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**Oolenoy River Baptist Church Association
(Established Aug-1882)
111 Abel, Clemson, SC 29631
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1881 Members

Soap Stone, Pine Grove, Shoal Creek, and Mt. Nebo met at Shoal Creek to discuss organizing the Oolenoy River Baptist Association.

1882 Charter Church & Post Office Members

Calvery (Greenville), Cold Springs (Pickens), Gold Grove (Marietta), Mount Grove (Balleane), Mount Nebo (Table), Shoal Creek (Dacusville) & South Saluda (Lima)

1982 Members

Cold Spring, Easley Union, Griffin Ebenezer, Mount Nebo, Mount Pilgrim, New Foundation, New Hope, Shoal Creek, Soap Stone & White Oak Spring

Historical Church Members: South Saluda, Stephens Chapel & Piney Grove

2006 Members

Cold Springs Baptist Church, Rosman Highway, Pickens, SC 29671, 864-878-7950,

Easley Union Baptist Church, 109 Runion St, Easley, SC 29640, 864-859-0333

Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church, 450 Garvin St, Pickens, SC 29671, 864-878-4936

Mount Pilgram Baptist Church, 995 Little Mountain Rd, Welford, SC 29385, 864-439-6072 ?

New Foundation Baptist Church, 556 Lenhardt Rd, Easley, SC 29640, 864-859-0788

New Hope Baptist Church, 740 Old Stone Church Road, P.O. Box 1405, Clemson, SC 29633, 864-654-7248,

<http://www.newhopeclemsonsc.org/>

Shoals Creek Baptist Church, 130 Shoals Creek Church Rd, Easley (Dacusville), SC 29640, 864-836-7178

Soapstone Baptist Church, 296 Liberia Rd, Pickens, SC 29671, 864-878-5533

White Oak Springs Baptist Church, 411 College St, Central, SC 29630, 864-639-4628

Miscellaneous Member Compiling

Piney Grove Baptist Church (historical church location or member prior to 1982)

Stephens Baptist Chapel (historical church location or member prior to 1982)

Seneca River Baptist Church Association

Seneca SC

298 S Poplar Street

Seneca, SC 29678

864-882-7390

George Sloan - President at revsloan@bellsouth.net (Pastor for New Promise Land Baptist Church in Westminster)

The roots of the association date back to three years after the closing of the Civil War when it was part of the Rocky River Baptist Association. The first session was held at the Snow Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. J. W. Keith, moderator. In 1880, the association met with the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. This possibly was the first meeting of this organization held in Oconee County Rev. Milton Lindsay, moderator. We have no record of the official officers or the annual meeting of the association until 1901. At this time, it met at the St. Mark Baptist Church. Our records also show the years and places of meeting as follows: 1917-Golden View, 1918-St. Paul, 1923 - Ozion, 1924 - Canaan, 1930 - Shiloh, 1932 - Flat Rock, 1934 • New Foundation, 1935 - Pleasant Hill, 1936 - Chochee, 1937 - Canaan.

Seneca Institute: Begun in 1899 by J.J. Stark for the Sunday School and Baptist Church Training Union Educational Convention of the *Seneca River Baptist Church Association*. By 1915 there were two large buildings on a twenty acre campus and in 1929 the number had grown to eight. At one time this was the only High School available for Blacks in the area. The name was changed to Seneca Junior College in 1926 and it closed in 1939. The buildings were razed in 1963. In 1978 the Seneca Institute Family Life Center was constructed on the old school site by the *Seneca River Baptist Church Association*. A small log house to the right of the Family Life Center is the only remaining school structure.

1878 Charter Members

Abel, Chochee, Double Springs, Flat Rock, Label(?), Mount Nebo #1, Mount Sinai, Parker (aka Shiloh), New Light & Pleasant Hill, Snow Hill

1879 Members

Union #1: Motion letters of dismiss were granted to 10 churches by the Rocky River Baptist Association in Anderson County, so they could form the Seneca River Baptist Association: Chochee, Double Springs, Flat Rock Label, Mount Nebo, Mount Sinai, New Light, Parker's (Shiloh), Pleasant Hill & Snow Hill. Other added churches were New Prospect, Ozion, Richland, Saint Mathew, Saint Paul & Tugaloo

Rocky River Baptist Church Association (N) (est. 1868) (Belton SC)

202 Union High Dr, Anderson, SC 29672, 864-338-1602

Rev. Dr. Samuel Bernard Neely Sr. of Welfare Baptist Church, Ext 2, 2106 Bolt Dr, Belton, SC 29627, 864-226-8896 is currently moderator of this 37 church association, Camelia Richy - Ext 4, Secretary

1868 Charter Members

Union-1: Ebenezer, Generostee, Mount Moriah, Mount Springs, Pleasant Grove, Saint Paul, Salem & Shiloh

Union-2: Cedar Grove, Flat Rock, New Shady Grove, Pleasant Hill, Union & Welfare

Union-3: Mount Abel, Evergreen, Mount Pleasant, New Mount Pisgah, New Prospect, Sliver Springs & Sweet Canaan

1879 Members

Motion letters of dismiss were granted to 10 churches so they could form the Seneca River Baptist Association in Oconee County: Chochee, Double Springs, Flat Rock, Label, Mount Nebo, Mount Sinai, New Light, Parker's (Shiloh), Pleasant Hill & Snow Hill

1965 Members

Asbury Memorial, Cedar Grove, Ebenezer, Evergreen, Generostee, Holly Creek, King David, Mount Abel, Mount Herman, Mount Olive, Mount Moriah, Mount Pleasant, Mount Spring, Mount Zion, New Holly Light, New Hopewell, New Mount Grove, New Mount Pisgah, New Prospect, New Piney Grove, Silver Spring, Royal, Saint Paul, Springfield, Rock Hill, Trinity, Welfare & Wilson Calvary

2006 Members

Asbury Memorial Baptist Church, 1505 Benjamin St, Anderson, SC 29625-3631
Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Box 516, Belton, SC 29627-0516
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Box 4192, Anderson, SC 29622-4192
Evergreen Baptist Church, Box 909, Anderson, SC 29622-0909
Generostee Baptist Church, 5608 Hwy 187 South, Starr, SC 29684-9292
King David Baptist Church, Box 2143, Anderson, SC 29622-2143
Mount Able Baptist Church, Box 831, Pendleton, SC 29670-0831
Mount Herman Baptist Church, 1100 Travis Road, Anderson, SC 29626-8642
Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Box 1615, Anderson, SC 29622-1615
Mount Olive Baptist Church, Box 13621, Anderson, SC 29624-3621
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Box 212, Williamston, SC 29697-0212
Mount Zion Baptist Church, Box 862, Belton, SC 29627-0862
Mountain Spring Baptist Church, Box 97, Pendleton, SC 29670-0097
New Friendship Baptist Church, 3298 Keowee Road, Honea Path, SC 29654-7870
New Holly Light Baptist Church, Box 626, Sandy Springs, SC 29677-0626
New Hope Baptist Church, Box 339, Belton, SC 29627-0339
New Hopewell Baptist Church, Box 596, Belton, SC 29627-0596
New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 125 River St, Belton, SC 29627-1416
New Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, Box 1029, Easley, SC 29640-1029
New Olive Grove Baptist Church, Box 60, Norris, SC 29667-0060
New Prospect Baptist Church, Box 127, Williamston, SC 29697-0127
Olivet Progressive Baptist Church, 512 Valentine St, Anderson, SC 29624-3470
Piney Grove Baptist Church, Box 734, Sandy Springs, SC 29677-0734
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Box 567, Anderson, SC 29622
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Box 794, Belton, SC 29627-0794
Rock Hill Baptist Church, 410 Hall Street, Anderson, SC 29624-3474
Royal Baptist Church, Box 952, Anderson, SC 29622-0952
Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Box 2246, Anderson, SC 29622-2246
Shiloh Baptist Church, 600 Booker St., Anderson, SC 29624
Silver Springs Baptist Church, Box 428, Pendleton, SC 29670-0428
Springfield Baptist Church, 108 Blue Ridge Ave, Belton, SC 29627-1833
St Matthew Baptist Church, 3 Blake Street, Belton, SC 29627-1749
St Paul First Baptist Church, 324 West Reed Street, Anderson, SC 29624-2234
Sweet Cannon Baptist Church, Box 2887, Piedmont, SC 29641
Trinity Baptist Church, 1315 Marne St, Anderson, SC 29624-1394
Welfare Baptist Church, 412 Ramsey Road, Anderson, SC 29621-4637
Wilson Calvary Baptist Church, 1401 North Murray Avenue, Anderson, SC 29625-3714