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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Kiokee Baptist Church

AND/OR COMMON

Old Kiokee Baptist Church

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Kiokee Road,

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Appling

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

10th - Barnard

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Georgia

13

Columbia

073

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

**OWNERSHIP**

**STATUS**

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_DISTRICT

\_\_\_PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_PARK

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_BOTH

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_OBJECT

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_NO

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

New Kiokee Baptist Church

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Appling

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Georgia 30802

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Columbia County Courthouse, Superior Court

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Appling

STATE

Georgia

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Kiokee Baptist Church is a one-story brick structure built in 1808. The exterior is notable for its Flemish bond brick walls of handmade brick, stone lentils (now covered with concrete) above the doors and windows and a gable roof with eaves that flair upward slightly. Under the eave is a simple, boxed, wood cornice. Windows are twelve over twelve lights with wood shutters. Walls are three bricks thick. The three entrances all have six-panel doors that appear to be of a recent date but which have the original hardware on them. The present roof is cedar shingle. A concrete border has been put around the lower four feet of the exterior walls in recent years. The entrance steps and sills are roughly cut stone. A round window with slats is located in each gable.

The interior is one room with a rear balcony. The frame vaulted ceiling is supported by two 40 foot beams measuring approximately 12" x 10" and each is hewn from a single timber. All interior woodwork is hand-hewn from heart pine. The walls are plaster with paneled wainscoting. The pulpit is supported by seven-sided pilasters connected by a paneled section. There is a window directly behind the pulpit that is built on a higher elevation than the other windows. Floors are various width hand-hewn pine. Pews on the main floor are handmade. The balcony is supported by twelve hand-hewn pillars. The first four (nearest the pulpit) are seven-sided and the other eight are square. Two straight-run stairs ascend to the balcony, one flanking each side of the west doors or rear entrance. The bannister is solid with a curved end. At the balcony level, there is a four foot balustrade with straight, square rails. Wooden pegs are visible on the ceiling.

About 150 yards to the north of the church is the baptismal. It consists of a small, unpainted wood building and a small pool. It is probably not original with the building. The building has weatherboards and appears to be in a state of deterioration.

On the east end of the church are several graves, some being unmarked and others dating as early as 1850. There are some recent graves also.

The church sits in a clearing surrounded by large trees - water oaks, pines and others. There are few modern intrusions. It is located on a paved road called Kiokee Road, about three miles northeast of Appling, Georgia. The only modern structure is a rustic, wood amphitheatre belonging to the church that sits beyond the church building in the woods, barely visible from the main structure.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1807-1808

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Mr. Danielly, Hezekiah & John Boyd

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kiokee Baptist Church is significant as the earliest extant structure of the first Baptist congregation in Georgia. Also, its architecture is a fine example of frontier building with its handmade components and refined details.

The Kiokee Baptist Church was the first Baptist congregation organized in Georgia. Its founder was Reverend Daniel Marshall. Marshall, born in Windsor, Connecticut in 1706, had been a missionary to the Indians in Pennsylvania, Virginia and North Carolina before moving to Georgia in 1771. He established the first Baptist church in Georgia in 1772 near Kiokee Creek in Columbia County and was soon after arrested for preaching the gospel in St. Paul's Parish contrary to the established tenets of the Church of England. He continued with the Kiokee Baptist Church and built the first meeting house where the town of Appling now stands. In 1789, an act was recorded "incorporating the Anabaptist Church on the Kiokee in the county of Richmond." About this time, a second meeting house was erected, called Marshall's Meeting House. By 1806, the second building was in great disrepair and the church members, in 1806, decided to build a new one. Three thousand three hundred and ninety-nine dollars was raised to pay the costs. The brickwork was done by a Mr. Danielly and the woodwork by Hezekiah and John Boyd. The land was given by the sons of Daniel Marshall. The building was completed by early 1808. The church records describe the plan for the building and the building appears today to be exactly to their specifications: "It shall be 60 feet long and 40 feet wide built of good well burnt bricks, it shall be the length of three bricks thick from the foundation to the sleepers, which shall be two feet and a half above the surface of the length of two bricks thick from the sleepers up to the joists fifteen feet in the clear gable ends and shall be the length of one brick and a half thick, it shall have three large doors and fifteen windows, four on the front side and four in the back side and two on each end consisting of twenty four lights each, two large round windows in gable end, and a small window above the pulpit. The roof shall be a principal roof made of good heart shingles..." This building was used until 1827 when a new one was constructed in the town of Appling. The 1827 building was destroyed by a tornado in 1875 and the congregation met in the courthouse until 1907 when they acquired the abandoned Methodist Church in Appling. It was used until 1937 when the present New Kiokee Baptist Church was constructed in Appling, which is still in use. The Old Kiokee Baptist Church is still used by the congregation for homecomings, baptisms and other special occasions and is in an excellent state of preservation.

The history of the Kiokee Baptist Church congregation and its ministers has been studied in depth by many scholars and a notable book published by James D. Mosteller entitled A History of the Kiokee Baptist Church in Georgia. The first minister, Daniel Marshall, is given much credit, not only for establishing the first Baptist Church in Georgia but also for establishing numerous other churches in Pennsylvania, Virginia,

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Mosteller, James Donovan, A History of the Kiokee Baptist Church in Georgia, Edwards Brothers, Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1952. Reprinted, 1977, Wilkes Publishing Co., Washington, Georgia.
- Harris, Waldo P., III, "Daniel Marshall: Lone Georgia Baptist Revolutionary Pastor." Paper presented at Spring 1976 meeting of the Georgia Baptist Historical Society. Records of the Kiokee Baptist Church, 1790-1907, Georgia Department of Archives and

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approximately 2.5 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Appling

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 7	3 8 0 0 7 0	3 7 1 5 9 2 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			
E			
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B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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H			

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the entrance to the church, a driveway on Kiokee Road, and running north-easterly 395 feet approximately to a large pine tree in the northeast corner of the church clearing; thence northwesterly 90 feet approximately to a dirt road; thence

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Martha Norwood, Historian, Historic Preservation Section

ORGANIZATION

Historic Preservation Section

DATE

June 1978

STREET & NUMBER

270 Washington Street, S. W.

TELEPHONE

(404) 656-2840

CITY OR TOWN

Atlanta

STATE

Georgia 30334

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Elizabeth P. Lyon*

8-17-78

TITLE

Acting State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*James Charles Ober*

DATE 12-8-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Ann H. Gilmore*

DATE 12/6/78

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, for serving as a missionary to the Indians and for presiding over the first meeting of the Georgia Baptist Association around 1784 at Kiokee Meeting House. He was succeeded at Kiokee by his son Abraham Marshall, who served from 1784 until 1819. It was during Abraham's tenure that the Old Kiokee Baptist Church was built (1808). One of the most notable contributions of Abraham Marshall was the establishment of the first Negro Baptist Church in Georgia, done while at Kiokee in 1788. An acquaintance of Marshall wrote an account of this event: "In one of his excursions down the country, in the suburbs of Savannah, not far from where once stood Whitfield's famous orphan house, Mr. M., in one day, baptized forty-five persons of color, formed them, with others previously baptized, into a church, and ordained Andrew Bryan as their pastor." This was in 1788. Thus arose the First African Baptist Church in Savannah. (First Bryan Baptist Church is what is referred to here and it is a National Register site.)

The last minister to preach in the 1808 building was Jabez Pleiades Marshall, who served from 1819-1832 and was the son of Abraham Marshall. He served as clerk of the Georgia Baptist Association from 1819 to 1832 and also began the work of writing the history of the Georgia Baptist Association, completed by Jesse Mercer in 1838. He is buried at the old church and land in his estate at his death was given to the church. His death ended 60 years of service to the Kiokee Church and the Georgia Baptist Association by the Marshall family - father, son and grandson.

The architecture of the Old Kiokee Baptist Church is simple and rather austere but has fine details considering its frontier location at the time of its construction. Of particular note are the hand-hewn, seven-sided pillars supporting the balcony, the intricate Flemish bond brick pattern of the exterior walls, and the panelled wainscoting. In addition to the significant history of the congregations, the craftsmanship and design of the building, its excellent state of preservation and its early building date add greatly to its significance. In addition, it has little to intrude on the visual integrity. A recent frame amphitheatre sits beyond the church in the woods but it is barely visible from the church clearing and its rustic design is such that it is not incompatible, though it has been excluded from the boundaries of this nomination. The baptismal, a small, unpainted wood structure with a pool, is located about 150 yards to the north. The date of construction of this facility is not known but appears to be well over 50 years old and is an integral part of the site and is still in use. It may not be the original baptismal, since the church itself does not contain a baptismal and since the location of a spring at the site gives a natural source of water for the pool. The baptismal building is a one-story, one room frame structure that is weatherboarded.

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History, Microfilm Library, Atlanta, Georgia.  
Site Inspection by Martha Norwood, Historian, May 1978.

Verbal Boundary Description: (Continued)

northeasterly 390 feet approximately with the east side of the road to a large pine at the northeast corner of the baptismal clearing; thence northwesterly 85 feet approximately to a point on the northwest side of the baptismal building at a creek bed; thence southwesterly 800 feet approximately to Kiokee Road; thence with the road 175 feet approximately to the point of origin; excluding highway right-of-way.

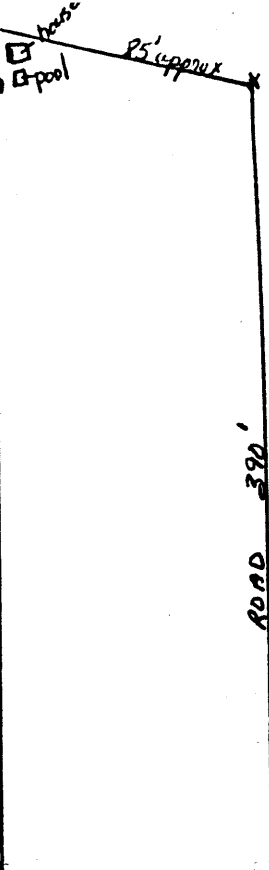
SKETCH MAP  
NOT TO SCALE

KIOKEE BAPTIST CHURCH  
COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA  
2.5 acres approx.



WOODS

WOODS  
800' approx.



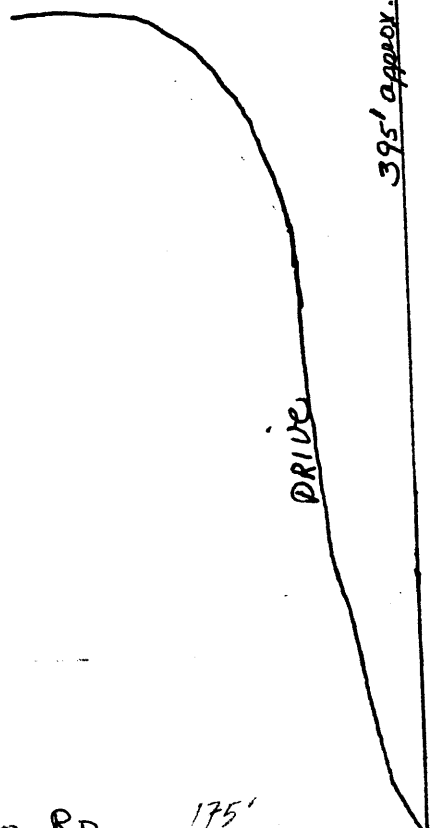
WOODS

AMPHITHEATRE

90' approx. x large pine

CHURCH

GRAVES



WOODS

WOODS

KIOKEE RD. 175'