

1852

Minutes of the third anniversary of the Tow River Association held with the Crooked Creek Church, McDowell County, N.C. August 13th, 1852 and following days.

Received the following newly constituted churches – Friendship, Pleasant Grove, Pencicola, South Tow River, Rims Creek.

Baptized	174
By letter	29
Restored	3
Dismissed	145
Excluded	3
Dead	3
Relations	36
Totals	342

Elected Moses Peterson moderator and Wm. B. Woolsey clerk.

1st The association answers the last year's query in the affirmative.

2nd On motion consider the priority of dividing the association which was laid over until the next association for the churches to consider.

3rd On motion elected a bishop, Moses Peterson, to set the house of God in order, also to clothe him with power to call a committee of elders for the purpose of transacting any business thought proper.

4th Agree to have no article of faith but the Bible.

5th Agree to recommend Sabbath schools throughout our association and that the members of the churches take a deep interest in keeping up the same.

6th We recommend to the churches to be careful in receiving members who have been excluded from other denominations for vice and immorality.

7th Agree to appoint John Wheeler and John Autry to ride and preach as missionaries.