

1885

Minutes of the 35th anniversary of the Freewill Baptist Toe River Association held with the Spring Creek Church, Mitchell County, N.C. August the 13th, 14th, and 15th 1885.

The introductory sermon was delivered by D.W. Adkins, from Romans the 8th chapter and 15th verse.

After a short recess the delegates met in the house, and prayer was offered by Uriah Bennett.

Proceeded to elect Uriah Bennett moderator and S.D. Howell clerk.

Read letters from the following churches –

Jack's Creek - E. Presnell and S.D. Howell

Ramsey Town - D.W. Adkins and E.H. Howell

North Bend - Uriah Bennett, J.D. Phillips, Thomas McKinney, and Garret Bailey

Bethlehem - James Edwards

Toe River – Spencer Barnett and James Barnett

Ball Creek – no return

Cub Creek – J.B. Slagel and J.H. Childers

Hollow Poplar – William Vance

Spring Creek – John Francis, C.J. Campbell, Marion Benfield

Roaring Creek – Charles McKinney

Limestone Cove – R. Miller, P. Miller

Roaring Fork – no returns

Red Hill – C.H. Street, J.S. Garland, J.B. Arwood

Rocky Fork – no returns

Rock Creek – John Miller

Cane Creek – R.B. McKinney, Thomas Pitman

Newly constituted churches –

Mount Pleasant – Erwin Shepherd and G. Jarett

Committee on Arrangement – D.W. Adkins, C.H. Howell, and Daniel Fender with the moderator and clerk.

Committee on Temperance – W.R. Husketh, John Francis, and J.B. Slager

Superintendents for Sabbath schools – D.W. Adkinson in Yancy County and Aaron Cox in Mitchell County.

We your committee on temperance would respectfully report that in view of the great evil caused by intemperance we consider it our duty to use our influence against the use and practice of the same. We will not retain any member in the church who uses or sells it as a beverage.

Sabbath schools – We urge the churches to organize and keep up a Sabbath school in all the churches and D.W. Adkins superintendent in Yancy County and Aaron Cox in Mitchell County.

Agree that our next association be held with the church at Bethlehem, Yancy County, N.C. and Aaron Cox to preach the introductory sermon and Daniel Fender to be his alternate.

Sabbath – The stand was filled by D.W. Adkins and Garret Bailey, who preached to a large audience and the word seemed to have its desired effect. Adjourn till time and place above named.

Statistical table

Baptized	21
Received by Letter	10
Restored	10
Dismissed	24
Excluded	26
Died	6
Total Number	1004
Contribution	\$11.90