

NINETY-NINETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

**Toe River Freewill Baptist
Association**

MINUTES

Of The 1948 Session

**Held with Keystone Church,
Johnson City, Tenn., Aug. 12, 13, 14**

Rev W. M. BEAM,..... Moderator
R. T. GOUGE,..... Clerk

NEXT SESSION:

 Will be held with Evergreen Church, Shell Creek, Tenn. To begin on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1949. Rev. W. M. Beam is to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. Handy Wilcox to be his alternate.

P R O C E E D I N G S

TOE RIVER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Ninety-Ninth Annual Session of the Toe River Free Will Baptist Association met with Keystone Church, at Johnson City, Tenn., Thursday, Aug. 12th, 1948 at 11:00 A. M. Services opened by singing. Prayer was offered by Rev. Handy Wilcox. The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. Carl Osborne. He used for his text the 16th verse of the 9th chapter of 1st Cor. Subject: "What Should the Ministry Be? And Not Be?", from which he brought an excellent message, pointing out that the ministry should stick to its calling, and not a vocation.

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

Thursday Evening

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Robt. Potter by reading part of the 21st chap. of Revelation. Prayer was offered by Rev. James Arwood.

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

Ministers enrolled were as follows: Reverends W. M. Beam, W. M. Howell, Carl Osborne, James Arwood, Robert Miller, Ed McKinney, Jeff McKinney, F. E. Sparks, Loss McCourry, J. C. Barnett, Kennie Holder, Robt. Potter, Harrison Street, Gilbert Atkins, Aster Lewis, Nat Campbell, Allen Grindstaff, Handy Wilcox, S. E. Sparks, S. C. Whitehead, Woodrow Morrell, R. C. Stocton, Fred Beam, Jr., Fred Dellinger, Martin Hyder, E. F. Buck, J. T. Wright, L. H. Rhodes, Clayton Whitson, Nat Arnett, W. M. Leonard, and Hobart Hughes.

Deacons enrolled were as follows:

Churches represented by

Toe River

Pigeon Roost

Oakdale

Little Doe

Crahtree Chapel

Miller's Chapel

Upper Gap Creek

Cedar Grove

Elk Mountain

Charity Hill

Curtiss Creek

Coxes' Creek

Mt. O'Dale

Little Elk

Evergreen

Woodby Hill

Brunmitt's Creek

Valley Forge

Keystone

Berea

Fairview

Buffalo Valley

Deacons

John Wilson

Dove Hughes

Ernest Malone and Arnold Jenkins

A. L. Cates

Fred Buchanan

Wilts Atkins

P. B. Arnett

Ben Vernon

M. M. Jaynes

B. F. Treadway

Howard Moody, Thos. Smith

G. W. Stocton

Don Lockner, Ed Starnes

Roby Elliott

J. R. Vance

Jess Clark, Earl, Ed Bailey

Mark Miller

C. Johnson

Roscoe Sheppard

Spencer Barnett, Harrison Bennett

Eli Tolley

James Morton

Delegates enrolled were as follows:

	Delegates
Churches represented by	
Morgan's Chapel—P. A. Arnett, Willard Elliott, R. C. Morgan,	
Phillip Whitehead.	
Green Mtn.—George Laws, Matthew Jones, Lafayette Dayton, Ralph	
Ensor.	
Burbank Chapel—Beecher Brewer, Sam Stanley, Rebecca Miller	
Ida Street.	
Poplar—Oscar Davis.	
Woodby Hill—John Carver, Roxie Whittamore, Blanche Cochran.	
Fairview—Linda Street, Lewis and Elsie Tolley.	
Mt. O'Dale—Sarah Lockner, Stella Rogers, Nellie Starnes, Etta	
Poore.	
Jerry's Chapel—Nathan and Minnie Birchfield, Dianna McKinney	
Stella Whitehead.	
Cedar Grove—Rose Leonard, Anna Blaylock, Natler Blaylock, Allen	
Richardson, Robert Leonard.	
Oakdale—Velma Fleenor, Mary Gentry, Pearl Rose.	
Little Elk—Stella Elliott, Pat Hopson.	
Millers' Chapel—Ed Hendrick.	
St. Paul—C. L. and Martha Hill, Nave and Daisy Campbell, Rosa	
Hughes.	
Clinchfield—Joanna Street, Bell Laws.	
Middle Dist.—Lydia Arwood.	
Charity Hill—Mrs. Henry Russell, C. E. Treadway.	
Buffalo Valley—Flora Stevens, Ada Hopson.	
Berea—Mittie Lilly, Clara Delaney.	
Lyons' Chapel—Ruth and Lydia Chesser.	
Miller's Grove—Lois Austin.	
Johnson's Chapel—Edgar and Lizzie Arnold, Claude Tester, Nell	
Mink.	
Upper Gap Creek—Pearl Color.	
Curtis Creek—Fannie Smith, Dalton Tolley, Frankie Moody.	
Pierce's Chapel—Victoria Dellinger, Earl and Dove Aldrige.	
Unicoi—Alta McLaughlin, Mary McCourry.	
Elk Mtn.—Mrs. J. T. Wright.	
Union Hill (N. C.)—D. H. Peterson.	
Pigeon Roost—E. W. Jones, Edith Hughes.	
Brummitt's Creek—Gus and Nora Miller, Jeff Bennett.	
Honson's Chapel—Earl Whitehead.	
Valley Forge—Howard Dugger, Mollie Jenkins, Mittie B. Johnson.	
Lewis Chapel—J. N. Winters, Martha Vance.	
Keystone—Hezzie Street, Roxie Keene, Ada Lowe, Effie Troutman.	
Rich Acre—D. F. Blevins.	

Then moved that a Moderator and Clerk for the Association be elected by ballot. A ballot was taken and Rev. W. M. Beam was elected Moderator and R. T. Gouge, Clerk.

Then by motion the Moderator was authorized to appoint Committees to assist with the Associational work.

Committees appointed were as follows:

Committee on Investigation—Rev. Clayton Whitsan, Loss McCourry, F. E. Sparks.

Committee on Business—Rev. J. T. Wright, Carl Osborne, Handy Wilcox.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—Rev. Nat Campbell, Gilbert Atkins, Martin Hyder.

Committee on Sabbath Observance—Bros. Jess Clark, Robt. Potter, R. C. Stocton.

Committee on Temperance—Rev. Hobart Hughes, Aster Lewis, Ed McKinney.

Committee on Obituaries—Rev. Fred Dellinger, Fred Beam, Jr.

Committee on Pulpit—Bro. Jess Greer, Roscoe Sheppard, Johnny Miller.

Committee on Finance—Bro. E. W. Jones, John Wilson.

Committee on Topics—Rev. E. P. Blevins, Ebb Wheeler, Cecil Higgins.

Committee on Time and Place—Bro. Ed Bailey, Beecher Brewer, Taylor Whitson.

By motion accepted the several Committees as satisfactory to the body.

By motion gave an invitation to any visiting Minister, Deacon or Delegate to register with the Clerk. Rev. E. P. Blevins, Ebb Wheeler, Grady C. Fender and Cecil Higgins from Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association responded. They were welcomed and seated in the body.

Then by motion adjourned until 8:30 A. M. Friday morning.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. Ebb Wheeler. He used for his text, Isaiah, 35th chap., verse 8. Subject, "The Way," from which he delivered an enlightening message.

Friday Morning—August 13, 1948

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Hobart Hughes by reading the 4th chap. of 2nd Timothy. Prayer was offered by Rev. Handy Wilcox.

Minute of Thursday's session was read and approved, with any necessary corrections.

Then by motion all Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates not previously enrolled.

Ministers enrolled were as follows:

Rev. Thomas Arnett, Fred Wilson, Albert Woody.

Deacons enrolled:

Union Hill (Tenn.)—Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Garland.

Dennis Cove—Malley Bennett.

Burbank Chapel—John Greer.

Oak Hill—W. M. Winters.

Pierce's Chapel—Will Johnson.

Bean's Creek—Sam Whitson.

Delegate enrolled:

Middle Dist.—Simon and Wilson Street, Mrs. James Arwood.

Union Hill (Tenn.)—Pheba Peters, Rosa and Lilly Peters.

Woodby Hill—Arthur Clark.

Beans Creek—Taylor Whitson, Nora Witson.

Oak Hill—Minnie Stevens.

Little Doe—J. R. Cates.

Evergreen—Nola Shell, Jack Winters, Nola Oaks, Oma Winters.

By motion called for the report of the Committee on Topics. Their report was as follows:

We, your Committee on Topics, desire to report the following topic for consideration and discussion: The Relationship Between Christ and the Church, and the Unity in the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. EBB WHEELER,
REV. CECIL HIGGINS,
REV. E. P. BLEVINS.

Some very able discussions and spiritual advice were given by Bros. Wheeler, Higgins, Blevins and Howell, on the topic.

By motion asked all committees to report.

Reports

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We, your Committee on Sabbath Observance, desire to report that we believe in serving the Lord six days, and on the Christian Sabbath day to assemble at the house of God to worship. Any minister advocating or trying to justify Sabbath desecration should be dealt with by the Ministers Conference. We believe the Deacons should observe the Sabbath and if they fail to do so they should be dealt with by their church.

Respectfully submitted,

JESS CLARK,
ROBERT POTTER,
R. C. STOCTON

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 teach young people God's Word, and that the Sabbath School attendance should be greater than the church membership. We also suggest that no officer or teacher be elected who drinks or does things not becoming to a teacher and Christian; and that members of a church should attend their own Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. NAT CAMPBELL,
REV. GILBERT ATKINS,
REV. MARTIN HYDER.

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, and to carefully observe same.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. HOBART HUGHES,
REV. ASTER LEWIS,
REV. ED McKINNEY.

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION

We, your Committee on Investigation, desire to report that nothing has been turned in to us to investigate.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. CLAYTON WHITSON,
REV. LOSS McCOURRY,
REV. F. E. SPARKS.

COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE

We, your Committee on Orphanage, hereby recommend that each church take an offering once per month for the support of the Orphanage. We also suggest that each pastor visit the Orphanage, so he will be more able to advise his church in regard to its duty to the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. NAT ARNETT,
REV. GRADY FENDER,
MRS. J. T. WRIGHT.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

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

Respectfully submitted,

REV. FRED DELLINGER,
REV. FRED BEAM.

OBITUARIES

SISTER MARTHA TOLLEY BAILEY—Was born December 27, 1864, deceased March 13, 1948, age 83 years, 2 mos., 15 days. She was out of a family of 11, only two brothers are left. Had been a member of the church nearly 60 years. She said she was going to Heaven.

BRO. MILLARD HONEYCUTT—Departed this life May 18, 1948, age 71 years. He was a member of Millers Chapel Free Will Baptist Church for several years before his death. He leaves a wife and son and two grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his death.

SISTER NOLA V. WINTERS—Departed this life March 11, 1947, at the age of 62 years, eleven months. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church all her life, and was a devoted Christian mother. She leaves her husband, G. N. Winters of Minneapolis, N. C., 9 children, 11 grandchildren. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

SISTER MINNIE WATSON—Born Dec. 19, 1874; died Feb. 5, 1948. Age 73 years, 1 mo., 15 days. Professed faith and united with church Nov. 15, 1919. Lived a faithful Christian life until death. Her last words were about her home in Heaven and her crown. She leaves a husband, seven children and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

BROTHER IKE TIPTON—Was born Oct. 29, 1881, deceased Aug. 31, 1947, age 65 years, 10 mos., 3 days. He professed faith in Christ at the age of 30, joined the F. W. B. at Union Hill 35 years ago. He was a good faithful member until death set him free. He leaves a wife and four children, four sisters and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He bore his sickness patiently and was just waiting the change to come. Gone to rest from his labor; may we all live to meet him on the banks of sweet deliverance.

SISTER LILA BENNETT STREET—Departed this life March 5, 1948, age 64. She professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined the F. W. B. church at Middle District. She leaves four children, 15 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her passing. She was a good Christian woman, loved and respected by all who knew her. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. She cannot come back to us, but we can go to her.

MRS. BESSIE MORGAN—Died Dec. 19, 1947 at her home, Rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn. Funeral services were held at Morgans Chapel Church, Sunday, Dec. 21, 1947, with the Rev. Thomas Arnett and Rev. Cleve Whitehead officiating. Burial was in Nelson cemetery. Survived by the husband, 4 brothers, 1 half-brother, 1 half-sister.

ANDY J. ARNETT—Born Dec. 7, 1877, died Aug. 17, 1947, at his home, Rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn. Funeral services were held at Morgan's Chapel Church, Tues., Aug. 19, 1947, with Rev. Virgil DeLoach officiating. Burial was in Peters cemetery. Survivors are the wife, 2 sons, 3, daughters. 23 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, 1 brother, 5 half-brothers, 2 half-sisters.

MARY ETTA COOK—Born June 17, 1865, departed this life Nov. 14, 1947. She was a member of the Little Elk Church. She leaves 2 children, a son and a daughter, a host of grandchildren, and great grandchildren to mourn her loss. Our loss in Heaven's gain.

SISTER FRANKY GREER—Departed this life March 7, 1948, age 81 years, 7 months. She was a member of the F. W. B. Church for 67 years. We believe our loss in Heaven's gain. She left 10 children and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

SISTER FERDIE HUGHES—Departed this life Oct. 1, 1947. She was a faithful member and clerk of Mountain View Church ever since it was organized. She was a devoted Christian and leaves many friends and relatives to mourn her loss. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

SISTER NETTIE GREER—Departed this life March 8, 1948, age 42. Was a member of the Keystone Free Will Baptist Church. She leaves her husband, Jess Greer and 3 children, all of Johnson City, and many other relatives and friends to mourn her loss. But we feel her loss is Heaven's gain. She was a kind and patient mother and a devoted Christian who treated everybody kind.

Dear Mother you have gone away,
Our loss we deeply feel;
But the Great Physician has the cure,
Our sorrow He can heal.
Dearest mother, how we loved you,
But your Saviour loved you best;
So He came and called dear Mother home
To Heaven there to rest,
And so we say good bye today,
To one we loved so well;
And may we all be joined again
In Heaven there to dwell.

By **REV. CARL R. OSBORNE**,
Pastor, Keystone F. W. B. Church.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, wish to report that we have received \$99.27 for printing and mailing Minutes of this Association.

Received afterwards by Clerk \$15.15, making a total of \$114.42 received.

Respectfully submitted,
E. W. JONES,
JOHN WILSON.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We, your Committee on Time and Place, desire to recommend that the next Ministers' Conference be held with Woodby Hill Church, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn., to begin on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in Nov., 1948. Rev. James Arwood to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. Nat Campbell to be his Alternate.

The next Association is to be held with Evergreen Church, Shell Creek, Tenn., beginning on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1948. Rev. W. M. Beam to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. Handy Wilcox to be his Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
ED BAILEY,
TAYLOR WHITSON,
BEECHER BREWER.

By motion received and adopted the reports of the Committees.

Then by motion adjourned until 1:45 P. M. For preaching at 11:00 A. M. by Rev. Cecil Higgins, Bro. Higgins used for his text Matt. 16th chap., 17th and 18th verses. Subject, "The Wisdom of God," from which he brought a great and spiritual message.

Friday Evening

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Services opened by singing by the Greenville F. W. B. Orphans.

Rev. Fender, representing the F. W. B. Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., was recognized and he outlined some of the work and needs of the Orphanage. Rev. Stanley of the F. W. B. Orphanage at Greenville, Tenn., was also recognized, and gave an interesting summary of the work being carried on at the Greenville Orphanage, after which some of the children from the Orphanage gave an interesting program. An offering was taken and \$84.33 was received for the Orphanage at Greenville, Tenn.

By motion, Rev. W. M. Beam and R. T. Gouge were authorized as Moderator and Clerk of this Association to sign a deed for the old church property at Marion, N. C., known as the old Coxes Creek Church.

By motion called for letters from any newly constituted church that desired to unite with this Association, and received a letter from the Cripple Creek F. W. B. Church, asking for admittance. On motion the church was received and Deacons James Porter, Patrick O'Quinn, and James Moffitt, and Clerk Nora O'Quinn were welcomed and seated in the body.

By motion church letters from the various churches were received, read, and their reports adopted.

By motion a committee was composed of Rev. Ed McKinney and L. H. Rhodes to investigate the Sky Land Church property at Blowing Rock, N. C., and make their report to the next Ministers' Conference.

The Moderator extended thanks for the Association as a whole to the good people of Keystone Church for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with them.

The closing prayer was offered by Bro. Howard Dugger.

Then by motion adjourned until time and place.

REV. W. M. BEAM, Moderator,
R. T. GOUGE, Clerk.

Ministers' Conference

Saturday Morning—August 14, 1948

The Ministers' Conference was held in connection with the Association.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. James Arwood by reading part of the 5th chap. of Ephesians. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. T. Wright.

By motion the Association Moderator and Clerk were retained for service in the Ministers' Conference.

By motion the Minute of the previous session was read and approved with any necessary corrections.

Rev. Harrison Street asked for and was given the floor to apologize to the Conference for failing to attend or write the Conference for the last three sessions. He asked to be forgiven and that his name be restored to the ministers' roll. His request was granted. Then moved to have the ministers' roll called and pass on the character of the ministry. The character of the ministry was passed as good as far as known to this body.

By motion called letters of any minister desiring to represent by letter and received a letter from Rev. Handy Wilcox stating his reason for not being present. By motion Rev. Wilcox's letter was accepted and he was enrolled as being present.

Then by motion called for letters of recommendation for license to preach the gospel or for examination for ordination, and received letters recommending Bros. Berk Saylor and Hobert Pierce to preach the gospel, and letters recommending Bros. Woodrow Morrell and Fred Beam, Jr., for ordination.

On motion the letters were received and turned over to the ordaining council for examination.

By motion called for the Committee on Business to report.
The Committee on Business report was as follows:

We, your Committee on Business, desire to report that if any minister of this Conference invites any former minister that has been dealt with, or is not in good standing with this Conference, into his pulpit, or to assist him in revivals he shall be dealt with by this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. T. WRIGHT,

REV. CARL OSBORNE.

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Then by motion called for the Ordaining Council to report.
Their report was as follows:

We have examined the applicants and after due consideration, we believe Bro. Berk Saylor should stay under the church liberation awhile longer, and Bro. Hobart Pierce should be licensed to preach the gospel. We also suggest that Bros. Fred Beam, Jr., and Bro. Woodrow Morrell should preach under license for another six months, but be granted authority to carry on their duties in their church work.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. W. M. BEAM,
REV. LOSS McCOURRY,
REV. JAMES ARWOOD,
REV. F. E. SPARKS.

By motion the reports of the Business Committee and Ordaining Council were adopted.

Then by motion adjourned until time and place.
Rev. W. M. Beam offered the closing prayer.

REV. W. M. BEAM, Moderator,
R. T. GOUGE, Clerk.

MINISTER'S COVENANT

Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ, we agree to adopt the following Articles:

Article (1) We solemnly covenant before God that we will adopt the doctrine of the Toe River Free Will Baptist faith and defend the same.

Article (2) We agree that by the help of God we will not preach or advocate any doctrine that Free Will Baptist will not adopt.

Article (3) We also promise by the help of God to endeavor to evangelize all people in whom we come in contact with as far as possible that by so doing we might add many to our churches.

Article (4) We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship, and by self denial, faith and good works, endeavor to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and encourage the churches in our charge to stand loyal to the faith and not be carried about by every wind of doctrine.

Article (5) We also agree that any minister failing to keep the above articles with sufficient evidence to convince the ministers conference, is automatically dismissed and to turn in his credentials without any argument.

MINISTER'S DIRECTORY

NAME	ADDRESS
J. H. Arwood,	Relief, N. C.
J. S. Arnett,	Hampton, Tenn.
S. C. Tolley,	R. 2, Ronn Mountain, Tenn.
W. M. Howell,	Johnson City, Tenn., Rt. 2
Zeb Ledford,	Hawk, 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.
Ernest Buck,	Shell Creek, Tenn.
Edd McKinney,	Elk Park, N. C.
W. M. Beam,	Erwin, Tenn.
Carl Osborn,	Unicoi, Tenn.
J. T. Wright,	Route 1, Box 310, Crossmore, N. C.
Gilbert Adkins,	Hunt Dale, N. C.
W. F. Taylor,	Johnson City, Tenn., Rt. 5
D. M. Laughrun,	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Jeff McKinney,	Elk Park, N. C.
Nat Campbell,	109 Colorado st. Johnson City T
Wiley Sheets,	Johnson City, Tenn.
Farrell Sparks,	Swannanoa, N. C.
Kinnie Holder,	Elizabethton, Tenn.
Fred Beam,	Senia, N. C.
Robert Miller,	Poplar, N. C.
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.
R. C. Stocton,	Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Loss McCurry,	Tipton, Hill, N. C.
Aster Lewis,	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Handy Wilcox,	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Virgil Deloach,	Hampton, Tenn.
John Buchanan,	Bluff City, Tenn.
W. M. Leonard,	Bristol, Tenn.
Hobart Hughes,	Johnson City, Tenn.

Robert Potter.....R. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Thomas Arnett.. ...R. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Allen Grindstaff.....R. 5, Johnson City, Tenn.
Clate Whitson.....Tipton Hill, N. C.

Licentiates

Fred Beam, Jr.....Senia, N. C.
Nat Arnett.....R. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Hobart Pierce.....Johnson City, Tenn.
S. M. Sparks.....Newland, N. C.

TOE RIVER F. W. B. ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

Churches	Pastor Elect	Clerks and Addresses
Burbank Chapel	J. C. Barnett	John Greer, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Beans Creek	James Arrowood	Mary Whitson, Ewart, N. C.
Burleson's Chap.	E. P. Blevins	Mrs. A. W. Woody, Plumtree, N.
Buffalo Valley	Loss McCourry	Flora Stevens, R. 1, Unicoi, T.
Berea	J. C. Barnett	B.M. Dulaney, Rt. 1, Johnson City
Brummitts Creek	Ebb Wheeler	Nora Miller, Relief, N. C.
Crabtree Chapel	Robt. Potter	Etta Buchanan, Spruce Pine, N.
Curtis Creek	Jeff McKinney	Sarah Fox, Heaton, N. C.
Clinchfield	Claton Whitson	Harrison Street, Forbes, N. C.
Clarks Chapel	Allen Grindstaff	Garrett Tolley, Rt. 1, Hampton, T
Cedar Grove	R. C. Stocton	Bonnie Buchanan, Bluff City, T.
Cane Creek	E. P. Blevins	Stokes Buchanan, Hawk, N. C.
Coxes Creek	W. M. Beam	Ruby Hoppes, Hollifield, N. C.
Charity Hill		Mrs. Austin Hardin, Eliz'pton, T.
Dennis Cove ...	John Buchanan	John Whitehead, Hampton, T
Elk Mtn.	Loss McCourry	Mack C. Johnson, Hughes, N. C.
Evergreen	Handy Wilcox	Nola Shell, Shell Creek, Tenn.
Fairview	James Arrowood	Lloyd Tolley, Rt. 1, Hampton, T.
Green Mtn.	Gilbert Atkins	Cecil Deyton, Green Mtn., N. C.
Hopson's Chapel	Thos. Arnett	Earl Whitehead, Rt. 2, Roan Mtn.
Ivy Height		Claude Sluder, Minneapolis, N.C.
Johnsons Chapel		Mrs. Joe Arnold, Neva, Tenn.
Jerry's Chapel .	Fred Beam, Jr.	Mrs. Henry Whitehead, Shell Ck.
Keystone	Carl Osborne	A. W. Calloway, 108 E. Main J.C.
Little Doe	Virgil Deloach	J. K. Stephens, Rt. 1, Hampton, T
Little Elk	Martin Hyder	Ruth Baumgardner, Elk Park, N.
Lewis Chapel ...	Virgil Deloach	Mrs. John Odum, Minneapolis, N.
Lyons' Chapel	Kennie Holder	Fae Lyons, R 4 Elizabethton, T.
Morgans Chapel	Virgil Deloach	Ella Miller, R 2 Roan Mtn., Tenn
Millers Chapel .	Gilbert Atkins	Leora Miller, Ramseytown, N. C.
Mt. View	Martin Hyder	Maude Jones, Frank, N. C.
McCoury's Rock	Handy Wilcox	Eunice McCourry, Senia, N. C.
Middle District	Harris Street	Pearl Street, Ewart, N. C.
Mt. Odell	Hobart Hughes	Bessie Coffie, Embreville, Tenn.
Miller Grove	Jeff McKinney	Mary Braswell, Elizabethton, T.
Oakdale	W. M. Leonard	Virgie Lady, Bluff City, Tenn.
Oak Hill	Robt. Potter	Mrs. Perry Messer, Hampton, T.
Pierces Chapel .	James Arrowood	Herve Carver, Rt. 1, Hampton, T.
Piercon Roost	H. G. Adkins	James Ray, R. 1 Relief, N. C.
Poplar	Virgil Ray	Park Barnett, Poplar, N. C.
Rich Acres Chap.	Ebb Wheeler	Lucy Renfro, Johnson City, Tenn
St. Paul	Handy Wilcox	C. L. Hill, Buladean, N. C.
St. John	R. C. Stocton	J. P. Morgan, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Toe River	H. G. Adkins	John Wilson, Relief, N. C.
Upper Gap Creek	E. F. Buck	Roger Radford, Elizabethton, T.
Union Hill, N. C.	Ebb Wheeler	Pansie Bennett, Forbes, N. C.
Unicoi	Ebb Wheeler	Alta McLaughlin, Unicoi, Tenn.
Valley Forge	Loss McCourry	Mrs. C. B. Johnson, Eliz'pton, T.
Vale	W. M. Beam	B. A. Calhoun, Newland, N. C.
Woodby Hill	Handy Wilcox	Polly Bailey, Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
Union Hill, Tenn.	Handy Wilcox	Mrs. Dana Huskins, Eliz'pton, T.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND MEETING DAYS	No. Baptised	Added Otherwise	Dismissed	Deaths	Total Membership	No. in S. S.	Paid Pastor	Paid For Revivals	Minute Funds	Paid Orphanage	Aged Mini Fund	Com. Services Held
Burbank Chapel—1st and 3rd	6	9	0	4	90	130	\$ 615.50	\$445.26	\$3.00	\$50.00	0	2
Beans Creek—4th	0	0	0	1	25	25	52.30	13.00	1.00	0	0	1
Burlesons Chapel—1st	5	4	3	1	91	60	186.00	99.50	2.15	0	0	1
Buffalo Valley—1st	0	0	24	0	19	30	132.00	30.00	1.15	6.00	0	2
Berea—2nd and 4th	2	1	0	0	90	50	505.85	180.06	3.00	0	0	1
Brumonitt's Creek—2nd	1	2	0	2	49	25	70.00	80.00	1.50	18.00	0	1
Crabtree Chapel—1st	0	0	2	1	49	40	120.00	73.10	2.00	7.00	0	1
Curtiss Creek—2nd	1	0	0	0	77	50	65.00	20.00	2.00	5.00	0	2
Clinchfield—3rd	11	13	2	0	36	30	63.90	32.00	2.50	0	0	2
Clarks Chapel—2nd	0	0	0	1	27	12	38.69	0	2.25	0	0	1
Cedar Grove—1st	31	12	0	0	85	95	155.00	219.00	1.70	0	\$10	
Cane Creek—3rd	10	14	3	1	154	95	262.00	84.00	4.00	58.50	0	1
Coxes Creek—3rd	19	3	1	0	127	90	295.00	130.00	3.00	0	0	1
Charity Hill—(All)	2	0	0	2	55	40	664.21	150.00	2.00	0	0	1
Dennis Cove—2nd	5	0	0	0	41	25	60.00	31.31	1.50	0	0	2
Elk Mountain—1st	3	2	0	0	48	15	120.00	70.00	1.50	12.25	0	1
Evergreen—3rd	5	6	0	0	108	85	127.75	116.00	2.00	81.65	0	0
Fairview—3rd	2	2	31	0	47	70	170.00	150.00	1.75	0	0	1
Green Mountain—2nd	6	2	0	2	42	45	202.74	128.65	3.00	10.00	0	3
Hopson's Chapel—2nd and 4th	5	0	7	0	119	90	200.00	168.00	5.00	17.25	0	2
Ivy Heights—1st and 3rd	3	3	0	0	28	25	116.40	44.00	2.10	0	0	2
Johnsons Chapel—2nd and 4th	0	0	0	0	45	30	100.00	450.00	2.00	0	0	0
Jerry's Chapel—4th	1	1	0	0	36	30	52.65	25.85	1.05	0	0	4
Keystone—(All)	33	50	3	4	238	200	2,175.00	188.00	4.00	50.00	0	4
Little Doe—2nd and 4th	0	0	3	1	160	100	621.05	0	5.65	40.00	0	1
Little Elk—1st	3	2	10	1	45	50	65.42	49.19	2.65	98.00	0	3
Lewis' Chapel—3rd	0	5	0	1	20	30	143.22	21.50	2.00	0	0	1
Lyon's Chapel—3rd	1	0	0	1	56	45	75.00	85.28	1.90	0	0	2
Morgans Chapel—1st and 3rd	6	1	6	2	44	35	163.32	36.95	2.70	27.11	0	2
Millers Chapel—4th	0	0	0	1	60	30	94.67	67.10	2.00	27.85	0	2
Mount View—3rd	0	0	0	1	40	30	80.00	40.00	1.00	25.00	0	2
McCoury's Rock—1st and 3rd	0	0	0	1	42	50	168.79	97.00	2.00	31.15	0	1
Middle District—3rd	0	2	0	1	70	40	97.90	44.15	2.65	0	0	2
Mt. O'Dale—(All)	22	10	14	0	69	81	338.42	207.74	2.10	56.54	31	4
Millers Grove—2nd	6	9	3	0	30	35	90.00	80.00	0	0	0	2
Oakdale—(All)	48	0	4	0	50	40	638.06	50.00	2.00	2.00	4	0
Oak Hill—4th	0	0	1	1	47	30	55.57	45.72	1.00	0	0	1
Pierces Chapel—1st and 3rd	9	5	7	0	64	81	398.42	298.41	4.75	63.91	0	2
Pigeon Roost—3rd	0	1	4	1	109	41	115.79	63.05	1.55	13.04	0	1
Poplar—2nd	0	0	0	0	86	40	101.31	32.36	2.13	5.15	0	1
Rich Acre—(All)	2	0	5	0	41	55	637.63	102.17	1.50	10.00	10	4
St. Paul—4th	0	0	0	0	25	45	144.42	45.00	2.00	0	0	3
St. John—4th	6	4	0	0	50	75	208.13	287.00	2.00	0	0	1
Toe River—2nd	0	4	0	1	65	35	54.05	39.00	2.00	15.00	0	2
Upper Gap Creek—1st	0	0	0	0	23	30	115.00	65.00	2.00	0	0	2
Union Hill, Tenn.—2nd	2	3	0	1	93	60	600.00	320.00	3.00	12.00	0	2
Union Hill, N. C.—1st	2	0	0	2	30	35	192.35	38.60	2.55	0	0	0
Unicoi—2nd and 4th	7	8	0	0	125	60	480.00	194.62	1.75	60.00	0	1
Valley Forge—(All)	12	21	30	1	50	140	1,721.00	228.25	2.00	30.00	0	3
Vale—2nd and 4th	0	0	0	1	84	65	340.76	0	3.50	5.00	0	1
Woodby Hill—1st	8	6	2	0	50	72	222.70	211.00	2.65	0	0	2

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, of such nor furnish it to others.
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
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.

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 ablest 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. 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.

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 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.

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 kept an accurate account of all its proceedings.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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.”—1 Tim. 2:6.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

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 reproveth 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.

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 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.

Art. 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 to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. III Cor. 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 of thee, 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 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.

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

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 2. There shall be no conversation by members, one with 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 of 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 those 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 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.