

One Hundredth Annual Session

of the

Toe River Freewill Baptist Association

Minutes of the 1949 Session

**Held with Evergreen Church
SHELL CREEK, TENN., AUG. 18-19**

Rev. MARTIN HYDER, Moderator

R. T. GOUGE, Clerk

NEXT SESSION:

Will be held with Burbank Chapel Church, Roan Mountain, Tenn.

To begin on Thursday before the Third Sunday in August 1950.

Rev. J. C. Barnett is to preach the introductory sermon.

Rev. Carl Osborne is to be his alternate.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOE RIVER FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The One Hundredth Annual Session of The Toe River Freewill Baptist Association met with Evergreen Church, at Shell Creek, Tenn., Thursday, August 18, 1949, at 11:00 A. M. Services were opened with singing by the Byrd Quartet. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. S. Arnett. The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. W. M. Beam. He used for his subject, "The Care of the Shepherd for His Flock," from which he brought an outstanding message, which was greatly received by his audience. Then on motion adjourned until 2:00 P. M.

Thursday Evening

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Nat Campbell by reading the 4th chap. of Eph. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. C. Tolley. Then on motion proceeded to organize by enrolling all ministers, deacons and delegates present. Ministers enrolled were as follows: Revs. W. M. Beam, Carl Osborne, Robert Potter, James Arwood, Handy Wilcox, Martin Hyder, Clayton Whitson, Nat Campbell, Robert Miller, Fred Wilson, E. F. Buck, S. C. Tolley, Loss McCourry, F. E. Sparks, J. C. Barnett, Kenny Holder, Allen Grindstaff, Gilbert Atkins, J. S. Arnett, G. C. Whitehead, L. H. Rhodes, Woodrow Morrell, R. C. Stocton, Fred Dellinger, Steve Sparks, Hobert Pierce, Hobart Hughes, John Buchanan, W. H. Hughes, Orville Whitehead, Albert Woody and Guy Pitman.

Deacons enrolled were as follows for the churches named:

Cane Creek—Bobby Buchanan, Tom Pitman, Author Stevens.
 Millers Chapel—Willis Atkins.
 St. John—J. P. Morgan.
 Woody Hill—Ed Bailey, Jess Clark.
 Coxes Creek—E. P. Boyd, Everette Johnson, E. R. Finley.
 Evergreen—J. R. Vance, Jack Winters.
 Jerries Chapel—Garfield McKinney.
 Hopsons Chapel—Cissero Elliott.
 Mt. View—Paul Gragg, Auttie Carpenter.
 Morgans Chapel—P. S. Orr.
 Green Mountain—Charles Deyton.
 Dennis Cove—Malley Bennett.
 Burbank Chapel—John Greer, Sam Stanley.
 Valley Forge—Charles Trivette, Cursey Johnson.
 Upper Gap Creek—P. B. Barnett.
 Toe River—John Wilson.
 Odoms Chapel—Curtis Melton.
 Cripple Creek—M. L. Watson, Pat Oquin.
 Cedar Grove—J. A. Lenard.
 St. Paul—Lee Hughes.
 Middle District—Chas. Street, Carmel Odom.
 Millers Grove—T. W. Brazzel.
 McCourrys Rock—I. E. McCourry.

Delegates enrolled by the following churches:

Unicoi—Alta McLaughlin, Bertie Edwards, Leland Addington.
 Little Elk—Geneva Cook, Ruth Hobson, Ruby Hobson.
 Jerries Chapel—Minnie Birchfield, Nath Birchfield, Dianna McKinney, Sally McKinney.

Cripple Creek—Mae Turbyfill, Wanda Turbyfill, Wanda Oquin.
 St. John—Yank Marklin, Cas. Holder, Clifford Waycaster.
 Valley Forge—Vista Stevens, Howard Dugger, James Hathaway.
 Mt. View—Ora Gragg, Maxine Ollis, Marylene Ollis.
 Covey Rock—Mathew Jones, Vina Jones, Fate Deyton, Georgia Laws.

Middle District—Simon Street, Author Street.
 Mt. Odale—Stella Rogers, Nellie McNabb.
 Lyons Chapel—Fae Lyons, Rose Holder, Floyd Brummitt, Tom Woody, Junior Lyons.
 Poplar—Oscar Davis.
 Millers Chapel (N. C.)—L. O. Miller, Rube Atkins.
 Dennis Cove—Grant Bennett.
 Evergreen—James Greer, Ham Winters, Ernest Hayes, Nola Shell.
 McCourrys Rock—Hazel Burleson, Marjorie Burleson.
 Keystone—Jess Greer, Wes McKinney, Dallas Jones.
 St. Paul—Ernest Hughes, Ilo Hughes.
 Woodby Hill—John Carver.
 Hopsons Chapel—Earl Whitehead.
 Little Doe—John Orr, Bonnie Orr, Ida Rowe, Albert Hyder, Georgia Hyder, Mollie Clark.
 Union Hill (N. C.)—Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Peterson.
 Clinchfield—Hubert Hopson, Thos, Quinn.
 Burbank Chapel—R. G. Greer, Roosevelt Hughes.
 Coxes Creek—Clifford Johnson, John Biddex.
 Oak Dale—Virgie Lady, Margaret Neal, Velma Fleanor.
 Burlesons Chapel—Mrs. A. W. Woody, Robt. Dellinger, Dave Dellinger,
 Odoms Chapel—Gilbert Street, Farrell Bennett.
 Clarks Chapel—Lee Jones, Lillian Jones.
 Pigeon Roost—E. W. Jones.
 Vale—S. M. Sparks.
 Cane Creek—Lecta Stevenson, B. J. Ward, Daisy Ward.

On motion gave invitation to any visiting ministers, deacons or corresponding delegates to come forward and be enrolled by the Clerk. The following responded to the invitation: Revs. Ebb Wheeler and Cecil Higgins from the Jacks Creek FWB Association; Rev. Roy L. Gosnell of the Beaver FWB Association and Rev. W. M. Harrell. They were welcomed and seated with the body.

By motion proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk for the Association, by secret ballot, which resulted in the election of Rev. Martin Hyder as Moderator and R. T. Gouge, Clerk. By motion the Rules of Decorum were read and the audience advised to follow same. By motion the moderator was authorized to appoint the necessary committees to assist him in the associational work. The committees were as follows:

Committee on Investigation—Rev. James Arwood, Rev. W. M. Beam and Rev. Carl Osborne.
 Committee on Business—Reverends Handy Wilcox, Nat Campbell, J. C. Barnett, Gilbert Atkins, Loss McCoury and Clate Whitson.
 Committee on Sabbath Schools—Brothers Jess Clark, Ed Bailey, Thos. Brazzell,

Committee on Sabbath Observance—Bro. Howard Dugger, Rev. Orville Whitehead, Rev. F. E. Sparks.

Committee on Temperance—Bro. Paul Gragg, Rev. Robt. Potter and Allen Grindstaff.

Committee on Obituaries—Bros. James Mogan and Yank Marklin.

Committee on Finance—Bros. E. W. Jones and John Wilson.

Committee on Pulpit—Rev. Fred Wilson, Bros. James Green, Ham Winters.

Committee on Ministers Fund—Revs. Cecil Higgins, John Buchanan, Virgil Deloach.

Committee on Time and Place—Bros. Jene Finley, John Vance, Sam Stanley.

Then by motion accepted the various committees as satisfactory to the body. Then by motion adjourned until Friday morning at 8:30 A. M. and for preaching at 4:00 P. M. by Bro. J. S. Arnett. He used for his text Matt. 28:19 from which he delivered a good message. The 7:30 P. M. message was delivered by Rev. J. C. Barnett, who used for his subject, "The Difference Between the Church in the Wilderness and the Church, the Bride of Christ," from which he brought an enlightening message that was well received.

Friday Morning, Aug. 19, 1949

The association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Allen Grindstaff by reading a part of the 4th chap. of Hebrews. Prayer was offered by Rev. Handy Wilcox. By motion the minute of Thursday's session was read and approved. By motion enrolled all ministers, deacons and delegates not previously enrolled. Ministers enrolled were as follows: Reverends W. M. Howell, Nat Arnett, and Grady Fender from the Jacks Creek FWB Association were enrolled as visiting brethren and given seats in the body.

Deacons enrolled were as follows: Oak Hill Church, W. M. Winters; Lewis Chapel, Norman Carraway, John Odom; Little Doe, A. L. Cates, J. A. Street, Roy Cates; Elk Mt., M. M. James; Woodby Hill, Lonnie Cochran, Earl Bailey; Berea, Spencer Barnett, Mose Campbell, Albert Whitehead; Crabtree, John McKinney; Burbank Chapel, Jess Troutman; Fairview, Eli Tolley; Ivy Height, S. B. Green; Pierces Chapel, Will Johnson.

Delegates enrolled were as follows: Vale, B. A. Calhoun, Bonnie Calhoun, Bill Blankenship; Lewis Chapel, Clyde McGee, Will Winters, Albert Winters, Fred Guinn; Upper Gap Creek, Lyda Lyons, Pearl Culler; Oak Hill, Bessie Winters, Lucile Coleman, James Waycaster; Crabtree Chapel, Venia Wilcox, Venie McKinney, James Wilcox, Bonnie Wincox, Edna Renfro; Little Doe, Alma Cates, Carrie Street; Buffalo Valley, Mary Roberts; Woodby Hill, Sherman Byrd, Goldie Hyder; Fairview, Charles Miller, Lewis Tolley, Elsie Tolley; Ivy Heights, Ben Greer, Dessie Greer, Bonnie Greer.

By motion called for the committees to report. After ascertaining the committees were not ready to report, the Moderator gave an invitation to any minister or deacon that might have a message on his heart to deliver, to proceed. Reverends Handy Wilcox, W. M. Beam, J. S. Arnett and Martin Hyder responded and gave messages, backed by the Holy Spirit, which resulted in most of the congrega-

tion praising God and thanking Him for His many blessings. Then by motion by Brother Howell, it was voted to change Article 1 in the Church Covenant to conform with Article 1 in the FWB Discipline, as follows: Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice; we now give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

By motion adjourned until 1:00 P. M. for preaching at 11:00 A. M. by Rev. Carl Osborne. He used for his text the 8th verse of the 1st chap. of the Acts of the Apostles from which he delivered an outstanding message.

Friday Evening

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. O. C. Daniels by reading a part of the 4th chap. of Acts. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. C. Stocton. By motion the minutes of the morning session was read and adopted. By motion a collection for the ministers' fund was taken and \$49.34 was received. By motion extended the invitation to all ministers, deacons and delegates to enroll who had not previously done so. Ministers that responded were as follows: Jeff McKinney, Simon Johnson, O. C. Daniels, Aster Lewis, Thos. Arnett, and D. C. Patrick, who was a visiting brother from the Union FWB Association.

Deacons enrolled were as follows: Elk Mtn., Arnold Daniels; Little Elk, Cling McKinney; Mt. O'Dale, E. M. Sparks, Emory Ebevins; Union Hill (Tenn.), Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Garland; Hopsons Chapel, Cecil Hopson; Rich Acres, Glen Renfro, Paul Brummitt.

Delegates enrolled: Union Hill (Tenn.), Rosa Peters; Mt. O'Dale, Nellie Starnes, Nora Miller; Hopsons Chapel, Ed & Fae Hileman, Bertha Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Birchfield; Millers Grove, C. C. Whaley, Lois Austin, Mrs. James Brazzell; Rich Acre, Lucy Renfro, Texia Brummitt; Buffalo, Mary Roberts; Cedar Grove, Bonnie Buchanan, Mandy Hartly, Elba Fritts; Little Doe, Ruth Vance.

Then by motion called for all committees to report. Their reports were as follows:

REPORTS

Report of Committee on Investigation

We, your committee on investigation, respectfully submit that nothing has been placed before us to investigate.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. M. Beam,
Rev. Carl Osborne,
Rev. James Arwood.

Report of Committee on Business

We, your committee on business, desire to report that no business has been brought before us for our consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Nat Campbell,
Rev. Handy Wilcox,
Rev. J. C. Barnett,
Rev. Gilbert Atkins,
Rev. Loss McCourry,
Rev. Clayton Whitson.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, believe that every church in the Toe River Association should carry on a Sunday School; and that every officer and teacher should be a God loving and God fearing man or woman. We believe that our pastors and membership should do more to encourage the Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Jess Clark,
Ed Bailey,
T. W. Braswell.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We, your committee on Sabbath Observance, offer the following recommendations: We believe and practice that we should keep every day pure and holy, serving God, and not esteeming one day above another. We believe in refraining from all worldly amusements at any time; and upon the first day of the week, which is the Lord's day, we must not forget the assembling of ourselves together at the House of the Lord, as some are failing to do; but exhorting one another so much the more, as we see the day approaching. We believe in laboring on all days except the first day of the week. We should have this day for a day of rest for our bodies and to worship God in the house of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. F. E. Sparks,
Rev. Orville Whitehead,
Howard Dugger.

Committee on Ministers' Fund

We, your committee on Ministers' Fund resolve that each church in the Toe River Association contribute to the ministers' fund not less than \$10.00 per year; and that the contributions be turned in with the church letter from each association. We suggest that each pastor get behind this in his church or churches, and that each pastor be responsible for the contribution of his churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Cecil Higgins,
Rev. John Buchanan,
Rev. Virgil DeLoach.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Finance, desire to report that we have received \$119.56 for printing and mailing of minutes of this association.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. Jones,
John Wilson.

Note: Rec'd by Clerk afterwards, \$2.00, total \$121.56, less 56c deducted for postage on MS to printer. Bal. \$121.00. R. T. G.

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,
Paul Gregg,
Rev. Robert Potter,
Rev. Allen Grindstaff.

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,
James Morgan,
Yank Marklin.

OBITUARIES

*SISTER OMA TOLLEY departed this life March 19, 1948. She was 76 years, nine months and nine days old. Was a member of Little Doe Church of Hampton for many years and a faithful mother until death. She leaves eight children, one brother and a host of friends to mourn her loss, which we feel is Heaven's gain.

BRO. NATHAN THROUTMAN, born February 28, 1874, departed this life December 15, 1948. He was a member of the Middle District FWB Church for a number of years. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss. He was loved by all who knew him, even the little children. His last words were: "If the good Lord would take me quick and easy, I would be glad." He drew one long breath and passed on to the Great Beyond. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

BRO. E. S. STEVENS, born July 4, 1875, departed this life December, 1948. He was a faithful and devoted member of Little Doe FWB Church for many years. Gone but still remembered.

RUBY A. GOUGE deceased this life June 3, 1949, age 65. He was a member of Little Doe FWB Church; leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss, besides a host of friends.

SISTER CINDA MILLER was born November 13, 1869; departed this life December 27, 1948, at the age of 79 years, one month and fourteen days. She was a member of the Pigeon Roost FWB Church since early womanhood and was faithful until death. She leaves seven children to mourn her loss. We will meet again, sweet mother, in that beautiful city where there is no sickness or death.

MRS. MATTIE WRIGHT, born April 10, 1864, died December 3, 1948. She was a member of the St. John FWB Church for around 50 years; leaves a host of friends who feel our loss was Heaven's gain.

PAULINE ARNETT, born August 13, 1886, died June 23, 1949; was a member of St. John FWB Church; leaves a mother, three brothers and a host of friends. She is gone but not forgotten.

HARRISON CALHOUN departed this life January 15, 1949, age 72. He had been a faithful member and deacon of the FWB Church for 40 years. The family circle has been broken, and time can never mend; but we can put our trust in Jesus, and meet him at the end of this life.

ARTHUR WEBB. We, the FWB Church, do wish to state that with great regrets we have given up in death Arthur Webb. He was a beloved member of our body for more than 3 years; a deacon devoted to his work for his Lord; a kind father to his children, a loyal husband and friend to all. We, the church, feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

SISTER CORNELIA ENSOR, a member of the Toe River Church, departed this life July 26, 1948; a faithful member until death, and a great worker for the Lord. We feel our loss was Heaven's gain.

SISTER HESTER PHILLIPS departed this life March 11, 1949, age 84 years. She was a member of Millers Chapel FWB Church ever since it was established in 1925. She leaves six children and a host of friends to mourn her departure.

REV. PETER JAMES MILLER departed this life January 26, 1949, age 79 years. Was a member of Millers Chapel FWB Church since its establishment in 1925. He was a minister of the gospel for several years before his death. He leaves three children and a number of friends to mourn his passing.

E. S. STEVENS departed this life December 28, 1948, age 78 years. He was a member of Little Doe FWB Church for many years. He leaves a wife, six children, 18 grandchildren and many other relatives and friends to mourn his loss, which is Heaven's gain.

CARLOS STREET was born January 26, 1922, deceased March 15, 1949, age 27 years, one month and 19 days. He was a member of Little Doe FWB Church for five years. He leaves a wife and a son and a host of friends to mourn his death.

BRO. CHARLIE H. STEVENS departed this life February 19, 1948, age 73; was a member of the Oak Hill FWB Church. Lived a faithful Christian life until death. His last words when he left this world was shouting praises of the Lord. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

WILLIAM MARTIN HAYES. Born March 27, 1878; departed this life November 11, 1948. He was a member of Evergreen Church. He leaves two children, 16 grandchildren, two great grandchildren to mourn his loss. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We, your Committee on Time and Place, after giving all applications due consideration, have decided that the next association will be held with Burbank Chapel church, at Roan Mountain, Tennessee. To begin on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1950. The Rev. J. C. Barnett is to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. Carl Osborne to be his alternate. And the next Ministers' Conference to be held with Coxes Creek Church, to begin on Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1949. Rev. Handy Wilcox is to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. Clayton Whitson to be his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. Finley,
J. R. Vance,
Sam Stanley.

By motion accepted the reports of the various committees and adopted same. Upon motion by Bro. Beam and duly seconded, a majority voted to receive all church letters without being read at the Association. Brother Beam and the Moderator extended thanks for the Association as a whole, to the good and kind people at Evergreen church, for their Christian attitude and kindness and hospitality during our stay with them. We feel that no church could have done better. Then by motion adjourned until time and place.

Rev. Martin Hyder, Moderator,
R. T. Gouge, Clerk.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The Ministers' Conference was held in connection with the Association. By motion the Association Moderator and Clerk were retained for service in the Ministers' Conference.

By motion the minutes of previous session was read and adopted, with the correction that Bro. J. C. Arnett's and Bro. Harris Street's names should have not been marked tabled at the last session. On motion called ministers' roll and passed upon the character of the ministry as good as far as known to the Conference. Most ministers were present donated \$1.00 each (as their names were called) to the Ministers' Fund; and by motion duly seconded, voted to present the amount, which was \$45.00, to Bro. W. M. Beam.

By motion called for letters of any minister desiring to represent by letter, and received letters from Bros. Harris Street and J. T. Wright. By motion Brother Street's letter was accepted and he was recorded as being present. Brother Wright's letter was rejected on the grounds that his excuse did not justify the cause.

Brother Guy Pitman asked for and was given the floor to acknowledge to the Conference for failing to attend or write to the Conference for the last four sessions. He asked to be forgiven, and his name was restored to the ministers' roll. He further stated he would not let this happen again, by God's help. His request was granted, and his license rendered for a period of six months from date.

Brother Simon Johnson made a like request, stating he had been sick and was not aware that he had been dropped from the Ministers' roll. His request was granted.

Then by motion called for letters of recommendation for license to preach the gospel, or for examination for ordination, and received letters recommending Brother Frank Humphries for license, and Bro. Hobart Pierce and Sam Odom for ordination. By motion the applicants and the letters were turned over to the ordaining council for investigation. On motion called for any minister who desired to unite with the Toe River Freewill Baptist Conference. Bro. Ebb Wheeler presented himself for membership. By motion he was received, welcomed, and was given credentials by this Conference. By motion a recess was taken from the Conference work, for preaching at 4:00 P. M. by Rev. Nat Campbell. He used for his text the 10th v. of the 25th c. of St. Matthew, from which he preached a strong spiritual message.

Then by motion the Conference was called to order to receive the report of the ordaining council. Their report was as follows:

We, the Ordaining Council for this Conference desire to report that we have examined Bros. Frank Humphries, Hobart Pierce and Sam Odom. They have satisfied us that they are worthy, and God-called men; and our decision is that Bro. Frank Humphreys should be licensed for 12 months; and that Bro. Hobart Pierce should preach under license for another 6 months; and that Bro. Sam Odom should be licensed for a period of 12 months. We feel that since Bro. Odom has been preaching under deaconship for some time, that he should be given the authority to carry on his church work as a pastor.

Rev. W. M. Beam,
Rev. James Arwood,
Rev. Loss McCourry,
Rev. Gilbert Atkins,

By motion accept the report of the Ordaining Council.

Report of The Ministers' Fund

Amount on hand at end of Associational year	\$1,335.82
Received from churches at Association	75.66
By offering at Association	49.34
By offering at Ministers' Conference	45.00
Granted to Bro. W. M. Beam	\$1,505.82
	45.00
Total amount in treasury	\$1,460.82

R. T. Gouge, Treasurer.

Then upon motion, adjournment until time and place. The next Ministers' Conference to be held with Coxes Creek Church; to begin Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in November, 1949. Rev. Handy Wilcox to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. Clayton Whitson to be his alternate. Brother Clayton Whitson offered the closing prayer.

Rev. Martin Hyder, 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. Crossnore, 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, R1. 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, R3, Tenn.
W M. Leonard	Bristol, Tenn.
Hobart Hughes	Johnson City, Tenn.

Ebb Wheeler.....Sioux, N. C.
 S. M. Sparks.....Newland, N. C.
 Junior Beam.....Senia, N. C.
 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

Nat Arnett.....R. 2. Roan Mountain, Tenn.
 Hobart Pierce.....Johnson City, Tenn.
 Sam Odom.....Buladean, N. C.
 Frank Humphreys.....Johnson City, Tenn.

TOE RIVER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTOR-Elect	Clerks and Addresses
Burbank Chapel	Ebb Wheeler	John Greer, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Burlesons Chapel	Handy Wilcox	Mary Whitson, Ewart, N. C.
Beans Creek	E. P. Blevins	Mrs. A. W. Woody, Plumtree, N. C.
Berea	J. C. Barnett	B. M. Dulaney, R. 1, J. C., Tenn.
Curtis Creek	Fred Wilson	Gladys Moody, Heaton, N. C.
Charity Hill	Nat Campbell	Mrs. Luther Russell, R. 1, Eliz., Tenn.
Cedar Grove	Woodrow Morrell	Mrs. Bonnie Buchanan, Bluff City, Tenn.
Cane Creek	O. C. Daniels	Stokes Buchanan, Hawk, N. C.
Clinchfield	James Arwood	Harrison Street, B. 5, Forbes, N. C.
Crabtree Chapel	Clate Whitson	Hattie Wilcox, Newdale, N. C.
Coxes Creek	W. M. Beam	Clifford Johnson, R. 3, Marion, N. C.
Clarks Chapel	Allen Grindstaff	Garret Tolley, R. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Cripple Creek	Frank Humphreys	Nora Oquin, R. 1, Watauga, Tenn.
Dennis Cove	Fred Wilson	John Whitehead, R. 2, Hampton, Tenn.
Evergreen	Martin Hyder	Nola Shell, Shell Creek, Tenn.
Elk Mountain	O. C. Daniels	Maek C. Johnson, Hughes, N. C.
Fairview	James Arwood	Lois Tolley, R. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Green Mountain	Gilbert Atkins	Cecil Deyton, Green Mt., N. C.
Hopsons Chapel	Gilbert Atkins	Oscar Whisenant, R. 2, Rn. Mt., Tenn.
Ivy Heights	Virgil Deloach	Mrs. Bonnie Greer, Minneapolis, N. C.
Jerrys Chapel	J. C. Barnett	Mrs. Henry Whitehead, Shell Cr., Tenn.
Keystone	Carl Osborne	A. W. Calloway, 108 M. St., J. C., Tenn.
Little Elk	Martin Hyder	Rich Hobson, Elk Park, N. C.
Lyons Chapel	Ed McKinney	Fae Lyons, R. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Lewis Chapel	Virgil Deloach	Joan Shook, Minneapolis, N. C.
Little Doe	Virgil Deloach	Mildred Rowe, Hampton, Tenn.
McCourrys Rock	Grady Fender	Miss Unice McCourry, Senia, N. C.
Millers Grove	Martin Hyder	Mary Braswell, R. 4, Eliz., Tenn.
Millers Chapel	Gilbert Atkins	Leora Miller, Ramseystown, N. C.
Middle District	Sam Odom	Simon Street, Ewart, N. C.
Mt. O'Dale	Ed McKinney	Bessie Coffie, Embreeville, Tenn.
Morgans Chapel	E. F. Buck	Blanch Guinn, R. 2, Rn. Mtn., Tenn.
Mt. View	Fred Beam	Maude Jones, Frank, N. C.
Oak Dale	Hobart Hughes	Mrs. Virgie Lady, R. 1, Bluff City, Tenn.
Oak Hill	John Buchanan	Leckie Coleman, R. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Odoms Chapel	Sam Odom	Fairl Bennett, Buladean, N. C.
Pierces Chapel	Gilbert Atkins	Herve Carver, Hampton, Tenn.
Poplar	Fulton Williams	Rozelle Randolph, Poplar, N. C.
Pigeon Roost	Clate Whitson	James Ray, Rt. 1, Relief, N. C.
Rich Acre	Ebb Wheeler	Mrs. Glen Renfro, R. 2, J. C., Tenn.
St. Paul	Handy Wilcox	Virgie Hughes, Buladean, N. C.
St. John	R. C. Stocton	J. P. Morgan, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Toe River	Ray Birchfield	John Wilson, Rt. 1, Relief, N. C.
Upper Gap Creek	E. F. Buck	Roger Radford, R. 4, Elizab, Tenn.
Unicoi	W. M. Howell	Alta McLaughlin, Unicoi, Tenn.
Union Hill (N. C.)	Clate Whitson	Mrs. I. M. Bennett, Tipton Hill, N. C.
Union Hill (Tenn.)	Handy Wilcox	Alice Huskins, R. 2, Elizab, Tenn.
Vale	Ebb Wheeler	B. A. Calhoun, B. 157, Newland, N. C.
Valley Forge	R. C. Stocton	Mrs. Will Stevens, R. 6, Eliz., Tenn.
Woodby Hill	Nat Campbell	Polly Bailey, R. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.

TOE RIVER AS. 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 Chap.-1st	13	13	0	1	75	130		\$654.00	\$430.00	\$3.40			
Beans Creek-3rd	10	2	0	0	30	25		46.90	33.35	1.00	\$100.00	\$8.60	2
Burleson's Chap.-1st	0	0	0	0	30	60		200.00		2.45			1
Berea-2nd and 4th	2	2	0	0	50	50		480.00	205.18	4.35			1
Curtiss Creek-4th	2	2	0	0	74	40		81.05	30.00	1.00			2
Charity Hill-1st and 3rd	3	4	0	2	70	45		418.20	200.00	2.00			1
Cedar Grove-1st	7	1	3	0	88	60		190.39	60.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	3
Cane Creek-4th	5	11	1	0	158	100		269.48	57.50	4.00			1
Clinchfield-3rd	0	0	0	0	33	30		100.80	42.00	2.00	82.77		1
Crabtree Chap.-1st	0	4	0	0	19	55		45.00	60.00	1.00			1
Coxes Creek-1st and 3rd	3	10	0	1	133	125		525.00	170.00	4.00			1
Clarks Chap.-2nd	0	4	0	0	27	15		47.25	15.66	1.28	16.37		1
Cripple Creek-(All)	5	0	0	0	24	48		46.55	3.50	1.45			1
Dennis Cove-2nd	0	5	0	0	40	25		125.25	18.36	2.00			2
Evergreen-3rd	0	0	0	2	85	200.00		109.75	2.50	27.25			2
Elk Mtn.-1st	1	1	0	2	40	65		85.66	36.44	2.25	8.00	10.00	4
Fairview-1st	0	0	0	0	41	60		125.00		1.30	10.95		0
Green Mtn.-4th	4	3	0	1	52	60		212.50	54.00	4.21			1
Hopsons' Chap.-2nd	8	2	1	0	123	80		192.35	50.00	3.25			1
Ivy Heights-3rd	0	0	0	0	20	66.59		44.45	21.60	2.05	2.75		2
Jerry's Chap.-3rd	0	0	0	0	36	28		83.52	54.53	1.05			4
Keystone-All	20	8	10	2	239	200	2,300.00	401.00	6.00				2
Little Elk-1st	0	0	0	0	46	45		83.52	54.53	1.05	4.45		4
Lyon's Chap.-3rd	17	10	11	1	72	65		187.86	163.00	1.50			3
Lewis Chap.-3rd	6	15	0	0	35	45		135.32	41.90	3.25	10.00		1
Little Doe-2nd and 4th	6	2	1	4	166	110		563.93	118.20	6.00	30.00		1
McCurry's Rock-2nd-4th	0	0	0	1	42	35		327.14	61.55	3.00			1
Millers' Grove-2nd	0	0	2	0	18	25		66.50	22.00				1
Millers' Chap.-4th	3	2	0	2	60	40		51.85	50.80	3.20	5.00		2
Middle Dist.-3rd	15	0	0	2	57	40		87.30	109.06	3.02			2
Mt. O'Dale-(All)	10	11	1	1	65	81		572.25	142.76	.90	23.21	26.06	1
Morgan Chap.-1st	0	5	0	0	49	40		88.98		2.75	37.42		1
Mt. View-3rd	2	2	0	0	35	20		101.56	77.17	1.55			3
Oak Dale-(All)	1	0	1	0	43	30		238.94	22.26	2.00	8.50		4
Oak Hill-4th	33	31	9	0	69	65		70.69	85.00	1.50			1
Odom Chap.-1st	3	2	0	0	109	40		90.21	90.69	1.50			2
Pierces' Chap.-1st-3rd	7	1	0	0	72	80		272.33	151.74	4.00			2
Poplar-2nd	0	0	0	0	30	35		30.85	40.00	2.75			1
Pigeon Roost-3rd	4	3	0	0	115	35		150.00	60.00	2.00			2
Rich Acre-(All)	0	1	1	0	53	63		775.34	110.10	3.00	10.62	10.00	4
St. Paul-4th	2	0	0	0	35	34		168.95	52.45	2.00			1
St. John-4th	8	10	0	2	66	75		403.30	187.12	2.00			2
Toe River-2nd	0	0	0	0	65	30		38.80	30.05	2.15			1
Upper Gap Creek-2nd-4th	1	0	0	0	25	35		160.00	34.28	2.00			1
Union-2nd-4th	10	20	0	0	155	70	598.18	144.17	2.25		110.86		2
Union Hill (N.C.)-1st-3rd	1	0	0	0	30	25	255.59	28.00	2.00				1
Union Hill (Tenn.)-2nd	26	3	0	1	122	85	490.00	150.00	3.00				2
Vale-2nd-4th	2	0	0	0	85	65	350.00	300.00	2.80				1
Valley Forge-(All)	11	28	44	0	68	135	2,080.00	202.04	4.00	138.37		2.50	2
Woodby Hill-1st	16	5	3	0	60	65	244.16	125.00	2.50				1

CHURCH COVENANT.

1. Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, 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.

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 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.

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 6:3.

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.

CHURCH LETTER.

TOE RIVER F. W. B. ASSOCIATION

Date.....

GREETINGS IN CHRIST

We, the Free Will Baptist Church at.....
now in session, send the following named Delegates to represent us in
your body:

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OUR STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Our meeting day is..... No. Baptised.....

No. added otherwise..... No. Dismissed.....

Deaths..... Total membership..... No. in Sabbath School.....

paid pastor \$..... Paid for Revival work \$.....

Revival Conducted by

Pastor elect

How many Communion Services held..... Minute Funds \$.....

Orphanage\$..... for poor or sick

Aged Ministers' Fund\$..... How many times did your pastor
meet you.....

Rev. Pastor

..... Clerk.....

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