prayer and asked that the Coursey family be prayed for.

Worship Service:

The Association was called back to order with Brother Hershall Collins and his wife singing "Hem of His Garment." Brother Hershall played the guitar. Rev. Gary Page, moderator, introduced the speaker, Rev. Charles Beasley from Friendship FWB Church. Bro. Beasley was introduced as the Dean of Preachers in the Ogeechee Association. Brother Beasley used Acts 14:19-22 as his text. Brother Beasley said he was going to talk about building a church where it be a new church or an old church.

Financial Report:

Brother Leon Findley gave the following financial report:

Balance brought forward:	\$2603.00
Received from Churches	400.00
Offering	<u>124.00</u>
Balance:	\$3127.00

Expenses:

Moderator	\$25.00	
Clerk	25.00	
Speaker	25.00	
Missions & Land	100.00	
Bd. Christian Ed.	<u>50.00</u>	
Total Expenses:	\$225.00	<u>\$225.00</u>
Balance:		\$2902.00
Donation for Coursey Family:		<u>300.00</u>
Adjusted Balance:		\$2602.00

Brother Leon made a motion that his report be accepted. The motion received a second and passed.

Brother Leon Findley made another motion that the Association give \$300.00 to the Coursey Family. The motion received a second and passed.

Ordaining Council Report:

Reverend Johnny Beasley gave the report from the Ordaining Council. He said that the Association had received a request for a letter of standing from the Georgia Union Association for Reverend Leslie Skeens. The Council recommended that he be sent a letter of good standing. Brother Johnny said that he made a motion to that effect. A Second was received and the motion passed.

Brother Beasley also stated as a matter of information that Brother Butch Taylor has accepted the call to preach. He is to be licensed by the Deep Creek FWB Church where he has been called to pastor.

Mission Board Financial Report:

Brother Butch Taylor gave the financial report for the Mission Board as follows:

Account Debits:

10/24	Ga. State Assn. of FWB 10% on loan	\$94.00
11/7	Larry Williams State Support	95.50
11/17	Ga. State Assn. of FWB 10% on loan	37.00
12/5	Larry Williams, State Support	* 85.00
12/5	Ga. State Assn of FWB 10% on loan	52.00
1/10	Larry Williams State Support	<u>145.00</u>
Total:		\$508.50

Account Receipts:

10/24	Ogeechee Association	\$100.00
11/7	Ga. State Assn. of FWB	Deep Creek 60.00
		Marietta 50.00
		Ga. FWB 95.50
		205.50
11/7	Lyons FWB Church	109.69
11/17	Friendship FWB Church	50.00
12/6	Ga. State Assn. of FWB	Deep Creek 30.00
		Marietta 50.00
		Ga. FWB 85.00
		165.00
12/15	Lyons FWB Church	298.21
12/15	Friendship FWB Church	50.00
1/9	Ga. State Assn. of FWB	145.00
1/9	Lyons FWB Church	562.58
1/15	Friendship FWB Church	<u>50.00</u>
Total:		\$1735.98

Balance on hand as of last report (10-18-97)	\$1702.50
Account Receipts for this period	+1735.98
Account Debits for this period	-508.50
Balance on hand as of 1-16-98	\$2929.98

Ogeechee Mission Board Report:

Brother Johnny Beasley reported that Brother Larry Williams had requested \$300.00 to finish the Church sign. He stated that the Mission Board had approved this amount for the Peace Church.

Report From State Mission Board:

Brother Johnny Beasley gave the State Mission Board Report. He said that the State had agreed to sell the property in Atlanta but the group that was renting the building that was going to buy could not get their loan approved. He stated there was another group that is interested in the property. The State Mission Board is to meet again January 31, 1998. Brother Johnny said that Brother Smith, Missionary, has bought another three acres of land for \$150,000.00. He asked that we pray for things to work out. Brother Johnny went on to say that the new property is on a main highway and near a school which is a better location. There was a motion and second to receive Brother Johnny's report. The motion carried.

Report From Board Of Christian Education:

Brother Mark Findley gave the report for Board of Christian Education. He reported that the balance in the Board's treasury was \$946.33. He stated that there had been no activity since the last report. Brother Mark said that the Youth Competition is tentatively set for our next Association meeting at the Lyons Church, April 17, 1998. He said the state competition would be held at the Baxley Church May 15-16, 1998. Deadline for entry in the state competition is April 27, 1998. Churches that have competitors need to let Mark know no later than April 1, 1998.

Brother Mark said that Mike Crews who is a member of the Board of Christian Education is moving and would need to be replaced. He said that Rev. Larry Williams has volunteered to serve out the remainder of Brother Mike's term.

It was reported that the Senior's Retreat has not been scheduled as yet as they (the State) are still looking for a location. A Single's Retreat is being discussed. The Couple's Retreat will be in March or April. The date has not been confirmed as yet. The Minister's Retreat is tentatively scheduled for April 21-22, 1998. There is also a Minister's Wives Retreat being planned. Brother Mark made a motion that his report be received as information and that Brother Williams be elected to replace Brother Crews. The motion received a Second and Carried.

Camp Board Report:

Brother Allen Carter reported that the Camp session for the Ogeechee Association will be June 14-19, 1998. It will be a junior and teen camp combined. He asked the Association to pray and encourage our young people to attend.

Miscellaneous Business:

Sister LaRee Findley announced that some members of the Woman's Auxiliary were interested in reactivating the Association Auxiliary. She asked that if anyone present was interested to please contact her. She also shared the dates of the State Auxiliary Retreat. She also stated that the National Association will be coming to Georgia and that the Woman's Auxiliary will need support to accomplish their projects for the meeting.

Brother Johnny Beasley said that the Ogeechee Association will host the State Association meeting in 2000 at his Church in Metter, Georgia. Brother Johnny asked that the Association pray for that meeting and plan to attend.

Card Of Thanks:

Sister Frances Beasley gave the card of Thanks. She said, "We greatly appreciate Lower Corinth's members for their love and warmth that has been showed. We are looking forward to lunch in the new dining hall. Thank you so much."

Obituary Report:

Sister Cheryl Wilson gave the Obituary Report. There were five deaths reported. Two of the five were from last quarter. They were as follows:

Brother Tom Jones, Peace FWB Church (From previous Quarter)

Sister Glenda Williams, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church (From previous Quarter)

Brother H. R. Mosley, Lower Corinth FWB Church

Sister Joann Price, Metter FWB Church

Sister Anna Bell Standard, Stoney Hill FWB Church

Sister Cheryl asked for silent prayer from the congregation and asked Brother Larry Williams to close the prayer.

The Moderator called for any other business. There being no further business he asked Brother Larry Williams who had been asked to pray for the families of the deceased to also close the meeting and ask the Blessing on the food.

Respectfully Submitted

Gary Page, Moderator
Irvin Murphy, Clerk

MINUTES

THE OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONVENED AT LYONS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF LYONS, GA. APRIL 18, 1998

The Ogeechee Association convened at the Lyons Free Will Baptist Church in Lyons, Georgia on April 18, 1998 for its second quarterly meeting of 1998.

The Association was welcomed by the host church. Special music was provided by Ms Carolyn Demolfetto. Rev. Johnny Beasley had reported to the moderator that business was being transacted in Atlanta as we met concerning our mission work there and requested that our Association have special prayer for the proceedings. The Moderator asked Reverend Butch Taylor to lead the prayer. He asked Brother Mark Findley to pray and then asked Reverend Rick Wilson to close the prayer. Many of the congregation bowed at the altar for the special prayer. Following the altar call and special prayer the congregation sang hymn number 288. Pianist was Reverend Mike Crews with Brother Joe Williamson leading the singing. The Moderator called the meeting to order and made some opening remarks.

Eight of our Ten Association Churches sent letters and representation fees. Stoney Hill and Peace did not send Letters or representation fees. Stoney Hill's letter and fees were received after the meeting. Lower Corinth, Stoney Hill and Peace did not represent at the meeting.

Ministers Recognized:

The Ministers of the Association were recognized with the following being present.
Reverend Allen Carter, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Reverend Charles Beasley, Friendship FWB Church
Reverend Rick Wilson, Lyons FWB Church
Reverend Mike Crews, New Hope FWB Church
Reverend Johnny Beasley, Metter FWB Church
Reverend Butch Taylor, Deep Creek FWB Church
Reverend Gary Page, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Reverend Irvin Murphy, Marietta FWB Church

Deacons Recognized:

The Deacons of the Association were recognized with the following being present.
Brother Mark Findley, Marietta FWB Church
Brother Leon Findley, Marietta FWB Church
Brother Jack Wallace, Metter FWB Church

Church Delegates Seated:

The Church Delegates sent to the Association were as follows:

Sister Frances Findley, Marietta FWB Church
Sister Floyd Beasley, Metter FWB Church
Sister Dorothy Murphy, Marietta FWB Church
Sister Deborah Taylor, Deep Creek FWB Church
Sister Cathy Williamson, Lyons FWB Church
Brother Joe Williamson, Lyons FWB Church
Sister Birdie Youngblood, Augusta FWB Church
Sister Betty Barnes, Friendship FWB Church
Brother Jack Barnes, Friendship FWB Church
Sister Edith White, Friendship FWB Church
Sister Carolyn Demolfetto, Lyons FWB Church
Sister Nora Smith, Augusta FWB Church

A motion was made by Reverend Charles Beasley to seat the delegates. Reverend Johnny Beasley made a second. The motion passed.

Visitors Recognized:

Reverend Michael Crews from New Hope Free Will Baptist Church
Sister Cheryl Wilson, Lyons FWB Church
Brother Travis Crews, New Hope FWB Church
Brother Carlis Wilson, Lyons FWB Church
Sister Martha Wilson, Lyons FWB Church
Sister Dolly Weeks, Augusta FWB Church
Sister Laura Tarver, Augusta FWB Church
Sister Sandra Reese, Lyons FWB Church

Appointment of Committees:

The moderator appointed the following committees: Sister Debra Taylor appointed to give the Card of Thanks to the Host Church. Sister Cheryl Wilson to give the Obituary Report.

Offering:

The morning offering was received. Reverend Gary Page prayed the offertory prayer. Reverend Mike Crews played an offertory hymn.

The Moderator read a thank-you note from Alan Coursey family and stated it was for an offering given to the family by our Association during the illness of their son.

The Moderator appointed Brother Carlis Wilson to assist Bro. Leon Findley on the Finance Committee in the absence of Brother W. J. Wimberly.

Break:

The Association took a break to allow boards and committees an opportunity to meet and conduct business.

Association Reconvenes:

The association was called back to order by the congregation singing "In The Shadow Of The Cross."

Worship Service:

Special music for the Worship Service was provided by Brother Joe Williamson. He sang "In The Garden" and "Is That Wedding Music That I Hear?".

Reverend Mike Crews brought the morning message. He used Genesis 32:24-32 as his Scripture text.

Ordaining Council Report:

Reverend Johnny Beasley reported that the Ordaining Council had been invited to Deep Creek Free Will Baptist Church to license Brother Butch Taylor as a Minister of The Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Council took part in the licensing process.

Mission Board Report:

Brother Johnny Beasley reported that some of our Churches are still giving to the Ogeechee Mission Board. He said he hoped later on that maybe we could start another work somewhere. He stated that Peace Church is now self supporting. He asked that the Association pray for a location for our next work and God will provide. Brother Johnny used his Church as an example of how God provides.

Brother Butch Taylor gave the Mission Board Financial Report as follows:

MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT: 1-16-98 - 4-17-98

ACCOUNT DEBITS:

1/20	Peace FWB Church - Church Sign			\$300.00
1/20	Ga. State Assn. (Peace 10%)			131.00
2/9	Larry Williams (state support)			90.00
2/20	Ga. State Assn. 10% on loan			19.00
3/6	Larry Williams - (state support)			75.00
3/6	Ga. State Assn. 10-% on loan			20.00
4/7	Larry Williams (state support)			<u>140.00</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>				\$775.00

ACCOUNT RECEIPTS:

	Ogeechee Assn.			100.00
2/9	Lyons			11.50
2/9	Ga. State Assn.	Deep Creek	\$30.00	
		Ga. FWB	90.00	120.00
2/20	Friendship			50.00
3/6	Ga. State Assn.	Ga. FWB	75	75.00
3/6	Lyons			71.32
3/6	Friendship			50.00
4/7	Ga. State Assn.	Ga. FWB	140.00	
		Deep Creek	75.00	215.00
4/7	Lyons			156.05
4/7	Friendship			<u>50.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>				\$898.87

Balance on Hand as of last report (1/16/98)	\$2929.98
Account receipts for this period	898.87
Account debits for this period	<u>775.00</u>
<u>BALANCE:</u>	\$3053.85

Brother Rick Wilson made a motion the Mission Board Report and the Financial Report be received. The motion received a second from Brother Johnny Beasley. The motion passed.

Financial Report:

Brother Leon Findley, Chairman of the Finance Committee and Treasurer for the Association gave the following report:

Balance Brt. Forward		\$2602.00
Received from Churches	360.00	
Offering	60.00	<u>420.00</u>
Total:		3022.00

Expenses:

Moderator	\$25.00	
Clerk	25.00	
Speaker	50.00	
Mission Board	100.00	
Bd. Christian Ed.	50.00	
Minutes	<u>50.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Balance:		\$2722.00

Brother Rick Wilson made a motion the report be accepted. Brother Johnny Beasley made a second to the motion. The motion passed.

Board of Christian Education Report:

Brother Mark Findley gave the following report for the Christian Bd. of Education: . Brother Mark said the State Competition will be Friday and Saturday May 15 and 16. Friday's competition will begin at 7:30 PM and continue through Saturday. Brother Mark said he had not received any registration forms as of this date. He said it had been reported to him that Peace was forwarding some to him. If registration forms are not received by the end of this day then participants will not be allowed to participate. The State Bd. of Education will sponsor a Minister Retreat next week. There will be a Minister's wives Retreat September 17-18-&19 at Jekyll Island. The cost will be \$69.50 for two nights. Brother Mark further stated that he had received \$50.00 from the Association Treasurer which made the balance in the Bd. of Christian Education \$996.33. Brother Butch Taylor made a motion that this report be accepted. Brother Joe Williamson made a second to the motion. The motion passed.

Camp Board Report:

Brother Allen Carter reported that there was a Camp Board Meeting held but he was not able to attend. Brother Rick Wilson reported that the State Camp Board has voted to give each Association \$250.00 to help with their camp sessions. Brother Rick said that the Camp Board is still looking for land for a camp. Brother Allen Carter said that he will be sending out some letters to the Churches about our camp session. Brother Carter made applications available today and stated that our camp session will be June 14-19. Brother Mark Findley made a motion this report be received. A second was made by Brother Johnny Beasley. The motion passed.

State Mission Board Report:

Brother Johnny Beasley reported that the Church building in Atlanta was supposed to be sold earlier but the sale did not materialize. Since the sale did not go through the building has been leased to prospective buyers. Several groups have looked at the building but have problems coming up with the required \$500,000.00. There is a group that has proposed to give the state \$400,000.00 now and then pay the other \$100,000.00 in two installments within a year. Brother Johnny said that the new location selected for the church has run into some zoning problems. They will learn later this month where they can get rezoned or not. A \$10,000.00 deposit has been put on the land and will be returned if the property cannot be rezoned. Brother Johnny asked our Churches to pray about this situation. The Church is looking at another temporary location to lease for services. Brother Johnny also stated if the land could not be rezoned that there is other property available.

Brother Brian Ray is no longer sponsored by the State Association. He is unsure of what direction he will take. He may decide to serve as an assistant pastor somewhere.

Brother Johnny said that the Mission Board is looking for new locations to start Churches. If anyone knows of a location let Brother Johnny know. Brother Johnny made a motion that his report be received. Brother Mark Findley made a second to the motion. The motion passed.

Trustee Report:

Brother Charles Beasley reported that the Trustee Board met in Dublin, Georgia on February 7th. The State Office house was sold to Brother Herbert Waid for \$40,000.00. Brother Charles said the Trustee Board now has a balance in their treasury of \$76,000.00. It was also reported that the White Oaks Church in Macon has offered an acre of land for a State Office. Brother Charles said if everything works out next year the Trustee Board will make a proposal to the State to build a State Office. Brother Rick Wilson made a motion this report be received. Brother Allen Carter made a second to the motion. The motion passed.

Card Of Thanks:

The Card of Thanks was given by Sister Debra Taylor. She thanked the host church for their hospitality and for the hard work in preparing the food for the noon meal.

Announcements:

Brother Johnny Beasley announced that there would be a youth gathering at his Church May 16. The program will begin at 10:00 AM and last until 3:00 PM. The gathering is for young people in grades six through twelve. This endeavor is being sponsored by the Metter Ministerial Association. Brother Johnny invited the youth of our Churches that fall within the guidelines to attend the rally. He said there would be classes and a worship service. Lunch will be furnished free of charge.

Brother Mark Findley announced that the Promise Land Quartet will be at Marietta Church Saturday night May 9. Singing will begin at 7:30PM.

Brother Gary Page announced they would have a guest Missionary, Denise White at the Sand-Hill Creek Church tonight at 7:00 PM. She is a non-denominational Missionary and is going to Israel as a Russian Missionary. Brother Gary said she was a very dynamic speaker.

Obituary Report:

The obituary report was given by Sister Cheryl Wilson. There was one death reported that of Duncan Coursey from the Lyons Church.

The Moderator asked the congregation to stand for prayer. He reminded the congregation to pray for the Coursey family, to pray God's Blessings on the food and to dismiss the Association. Brother Allen Carter was asked to lead the congregation in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Gary Page, Moderator
Irvin Murphy, Clerk

MINUTES

THE OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONVENED AT MARIETTA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF LYONS, GA. JULY 11, 1998

The Ogeechee Association convened at the Marietta Free Will Baptist Church in Lyons, Georgia on July 11, 1998 for its third quarterly meeting of 1998.

All ten of the member churches were represented at the meeting. Stoney Hill Church and Lyons Church did not send letters or representation fees. Stoney Hill's letter and fees were received in the afternoon. Peace Church sent letter and fees for previous quarters meeting.

Prior to the meeting Rev. Johnny Beasley asked that everyone assemble at the altar for special prayer. He asked that the congregation pray for rain and for God's blessings on our meeting. After the prayer the congregation sang "Where He Leads I'll Follow" led by Brother Mark Findley. Pianist was Sister Ann Murphy and Organist was Brother Jonathan Murphy. Prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Beasley.

Brother Mark Findley of the Marietta Church welcomed the Association to the Church. The meeting was called to order by the Assistant Moderator Brother Johnny Beasley. Ministers and Deacons were recognized. The following were present:

Brother Leon Findley, Marietta FWB Church
Brother J. Wimberly, Friendship FWB Church
Reverend Larry Williams, Peace FWB Church
Reverend Allen Carter, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Brother Lewis Igou, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Brother Harley Ward, Metter FWB Church
Brother Lonnie McCullough, Metter FWB Church
Reverend Bobby Taylor, Jr., Deep Creek FWB Church
Reverend Harris B. Nix, Sr., Stoney Hill FWB Church
Reverend Gene McCard, Corinth FWB Church
Reverend Ken Murphy, Marietta FWB Church
Reverend Irvin Murphy, Marietta FWB Church
Brother Mark Findley, Marietta FWB Church
Reverend Johnny Beasley, Metter FWB Church
Reverend Charles Beasley, Friendship FWB Church

Church Delegates were recognized and were seated by the standing delegates. The church delegates were as follows:

Sister Frances Findley, Marietta FWB Church
Sister Mildred Wimberly, Friendship FWB Church
Sister Frances Beasley, Friendship FWB Church

Church Delegates Continued:

Sister Billy Ann Tucker, Friendship FWB Church
Sister Edith White, Friendship FWB Church
Sister Vera Jones, Peace FWB Church
Sister Mary Ann Rice, Peace FWB Church
Sister Terry Carter, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Sister Debbie Igou, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Sister Laura Tarver, Augusta FWB Church
Sister Nora Smith, Augusta FWB Church
Sister Helen Taylor, Deep Creek FWB Church
Sister Faye Beasley, Metter FWB Church
Brother Clayton Bailey, Metter FWB Church
Sister Charlene Ward, Metter FWB Church
Sister Memarris Googe, Metter FWB Church
Sister Hazel McCullough, Metter FWB Church
Sister LaRee Findley, Marietta FWB Church
Brother Herschel Collins, Corinth FWB Church
Sister Deborah Taylor, Deep Creek FWB Church
Sister Ollie Ruth Brown, Deep Creek FWB Church
Sister Martha Wilson, Lyons FWB Church
Brother Carlis Wilson, Lyons FWB Church

The following were visitors to the Quarterly Meeting:

Sister Betty Anret, Peace FWB Church
Sister Juanita Kennedy, Peace FWB Church
Sister Ashley Lyons, Deep Creek FWB Church
Brother Chester Osborne, Metter FWB Church
Sister Dreana Osborne, Metter FWB Church
Brother Kyle Findley, Marietta FWB Church
Sister Carmen Findley, Marietta FWB Church
Sister Ramona McCard, Corinth FWB Church
Brother Jonathan Murphy, Marietta FWB Church
Sister Ashley Murphy, Marietta FWB Church
Sister Ann Murphy, Marietta FWB Church
Sister Dorothy Murphy, Marietta FWB Church
Brother Phil Murphy, Marietta FWB Church
Sister Katrina Murphy, Marietta FWB Church

The Assistant Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Obituary - Sister Frances Findley
Card of Thanks - Sister Deborah Taylor

Camp Board Report:

Brother Allen Carter gave the following report. He stated the camp session this year was real good. He said they had twenty seven campers, there was one saved during the session and there were twenty seven commitments.

Brother Allen expressed his appreciation for those that helped during the camp session. Rev. Butch Taylor was the camp evangelist. Brother Allen said that it was a consensus across the state for the state to obtain another camp. He said some want a camp now while others are willing to wait. He asked that our association pray about a camp. He also asked that our association pray about and give him suggestions on how we could send our campers free of charge next year. Brother Allen also asked for input from our association pertaining to the camp situation.

Board of Christian Education:

Brother Mark Findley gave the report for the Board of Christian Education. He stated that the state had a good state youth conference this year in Baxley. He expressed his appreciation to our association for help and support. Brother Mark reported \$1046.00 in the treasury.

Mission Board Report:

Brother Johnny Beasley gave the mission board report. He stated the land in Atlanta that was being considered was not approved for rezoning. The church went one mile into Henry County and found 16.9 acres of land. They are now waiting for approval for rezoning of this property. The church hopes to have the deal closed in the next two months. The Church plans to erect a metal building as the first stage of building. They are negotiating with a day care center now to hold services in but this is still pending. Brother Johnny said over all everything looks real good. He said the church hopes to be in their own building by the end of the year. Their old church building has been sold. Brother Johnny said the State Mission Board has talked about starting another work around the first of the year. He stated there was a possibility of a joint project with our Association. He asked that our folks look for prospective places to start a church. Brother Johnny asked Brother Larry Williams about his church. Bro. Larry stated that everything was going well. He said they have had some visitors lately. Brother Butch Taylor gave the Ogeechee Mission Board financial report as follows:

Ogeechee Association Mission Board Financial Report
April 17, 1998 - July 11, 1998
Bro. Butch Taylor - treasurer

Account Summary:

Balance on hand as of last report (4/17/98)	\$3053.85
Account Receipts this reporting period	780.18
Account Debits this reporting period	499.00
Balance on hand as of July 11, 1998	\$3335.03

Account Receipts:

4/24	Ogeechee Assn.	\$100.00
5/11	Lyons FWB Church	42.37
5/11	Ga. State Assn. Deep Creek 25.00/ Ga. FWB 130.00	155.00
6/3	Ga. State Assn. Deep Creek 25.00/ Ga. FWB 100.00	125.00
6/8	Lyons FWB Church	142.81
6/19	Friendship FWB Church	100.00
7/8	Ga. State Assn. Ga. FWB 115.00	<u>115.00</u>
		\$780.00

Account Debits:

4/24	Ga. State Assn. (Peace 10%)	\$97.00
5/11	Larry Williams State Support	130.00
6/3	Larry Williams State Support	100.00
6/22	Ga. State Assn. (Peace 10% for May and June)	57.00
7/8	Larry Williams state support	<u>115.00</u>
		\$499.00

The moderator asked for a motion and second to receive all reports that have been made to this point. M/S/C.

Offering:

An offering was received. Brother Mark Findley and Brother Leon Findley served as ushers. Brother Leon Findley prayed the offertory prayer.

Break:

The Association took a break to give the committees and boards a chance to meet and conduct business.

Association Reconvenes:

The Association was called back to order. The moderator stated that some officers for next year would be elected at this meeting so they could be reported to the State in a timely manner. He asked for a report from the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee Report:

Brother Mark Findley gave the report from the Nominating Committee as follows:

Moderator - Rev. Irvin Murphy

Assistant Moderator - Rev. Johnny Beasley

Clerk - Sister Debbie Igou

Assistant Clerk - Rev. Butch Taylor

Treasurer - Brother Leon Findley

Assistant Treasurer - Brother W. J. Wimberly

There was a motion made to accept the nominations as recommended by the committee.

The motion received a second and passed.

Ordaining Council Report:

Rev. Johnny Beasley gave the Ordaining Council's report. Rev. Gene McCard met with the Ordaining Council as requested by Corinth Church for membership in the Ogeechee Association. The Council instructed the clerk to write the Georgia Union Association for a letter of recommendation. Rev. Ken Murphy also met with the Ordaining Council for membership in the Association. The clerk was instructed to write for a letter of recommendation for Brother Ken from the South Georgia Association. Brother McCard was introduced. He said he was glad to be in the Association and asked that the Association pray for his church. Brother Johnny introduced Rev. Chester Osborne from West Virginia who now attends his church. Brother Osborne said he was glad to be in the area. He hopes to get his family back to serving God. He said that they also have a singing group that he hopes to get started. Brother Osborne stated that he has preached in West Virginia and Ohio for twenty eight years. He asked that the Association pray for his family and to pray that his children will come back to the Lord.

Trustee Report:

Rev. Charles Beasley said that he met with the Trustee Board in Macon to look at land that the Macon Church is going to give to the State for a State Office. He said it was in a nice location and he thought it would prove to be an asset to the State. He further stated that the Executive Secretary is in favor of moving the State Office to Macon and he thought it would prove beneficial to have the office in the middle of the state. Brother Mark Findley asked about the cost of building an office building. Brother Charles said that funds had been received already for this purpose plus the receipts from the sale of the old state office were on hand and the committee is hoping to build with present funds with no additional cost to the State.

Financial Report:

Brother Leon Findley gave the following Financial Report:

Balance Brought Forward	\$2722.00
Received From Churches	360.00
Offering	101.00
Total:	\$3183.00

Financial Report Continued:

Expenses:	
Moderator	\$25.00
Clerk	25.00
Speaker	25.00
Missions	100.00
Bd. of Christian Education	<u>50.00</u>
Total:	\$225.00

Recap:	
Total to Account For:	\$3183.00
Expenses:	<u>225.00</u>
Total:	\$2958.00

Brother Findley made a motion that his report be received. A second was made and the motion passed.

Worship Service:

Brother Mark Findley led the congregation in singing "Joy Unspeakable" accompanied by Sister Ann Murphy and Brother Jonathan Murphy.

The moderator introduced Brother Gene McCard who brought the message. He used as his text Acts 7:54-60. Brother McCard spoke on commitment. Following the service

Brother Johnny made remarks concerning the message and gave an altar call for those that had needs. No one responded.

Obituary Report:

Sister Frances Findley gave the following obituary report:

Brother Tommy Reardon - Metter FWB Church

Sister Fairy Belle Collins - Metter FWB Church

Sister Verna Lou Blalock - Marietta FWB Church

The moderator asked that the Association have a moment of silent prayer and asked that Brother Larry Williams close the prayer.

Card Of Thanks:

Sister Deborah Taylor gave the Card of Thanks. She thanked Marietta Church for their hospitality and for the food that had been prepared.

Miscellaneous Business:

Miscellaneous business was called for. There was none.

Announcements:

The moderator asked if there were any announcements to be made. Brother McCard said the Corinth Church will have a sing on the fourth Sunday this month and invited the Association.

Announcements Continued:

Deep Creek FWB Church will be in Revival July 26 - 29. The Association was invited to the services.

Brother Leon Findley asked the congregation to take note of the steeple that had been put on Marietta Church when they left for lunch. He said the church appreciated the ones that donated the steeple.

The next Association meeting for the Ogeechee Association will be held October 17, 1998 at the Metter Free Will Baptist Church.

There being no further business the Association was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Chester Osborne who also asked blessings on the food.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Johnny Beasley, Assistant Moderator
Rev. Irvin Murphy, Clerk

MINUTES

THE OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONVENED AT METTER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, METTER GEORGIA ON OCTOBER 17, 1998

The Ogeechee Association convened at the Metter Free Will Baptist Church, Metter, Georgia on October 17, 1998 for its fourth quarterly meeting of 1998.

The congregation sang a Hymn and prayer was offered by Reverend Gene McCard. A welcome from the host Church was given by Brother Lonnie McCullough. Reverend Johnny Beasley, Assistant Moderator called the meeting to order.

All ten of the Association Churches sent letters and representation fees. All ten Churches had representatives at the meeting.

Ministers Recognized:

The Minister of the Association were recognized with the following being present:

Reverend Irvin Murphy, Marietta FWB Church
Reverend Charles Beasley, Friendship FWB Church
Reverend Butch Taylor, Deep Creek FWB Church
Reverend Harris B. Nix, Sr., Stoney Hill FWB Church
Reverend Rick Wilson, Lyons FWB Church
Reverend Larry Williams, Peace FWB Church
Reverend Barry Hedrick, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Reverend Gene McCard, Lower Corinth FWB Church
Reverend Leslie Skeens, Visitor from Deep Creek FWB Church
Reverend Johnny Beasley, Metter FWB Church
Reverend William Smith, State Executive Secretary

Deacons Recognized:

The Deacons of the Association were recognized with the following being present:

Brother J. Wimberly, Friendship FWB Church
Brother Mark A. Findley, Marietta FWB Church
Brother D. C. Orvin, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Brother Lonnie McCullough, Metter FWB Church
Brother Jack Wallace, Metter FWB Church
Brother Leon Findley, Marietta FWB Church
Brother James H. Flowers, Augusta FWB Church

Church Delegates Seated:

The Church delegates sent to the Association were as follows:

Sister Helen Taylor, Deep Creek FWB Church
Sister Deborah Taylor, Deep Creek FWB Church
Sister Frances Beasley, Friendship FWB Church

Church Delegates Continued:

Sister Mildred Wimberly, Friendship FWB Church
Sister Deddie Adams, Augusta FWB Church
Sister Birdie Youngblood, Augusta FWB Church
Sister Cheryl Wilson, Lyons FWB Church
Sister Cathy Williamson, Lyons FWB Church
Brother Joe Williamson, Lyons FWB Church
Sister Betty Avret, Peace FWB Church
Sister Mary Ann Rice, Peace FWB Church
Sister Billie Jean Orvin, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Sister Debbie Fariss, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Sister Karen I. Holcomb, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Sister Hazel McCullough, Metter FWB Church
Sister Beth Wallace, Metter FWB Church
Sister Demarris Gooze, Metter FWB Church
Sister Frances Findley, Marietta FWB Church
Sister Floyd Beasley, Metter FWB Church

The above delegates were seated by a motion and second from the standing delegation.

Visitors:

The following attended the Association meeting as visitors:

Reverend Leslie Skeens, Deep Creek FWB Church
Sister Barbara Skeens, Deep Creek FWB Church
Sister Laura Tarver, Augusta FWB Church
Sister Dolly Weeks, Augusta FWB Church
Sister Nora Smith, Augusta FWB Church
Brother Tim Finch, Metter FWB Church
Sister Gail Hedrick, Sand Hill Creek FWB Church
Sister Ramona McCard, Lower Corinth FWB Church
Sister Myrtice Conner, Metter FWB Church
Sister Faye Beasley, Metter FWB Church

Appointment of Committees:

The Moderator appointed the following Committees: Sister Ramona McCard was appointed to give the Card of Thanks to the host Church. Sister Frances Beasley was appointed to give the Obituary Report.

Report from State Office:

The Moderator called on Reverend William Smith to give a report from the State Office. Brother Smith commended the Ogeechee Association for making timely payments on the loan from the State Association. Brother Smith reported that the income for the State is up.

The Creech family can not go back to Africa as Missionaries because of a sick child. Since they have studied French they may be appointed to go to France as they can get the necessary medical care needed for their child there. Brother Smith said that the mission work in Atlanta is progressing. He went on to explain the new bulletin format and encouraged the Churches to send information to be put in the Bulletin. He mention that the Handbook for New Church Members has been reprinted and is available. The book "Marching Through Georgia" by Damon Dodd is still available in limited quantity. The Free Will Baptist Handbook by Matt Pinson was mentioned. It is available for \$13.00 and is recommended. Brother Smith went on to stress the point that he is a servant to the State Churches. He welcomes input from the Churches and individuals. He stated that he is available for Revivals, Homecomings, etc. He mentioned the State Meeting will be held in Metter in 1999. He went on to state at the 1999 meeting it will be recommended that the State Meeting be held the third week of March beginning in the year 2000. There was a motion and second to receive this report. The motion carried.

Mission Board Report:

Brother Johnny Beasley gave a report on the mission work in Atlanta. The representatives from the Church have to meet with the zoning committee. If everything is approved, which they believe it will be, ground breaking will be held November 8, 1998. Once they have ground breaking and the foundation is laid the building will be erected in one week. The structure will be a metal building which will be bricked. Work days will be held to complete the inside. The National Association Meeting is to be held in Atlanta next year. The pastor hopes to have the Church completed by then so services can be held at the Church.

Offering Received:

The offering for the Association was received. Men of Metter Church acted as ushers. The congregation stood as the offering was received.

Break:

The Association took a break to allow boards and committees an opportunity to meet and conduct business. Special singing was provided during the break by members of Metter Free Will Baptist Church.

Association Reconvenes:

The Association was called back to order by the Moderator. Brother Rick Wilson led the congregation in prayer. The morning message was brought by Brother Butch Taylor. Sister Faye Beasley asked that the congregation sing Amazing Grace before the message was brought. Brother Butch used Luke 10:25-37 as his text and brought an inspiring and challenging message entitled "Helping Others." An invitation was given by Rev. Johnny Beasley.

Report of Nominating Committee:

Brother Mark Findley gave the report from the Nominating Committee as follows:
Ordaining Counsel Rev. Johnny Beasley to replace himself.

Ogeechee Mission Board Brother Joe Williamson to replace Rev. Johnny Beasley

Brother Leon Findley to replace himself.

Board of Christian Education Brother Mark Findley to replace himself.

Nominating Committee Brothers Butch Taylor, W. J. Wimberly and Mark Findley.

Resolutions Committee Rev. Harris Nix to replace Rev. Leslie Skeens

A motion was made to elect as recommended by the Nominating Committee. A second was received and the motion carried.

Financial Report:

The Financial Report was given by Brother Leon Findley, Treasurer for the Association.

Balance Brought Forward:	\$2998.00
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Received from Churches	400.00
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Offering	<u>88.00</u>
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Total:	\$3486.00
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Expenses:

Moderator	25.00
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Clerk	25.00
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Speaker	25.00
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Missions	100.00
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Bd. Christian Ed.	50.00
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Stamps (Clerk)	32.00
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Delegates to State	45.00
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Dues to National	<u>250.00</u>
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Total:	\$552.00
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Recap:	\$3486.00
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Less Expenses:	<u>-552.00</u>
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Total:	\$2934.00
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A motion was made to accept the financial report. A second was received and the motion passed.

Board of Christian Education:

Brother Mark Findley gave an encouraging report from the Board of Christian Education. He stated that hopefully more people are becoming involved in the Youth Competition. He mentioned the various projects that are sponsored by the State Board that will be continued.

Report of Ordaining Council:

Rev. Johnny Beasley gave the report for the Ordaining Council. He stated that the Council had met with Rev. Barry Hedrick pastor of the Sand Hill Creek Free Will Baptist Church. He said the Council recommends that Brother Hedrick be accepted in our Association pending a letter of recommendation from his previous Association. A motion and Second was made and the motion carried. Brother Hedrick supplied a letter of recommendation to the Clerk.

Camp Board Report:

No report was given for the Camp Board.

Ogeechee Mission Board Financial Report:

Rev. Butch Taylor gave a verbal report for the Mission Board. He stated that he did not have a printed Financial Report but that he would mail one to each Church later. Brother Butch stated that the balance in the Mission Board Account was \$4163.29. There was a motion and second to receive this report. The motion carried.

Card of Thanks:

The Card of Thanks was given by Sister Ramona McCard. She expressed her appreciation for the Revival that she was privileged to participate in the previous week at the Metter Church. She also thanked the Church for their hospitality and asked that the congregation stand and show their appreciation to the host church. The congregation responded.

Obituary Report:

The Obituary Report was given by Sister Frances Beasley. The following deaths were reported:

Sister Lucinda Brown, Friendship Free Will Baptist Church
Brother Franklin Taylor, Deep Creek Free Will Baptist Church
Sister Betty Daughtry, Stoney Hill Free Will Baptist Church

The congregation was asked to stand. Sister Frances asked that her report be received and that the congregation pray silently. Prayer was led by Rev. Charles Beasley.

Ogeechee Mission Report (Peace Church):

Brother Larry Williams said that the Peace Church is at a standstill at present. He said that they needed some new folks in the Church. He said the main object of the Church at present is to take care of maintenance such as painting, etc. He requested the prayers of the Association in behalf of the Church. He reported that Brother Benny Smith is

contemplating a move to Augusta with his work and has been attending Peace Church. Brother Larry asked that we pray for Brother Benny and his family.

Miscellaneous Business:

Brother Mark Findley mentioned that there had been some talk of the State Association and the Youth Conference being combined. He pointed out that it takes over fifty adults to work with the Youth Conference and that would take away from the attendance at the State Meeting. Brother Mark asked if our Association was willing to make our feelings on this matter known to the State Association.

Brother Rick Wilson agreed with Brother Mark and added to the comments that children are in school during the time the Association meets and if the Youth Conference and the State Meeting were combined it would require children being taken out of school to participate. He also stated that in the school system where his children attend that there are only a certain number of days a student can be absent and still pass.

Brother William Smith said that changes have been made in the State and that other changes are proposed. He said if people did not agree that they need to let the State know their feelings.

Brother Mark Findley made a motion that we send a letter to the State Executive Board to the effect that we would support the State Meeting date being changed to March but that the Association would be in opposition to putting the Youth Conference and State Meeting together. The motion received a second and carried.

Delegates to State Meeting:

Brother Johnny Beasley asked for volunteers to serve as delegates to the State Meeting. The following volunteered:

Sister Cheryl Wilson, Lyons Free Will Baptist Church

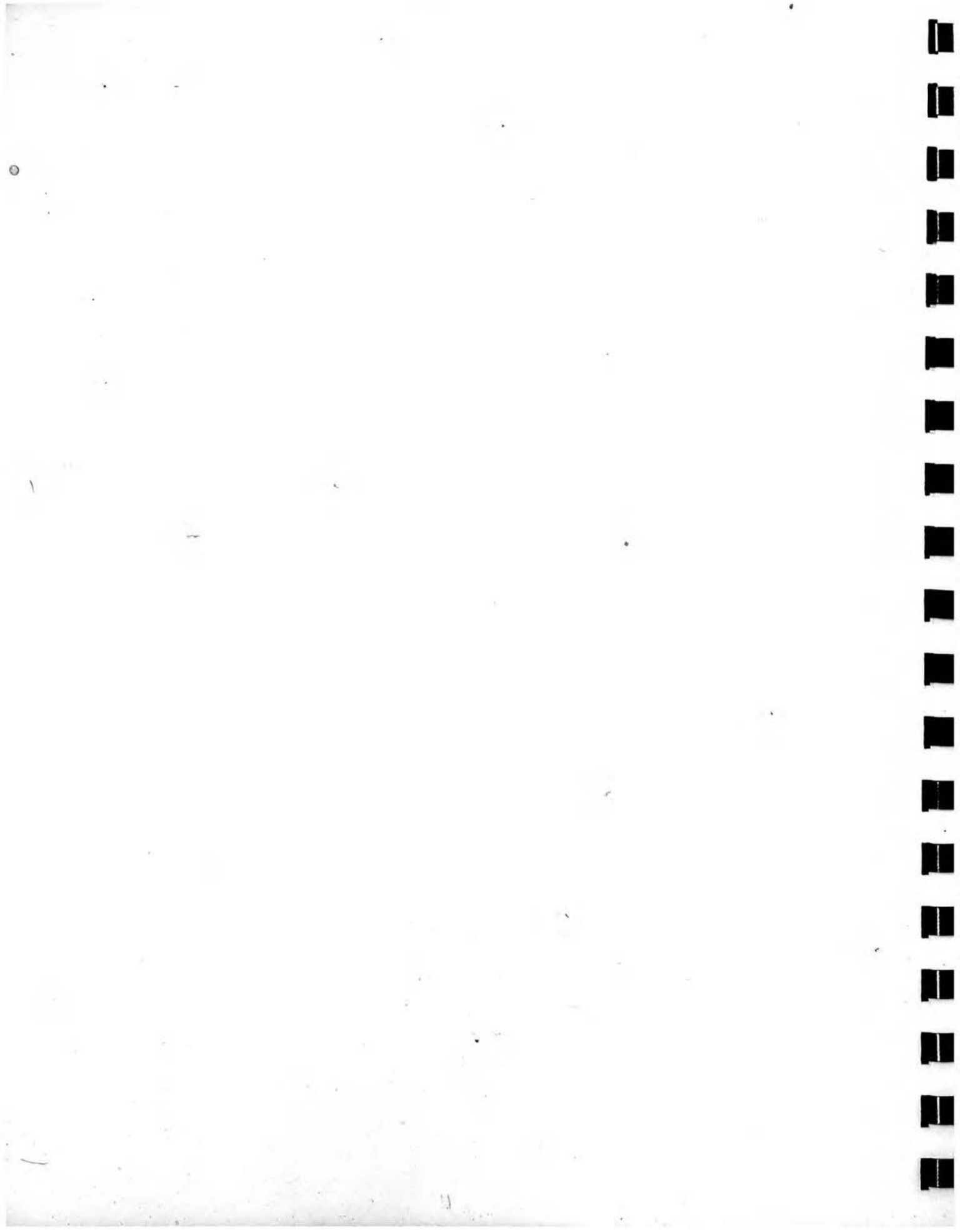
Sister Deborah Taylor, Deep Creek Free Will Baptist Church

Sister Ramona McCard, Lower Corinth Free Will Baptist Church

The Association received a motion and second that these represent the Association. The motion passed.

Miscellaneous:

Sister Faye Beasley said that a telephone call had been received requesting that the Association pray for a lady that was sick. She said that another lady had been designated to stand in for the sick and to be anointed with oil and prayed for in her behalf. The lady was asked to come forward along with the elders present. Brother Johnny anointed and the elders prayed.



It was announced that the next Association meeting will be held at the Peace Free Will Baptist Church.

There being no further business or announcements a motion was made to adjourn. A second was made. The congregation was asked to stand and Brother Barry Hedrick was asked to dismiss the Association and to ask God's Blessings on the food.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Johnny Beasley, Assistant Moderator
Rev. Irvin Murphy, Clerk