

Minutes of the 18th anniversary of the Freewill Baptist Tow River Association, held with the Jack's Creek Church, Yancy Co, N.C. August 13th and following days.

The introductory sermon was delivered by elder Stephen Honeycutt from 2nd Cor., 5th chapter, 1st verse. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Delegates convened in the house. Prayer by Brother Samuel Hensley. Read letters from 32 churches and enrolled their delegates' names.

Aggregate =	
Baptized	137
By Letter	28
Resolved	21
Relations	41
Dismissed	55
Excluded	83
Dead	12
Total	1,480
Contributions	\$23.15

Adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow. Prayer by Bro. W.C. Parsons.

Meet according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. W.M. Ramsey.

1. Elected Rev. Moses Peterson moderator and Rev. John Wheeler assistant and Rev. Wm B. Woolsey clerk.
2. Invited brethren to seats with us. Thomas Howell, Wm C. Parsons, H. Hoile, and D.W. Adkins took seats.
3. Committee of Finance - George W. Cole, D.W. Adkins, N. Bailey.
4. Resolve that we advise each church to have a well-ordered good Sabbath school and that each pastor make a return to the next association.
5. Received the following reports of Sabbath school.
 - North Fork of Big Ivy organized her Sabbath school April 19th, 1866. Rev. W.M. Ramsey, Alfred Andres, Superintendent, G.W. Cole, Assistant Superintendent, B.F. Brown, taught 13 Sundays. Students, males and females, have read 234 chapters of the New Testament, memorized and recited by heart 1665 verses, and have gone through the spelling book twice by heart.
 - The report of the Sabbath school at Ramsey Town is as follows. Recited by heart 16 chapters 113 verses.
 - The report of the Sabbath school at Jack's Creek is as follows. The school was organized with Rev. Moses Peterson president, S.D. Howe vice president, Jas M. Honeycutt

secretary, Jas McCurry librarian. Six male teachers and six female teachers, 50 students read Matthew and Mark. Recited 3516 verses by heart in 5 Sabbaths.

6. Agree to divide the association, and Madison Co., N.C. to come to the new organization and Carter Co., Tenn. to remain with the Tow River Association, and the churches near the line to have their choice which association to represent. All the churches that desire to represent the new association will send up their delegates and meet for organization Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1868, at New Liberty Church at Shewals Cove, Green Co. Tenn, 10 miles southwest of Greenville - S.M. Honeycutt, D.W. Adkins, S.D. Cox, A. Fender, J. Garland. D.W. Adkins to preach the introductory.
7. Agree to advise the churches to hold their ministers in subjection to the constitution of the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ.
8. Whereas the Bible says thou shalt not kill and God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son to die for it, Jesus said he came not destroy men's lives but to save them and told us to love and pray for our enemies and to Peter put up thy sword, for they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Therefore resolve that the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ petition Congress to relieve us of military duty.

Adjourned til tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by N. Honeycutt.

Saturday meet according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. John Wheeler.

9. Agree to take up the petition from Reems Creek Church with regard to Pall Jones, and that John H. Arwood, Wm T.J. Butler, Wm B. Woolsey meet in church Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September next, to try to settle the case.
10. Agree to adopt the following churches' meetings, that all our preacher brethren open the service and close by prayer and when they call for fellowship it shall be done by an act of rising from their seats that are in fellowship with their God and one another, and then those who are not in fellowship to rise by one when called for by the moderator and tell the cause to the church.
11. We advise our churches to send up all the names of our ordained and licensed ministers, also the Sunday and Saturday of their church meetings.
12. Appointed elders Moses Peterson, N. Honeycutt, with pastor to attend Big Ivy the 4th Sunday and Saturday before in October for the purpose of ordaining a deacon.
13. Agree that our next association meet with the Spring Creek Church, Mitchell County, N.C., 10 miles north of Bakersville, Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1869, and Wm. T. Brummitt to preach the introductory and Samuel Hensley his alternate.
14. Agree to have 400 minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions and that the clerk have \$5.00 for his service.