

NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

**Toe River Freewill Baptist
Association**

MINUTES

Of The 1946 Session Held With

FAIRVIEW CHURCH

Hampton, Rt. 1, Tenn., August 15, 16, 17, 1946

OFFICERS

W. M. BEAM.....Moderator
R. T. GOUGE, Clerk.....Roan Mountain, Tenn.

NEXT SESSION

Will be held with McCourry's Rock Church, Senia, N. C., to begin on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1947; Rev, Ed McKinney to preach the introductory sermon; Rev, Handy Wilcox to be his alternate.



REV. AND MRS. G. HOPSON

We all feel at a loss in the death of Brother Hopson, who passed away October 12, 1946. He was 83 years old, had preached the Gospel for about 60 years and baptized 6,000 people. We feel a worthy man has gone to his reward and joined the old friends of his younger days, like Uncle Nath Honeycutt and others, whom he talked so much about in his last days.

PROCEEDINGS

TOE RIVER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The ninety-seventh annual session of the Toe River Free Will Baptist Association met with Fairview Church, at Route 1, Hampton, Tennessee, Thursday, August 15, 1946, at 11:00 A. M. The introductory sermon was delivered by Brother Gilbert Atkins. His text was from the 15th verse of the 2nd chapter of 2nd Timothy, from which he delivered an enlightening message.

Then on motion adjourned until 2:00 P. M.

THURSDAY EVENING

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional service was conducted by Brother Loss McCourry by reading eight verses of the 5th chapter of Revelations. Prayer was offered by Brother Jack Hutchins.

Then on motion proceeded to organize into a working body by enrolling all Ministers, Deacons and Delegates present.

Ministers enrolled were as follows: W. M. Beam, John T. Wright, Farrell Sparks, Loss McCourry, James Arnett, W. M. James, Fred Wilson, Arcemis Stockton, Dan Tolley, Geneas Barnett, James Arrowood, A. W. Woody, Simeon Johnson, Ernest Buck, Ed McKinney, Carl Osborne, Gilbert Atkins, Jeff McKinney, Earl Hyder, Wiley Sheets, Kennie Holder, Robert Miller, Sam Arrowood, Creed Daniels, Jake Davis, Alex Bryant, Hobart Hughes, Virgil Deloach, Handy Wilcox, Fred Beam, Aster Lewis, W. M. Howell, Cleve Whitehead, S. C. Tolley, Zeb Ledford, Nat Campbell.

Deacons enrolled were as follows:

Jess Clark and Ed Bailey—Woodby Hill.

J. C. Morton—Buffalo Valley.

P. S. Orr—Morgan's Chapel.

Thomas Arnett—Hopson's Chapel.

D. M. Vaughn—Valley Forge.

Lee Hughes and Sam Odoms—Odom's Chapel.

M. M. Janes—Elk Mountain.

Crawford Ayers—Green Mountain.

E. J. Cornett and Will Johnson—Vale.

C. C. Bennett—Union Hill.

J. R. Vance—Evergreen.

A. L. Cates—Little Doe.

Mose Campbell and Spencer Barnett—Berea.

J. H. Arnold—Johnson's Chapel.

Delegates enrolled were as follows:

Gus Tipton—Toe River.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Peterson—Union Hill, N. C.

Rosa Thomas, Odie McKinney—McCourry's Rock.

Andrew Tilson, Camery Woodby—Woodby Hill.

Harrison Phillips—Brummitt's Creek.

S. M. Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Cornett—Vale.

M. Ledford, Ida Roe—Little Doe.

C. L. Hill, Martha Hill—St. Paul.

Mildred Vaughn, Mollie Jenkins, Velma Green—Valley Forge.

Lockie Hughes, Ruby Ollis, Miralin Ollis—Mount View.

F. A. Arnett, R. C. Morgan—Morgan's Chapel.

Lillie Vance, Martha Vance, Pansy Winters — Lewis' Chapel.

Mrs. Jeff Hopson, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Crumley—Little Elk.

Nannie Melton, Oline Hughes—Odom's Chapel.

E. W. Jones—Pigeon River.

Annie Whitehead—Dennis Cove.

Mrs. A. W. Woody, Jane Dellinger—Burleson's Chapel.

Ham Arnold, Lizzie Arnold, David Mink, Joe Morefield, Nan Hartman, Grace Arnold—Johnson's Chapel.

Sarah Fox, Opal Fox, Fannie Smith—Curtis Creek.

Blanche Cochran, Roxie Whittamore, Ray Tolley, John Tolley, Lewis Tolley—Fairview.

Charles Dayton—Green Mountain.

James Morgan—St. John.

Herman Peters—Union Hill, Tenn.

Taylor Whitson, Mary Whitson, Ora Whitson — Beans Creek.

Bertha Roberts, Fay Hilman, Bobby Arnett, Ralph Whitehead, Nannie Hopson—Hopson's Chapel.

W. M. Troutman—Burbank Chapel.

Mack Bailey—Unicoi.

Then on motion called for visiting brethren from other Associations that desired to be enrolled, Brothers Jack Hutchins, Cecil Higgins, Ebb Wheeler and Virgil Ray from the Jack's Creek Association responded and were seated with the body.

On motion, proceeded to elect (by ballot) a Moderator and Clerk. A ballot was taken and Brother W. M. Beam was elected Moderator and R. T. Gouge, Clerk.

Then on motion the Rules of Decorum were read, and the Moderator requested that everyone abide by them.

4. TOE RIVER F. W. B. ASSOCIATION

At this time Sister Ballard representing the F. W. B. Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., was recognized. Sister Ballard gave an interesting outline of the good work that was being done at the Middlesex Orphanage.

Then on motion proceeded to appoint the various committees to assist in the work of the Association.

Committee on Investigation: Farrell Sparks, Loss McCourry, Creed Daniels.

Committee on Business: John T. Wright, W. M. James, Geneas Barnett, Ernest Buck.

Note: Committees on Investigation and Business are to be consolidated, and serve as a standing committee for a period of one year from date.

Committee on Orphanage: Jake Davis, Carl Osborne, Gilbert Atkins.

Committee on Sabbath Schools: Jess Clark, Virgil DeLoach, Earl Hyder.

Committee on Sabbath Observance: Cleve Whitehead, Bob Miller, Handy Wilcox.

Committee on Temperance: James Arnett, Arcemis Stockton, Rennie Holder.

Committee on Obituaries: Ed McKinney, Hobart Hughes, Aster Lewis.

Committee on Finance: E. W. Jones, Simeon Johnson.

Committee on Topics: Ebb Wheeler, Cecil Higgins, Jack Hutchins.

Committee on Orphanage Commodities: Mrs. John T. Wright, Mrs. Farrell Sparks, Mrs. Birdie Cornett, Mrs. A. W. Woody.

Committee on Pulpit: Lonnie Cochran, Ed Clark, John Tolley.

Committee on Time and Place: Larkin Rhodes, Will Johnson, Taylor Whitson.

Then on motion accepted the several committees as satisfactory to the body.

On motion called for letters from newly constituted churches desiring to be admitted to this Association, and received letters from Lyons Chapel and Crabtree Chapel requesting to become members of this Association.

On motion the letters were received and turned over to the Investigating Committee for their consideration.

Then on motion adjourned until 9:00 A. M. Friday morning, for preaching at 4:00 P. M. by Brother Handy Wilcox. Brother Wilcox's text was from Ezekiel 37th chapter, and 1st verse. He used for his subject, "The Word of the Lord," from which he delivered a spiritual message which resulted in a downpouring of the holy spirit on many present.

Brother Cecil Higgins brought the 8:00 P. M. message. He used for his text the 18th verse of the 3rd chapter of 2nd Peter, from which he brought a message that God's people, and especially His ministers, should put in practice.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Services opened by singing. Devotional service was conducted by Brother James Arrowood by reading a part of the 3rd chapter of Galatians. Prayer was offered by Brother Allen Cates.

Then on motion called for the reading of the minutes of yesterday's session. Minute was read and adopted with any corrections that might become necessary.

Then on motion proceeded to enroll all ministers, deacons and delegates not previously enrolled.

Ministers enrolled were as follows: W. H. Woodby, E. J. Billings, Martin Hyder.

Deacons enrolled were as follows: Glen Renfro, Rich Acres; J. P. Morgan, St. John; Baxter Bennett, Brummitt's Creek; Robert Potter, Hopson's Chapel Charlie Johnson, Pierce's Chapel; Charlie Street and C. L. Ledford, Middle District; Will Winters, Oak Hill.

Delegates enrolled were as follows: Pearl Street, Venia Ingram, Middle District; Caleb Tolley, Clark's Chapel; John Stevens, Minnie Stevens, Ruth Stevens, Oak Hill; Beatrice Johnson, Elmer Honeycutt, Elmer Garland, Pierce's Chapel; David Hodge, Upper Gap Creek; Nela Shell, Olive Buck, Gertie Wilson, Evergreen; J. R. Cates, Little Doe; Mrs. A. J. Arnett, Mrs. W. L. Morgan, St. John; Pearl Culler, Celia Stevens, Upper Creek; Jadie Hurley, Verna Hurley, Lillian Hurley, Mrs. Dave Campbell, Keystone.

Then on motion called for the various committees to report.

COMMITTEE ON TOPICS

We, your Committee on Topics, wish to submit the fol-

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lowing topic for discussion before this body: "What Is the Relation Between Christ and His Church?"

Signed:

Ebb Wheeler
Jack Hutchins
Cecil Higgins

Brothers Wheeler, Hutchins and Higgins addressed the body on the topic presented, and gave some useful information on when and how the Relations were applied, which resulted in a spiritual feast.

At this time an offering was taken for the Aged Ministers Fund, and \$136.00 was received.

Then on motion adjourned until 2:00 P. M. for preaching at 11:30 A. M. by Brother Ebb Wheeler. He used for his text the 3rd and 4th verses of the 24th chapter of Proverbs, from which he brought a good message, which was well received by his audience.

FRIDAY EVENING

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Services opened by singing. Prayer was offered by Brother Loss McCourry.

Devotional service was conducted by Brother Farrell Sparks by reading the 15th chapter of St. John.

Then on motion enrolled all ministers, deacons and delegates not previously enrolled.

Ministers enrolled were as follows: Guy Pittman.

Deacons enrolled were as follows: W. C. Floyd, Keystone; Paul Brummitt, Rich Acre; Oscar Whisenant, Hopson's Chapel.

Delegates enrolled were as follows: Mrs. Paul Brummitt, Rich Acre; Bessie Coffee, Nellie Starnes, Nora Miller, Sarah Lockner and Nellie McNabb, Mt. Odell.

Visiting brethren enrolled: John Buchanan, from John Wheeler Association.

Visiting Delegates enrolled: Mrs. John Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. George Lenard, from John Wheeler Association.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION

We, your Committee on Investigation, wish to report, with

reference to Lyons Chapel Church, that after due consideration we feel that we should further investigate the affairs of the Church, and make a permanent report to next Ministers' conference.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee,

J. T. Wright
Farrell Sparks
Loss McCourry
W. M. James
E. F. Buck
J. C. Barnett
O. C. Daniels

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

We, your Committee on Business, desire to report that this Association should appoint two new trustees, for the purpose of disposing of the Miller's Chapel Church in Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. Wright
W. M. James
E. F. Buck
J. C. Barnett
Farrell Sparks
Loss McCourry
O. C. Daniels

COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE

We, your Committee on Orphanage, desire to report that we suggest that this Association continue to support both the North Carolina and Tennessee F. W. B. Orphanages, as we have in the past, and let everyone be their own judge as to which Orphanage they should support.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Osborne
Jake Davis
Gilbert Atkins

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, believe that every church in the Toe River Free Will Baptist Association should have and carry on a Sabbath School, in order to train and teach the young people of our communities God's Word. And we should not elect nor allow any person to be an offi-

cer or teacher in our Sabbath Schools who, "as they say," takes a social drink, or has a social game of cards, or who attends theatres or any vain place of amusement. Be it further resolved that our ministers should attend Sabbath School at their home church when not in God's service elsewhere, and suggest that our churches use Free Will Baptist literature.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse B. Clark
Virgil DeLoach
Earl Hyder

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We, your Committee on Sabbath Observance, desire to recommend that we as God's children, remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy, as He has commanded.

G. C. Whitehead
Bob Miller
Handy Wilcox

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to report that we have decided to accept what we already have adopted, and that each minister, deacon and member, be stronger against strong drink than ever before; and that we not only fight it from the churches and pulpit, but everywhere we go, and not vote for it in any way, or for any man that is connected with it, or patronize anyone that sells it, by buying groceries or anything else from them, if we know of these things, and that no minister accept members into the church without first reading the discipline to them, and our preachers preach from this subject at least once every three months.

Respectfully submitted,

James S. Arnett
Kennie Holder
Arcemis Stockton

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, wish to report that we have received and adopted all obituaries as we received them.

Ed McKinney
Hobart Hughes
Aster Lewis

Sister Lucy Vance Carr—Departed this life May 23, 1946, aged 36 years, two months and 27 days. She was a member of the Lewis Chapel Church for twenty years. She leaves a mother, four brothers, two sisters, a husband, seven sons and one daughter to mourn her loss. Gone but not forgotten.

Sister Bessie Vance—Was born July 12, 1883; departed this life June 7, 1946, aged 63. She confessed faith in Christ in early life, was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church 43 years. She leaves a husband, four children, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Brother Jeff Rosenbaum—Departed this life November 18, 1945. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church at Hopson's Chapel Church. He was faithful and devoted to his church and to God. He was 72 years old. Missed by all who knew him.

Sister Rhoda Hilmon—Departed this life on January 14, 1946, age 60. She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church at Hopson's Chapel. She was a devoted Christian mother and left many friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

Sister Laura Willis Tolley—Wife of the Rev. Sampson Tolley. Joined together in matrimony October 13, 1900. She was born June 12, 1870, deceased May 20 at 4:00 P. M. 1946, aged 71 years, 11 months and 8 days. Mother of seven children, three dead and four living: Jackson and Homer Tolley of Route 1, Unicoi, Tenn., Anderson and Garrett Tolley of Route 1, Hampton, Tenn. four grandchildren and one niece, Laura Tolley; one brother, Nelson Willis, of Marion, N. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Tipton and Mrs. Lockie Gouge of Route 1, Toecane, N. C., and many friends to mourn her departure. A member of the Freewill Baptist Church about 40 years. She said if there was anything in her way she couldn't find it. She felt innocent and had no fear or burden. She had nothing against anyone and loved everybody, and told her grandchildren to meet her in Heaven.

Brother Thomas Davis—Departed this life January 26, 1946, age 51 years. He had belonged to the Freewill Baptist Church about 14 years. He lived a devoted Christian life. He leaves four children and five brothers and sisters to mourn his loss and a host of friends. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

S. S. Whitehead—Was born December 31, 1899; departed this life May 4, 1946. He professed faith in Christ in early

childhood and had been a member of the Little Doe River Church ever since. He attended church regularly and was the leader of the Little Doe Singing Choir for a number of years. He leaves two sisters, one brother, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. We realize his seat is vacant here, but a seat is filled in Glory. Sleep on, dear brother, and take thy rest, God called thee home; He thought it best.

Brother Kimsey Tipton—Departed this life December 10, 1945, aged 68. Joined the Toe River Freewill Baptist Church at Hunt Dale, N. C., December 25, 1904. He was a deacon for more than 40 years and was a faithful and active member. He is survived by a wife and four children, two sons and two daughters, and several grandchildren and many friends to mourn his loss. He is badly missed by the church and his family. He bore his sickness patiently and said he was going home. Gone but long remembered.

Brother Charlie Ingram—Departed this life March 12, 1946, aged 92. He was a member of Middle District Freewill Baptist Church. He leaves a wife, nine children, and forty-seven grandchildren and twenty-nine great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Not long before he died he told the children to pray for the Lord to come and take him. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. The family circle has been broken and time can never mend, but we can put our trust in Jesus and meet him in the end.

Brother Enzer Ollis, age 96—Departed this life March 23, 1946. He was a faithful member and deacon of Mountain View Freewill Baptist Church ever since it was organized. He leaves a wife, seven children, a great number of grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his loss. His seat is vacant here but filled in Heaven.

Matilda Bennett, age 61—Departed this life June 26, 1946. Joined the Freewill Baptist Church at the age of 15. She was a devoted Christian, loved by all who knew her. She leaves a husband, two sons and two daughters to mourn her loss and goes on to Heaven to meet her small son who died at the age of two. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sarah J. Shepherd Jarrett—Passed away May 30, 1945, age 76 years. She had belonged to the Freewill Baptists for 62 years, and was a member of Wright's Chapel at time of death. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, George Jarrett, two sons, four daughters, 39 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and a host of friends. Six children preceded

her in death. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Her last words were, "Meet me in Heaven, where there is no more sickness or death."

Sister Lue Pate—Departed this life February 14, 1946. She joined the Freewill Baptist Church September 11, 1909. Age 56. She was a faithful member and is greatly missed in her home and church. Her survivors are a husband and four children, two sons, two daughters, and a host of friends. Her seat is vacant here but filled in Heaven.

COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE COMMODITIES

We, your Committee on Orphanage Commodities, suggest that the various churches bring their commodities to the following places by October 17, 1946:

For Tennessee Orphanage:

Keystone Church, Johnson City, Tenn.

First Freewill Baptist Church, Elizabethton, Tenn.

Unicoi Freewill Baptist Church, Unicoi, Tenn.

For North Carolina Orphanage:

Brother B. A. Calhoun's, Newland, N. C.

Union Hill Freewill Baptist Church, Tipton Hill, N. C.

Mrs. John T. Wright

Mrs. A. W. Woody

Mrs. E. J. Cornett

Mrs. Pansy Bennett

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, desire to report that we have received from the various churches:

For printing and mailing Minutes.....	\$92.18
For Aged Ministers' Fund	90.00
For N. C. Freewill Baptist Orphanage.....	6.40
For Tenn. Freewill Baptist Orphanage.....	65.00

Respectfully submitted,

Simeon B. Johnson

E. W. Jones

SECOND REPORT OF BUSINESS AND INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Business and Investigation, desire that the Toe River Freewill Baptist Association use our young ministers more for Moderator and to preach introduc-

tory sermons. We feel that this should be rotated among them.

John T. Wright
Farrell Sparks
W. M. James
O. C. Daniels
Loss McCourry
E. F. Buck

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We, your Committee on Time and Place, have decided that the next Association will be held with McCourry's Rock Church at Senia, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1947. Rev. Ed McKinney to preach the introductory sermon Rev. Handy Wilcox to be his alternate.

Taylor Whitson
W. A. Johnson

Then on motion received the reports of the various committees. The reports were read and approved as being satisfactory to the body.

At this time Sister Stanton, from the Greenville Freewill Baptist Orphanage was recognized. A duet was rendered by two of the small girls from the Orphanage. An offering was taken and \$21.64 was received for the Orphanage.

RESOLUTION

This Association wishes to thank the good people of Fairview Church for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with them.

On motion then adjourned the Association until time and place.

W. M. Beam, Moderator
R. T. Gouge, Clerk

Brother Creed Daniels brought the 4:00 P. M. message. He used for his text the 3rd and 4th verses of the 14th chapter of St. Luke, from which he delivered a spiritual message which resulted in a spiritual feast.

Brother Daniel Miller brought the 8:00 P. M. message. He used for his subject, "Waiting," from which he delivered a good message that was well received by his audience.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

SATURDAY MORNING

The Ministers' Conference was called to order by the Conference Clerk. Devotional service was conducted by Brother Virgil Deloach by reading a part of the 5th chapter of Romans. Prayer was offered by Brother W. M. James.

A motion was made and duly seconded that a Moderator be elected for the Conference, (the Associational Moderator being absent.) Brother John T. Wright was elected by acclamation.

On motion called for the reading of minutes of last session. Minutes were read and adopted.

A motion was read to call the Ministers' Roll and pass on the character of the ministry.

On motion passed on the character of the ministry as good as far as known, but dropping Arcemis Stockton, Simeon Johnson and Dennis Crow from the Ministers' Roll for being absent from the Ministers' Conference three conferences in succession without an excuse.

On motion Brother Lonnie Johnson was given the floor to give an explanation for his absence from the last three Ministers' Conferences. Brother Johnson came forward and asked the Conference to forgive him for his failure to attend, as he had been away and did not know where the Conferences were scheduled to convene. Brother Johnson requested that his excuse be accepted and that he be reinstated in the Ministers' Conference.

On motion Brother Johnson was reinstated, and seated in the Conference, with instructions to be more careful about his attendance in the future.

On motion called for letters of any minister desiring to represent by letter. (None were received.)

On motion called for letters of recommendation for license to preach the gospel, or for examination for ordination, and received letters recommending Brother Fred Beam, Jr., to preach the gospel, and Brothers Lonnie Johnson and Guy Pittman for examination for ordination.

On motion the letters were received and turned over to the Ordaining Council.

On motion the Conference Moderator appointed Brothers Sampson Tolley, E. F. Buck and W. M. James to fill the va-

cancies in the Ordaining Council for the present Conference.

Brother Alex Bryant obtained the floor and requested that his license to preach the gospel be renewed for a period of three months, and gave for the reason that he did not bring the usual request (a letter from his church) that he was away in a revival at the time he should have made the request.

On motion Brother Bryant's request was granted.

At this time the Moderator and Brother Albert Woody gave some useful instructions to the young ministers.

On motion called for the Ordaining Council to report.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We feel that the license of Brothers Lonnie Johnson and Guy Pittman should be renewed for a period of twelve months from date, and that Brother Fred Beam, Jr., should be licensed to preach the gospel for a period of twelve months.

Signed:

Farrell Sparks
S. C. Tolley
E. F. Buck
W. M. James

On motion the report of the Ordaining Council was adopted and Brothers Johnson and Pittman's license were renewed and Brother Fred Beam, Jr., was given license to preach the gospel.

On motion then adjourned until time and place, next session to be held with Mount View Church at Frank, N. C., on Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1946, Brother Geneas Barnett to preach the introductory sermon; Brother Larkin Rhodes to be his alternate.

Brother Martin Hyder offered the closing prayer.

John T. Wright, Moderator
R. T. Gouge, Clerk

REPORT OF TREASURER

Report of Treasurer for Aged Ministers' Fund:

Balance previously acknowledged	\$482.00
By offering at Association	136.00
Burbank Chapel	26.00
Curtiss Creek	4.00

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Fairview	27.00
Mt. O'Dell	15.00
Pigeon River	3.00
Rich Acre	15.00

Total Balance	\$708.00
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R. T. Gouge, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted by Committee,

W. M. Beam
Carl Osborne
Farrell Sparks

MINISTER'S DIRECTORY

NAME	ADDRESS
G. H. Hopson	Roan Mtn., Tenn.
J. H. Arwood	Relief, N. C.
J. S. Arnett	Hampton, Tenn.
S. C. Tolley	Roan Mtn., Tenn., Rt. 2
W. M. Howell	Johnson City, Tenn., Rt. 2
Zeb Ledford	Hawk, N. C.
Zeb Renfro	Burnsville, N. C.
D. C. Tolley	Hampton, Tenn., Rt. 1
James Arwood	Ewart, N. C.
G. C. Whitehead	Hampton, Tenn.
A. W. Woody	Plumtree, N. C.
W. H. Woody	Unicoi, Tenn., Rt. 1
Ernest Buck	Shell Creek, Tenn.
Edd McKinney	Elk Park, N. C.
W. M. Beam	Erwin, Tenn.
Carl Osborn	Unicoi, Tenn.
J. T. Wright	Crossnore, N. C., Rt. 1, Box 310
Gilbert Adkins	Hunt Dale, N. C.
W. F. Taylor	Johnson City, Tenn., Rt. 5
D. M. Laughrun	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Jake Davis	Unicoi, Tenn.
Jeff McKinney	Elk Park, N. C.
Nat Campbell	Johnson City, Tenn., Rt. 5
Wiley Sheets	Johnson City, Tenn.
Farrell Sparks	Johnson City, Rt. 5
Creed Daniels	Frank, N. C.
Kinnie Holder	Elizabethton, Tenn.
Fred Beam	Senia, N. C.
W. M. James	Shell Creek, Tenn.
Robert Miller	Poplar, N. C.
Earl Hyder	Elizabethton, Tenn.
Larkin Rhodes	Elk Park, N. C.
Geano. Barnett	Relief, N. C.
Fred Wilson	Shell Creek, Tenn.
Martin Hyder	Unicoi, Tenn.
Harris Street	Relief, N. C.
Loss McCourry	Tipton Hill, N. C.
Aster Lewis	Relief, N. C.
Hardy Wilcox	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Virgil Deloach	Hampton, Tenn.

Licentiates

Alex Bryant	Rt. 1, Johnson City, Tenn.
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Lonnie Johnson.....	Newland, N. C.
Guy Pitman	Spear, N. C.
Fred Beam, Jr.	Senia, N. C.
Hobart Hughes	Johnson City, Tenn.

DECEASED MINISTERS ROLL

These are the men who have ceased contending in the faith, and some of whom were in the organization of the Toe River Association on the bank of Toe River at the mouth of Brummetts Creek with Moses Peterson as the first Moderator in the year of 1849. Many of these men lived to be very old men and they spent the most of their lives here laboring in the cause:

Moses Peterson	Moses Honeycutt
Nathan Honeycutt	Wiley Blevins
Jackson Campbell	Samuel Arrowood
Woodrow Ramsey	Joseph Murphy
Spencer Barnett	Lossen Morgan
Lemuel Honeycutt	Peter Ball
John Arrowood, Sr.	William Brummett, Sr.
George Brummett	John Campbell
William Brummett, Jr.	Samuel Street
Uriah Bennett	Marion Woody
Steven Street, Sr.	David Simerly
Henry Snodgrass	Aaron Cox
Sampson Cox	Joseph Bivins
Nathan Cox	W. M. Ray
Julias Garland	Samuel Hensley
Moses Miller	James Wilson
Welza Arrowood	Wesley Miller
George L. Beam	Johnny Miller
David White	Wheeler Melton
William Holden	Jobe Ramsey
Reuben Stocton	Garret Ramsey
Uriah Bennett, Jr.	Hiram Rice
John Rice	Richols Adkins
David Adkins	Wilson Young
W. M. Ray	Moses Seaton
James Hunter	Jacob Burleson
Thomas Howell	Allen Fender
J. C. Laughrun	James Carpenter
Tilman H. McCourry	Joe Lewis
David Renfro	John Street
John Wheeler	Woodward Thomas

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DIRECTORY

Churches	Pastor Elect	Clerks and Addresses
Burbank Chapel.....	W. M. Beam	rt. T. Gouge, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Berea	Geneo Barnett	B. M. Dulaney, Rt. 1, Johnson City, Tenn.
Burleson's Chapel.....	Ed McKinney	Carl Harding, Plumtree, N. C.
Brummitt's Creek.....	Geneo Barnett	Nora Miller, Relief, N. C.
Beans Creek	Handy Wilcox	Mary Whitson, Ewart, N. C.
Buffalo Valley.....	James Arwood	Flora Stevens, Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
Charity Hill.....	W. M. Beam	Myrtle Nave, Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Cane Creek	W. M. Beam	Stokes Buchanan, Hawk, N. C.
Curtiss Creek.....	Fred Wilson	Sarah Fox, Heaton, N. C.
Clinchfield	J. T. Wright	W. M. Street, Green Mtn., N. C.
Clark's Chapel	Aster Lewis	Garrett Tolley, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Dennis Cove	G. C. Whitehead	John T. Whitehead, Rt. 2, Hampton, Tenn.
Evergreen	Earl Hyder	Nola Shell, Shell Creek, Tenn.
Elk Mtn.	Simeon Johnson	Mack Johnson, Hughes, N. C.
Fairview	Virgil Ray	Lloyd Tolley, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Green Mtn.	J. T. Wright	Cecil Deyton, Green Mtn., N. C.
Hopson's Chapel.....	W. M. James	Earl Whitehead, Rt. 2, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Ivy Heights	Creed Daniels	Herbert Young, Minneapolis, N. C.
Keystone	Carl Osborne	A. W. Callaway, 108 E. Main St., J. City, T.
Little Doe	E. F. Buck	J. K. Stephens, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Little Elk	L. H. Rhodes	Ivan Crumley, Elk Park, N. C.
Lewis Chapel	L. H. Rhodes	Anna Vance, Minneapolis, N. C.
Middle Dist.	Zeb Ledford	A. F. Ledford, Ewart, N. C.
McCourry's Rock.....	Virgil Ray	Rosie Thomas, Senia, N. C.
Mt. Odell	Robert Hughes	Bessie Coffie, Embreville, Tenn.
Miller's Grove	Robert Miller	Nellie C. Range, Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Morgan's Chapel.....	J. C. Tolley	A. J. Arnett, Rt. 2, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Mountain View	Creed Daniels	Ferdie Hughes, Frank, N. C.
Oak Hill	Ed McKinney	Bessie Winters, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Odoms Chapel.....	Geneo Barnett	Fairl Bennett, Buladean, N. C.
Poplar	Tulton Williams	Park Barnett, Poplar, N. C.
Pigeon River	Gilbert Atkins	E. W. Jones, Rt. 1, Relief, N. C.
Pierce's Chapel.....	E. F. Buck	Herve Carver, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Rich Acre	Tulton Williams	Eva Berry, Rt. 5, Box 311, Johnson City, T.
St. John	J. C. Whitehead	J. P. Morgan, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
St. Paul	J. P. Blevins	Nave Campbell, Buladean, N. C.
Toe River	J. T. Wright	J. C. Ensor, Hunt Dale, N. C.
Union Hill, Tenn.	W. M. Howell	Alice Huskins, R. 5, Box 133, Elizabethton
Union Hill, N. C.	Ebb Wheeler	Mrs. J. M. Bennett, Tipton Hill, N. C.
Unicoi	Gilbert Atkins	Alta McLaughlin, Unicoi, Tenn.
Upper Gap Creek.....	Virgil DeLoach	Laura Roberts, Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Vale	Virgil DeLoach	B. A. Calhoun, Newland, N. C.
Valley Forge	Farrell Sparks	Mrs. C. B. Johnson, Rt. 1, Elizabethton, T.
Woodbury Hill	Gilbert Atkins	Polly Bailey, Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
Woodtree	Handy Wilcox	Olene Huskins, Rt. 1, Spruce Pine, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES & Meeting Days

	No. Baptised	Added Otherwise	Dismissed	Deaths	Total Membership	No. In S. S.	Paid Pastor	Paid for Revivals	Minute Funds	Paid Orphanage	Aged Ministers Fund	Comm. Services Held
Burbank Chapel 1 & 3	1				1	1	\$ 582.75	\$579.15	\$3.00	\$40.00	\$26.00	2
Berea 3rd	6		1	40	50	185.00	104.68	4.25				2
Burlesons Chapel 2nd			1	75	45	120.00	100.00	1.25	17.17			2
Brummitts Creek 4th	1			50	35	112.00		28.00	1.50			1
Beans Creek 4th	2	3	1	38	30	37.60	40.00	1.40	5.00			1
Buffalo Valley 4th				28	35	114.00	27.70	1.00	7.00			1
Charity Hill 2 & 4			1	49	40	205.50	100.00	2.50				1
Cane Creek 4th	10	10	3	160	110	201.48	118.23	3.75	50.00			1
Curtiss Creek 2nd	6	12		63	35	70.04	13.31	1.00	1.00	4.00		3
Clinchfield 4th		2		17	30	46.25	12.05	1.35				1
Clarks Chapel 2nd			1	28	15	43.49		2.62				1
Denn's Cove 2nd	8		6	34	25	59.65	14.10	2.27				1
Evergreen 1 & 3	17	10	1	107	90	125.33	121.49	1.80	10.00			4
Elk Mtn. 1st	3	2		45	65	97.75	33.99	1.50	63.39			1
Fairview 1 & 3	13	10		51	65	345.48	210.88	3.00	15.00	27.00		2
Green Mtn. 2nd	4	5		60	40	186.88	37.65	2.25	26.25			3
Hopsons Chapel 2 & 4	13	11	2	89	95	203.53	102.49	3.00	6.00			3
Ivy Heights 1st	2			53	25	52.70	39.94	2.10				3
Keystone All	32	12	26	156	200	1775.00	280.00	3.00	6.00			4
Little Doe 2nd	5	5	5	164	100	399.06	115.00	2.67	21.35			2
Little Elk 1st	13	16		40	50	66.71	64.36	1.15	26.00			4
Lewis Chapel 3rd			1	20	30	146.25	25.00	2.50	15.00			1
Middle Dist 3rd	1		2	76	31	180.00	39.00	1.87	14.00			1
McCoury's Rock 4th	1	1		39	45	168.30	99.80	2.00	50.09			1
Mt. Odell All	1	4		45	77	151.49	47.27	1.80		15.00		3
Millers Grove 1st	2		1	28	20	101.00		1.00				2
Morgans Chapel 1st				25	35	57.07	11.05	2.00				2
Mountain View 2nd		3	1	47	30	165.58	79.16	1.50				1
Oak Hill 4th			1	32	35	42.00		1.50				1
Odoms Chapel 1st	1	1		74	35	119.35	59.60	1.50				2
Poplar 2nd	3	1	4	80	35	83.09	94.36	2.15	10.00			1
Pigeon River 3rd	1	1	10	99	30	30.00		1.00	26.00	3.00		1
Pierces Chapel 3rd	18	6	3	45	63	175.00	75.00	2.55	50.00			1
Rich Acre All	4	8	5	43	70	456.00	148.00	2.00	20.00	15.00		3
St. John 4th	4	6		55	50	339.65	251.41	1.50				1
St. Paul 4th		2		43	60	156.90	38.50	2.00	17.00			2
Toe River 2nd			1	2100	35	62.67	15.00	2.00	50.75			1
Union Hill, Tenn. 2 & 3				88	60	357.31	64.45	3.00				2
Union Hill, N. C. 2nd				42	20	175.60	15.00	2.00				1
Unicoi 2 & 4	8	6		1103	70	427.27	142.00	2.05	188.00			2
Upper Gap Creek 1st	1	1		22	30	134.00	40.00	2.00	15.00			1
Vale 2nd	8	7		106	135	108.00	106.00	3.70	25.00			1
Valley Forge All	5	2	6	26	112	1114.00	193.81	2.00	18.00			3
Woodby Hill 1st	2	3	2	35	60	112.50	158.00	1.50	25.00			2
Crabtree 1st	3	23	2	51	55	85.15	35.00	1.50	16.36			1

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 by a confession 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 use 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 that by the help of God we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer, and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed word 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, and especially those of the household of faith.

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 may ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

CONSTITUTION

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

Article 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 ablest members belonging to the church.

Article 3. The Association shall elect annually a moderator and clerk.

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

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

Article 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.

Article 7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expedition 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 be adopted or rejected by the body.

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

Article 9. The Association shall have a book in which shall be kept an accurate account of all its proceedings.

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

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

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

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

Article 14. The Association shall use the Free Baptist Treatise in full.

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

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

Article 17. The Association shall pay its clerk at least \$5.00 for his services per annum.

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. **The True God.** 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 men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.”—I Tim. 2:6.

Article 2. **Holy Scriptures.** 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 Tim. 3:16.

Article 3. **Original Apostasy.** 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.

Article 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 is rich unto all that call upon Him. Rom. 10:12.

Article 5. Christian Faith. We believe that Christian faith is better in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures, that faith comes by hearing the word of God.—He that believeth in the Son hath everlasting life, but he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36.

Article 6. Repentance. We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be effectual conviction of sin.—Now I rejoice not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorrow after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance in salvation not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death. III Cor. 7:9-10.

Article 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 of thee, but to do justly, and love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

Article 8. Perseverance. We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that 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 hands to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62.

Article 9. Good Works. We believe that good works is 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.

Article 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 from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so also we should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4.

Article 11. The Lord's Supper. We believe that the supper was instituted by our Saviour 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. Cor. 11:28-29.

Article 12. Feet Washing. We believe that washing the saint's feet is a command of our Saviour, and that his followers ought to practice the same.—If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye ought to wash one another's feet. John 13:14.

Article 13. The Gospel. We believe it is the duty of all churches to support the Gospel.—Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. I Cor. 9:14.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Article 2. There shall be no conversation by 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 of 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 those 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 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.