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One Hundred and Twenty-Third Annual Session

of the

TOE RIVER FREEWILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1972 MINUTES

Held With

MORGAN BRANCH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Route 3

Roan Mountain, Tennessee

Friday and Saturday

August 18th and 19th

OFFICERS

Bro. Luther M. Rodefer _____ Moderator

Bro. Roy Cates _____ Clerk

NEXT SESSION

The next session of the Toe River Freewill Baptist Association will be held with the St. John Freewill Baptist Church, Route 2, Roan Mountain, Tennessee. It will begin on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1973. Bro. John Vance to preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. L. D. Berry to be his alternate.

MINUTES

TOE RIVER FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER CONFERENCE — The November Conference was held with Curtis Creek Freewill Baptist Church on November 19, and 20, 1971. Bro. M. D. Smith was given license to preach the Gospel for one year under the watch care of the conference.

FEBRUARY CONFERENCE — The February Conference was held with Dry Creek Freewill Baptist Church on February 18 and 19, 1972

MAY CONFERENCE — The—May Conference was held with Poplar Freewill Baptist Church on May 19 and 20, 1972. Bro. Harrison Tolley was given license to preach the Gospel for one year. Bro. Fred Markland resigned from the Ordaining Council. Bro. Howard Sheets was ordained to preach the Gospel.

ANNUAL MEETING

The One Hundred and Twenty-Third session of the Toe River Freewill Baptist Association met with Morgan Branch FWB Church, Route 3, Roan Mountain, Tennessee, on August 18, 1972 at 10:30 a. m. It was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Arthur Street.

Bro. Carl Osborne made a short talk concerning the FWB Home for children.

The Osborne trio sang a few numbers. Bro. James Moore sang a solo.

Prayer was offered on the alter led by Bro. John Buchanan.

Bro. Ted Jarrett brought the message. He read: Jeremiah 6:16, Matthew 7:7-8, James 4:2-3. His text: "Not the things I want, but the things I need." A song and a handshake followed.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. John Buchanan asking the blessing on the noon meal that was served in the old Shell Creek school building.

FRIDAY EVENING

The Association met and opened with singing led by Bro. Arthur Street.

Bro. L. D. Berry brought the devotionals. He read from Romans 8:1-7.

Prayer was offered on the alter by Bro. D. C. Byrd. The congregation stood for a minute in honor of Bro. Frank Davis, one of our ministers, who passed away since last meeting.

On motion voted to elect moderator and clerk. Bro. Luther M. Rodefer elected moderator and Bro. Roy Cates was elected clerk. The Rules of Decorum were read. On motion voted to enroll those ministers, deacons, and delegates present.

MINISTERS WERE: James Moore, E. B. Edwards, Paul Treadway, L. D. Berry, J. W. Jaynes, Fred Markland, M. D. Smith, Robert Bishop, R. B. Jenkins, Norman Jarrett, Bill Mullins, Ted Jarrett, John Buchanan, Vergil Deloach, D. C. Byrd, Glenn Miller, Martin Hyder, John Vance, Ed McKinney, Charles M. McKinney, L. M. Rodefer, Roy Cates, and Alvin Hicks, visiting minister.

DEACONS WERE:

St. John—J. P. Morgan, R. E. Jarrett
 Berea—Harrison Bennett
 Crab Orchard—Zillian McCoury
 Oak Dale—Talmadge Minton
 Upper Gap Creek—Odis Ellison
 Morgan Branch—Paris Perkins, Lawrence Miller
 Lewis Chapel—Ross Vance
 Evergreen—Jackson Winters
 Curtis Creek—Alton Palmer
 Miller's Chapel—E. L. Miller
 Fairview—Robert Tolley
 Little Doe—J. A. Street
 Little Elk—J. D. McKinney

DELEGATES PRESENT WERE:

Sugar Hollow—Tim Treadway
 Cane Creek—Oakley Woody, Roger Gouge
 Oak Dale—Irene Minton, Margaret Moore
 Little Elk—J. D. Mc Kinney
 Upper Gap Creek—Curtis Radford
 Green Mtn.—Martha Allen
 Miller's Chapel—Vergil Hensley, Segal Phillips, Luther Byrd, Marie Miller, E. L. Miller, Edith Phillips, Ann Adkins
 Curtis Creek—Howard Carver, Larry Carver, Bobby Gwyn
 Morgan Branch—Elbert Montgomery, Bud Miller
 Crab Orchard—Wanda Johnes, Electa Stevenson, Myrtle McCoury
 Evergreen—W. H. Buck, Gene Buck, Charlotte Winters, Nola Shell, Willie Shell, Doug Richardson
 Little Doe—J. R. Cates, Ida Rowe, Mildred Rowe, Julia Whitehead, Hattie Street
 St. John—Arthur Brown, Roxie Brown, Milt McKinney
 Berea—Walter Garland, Pearl Bennett
 First FWB Limestone Cove—Goldie Hyder, Linda Campbell
 Elk Mtn.—Mrs. John Wright.

On motion voted to read the minutes of last session. On motion voted to appoint the various committees.

Committee on Investigation—J. W. Jaynes, John Vance, L. D. Berry
 Committee on Business—John Buchanan, R. B. Jenkins, Glenn Miller
 Committee on Topic—J. R. Cates, Jackson Winters, Paul Treadway
 Committee on Finance—Zillian McCoury, Albert Winters, Bill Mullins
 Committee on Time and Place and Pulpit—Bud Miller, Lawrence Miller, Jake Perkins
 Committee on Temperance—Milt McKinney, Ed McKinney
 Committee on Obituary—Robert Tolley, Ted Jarrett
 Committee on Sunday School—Elbert Montgomery, Bud Miller, Jackson Winters

On motion voted to accept the committees. On motion voted to replace the late Frank Davis on the Finance Committee with Bro. J. W. Jaynes.

Called for letters requesting ordination, license to preach, or to represent by letter. Several letters were received and given to the proper authorities.

The Topic Committee reported Hebrews 10:25 for discussion.

Signed: Jackson Winters, J. R. Cates, Paul Treadway

J. R. Cates, and Jackson Winters spoke on the topic. On motion voted to table the topic and adjourn until 9:30 a. m. on August 19, 1972.

L. M. Rodefer, Moderator

Roy Cates, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19, 1972

The Association met and opened by singing led by Bro. Dana Coleman. Bro. Brown's quartet sang two songs.

Prayer was offered on the altar led by Bro. Martin Hyder.

Devotionals were given by Bro. Billy Morgan. He read from St. Luke 10:38-42.

On motion voted to enter business by reading minutes of the last session. Minutes were read and adopted. On motion voted to enroll all who were not present yesterday.

MINISTRS WERE: Vergil Ray, J. B. Miller, Billy Morgan, Earnest Howell, Dana Coleman, Bill Beam, John Yelton, C. M. Burnett, Orville Whitehead, Nat Arnett, Harrison Tolley, Gilbert Adkins, Gerald Daniels.

DEACONS WERE:

Cane Creek—Ted Stevenson, Harper Pitman
 Buffalo Valley—Jackson Tolley
 Marietta First FWB—Dick Peterson
 Pierce's Chapel—Will Johnson

Upper Gap Creek-Henry Morton
 Sugar Hollow-Dayton Johnson, Tom Birchfield
 Oak Hill-Will Winters
 Little Elk-Cling McKinney, Sam McKinney
 Little Doe-Narvel Whitehead

DELEGATES WERE:

Cane Creek-Ackers Ledford
 Fairview-Lawrence Tolley
 Evergreen-Minnie Birchfield
 Marietta First FWB-Mildred Burnett
 Sugar Hollow-Sarah Williams, Myrtle Birchfield, Aldona Smith,
 Tom Williams
 Pierce's Chapel-Biddie Johnson
 First FWB Limestone Cove-Charlie Miller
 Lewis Chapel-Geneva Vance, Sandra Vance
 Odom Chapel-N. B. Hughes, Farrell Bennett, Marilyn Hughes,
 Eugene Hughes
 St. John-Hazel Jarrett, Katherine Brown
 Morgan Branch-Ted Bowers, Shirley Perkins
 Toe River Church-Jane Peterson, S. C. Peterson
 Upper Gap Creek-Roger Radford
 Oak Hill-Eva Boyd, Bessie Winters
 Little Elk-Ella McKinney, Judy McKinney, Walter McKinney,
 Sherman Pritchard

On motion voted to file a letter from Rev. John T. Wright and put it in the obituary after his death. We accept the \$5.00 and keep it.

On motion voted to go on record as being opposed to the sale of alcoholic beverages in Carter County and have it put in the papers. Not only Carter County but any where. A collection of \$69.22 was taken for the United Dry Forces.

On motion to accept the reports of the Sunday School and Temperance Committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

We, your committee on Sunday School, believe that a Sunday School Teacher is called of God. (I Cor. 12:28, Eph. 4:11) Also, we believe that a teacher has a great opportunity to win the class for Christ, due to his intimate contact with those in the class. We urge all teachers to be aware of modernism. All Christians should faithfully attend all worship services.

Signed-E. L. "Bud" Miller, John Elbert Montgomery,
 Jackson Winters

We, your committee on Temperance, think temperance means self-control. One cannot be temperate unless he uses self-control. For instance Old Daniel and his three friends would not eat the meat of the king. Instead they ask for pulse and water. They would not defile themselves with the wine and meat. Temperance is not hatred, back biting, malice, spite, slandering. In other words temperance is turning the other cheek, or going the second mile. It also means abstaining from alcoholic beverages. One can be intemperate in eating.

Gluttonous is a sin. Confess your faults one to another. I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims to abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.

Signed-C. M. McKinney, Edd McKinney

On motion to adjourn until eleven o'clock for preaching by Bro. John Vance. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. C. M. Burnett,

L. M. Rodefer, Moderator

Roy Cates, Clerk

The eleven o'clock service met and opened with Arthur Brown Trio Singing.

Bro. John Vance brought the message. He read from Genesis 6:9-16, Acts 1:8.

A song and fellowship handshake followed.

On motion voted to adjourn in prayer until 1:30 p. m. with Bro. J. W. Jaynes asking the blessing on the lunch which was served in the Shell Creek School.

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 19, 1972

The Association met and opened with singing led by Bro. Jackson Winters.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Harrison Street.

Devotionals were given by Bro. Bill Jaynes. He read from Romans 12:1.

Prayer was offered on the alter led by Bro. Martin Hyder.

On motion voted to read minutes of forenoon session. Minutes were read and adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

We, your committee on finance, have collected the following:

Minister's Fund	125.00
Minute Fund	187.36
N. C. Orphanage	18.50
Tenn. Orphanage	20.00

Signed-Zillian McCoury, Bill Mullins, Albert Winters

We, your committee on Time and Place, recommend that all our meetings begin on Friday before the third Sunday with the following churches as host.

November Conference will be with Curtis Creek Church. Bro. R. B. Jenkins to preach the introductory sermon, Bro. Blil Jarrett to be his alternate.

February Conference will be with Berea Church. Bro. L. M. Rodefer to preach the introductory sermon, Bro. Dana Coleman to be his alternate.

May Conference will be with Odom's Chapel Church. Bro. Martin Hyder to preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. L. M. Rodefer to be his alternate.

Association will be with St. John Church. Bro. John Vance to preach the introductory sermon, Bro. L. D. Berry to be his alternate.

Signed-E. L. Bud Miller, Paris Perkins, Lawrence Miller

We, your committee on business, recommend that the late Bro. Frank Davis' picture be placed in the minutes of the Association.

We recommend that no pastor resign his church without giving the church 90 day's notice.

We recommend that the church letter remain in the minutes as it is; however if the churches do not wish to complete the miscellaneous items that is satisfactory. We do recommend that these church letters be read in the presence of the full body of the Association.

We recommend that we go back to our discipline to limit the time each person speak on the topic to 10 minutes. By-laws page 43, item 12.

We recommend that any preacher that has not reported by letter or person in one year to turn in his credentials.

Signed-Glenn Miller, R. B. Jenkins, John Buchanan

A Collection of \$40.00 was taken for the clerk.

On motion voted to omit the reading of the church letters today.

On motion voted to dismiss the Association in prayer by Bro. Martin Hyder.

L. M. Rodefer, Moderator

Roy Cates, Clerk

ORDER OF ASSOCIATION OF CONFERENCE

FRIDAY MORNING

1. Session be called to order by moderator at 10:30 a.m. a. Song, b. Prayer, c. Introductory Sermon, d. Dismiss for Lunch

FRIDAY EVENING

2. Devotions
3. Motion to enter business (by election of moderator and clerk if necessary)
4. Read Rules of Decorum
 - a. Read By-Laws or Constitution if requested
5. Enrollment of:
 - a. Ministers, b. Deacons, c. Delegates, d. Visitors, if any
6. Read Minutes of last session
(For Conference only—Call Roll of Ministers and pass on the character of Ministers)
7. Appoint Committees
(For Conference)—a. Investigation, b. Business, c. Topic, d. Pulpit, e. Any Other
(For Association—the above, plus:) f. Finance, g. Time and Place, h. Sunday School, i. Temperance, j. Obituary
8. Vote to accept or reject Committees
9. Call for any letters requesting ordination, license to preach, or to represent by letter
10. Talk on Topic
11. Table Topic, adjourn business for preaching at Four O'Clock
12. Dismiss in Prayer
Evening or Night Service if desired

SATURDAY MORNING

1. Call to order by Moderator at 9:00 a.m.
 - a. Song, b. Prayer, c. Devotions, d. Enter business by reading minutes of last session
2. Enroll Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates not present yesterday
3. Conduct necessary business
(For Association only)—Read Church Letters, if requested
4. Dismiss in prayer for preaching at 11:00 a.m.
5. Worship Service
6. Lunch

SATURDAY EVENING

1. Call to order by Moderator
 - a. Song, b. Prayer, d. Devotions
2. Enter business by reading minutes of last session
3. Call for Committees to Report
4. Take Care of Business
5. Dismiss in prayer for preaching at Four O'Clock
6. Worship Service

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

On motion voted to enter the Minister's Conference. On motion voted to keep the same moderator and clerk. On motion voted to read minutes of last session. Minutes were read and adopted.

On motion voted to call the Minister's Roll and pass on the character of the ministers. Roll was called. Character was good far as was known to the body.

Called for letters from anyone to be ordained, applying for licenses to preach the Gospel, or to represent by letters.

On motion voted to receive the Dollar of James Hamm and let him represent by letter.

On motion voted to give Bro. W. M. Beam a letter of recommendation and drop his name from the Minister's Roll.

One letter requested that Bobby Campbell be licensed to preach the Gospel. The license was issued.

Bro. Ernest Howell was issued ordination papers.

Bro. Roger Sherwood Gouge was not issued license.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bud Miller.

L. M. Rodefer, Moderator

Roy Cates, Clerk

OBITUARIES

BROTHER SPENCER BARNETT, 89 years, Route 1, Johnson City, Tennessee, died on July 8, 1972. He was a native of Mitchell County, N. C. but had lived in Washington County for the past 58 years. He was a retired farmer and a former school teacher. He was a charter member of Berea FWB Church, where he served as deacon. Survivors include 7 sons, a daughter, a brother, 13 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren. BROTHER ED DAVIS died on October 28, 1971 at the age of 66. He was the son of Thomas and Josie Davis. He attended the First FWB Church of Limestone Cove. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, 2 sons, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends and loved ones to mourn his passing.

BROTHER REV. FRANK DAVIS was born on May 21, 1921 and died on January 15, 1972 at the age of 49. He was a member of the First FWB Church of Limestone Cove, and one of the ministers of the Toe River FWB Association. He left his wife, a daughter, 3 brothers, 5 sisters, and a host of friends and love ones to mourn his passing.



BROTHER JIM GREEN departed this life on October 12, 1971. He was a faithful member and deacon of Evergreen FWB Church for many years. Those left to mourn his passing include his wife, 14 children, and many friends.

BROTHER JOHN HILMAN passed away on March 22, 1972. He was a faithful member of Sunrise FWB Church. He left a wife, 2 children, 6 grandchildren, 2 brothers, and a sister to mourn his passing. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

BROTHER IKE MOFFITT born on December 7, 1890 and departed this life on September 14, 1971 at the age of 80. He was a member of Odom's Chapel FWB Church. He is missed by all who knew and loved him.

BROTHER WAYNE PUTMAN born on May 21, 1948 and departed this life on April 19, 1972 at the age of 23. He was a member of Odom's Chapel FWB Church. He is greatly missed by a host of friends and loved ones.

SISTER DORA SHELL passed away from this life on March 10, 1972 at the age of 57. She was a faithful member of Morgan Branch FWB Church. She leaves behind her husband, a son, 2 stepdaughters, a stepson, and a brother. She is missed by all who knew and loved her.

BROTHER GILBERT STREET born in 1899 and departed this life, August 23, 1971 at the age of 72. He was a member of Odom's Chapel FWB Church.

BROTHER TILSON TOLLEY died on May 12, 1972 at the age of 66.

SISTER MAYNE WHITEHEAD departed this life on September 2, 1971 at the age of 71. She was a member of Morgan Chapel FWB Church. She left behind a daughter, 2 sons, and 11 grandchildren.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTOR	ELECT	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES
Berea	D. C. Byrd	Dewey Howell	Rt. 1, Johnson City, Tenn.
Buffalo Valley		Stella Morton	Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
Cane Creek		Janice Ward	Rt. 4, Box 261B, Bakersville N.C.
Cedar Grove	R. B. Jenkins	Verla Jenkins	Rt. 3, Bluff City, Tenn.
College Park	J. B. Miller	Lucy Richardson	Rt. 3, Johnson City, Tenn.
Crab Orchard	C. W. Jones	Dickie McCoury	Rt. 1, Newland, N. C.
Curtis Creek	John Buchanan	Hazel Carver	Box 222, Elk Park, N. C.
Dry Creek	M. D. Smith	Ethel Slagle	Rt. 1, Johnson City Tenn.
Evergreen	Ted Jarrett	Ina Miller	Rt. 3, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Fairview	Harrison Street	Mrs Donald Tolley	Rt. 1, Johnson City, Tenn.
First FWB Limestone Cove		Goldia Hyder	Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
	Frank Elliott, Jr.		
First FWB Marietta, S. C.		Stella Peterson	Box 266, Slater, S. C.
	Virgil Ray		
Green Mtn.	Virgil Deloach	Mrs. Stanley Rice	Rt. 6, Johnson City, Tenn.
Ivy Height	Basil Stevens	Fred Sluder	Rt. 1, Newland, N. C.
Lewis Chapel	Spivy Penland	Marie Duckworth	Rt. 2, Newland, N. C.
Little Doe	Carl Nelson	Mildred Rowe	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Little Elk	Gerald Daniels	Mrs. Sam McKinney	Rt. 3, Roan Mtn. Tenn.
McCoury Rock	O. C. Daniels	Hazel Burleson	Rt. 1, Newland, N. C.
Miller's Chapel		Mrs. Darius Adkins	Rt. 4, Burnsville, N. C.
Morgan Branch	L. M. Rodefer	John E. Montgomery	Rt. 2, Hampton, Tenn.
Morgan Chapel	Richmond Barnett	Jimmy Orr	Rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Oak Dale	James Moore	Marietta Worley	Rt. 1, Bluff City, Tenn.
Oak Hill	Glenn Miller	Ethan McKinney	Rt. 6, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Odom's Chapel	Sam Odom	Eugene Hughes	Rt. 2, Bakersville, N. C.
Pierce Chapel	Roy Cates	Herbert Honeycutt	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Poplar	Roy Whitson	Violet Edwards	Rt. 1, Relief, N. C.
St. John	Nat Arnett	Jack Oxendine	Rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Sugar Hollow	Paul Treadway	Aldona Smith	Rt. 1, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Sunrise	Billy Morgan	Mildred Vance	Rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Toe River	Harrison Street	C. E. Tipton	Rt. 1, Relief, N. C.
Upper Gap Creek	Bill Mullins	Roger Radford	Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.



REV. ROY CATES — ASSOCIATION CLERK

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CONSTITUTION

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

Article 2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended in a letter from the church to which they belong and shall include the minister and some of the ablest members belonging to the church.

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

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

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

Article 6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations, and have his name enrolled in our minutes.

Article 7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expedition of business, and every committee appointed to any particular business, shall report their proceedings in writing to the association while in session, and all reports made be adopted or rejected by the body.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1—**The True God.** We believe that there is one and only one living and true God who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection—"There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time."—I Tim. 2:6.

Article 2.—**Holy Scriptures.** We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. II Tim. 3:16.

Article 3.—**Original Apostasy.** We believe that Adam was created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin.—And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eye, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit and did eat. Gen. 3:6.

Article 4.—**Free Grace.** We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings; that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation; that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord is rich unto all that call upon Him. Rom. 10:12.

Article 5.—**Christian Faith.** We believe that Christian faith is 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.

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

Article 7.—**Free Agency.** We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

Article 8.—**Perseverance.** We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men, who have been converted, to make shipwreck of the faith, turn again to sin and be lost. And Jesus said unto him: No man having put his hands to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62.

Article 9.—**Good Works.** We believe that good works 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.

Article 10.—**Christian Baptism.** We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so also we should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4.

Article 11.—**The Lord's Supper.** We believe that the supper was instituted by our Savior 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 damanation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. I Cor. 11:28-29.

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

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

RULES OF DECORUM

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

Article 2. There shall be no conversation by members, one with another so as to intrrupt businss, while in session.

Article 3. Every member wishing to speak shall first rise to his feet and address the moderator.

Article 4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

Article 5. We will admit of no other title but that of Brother, while in session.

Article 6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

Article 7. No member shall speak more than three times on one subject.

Article 8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to, unless withdrawn by those who made it.

Article 9. No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of the Moderator.

Article 10. On all motions when the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

Article 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

Article 12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.

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 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.

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 severly 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 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.

MINISTER'S ROLL

MINISTER	ADDRESS
Ed Graybeal	1012 Shelby Street, Bristol, Tenn.
G. C. Whitehead	Route 2, Hampton, Tenn.
A. W. Woody	Plumtree, N. C.
J. T. Wright	Rt. 1, Newland, N. C.
Gilbert Adkins	Green Mountain, N. C.
Fred Markland	Rt. 1, Johnson City, Tenn.
Robert Miller	Poplar, N. C.
Fred Dellinger	Rockport, Washington
Harrison Street	Relief, N. C.
Martin Hyder	Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
John Buchanan	Rt. 3, Bluff City, Tenn.
Stephen Sparks	Newland, N. C.
Hobart Pierce	Piney Flats, Tenn.
Sam Odom	Rt. 2, Bakersville, N. C.
C. M. Burnett	Marietta, S. C.

Luther M. Rodefer	Rt. 1, Johnson City, Tenn.
Grady C. Fender	Nebo, N. C.
Roosevelt Richardson	Rt. 8, Johnson City, Tenn.
John S. Yelton	Green Mountain, N. C.
Charlie Malone	Bluff City, Tenn.
James Moore	Rt. 4, Bristol, Tenn.
Glenn Miller	Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.
E. B. Edwards	Rt. 3, Blountville, Tenn.
James Hamm	Rt. 3, Jonesboro, Tenn.
Bill Mullins	Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Dana Coleman	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
John Vance	Rt. 1, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Vergil Ray	Rt. 3, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
L. D. Berry	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Hobart Hughes	600 Orleans St., Johnson City, Tenn.
Clyde Morelock	Hamilton Hill, Tenn.
Roy Cates	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Norman Jarrett	Rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Robert Bishop	Rt. 4, Johnson City, Tenn.
C. H. Stines	Johnson City, Tenn.
Alex Bryant	Johnson City, Tenn.
Billy Morgan	Rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
R. B. Jenkins	Rt. 3, Bluff City, Tenn.
Billy Ted Jarrett	Rt. 1, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
J. B. Miller	Marietta, S. C.
James W. "Bill" Jaynes	Rt. 2, Hampton, Tenn.
Orville Whitehead	Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Gerald Daniels	Rt. 2, Newland, N. C.
Albert Trivett	Bluff City, Tenn.
Nat Arnett	Elizabethton, Tenn.
Vergil Deloach	Rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Frank Elliott, Jr.	Rt. 3, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Paul Treadway	Elizabethton, Tenn.
Howard Sheets	Buladeen, N. C.
Earnest Howell	Erwin, Tenn.
M. D. Smith	
Harrison Tolley	
Bobby Campbell	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income

November Conference	\$62.35
February Conference	28.00
May Conference	42.00
August Conf. & Association	162.00

Paid Out

Frank Davis	\$50.00
J. B. Miller	50.00
Alex Bryant	50.00
J. B. Miller	50.00
Ledger for Minutes	12.47

Amount in Savings Account, August, 1972 \$4,057.09

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND MEETING DAYS	NUMBER BAPTIZED	ADDED OTHERWISE	NUMBER DISMISSED	NUMBER DEATHS	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER IN SUNDAY SCHOOL	PAID PASTOR	PAID FOR REVIVALS	MINUTE FUND	PAID ORPHANAGE	MINISTER'S FUND	COMMUNIONS HELD
Berea, all	25	23	3	1	117	103	4910.00	262.71	10.00	110.00	--	2
Buffalo Valley, 1st, 3rd	0	2	0	0	14	30	220.00	16.21	2.10	--	--	0
Cane Creek, 2nd, 4th	7	2	3	0	186	75	3850.00	218.22	5.00	--	10.00	1
Cedar Grove, all	2	12	4	0	136	64	---	434.79	10.00	338.85	10.00	4
College Park, all	0	0	0	0	11	20	---	45.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	0
Crab Orchard, all	5	0	0	0	65	35	500.00	70.00	5.00	--	--	4
Curtis Creek, 1st, 3rd, 5th	5	0	0	0	118	47	987.00	313.00	4.00	12.50	10.00	4
Dry Creek, all	0	0	0	1	53	35	1118.00	102.38	3.00	20.00	10.00	2
Evergreen, all	1	1	0	1	107	58	1400.00	150.00	7.00	113.75	10.00	1
Fairview, 2nd, 4th	2	0	1	1	25	35	1002.64	71.00	6.00	--	--	1
First FWB Limestone Cove, all	1	4	0	2	80	50	3260.00	173.50	6.24	--	10.00	3
First FWB Marietta, S.C., all	0	3	0	0	36	26	1790.00	100.00	3.00	--	--	1
Green Mtn., all	6	6	0	0	47	45	900.00	74.60	4.00	--	10.00	5
Ivy Height, 2nd, 4th	0	0	0	0	50	35	480.00	163.60	4.00	--	--	1
Lewis Chapel, 2nd, 4th	2	1	0	0	64	35	770.00	258.10	5.00	11.15	--	0
Little Doe, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th	0	5	2	0	323	160	4775.00	231.30	13.56	450.00	--	3
Little Elk, 1st, 3rd	0	1	2	0	22	38	143.63	23.00	4.00	--	--	2
McCoury Rock, 4th	0	0	0	0	36	36	392.00	200.00	4.00	36.00	--	0
Miller's Chapel, 1st, 3rd	0	4	2	0	78	35	416.62	64.85	5.00	--	--	1
Morgan Branch, all	14	6	5	1	136	75	2120.00	345.00	7.00	--	10.00	2
Morgan Chapel, 1st, 3rd	0	0	0	1	30	25	504.00	169.87	3.50	393.87	--	2
Oak Dale, all	8	18	8	1	79	55	793.80	35.00	4.00	25.00	--	2
Oak Hill, 2nd, 4th	1	1	9	0	41	30	625.00	130.00	4.00	150.00	--	2
Odom's Chapel, 2nd, 4th	0	1	1	3	59	45	645.24	205.74	6.00	--	--	1
Pierce Chapel, all	0	0	0	0	56	47	--	160.00	5.00	60.00	10.00	2
Poplar	0	0	0	0	30	20	141.61	--	2.00	5.00	5.00	0
St. John, 2nd, 4th	2	3	6	1	55	60	1085.10	374.00	8.00	62.29	--	2
Sugar Hollow, all	3	8	1	0	52	50	1560.00	150.00	5.00	--	10.00	4
Sunrise, all	3	2	2	1	59	50	579.50	145.25	9.31	--	--	2
Toe River, 2nd, 4th	0	0	0	4	25	20	--	78.00	3.00	--	--	1
Upper Gap Creek, 2nd, 4th	1	1	3	0	73	46	600.00	207.15	4.10	10.00	10.00	2