

Minutes of the 15th anniversary of the Freewill Baptist Tow River association held with Jack's Creek Church, Yancy County, N.C., August 18th, 1865 and following days.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder N. Honeycutt from Psalms 126. When the Lord turned against the captivity of Zion we were like them that dreamed. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then said they among the heathens, the Lord hath done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.

The delegates convened from 10 churches appointed Moses Peterson moderator and Wm. B. Woolsey clerk.

Invited Brethren to seats with us and the following brethren took their seats with us – S.D. Cox, J.A. Sorrells, John Arwood, Aaron Burlison, N. Honeycutt, C. Garland, S. Honeycutt, H. Hail.

Committee of arrangements – John Wheller, A. Burlison, N. Honeycutt, C. Garland, J.T. Sorrells, Wm. C. Parsons, John Whittemore, W. Bennett with the moderator and clerk.

Committee on Finance – G.W. Cole and Spencer Burnett

Saturday met according to adjournment.

1. Recommend Sabbath school at every church and insist on this being carried out.
2. We believe it is the duty of all Christians to keep and do all the commandments of God.
3. When there is a difficulty between two or more members the one that tells before taking the gospel step shall be dealt with by the church as much as possible, up to their duty against the next association.
4. We believe the bread and wine is the communion of the body and blood of Jesus Christ and all his followers ought to partake thereof.
5. The association agrees to divide the boundaries of the association into four districts – 1st Jack Creek Church and boundary, 2nd Big Ivy Church and boundaries, 3rd Jewell Hill Church and boundaries, 4th Union Church and boundaries, and that each division holds a quarterly meeting.
6. Query – secession to the believer an unpardonable sin or is it a trespass against one another.
Answer – We believe secession is a violation of God's law and, therefore, we do not fellowship it.
7. Committee of Finance report - \$19.34.
8. Agree that the clerk have 20 minutes printed and distributed according to their contributions.
9. Agree to administer the sacrament on Sabbath at our next association and recommend the church to prepare the wine.
10. Agree to hold our next association with the Big Ivy Church, 20 miles north of Asheville, N.C. to commence Friday before the third Sabbath in August, 1866. W.C. Parsons to preach the introductory and W.M. Ramsey his alternate.