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SHOAL CREEK, By proxy--Rev. Joseph Ramsey.
MT. PLEASANT, I. F. Guinn and James Hensley.
BALD CREEK, By proxy--Rev. Joseph Ramsey.
FALL GAP,

NEWLY CONSTITUTED CHURCHES.

WHITEOAK FLATS, By proxy--Rev. D. W. Adkins.
UNION HILL, J. W. Rice and J. H. Tallant.
ROCKY FORK, W. S. Ramsey.
LAURELTON CHAPEL, W. L. Fender and L. E. Wild.

On motion Rev. J. W. Lucas was named to draft a model church letter. On motion visiting brethren were invited to seats with us vis: Rev. T. M. Cole, of the M. E. church; Rev. W. P. Knowling and brother Willett of the Union Association. Then the following Committees were appointed;--

BUSINESS--Rev D. W. Adkins, R. B. Ballard, J W Whitson
with the Moderator and Clerk,

PREACHING--R B Ballard, Lonnie Mundy, T E Penland.

EDUCATION---Prof. J. W. Lucas, C. C. Deyton, W R Rice,

SUNDAY SCHOOLS--Robert Wyatt, Jessie Tallant, T. M. Cole,

TEMPERANCE---Revs. D. W. Adkins and W. P. Knowling and
Thomas McKinney.

MISSIONS--Revs. David Adkins, Willis Ballard, T. J. Eatman,
J. W. Lucas, W. P. Knowling.

FINANCE---Madison Whitson, A. P. Rogers,

OBITUARIES--Rev. D. Fender, I. F. Guinn, L. E. Wild,

LITERATURE--Revs. J. W. Lucas, Joseph Ramsey, J J Hunter,

NEXT SESSION--Thomas McKinney, E W Blankinship, G W
Cole, T E Sheppard, J H Adkins.

As the Committee on Pulpit deliberated, Prof J W Lucas
entertained us with a talk on Literature

Committee on Pulpit report Rev Uriah Bennett at this place
and Rev T J Eatman at schoolhouse to-morrow at 11 o'clock
A M. On motion adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow,

SECOND DAY,—MORNING SESSION.

Friday morning about 9 o'clock the Association

came together by singing "At the cross." Prayer by Bro. Malley Reeves. Clerk then called the house to order, and read the minute of yesterday which was adopted. Then heard from North Ivy, whose letter had not been brought in on the preceeding day. Then recognized and seated Bros. Malley Reeves, Ervin Allen and Rev. J. H. Ballard of the French Broad Association.

Report of committee on Education called for and submitted as follows:—

Report on Education.

We should use every faculty within our reach for the education of our children. The public schools should have our hearty support. The Unicoi school is peculiarly our own; let us pray and work for it, put our children there and encourage the management to make it the school we need.

After appropriate remarks by Revs. J. W. Lucas, J. H. Ballard, David Adkins, Willis Ballard, Isaac Crowder and Joseph Ramsey, adopted. On motion prof Lucas was named to draft a resolution of thanks to the General conference for their help in the Unicoi school. The preaching hour having arrived, the body adjourned to hear preaching by Rev. U. Bennett from Luke 2:28.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M., the body came together by singing "The life boat." After prayer by prof. Lucas, report of committee on Sabbath Schools was called for and submitted as follows:—

Report on Sunday Schools

We believe the Sunday School to be the great nursery of the church, for in it we can train our children for the great work of Christianizing the world, and, as early impressions are the most lasting, we should see that our children attend Sunday school. We find it easy to interest children in Sunday schools, but not so easy to interest the older ones. We also find that some of our preachers do not seem to interest themselves in Sunday schools. We ask this body,—preachers and delegates, to give this subject more prayerful attention.

After some very appropriate remarks by T. M. Cole, a motion was carried to table the report till Sunday morning. The report of committee on Temperance was called for and submitted as follows:--

Report on Temperance.

We your committee on Temperance can find nothing stronger or more fitting than that which stands on our last minute, which we most heartily recommend, which is as follows:-- Whereas our denomination has for more than a century put itself on record as standing in the front rank in the cause of Temperance and being unwilling to take any backward step; and believing that the traffic of intoxicating liquors is prolific of evil; that it impairs the home, the humanity of manhood and womanhood, that it is the most efficient agent of the Devil for the destruction of souls, we as Free will Baptists have solemnly covenanted with God and each other, that by the grace of God, we will abstain from all mention of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages. Therefore, we, the Jack Creek Association of Free will Baptists do resolve, that we will not hereafter receive into our ministry, by license or by ordination any one who, by the use of franchise power or otherwise support any man for office (regardless of party), whose policy makes it possible for the saloon to exist as a legalized institution. That in all the ways in which the living God may lead us, we will use our ability to accomplish the overthrowing of the traffic of intoxicants. And that we will discourage the use of tobacco, especially among the youths of our country.

After hearty and able discussion by Revs. David Adkins, Willis Ballard and J. H. Ballard, unanimously adopted. The report of committee on Missions called for and submitted.

Report on Missions.

We recommend that this body elect a church Extension Board of five or more members, which shall take charge of foreign and home missions in the Association, with power to devise plans, raise funds and employ evangelists to labor under their supervision and report in full at next annual session of this body, and we suggest that all our ministers and churches give their support to this Board.

After some interesting and instructive remarks by Prof. Lucas, adopted. The following named brethren were elected on Extension Board: Rev. David Adkins,

T. J. Eatman, C. C. Deyton, A. P. Rogers, T. L. Wheeler, I. F. Guinn and W. R. Rice.

Report of committee on Finance called for and submitted as follows:--

We your Committee on Finance have collected for printing Minutes &c, \$16.10.

Report adopted. Report of committee on Literature then called for and submitted.

Report on Literature.

First of all, we recommend a more constant and prayerful study of the Holy scriptures. Our own publications issued from the Morning Star Publishing House, 457 Shawmut Ave., Boston, Mass., are equal to the best, and we earnestly recommend them to all our people.

After discussion by Rev. J. H. Ballard and others, adopted.

Preaching hour having arrived, adjourned to hear Rev. W. P. Knowleng preach from Rev. 5:12.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Saturday morning 9 o'clock the body came together by singing "In the sweet by and by." Prayer by Rev. W. P. Knowling. Minutes of preceding sessions read and approved.

Report of committee on Obituaries called for and submitted. After remarks by I. F. Guinn, W. W. Ballard and Rev. D. Fender the report was adopted.

Report on Obituaries.

Whereas we have not sufficient data to make up the obituaries of our deceased brethren, we advise each church to have its clerk or some suitable member, to write the obituaries of its deceased members and send such to the Annual Conference,

Report on Next Session.

Next Session will be held with the church at North Ivy, Barnardsville, Buncombe county, N. C., to begin at 11 o'clock A. M. on Thursday before the First Sunday in September 1906; introductory sermon to be preached by Rev E W Akard, Alternate, Rev Thomas Eatman.

The subject of grouding churches was called up by the Moderator and very heartily discussed by him; Revs

Joseph Ramsey, Daniel Fender, J. W. Lucas, David Adkins and by I. F. Guinn. The sense of the body being taken, advises the churches to arrange themselves into groups of three or four as may be convenient. A brief but interesting address was then made by Prof. Lucas on church and educational work, also some interesting remarks by Rev. David Adkins.

Regular business being finished, Resolutions were called for, submitted, discussed and adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

Resolved that the Jack's Creek Association is grateful to the General Conference of Free Baptists for what they are doing for us at Unicoi, Tenn.; and we hereby promise that that school shall have our prayers and sympathies, moral and financial support. If necessary, we will make sacrifices to place our boys and girls into the school.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.

Resolved that this Body is devoutly thankful to this church and community for the very able and hospitable manner in which they have cared for this Association.

On motion adjourned, with prayer by Rev. D. W. Adkins.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. W. Lucas from Isa. 9:6.

Preaching at 4 o'clock P.M., by Rev. T. J. Eatman from Daniel 6:20.

Sunday morning a large gathering including two Sunday schools met at the church. Service was opened by Rev. Willis Ballard. The Sunday school question was up and discussed by Reverends T. M. Cole, J. W. Knowling, Willis Ballard and S. D. Ballard, Superintendent Presbyterian school; the people being highly entertained by the enthusiastic talks and spirited singing. After a short intermission the congregation assembled in a near by grove and were preached to by Rev. D. W. Adkins from Corinthians 11:1-2. Re-assembled at 4 o'clock P.M. and heard Rev. J. W. Knowling preach from Matt. XXII, 37.

Statistical Report For The Year 1905

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CHURCHES	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	Baptisms.	Ad. otherwise	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership	Fund.	Minute	Paid Pastor
Bald Creek.....	Joseph Ramsey.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$	.....	.....
Haw Knob.....	Thomas Eatman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indian Creek.....	Thomas Eatman.....	Levi Wilson.....	Paint Gap, N. C.	1	1	1	1	1	68	35	10 00	.....
Laurelton Chapel.....	Joseph Ramsey.....	D. N. Parker.....	.....	10	.....	.....	2	8	65	1 25	.....	.....
North Bend.....	U. Bennett and Willis Ballard.....	J. W. Howell.....	Green Mountain, N. C.	7	1	.....	.....	.....	135	2 10	.....	.....
North Ivy.....	Willis Ballard.....	G. M. Hensley.....	Barnesville, N. C.	.....	2	1	1	.....	.....	75	32 40	.....
Price's Creek.....	Willis Ballard.....	R. A. Hensley.....	Prices Creek, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	1 00	23 00	.....
Pensacola.....	Willis Ballard.....	John Ogle.....	Pensacola, N. C.	8	6	.....	.....	.....	61	2 10	49 20	.....
Peterson Chapel.....	Elijah Presnell.....	William S. Ray.....	Day book, N. C.	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	1 25	.....	.....
Ramseytown.....	David W. Adkins.....	J. H. Adkins.....	Sioux, N. C.	25	13	.....	4	.....	75	1 00	.....	.....
Rocky Fork.....	Joseph Ramsey.....	S. G. Nor on.....	Hensley, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Shoal Creek.....	Joseph Ramsey.....	Thomas Bailey.....	Hensley, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	70	9 30	.....
Terry's Fork.....	Thomas Eatman.....	T. E. Sheppard.....	Just, N. C.	2	.....	.....	1	.....	48	1 55	38 00	.....
Union Valley.....	J. H. Ballard.....	J. N. Ballard.....	Taft, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	50	20 00	.....
Union Hill.....	T. J. Eatman.....	G. T. Tallant.....	Buckner, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	1 00	.....	.....
Whiteoak Flats.....	David W. Adkins.....	Samuel Cooper.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	.....	L. F. Guinn.....	Kittytown, Tenn.	1	1	.....	.....	1	4	80	.....	.....
Totals.....				5238	4	4	0	745	\$1710	\$16860		

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each individual 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. This 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.

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 by committees may be adopted or rejected by the body.

ART. 8. The Association shall have a book in which shall be recorded 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 and account for all money committed to his charge.

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

ART. 15. Each church shall be allowed one vote for every ten members 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.

RULES OF DECORUM.

- ART. 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
- ART. 2. There shall be no conversation by the 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 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 the person 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 made, where 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

- ARTICLE 1. We believe that there is one and only one living and true God, who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection.
- There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. I Timothy, 2:5.
- 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 Timothy, 3:16.
- ART. 3. Original Apostacy—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. Genesis, 3:6.
- ART. 4. Free Grace—We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings; that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation; that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and

made wise unto salvation. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. Romans, 1:12

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 and hearing by 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 bideth 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 preceded by effectual conviction of sin.

Now I rejoice not that ye were made sorrow, 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. II Corinthia, 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 is the result of faith, and not of necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire; wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them. Matthew, 7:19-20.

ART. 10. Christian Baptism—We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it.

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death; that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4.

ART. 11 The Lord's Supper—We believe the Supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance; that the bread and wine represents 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 Savior, and that his followers ought to practice the same.

If I your Lord and master have washed your feet, ye ought also 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 Corinthians 9:14.

CHURCH COVENANT.

I. Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ, we agree to adopt the Freewill Baptist Faith. we now give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

II. we solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe the commandments implied in 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.

III. we promise that by the help of God that 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.

IV. 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

V. we also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not providentially hindered, and submit to all ordinances implied in a Profession of Faith.

VI. we also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements.

VII. we also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors and not to use it as a beverage, nor to aid or assist in the manufacture of such nor furnish it to others.

VIII. we also agree to encourage Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Sabbath-schools, good morals, and every thing 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.

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MODEL CHURCH LETTER.

BY J. W. LUCAS.

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To the Jack's Creek Association, Greeting We the Freewill
Baptist Church at, now in session
choose the following named brethren to represent us in your annual
Conference, to wit:

Our statistics are as follows:—

Admitted by Baptism.....

“ Otherwise.....

Dismissed

Excluded

Died

Total Membership.....

Pastor's Salary Paid \$.....

Minute Fund \$.....

Pastor,..... P. O.,.....

Clerk..... P. O.

Note: The above blank, when properly filled out, can be conveniently used.

