

MINUTES

OF THE
SEVENTY SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
Of The

Toe River Free Will Baptist *ASSOCIATION*

WHICH CONVENED WITH
ELK MOUNTAIN CHURCH
IN AVERY COUNTY
Septembr 17, 18, 1925.

—OFFICERS—

REV. DAN MILLER,
REV. T. C. HICKS,

Moderator.
Clerk.

The next Session of the Association will be held with Spring Creek Church, being in Mitchell County, N. C., and known as the Middle District, on Big Rock Creek, beginning on Thursday before the Third Sabbath in Sept.

1926. Rev. T. H. McCoury to preach the
Introductory, Rev. J. H. Arrowood
His Alternate

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PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-sixth annual session of the Toe River Free Will Baptist Association met with Elk Mountain Church, being in Avery County, N. C., on September 17th and 18th, 1925, and at night for Ministers Conference,

The Service was opened by Rev. S. P. Barnett, reading of the third Chapter of St. John. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. C. Tolley. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. S. P. Barnett, followed by Rev. S. C. Tolley, text, St. John 3: 16. "For God so loved the world", with good effect on all present.

On motion adjourned until 2: 30 P.M. for to organize for the transaction of business.

THURSDAY, 2: 30 P.M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment with reading of 14th Chapter of St. John. Prayer by Bro. Sidney Deyton.

On motion passed to organize the Association by enrolling names of ministers present and delegates of the several churches. Viz.

MINISTERS PRESENT

Revs. S. P. Barnett, G. Hopson, Dan Miller, T. C. Hicks, T. H. McCoury, S. C. Tolley, David Campbell, W. H. Clark, D. C. Patrick, G. W. Brummett, L. H. Griffith, Sidney Deyton, J. M. Carpenter, D. M. Lauren, Z. V. Renfro, W. J. Cook, M. W. Adams and James Arrowood.

CHURCHES CALLED AND DELEGATES ENROLLED.

Blowing Rock,—J. W. Williams, Henry Hartley.

Union Hill,—By Letter.

Morgans Chapel,—A. C. Arnett, T. A. Arnett, C. Oxendine.

Snow Hill,—R. P. Bennett, M. F. Hollyfield.

Beans Creek,—By Letter.

Forbs,—W. M. Troutman.

Tiptons Chapel,—

Roans Chapel,—By Letter.

Courtice Creek,—F. C. Palmer J. H. Pritchard.

Clarks Chapel,—By Letter.

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Pigeon Roost,—By Letter.
Lewis Chapel,—G. M. Erwin, Robert Vance.
Toe River,—By Letter.
Henson Creek,—J. M. Ollis.
Cane Creek,—A. D. Pitman.
Millers Chapel,—
Gap Creek,—N. Pate, H. Grindstaff, P. Barnett, E. C. Swaringen.
Brummetts Creek,—By Letter.
St. Paul,—By Letter.
St. John,—
Shell Creek,—Berry Richardson, Jeff Perkins.
Elk Mountain,—T. J. Webb, A. T. Carpenter, M. Johnson.
Carrolls Chapel.—Bill Hill, Catherine Hill, Teny Loyns.
Mt. Marion,—
Little Elk,—Roby Elliott, Paul Cook.
McCoury's Rock,—Jackson McCoury, Fred Beam, Homer McKinney, Benjin Pritchard.
Green Mountain,—Joe Laws, J. W. Laws, Bessie Laws, C. S. Bailey.
Little Doe,—A. L. Cates.
Oak Hill,—A. F. Cornett.
Fork Mountain,—A. W. Bennett, M. L. Lewis.
Hunt Dale,—By Letter.
Dennis Cove,—
Mt. Pleasant,—

On motion called for, and enrolled Newly Constituted Churches. To wit: Central Point, Johnson City; Roby Johnson, Wyley Laws, Smith Tester. Welcome, G. C. Hensley, Henry Estep, John Estep, Lester Arrowood, Manuel Arrowood.

On motion appointed the several committees. Viz.
Pulpit,—J. M. Janes, A. T. Carpenter, J. M. Carpenter.
Investigation,—James Deyton, L. H. Griffith, Dan Miller.
Business,—Zeb Ledford, S. P. Barnett, S. C. Tolley.
Sabbath School,—Zeb Renfro, John Laws, Isaac Hopson.
Temperance,—T. C. Hicks, James Deyton, D. C. Patrick,
Obituaries,—J. H. Pritchard, David Campbell, W. J. Cook.
Session,—Mack McCoury, J. W. Laws, Z. B. Renfro.

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On motion passed to the election of Moderator and Clerk. Viz. Rev. Dan Miller was elected Moderator, and T. C. Hicks, Association Clerk.

On motion invitation for visiting brethren and corresponding delegates to seat in this body, and Rev. Zeb Ledford, messenger from Jacks Creek Association was welcomed to a seat, and Rev. A. N. Benfield, from Union Association was seated and welcomed.

On motion adjourned until Friday morning, 8: 30 A.M. for preaching by Rev. A. N. Benfield, with extra effect and power on all present. Reading of 15th div. of Psalm. Text, Rev. 6: 17.

FRIDAY, 8: 30 A.M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Reading of 1st Div. of Psalm by Rev. W. H. Clark. Prayer was offered by Rev. Sidney Deyton.

On motion minutes of Thursday session was read and approved.

On motion called for the further enrollment of ministers and delegates. Revs. J. H. Arrowood, Norman K. Kunningham and J. M. Lewis, bros. of the Toe River Conference were enrolled, and delegates as follows: For Little Doe Church, A. L. Cates. Shell Creek, Berry Richardson and Jeff Perkins. Rev. Edmon Johnson was seated from Holston Association, Baptist.

On motion church letters was called for, read and approved of the several churches. Some very interesting talks were given by Revs. G. Hopson, James Deyton, Dan Miller and T. C. Hicks as to encourage and ask the ministers to go forward with their work. Collections was taken up for Bro. M. W. Adams, to wit: \$8.27.

On motion adjourned until 2:00 P.M. for preaching by Rev. Zeb Ledford, with real good effect and great power of Spirit on all present. Text, Matthew 24: 3. "Signs of the times." Dinner was served on the ground. A great dinner, and a great crowd enjoyed same.

FRIDAY, 2: 00 P.M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer was

offered by Rev. D. C. Patrick.

On motion morning session read and adopted. And on motion it was ordered that each church show how many times their pastor meet and preach for them, and administer the Communion Service each year.

On motion reports of the several committees were called for, and received report on Sabbath Schools. To wit:

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following: Resolved, that every church in the Toe River Conference should have a Sunday School, and further, the teachers and officers should be Christians, and that the pastors of each church advise and encourage S. S. work, that it may become a training school for our boys and girls, that they may be taught the scriptures, and that each Church use the Free Will Baptist Literature published at Ayden, N. C., and further ask that each church run a Sabbath School twelve months in the year.

Isaac Hopson

John Laws

Z. V. Renfro

Committee.

Report of Business Committee received and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on business hereby advise and ask the Old Toe River Association, to ask all of her churcees to contribute liberally to our Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., and to Home Missions, and also to the Free Will Baptist College at Ayden, N. C., and further recommend and ask that this Association appoint a Home Mission Board, and that the said Board appoint one in each church of the Toe River Conference and that all the churches make a report to the next Association.

Zeb Ledford

S. P. Barnett

S. C. Tolley

Committee.

Report on Temperance was received and adopted, to wit:

We, your Committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report: As to Temperance, we advise total abstinence as the best method for our preachers and churches. And further advise all the churches of the Toe River Conference to

strictly obey God's word in regard to temperence. Let us do all that is in our power to put down this great evil, intemperence, that is among the people, blighting the lives and destroying the souls of so many of our Country.

James Deyton,

T. C. Hicks,

D. C. Patrick.

Committee.

Report on Finance received and adopted, to wit:

We, your Committee on Finance beg to report that we received at this Association, \$44.00.

W. M. Troutman,

M. L. Lewis,

T. A. Arnett.

Committee,

Committee's report on session, stood two for the next Association to go to Church at Spring Creek, and one for Vale, and after some very interesting talks, on motion, the next Association is to convene with Spring Creek Church in Middle District, being in Mitchell County, N. C., beginning on Thursday before third Sabbath in September, 1926, at 11:00 A.M.

On motion the names of Bros. Julious Hall and W. F. Taylor was enrolled.

Report on Obituaries received and adopted.

We, your Committee on Obituaries beg to report the following, to wit:

CAMPBELL. Our dear beloved Brother, Rev. John Campbell, of Unicoi, departed this life June 1925. He had been a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist Church for about fifty years and had been a minister of the gospel for about forty years. When the Death Angel came he could say as one of old, "I have kept the faith, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, and hence there is a crown laid up for me in Heaven." He leaves a wife and two brothers and sisters, and a mighty host of friends who will mourn his loss, while our great loss is his eternal gain.

McCOURY. Margaret J. McCoury, the wife of Rev. T. H. McCoury, died February, 1920, age 73 years, member of Free Will Baptist Church about forty years, was a good Christian and

leaves a husband and several children and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

BEAM. Sally Beam died February, 1913, age 60 years. Member of Free Will Baptist Church about thirty years. Minnie Beam died 1916, member of Free Will Baptist Church.

McCOURY. Zeb McCoury died March, 1925. Member of Free Will Baptist Church about thirty-five years. All the above mentioned lived faithful lives and are gone to rest.

BAILEY. Bro. David Bailey, age about 72 years. He lived a devoted Christian for thirty-nine years in Free Will Baptist Church. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss. His membership was with the Toe River Church.

GWYN. Sister Sarah Gwyn died July 12, 1924. She lived a devoted life many years, and leave her children and many friends to mourn her loss.

PETERSON. Sister Polly Peterson, age 75 years, departed this life in 1924, lived a devoted Christian life for forty years. Membership with Green Mountain Free Will Baptist Church. But she has gone to Glory-land where no sorrow can come.

BUCHANAN. Bro. Coleman M. Buchanan, age 69 years departed this life May 11, 1925. He lived a consecrated Christian life for several years and was loved by all who knew him. He was loyal to his Church and always stood for the right. Just before he passed away, his family and friends stood around him and he shook hands with them and said, "If you all want to see me any more come on to the Glory-land, I am going there." He left a wife, two children, one brother and three sisters to mourn his loss.

McKENTURF. Sister Mary McKenturf died Aug. 3, 1925. She was a faithful member forty years and leaves her children and many friends to mourn her loss, and as God has called her home beyond the sky, her memory will remain with us.

MILLER. Bro. D. H. Miller, age about 72 years died March 20, 1924. He lived a devoted life and filled the office of Deacon in the Free Will Baptist Church for about forty years. He left his wife and children to mourn his loss. We believe by his life he is now in the Paradise of God.

MILLER. Bro. Nat Miller, a member of Free Will Baptist Church, died Oct. 24, 1924. He lived a devoted Christian and leaves his children and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

REV. MILLER. Rev. John W. Miller, departed this life June 1925. He had been a Minister of the Gospel for about twenty years, and left the testimony that his work on earth was done, and he went to God to receive his great reward of righteousness. He leaves a wife and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

ELLIOTT. Bro. W. J. Elliott, departed this life April 13, 1924. He had been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church for 46 years. His age was 73 years and his life was such that he leaves good hope that God has called him home to rest with Jesus.

COOK. Sister Caroline Cook age 63, departed this life Apr. 29, 1925. Sister Cook lived a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist Church 10 years, left a testimony with her children and friends that she was going home to God. She leaves eleven children and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She will be missed by all who knew her. "Precious one from us is gone. A voice we loved is stilled."

On motion Bro. T. H. McCoury is to preach Introductory Sermon, Bro. J. H. Arrowood, his alternate.

Collection was taken for Rev. S. P. Arnett and Bro. Swearingin. Amount of \$5.75 was divided between them.

The Association was a love feast, with the very best preaching and the Spirit of God was manifest very much and the Brothers loved each other.

On motion adjourned the Association until Thursday before third Sabbath in September 1926, to meet with the Church at Spring Creek, in Mitchell County, N. C., Middle District. For preaching by Rev. Norman K. Kunningham, reading of 7th chapter of St Matthew, with real good effect on all present. Preaching at night by Rev. D. C. Patrick, with good effect on all. Reading of Rev. 22. Prayer by Bro. A. L. Honeycutt.

FRIDAY NIGHT, 9:00 P.M.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE CALLED

On motion retained Moderator and Clerk, and received letters from Rev. Bros. for enrollment, J. S. Arnett, Bobby Miller, W. M. Brummett and W. F. Taylor. On motion Ministers roll was called and characters passed good except two, T. J. Reed and Bill Jones, their names were dropped from the Ministers roll. S. P. Barnett, T. H. McCoury, G. Hopson, T. C. Hicks, J. H. Arrowood, Dan Miller, Norman K. Kunningham, J. M. Lewis, David Campbell, Sidney Deyton, W. M. D. Tolley, D. C. Tolley, S. C. Tolley, G. W. Brummett, D. M. Lauren, W. H. Clark, J. M. Carpenter, L. H. Griffith, Z. V. Renfro, Julius Hall, Albert Woody, James Arrowood, John Mason, J. J. Hunter, John C. Street, D. J. White, J. S. Arnett, Bob Miller, W. F. Taylor, W. M. Brummett, Marshall Setzer, Avery Simmons, Joe Honeycutt, David Jones, W. J. Cook, D. C. Patrick, James Arromood, James Deyton, A. L. Honeycutt, M. W. Adams.

On motion called for joiners. Received M. W. Adams.

On motion called for letters of recommendation for Ordination or License to preach, and received application for ordination of Bro. Norman K. Kunningham. After examination of Bro. Kunningham, on motion of general rules he was ordained, with credentials to preach. Received letter from Little Doe Church, asking for Bro. Brownlow Tolley to be licensed for 12 months, but on examination it was ordered that Bro. Tolley study the Bible for awhile yet. Also received letter from Church at Green Mountain, asking for the licenseing of J. W. Laws, and as the Committee could not agree it was left to the Body and they turned down Bro. Laws on account of his plural of wives.

On motion the following brothers' Licenses were renewed for 12 months: D. M. Lauren, W. J. Cook and J. M. Carpenter.

On motion it was ordered that Bro. J. M. Ollis' name be not carried unless he joins the Conference in good order. Money turned over to Rev. G. Hopson from the following, for Superannation, or to bury our deceased preachers. To wit: \$1.05. From Central Point, Johnson City, by Bro. D. C. Patrick. \$1.00 by Bro. James Arrowood. \$1.00 by Rev. T. H. McCoury, for

McCoury's Rock Church. \$2.25 by Bill Hill, for Carrolls Chapel.

On motion it was ordered that all the churches belonging to Toe River Conference close their doors on Evolution and Diverted Science, and against the so-called Holiness Church, with all their sects and creeds. And both, Churches and Ministers are warned against them, and any found offending, shall be dealt with by this body.

On motion Rev. David Campbell is to preach Introductory, Bro J. H. Arrowood his alternate.

On motion adjourned until Thursday before the third Sabbath in December, 1925, to convene with the Church at Courtice Creek, being in Avery County, N. C., about 3 miles from Elk Park.

DAN MILLER, Moderator,

T. C. HICKS, Clerk

Many thanks by the Ministers and Delegates, Moderator and Clerk, is hereby extended to the community, and especially the Church for the very generous way they have taken care of the Ministers and delegates and visitors who have attended this Association.

Saturday and Sunday's Devotional Services were as follows: Saturday at 11:00 Rev Dan Miller preached a very interesting sermon, and was well received by all with Spirit and great power.

Saturday at 3:00 P.M. Rev. J. H. Arrowood preached a real sermon and it was well received.

Saturday at night, sermon by Bro. James Arrowood with earnest effort.

Sunday at 11:00 A.M., sermon by Rev. T. C. Hicks, with real good effect and received two joiners.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

1. S. P. Barnett, Johnson City, Tenn. R. 1, Box 211.
2. T. H. McCoury, Senia, N. C.
3. G. Hopson, Webb, N. C.
4. T. C. Hicks, Elk Park, N. C.
5. J. H. Arrowood, Relief, N. C. R. 1, Box 29.
6. Dan Miller, Relief, N. C.
7. Norman K. Kunningham, Ewart, N. C.
8. J. M. Lewis, Newland, N. C.
9. D. C. Patrick, Johnson City, Tenn.
10. James Deyton, Toledo, N. C.
11. L. H. Griffith, Chuckey, Tenn, R. 4.
12. David Campbell, Buladean, N. C.
13. Sidney Deyton, Limestone, Tenn.
14. D. M. Lauren, Unicoi, Tenn. R. 1, Box 84.
15. W. H. Clark, Roan Mtn., Tenn. R. 2, Box 84.
16. J. M. Carpenter, Pyatte, N. C.
17. James Arrowood, Greenville, Tenn. R. 3.
18. Albert Woody, Spear, N. C.
19. A. L. Honeycutt, Hawk, N. C.
20. John C. Street, Webb, N. C.
21. Z. V. Renfro, Burnsville, N. C.
22. Marshall Setzer, Lenoir, N. C.
23. W. J. Cook, Elk Park, N. C.

The above was as near as we could get as the rest was not given.

RULES OF DECORUM

- Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
- Article 2. There shall be no conversation by the members one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.
- Article 3. Every member wishing to speak, shall first rise to his feet and address the Moderator.
- Article 4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.
- Article 5. We will admit no other title but that of brother while in session.
- Article 6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.
- Article 7. No member shall speak more than three times on one subject.
- Article 8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to, unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
- Article 9. No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of the Moderator.
- Article 10. On all motions made, when the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.
- Article 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.
- Article 12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.

CHURCHES	PASTORS ELECT	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	No. in S. S.	Other Objects	For Revivals	Paid Pastor	Membership	Minute Fund	Died	Dismissed	Excluded	Added otherwise	Baptised	Meeting Days
Blowing Rock	Roy Pitts	J. W. Williams, Blowing Rock, N. C.	50	---	---	---	38	1.50	1	2	2	3	5	3
Berea	W. M. Howell	Harrison Bennett, Johnson C. Tenn	45	---	---	---	51	2.25	2	---	---	---	---	---
Brunnets Creek	G. E. Quinton	James Arrowood, Higgins, N. C.	50	---	---	---	46	1.30	---	---	---	---	---	---
Elk Mountain	J. M. Lewis	Mack Johnson, Hughes, N. C.	75	---	---	---	45	1.20	1	---	---	---	---	---
Clinchfield	G. Hopson	Harrison Street, Webb, N. C.	30	---	---	---	47	1.50	2	---	---	---	---	---
Charles Chapel	S. C. Tolley	Jack Tolley, Roan Mtn, Tenn. R. 2	50	---	---	---	17	0.75	5	---	---	---	---	---
Carrolls Chapel	D. C. Patrick	Fisle Jones, Unicoi, Tenn. R. 1	25	2.55	---	---	50	1.25	21	---	---	---	---	---
Cane Creek	A. L. Honeycutt	Joe Stevens, Hawk, N. C.	25	---	---	---	46	1.00	1	---	---	---	---	---
Courtee Creek	J. S. Arnett	F. C. Palmer, Heaton, N. C.	75	---	---	---	77	1.00	---	---	---	---	---	---
Little Elk	S. C. Tolley	Jeff McKinney, Elk Park, N. C.	75	---	---	---	55	0.55	1	---	---	---	---	---
Snow Hill	W. H. Clark	R. P. Burnett, Sevier, N. C.	75	---	---	---	72	1.86	1	---	---	---	---	---
Gap Creek	G. Hopson	Flora Martin, Elizabethton, Tenn.	75	---	---	---	77	1.00	1	---	---	---	---	---
Little Doe	J. M. Lewis	J. W. Whitehead, Hampton, Tenn.	75	---	---	---	99	1.25	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rock Mountain	Zeb Ledford	Ira Cowles, Newland, N. C.	75	---	---	---	37	4.55	---	---	---	---	---	---
Union Hill	John C. Street	J. D. Peterson, Peppers, N. C.	40	---	---	---	48	1.10	---	---	---	---	---	---
Spring Creek	J. M. Hall	Francis Street, Ewart, N. C.	40	---	---	---	100	12.50	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pigeon Roost	J. H. Arrowood	Millard Johnson, Relief, N. C.	50	---	---	---	74	1.60	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lewis Chapel	Zeb Ledford	G. M. Erwin, Minneapolis, N. C.	50	---	---	---	73	1.35	---	---	---	---	---	---
Forbs Chapel	J. H. Arrowood	Nancy Miller, Roan Mtn, Tenn.	53	---	---	---	82	51.87	---	---	---	---	---	---
Morgans Chapel	J. H. Arrowood	A. J. Arnett, Roan Mtn, Tenn. R. 2	30	56.94	---	---	56	2.20	---	---	---	---	---	---
Welcome	James Deyton	G. C. Hensley, Limestone, Tenn	30	---	---	---	85	0.60	2	---	---	---	---	---
Toe River	George Quinton	Joan Wilson, Hamdale, N. C.	100	---	---	---	44	1.05	---	---	---	---	---	---
Roans Chapel	John Street	J. C. Franklin, Buladean, N. C.	60	---	---	---	69	1.20	---	---	---	---	---	---
Shell Creek	Clarence Harrington	Levi Holden, Shell Creek, Tenn.	60	---	---	---	73	2.00	---	---	---	---	---	---
St. Paul	Albert Woody	Mary Hughes, Buladean, N. C.	40	---	---	---	60	1.00	---	---	---	---	---	---
Henson Creek	W. F. Taylor	J. W. Buchanan, Spear, N. C.	40	---	---	---	70	2.00	---	---	---	---	---	---
Central Point	James Deyton	Dela Julian, Johnson City, Tenn	40	---	---	---	74	11.00	---	---	---	---	---	---
Oak Hill	T. C. Hicks	Hattie Stevens, Hampton, Tenn. R. 1	30	---	---	---	82	11.00	---	---	---	---	---	---
McCoury's Rock	J. S. Deyton	Mackie McCoury, Senia, N. C.	50	---	---	---	54	11.40	---	---	---	---	---	---
Green Mountain	J. S. Deyton	Isaac Hopson, Green Mtn. N. C.	50	---	---	---	54	11.40	---	---	---	---	---	---