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**One Hundred and Sixth
Annual Session
of the**

**TOE RIVER FREEWILL
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

1955 MINUTES

**Held with Unicoi Church, Unicoi,
Tenn. Thur. Aug. 18, 1955**

Officers:

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

NEXT SESSION

To be held with Middle District Church, Buladean, N. C., on Thursday before the Third Sunday in August, 1956, 10:00 a. m. Reverend Clayton Whitsen is to preach the Introductory Sermon; Reverend W. M. Beam to be his alternate.

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TOE RIVER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Session met with Unicoi Church, Unicoi, Tenn., on Thursday, August 18, 1955, at 11:00 a.m. Services were opened by prayer offered by Rev. J. A. Evins.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. C. M. Burnett, he used for his text Romans 8-35 from which he brought a message that strengthened our faith and brought us nearer to God.

Then on motion and second voted to adjourn until 2:00 p.m.

THURSDAY EVENING

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional service was conducted by Rev. F. E. Sparks. Prayer was offered by Rev. James Arwood.

By motion proceeded to organize for business by enrolling all ministers, deacons, and delegates present.

Ministers present were: Reverends Clayton Whitson, Sam Odom, Farrell Sparks, Bob Morrell, Loss McCourry, E. F. Buck, S. C. Tolley, Willie Richardson, Orville Whitehead, Raymond Whitehead, Jack Green, C. M. Burnett, Handy Wilcox, Steve Sparks, Marvin Hyder, W. M. Harrell, James Arwood, Burnie Arwood, W. M. Beam, R. C. Stocton, Elbert Wheeler, Nat Campbell, Robert Miller, John Buchanan, Henderson Woodby, Fred Marklin, Jack Jones, and Cleve Whitehead.

Visiting ministers were: Rev. R. H. Jackson from Eastern F.W.B. Conference.

Rev. J. A. Evins, from Western F.W.B. Conference.

Rev. Fulton Williams, Cecil Higgins, and Shelby Beaver from the Jacks Creek F.W.B. Conference.

Deacons present were:

HAMPTON CHURCH—Bill Hughes, Hacker Julian.

WOODY HILL—Jess Clark, Ed and Earl Bailey, Lonnie Cochran.

BURBANK CHAPEL—Jess Troutman, Jess Jarrett, McKinley Jarrett, John Greer.

CANE CREEK—Thomas Pitman.

SUNRISE—Cecil Hopson.

CRAB ORCHARD—Zellian McCourry.

HILL TOP—Millard Garland, Jason Garland.

UNICOI—T. G. Garland, D. H. Garland and David Leedy.

LITTLE DOE—David Tolley, Roy Cates.

MT. O'DELL—Bill Coffie, Emery Blevins.

BEREA—David Berry.

LYONS CHAPEL—Nat Lyons.

FAIRVIEW—Eli Tolley, Robert Tolley.

CURTIS CREEK—Charlie Guinn, Elbert Guinn, William Guinn, Alton Palmer.

CRIPPLE CREEK—Mose Watson.

PIGEON ROOST—Floyd Miller, Grover Honeycutt, Isaac Miller.

SOUTH SIDE—Audie Lingerfelt, Fred Davis, Orville Lovett.

POPLAR—John Cooper.

EVERGREEN—J. R. Vance.

BRUMITT'S CREEK—Geo. Bennett.

COLLEGE PARK—T. C. Bishop.

BIG CRABTREE—Robert Mitchell.

ST. PAUL—Raymond Odom, Lee Hughes.

PINEY GROVE—Frank and Cecil Davis, Willie Stevens.

VALE—Elbert Cole.

BUFFALO VALLEY—Jackson Tolley.

CEDAR GROVE—Ham Hartley, Sam Buchanan, Joe Blevins.

MORGAN'S BRANCH—John Richardson.

SUNSET—Frank Cornett.

DENNIS COVE—Mallie Bennett.

COVEY ROCK—Charles Deyton, Crawford Ayers.

ODOM'S CHAPEL—Custer Melton.

Delegates present were:

COVEY ROCK—Bruce Laws, Jack Ayers, Mamie Deyton, Bell Deyton, R. B. Deyton.

SOUTH SIDE—Rex Adkins, Fred Chandler, Bill Hampton, Don Woodby.

BRUMITT'S CREEK—Mose Miller, Geo. Bennett, Solomon Bennett.

OAK HILL—Merritt McKinney, Cinda and Ruth McKinney.

PINEY GROVE—Mildred McKinney, Frank and Ina Davis, Willie and Sallie Stevens, Neva and Sheridan Barnett, Hayes Woodby, Cecil Davis.

BURBANK—D. T. Troutman, Isaac Jarrett, Charlie Greene, Norman, Florence and Ida Street, Pauline Troutman, Lissie Greer, Amos Watson.

RICH ACRES—Iola and Nina Pickering, Betty Landingham, Gladys Fleanor.

KEYSTONE—James Street, Effie Troutman.

ST. PAUL—Garland, Laura, and Anna Rae Hughes, Leva Odom, Sally Greene.

HILL TOP—George, Floyd, Pearl and Sue Garland, Jennie Salliers.

UPPER GAP CREEK—Pearl and Louise Culler.

MILLER'S GROVE—Eddie Range, Mrs. Walter Chandler, Hazel Williams, Velva Clemons.

CANE CREEK—Essie Claymon, Doris Ledford, Alice Buchanan, Lon Pitman.

COLLEGE PARK—Glen Minton, Junior Lyons, Hester Brummitt.

CRAB ORCHARD—Eva Goins, Myrtle McCourry.

McCOURRY'S ROCK—Arcus Beam, Zelzah McCourry.

POPLAR—Cora Lewis, Edna Cooper, Lillian Honeycutt.

VALLEY FORGE—W. M. Forbes, Howard Dugger, Sylvia Street, Edar Sims, Grace Ward, Delia Chambers.

CRIPPLE CREEK—Bessie and Pauline O'Quinn, Mary Watson.

LAW'S CHAPEL—Willie Laws, Dellie Buchanan.

VALE—W. A. Johnson, Nellie Vines, Bettie Cole, Vaughn Trice.

ODOM'S CHAPEL—Gilbert Street, Tilmon and Sarah Arwood, Faire and Laura Bennett.

LYONS CHAPEL—Lydia Chesser.

MT. O'DELL—Mrs. Emerv Blevins, Mrs. Joe Rogers, Mrs. Fred McNabb, Mrs. Bill Coffie.

OAK DALE—Margaret Neal, Susan Taylor, Evelyn Jenkins, Maude Malone.

MIDDLE DISTRICT—Chester Street, Mrs. Chester Street, Wilson Ingram, Venia Ingram.

SUNRISE—Mollie Miller, Mary Lee Hopson, Lilly Bell Blevins.

COXES' CREEK—Ben Hollyfield, Joe Boyd, Mrs. E. P. Boyd.

MORGAN'S CHAPEL—Jav Simerly, Lee Guinn.

MILLER'S CHAPEL—Darius Adkins, James Phillips, Luther Byrd.

CEDAR GROVE—Mrs. Arthur Glover, Mrs. Ham Hartley, Mary Hinkle.

ST. JOHN—Charlie and Dorothea Holden, June Morgan.

PIGEON ROOST—E. W. Jones.

WOODBURY HILL—John Carver, Essie Morton, Elsie Garland.

HAMPTON—Elmer and Geneva Garland, Oakie Calhoun, Zeedie Hughes.

LITTLE DOE—J. R. Cates, Alma Cates, Jennie Whitehead, Lucy Whitehead, Julia Tolley, Pearl Roberts.

By motion by Brother Wilcox, voted to elect a moderator and clerk for the Association by secret ballot, which resulted in the election of Rev. W. M. Beam, Moderator and R. T. Gouge, Clerk.

By motion by Bro. Wilcox, and seconded by S. C. Tolley, voted to elect the necessary committees to assist in the business of the Association. They were as follows:

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION

Clate Whitson, Loss McCourry, Jack Jones.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

Elbert Wheeler, Nat Campbell, Farrell Sparks.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Burnie Arwood, Sam Odom, C. M. Burnett.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

James Arwood, Orville Whitehead, Jack Green.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

Raymond Whitehead, W. M. Harrell.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Roy Cates, Earl Bailey.

COMMITTEE ON PULPIT

G. Edwards, David Leedy, G. D. Garland.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

D. T. Troutman, Gilbert Street, Ben Hollifield.

A special committee was appointed by the Moderator to investigate the deeds of some of the churches. They were:

J. R. Cares, Jess Troutman, Jess Clark.

By motion voted to accept the forenamed committees as satisfactory to the body.

An offering was taken for the Greenville, Tenn. and Middlesex, N. C. F.W.B. Orphanages to be divided equally and \$106.42 was received.

Then by motion by Bro. Stocton, voted to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Friday morning, for preaching at 4:00 p.m. by Rev. Clayton Whitson. He used for his subject (Christ is the end of the law) scripture reference Rom. 10-4 from which he brought an enlightening message.

The 7:30 p.m. message was brought by Rev. Handy Wilcox, he used for his subject (The Gates) scripture reference Gen. 28-15, Rev. 21-25 from which he delivered a good and spiritual message.

FRIDAY, MORNING, AUGUST 19, 1955

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Loss McCourry. Prayer was offered by Rev. Cecil Higgins.

By motion voted to proceed with the business of the Association by reading the Minutes of Thursday's session, which was adopted as read.

By motion by James Arwood and seconded by Hobart Hughes voted to enroll all ministers, deacons and delegates present not previously enrolled. Ministers were:

Rev's. Hobart Hughes—Robert Sneed—Vester Ball—Gilbert Adkins—W. F. Taylor—Howard Garland—Oran McKee, Jake Davis.

Deacons enrolled were:

TOE RIVER—Gus Tipton, Albert Tipton, Clarence Pate.

KEYSTONE—Roscoe Sheppard, A. C. Sanders.

VALLEY FORCE—Cursey Johnson, Ben Wiseman.

ST. JOHN—Jack Oxendine, J. P. Morgan.

MIDDLE DISTRICT—Charlie Street.

BRUMMITT'S CREEK—Harrison Phillipps.

UNICOI—D. H. Garland.

BEANS CREEK—Sam Whitson.

FAIRVIEW—Allen Street.

OAK HILL—W. M. Winters.

ELK MOUNTAIN—Arnold Daniels.

BEREA—Spencer Barnett, Dewey Howell and Luther Roderfer.

LITTL EELK—Roby Elliott.

Delegates enrolled were:

LEWIS CHAPEL—Martha Vance, Will Winters, Ruby Winters.

JERRY'S CHAPEL—Minnie Birchfield, Dianna McKinney, Stella Whitehead.

EVERGREEN—Carrie Buck, Nola Shell, Olive Buck, Willie Shell.

ROAN'S CHAPEL—Walter Murphy, Mrs. Howard Ledford, Nave and Jane Campbell.

ELK MOUNTAIN—Orville Johnson.

BEREA—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Whitehead.

BRUMMITT'S CREEK—Eva Phillipps.

BUFFALO VALLEY—Inez Yarber.

BEANS CREEK—Mary Whitson, Daisy Hoilman.

PIERCE'S CHAPEL—Bessie Vines, Eva Honeycutt, Shirley and Lula Bell Smith.

SUNSET—Mrs. Frank Cornett.

LYON'S CHAPEL—Fae Lyons, Mrs. Alta Hensley.

UNION HILL (TENN.)—Alice Huskins, Evelyn Wilson, Virginia Peters, Bula Peters, Bula Garland.

MORGAN'S BRANCH—Jake Perkins, Shirley Perkins, Howard and Hazel Harrison, Maud, Rosalee and Bettie Miller.

FAIRVIEW—Charlie Miller, Lewis Tolley, Linda Street.

ST. JOHN—Bud Perkins.

By motion by Hobart Hughes and seconded by W. M. Forbes, voted for the clerk to have a change made in the wording of article one in the Church Covenant, to read—(And adopted the Word of God as our rule, instead of "And adopted the Freewill Baptist faith as our rule.")

By motion by Rev. Nat Campbell and seconded by Spencer Barnett voted to dispense with the reading of the church letters.

By motion voted to adjourn until 1:30 p.m. for preaching at 11:00 a.m. by Rev. Elbert Wheeler. He used for his text Acts 2-1 which resulted in many praising God for joy that was in their hearts.

FIRDAY EVENING

The Association met pursuant to Adjournment. Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Fred Marklin, prayer was offered by Rev. Hobart Hughes.

By motion by Bro. James Arwood voted to proceed with the business of the Association by reading the minutes of the forenoon session, which was approved as read.

An offering was taken for the clerk for his services and \$27.50 was received.

By motion by Bro. James Arwood and seconded by Bro. Farrell Sparks voted for all Committees to report. Their reports were as follows:

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION

We recommend to this body that article No. 7 of the Church Covenant be abolished.

We have received a letter from the Dry Creek Church, requesting admittance to this Association, and we recommend that they be received as a member church.

Respectfully submitted,
Loss McCourry
Clayton Whitson
David Jones

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

We recommend to this body that they release any claims on the property of the Rich Acre F.W.B. Church in order that they may borrow money on same or transact any business they deem necessary. We further recommend that this is not an Association of Property, but of people. We don't feel that we should put a yoke on the Church that we won't wear ourselves.

Respectfully submitted,
Elbert Wheeler
Farrell Sparks
David Jones

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We recommend to our church people to remember the Lord's Day and keep it holy. As a day of Christian worship and fellowship with one another and abstain from all worldly amusements such as picknicking, joy riding and staying away from the church and Sabbath school worship. We recommend that our teachers urge the people to stay for preaching service.

Respectfully submitted,
Burnie Arwood
Sam Odom
C. M. Burnett

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We find that temperance does not apply to intoxicants alone, but it means for us to be temperate in our work and words, such as we preachers getting over burdened for good paying churches.

If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man and able to bridle the whole body, James 3-2.

Respectfully submitted,
James Arwood
Orville Whitehead
Jack Greene

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY

We have after due and careful consideration, have decided that it would be the best, and fairest to both the church and ministers and we also believe that it would bring a closer fellowship between the ministers and the various churches and all our churches be governed by the Church Covenant and discipline. Our decision is based on articles 18 in our constitution which reads as follows. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. Cates
J. T. Troutman
Jess Clark

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Received \$148.90 Minute Fund.

Received \$101.58 Orphanage Fund.

\$2.00 received by Clerk afterwards making a total of \$150.90 Minute Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Cates
Earl Bailey

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We suggest that the next Association be held with Middle District Church, Buladean, N. C., to begin on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1956. Rev. Clayton Whitson to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. W. M. Beam to be his alternate, and the next Ministers Conference to be held with Odom's Chapel Church to begin on Thursday before the third Sunday in Nov. 1955. Rev. Elbert Wheeler to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. Handy Wilcox to be his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
D. T. Troutman
Gilbert Street

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MINISTERS' FUND

I have received contributions from the following churches for the Ministers' Fund.

Oakdale	\$10.00
Woodby Hill	10.00
Cripple Creek	10.00
Burbank Chapel	10.00
Dennis Cove	10.00
Mt. O'Dale	30.40
South Side	10.00
Hill Top	10.00
Valley Forge	40.00
Piney Grove	10.00
Vale	10.00
Cedar Grove	10.00
Little Doe	10.00
College Park	10.00
Lyon's Chapel	10.00
Poplar	10.00
Odom's Chapel	10.00
Curtiss Creek	10.00
Morgan's Branch	15.00
Cane Creek	10.00
Rich Acres	10.00
Hunt Dale	10.00
Fairview	10.00
Union Hill (Tennessee)	10.00
Roan's Chapel	10.00
Unicoi	10.00
Keystone	10.00
Miller's Grove	10.00
Lewis Chapel	10.00
Beans Creek	5.00
Berea	10.00
Middle District	10.00
Coxes Creek	10.00
Oak Hill	11.00
St. Paul	10.00
Pigeon Roost	10.00
Crabtree Chapel	6.00

TOTAL.....\$417.14

R. T. Gouge, Treasurer

By motion voted to accept all committee reports as read and adopted same.

By motion by Orville Whitehead and seconded by L. J. Oliver voted to send C. M. Burnett, Steven Sparks and Orville White as field men to the churches that are in need of assistance.

By motion voted for the Moderator and Clerk to sign a deed for Rich Acre Church property.

The Moderator thanked the audience for their attentive attitude, and the kind and generous people of Unicoi Church for their kindness and hospitality.

Rev. R. C. Stocton offered the closing prayer.

By motion voted to adjourn until time and place.

W. M. Beam, Moderator

R. T. Gouge, Clerk

OBITUARIES

BROTHER P. S. ORR—Born October 27, 1870, age 85. He was a member and Deacon of the Morgan's Chapel F.W.B. Church for 53 years. He leaves a wife, 9 children, 32 grand children, and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Gone but not forgotten.

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MRS. GRACE HILL ROBINSON—Born April 2, 1918, departed this life January 9, 1955. She was a member of the Little Doe Freewill Baptist Church. She leaves two sons, mother, one sister, three brothers and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss; but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Gone but not forgotten.

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BROTHER ROBERT HENRY GOUGE—Age 69, departed this life January 22, 1955. He was a member of the Little Doe Freewill Baptist Church for a number of years. He leaves his wife, one daughter, three sons, four sisters, two brothers and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss; but we feel that he is at rest in Heaven.

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BROTHER EZELL THOMASON—Age 79, departed this life September 5, 1954. He was a member of the Little Doe Freewill Baptist Church. He leaves his wife, four daughters, five sons and a number of grandchildren to mourn his passing. Gone but not forgotten.

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BROTHER J. N. BYRD—Born May 25, 1872, departed this life June 21, 1955. He was a member of the Little Doe Freewill Baptist Church for about 60 years. He leaves his wife, ten children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. At rest in Heaven.

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BROTHER THOMAS ALLEN HILL—Born Feb. 8, 1902, died April 29, 1955. God cut the silvery thread of life and took him out of his pain and sorrow of this life, at age 53. He was a member of Sunset Church. Leaves a wife and three children, one grandchild and three sisters and a host of relatives and friends. He was a good Christian man and a wonderful citizen of his community. He left a testimony that he was prepared to meet God. He is missed here; but God doth all things well.

SISTER MATTIE COOPER—Age 72 years, departed this life June 10, 1955. She was a member of the F.W.B. Church at Poplar. She leaves one sister, one brother, five children and a host of friends to mourn her passing. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

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HENRY TULL CARMICHAEL—of Johnson City, Tenn., departed this life at the age of 70 on April 23, 1955. He was a true member of the Keystone Freewill Baptist Church. He leaves a good wife and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He loved his church and proved it. We hope to see him again when this life is over.

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MARTHA GARLAND—of Johnson City, Tenn., departed this life at the age of 69 years, March 26, 1955. She was a faithful member of the Keystone Freewill Baptist Church until her departure. She is survived by a son, four daughters, one brother and seven grandchildren. We miss her presence in church.

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BROTHER GARRETT RAY, SR.—Born June 12, 1885, departed this life March 20, 1955 at age of 69 years. He joined the Pigeon Roost F.W.B. Church at an early age and remained a faithful member until death. He served as a deacon for several years, and was the oldest deacon in this church at death. He leaves his wife, one child, one brother, one sister and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He was a faithful husband and a loving father and a faithful friend.

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BRO. WILLIAM TROUTMAN—Born Feb. 14, 1870; died April 3, 1955. He was a faithful member of Burbank Chapel Church, F.W.B., for many years, and also to the Toe River Freewill Baptist Association. Tears came to our eyes as we try to express in words the devotedness of his work—the leadership of "troutman," as we called him. We feel that the Lord really had need of Brother Troutman after Sister Troutman passed away and his life had pleased the Lord enough, so that He did not leave him in this world long without a companion. We feel, and know, that our loss is Heaven's gain.

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SPENCER SINGLETON—Died May 13, 1955. Age 48. Member Morgan Branch Chapel for 6 years. May he rest in peace.

JOSEPH MILLER—Son of Dan and Clarissa Miller was born in Yancey County March 16, 1862. Married to Nellie Adkins about 70 years ago. They had 8 children—5 still living. Second marriage to Kittie Hunter 55 years ago, to them was born 6 children, 4 surviving. He died Nov. 29, 1954, age nearly 93. Joined the Missionary Baptist church at early age, later attaching himself to the Freewill Baptist church. Ordained as minister 1931.

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SISTER LUCRECIA TROUTMAN—Born Sept. 28, 1869, died Jan. 14, 1955. She was a devoted member of Burbank Chapel Freewill Baptist Church many years. We feel, and know, that our loss is Heaven's gain. She was a wonderfully devoted Christian, mother and grandmother to everyone. Always concerned about others and had a word of encouragement for them. Even though she spent her last years in a wheelchair, she had something cheerful to say to those that were downhearted—a true example of a real Christian light that will shine on even tho' she has gone to rest.

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REV. W. M. BRUMMETT—Departed this life May 11, 1955, age 77 years. Had been a minister of the gospel for 43 years, and was a member of College Park F.W.B. Church. We feel that Bro. Brummett's loss here is Heaven's gain.

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BRO. GEORGE MICKEL ERWIN—Was born March 11, 1867, departed this life Aug. 13, 1954. Was a member of Lewis Chapel F.W.B. Church for many years. He was a faithful member of the church. He leaves three sons, five daughters, 23 grand children; 32 great grand children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

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BRO. ROMULUS CAMPBELL McGEE—Was born March 20, 1881, died Jan. 3, 1955, was a member of Lewis Chapel Freewill Baptist Church for 40 years. He leaves 6 children and a host of friends to mourn his passing. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

BROTHER W. R. WHITSON—Born Aug. 12, 1872 and died Sept. 8, 1954. He was a faithful member of Burbank Chapel Church of which he had been a member for nearly 50 years. We feel that he is gone where sorrow is no more.

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SISTER ALALAIDE BOWERS—Was born July 27, 1870, died July 6, 1955. Mother of ten children and a very prayerful and faithful member of the Lewis Chapel Church, F.W.B., for many years. Gone to be with Jesus.

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MR. D. W. PATTERSON—Was born Aug. 1886, age 69 years, departed this life Sept. 25, 1954. He was a member and deacon of Hill Top Freewill Baptist Church, Travelers Rest, S. C. Leaves a widow, one daughter and a host of friends to mourn his leaving. "Our loss is Heaven's gain."

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BROTHER DAVE HUGHES—Born May 16, 1884, departed this life July 3, 1954 at age of 70. He was a member of Pigeon Roost Freewill Baptist Church for 51 years and a deacon for 37 years. He leaves his wife, Mira and 9 children to mourn his loss; also a community of friends.

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SISTER MARY UPTON—Age 76 years, departed this life July 22, 1955. She was a faithful member of the Poplar F.W.B. Church. She leaves one daughter, three sisters, one brother and a host of friends to mourn her passing. We feel that she is gone to live with Jesus and our loss is Heaven's gain.

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MRS. HATTIE PITTMAN—Departed this life June 3, 1955 at age of 92 years. She had been a member of the Cane Creek Freewill Baptist Church for about 80 years. She leaves ten children—6 daughters and 4 sons; 82 grandchildren, 120 great-great grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her passing.

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FONZER GREENE—Departed this life July 4, 1955 at the age of 72 years. He had been a member of the Cane Creek Freewill Baptist Church about 20 years. He leaves a wife, 4 daughters, 1 son and 4 grand children and a host of friends to mourn his passing.

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SISTER ELIZA BARNETT—Departed this life Aug. 1954 at the age of 83. She was a member of the Pigeon Roost Freewill Baptist Church for 51 years. She left one daughter and one grand daughter, one sister, two brothers and a community of friends to mourn her loss.

BRO. TENNESSEE HARRELL—Age 81 years, died Oct. 21, 1954. Was a member of the F.W.B. Church for a number of years. He leaves ten children and 33 grand children to mourn his loss.

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SISTER MARY HARRELL—Departed this life July 14, 1955 at the age of 69. She was a member of the F.W.B. Church. She leaves five sons and five daughters, 33 grand children, four brothers and one sister to mourn her loss.

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ANDREW HARDING—Was born October 25, 1890 ; died at Roan Mountain, Tenn. April 14, 1955. He was a member of the St. John F.W.B. Church for a number of years. He leaves a wife and four children and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

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MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

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

By motion by Hobart Hughes voted to retain the same Moderator, Clerk, Business and Investigating Committees for service in the Ministers' Conference.

By motion by Bro. Wheeler voted to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the last session.

By motion voted to call the ministers' roll and pass on the character of the ministers.

The character of the ministers was found to be good as far as known to the body.

\$46.00 was received from the ministers for the Ministers' Fund.

By motion called for letters of any minister desiring to represent by letter and received letters from Revs. John Buchanan, Allen Grindstaff, Fred Dellinger and Walter Chandler requesting that they be excused from attendance at this Conference and their names be carried on the Ministers' Roll. Their request was granted.

By motion called for letters of recommendation for license to preach the gospel, and for examination for ordination, and received letters of recommendation for Bro. Jason Salyer, for license to preach the gospel and letters for Bros. Robert Sneyd and J. C. McCormick for examination for ordination. The letters were received and turned over with the applicants for examination by the Ordaining Council.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We recommend that Bro. Jason Salyer be licensed to preach the gospel for 12 months and Bro. Robert Sneyd be ordained. Bro. Vestal Balls license be renewed for 3 months and Bro. J. C. McCormick wait for a period of 3 months.

Rev. W. M. Beam
Rev. James Arwood
Rev. Farrell Sparks

By motion by Bro. Wheeler voted to adjourn until time and place.

The next conference to be held with Odom's Chapel Church, Buladean, N. C. to begin on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in Nov. 1955. Rev. Elbert Wheeler is to preach the Introductory sermon, Rev. Handy Wilcox to be his alternate.

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

MINISTERS ROLL

John Arwood	Relief, N. C.
W. M. Howell	Rt. 1, Johnson City, Tenn.
S. C. Tolley	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
James Arwood	Rt. 2, Bakersville, N. C.
G. C. Whitehead	Rt., Hampton, Tenn.
A. W. Woody	Plumtree, N. C.
E. F. Buck	Shell Creek, Tenn.
J. T. Wright	Rt. 1, Newland, N. C.
Gilbert Adkins	Hunt Dale, N. C.
Fred Marklin	Rt. 1, Johnson City, Tenn.
Jeff McKinney	Elk Park, N. C.
Nat Campbell	109 Colorado St., Johnson City, Tenn.
Farrell Sparks	Erwin, Tenn.
Fred Beam	Senia, N. C.
R. C. Stockton	Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Robert Miller	Poplar, N. C.
Fred Dellinger	Rockport, Wash.
Loss McCoury	Erwin, Tenn.
Handy Wilcox	Box 541, Erwin, Tenn.
Harris Street	Relief, N. C.
Martin Hyder	Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
John Buchanan	Rt. 3, Bluff City, Tenn.
Hobart Hughes	600 Orlene St., Johnson City, Tenn.
Will Harrell	Erwin, Tenn.
Willie Richardson	Rt. 5, Johnson City, Tenn.
Allen Grindstaff	Rt. 5, Johnson City, Tenn.
Clayton Whitson	Tipton Hill, N. C.
Robert Potter	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Robert Morrell	Rt. 3, Bluff City, Tenn.
Woodrow Morrell	Rt. 3, Bluff City, Tenn.
Harrison Tolley	Marietta, S. C.
Steven Sparks	Newland, N. C.
Elbert Wheeler	Sioux, N. C.
Hobart Pierce	Piney Flats, Tenn.
Orville Whitehead	Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Burnie Arwood	Erwin, Tenn.
Oran McKee	Embreeville, Tenn.
Sam Odom	Rt. 2, Bakersville, N. C.
David Jones	Rt. 3, Marion, N. C.
Dwight Green	Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Jake Davis	Unicoi, Tenn.
C. M. Burnett	Marietta, S. C.
L. J. Oliver	204 W. Fairview, Johnson City, Tenn.
Henderson Woodby	Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
W. M. Beam	Rt. 3, Erwin, Tenn.
Raymond Whitehead	Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Robert Sneyd	Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
Jack Green	Rt. 6, Elizabethton, Tenn.

LICENTIATES

Ed Scott	Shell Creek, Tenn.
Charles H. Boone	Rt. 1, Newland, N. C.
Walter Chandler	Elizabethton, Tenn.
Vestal Ball	Johnson City, Tenn.
Ed Graybeal	Bluff City, Tenn.
Jason Salyer	Marietta, S. C.
Howard Garland	Unicoi, Tenn.

DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTOR ELECT	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES
Brummitt's Creek	W. M. Beam	Mrs. Star Bennett, Relief, N. C.
Berea	Richmond Barnett	Louis Barnett, Rt. 1, Johnson City, Tenn.
Beans Creek	Orville Whitehead	Mary Whitson, Rt. 2, Bakersville, N. C.
Buffalo Valley		Jackson Tolley, Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
Burbank	Shelby Beaver	Crawford Barnett, Rt. 1, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Cane Creek	W. M. Beam	J. H. DeLoach, Sr., R. 1, Bx 194, Bak'rville, N. C.
Covey Rock	Gilbert Adkins	Cecil Deyton, Green Mtn., N. C.
Coxe's Creek	W. M. Beam	Milton Haynes, Rt. 3, Box 98, Marion, N. C.
Crabtree Chapel	Clayton Whitson	Mrs. Milt Letterman, Rt. 1, Spruce Pine, N. C.
Crab Orchard		Myrtle McCoury, Rt. 1, Box 183, Newland, N. C.
Cedar Grove	W. M. Harrell	Mrs. Arthur Glover, Rt. 3, Bluff City, Tenn.
Curtis Creek	Thos. Arnett	Mrs. Collis Sheppard, Heaton, N. C.
Cripple Creek	John Buchanan	Mary Watson, Rt. 1, Watauga, Tenn.
College Park	Frank Taylor	Marie Lyons, Rt. 8, Johnson City, Tenn.
Dry Creek	L. J. Oliver	Mrs. Frank Peters, Rt. 3, Jonesboro, Tenn.
Dennis Cove	Woodrow Morrell	Floyd Whitehead, Rt. 2, Hampton, Tenn.
Elk Mtn.	O. C. Daniels	Mack Johnson, Rt. 3, Box 173, Newland, N. C.
Evergreen	Martin Hyder	Jackson Winters, Shell Creek, Tenn.
Fairview	Hobart Hughes	Lewis Tolley, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Hunt Dale	Gilbert Adkins	C. E. Tipton, Relief, N. C.
Hill Top	C. M. Burnett	Mildred Burnett, Rt. 1, Marietta, S. C.
Hampton	W. M. Beam	Oakie Calhoun, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Jerry's Chapel	Thomas Arnett	Mrs. Henry Whitehead, Shell Creek, Tenn.
Keystone	Handy Wilcox	Lawrence Coffey, 213 Orleans, J'son City, Tenn.
Little Doe	Sam Odom	Mildred Rowe, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Little Elk	Robert Morrell	Mrs. Delestine McKinney, Elk Park, N. C.
Laws Chapel	Moss Hollyway	Lucille Laws, Rt. 1, Marietta, S. C.
Lewis Chapel	Thomas Arnett	Mrs. John Odom, Minneapolis, N. C.
Lyons Chapel	Hobart Hughes	Fae Lyons, Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Mt. O'Dale	W. M. Beam	Mrs. Emery Blevins, Rt. 1, Box 762, Erwin, Tenn.
Miller's Chapel	Gilbert Adkins	Noah Miller, Ramseytown, N. C.
Miller's Grove	Martin Hyder	Gladys Henegar, Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Middle Dist.	James Arwood	Joe R. Street, Buladean, N. C.
McCoury's Rock		Hazel C. Burleson, Rt. 1, Newland, N. C.
Morgan's Chapel	Virgil DeLoach	Blanche Guinn, Rt. 2, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Morgan Branch	Fulton Williams	Edward L. Miller, Rt. 1, Shell Creek, Tenn.
Oak Dale	Hobart Pierce	Margaret Neal, Rt. 1, Bluff City, Tenn.
Oak Hill	Jack Green	W. B. Stevens, Hampton, Tenn.
Odom's Chapel	Sam Odom	James Putman, Rt. 2, Box 167, Bakersville, N. C.
Piney Grove	Dwight Green	Mildred McKinney, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Pierce's Chapel	Burnie Arwood	Dallas Honeycutt, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Pigeon Roost	Gilbert Adkins	E. W. Jones, Relief, N. C.
Poplar	Joe Honeycutt	Mrs. Dan Peterson, Poplar, N. C.
Rich Acres	Burnie Arwood	Mrs. Iola Pickering, Rt. 8, Box 273, J. City, Tenn.
Roan's Chapel	Burnie Arwood	Bertha Ledford, Rt. 2, Box 180, Bakersville, N. C.
St. John	R. C. Stockton	Charlie Holdren, Rt. 1, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
St. Paul	Jack Green	Virgie Hughes, Rt. 2, Box 119A, Bak'rville, N. C.
South Side	Elbert Wheeler	Phil Miller, 424 Rock Creek Rd., Erwin, Tenn.
Sunrise	Robert Morrell	James Blevins, Rt. 2, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Sunset	Fulton Williams	Georgia Carlton, Rt. 2, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Union Hill (N.C.)	Clayton Whitson	D. H. Peterson, Rt. 2, Bakersville, N. C.
Union Hill (Tenn.)	Curtis Beculhimer	Alice Huskins, Rt. 2, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Unicoi	Clayton Whitson	Alta McLaughlin, Unicoi, Tenn.
Upper Gap Creek	Nat Campbell	Vorita Radford, Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Vale	Orville Whitehead	W. A. Johnson, Rt. 1, Newland, N. C.
Valley Forge	Cecil Higgins	Mrs. Will Stevens, Rt. 7, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Woody Hill	Sam Odom	Thula Gowge, Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
Charity Hill	Thos. Arnett	Mrs. Clyde Nave, Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.

TABLE OF STATISTICS

CHURCHES AND MEETING DAYS	No. Baptized	Added Otherwise	Dismissed	Deaths	Total Membership	No. In S. School	Paid Pastor	Paid For Revivals	Minute Fund	Paid Orphanage	Minister's Fund	Communion Held
Brummitts Creek, 1 & 3	0	3	0	1	45	40	\$ 190.19	\$ 82.00	\$2.00	0	0	1
Berea, all	0	3	0	0	75	80	1,114.39	120.00	5.52		\$10.00	2
Beans Creek, 3rd	0	4	4	2	20	20	46.80	54.25	1.00	0	5.00	1
Buffalo Valley, 1st	0	0	0	0	16	30	115.00	42.27	1.25	0	0	2
Burbank Chapel, 1 & 3	1	3	0	3	102	125	1,200.00	356.50	3.00	0	10.00	4
Cane Creek, 2 & 4	0	0	2	2	161	100	480.00	150.00	5.00	0	10.00	1
Covey Rock	3	0	0	0	76	84	379.87	84.00	3.00	45.61	0	1
Coxe's Creek, all	3	8	0	2	177	121	685.10	382.52	3.00	0	10.00	1
Crabtree Chapel, 1 & 3	0	0	0	0	40	30	300.00	60.00	2.50	44.97	6.00	0
Crab Orchard, 1 & 3	0	0	0	0	28	65	320.45	100.00	1.50	20.00	0	0
Cedar Grove, all	10	7	70	1	60	50	500.00	130.00	1.50	12.50	10.00	2
Curtiss Creek	5	0	0	0	102	52	141.12	50.80	2.00	0	10.00	2
Cripple Creek, 1, 2 & 4	2	0	0	0	33	40	385.00	78.42	1.35	0	10.00	4
College Park, all	3	2	0	1	27	29	100.42	18.68	2.25	10.00	10.00	2
Dry Creek					22	50			3.00			
Dennis Cove, 4th	0	0	0	0	41	20	161.96	30.00	1.95	0	10.00	1
Elk Mtn.	0	0	0	0	56	65			3.00			1
Evergreen, 1 & 3	2	0	0	0	75	75	360.00	256.00	2.00	130.10	0	2
Fairview, 4th	0	4	0	0	39	60	159.89	53.76	2.00	10.00	10.00	2
Hunt Dale, 2nd	0	2	1	0	35	35	77.05	42.25	2.50		10.00	1
Hill Top, all	11	4	1	1	39	45	269.39	121.35	3.00	0	10.00	2
Hampton, 2 & 4	0	0	4	0	28	40	365.75	35.00	1.50	39.77	0	0
Jerry's Chapel, 1st	0	0	0	0	36	30	40.20	0	1.50	0	0	1
Keystone, all	4	9	4	2	120	114	2,615.45	96.83	3.00	0	10.00	4
Little Doe, 2 & 4	11	6	4	4	119	150	736.70	167.50	5.75	50.00	10.00	2
Little Elk, 3rd	0	0	0	0	27	25	34.60	9.85	1.25	0	0	0
Laws' Chapel	0	0	0	1	52	35	97.05	30.00	3.00	0	0	0
Lewis Chapel, 4th	0	0	2	3	33	30	221.00	0	3.00	20.00	10.00	1
Lyons Chapel, 1 & 3	2	0	0	0	44	35	193.75	70.70	1.50	0	10.00	2
Mt. O'Dell, all	1	3	1	2	98	75	510.00	65.00	3.00	75.58	30.13	3
Miller's Chapel, 4th	0	1	0	1	60	30	250.00	45.00	3.00	10.00	0	1
Miller's Grove, 2 & 4	1	1	0	0	58	69	330.00	40.00	3.00	0	10.00	0
Middle Dist.	7	3	0	2	55	35	217.85	225.62	3.50	0	10.00	2
McCourry's Rock, 2 & 4	0	0	0	1	44	70	287.51	0	2.00	0	0	0
Morgan's Chapel, 1st	0	0	0	1	58	30	52.85	0	1.80	12.04	0	2
Morgan's Branch	3	2	0	1	77	50	217.81	235.07	2.50	30.00	15.00	3
Oak Dale, all	0	0	0	0	29	50	321.93	59.11	2.00	6.00	10.00	3
Oak Hill, 4th	2	8	0	0	61	55	276.00	101.00	3.00	52.00	11.00	1
Odom's Chapel, 3rd	4	1	0	1	126	45	165.45	78.50	2.00	0	10.00	2
Piney Grove, 2 & 4	11	12	1	0	50	90	629.02	219.51	2.00	0	10.00	3
Pierce's Chapel, 1 & 2	0	4	0	0	52	50	455.50	97.27	5.00	90.00	0	1
Pigeon Roost, 3rd	9	6	0	4	75	45	140.00	120.00	1.50	0	10.00	1
Poplar, 2 & 4	2	6	0	2	62	47	113.76	47.07	2.00	0	10.00	2
Rich Acres, all	1	0	0	0	71	60	1,000.60	88.61	2.00	50.00	10.00	4
Roan's Chapel, 2 & 4	13	5	0	0	70	65	143.45	125.25	2.00	0	10.00	2
St. John, 4th	0	2	0	1	60	60	625.21	184.31	2.00	55.00	0	2
St. Paul, 1 & 3	2	5	0	0	50	65	500.00	130.00	3.00	0	10.00	1
South Side, all	10	18	0	1	148	145	2,120.00	85.00	5.00	0	10.00	4
Sunrise, 1st	3	1	1	0	20	45	152.00	64.94	3.00	0	0	2
Sunset, 1 & 3	0	0	2	1	111	135	430.62	150.00	0	130.52	0	3
Union Hill (N.C.)	15	5	1	1	30	30	55.00	34.00	2.00	0	0	1
Union Hill (Tenn.), all	24	1	1	1	155	125	1,741.29	118.11	3.00	306.00	10.00	1
Unicoi, 2 & 4	5	7	0	0	160	85	720.00	88.45	3.00	112.36	10.00	2
Upper Gap Creek, 2 & 4	0	0	3	1	40	50	235.00	0	2.00	0	0	1
Vale, 4th	5	3	0	0	80	80	500.00	550.00	3.50	0	10.00	1
Valley Forge, all	21	27	12	0	148	152	3,295.00	230.00	6.00	166.00	40.00	4
Woodby Hill, 1st	7	4	0	0	57	85	335.00	182.00	3.25	0	10.00	1
Charity Hill, all	0	1	0	2	80	40	580.00	72.38	2.00	0	0	1

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.