

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**Thirteenth Annual Session of the**  
**JACK'S CREEK**  
**FREEWILL BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**AND**  
**MINISTER'S CONFERENCE**  
**CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT**  
**Price's Creek, Yancey County N. C.,**  
**September 3-4-5, 1908.**

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**OFFICERS:—**

**Willis Ballard, Moderator and President,**  
**Thomas Duncan, Clerk,**  
**R. H. Warlick, Secretary.**

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**That the next session of this Association be held with the Church at Laurelton Chapel, Madison County N. C., to convene on Thursday before the First Sunday in September 1909.**

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## PROCEEDINGS.

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The 13th Annual Session of the Jacks Creek Freewill Baptist Association convened with the Church at Prices Creek, Yancey County, N. C., Thurs. Sept. 3rd 1908.

Opened by song: "Nearer my God." Lesson by Rev Jos. Ramsey from John 10. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Norton; introductory preached by Rev. Jos. Ramsey from Acts 10: 19, followed by A. J. Norton. After the sermon a song and a glorious handshake and a devotional prayer by Rev. W. P. Nowling. Session adjourned to meet at 2: 30 p. m. Benediction by Moderator.

Evening session met at 2,30 p. m. Song "Jesus Lover of my soul;" lesson by Rev. Willis Ballard from Timothy 6 chap.; prayer by Rev. Adam Wheeler. Motion to call roll of churches and enroll names of Delegates to wit:—

Bald Creek—By letter.

Haw Knob—L. W. Ramsey.

Indian Creek—T. E. Woody, R. M. Wilson, J. A. Corn, J. E. Roberson, W. V. Shepherd.

Laurelton Chapel—W. L. Fender, W. F. Presnell, N. P. Thomas, D. N. Parker, L. E. Wilds.

North Bend—C. C. Deyton, T. W. McKinny, Samuel Peterson, O. Peterson, Elvira McKinny.

Charity—Geo. Cole, Geo. McMahan. France Church Spurgeon McKinny, W. M. and T. L. Wheeler, S. S. Adkins.

Prices Creek—A. M. Blankinship, Marion Westal, A. P. Rogers.

Pensacola—W. B. Biggs, E. J. Gardner, Tilden Allen, S. W. Haynie.

Ramseytown—Robt. Warrick, Millard Honeycutt,  
Rocky Fork—Rev. A. J. Norton.  
Terry's Fork—J. F. Rathbone, S. J. Metcalf, E. W.  
Hensley, Ellis Metcalf, J. R. Riddle, T. E. Shepherd,  
Union Valley—R. B. Ballard, J. R. Swan, J. P.  
Mundy,

Union Hill—J. M. Rice, G. L. Tallant.  
Higgins Chapel—J. M. Woody, Hiram Higgins,  
Thos. Duncan.

White Oak Flats—Samuel Cooper, -- B. Bailey.  
Mine Fork--S. C. Riddle.

Falls Gap--By letter and Pastor Rev. S. G. Proffitt  
On motion to elect Moderator and Clerk, Rev. Willis  
Ballard was elected Moderator and Thos. Duncan Clerk  
A motion then carried to invite visiting brethren to  
seats and invitations extended to Revs. W. P. Nowling,  
J. W. Lucas and M. C. Warlick of Unicoi, Tenn., W.  
A. Robinson of the Missionary Baptist, and A. J. Nor-  
ton and Homer Casto of the Methodist Church

A motion to appoint the various committees.

#### COMMITTEES.

Preaching.---Delegates of Prices Creek and Pastor E.  
W. Blankinship.

Spirituality of our churches ---Spurgeon McKinney,  
James Riddle, T. E. Woody, C. C. Deyton, Robert  
Ballard.

General Work of our Churches ---D. L. Howell, A.  
J. Norton, R. H. Warrick.

Sabbath Schools,---T. W. McKinney, M. C. War-  
lick, Adam Wheeler, S. G. Proffitt, W. P. Nowling.  
Homer Casto invited to a seat with this committee.

Education and Literature.---Revs. W. P. Nowling,  
W. F. Presnell, Joseph Ramsey, D. L. Howell.

Temperance.---L. E. Wilds, J. J. Hunter, D. Fender, W. A. Roberson, Robt. Wyatt.

Obituaries.---Millard Honeycutt, Thomas McKinney w. L. Fender, Elbert Gardner, Geo McMahan, and A. P. Rogers.

Mission Work.--Robt Ballard, I. P. Mundy, Jas. Corn Sam Peterson, J. F. Rathbone, J. Burlison.

Finance.---W. M. Wheeler, C. C. Deyton.

Next Session.---Moses Peterson, T. E. Shepherd, M. P. Thomas, W. B. Biggs.

It is moved and seconded that the church at Rocky be represented by letter and delegate.

It is moved that the delegates of each church make a written report of the condition of their church and general standing of their pastor and deliver the same to the Clerk.

A motion to appoint a committee of two to draft a form for the various churches to report on, to be printed on bottom of the statistical page, to wit: W. P. Nowling and W. B. Biggs

The committee on pulpit report that:--

W. P. Nowling preach at 11 a. m. Friday.

Adjourned till 8:30 a m Friday, with a noble prayer by W. A. Robertson; then a motion to have an experience meeting with short talks by Revs Adam Wheeler Nowling, Robinson and others who gave noble Christian lectures and song with a glorious handshake and praise meeting.

#### SESSION OF FRIDAY SEPT 4

Body met 8:30 a m. Song; "Amazing grace." Lesson by D. L. Howell from Matt, 6 chap. Prayer by M. C. Warlick. A call for reports of churches to be sub-

mitted to the clerk. Bro. N. P. Thomas asked for leave of absence;--leave accepted.

### CHURCH REPORTS.

Terry's Fork,—The Spirituality of our church is very good; a good Sabbath School. Our pastor, Adam Wheeler is highly appreciated and is doing good work. J. F. Rathbone, Clerk.

Haw Knob,—The church is in good condition; we have a good Sabbath School of 40 students. The church asks help to build a church house. Adam Wheeler pastor, L. W. Ramsey clerk.

Ramseytown,—The spirituality of the church fairly good. Jos. Ramsey was pastor last year; his work acceptable. We have a fine Sabbath School. 85 students enrolled. Rev. W P Nowling is the present pastor and is highly esteemed. We ask the prayers of this body for our success. R H Warrick Cl'k

Prices Creek,—Our church is in very good condition spiritually. We have a good Sabbath School, and in a prosperous condition. We ask the prayers of this body for our success. Willis Ballard Pastor, A P Rogers Cl'k,

Falls Gap,—Our church is not as spiritual as it should be, tho' there is no trouble among the members. We have a good Sabbath School, J J Hunter pastor elect, Howell Hensley Clk.

Union Valley,—Our church is in good condition. Our pastor J H Ballard has resigned after 30 years Pastoral work in our church and we have not yet elected another pastor. We ask your prayers for more Spirituality in our church, J P Mundy cl'k.

Higgins Chapel,—Our church is in fairly good standing, though not as spiritual as we wish it to be. Some members are negligent. J J Hunter is our Pastor and is very attentive to his work. We appreciate his presence and he is fairly liked by the settlement, Thos Duncan Clerk,

North Bend,—Condition of our church very good Spiritually, Have a good Sabbath School of 75 to 100 students, Our Pastor, W P Nowling is well thought of, D G Herring Clerk,

White Oak Flats,—Our church is in good condition, Rev Jos. Ramsey is Pastor now; J J Hunter for coming year, Ramsey's work is very acceptable, We have a fine Sabbath School, Samuel Cooper, Clerk,

Union Hill,—Our church is in a normal condition spiritually. Adam Wheeler Pastor for last, and Willis Ballard for the present year. G T Tallent Clerk

Clarity,—Our church is not as good spiritually as it should be. There is a spirit of negligence among the members. We have a fine Sabbath School. The church is well pleased with the work of its Pastor, Willis Ballard. James Riddle Clerk

Laurelton,—Our church is in a prosperous condition and all in love and harmony, our Pastor, Joseph Ramsey is in good standing, and doing good work; have a good Sabbath School all the year, Pray for our future success. W F Presnell Clerk

Indian Creek —The Spirituality of our church is not as good as it ought to be. Bro. Adam Wheeler is the Pastor, and his work is highly appreciated. We have no Sabbath School, W. L. Metcalf Clerk.

Rocky Fork,—Our church now is in fairly good condition, Rev. A. J. Norton is Pastor and is well thought of and has done good work, Pray for us, Olingman Ingle Clerk,

Pensacola,—Our church is good condition. Our Pastor, Willis Ballard, is well thought of by all and has done great work. John Ogle Clerk

Bald Creek,—Our church is in better condition than it formerly has been, though it is not as prosperous as it should be, Pray for our success, D Fender Pastor, Thos Bailey Clerk

Motion to adjourn for 11 a.m., preaching and till 2 p. m. session. Benediction by Moderator.

Preaching hour opened by song "Pass me not" etc, Lesson 27 ch. Acts, prayer by W. P. Nowling who then preached a noble sermon full of divine love and praise,

#### EVENING SESSION FRI. 4th.

Met according to adjournment. Song, "Savior more than life to me"; lesson by Moderator, prayer by Daniel Fender. Call for reports of various committees. Report of Committee on Spirituality of Our Churches received and adopted by move and second. Remarks by

R. M. Wyatt, Willis Ballard, Adam Wheeler and W. P. Nowling who made fine Spiritual addresses.

#### REPORT.

We your Committee on the Spirituality of Our Churches submit the following: We find the churches not as prosperous as they should be in general, although, we find some full of Spiritual vigor. We advise that pastors impress upon the churches, their duty in studying the Word closer, and to consecrate themselves to God, and to urge the members to attend monthly meetings, and that the pastors and official members visit the various members who fail to attend regularly, and if they then fail to attend, it becomes the duty of the church to appoint a committee to visit them, then if they fail to hear the committee, then bring them under discipline of the church and deal with them in love as the church may think best. Spurgeon McKinney Chairman.

Report on the General work of the Church read and adopted. Remarks by D. L. Howell, W. P. Nowling and others.

#### REPORT.

We find that much is being done by some of our very active ministers and members to make our churches permanent by the erection of good houses, and by urging all who are true believers in Christ to be of good courage and contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints. We also find that there are to-day more Freewill Baptists in the South than ever before and that we are rapidly gaining in every respect. We are sure that the blessings of Almighty God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ in the person and power of the Holy Ghost is upon our Christian movement in every way. We rejoice in persecutions because if we go forward in our true Christian work, we have the promise that the Holy Spirit will ever shield us from all harm. Now we are sorry to report that we find most of our loyal ministers are really suffering in want of co-operation and support. Some of our churches have a large membership and seldom have a quorum to transact business; some of our churches have no Steward, while others have careless backslidden ones who do not look after the interest of their pastors, therefore some of our pastors are forced to labor with their hands while they ought to be preaching.

Therefore, we advise all our churches, 1. To appoint at least two of the most consecrated members as Spiritual leaders to assist the pastor in visiting members, holding prayer and testimony meetings, and inquire after all members. 2. To appoint

two of the most active members, one of whom shall be a sister, to be associate Stewards to look after the interest of the pastor, collecting from all cheerful givers to amply pay for his services. 3, We recommend that every Pastor hold his covenant meeting on Saturday before every communion service. 4 We advise all our people to go forward in building good church houses where it is advisable to organize churches, as we don't think it advisable to organize a church where there is no house to worship in.

R. H. Warrick, Chairman.

Committee on Mission Work submit the following

#### REPORT.

*We urge our Pastors to impress upon the minds of all our people the great importance of giving of their means to support those who are doing Mission Work, both Home and Foreign, so that the Gospel may be delivered to all.*

R. B. Ballard Chairman.

#### REPORT.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following: The Sunday School is an essential part of church work. A good lively Sunday School is necessary to the prosperity and development of the church, and from it largely the future membership of the churches must come, and by it their future character must be determined. There should be a Sunday School in every community. We advise the use of Free Baptist literature, but in all communities where they carry on union Sunday Schools we recommend union literature.

M. C. Warlick Chairman.

#### SATURDAY SESSION.

Body met according to appointment at 8 a. m. Song "Am I a soldier of the Cross," lesson by Adam Wheeler from James 1 chap., prayer by S. G. Proffitt.

Motion to organize the Jack's Creek, French Broad and other Associations into a General Association, and asks this body to designate a time and place of meeting to wit: The assembly to be held with the church at North Bend, to convene on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November with the following delegates of this Association: Revs. Willis Ballard, James Hunter, Joe Ramsey and Bros. Thos. McKinney, C. C. Deyton and R. H. Warrick,



### REPORT.

We your Committee on Temperance submit the following:

The cause of Temperance has grown until we have driven the manufacture and sale of King Alcohol out of our Old North State, through earnest work and prayer. God has heard and answered our prayers, and in place of drunkenness and debauchery, we have sobriety and love in many a home that has been infested by King Alcohol. We therefore recommend that we watch our votes, and strive to keep the monster driven out by voting for no one unless he is strictly temperate, and will stand by the cause of right, and save our children from the serpent that bites and blights humanity and enlarges Hell.

L. E. Wilds Chairman.

### REPORT.

On Literature.--We recommend the Morning Star and Free Will Baptist as church papers, also the S. S. Literature of our denomination published at Boston, Mass., and Ayden, N. C.  
Committee,

Committee on Education submit the following

### RESOLUTION.

Whereas during the years 1902-1908 the Mountain Educational Commission and its successor, the General Conference of Free Baptists did solicit and collect from many Free Baptists of North Carolina and Tennessee, certain sums of money for the alleged purpose of establishing an industrial school of high grade for the said Free Baptists and

Whereas Mrs. C. C. H. Aldrich of Buffalo, N. Y., and many other people of the Northern States gave several thousand dollars to the General Conference of Free Baptists for the aforesaid purpose and

Whereas said General Conference placed the control of said school enterprise and the lands purchased for the establishment of such a school completely in the hands of one person viz: J. W. Lucas whom years of trial prove to be both unable and unwilling to establish a school and,

Whereas said General Conference deeded Nov. 1907 all the aforesaid land not then sold, except about three acres to the said J. W. Lucas and has given him control of the hotel and Block 7, thus diverting all the money from the purpose for which it was given, and,

Whereas we believe a radical change in the policy of our school enterprise is urgent, and

Whereas a corporation, styled the Unicoi Collegiate Institute consisting of D. L. Howell, E. W. Akard, G. W. Lawrence, W. P. Knowling and S. G. Street was formed and duly registered at Erwin and Nashville, Tenn. January 2 and 4, 1908, whose sole purpose is to foster said school enterprise, therefore

Resolved That we approve of the above corporation as our legal representative and sanction the efforts of said corporate body to secure possession of aforesaid property for school purposes as originally intended. We wish to place ourselves on record as being in favor of Christian Education and a better educated ministry. We earnestly urge our people to take forward steps in educational work.

Resolved, That we are thoroughly convinced from Professor Lucas' own statements and conduct that he did our cause an injustice in buying the Unicoi school property from the General Conference and thus diverting it from its original purpose,

Therefore we pledge our loyalty and support to the corporation at Unicoi, Tenn., styled the Unicoi Collegiate Institute, with the aforesaid persons as incorporators, in securing possession of said property and trying to carry out the original purpose,

#### REPORT.

We your Committee on Session submit the following:—

That the next session of this Association be held with the Church at Laurelton Chapel, Madison County N. C., to convene on Thursday before the First Sunday in September 1909 at 11 a. m., and that Rev. Adam Wheeler is to preach the introductory sermon and that Rev. A. J. Norton be his alternate.

T. E. Shepherd Chairman,

#### RESOLUTION.

Resolved that the Moderator be instructed to express the deep gratitude of this Association to the church and settlement for their hospitality in supporting this Association held here at Prices Creek,

#### REPORT.

We your committee on Finance do submit the following:—

Received \$21.19 for printing Minutes and other necessary expenses, W. M. Wheeler Chairman.

## OBITUARIES.

We your Committee submit the following Obituary of Rev. John Honeycutt: Born Jan. 1844, died August 4. 1908, aged 64 years 6 months and 22 days. He joined the Freewill Baptist church 1862 at Ramseytown; ordained into the ministry in 1890, and remained a faithful member and minister till his death. He bore his sickness with patience, and expressed several times that he was only waiting the Lord's time, desiring only to live to visit his churches. but it was God's will to take him from his labors here below and he is gone to his reward.

Sister Jane Taylor—Born March 15 1858, died April 20 1908, age 54 years 5 months, 2 days; joined the Freewill Baptist church 1883 and lived a consecrated Christian life until her death. Before death she sang "Jesus lover of my soul" and pointed toward heaven and said Jesus is there and requested all to meet her in Heaven.

Sister Margaret Riddle,—She joined the Freewill Baptist church at North Bend 1865; died June 12 1908 and lived a devoted Christian 40 years.

Sister Lina Presnell.—Died June 1908; lived a Christian life 54 years. She was about 80 years of age.

Bro. Nathan Bryant,—was born March 13 1821, died August 18 1908; joined the Freewill Baptist church at Ramseytown April 1844, was a devoted member and is greatly missed from the settlement and church.

Sister Jane Howell,—Born March 10 1818; joined the Freewill Baptist church at Ramseytown December 1844 and lived a Christian life 64 years; died November 1907 age 89 yrs 7 m.

Sister H. C. McMahan,—Was 54 years old, a member of the Freewill Baptist church 35 years; died June 17 1908 in full faith after living a true Christian life.

Bro. Henry Melton,—Was born March 10 1840, died April 29 1908; joined the church 1888 and lived an humble Christian life in Prices Creek church.

Bro. Cornelius Phillips,—Died June 1 1908. He had been a member of the Freewill Baptist church at Higgins Chapel for several years and told his mother often before he died not to grieve after him, for he was going to rest. We praise God for this evidence.

Sister Polly Roberson,—Was a member of Charity church, and had been a member of the Freewill Baptist about 8 years. She died May 13 1908 and was about 80 years old.

The body then adjourned till 2 p. m. Saturday, at which hour the body met. Song, Lesson from Titus 6 ch.; prayer Bro. Warlick.

Foreign Mission Board appointed to-wit: A. P. Rogers, C. C. Deyton, Willis Ballard and Adam Wheeler. The various churches and individuals gave pledges as follows: Bald Creek \$1; Indian Creek \$3; Laurelton Chapel \$6; North Bend \$5; Charity \$5; Prices Creek \$5.50; Pensacola \$5; Terry Fork \$3; Union Valley \$6; Union Hill \$3; Higgins Chapel \$2; White Oak Flats \$3; Mine Fork \$1; Ramseytown \$1; Brother Thos. C. Hensley \$1; D. L. Howel \$1; M. C. Warlick \$1.

It is moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed on Program, to wit: Joe Ramsey, J. M. Burlison and E. W. Blankinship.

Motion to adjourn to meet next at Laurelton.

WILLIS BALLARD Moderator.

THOS. DUNCAN Clerk.

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### MINISTER'S CONFERENCE.

Met Saturday Sept. 5 at 3 30 p. m. Opened by Rev. Joe Ramsey. Minutes of last session read and approved. Roll called and the following were present: Joe Ramsey, J. J. Hunter, S. G. Proffit, D. Fender, Adam Wheeler, Willis Ballard, J. M. Burlison, T. E. Woody, Robt. Wyatt, E. W. Blankinship, Laban Adkins.

W. P. Nowling united with this Conference, also A. J. Norton. M. C. Warlick accepted a seat, after which the following ministers made character—[here an omission in my copy—Printer.] U. Bennett, J. J. Hunter, D. L. Howell, Willis Ballard, T. M. Cole, S. G.

Proffitt, A. C. Hardin, D. and Allen Fender, E. Presnel, Joe Ramsey, A. J. Norton, Laban Adkins, Adam Wheeler, T. E. Woody, W. P. Nowling, E. Akard, I. T. Crowder, J. M. Burlison, T. E. Penland, W. L. Gregg, Robt Wyatt, E. W. Blankinship.

We find that our dear beloved Brother, John Honeycutt has been transferred from labor to rest.

Ministers report of work transferred to the next Conference.

On motion we elect a President and Secretary to wit: Willis Ballard Pres., and R. H. Warrick Sec., for the year. Rev. Willis Ballard is made chairman of Ordaining Council, and Revs. Joe Ramsey and C. A. Wheeler chosen to council.

Committee on License to Preach report S. C. Riddle, J. F. Rathbone and Spurgeon McKinney after private examination as to character and call, all above are licensed to preach the Gospel for one year.

And we find Bros. J. M. Burlison, Robt. Wyatt and T. E. Woody recommended for Ordination, after private inquiry after their past success in preaching, also their faithfulness to study. The Conference places them before the Board for examination, and recommend the Board to omit the educational clause. After a very careful examination and a Sacred vow by the applicants to study the Bible, to show themselves approved by God, they were ordained by prayer and by laying on of the hands of the Presbyter.

#### SUNDAY. SESSION

Sunday School mass meeting conducted by A. P. Rogers. Prof. Henggin with his choir gave excellent music. At 11 a.m., the Moderator addressed a large audience, thanking God for the hospitable manner in which the Prices Creek settlement supported the Association, after which Rev. M. C. Warlick read Job 38c.,

prayer by Spurgeon McKinney. Text John 19:30: "It is finished," Bro. Warlick preached an excellent sermon, followed by W. A. Roberson in his usual Spiritual exhortation, and a glorious parting handshake.

Conference adjourned to meet with the church at Union Valley on Friday before the 5th Sunday in November 1908 S. G. Proffit to preach the con. sermon.

Willis Ballard Pres. R. H. Warrick Sec.

## 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. 9. 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. 10. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented.

ART. 11. 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. 12. 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. 13. The Association shall use the Free Baptist Treatise in full.

ART. 14. Each church shall be allowed one vote for every ten members or fraction thereof.

ART. 15. The Association advises all its churches to commemorate the death and suffering of our Lord at least twice a year.

ART. 16. 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.

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## 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 Ghost, 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 we into 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 10:12.

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 abideth on him.—John 3:36.

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 Corinthians 7:9-10.

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 justice and love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God.—Micah, 6:8.

ART. 8. **Persistence.**—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.

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, Corinthians, 11:28-29,

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.

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.

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## CHURCH COVENANT.

1. Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ, we agree to adopt the Free Will Baptist faith, 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 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 others 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 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 our own denomination,

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 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.

# CHURCH LETTER.

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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 and sisters to represent  
 us in your Annual Conference, to wit:

Our statistics are as follows:—

State of religion

Our Pastor's work

	Baptised	Admitted otherwise	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total mem- bership	Paid pastor	For Minutes	
							\$	\$	

Pastor, Postoffice,

Clerk, "

# 1908 STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	CLERK'S ADDRESS	Baptisms.	Ad'd. Otherwise	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership.	Min-ute Fund	Paid to Pastor
White Oak Flat...	J. W. Ramsey.....	J. H. Warrick....	Sioux, N. C.	2	...	...	...	1	44	\$1 00	\$ 7 75
Union Valley.....	J. H. Ballard.....	J. N. Ballard.....	Taft, "	4	...	...	...	...	57	2 25	38 00
Union Hill.....	Willis Ballard.....	G. T. Tallant.....	Buckner, "	...	2	4	...	...	51	1 00	20 10
Terry's Fork.....	Adam Wheeler....	W. C. Ridford....	Just, "	2	1	1	...	...	79	1 60	30 85
Ramseytown.....	Joseph Ramsey...	R. H. Warrick....	Sioux, "	11	13	...	6	5	187	1 00	9 00
Pensacola.....	Willis Ballard....	John Ogle.....	Pensacola, "	5	...	...	...	1	71	...	21 10
Price's Creek.....	Willis Ballard....	A. P. Rogers.....	Paint Gap, "	4	...	...	1	1	50	1 00	22 00
Bald Creek.....	Daniel Fender....	Thos. Bailey.....	Bald Mountain, "	...	...	...	...	...	94	1 10	5 50
Laurelton Chapel.	Joseph Ramsey....	W. F. Ramsey....	Laurelton, "	22	21	3	4	...	98	1 25	9 00
North Bend.....	W. F. Nowling....	D. G. Herren.....	Day Book, "	...	2	9	...	1	120	1 50	46 00
Indian Creek.....	Adam Wheeler....	M. L. Metcalf....	Paint Gap, "	3	...	...	...	1	85	1 00	.....
Rocky Fork.....	A. J. Norton.....	Clingman Ingle..	Pumps, "	5	...	...	...	...	50	25	17 75
Charity.....	Willis Ballard....	John S. Kidd....	Barnardville, "	...	17	...	...	...	141	1 25	17 68
Haw Knob.....	Adam Wheeler....	L. W. Ramsey....	..... "	...	17	...	...	...	17	...	.....
Mine Fork.....	J. J. Hunter.....	Will Ray.....	Day Book, "	...	2	6	1	...	37	75	23 00
Higgins Chapel..	Jas. Hunter.....	Thos. Duncan....	Higgins, "	13	12	...	...	1	87	1 00	13 50
Falls Gap.....	S. G. Proffitt.....	Howell Hensley..	Kittytown, Tenn.	1	...	...	...	1	94	75	.....
Totals.....				78	57	21	11	12	1387	16 60	278 13