

MINUTES
OF THE
TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
UNICOI ASSOCIATION
OF
FREEWILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH
Spring Creek Freewill Baptist Church
Mitchell County, North Carolina
OCTOBER 18-21, 1917

W. P. KNOWLING, Moderator, Knoxville, Tenn.
Mrs. A. L. Lawrence, Clerk, Unicoi, Tenn.

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PROCEEDINGS

The *Twelfth Annual Session* of the Unicoi Freewill Baptist Association was held with the Spring Creek Church, Mitchell County, N. C., October 18-21, 1917.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional exercises conducted by Revs. W. P. Knowling and John Campbell. Meeting was then called to order by the Clerk.

The following delegates were enrolled:

SPRING CREEK:—Wilson Street, R. L. Ledford.

UNICOI:—G. W. Lawrence, W. F. Horton, Mrs. A. L. Lawrence.

VAN HILL:—O. E. Jones, Nancy McLain, Sallie Dawson.

Ministers:—John Campbell, W. M. Howell, W. P. Knowling, S. G. Street.

On motion Rev. W. P. Knowling was elected Moderator and Mrs. A. L. Lawrence, Clerk.

Rev. David Campbell and H. M. Street from the Toe River Association and Bro. and Sister W. G. Willet from Union Association and Rev. G. W. Frances of the M. B. Church were invited to a seat in our body as advisory council.

Voted to adopt last year's order of business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Organization.
3. Reception of New Churches.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Report of Churches.
6. Report of Boards and Committees.
7. Miscellaneous Business.
8. Adjournment

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Pulpit—Wilson Street, R. L. Ledford.

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Temperance—John Campbell, Nancy McLain, R. L. Ledford.
Sunday School—S. G. Street, W. G. Willet, David Campbell.
Education—G. W. Lawrence, H. M. Street, W. F. Horton.
Missions—W. M. Howell, Wilson Street, Mrs. W. G. Willett.
Resolutions—David Campbell, W. F. Horton, R. L. Ledford.
Obituaries—John Campbell, Wilson Street, Nancy McLain.
Literature—W. M. Howell, G. W. Lawrence, W. F. Horton.
Finance—Nancy McLain, Sallie Dawson.
Next Session—O. E. Jones, G. W. Lawrence, Wilson Street.
Adjourned.

Preaching at 7:30 by S. G. Street. Text I. Cor. 3:9.

FRIDAY MORNING

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. M. Howell and G. W. Lawrence.

Roll call. Minutes read and approved. Letters from the churches were read, verbal reports given and adopted.

Voted to retain Chimney Top Church on our roll for another year.

Voted to drop Caney Branch, Carrol's Chapel and Gammon's Chapel churches from our roll.

Voted that this Association be called the "Unicoi Freewill Baptist Association."

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. W. P. Knowling. Text Luke 2:11.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional exercises conducted by G. W. Lawrence and S. G. Street.

Roll call.

Voted that the present Church Extension Board consisting of W. P. Knowling, W. M. Howell, J. W. Peters, John Campbell and

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EDUCATION

Whereas, the state and nation are calling for more efficient workers in all branches of civil life and Whereas, our religious activities are the most important of our being, therefore, we urge the parents to be more solicitous of the spiritual and mental welfare of the young people under their charge. We urge our people to patronize Christian Schools, and especially do we urge those preparing for the ministry to attend the Freewill Baptist College at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and where that is impossible, to take the Correspondence Course, prepared by the faculty of that College.

G. W. LAWRENCE, Chairman.

Discussed by Lawrence and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION I:— Since much suffering is endured by our young men in this World War for liberty and justice, and since the Red Cross is doing all in its power to alleviate want and distress caused by the war, Therefore,

Resolved, That we as an Association endeavor to do our part to aid this organization in its noble work.

Discussed by Jones, Lawrence, Campbell and Knowling and adopted.

Voted that we instruct the pastors of our Associations to take quarterly collections from the churches for the Red Cross work, and that Mrs. Lawrence act as Secretary and Treasurer of this fund.

RESOLUTION II:— Resolved, That this body hold Fifth Sunday meetings in connection with the regular Quarterly Meetings, the purpose being to Assist the Minister's Conference.

DAVID CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Discussed by Knowling and Howell and adopted.

MISSIONS

Whereas, the command from our Master is, "Go preach my gospel to every creature," and whereas we cannot all go in person, Therefore,

Resolved, That we do all we can to send the Gospel to heathen lands, and to those destitute of Bible instructions by contributing liberally of our means, and that we encourage mission work in every way we can.

W. M. HOWELL, Chairman.

Discussed by Howell and adopted.

TEMPERANCE

Whereas intemperance produces trouble, poverty and disgrace, and as we all realize the importance of abolishing all intoxicants from our land, and as the Government has taken in hand to stop the manufacturing of alcohol let all of us join in fighting this great evil.

Resolved, That we not only advise, but put forth every effort to make Christians out of the young men who have unfortunately become victims of this fluid.

NANCY McLAIN, Chairman.

Discussed by Lawrence, Knowling, Howell and adopted.

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LITERATURE

We recommend that our people take more interest in the study of the Bible, and that every member of the church inform himself as to the requirements of our Christian work.

We urge our people to subscribe for our denominational papers, the NEW MORNING STAR published at Tecumseh, and the FREEWILL BAPTIST published at Ayden, N. C.

G. W. LAWRENCE, Chairman.

Discussed and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Whereas, there is a growing evil threatening the life of the Sunday School and Church, that evil being the tendency of parents to stay at home Sundays instead of attending Sunday School, therefore, we would recommend that all local churches get behind the parents of their particular church and see to it that fathers and mothers, who are able to go, shall lose their church fellowship if they do not attend church regularly.

We would further recommend that all our Sunday Schools organize a Teacher's Training Class, and as far as possible use the graded lessons, that we work in harmony with other Sunday Schools so far as possible, and that we endeavor to secure the attendance of every one within our reach, that does not attend some S.S. We also recommend that each Sunday School shall have election of its officers and teachers every six or twelve months.

S. G. STREET, Chairman.

Discussed by Street, Knowling, Jones and Lawrence and adopted.

NEXT SESSION

The committee on Next Session report that the next Association will be held with the Van Hill Church, Hawkins Co., Tenn. commencing at 11 o'clock a. m. on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1918. Opening sermon by Rev. W. M. Howell, alternate, Rev. John Campbell. Adopted.

O. E. Jones, Chairman.

FINANCE

Finance Committee report \$10.30 received for minutes.

STATISTICS

Bumpus Cone:—Pastor W. M. Howell, clerk, C. C. Tucker, Embreville, Tenn. Members, 81, preaching Sunday 1st.
Chimney Top:—No Report.

Christian's Bend:—Pastor, A. N. Benfield, clerk Mattie Christian, Stony Point, Tenn. Added by baptism, 2, membership, 41. Preaching Sunday 1st. Number in S. S. 75. Paid pastor, \$17.50. Revival work, 11.25, Minute fund, \$1.00.

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Falls Gap :- Pastor, John Campbell, clerk Howard Hensley, Kittyton, Tenn. Members 50. Preaching Sunday, 3rd.

Morning Star :- Pastor W. M. Howell, clerk R. L. Ledford, Ewart, N. C. Added by Baptism, 4, otherwise, 19. Died 4. Members 117, Preaching Sunday 3rd, number in S. S. 75, paid pastor \$48.89. Minute fund \$100, value church property \$800.

Unicoi :- Pastor, W. W. Ballard, clerk Mrs. A. L. Lawrence, Unicoi, Tenn. Added by letter, 2, members, 54, preaching Sunday, 2nd, number in S. S. 125, Paid pastor \$79.00 revival work \$16.00 minutes \$2.25.

Van Hill :- Pastor W. P. Knowling, clerk, Nancy McLain, Baileytown, Tenn. Members 60. Preaching Sunday 2nd. Number in S. S. 85. Paid pastor \$18.00, minutes \$2.25. Value of church property \$600.

Minute fund from Minister's Conference \$2.00. Collection \$1.80.

W. P. Knowling, Moderator,

Mrs. A. L. Lawrence, Clerk

FORM OF LETTER FROM CHURCH TO ASSOCIATION

State of _____ County of _____

We, the Freewill Baptist Church at _____
to the First Oklahoma Association of Freewill Baptists, assembled
with _____ Church, send as delegates from our
Church _____

whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your
Gladly deliberations. Give full statistical report.

Done in Church Conference _____ 191 _____

Pastor,

Clerk.

RULES FOR HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCE

- 1.—Call Church Conference.
- 2.—Call for peace of Church.
- 3.—Call for visiting Brethren to seats in Council.
- 4.—Reading minutes of previous meeting.
- 5.—Unfinished business.
- 6.—New business.
- 7.—Are any sick or in distress.
- 8.—What has been done for the support of the Ministry
and other incidental expenses?

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MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Conference convened at 9 a. m. Saturday. Devotional exercises by Rev. John Campbell.

Meeting was called to order by the Clerk.

The following officers were elected:

President, John Campbell; Vice President, S. G. Street; Clerk and Treasurer, W. M. Howell; Ordaining Council, W. M. Howell, W. P. Knowling, S. G. Street, J. W. Peters and John Campbell.

Voted to adopt the Constitution and By-Laws drafted by the committee appointed last session.

W. P. Knowling was appointed to arrange program for next meeting.

Adjourned to meet with the Chimney Top Church Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1918, at 11 a. m.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

W. M. HOWELL—Sermons 143, baptisms 8, additions 30, funerals 13, miles traveled 1175, received \$179.20.

J. A. JONES—Sermons 6, marriages 1.

W. P. KNOWLING—Sermons 80, conversions 25, S. S. addresses 25, marriages 5, funerals 10; miles traveled 1001, received \$25.57.

J. W. PETERS—Sermons 13, superintended 1 S. S., marriages 3, miles traveled 184, received \$5.75.

S. G. STREET—Sermons 11, marriages 3, funerals 2, miles traveled 310.

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

John Campbell, Unicoi, Tenn.

G. A. Freeman, Embreeville, Tenn.

W. M. Howell, Rt. 3, Jonesboro, Tenn.

J. A. Jones, Rt. 6, Baileyton, Tenn.

W. P. Knowling, Jearoldstown, Tenn.

J. W. Peters, Rt. 3, Jonesboro, Tenn.

S. G. Street, Unicoi, Tenn.

LICENTIATES

J. C. Coleman.

S. P. Tipton.

John Campbell, President,

W. M. Howell, Clerk.

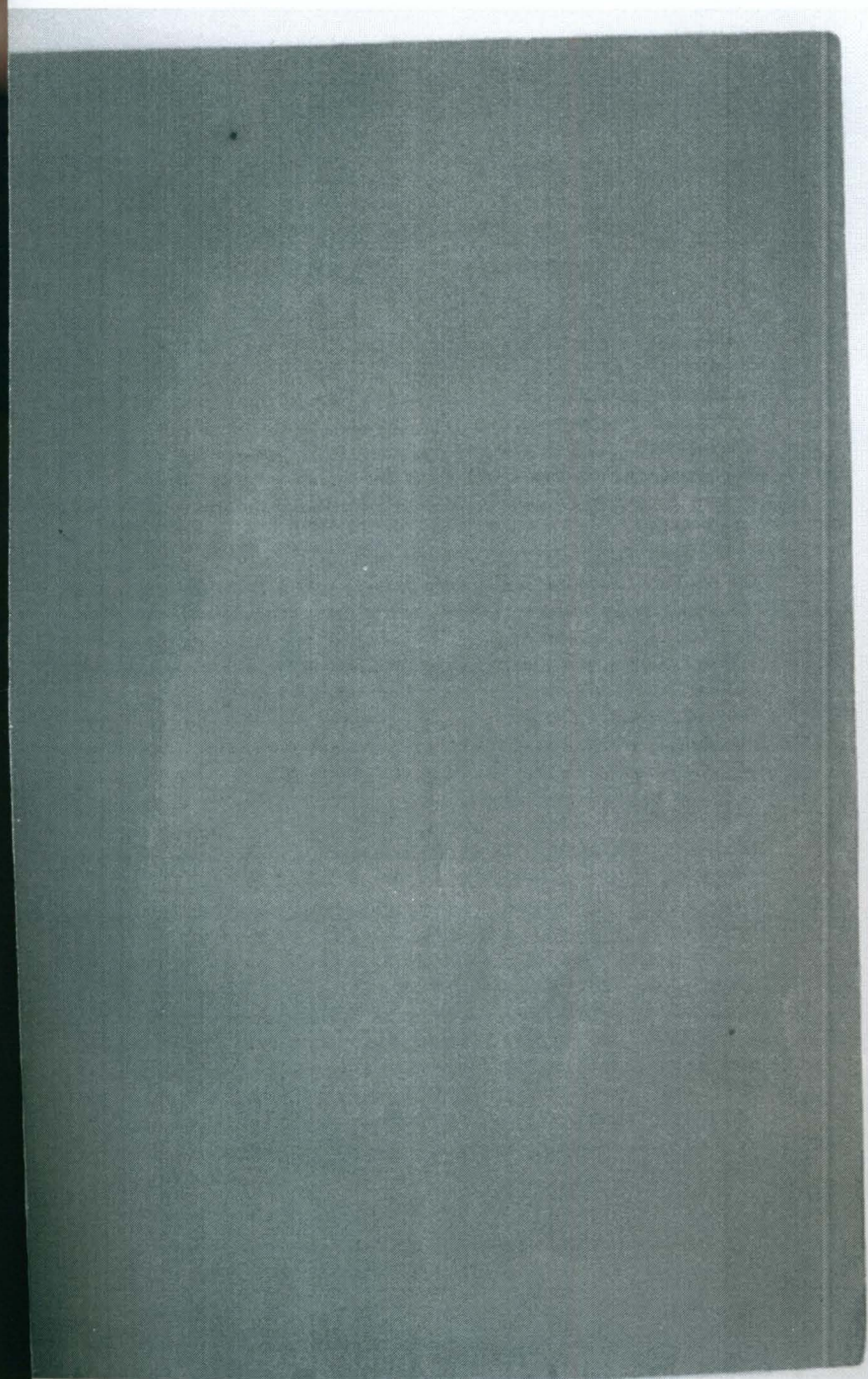
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FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

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 one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by his grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and "to provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and deaominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	POST OFFICE
Bumpus Cove.....		
Chimney Top.....	A. M. Benfield.....	Fall Branch, Tenn.
Christian Bend.....	W. M. Stroup.....	Baileyton, Tenn.
Fall Gap.....		
West Main St. Greeneville	W. P. Knowling.....	Jeraldstown, Tenn.
Morning Star.....		
Spring Creek.....		
Unicoi.....	W. M. Howell.....	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Vann Hill.....	W. P. Knowling.....	
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CHURCHES.	CLERK	POST OFFICE
Bumpus Cove.....		
Chimney Top.....	Moses Fincher.....	Fall Branch, Tenn.
Christian Bend.....	M. E. Christian.....	Stony Point, Tenn.
Hull Gap.....	H. Hensley.....	Killeynon, Tenn.
West Main St. Greeneville	Mrs. W. G. Willet...	Greeneville, Tenn.
Morning Star.....	W. C. Hilton.....	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Spring Creek.....	R. L. Ledford.....	Ewart, N. C.
Unicoi.....		
Vann Hill.....	Nancy Jones.....	Baileyton, Tenn.
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Statistical Table.

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CHURCHES	Added by Baptism.	Added Otherwise	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Memberships.	In Sunday School.
Bumpus Cove.....						32	60
Chimney Top.....						39	75
Christian Bend.....					2	50	
Hull Gap.....						10	
West Main Street Greenville.....						84	75
Morning Star.....	1	2				117	75
Spring Creek.....						54	125
Unicoi.....						74	100
Yann Hill.....		14					

Constitution of the Unicoi Free Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be known as the UNICOI FREE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 2. Its object is to associate properly constituted Free Baptist Churches for the purpose of evangelistic and other religious work in order to accomplish for the Master's cause more than can be expected by the individual church. Recognizing that the local church is independent and that this body is only advisory.

ARTICLE 3. This Body shall be composed of Delegates from properly constituted Free Baptist Churches. Each church being entitled to from one to six delegates, and Licentiates, and Ordained Ministers who are in good standing in the Minister's Conference of this Association.

ARTICLE 4. The officers of this Body shall be a Moderator, elected annually, a Secretary and treasurer, elected annually, and such Boards and Committees as are necessary in carrying out the plans of the organization.

ARTICLE 5. This Body shall meet annually, and at any regular or called meeting five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 6. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present. Provided written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at a previous regular meeting.

RULES OF DECORUM.

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

ARTICLE 2. There shall be no conversation by the members one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

ARTICLE 3. Every member wishing to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator.

ARTICLE 4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

ARTICLE 5. No other title shall be admitted while in session but that of Brother.

ARTICLE 6. Every member speaking shall speak to the subject under consideration.

ARTICLE 7. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject without leave of the Moderator.

ARTICLE 8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn.

ARTICLE 9. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

ARTICLE 10. On all motions made the vote is taken a majority prevails.

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.

ARTICLE 13. Not less than five members shall constitute a quorum.