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MINUTES
OF THE
Sixty-Seventh Annual Session
OF THE
TOE RIVER
FREEWILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
TOE RIVER CHURCH
MITCHELL COUNTY, N. C.
SEPT. 14, 15, 16, 1916

OFFICERS:

Rev. J. H. ARWOOD, Moderator
Rev. S. C. BRADSHAW, Clerk

Next Association to be held with BEANS CREEK
Church, Mitchell County, North Carolina,
Beginning on Thursday before the
first Sunday in October, 1917
Introductory sermon by Rev. G. Hopson
Rev. T. H. McCourry, Alternate

PROCEEDINGS

THE Sixty-seventh Annual Session of the Toe River Freewill Baptist Association met with Toe River Church Sept. 14, 1916, at 11 a. m. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. H. Arwood; text Hebrews 13:1, "Let brotherly love continue." Had good effect on congregation. Motion to adjourn until 2.30 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met at 2.30 pursuant to adjournment. Reading by Rev. S. P. Barnett, prayer by Rev. J. S. Arnett.

Motion passed to organize the Association by enrolling names of churches, delegates and ministers, to-wit:

Shell Creek—H. B. Richardson Jonce Miller.

Pigeon Roost—E. D. Arwood, Dove Hughes, Harrison Barnett, Harrison Hughes.

Green Mountain—Joseph Laws, Grovey Laws.

Fairview reported by letter.

Morgan's Chapel—David Guinn, Jacob Guinn.

Little Doe—H. M. Street.

Beans Creek—Jason Garland, Dock Renfro, Ezekiel Garland.

Oak Hill—T. C. Price.

Dennis Cove—Harrison Arnett.

Bethel—G. M. Erwin, C. C. Lewis, S. C. Tipton.

Sciotha—D. E. Britt, G. W. Brummett.

Toe River—John Wilson, Kimsey Tipton, Sidney Peterson.

Clark's Chapel—W. H. Clark, Edney Bailey, John Clark.

Brummett's Creek—Mark Miller, F. Harrell, Z. B. McCourry.

St. John—F. B. Cole, Walter T. Morgan.

Miller's Chapel reported by letter.

Roan Mountain reported by letter.

Union Hill—Chas. Webb, John Street, J. D. Peterson.

Little Elk—Gilbert Cook, Jeff. McKinney.

Macedonia—Garrett Hughes, John Hughes.

Snow Hill reported by letter.

Curtis Creek reported by letter.

Ivy Hill reported by letter.

Mt. Pleasant, New Prospect, Gap Creek, Pear Tree, Henson Creek, St. Paul, Bliss Chapel, New Bethlehem, Forbes' Chapel, Mt. Marion, Tiger Creek, Elk Mountain and Carroll's Chapel had no report.

ROLL OF MINISTERS

G. Hopson, S. P. Barnett, J. H. Arwood, T. C. Hicks, Daniel Miller, W. M. D. Tolley, David Campbell, S. C. Bradshaw, J. S. Arnett, T. H. McCourry, J. M. Lewis, W. L. Morgan, W. L. Young,

Joseph Honeycutt, L. H. Griffith, J. J. Hunter, D. M. Renfro, W. M. Brummett, D. C. Tolley, W. F. Taylor, Samson Tolley, J. F. Davis, D. J. White and G. W. Brummett; W. A. Arwood and S. Street, deceased.

Motion passed to elect a Moderator and Clerk by secret ballot. Vote declared Rev. J. H. Arwood, Moderator and Rev. S. C. Bradshaw, Clerk of the Association. We, J. H. Arwood and S. C. Bradshaw, offer our thanks to this body for conferring the honor on us by electing us to the offices it has. We will endeavor to do the best we can while in office.

On motion the following committees were appointed:

Pulpit Supply—Sam Tipton, John Cooper and Kline Griffith.

Investigation—J. S. Arnett, G. Hopson and Bill D. Tolley.

Business—Daniel Miller, D. M. Renfro and S. P. Barnett.

Temperance—G. W. Brummett, Bill D. Tolley and John Clark.

Sabbath School—W. M. Brummett, Samson Tolley and John Street.

Finance—Kline Griffith and John Wilson.

Obituaries—Thos. Price, S. P. Barnett and David Campbell.

Session—Jason Honeycutt, Marcus Miller, Perry Pate and H. M. Street.

On motion Revs. M. Peterson, W. M. Howell, N. W. Cox, Samra Smith and S. G. Street, visiting brethren, were seated as advisory council in the Association.

Motion passed to adjourn until 8.30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at 8.30 Friday morning pursuant to adjournment. Reading of Revelation 22 by Rev. J. S. Arnett, prayer by Rev. David Campbell. On motion minutes of previous session were read and adopted. On motion the reading of church letters was called, read and received.

Motion passed to call for newly constituted churches. Curtis Creek received by letter; Ivy Hill; after some investigation Old Gap Creek Church was received.

Motion to call for report of those who agreed to go to destitute places last year and preach the gospel. Bro. J. S. Arnett did not go; T. C. Hicks, Daniel Miller and S. C. Bradshaw did not go and offered some frivolous excuses. God help us to go and do more!

Motion to hear report of Business Committee. We your committee on Business beg to submit the following: 1. Is it best to work an Evangelist? 2. Will we receive ministers from our sister association without a letter of recommendation? First item of this query discussed by several of the brethren and was tabled until afternoon session.

Motion to adjourn until 2.30. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. M. Howell, with good results on congregation.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met at 2.30 p. m. pursuant to adjournment. Reading and prayer. On motion minutes of forenoon session were read and adopted.

By motion query 1 was taken from the table. It was discussed by Revs. Hicks, Bradshaw and others. Motion to discuss query 2, after which it was agreed by this body that no minister could come from a sister association and join this body without a letter of recommendation from his association.

Moved to have reports from other committees.

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee on Sabbath School heartily endorse and adopt last year's report, to wit: We request that all our churches carry on Sabbath Schools and further advise the use of Freewill Baptist literature published at Ayden, N. C.

W. M. Brummett, S. C. Tolley, John Street, Committee.

Motion passed to receive above report.

On motion we will have a form of Church Letter printed in our minutes and all churches be required to use said form in writing church letters to the Association.

Resolution 1: Resolved, that we change the time of our Association from its present time of meeting to begin on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1917. Discussed by the brethren and carried by small majority.

T. C. Hicks, G. Hopson, J. S. Arnett, Committee.

No church called for the next session of the Association but St. John, Beans Creek, Union Hill and Morgan's Chapel say they are able and willing to support it.

Motion to hear report of Temperance Committee.

TEMPERANCE

Resolved, that we, as Freewill Baptists, will not allow whiskey drinking with our ministers and church members, and any found guilty of doing so shall be dealt with by this body, and further, all should read Art. 7 of Church Covenant.

Bill D. Tolley, John Clark, Committee.

On motion Association adjourn until 8.30 Saturday morning. Preaching by Revs. S. P. Barnett and J. S. Arnett at 4 o'clock. Bro. Barnett read Romans 12, prayer by Rev. Moses Peterson. Sermon was very effective.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Convened at 8.30 Saturday morning pursuant to adjournment. Reading by Rev. S. P. Barnett, prayer by Rev. T. H. McCourry.

On motion minutes of previous session were read and adopted.

Resolution 9: Resolved, that each minister be required to make a report of his work for one year and that he be required to hand same to the Clerk at each meeting of this body.—W. T. Morgan.

Query 10: Will this body allow any person to serve as an officer or teacher in Sunday School who is not of a Christian character? David Guinn. Answer was "No."

FINANCE REPORT

We your committee on Finance report the following to-wit:
Received the amount of \$15.00.

John Wilson, Kline Griffith, Committee.

OBITUARIES

We your committee on Obituaries beg to submit the following report:

Nellie Honeycutt died Nov. 1915. A member of Freewill Baptist Church about two years. Lived a consistent Christian until death. Age about 15 years; daughter of W. M. Honeycutt, deceased.

Sister Julia Miller died Nov. 5, 1914, age 87 years. Joined the church 1881 and lived a faithful Christian until death.

Betsie Johnson united with the Toe River Church Dec. 14, 1914. Died July 27, 1916. About 20 years old and loved by her friends.

S. W. Whitson joined the Freewill Baptist Church August 7, 1915, died Dec. 11, 1915. Age 62 years.

Robert Fry, age 24 years; member of church six years.

David Hughes, age 65 years; member Freewill Baptist Church.

Elizabeth Garland, 72 years; member of church fifteen years.

Lou Bryant, age 68; member Freewill Baptist Church 15 years.

Thos. Morgan, age 65; member Freewill Bap. Church 24 years.

Sister Susan Stephens, wife of Chas. Stephens, died Jan. 1916.

She joined the Freewill Baptist Church 1866 and lived a consistent Christian life until death. Age 87 years.

J. L. Brummett was born Nov. 22, 1874, died Mar. 20, 1916. He lived a faithful member of the Freewill Baptist Church about 40 years. His last words were to his children, not to grieve after him, for there was a happy home for him beyond the sky.

Sister M. B. Coleman, wife of John Coleman, died Feb. 18, 1916. She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church 19 years, age 36; leaves a husband and five children; was a member of Sciatha Church, Tenn.

All the foregoing deceased died in faith. We hope our loss is their great gain.

S. P. Barnett, T. C. Price, David Campbell, Committee.

Russell Barnett was born June 11, 1877, died June 12, 1915, age 38 years. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn their great loss. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church 13 years. He bore his sickness with much patience expecting to recover again. But God, in his infinite wisdom and goodness, called him to a better home, where he is free from all sickness, pain and death. He said in his last sickness that there was nothing that could intervene between him and his God. He said he was not going to die but was just going to sleep in the arms of Jesus and for all his family and friends to meet him in heaven where parting is no more.—Nancy Barnett, widow of deceased.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

On motion the following corresponding delegates were appointed to our sister associations: Bill D. Tolley and G. Hopson to the Watauga, which begins on Thursday before third Sunday in Aug. 1917; Will Brummett and Daniel Miller to Jack's Creek, to begin on Thursday before the first Sunday in Sept. 1917; J. S. Arnett and J. H. Arwood to the Unicoi, to meet on the second Sunday in Sept. 1917; J. J. Hunter and J. H. Arwood to the French Broad, to begin on Thursday before fourth Sunday in Aug. 1917.

NEXT ASSOCIATION

We your committee on Next Session beg to say that the next Association will be held with Beans Creek Church, beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1917.

H. M. Street. Jason Honeycutt, Marcus Miller, Parry Pate, Committee. On motion the delegates appoint the man to preach the Introductory Sermon at next Association. Rev. G. Hopson was appointed and Rev. T. H. McCourry as alternate. On motion adjourned until time and place above named. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Revs. Samra Smith and Daniel Miller, with good effects.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The Toe River Minister's Conference met at 2.30 Saturday afternoon pursuant to adjournment. Reading by Rev. J. S. Arnett, prayer by Rev. J. J. Hunter. On motion we retain Moderator and Clerk of Association as officers of Conference. On motion the Rules of Decorum were read.

The ministry was passed with good character as far as known.

On motion minutes of last Conference were read and adopted. Resolved that the five resolutions that were adopted in last Conference be printed in our minutes. Donation of \$2.00 for printing same. Resolutions read as follows:

1. Resolved, that a minister who is the pastor of a church shall be dealt with if said pastor leaves said church without services, unless said pastor notifies said church in advance.
2. That a minister shall not publish or have a regular appointment each month at a church where there is a pastor, if such appointment would in any way interfere with the duties or arrangements of the pastor.
3. That we will deal with ministers who baptize persons not intending to attach themselves to some denomination.
4. That a body shall not be recognized as a church that will fight Freewill Baptist doctrine, or that will allow drunkenness, profane language or any bad conduct around the church house during religious services of any kind.
5. That a church shall not patronize a minister whose license has been revoked or who has no license from and organized body.

On motion a call was made for those wishing ordination or license to preach the gospel. G. W. Brummett came forward for examination for ordination and after the presbytery examined him he was found eligible for ordination, then on motion said Bro. Brummett be ordained by our usual manner, by laying on of hands and by prayer, then the Holy Bible was offered, as our only rule of practice. Motion to give said G. W. Brummett a certificate of ordination. On motion Rev. L. H. Griffith may have his credentials rewritten.

Next Conference will be held with Oak Hill Church, Carter county, Tenn. It will begin on Thursday before the third Sunday in December, 1916. Rev. J. S. Arnett to preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. Daniel Miller his alternate.

Motion is now to adjourn until time and place above named.

Preaching at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon by Revs. W. M. Brummett and G. W. Brummett, with good effects on congregation.

We thank the good people around Hunt Dale, N. C., for their kindness during the Association in taking care of same. May the flowers of hope encircle their homes.

REV. J. H. ARWOOD, Moderator.

REV. S. C. BRADSHAW, Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. There shall be no conversation by the members with one another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

Art. 3. Every member wishing to speak, shall first rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

Art. 4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

Art. 5. We will admit no other title but that of brother while in session.

Art. 6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

Art. 7. No member shall speak more than three times on one subject.

Art. 8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to, unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

Art. 9. No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of the Moderator.

Art. 10. On all motions made, when the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

Art. 12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe that there is one and only one living and true God who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection.

There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the

man Jesus Christ, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.—I Timothy 2:5.

Art. 2. The Holy Scripture.—We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.—II Timothy 3:16.

Art. 3. Original Apostacy.—We believe that Adam was created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eye, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat.—Gen. 3:6

Art. 4. Free Grace.—We believe that the Grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings; that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation; that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation.

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him.—Rom. 10:12.

Art. 5. Christian Faith.—We believe that Christian Faith is belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

He that believeth in the Son hath everlasting life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.—John 3:36.

Art. 6. Repentance.—We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin.

Now I rejoice not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance, for ye were sorry after a Godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of, but the sorrow of the world worketh death.—Corinthians 7:9-10.

Art. 7. Free Agency.—We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good and what doth the Lord require but to do justly and love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.—Micah 6:8.

Art. 8. Perseverance.—We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation any soul is selected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; but it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of the faith, turn again to sin and be lost.

And Jesus said unto him: No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.—Luke 9:62.

Art. 9. Good Works.—We believe that good works are the result of faith, and not of necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire; wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.—Matthew 7:19,20.

Art. 10. Christian Baptism.—We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it.

Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism unto death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also shall walk in newness of life.—Romans 6:4.

Art. 11. The Lord's Supper.—We believe the supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance; that the bread and wine represent his body and blood; that it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in service regardless of name or denominational distinction.

But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.—I Corinthians 11:28-29.

Art. 12. Feet Washing.—We believe that washing the saint's feet is a command of our Savior, and that his followers ought to practice the same.

If I, your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye ought also to wash one another's feet.—John 13:14.

Art. 13. The Gospel.—We believe it is the duty of all churches to support the Gospel.

Even hath the Lord so ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.—I Corinthians 9:14.

CHURCH COVENANT

1. Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ, we agree to adopt the Free Will Baptist Faith. We now give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe the commandments implied in a profession of faith and in the spirit of meekness, rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray and watch over each other, being careful of each other's reputation and our influence to the upbuilding of the church and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, and to confess our faults one to another and to strengthen those that are weak.

3. We promise, by the help of God, that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer, and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed words in the minds of those under our care.

4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel and to contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those that are afflicted and needy, especially those of our own denomination.

5. We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not providentially hindered and submit to all ordinances implied in a profession of faith.

6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements.

7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors and not to use it as a beverage, nor to aid or assist in the manufacture of such nor furnish it to others.

8. We also agree to encourage Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Sabbath Schools, Good Morals, and everything that is to the glory of God and to the welfare of men. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the kingdom of God, where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each individual church.

Art. 2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended in a letter from the church to which they belong, and shall include the minister and some of the most able members belonging to the church.

Art. 3. The Association shall elect annually a Moderator and Clerk.

Art. 4. The Rules of Decorum shall be read immediately after the body is organized.

Art. 5. This Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Savior, having made salvation possible for every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

Art. 6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations and have his name enrolled in our minutes.

Art. 7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the exposition of business, and every committee appointed to any particular business shall report their proceedings in writing to the Association while in session, and all reports made by committee may be adopted or rejected by the body.

Art. 8. All queries regularly presented in the Association by any church shall be attended to.

Art. 9. The Association shall have a book in which shall be recorded an accurate account of its proceedings.

Art. 10. Any church may become a member of the Association by making application by letter or delegate and adopting our articles of faith and church covenant.

Art. 11. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented.

Art. 12. There shall be an associational fund for defraying expenses and charges that accrue and for replenishing such, each church may contribute at pleasure.

Art. 13. There shall be a treasurer appointed by the Association whose duty it shall be to have care and account for all money committed to his charge.

Art. 14. The Association shall use the Free Will Baptist treatise in full.

Art. 15. Each church shall be allowed one vote for every ten members or fraction thereof.

Art. 16. The Association advises all its churches to commemorate the death and suffering of our Lord at least twice a year.

Art. 17. The Association shall pay its clerk at least \$5.00 for his services at each annual meeting.

Art. 18. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

CHURCH LETTER

Date 19

GREETINGS IN CHRIST:

We the Freewill Baptist Church at
 Now in Session, hereby send our beloved Brethren to represent
 us in the Association.

Names of Delegates

No. Baptized No. Added Otherwise No. Excluded

No. Dismissed No. of Deaths Total Membership

Minute Fund \$ Pastor

Paid Pastor \$ Paid for Revival Work \$ Revival

Conducted By

Pastor Elect

Moderator.

Clerk.

REMARKS:

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTOR ELECT	Ad'd by baptism	Ad'd otherwise	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Minute fund	Members	Paid Pastor	Revival work	The following Churches had no report:
Little Doe	W. M. Howell	17	5	8	1	.75	54	\$24.15	\$12.00		
Snow Hill	G. Hopson		2			.25	8	8 30			
Toe River	J. H. Arwood	5	4	4	2	1.00	81	24 00	9.90		Mt. Pleasant
Bethel	J. S. Arnett	4	1			1.00	84	16 02			Mt. Marion
Pigeon Roost	G. Hopson		2	2	7	1.10	84	12 00	7 60		Tiger Creek
Morgan's Chapel	J. S. Arnett		5	6	2	1.20	58	14 01	3.55		Elk Mountain
Sciotha	F. Taylor, G. W. Brummett		1		1	.50	30				Carroll's Chapel
Oak Hill	G. Hopson		1		2	1.00	69	24 00			Henson Creek
Beans Creek	Daniel Miller	4	15		3	.30	103	6 00	12 00		St. Paul
Little Elk	G. Hopson		3			.50	27	13.00			New Bethlehem
Miller's Chapel	W. M. Brummett, F. Taylor	16				.40	47				New Prospect
Dennis Cove	J. S. Arnett		9	9		.60	42		2.85		Gap Creek
St. John	J. S. Arnett					.75	41	2 50	3 00		
Macedonia	S. C. Bradshaw, L. H. Griffith	10	5	2	12	.65	24	6 20	5.20		
Shell Creek	W. M. Brummett	4	4		2		98	8 00			
Fairview	W. M. Brummett, J. F. Davis	5			1	.75	24	19 80			
Union Hill	G. Hopson	14		1		.40	78	20 20	9.91		
Roan's Chapel	David Campbell, Jas. Honeycutt					.50	46	13.00			
Clark's Chapel	W. M. D. Tolley, J. F. Davis	1	1	1		1.00	42				
Brummett's Creek	G. Hopson					.85	40				
Pear Tree						.10					
Green Mountain						.85					
Curtis Creek	T. C. Hicks	1				.50	19	11.40			
Ivy Hill	G. W. Brummett		3		1	.40					

Note - Morgan's
 Chapel Sunday
 School fund \$5 85.