

ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Toe River Freewill Baptist Association

Minutes of the
1950 Session

Held With Burbank Church
Roan Mt., Tenn — August 17-18, 1950

R. T. GOUGE Moderator

A. W. WOODY Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TOE RIVER FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The one-hundredth and one annual session of the Toe River Freewill Baptist Association met with the Burbank Church at Roan Mountain, Tenn., Thursday, August 17th, 1950, at 11 o'clock A. M. Service opened by singing. Prayer was offered by Rev. Handy Wilcox. The introductory sermon was delivered by Brother J. C. Barnett. His text was the 20th verse of the 5th Chapter of St. Matthew, from which he delivered a good spiritual message that was well received by his audience. Then by motion adjourned until 2:00 o'clock P. M.

Thursday Evening

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional service was conducted by Bro. G. C. Whitehead by reading a part of the 15th Chapter of St. John. Prayer was offered by Bro. E. F. Buck. Then on motion proceeded to organize by enrolling all the Ministers, Deacons and Delegates.

Ministers enrolled were as follows: Reverends Martin Hyder, Carl Osborne, G. C. Whitehead, A. W. Woody, E. F. Buck, W. M. Beam, J. T. Wright, Gilbert Adkins, Jeff McKinney, Wiley Sheets, Robert Miller, J. C. Barnett, Harris Stroet, R. C. Stocton, Loss McCourry, Aster Lewis, Handy, Wilcox, Elbert Wheeler, Junior Beam, Robert Potter, Aller Grindstaff, Clate Whitson, Hobart Pierce, Sam Odom, Frank Humphreys, Elmer White, Burney Arwood, James Arwood, Steve Sparks, O. C. Daniel, W. M. Howell, Farrell Sparks, W. M. Leonard, Guy Pitman, Visiting Ministers: Bro. Cecil Higgins, Bro. Parkey of Jack's Creek Association.

Deacons enrolled were as follows: St. John—Jack Oxendine, J. P. Morgan; Coxes Creek—E. R. Finley, Elbert Johnson, G. W. Stocton; Oak Dale—Ernest Malone; Morgans Chapel—Willard Elliot, P. S. Orr; Miller's Grove—George Stout; McCourry's Rock—Will McKinney; Evergreen—J. R. Vance, Jack Winters; Little Elk—Cling McKinney; Cane Creek—Roby Buchanan; Miller's Chapel—Wilce Atkins; Vale—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cornett; Cedar Grove—Ham Hartley; Dennis Cove—Floyd Whitehead; Burleson Chapel—Sherman Burleson; Unicoi—Willard Wilson; Clinchfield—Clifford Hopson; Cripple Creek—M. L. Wilson, Pat O'Quinn; Elk Mtn.—M. M. Jaynes; Toe River—John Wilson; Poplar—Sid Cooper; Burbank Chapel—John Greer, Sam Stanley, J. T. Troutman; Buffalo Valley—Joe Sorrells.

Delegates Enrolled: Coxes Creek—Arvey Washburn, Sam Stocton, Clifford Johnson; St. John—Yank Marklin; Pigeon Roost—E. W. Jones; Rich Acres—Alford Chesser; Buffalo Valley—Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hopson; Miller's Grove—Francis Stout, June Street, Etta Range, Gladys Henegar, Clyde Whaley, Hazel Williams, Myrtle Braswell; McCourry's Rock—Mrs. Jim Green, Mrs. Will McKinney; Dennis Cove—Floyd Whitehead, Howard Crow, Florence Crow; Morgan Chapel—T. A. Arnett, Martha Arnett, Geneva Hill, Willard Elliot; Cripple Creek—Nora O'Quinn, Bessie O'Quinn, Woodby Hill, Goldie Hyder, John Carver; Jerry's Chapel—Stella Whitehead, Sally McKinney, Minnie Birchfield; Elk Mtn.—Mrs. J. T. Wright; Berea—Mossey Barnett, Bill Barnett, Pearl Bennett, Florence Whitehead, Nadine Barnett; Odom Chapel—

Gilbert Street, Mrs. George Hughes, Mrs. Austin Dunn; Valley Forge—Mrs. Will Stevens, Mrs. Walter Creasy, Mrs. Orville Whitehead; Lyons Chapel—Nat Lyons, Fay Lyons, Lillie Hubbard; Burbank Chapel—Reuben Greer, Norman Street, McKinley Jarrett; Keystone—Jess Greer, Hattie Greer; Burleson Chapel—Gertie Dellinger, Loretta Beam, Mrs. A. W. Woody; Little Elk—Ernest McKinney, J. D. McKinney, Charlie McKinney, Ivan Crumley; Little Doe—Ida Rowe; Cane Creek—Nell Pitman, Ethel Buchanan, Virginia Pitman, Oakley Woody, Fate Buchanan; Oak Dale—Mrs. R. B. Cross, Mrs. Joe Neal, Doris Malone, Susan Taylor, Maude Malone; Covey Rock—I. P. Hopson, Lloyd Deaton, Frank Deaton; Unicoi—Mrs. Alta McLaughlin, Mrs. Ora Jordan, Mrs. Tempie Howell, Mrs. Mary McCourry, Mrs. Nellie Addington, Leland Addington, M. A. Wilson; Millers Chapel—L. Q. Miller, Lee Ora Miller, Luther Byrd, Clyde Miller, Dornice Johnson; Clinchfield—Hobart Hopson; Rich Acres—Mrs. Alford Chesser; River Green—Nola Shell, Willie Shell, Olive Buck, Charlotte Winter; Poplar—John Cooper, Edna Cooper, Nancy Presley.

Then by motion proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk for this session by secret ballot which resulted in the election of R. T. Gouge Moderator and A. W. Woody, Clerk, By motion Rules of Decorum read and the audience was asked by the Moderator to observe same On motion the various committees were appointed as follows:

Committee on Investigation—R. T. Potter, Handy Wilcox, Clate Whitson.

Committee on Business—Carl Osborne, Elbert Wheeler, Martin Hyder

Committee on Sabbath School—Jess Troutman, James Arwood, Sam Odom.

Committee on Sabbath Observance—W. M. Beam, W. M. Howell, Farrel Sparks.

Committee on Temperance—Loss McCourry, Harris Street, Aster Lewis.

Committee on Obituaries—J. T. Wright, E. F. Buck.

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

Committee on Pulpit—Sam Stanley, Amos Watson, Dave Troutman.

Committee on Parliamentary—W. M. Beam, Elbert Wheeler, Carl Osborne, James Arwood

Committee on Time and Place—John Orr, Gilbert Street, Evert Johnson.

Committee on Topics—Farrell Sparks, W. M. Howell, R. C. Stocton.

On motion adjourned until Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock for preaching by Handy Wilcox. 3rd Chapter Acts. Bro. Wilcox delivered a good spiritual message, which was well enjoyed by all present. Preaching at 7:30 P. M. by Bro. W. M. Howell. Text 10th verse, 24 chapter St. Matthew. A real good message enjoyed by all present.

Friday Morning

Nine o'clock Association met with singing, devotional service conducted by Bro. Martin Hyder, reading 38th verse, 15th Chapter, First Corinthians. Prayer offered by Bro. James Arwood then on motion proceeded with the business of the Association by reading report of Thursday's session. Then by motion adopted report as read. On motion enrolled Ministers, Deacons and Delegates that had not been enrolled as follows:

Ministers: Fred Wilson, John Buchanan.

Deacons: Rich Acres—Glen Renfro; Union Hill—D. H. Peterson; Bean's Creek—Sam Whitson; Lewis Chapel—Norman Caraway, Geo. Erwin;

Woody Hill—Lennie Cochran, Edd Bailey, Jess Clarke; Ivy Height,—Herbert Young; Oak Hill—W. M. Winters; Pierces Chapel—Dallas Honeycutt; Valley Forge—Walter Creaay; Berea—Spencer Barnett; Fair View—Eli Tolley; Miller's Grove—P. T. Williams.

Delegates: Rich Acres—Thomas Bishop, Letha Bishop; Woodby Hill—Arthur Clarke; Bean's Creek—Taylor Whitson, Mary Whitson, Estell Buchanan; Union Hill—Lester Miller; Keystone—Lillian Hurley, Mrs. Sam Troutman; Ivy Height—Elbert McCourry; Upper Gap Creek—Pearl Culler, Lyda Lyons, Curtis Radford; Little Doe—Alma Cates, J. R. Cates, Edith Cates, Ida Rowe, Millard Rowe; Unicoi—Willard Willson; Oak Hill—Bessie Winters, Joyce Stephen Shoun Stephens Shirley Coleman; Fair View—Lewis Tolley, Charlie Miler, Elsie Tolley; Pierce's Chapel—Jim West, Dewey Elliot, Eva Honeycutt; St. Paul—Anna Rae; Hughes—Genevieve Odom, Vernon Hughes, C. L. Hill, Martha Hill; Middle District—Dewey Ingram, Luther Ingram; Ever Green—James Green; Lewis Chapel—Clyde McGee, Mrs. Norman Caraway, Will Winters, Jim Winters.

On motion called for report of Committee on Topics. Report received and adopted.

Report of Committee On Topics

We your Committee on Topics offer to this body the subject of the difference between the relationship and the fellowship of God and man.

The Topic was ably discussed by Bro. Farrel Sparks, W. M. Howell, R. C. Stocton, James Arwood. On motion table topics for present.

On motion adjourned until 2:00 o'clock for preaching by Bro. Cecil Higgins, reading 24 verse of 5th Chapter of Eph. Bro. Higgins delivered a good spiritual message which was well received by all present.

Friday Afternoon

Two o'clock evening session opened by singing devotional service conducted by Bro. Jeff McKinney reading 10th verse, first Chapter of Revelation. Prayer offered by Bro. S. M. Sparks. Then by motion a nice song program was rendered by the Orphanage Class from Cleveland, Tenn. Then took an offering for the Orphanage amounting to \$81.51. Then on motion proceeded with our regular business.

On motion Minutes of morning session were read and adopted. On motion the Clerk take his pay out of the minute fund. on motion call for report of the Committee on Investigation.

Report of Committee On Investigation

We your Committee on Investigation wish to report that nothing has been turned in to us for investigation.

Respectfully submitted,
Handy Wilcox
Robert Potter
Clayton Whitson

Report of Committee on Business

We your Committee on Business, wish to report that we have not received any business to attend to.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Osborne
Elbert Wheeler
Martin Hyder

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools

We your Committee wish to report that we endorse last year's report and that each teacher urge their class to refrain from all worldly talk when they come to Sabbath School and give their attention wholly to the Bible. We also wish each class to study their lesson and to have a Bible verse ready to recite if called on especially our young people and children.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. Troutman
James Arwood
Sam Odom

Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance

We your Committee on Sabbath Observance have 37 Scripture on the Sabbath. If it is not observed we feel that we have left the Freewill Baptist faith. We recommend as your committee that our Preachers, Deacons, and officers of our beloved connection, that we as a body of Christ do and teach and stand for that day of rest that our God has observed to sanctify and enjoy with His children. Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together on that day—the Lord's day.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. Beam
W. M. Howell
Farrell Sparks

Report of Committee on Temperance

We your Committee on Temperance beg to report that our churches be temperate in all things. That our Ministers be stronger against intoxicating drinks. Not to patronize anyone who sells it in any way. And our women be very temperate in dressing. Dress in modest apparel and not to practice after the make up of the world. We have decided it is not so much intoxication drinking we have to fight from the pulpit as it is the side of life that is bringing a reproach on the cause in our churches which leads into a form and fashion.

Respectfully submitted,
Loss McCourry
Harris Street
Aster Lewis

Report of Committee On Obituaries

We your Committee on Obituaries do ask and recommend that obituaries be written in this form. Give name, date of birth and death and name of church they belong to. We also recommend and adept the obituaries with necessary changes as should be made.

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. Wright
E. F. Buck

HESTER HUGHES EDWARDS, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mose Hughes, was born November 5, 1870 and departed this life August 13, 1950 at the age of 79 years, 9 months and 8 days. She professed faith and joined the Freewill Baptist Toe River church at an early age and remained a member until death. She was married to Joe Edwards 43 years ago who survives, also 2 children, 1 sister and 12 grandchildren and a host of friends. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

THOMAS CLAYTON BUCHANAN, age 68, who died Sunday morning, after a short illness. He was a member of the Cane Creek Freewill Baptist church. Survivors are his wife Nishie Buchanan, 3 daughters, 2 sons, 3 sisters, 17 grandchildren.

WILL J. HENSLEY. Born April 3rd, 1869, died March 3, 1950. Age 80 years, 11 months. He was a member of the Toe River Freewill Baptist Church. He served as a deacon. Survivors are his wife, 5 children, 41 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 1 brother and , sister and a host of friends of mourn his loss.

MISS BLANCH BEAM died June 1, 1950. She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church at Bean's Creek. She leaves 1 brother, 2 sisters and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

JANE DUFFY age 64, died September 25, 1949. Gone but not forgotten.

DORA GUINN, Age 73, died November 9, 1949. She is missed by all who knew her. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

SISTER J. H. PRITCHARD, age 83, died October 22, 1949. She leaves her children and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

L. D. WOODS, born September 25, 1880, died February 18, 1950. Gone but not forgotten.

Rev. ZEB THOMAS LEDFORD. Born March 20, 1871, died March 23, 1950. He was an ordained minister for 33 years. He was a member of Cane Creek Freewill Baptist Church, which he had pastored for 22 years. Survivors are his wife, 4 sons, 2 daughters, several grandchildren and many friends to mourn his passing away and we the ministers of the Toe River Freewill Baptist Association will miss Brother Ledford until we meet him again.

MANILLA BURLESON SHEETS, born May 23, 1922, departed this life October 3, 1949, at the age of 27 years, 4 months, 20 days. Left a husband, 2 children, a mother and 1 brother and many friends to mourn her loss. She joined the St. Paul Freewill Baptist Church at an early age. She was loved by all who knew her.

HANNAH GARLAND HUGHES, born October 4, 1875. Departed this life December 5, 1949 at the age of 74 years, 2 months, 1 day. Sister Hughes joined the Church at St Paul when it was first erected and helped to dedicate it and was a faithful member until death. She left 7 children, 15 grandchildren, 2 sisters, 2 brothers to mourn her loss with no doubt but that she had gone to heaven because of the good, true life she lived before them. We know that our loss is Heaven's gain.

MRS. JANE WOODEY. Born June 8, 1880. deceased this life February 5, 1950. Was a member of Woodby Hill church. Left a testimony that will never be forgotten.

LUTHER McCOURY and I. P. STREET, Both were members of the Freewill Baptist Church at Unicoi for many years. Our loss is Heaven's Gain. — Freewill Baptist at Unicoi, Tenn.

REBECCA HYDER departed this life April 7, 1950. She was 84 years old. She was a member of Pierce's Chapel Freewill Baptist church of Hampton for many years and a faithful mother until death. She leaves four children and a host of friends to mourn her loss, which we feel is heaven's gain.

MARY STARLIN, deceased this life August 24, 1949. She was a member of Pierce's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church of Hampton, for a number of years. She leaves three daughters to mourn her loss, besides a host of friends.

WESLEY STREET died January 4, 1950, at his home, rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn. Age 76. He was a member of Hopson Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. He left one half-brother and many friends to mourn his loss.

STELLA WRIGHT was born May 18, 1885, died at her home, rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn, Nov 17, 1949. She was a member of Hopson Cha-

pel Freewill Baptist Church. She left a husband and two children, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

JOHNIE HINKLE. Born Jan. 26, 1882. Died Jan 20, 1950. He was a member and the oldest Deacon of Cedar Grove Freewill Baptist Church. He leaves a wife and 6 children to follow on. We feel our loss is Heavens gain.

W. M. TOLLEY was born in 1864 and departed this life March 11, 1950, age 86 years. He was a faithful member of the Little Doe Freewill Baptist Church. He leaves a wife, 2 children, 6 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

MRS. RETIE COLE, wife of Elbert Cole, born Oct. 12, 1894, departed this life February 9, 1950, leaves husband and 13 children, and 18 grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She united with the Freewill Baptist Church 25 years ago and departed this life in the path of our Lord. A faithful mother at rest. The hope we have is to live faithful and see her again when this life is over.

REX LEDFORD. Born October 18 1879, departed this life June 16, 1950, age 70 years, 7 mo. 28 days. Professed faith and joined the Middle District Freewill Baptist Church 28 years ago. He remained a member in great faith until death and said he did not doubt his soul and told his friends to make the way with the Lord sure. He was united in marriage to Betty Garland March 22, 1901. He leaves one son Fonzer Ledford, four grandchildren, that feel we can meet him in Heaven some day.

WILLIAM JARRETT. Born September 9th, 1869, died November 30th, 1948. Age 79 years, 1 month, 21 days. He was a member of Burbank Freewill Baptist Church 55 years; on the Board of Deacons 40 yrs. Leaves his wife and 7 children to mourn his loss. His last request was we all meet him in Heaven. That he could die with a heart full of love and a mouth full of joy.

Report of Finance Committee

We your Committee on Finance desire to report we have received from the churches \$113.61 for printing and mailing minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. Jones

John Wilson

Rec'd by Clerk afterwards \$10.75, making a total of \$124.36. A.W.W.

Report of 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 at Woodby Hill Church at Hampton, Tennessee, to begin on Thursday, before the third Sunday in August, 1951. The Rev. Sam Odom to preach the introductory sermon, The Rev. Farrell Sparks to be his alternate and the next minister's conference to be at Odom's Chapel, to begin on Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1950. The Rev. Elbert Wheeler is to preach the introductory sermon, the Rev. Bernie Arwood to be his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

John Orr

Gilbert Street

Everett Johnson

On motion all ministers furnish a written report of all their work to the Association next year. On motion accepted the reports of the various committees and adopted same on motion received and adopted all church letters without them being read. On motion the Moderator thanked the good people of Burbank Chapel Church for their kindness and

hospitality in taking care of the Association. Then on motion adjourned until time and place.

A. W. Woody, Clerk

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The Minister's Conference was held in connection with the Association.

The Conference was called to order by the Moderator. By motion the minutes of the previous session was read and adopted as read.

On motion called the Ministers' roll and passed upon the character of the ministry as good as far as known to the body. Most of the Ministers present donated \$1.00 each to the Minister's Fund which amounted to \$28.50. Received from churches \$122.00, making a total received at this session for the Minister's Fund \$150.50.

Upon motion called for letters of any Minister desiring to represent by letter, and received letters from Brothers Nat Campbell, Fred Dellinger stating their reason for not being present and requesting that they desired that their names be carried on the Ministers' roll, by motion their request was granted.

By request Bro. Guy Pitman was excused from attending the conference to attend a funeral and his name carried on the ministers' roll.

Bro. Junior Beam was given the floor to give his reason for failing to attend or write the Conference for the last three conferences. He apologized to the Conference, asked to be forgiven, and promised that it would not happen again in the future, and requested that his name be restored to the Minister's roll. By motion 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 W. M. Harrell, Ed Scott and David E. Jones for license to preach the Gospel and Bros. Frank Humphries and Samuel Odom for ordination. By motion the letters were received and turned over to the Ordaining Council for investigation.

On motion received letters from the Roan's Chapel Church, Bula-dean, N. C., and the Roaring Creek Church, Valley, N. C. desiring to be admitted back to the Toe River Freewill Baptist Association. Upon motion the Roan's Chapel Church was received into the Association, also the Roaring Creek Church, on conditions that the deed for the church was made to the Toe River Freewill Baptist Association, and that the deed be presented to the next Conference for inspection.

By motion called for the ordaining council to report. Their report was as follows:

We your Ordaining Council have examined the applicants and after careful consideration we have decided that Bros. Ed Scott, David Jones and W. M. Harrell should be licensed to preach the Gospel for 12 months and Bros. Frank Humphries and Samuel Odom should be ordained.

Signed: W. M. Beam, James Arwood, Loss McCoury, Gilbert Adkins.

Upon motion the report of the Council was adopted as read and Bros. David Jones, Ed Scott and W. M. Harrell were issued license and Bros. Frank Humphries and Samuel Odom were ordained and issued Certificates of Ordination.

Then by motion adjourned until time and place. Bro. Elbert Wheeler offered the closing prayer.

Signed: Rev. A. W. Woody, 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 Freewill 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 Freewill 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	Route 2, Roan Mountain, Tennessee
W. M. Howell	Route 2, Johnson City, Tennessee
Zeb Ledford — Deceased	Hawk, N. C.
D. C. Tolley	Route 1, Hampton, Tennessee
James Arwood	Ewart, N. C.
G. C. Whitthead	Hampton, Tennessee
A. W. Woody	Plumtree, N. C.
Ernest Buck	Shell Creek, Tennessee
Edd McKinney	Elk Park, N. C.
W. M. Beam	Erwin, Tennessee
Carl Osborne	Unicoi, Tennessee
J. T. Wright	Crossnore, N. C.
Gilbert Adkins	Huntale, N. C.
W. F. Taylor	Route 5, Johnson City, Tennessee
D. M. Laughrun	Jonesboro, Tennessee
Jeff McKinney	Elk Park, N. C.
Nat Campbell	109 Colorado St., Johnson City, Tennessee
Wiley Sheets	Johnson City, Tennessee
Farrell Sparks	Swannanoa, N. C.
Kinnie Holder	Elizabethton, Tennessee
Fred Beam	Senia, N. C.
Robert Milier	Poplar, N. C.
Geano Barnett	Relief, N. C.
Fred Wilson	Shell Creek, Tennessee
Martin Hyder	Route 1, Unicoi, Tennessee
Harris Street	Relief, N. C.
R. C. Stockton	Route 1, Elizabethton, Tennessee
Loss McCourry	Tipton Hill, N. C.
Aster Lewis	Route 1, Hampton, Tennessee
Handy Wilcox	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Virgil Deloach	Hampton, Tennessee
John Buchanan	Route 3, Bluff City, Tennessee
W. M. Leonard	Bristol, Tennessee
Hobart Hughes	Johnson City, Tennessee
Frank Humphries	Johnson City, Tennessee
Sam Odom	Buladean, N. C.
Ebb Wheeler	Sioux, N. C.
S. M. Sparks	Newland, N. C.
Junior Beam	Senia, N. C.
Robert Potter	Route 1, Hampton, Tennessee
Thomas Arnett	Route 2, Roan Mountain, Tennessee
Allen Grindstaff	Route 5, Johnson City, Tennessee
Clate Whitson	Tipton Hill, N. C.
Licentiates	
Nat Arnett	Route 2, Roan Mountain, Tennessee
Hobart Pierce	Johnson City, Tennessee
Ed Scott	Shell Creek, Tennessee
W. M. Harrell	Erwin, Tennessee
David E. Jones	Marion, N. C.
Guy Pitman	Spears, N. C.

TOE RIVER FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION — DIRECTORY

Churches	Pastor - Elect	Clerks and Addresses
Burbank Chapel	Ebb Wheeler	John Greer, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Brummitt Creek	W. M. Howell	Nora Miller, Relief, N. C.
Beans Creek	Handy Wilcox	Mary Whitson, Ewart, N. C.
Berea	J. C. Barnett	Roy H. Bennett, Rt. 1, Johnson City, Tenn.
Buffalo Valley	J. C. Tolley	Terry Hopson, Rt. 1, Johnson City, Tenn.
Burleson's Chapel	A. W. Woody	A. W. Woody Plumtree, N. C.
Covy Creek	Gilbert Adkins	Cecil Deyton, Green Mountain, N. C.
Cane Creek	O. C. Daniels	Stokes Buchanan, Hawk, N. C.
Cripple Creek	Frank Humphreys	Nora O'Quinn, Rt. 1, Watauga, Tenn.
Clinchfield	Gilbert Atkins	Harrison Street, Forbes, N. C.
Clark's Chapel	S. C. & D. C. Tolley	Garett Tolley, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Charity Hill	Nat Campbell	Mrs. Luther Russell, Rt. 1, Elizaton, Tenn.
Coxes Creek	Rev. Wm. Beam	Clifford Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 81-A, Marion
Curtis Creek	Fred Wilson	Gladys Moody, Heaton, N. C.
Cedar Grove	Woodrow Marrell	Bonnie Buchanan, Rt. 3, Bluff City, Tenn.
Dennis Cove	Fred Wilson	John Whitehead, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Elk Mountain	Asier Lewis	Mack C. Johnson, Hughes, N. C.
Evergreen	Martin Hyder	Nola Shell, Rt. 1 Shell Creek, Tenn.
Fairview	Robert Potter	Lois Tolley, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Hopson Chapel	Virgil DeLoach	Clyde Johnson, Rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Ivy Heights	Virgil DeLoach	Bonnie Greer, Minneapolis, N. C.
Jerry's Chapel	E. D. McKinney	Mrs. Henry Whitehead, Shell Creek, Tenn.
Keystone, John. C'ty	Carl Osborne	A. W. Calloway, 108 E. Main St., John. City
Lewis Chapel	Virgil DeLoach	Joan Shook, Minneapolis, N. C.
Lyons Chapel	Elmer White	Fal Lyons, Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Little Doe	Sam Odom	Mildred Rowe, Hampton, Tenn.
Little Elk	Will Harrell	Ivan Crumley, Elk Park, N. C.
Middle District	James Arwood	Simon Street, Ewart, N. C.
Miller's Chapel	Gene Barnett	Mrs. Leara Miller, Ramseytown, N. C.
Morgan Chapel	E. F. Buck	Mrs. Blanche Guinn, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
McCoury's Rock	R. C. Stockton	Eunice McCoury, Senia, N. C.
Mt. View	Robert Potter	Arethe Carpenter, Shell Creek, Tenn.
Miller's Grove	Martin Hyder	Mrs. Francis Stout, Rt. 4, Elizaton, Tenn.
Oak Hill	John Buchanan	Shoun Stevens, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Odom Chapel	Sam Odom	Fair Bennett, Buladean, N. C.
Oak Dale	W. M. Leonard	R. B. Crass, Rt. 1, Bluff City, Tenn.
Pierces Chapel	Thomas Arnett	Herve Carver, Hampton, Tenn.
Pigeon River	H. G. Adkins	James B. Roy, Rt. 1, Relief, N. C.
Roaring Creek		Joda Buchanan, Valley, N. C.
Rich Acres	Clayton Whitson	Mrs. Glen Renfro, Rt. 2, Johnson City, Tenn.
St. John	Sam Odom	J. P. Morgan, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
St. Paul	Handy Wilcox	Virgie Hughes, Buladean, N. C.
Toe River	James Arrowood	John Wilson, Rt. 1, Relief, N. C.
Upper Gap Creek	Virgil DeLoach	Roger Radford, Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Union Hill (Tenn.)	Handy Wilcox	Alice Huskins, Rt. 2, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Unicoi, Tenn.	Martin Hyder	Alta McLaughlin, Unicoi, Tenn.
Union Hill (N. C.)	Loss McCoury	Mrs. I. M. Bennett, Tipton Hill, N. C.
Valley Forge	R. C. Stockton	Mrs. Will Stevens, Rt. 6, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Vale	Handy Wilcox	B. A. Calhoun, Newland, N. C.
Woodby Hill	Nat Campbell	Polley Bailey, Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
Poplar	Burnie Arwood	Mrs. Madge Peterson, Poplar, N. C.

TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES

	No. Baptized	Added Otherwise	Dismissed	Deaths	Tot. Membership	No. In S. S.	Paid Pastor	Paid For Revivals	Minute Funds	Paid Orphanage	Aged Min. Fund
Burbank Chapel — 1st and 3rd	22	35	0	1	85	150	995.00	615.07	3.75	100.00	10.00
Brummitt Creek — 2nd	0	0	0	0	38	20	37.40		1.00	31.89	
Beans Creek — 3d Sat. and Sun.	6	0	0	1	35	35	86.70	60.00	1.00		
Berea (All)	40	18	3	0	200	125	879.42	337.87	5.15		
Buffalo Valley — 1st Sat.	0	4	0	0	35	22	55.00	18.00	1.00		
Burleson's Chapel — 2nd Sun.	5	0	5	0	104	65	150.00	82.65	2.35		2.00
Covv Rock — 2nd Sun.	3	0	0	1	57	58	220.50	68.00	3.50	31.68	
Cane Creek — 1st and 3rd	0	3	1	2	156	105	312.37	96.20	4.00	74.48	
Cripple Creek (All)	2	11	3	0	37	70	115.12	102.45	1.05		
Clinchfield — 1st	0	0	0	0	25	25	57.10	25.00	1.55		
Clark's Chapel — 2nd	1	1	6	0	22	15	32.03	4.00	1.27		
Charity Hill — 2nd and 4th	0	1	0	1	75	45	300.00	67.00	2.00		
Coxes Creek — 1st and 3rd	13	11	0	0	157	110	690.00	237.59	7.44	25.38	
Curtis Creek — 4th Sat.	0	0	0	4	52	40	43.00		1.00	17.69	
Cedar Grove — 1st and 3rd	11	2	2	1	99	50		150.00	2.00	16.00	10.00
Dennis Cove — 2nd Sun.	0	2	0	0	42	30	160.47	27.64	1.50		
Elk Mtn. — 1st Sat. and Sun.	3	1	0	0	37	65		89.00	1.65	14.00	
Evergreen — 3rd Sun.	4	0	1	0	0	36	130.00	60.50	2.50	70.00	
Fairview — 1st Sun.	5	6	12	0	46	70	97.50	91.00	2.40	10.00	
Hopson Chapel — 2nd and 4th	0	1	6	2	48	50	125.00	86.00	3.00		
Ivy Heights — 1st Sat. & Sun.	0	0	0	0	23	35	132.12	47.85	3.00	14.50	
Jerry's Chapel — 1st Sun.	0	0	0	0	36	20	23.85	54.00	.50		
Keystone, Johnson City (All)	26	29	10	2	234	250	2600.00	340.40	4.00		10.00
Lewis Chapel — 3rd Sun.	0	1	0	1	38	45	188.57	21.00	3.00	72.43	10.00
Lyons Chapel — 3rd Sat. & Sun.	0	4	42	0	26	40	170.09	60.00	1.50		
Little Doe — 1st and 3rd	0	2	1	2	166	110	528.47		4.25	40.00	10.00
Little Elk — 1st Sat.	3	4	0	0	52	51	75.32	23.73	1.50		
Middle District — 3rd Sun.	4	0	0	2	54	40	99.56	85.93	4.00	6.71	
Millers Chapel — 4th Sat.	13	2	0	1	73	70	73.17	160.00	2.65	19.80	
Morgan Chapel — 1st Sat. and Sun.	1	3	0	0	52	41	49.45	24.00	1.15	21.32	
McCourry's Rock — 2nd and 4th	1	0	0	1	43	50	417.07	195.44	2.00	31.50	
Mt. View — 4th Sun.	2	2	0	0	35	20	69.60	27.90	1.50	25.00	
Miller's Grove — 1st Sun.	12	21	2	0	34	69	208.08	110.00	2.40		10.00
Oak Hill — 4th Sun.	6	0	1	0	75	65	121.16	139.23	1.50	15.00	
Odom Chapel — 2nd Sat. & Sun.	2	0	0	1	110	45	85.34	37.70	1.50	9.60	10.00
Oak Dale (All)	0	3	12	1	24	28	224.65	53.35	3.00	23.19	10.00
Pierce's Chapel — 1st and 3rd	0	1	8	2	61	73	205.59	106.78	4.00	66.00	
Pigeon River — 3rd Sat. and Sun.	0	0	0	0	115	3	97.40	22.00	1.50	10.30	
Roaring Creek — 1st Sat. & Sun.	0	0	0	0	72	55	65.16	14.76	1.00	12.50	
Rich Acres (All)	14	0	4	0	50	59	814.68	89.02	2.00	27.35	10.00
St. John — 4th Sun.	0	6	0	2	60	75	218.05	180.12	2.00		
St. Paul — 4th Sun.	6	4	0	2	45	45	124.02	71.13	2.50	11.00	
Toe River — 2nd Sat. & Sun.	5	0	3	2	0	0	49.10		2.00	26.71	
Upper Gap Creek — 4th Sun.	0	3	0	0	28	42	235.00	52.43	1.75		
Union Hill, Tenn. — 2nd Sun.	6	7	1	1	133	80	486.28	127.00	3.00		
Unicoi, Tenn. — 2nd and 4th	5	31	0	2	122	70	410.55	480.00	2.25	80.00	10.00
Union Hill — 1st and 3rd	5	1	0	0	50	30	136.01	35.00	2.00	30.00	
Valley Forge (All)	21	38	0	0	105	130	1955.00	400.45	5.00	117.50	10.00
Vale — 2nd and 4th	3	2	0	2	87	100	480.00	100.00	3.50	18.90	
Woodby Hill — 1st Sun.	3	0	0	1	50	80	237.05	77.60	3.25		
Poplar — 2nd and 4th	0	2	1	0	32	50	35.51	66.24	3.00	18.00	

Toe River Freewill Baptist Association

Churches
Pastored
Sermons
Preached
Revivals
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Conversions
Witnessed
Number
Baptized
Received Into
The Church
Funerals
Conducted
Couples
Married
Visits to
Sick
Homes
Visited
Prayer Meetings
Conducted
Money Received
for Service
Rendered

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.
6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements.
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.
7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors and not 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

Art. 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.

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

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 14. The Association shall use the Free Baptist treatise in full.

Art. 18. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisers or fraction thereof.

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

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

Art. 15. Each church shall be allowed one vote for every ten members of its 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 salva-

tion; 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. 6:8.

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.” Matt. 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 Freewill 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 pas-
tor meet you?.....

Rev. Pastor
Clerk.....
Address