

MINUTES

Hazens of the *Chapel*
Eightieth Annual Session

of the *Session*

Toe River Free Will Baptist
Association

95 HELD WITH

Hazens Chapel Church

Erwin, Tennessee

Sept. 12, 13 and 14, 1929

OFFICERS

S. J. Arnett	-	-	-	Moderator
J. H. Pritchard	-	-	-	Clerk

The next session of the Association to be held with St. Paul Church, Buladean, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1930, Rev. G. Hopson to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. W. M. Howell, his alternate.

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PROCEEDINGS

The 80th annual session of the Toe River Freewill Baptist Association met with Hazen's Chappel, being at Erwin, Tenn., Sept. 12th, 1929, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Song service; Prayer by Bro. Hopson. The introductory sermon preached by Bro. Zeb. Ledford, text Ex. 27th chapter (Mercy), which was delivered to a large congregation and resulted in many praising God and rejoicing.

The Association then adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

The Association met at 2 p. m.

Devotional services conducted by Bro. J. S. Arnet by reading the 15th chapter of St. John.

Prayer by Bro. A. L. Cates.

On motion proceeded to organize.

Ministers present were called, and the following came forward and enrolled:

T. H. McCurry	G. Hopson
J. H. Arrowood	James Deyton
David Campbell	D. M. Laughran
John Street	Zeb. V. Renfro
Robt. Miller	Sampson Tolley
James Arnett	W. H. Clark
Danny Miller	Aaron Honeycut
A. Angel	Sister Delia Julian
Zeb Ledford	

The delegates from the churches were called and the following came forward and were enrolled, viz:

Toe River Church—W. M. Hensley, Lewis Pate, Del.
 Paint Fork Church—Lee Hale, Florence Hale, Florence Harwood, Del.
 Union Hill Church—D. H. Peterson, C. C. Bennett, S. H. Bryant, Clate Whitson, Dels.
 Bonnersville—D. H. Harris, B. F. Burleson
 Green Mountain—S. M. Bailey, C. S. Bailey, G. N. Laws, Del.
 Falls Gap—Richard Hensley, J. A. Edwards, Del.
 Berea—Munroe Barnett, Spencer Barnett, G. L. Bennett, Dels.
 Albert Whitehead, Deacon.
 Cane Creek—Hattie Pitman, L. F. Woody, Lottie Woody, Dels.
 J. D. Pitman, Deacon.
 St. John Church—Eva Morgan, Del.
 Elk Mountain—Mc. C. Johnson and Ted Janes, Del.
 Beans Creek—Sam Whitson, Del.
 Dennis Cove—G. C. Whitehead, Del.

Horse Shoe—John Estep and R. C. Nave, Del.
 Unicoy—Sister Rhoda Wilson, Hattie Bell and Dock Carver, Del.
 Brummits Creek—N. H. Hughes, Pearl Hughes and Rebecca Miller, Del.

Little Dee—W. C. Clark and Henry Stephens, Del.; H. M. Street and A. L. Cates, Deacons.

McCurry Rock—Sister Jewel Erwin, S. J. Griffith, and sister Tenia Griffith, Del.

Saint Paul—Roscoe Hughes, W. H. Clark and Waits Hughes, Del.

Middle District—J. R. Street and L. M. Fry, Deacons.

Wrights Chappel—R. H. Julian and G. W. Phillips, Deacons; Delila Morton and Gladys Wilson, Del.

Lewis Chappel—G. M. Erwin, Del.

Curtice Creek—J. H. Pritchard and Julia Pritchard, Del.

Fork Mountain—W. A. Johnson and Auby Johnson, Del.; Melvin Cole, Deacon.

River View—Sam Tipton and Julius Webb, Deacons; Wiley Tipton, Dolph Hughes, Ader Laws and Cling Webb, Del.

Gap Creek—P. B. Arnett, Del.

Snow Hill—M. F. Hollyfield, Del.

Visiting brethren were called for and the following came forward: Bro. E. J. Bilings and Bro. Hez Hughes from Jack's Creek Association. The Association then proceeded to organize by electing a moderator and clerk, which resulted in the election of Bro. J. S. Arnett, moderator, and Bro. J. H. Pritchard, clerk.

On motion the following committees were appointed:

On Pulpit: Bro. Joe Thomas, Bro. Walter Shell and Bro. E. H. Patrick.

On Investigation—Bros. G. Hopson, Danny Miller, Allen Cates.

On Business: Bro. Zeb Ledford, Bro. Johnney Arrowood and Bro. James Deyton.

On Temperance: Bro. Walters, Bro. James Molton and Bro. Sampson Tolley.

On Sabbath Schools: Bro. John Street, Bro. H. M. Street and Bro. David Campbell.

On Finance: Bro. H. M. Street and Bro. Kinzy Tipton.

On Obituaries: Bro. Sam Bryant and Bro. Jason Street.

On Sessions: Bros. Samuel Whitson, J. H. Pritchard, Spencer Barnett.

On motion the Association adjourned until Friday at 8:30 p. m.

Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by Bro. Burgus. Bro. Burgus delivered a wonderful sermon to a large audience with great effect on all present.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1929

The Association met at 8:30 a. m., and after devotional services by Bro. Walters, prayer by Bro. John Street, on motion the minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. On motion ministers and delegates were called and the following came forward and their names were enrolled, viz:

Rev. D. R. Taylor, W. M. Brummit, Danie Miller, Z. V. Renfro, G. C. Whitehead.

Union Chapel—J. C. Morton, Florida Stephens, Dels.

Morgan's Chapel—A. J. Arnet, Del.
Warrick Chapel—Fin Ward, Ollie Hughes, Earl Ward, Dels., T. W. Taylor, Deacon.
Pigeon Roost—Harrison Barnett, Eliza Barnett, Dels.
Clarks Chapel—Robert Willis, Del.
Millers Chapel, N. C.—John Berry, Del.
Clinchfield—H. T. Street, J. M. Street, Jake Hopson, E. D. Laws, Dels.

Forbes Chapel—R. T. Gouge
Little Elk—(By Letter)
Hazens Chapel—Georgia Mathes, Lester Wilson, Dels., G. W. Mathes, Joseph Thomas, Deacons.
Beans Creek—Sam Whitson, Deacon.
On motion the Association then adjourned until 2:00 p. m. for preaching at 11:00 a. m., after devotional services.
Bro. W. M. Howell delivered a wonderful sermon, text, Ezekial, 24-27 v., which was enjoyed wonderfully by a large audience.

FRIDAY, 2:00 O'CLOCK, P. M.

After singing and prayer by Bro. Phillips, on motion, the church letters were called for, read and approved.
On motion minutes of previous session read and approved.
On motion rules of decorum read and approved.
On motion the report of the Finance Committee was received, as follows:
Minute Fund from the various churches, \$56.31, also \$6.00 from J. H. Pritchard, balance from last year's minute fund, total \$62.31.
On motion Corresponding Brethren were called for and the following Brethren were seated with this body:
From Jacks Creek Association:—Revs. F. R. Williams, G. M. Hensley, E. J. Billings.
From Union Association—Revs. J. S. Burgus, John Adams.
Hetibone Arnette was ordained as deacon of Gap Creek Church.
On motion the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 8:00 o'clock.
Preaching at 7:30 by Bro. J. S. Arnett. A fine sermon was listened to by a very large congregation and a great feast of love was enjoyed by all, and many praised the God of Heaven.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8:00 O'CLOCK

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and after devotional services it was ordered to renew Bro. Aaron Honeycut's license for 12 months and carry his name in our minutes.
On motion it was ordered to appoint a committee to go to Unicoi and try to reorganize the church at that place. The following committee was appointed: Bros. G. Hopson, J. S. Arnette and James Deyton.
On motion the subject of Laughren church property was dropped.
The report on Sabbath schools was received and adopted:
We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg to submit the following: That all Churches belonging to this Association should run a Sabbath school, and thereby keep your boys and girls out of jails and reform schools.

MINISTERS DIRECTORY

Committee on Temperance report as follows:
That every member belonging to this body should be a committee of one to help in any way possible to enforce the prohibition laws of our land.

Luther M. Walters,
James Martin,
Sampson Tolley.

Committee on Business reported as follows:
That we learn that the Church at Unicoi is in some confusion and we feel that there should be an investigating committee appointed to investigate and find out what the trouble really is and report as soon as possible to this body.

Respectfully submitted,
Zeb Ledford,
J. H. Arrowwood,
James Deyton.

On motion the report of the Committee on Ordination was called for and adopted. The following brethren were recommended by the committee as worthy ministers of this body: G. M. Hensley, W. Asheville, N. C., R. R. Johnson, Ramsey Town, N. C., E. J. Billings, Jacks Creek Association.

On motion L. H. Griffith's license was called in for 12 months.
On motion the association adjourned for preaching at 11 o'clock, a. m. Sermon after devotional exercises by Bro. Danny Miller, which was enjoyed by a large congregation and resulted in many praising God and rejoicing. An old time hand shake was given and a general love feast among the brothers and sisters.

SATURDAY AT 2:00 P. M.

The Association met.
On motion the Committee on Finance reported as follows:
For minute fund,
By J. H. Pritchard

Refund, Henson Creek,	\$1.50
"Cane Creek,	:.00
Route 1, Bell, N. C.	\$4.50

On motion it was ordered to allow the clerk the amount of
Total for minutes
Respectfully submitted.

Kinsey Tipton,
Henry M. Street, Com.

On motion the Committee on Session reported as follows:
The next Association will be held with Saint Paul Church, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1930, at 11:00 o'clock, a. m. Introductory sermon by G. Hopson, W. M. Howell, alternate.

The Association adjourned until time and place.
J. S. Arnett, Moderator,
J. H. Pritchard, Clerk.

MINISTERS DIRECTORY

Name	Post Office
T. H. McCoury	Senia, N. C.
G. Hopson,	Webb, N. C.
J. H. Arrowood	Route 1, Box 29, Relief, N. C.
Dannie Miller	Route 1, Box 29, Relief, N. C.
D. C. Patrick	Johnson City, Tenn.
James Deyton	Routel, Box 208, Erwin, Tenn.
David Campbell	Buladean, N. C.
D. M. Laughren	Green Mountain, N. C.
H. H. Hughes	
John Street	Webb, N. C.
Zeb V. Renfro	Routel, Burnsville, N. C.
Robert Miller	Unicoi, Tenn.
Sampson Tolley	Route 2, Box 89, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
James Arnett	Hampton, Tenn.
W. M. Howell	Jonesboro, Tenn.
A. Angel	Unicoi, Tenn.
Daniel Tolley	Roan Mountain, Tenn.
N. C. Johnson	
F. R. Williams	
W. H. Clark	Ewart, N. C.
James Arrowood	Route 1, Relief, N. C.
Aaron Honeycutt	
Simeon Johnson	Hughes, N. C.
J. M. Lewis	Newland, N. C.
Delia Julian	Johnson City, Tenn.
Zeb Ledford	Erwin, Tenn.
D. R. Taylor	
W. F. Phillips	
W. M. Brummit	
S. G. Street	
G. C. Whitehead	Hampton, Tenn.
E. J. Billings	
G. M. Hensley	

The committee on obituaries reported as follows:

WILSON STREET

Bro. Wilson Street departed this life Nov. 17, 1928. He had been a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist Church 46 years. He was a deacon for 40 years, and 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, henceforth there is a crown laid up in Heaven for me. He leaves wife and children and many loved ones to mourn his loss. Then in eight months and sixteen days, his wife, a devoted member of the Free Will Baptist church for 46 years and a much loved woman, passed away August 1, 1929. They have gone from us here below to live with Jesus for ever more.

MARTHA STREET

Martha Street, wife of H. M. Street, departed this life Jan. 19, 1928. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church 49 years. She lived a consistent christian during life. She leaves a husband and nine children, 35 grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Her last words were "I am going home."

REBECCA HYDER

Rebecca Hyder, wife of B. G. Hyder, born April 19, 1865, died April 29, 1928. A mother of ten children, six dead and four children and a husband to mourn her loss. A member of the Free Will Baptist Church 35 years and has lived a consecrated life. Gone but not forgotten.

MRS. FINEY HONEYCUTT

Sister Finney Honeycutt departed this life January 4th, 1929, age 84 years. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Middle District for about fifty years. She leaves two sisters and three sons and 37 grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She was a good and loving mother.

MARY WHITEHEAD

Mary Whitehead, a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, died May 5, 1929. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church for fourteen years. She leaves a husband and four children and a host of friends.

ROBERT LEWIS VANCE

Robert Lewis Vance was born Feb. 3, 1879, died December 6, 1928. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church for over thirty years. He was true and faithful until the end. He leaves a wife and eleven children to mourn his loss, but our loss is his gain.

RICE BENNETT

Brother Bennett was born June 22, 1869, age 60 years, and died January 7, 1929. He confessed religion and joined the church at Hunt dale, N. C., Jan. 27, 1890, then united with the Warrick Chapel Church Jan. 3rd, 1923, and on August 4th, 1928, was licensed to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and also held the office of deacon for many years at the Warrick Chapel. He was a faithful servant until the end and God called him home to rest from his labors. Bro. Bennett only fell asleep in the arms of Jesus until the Judgment morning.

MARTIN ERWIN

Martin Erwin, son of George and Mary Erwin, born Feb. 12, 1892, died Dec. 8, 1928. Gone to meet friends and left a wife and three children and a host of friends to mourn their loss but Heavens gain. He dreamed on the night before he was killed of sitting down to supper with his Aunt Matt Vance, who had been dead a year.

AMOS BATES

Brother Amos Bates departed this life February 14th, 1929. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church about five years and a consistent Christian. He was found dead. His last conversation was that he did not know how long he had to live, but when life was over he was going home to live with God and his loved ones.

SISLEY JACKSON

Sisley Jackson, aged 85 years, 3 months and 26 days, member over 21 years. Her favorite song, "The Unclouded Day."

A. E. HOLLIFIELD

A. E. Hollifield, age 79 years, 7 months and 26 days. Member over 11 years. His favorite song, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

MRS. N. E. HOLLIFIELD

Sister N. E. Hollifield departed this life December 19, 1928, age 83 years, 6 months and 21 days. She lived a devoted Christian life. She was for 55 years a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. She leaves seven children and a host of friends to mourn her absence.

DON E. GRIFFITH

Don E. Griffith was born on the fifth day of April, 1876, and died October ninth, 1928, at the age of 52 years, 6 months and four days. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church 27 years and a faithful, consistent Christian. He left four children, also several brothers and sisters and a host of friends. His last request was that his children and friends should meet him in Heaven.

Ministers Conference Called

On motion the present Moderator and Clerk retained.

On motion previous minutes read and approved.

On motion the characters of ministers were called for and all were found good except L. H. Griffith, and his license was called in for 12 months.

On motion this entire body hereby extend our thanks to the good people of Erwin, Tenn., for their kindness and hospitality shown to us, and we pray the blessings of God to rest on them.

Furthermore we congratulate and commend our dear Bro. Ledford for his arduous and earnest work in building up a fine working Church at Erwin. May God bless Bro. Ledford and the Church. Go on in the service of the Lord.

On motion the Committee on Sessions reported as follows:

The next conference will be held with McCurrys Rock, beginning on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in December, 1929. Bro. W. M. Howell will preach the introductory sermon, J. S. Arnett his alternate.

Conference closed until time and place.

J. S. Arnett, Moderator,

J. H. Pritchard, Clerk.

TABLE NO. 1
STATISTICAL AND DIRECTORY

Churches	Pastor Elect	Clerks and Address
Forbes Chapel	W. M. Howell	R. T. Gouge, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Saint John	James Deyton	Eva Morgan, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Millers Chapel	W. M. Howell	Noah Miller, Ramseytown, Tenn.
Gap Creek	J. S. Arnett	Ella Whitehead, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Union Chapel	Sampson Tolley	Flora Stephens, Hampton, Tenn.
Wrights Chapel	W. J. Taylor	George Davis, Johnson City, Tenn.
Little Elk	C. Whitehead	W. H. Winters, Elk Park, N. C.
Falls Gap	James Deyton	Howell Hensley, Clear Branch, T.
Green Mountain	J. S. Arnette	S. M. Bailey, Green Mtn., N. C.
Brummits Creek	James Arrowood	Lillie Renfro, Relief, N. C.
Spring Creek	Dan Miller	G. P. Barnette, Johnson City, Tenn.
Spring Creek	G. Hopson	Geter Fry, Buladean, N. C.
Berea	Dan Miller	G. P. Barnette, Johnson City, Tenn.
Hazen Chapel	Geo. D. Dunbar	B. E. Wilson, Erwin, Tenn.
Clinchfield	J. C. Street	Harrison Street, Webb, N. C.
Union Hill	John Street	S. H. Bryant, Peppers, N. C.
Beans Creek	G. Hopson	George Carver, Ewart, N. C.
Lewis Chapel	Zeb Ledford	Herb Young, Minneapolis, N. C.
Clarks Chapel	S. C. & D. C. Tolley	Jackson Tolley, Roan Mtn. T.
Little Doe	W. M. Howell	J. W. Whitehead, Hampton, Tenn.
Snow Hill	James Arrowood	Geo. Lowery, Little Switzerland, N. C.
Roans Chapel	Henry Clark	Cadie Campbell
St. Paul	Zeb Ledford	Mary Hughes, Buladean, N. C.
Morgans Chapel	J. H. Arrowood	A. J. Arnette, Roan Mtn. Tenn.
Pigeon Roost	Dan Miller & Jas Arrowood	James B. Ray, Relief, N. C.
Toe River	J. H. Arrowood	John Wilson, Relief, N. C.
Paint Fork	G. M. Hensley	Dock White, Burnsville, N. C.
Dennis Cove	G. C. Whitehead	Mollie Bennett, Hampton, Tenn.
Tiger Creek	J. H. Arrowood	J. J. Miller
McCurrys Rock	James Arnette	Tenny Griffith, Senia, N. C.
Unicoi	Dan Miller	Hattie Bell, Unicoi, Tenn.
Curtis Creek	J. S. Arnette	F. C. Palmer, Heaton, N. C.
River View	J. M. Deyton	R. L. Laws, Erwin, Tenn.
Fork Mountain	Zeb Ledford	Ira Cole, Newland, N. C.
Warrick Chapel	L. H. Griffith	Cora Bryant, Hunt Dale, N. C.
Hensons Creek	Carl Silvers	J. F. Buchanan, Spear, N. C.
Elk Mountain	D. C. Patrick	J. M. Janes, Hughes, N. C.
Cane Creek	Zeb Ledford	Joe Stevenson, Hawk, N. C.

TABLE NO. 1

CHURCHES	Meeting Days	Baptised	Added Otherwise	Excluded	Dismissed	Deaths	Minute Funds	Membership	Paid Pastor	For Revivals	Other Objects	No. in sun. S.
Tiger Creek	-	4					1 1.50	24	\$60.00	\$6.40		90
Dennis Cove	-	2					1 1.50	25	8.20			90
Paint Fork	-	2 10	2				3.40	33	20.00			40
Toe River	-	2 6					1 2.00	65	47.05	35.00		
Pigeon Roost	-	3					1.65	86		8.00		25
Morgans Chapel	-						2 1.25	34	24.65			52
St. Paul	-	1 30	24				1 2.60	102	97.20	42.70		70
Roans Chapel	-						.60	22				
Snow Hill	-	4	1	2			3 1.50	65	27.50	5.00		30
Little Doe	-	2 3	6				1.50	111	90.38	54.50		85
Clarks Chapel	-	1 4					2 .75	35				20
Lewis Chapel	-	2 2					3 3.45	75	58.84	10.61		40
Beans Creek	-	4 18	1				1 1.25	36	21.00	20.00		40
Union Hill	-	4 4	6				1.50	50	25.00	40.00		40
Clinchfield	-	1 7	10				2.00	60	60.00	15.00		35
Hazen Chapel	-	1 3 27			333		1 3.00	1.75	182.34	47.83	49.95	1.50
Berea	-	3					2.65	62	46.98	8.35		60
Spring Creek	-	3					3 2.00	65	24.00	8.60		25
Brummits Creek	-	1 10					1.00	40		6.00	7.00	56
Green Mountain	-	2	3			7	2 1.70	35	32.81	28.22		60
Falls Gap	-	1 3			1		1.00	57	27.10	17.35		35
Little Elk	-	1	2		3		1.10	37	9.20			43
Wrights Chapel	-	2 23	4		17	1	1.15	93	60.00	6.00	7.51	1.15
Union Chapel	-	2					.70	21				40
Gap Creek	-	4 3	25				2.00	27		22.90		35
Millers Chapel	-	4 21		2			2.00	1.05	40.00	25.00		50
St. John	-	1					1.00	.74	19.20			30
Forbes Chapel	-	1 1	21		1		1.50	53	45.00	35.00		76
Cane Creek	-	4 7		1			3.00	80	188.85	55.00	182.30	75
Elk Mountain	-	1	2	3	2		.60	55	42.55	2033		50
Hensons Creek	-	4					1.25	65	32.90			
Warrick Chapel	-	1 2	7		2		1.65	69	23.25			20
Curtis Creek	-	2 1	2		3		1.00	55	6.00	15.00		30
Fork Mountain	-	2					3.00	60	140.00	30.00	25.00	80
River View	-	4 7	6				3.50	144	53.18	47.44		75
Unicoi	-	2	3				2 2.50	41	61.00	13.00		45
McCurry Rock	-	4		1	3	2	.50	50	31.14	5.11		30