

1875

Minutes of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Freewill Baptist Toe River Association.

Held with North Bend church Aug. 15, 1875 and following days.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. Peter Ball from John 6th chapter and 13th verse.

Delegates convened. Prayer by D.M. Simerly. Proceeded to elect Moses Peterson moderator and S.D. Howell clerk.

Received and read letters from the several churches and enrolled their delegates' names.

Called for correspondence and received from the American Association Rev. Peter Ball, Rev. Marion Bice, and Marten Shelton.

From the Union Association W.M. Blazer.

From Holston Valley Rev. R.T. Moore, D.M. Simerly, Rev. M.W. Winters, Wesley Miller, Rev. William Richardson, and Allen Bowers.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Saturday morning met according to adjournment, prayer by Rev. W.M. Blazer. Agreed to have two hundred minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions.

Also agree to have the rules of decorum and the constitution inserted in the minutes.

Voted the stand be filled on Sunday by Brethren D.M. Simerly, R.T. Moore, W.M. Blazer, and Rev. Peter Ball.

Agreed that our next association be held with the Ramsey Town church to commence Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August 1876.

Appointed Bro. Daniel Miller to preach the introductory sermon and S.D. Cox to be his alternate.

Sabbath

The stand was filled by those appointed who preached to a large and well-ordered congregation and the word preached seemed to have its desired effect. Adjourned till time and place above specified. Prayer by W.M. Blazer.

S.D. Howell Clerk
Moses Peterson Moderator

Ordained Ministers

Moses Peterson
Eason Pate
J. Garland
M. Honeycutt
S.D. Cox
Daniel Miller
N. Bennett
J.C. Arwood

Licensed Ministers

J. Campbell
A.P. Clark
J. Ollis
H.H. Howard
Spencer Barnett

Membership for the present year

Baptized	-	10
By letter	-	2
Restored	-	12
Relation	-	7
Dismissed	-	3
Excluded	-	14
Dead	-	7
Total	-	525