

JACKS CREEK  
FREEWILL BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES.

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HELD WITH  
LOW GAP CHURCH,  
VIXEN, N. C.

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CONVENED  
AUGUST 30,---SEPTEMBER 2, 1917.  
Theo. Ray, Moderator

W. W. Ballard, Moderator,  
John Ogle, Clerk,

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## PROCEEDINGS.

The 22nd annual session of the Jacks Creek Free-will Baptist Association met with the Low Gap church, at Vixen, N. C., August 30, 1917 at 10:30 a. m.

Services opened by singing, "When the Roll is called up Yonder" and "Rock of Ages." Prayer by W. W. Ballard. Song, "In that sweet By and By." Introductory sermon by W. W. Ballard; text, 2 Cor. 4:2. Prayer by E. W. Blankinship. Roll of the various churches called, letters received, and delegates enrolled as follows:—

Charity,—David Adkins, Chas. Hyder, Martha Whittimore, Vashti Hyder, A. L. Bailey.

Bald Mt.,—W. M. Ledford, S. L. Adkins, A. M. Fender.

Aylers Creek,—S. L. Hensley, Jas. Carrol, Fate Thompson.

Petersons Chapel,—Robert Harris.

Pensacola,—Walter Wilson, Mills Roland, L. H. McMahan.

Low Gap,—Jas. Burleson, Bascomb Ray, W. M. Fox, W. M. Gardner.

Youngs Chapel,—Fred Harris, Hubert Black, Turner Price.

Prices Creek,—E. W. Blankinship, M. B. Westall.

McKinneys Chapel,—Will Wheeler, W. E. Thomas, T. L. Wheeler.

Terrys Fork,—Gaither Wilson, Jas. Riddle.

North Bend,—J. R. Peterson, J. T. Bennett, C. C. Renfro.

Ramseytown,—Jas. Taylor, David Bryant.

Mine Fork,—Mally McCourry, Nelson Ray.

Indian Creek.—W. V. Shepherd, M. E. Hudgins.

Warrick Chapel,—Sidney Deyton.

Laurelton Chapel,—D. A. Phillips, W. L. Fender.

Rev. W. W. Ballard was elected Moderator for the ensuing year and John Ogle Clerk.

Recognized and invited to seats, Rev. R. V. Self and Rome Woodson of the French Broad Association; also Brothers Griffith and Wilson of the Toe River Association.

#### Thursday Afternoon Session

2:30 p. m., devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Robt. Wyatt; lesson, Eph. 1 chap.; prayer by Rev. Moses Peterson. The work of appointing the various committees was then taken up and the various committees appointed. Pastor's and Delegates Exchange Service was announced in order. Some very instructive talks by Revs. W. W. Ballard, Jerome Honeycutt, R. V. Self, Brother Chas. Hyder and others.

On motion, adjourned.

Sermon at 8:15 p. m., by Rev. Rome Woodson.

#### Friday Morning Session.

8:30 a. m., devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Griffith, from St. John, 1 chap.

#### Report of Committee on Business.

We, your Committee on Business of the Association report the following:—

1. Business session shall begin at 8:30 a. m., and close at 10:45. Open at 3:00 p. m., recess at 5:00 p. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., and at 8:15 p. m.

2. That we call for the reports of the various church committees in the order of their appointment; one member of each committee shall speak to the report.

3. That the Association appoint a Historian whose business it shall be to compile a brief history of its proceedings since its organization; said Historian to be assisted by Clerks who have served in the past.

4. That the Association appoint a committee of three lay members to meet from time to time, or when necessary with the Ordaining Council, to investigate and settle any difference arising between any minister and lay member in the Association.

5. That we appoint a committee of two lay members to look into the condition of the church property at Union Hill, and report to our Moderator before our next Ministers' Conference, so immediate action can be taken in regard to the property.

6. That the chairman of each committee read the report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. BALLARD, Ch. Com.

#### Report on Education.

We, your committee on education adopt the report of 1916, which is as follows:-

The question of whether or not we should educate our children grows more important while the years go by. Though while the public schools are giving increased secular knowledge, the minds of our young people, while developing, should be under good moral and spiritual influences that they may become loyal Christian workers. When all the forces of sin are against us, as at present, we more than ever need an

educated ministry. So we insist on the education of our people as the hope of our church depends on it.

Committee { M. E. HUDGINS, Ch.  
W. B. WESTALL,  
T. L. WHEELER.

### Report on Literature.

We, your committee on Literature realizing that our people need to study and read good literature, first of all urge that we read and study the Bible, which is the foundation of all that is good; furthermore realizing that there is a large number of our young people who do not really understand the relation of principles of the Free will Baptist Church in regard to the Bible, we urge that our literature be bought in the various Sunday schools, as our young people will then better understand the church and its workings, thereby becoming better members by having such knowledge. And we further specially advise our ministers and Sunday school teachers to warn our boys and girls against the reading of all literature that does not tend to uplift and elevate their young minds. Let us by all means take the advice of Christ in which he says, "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me."

And we further urge that our people subscribe to and read our church paper published at Ayden, N. C, that we may become better acquainted with the work being done by our churches in different sections of the country.

Committee { CHAS. HYDER,  
DAVID ADKINS,  
SIDNEY DEYTON.

Sermon by Rev. R. V. Self, text: "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough, turn you northward." Deut. 2-3.

#### Friday Afternoon Session.

Song, "I feel like traveling on." Reading lesson by Rev. Jas. McKinney; prayer by Rev. W. W. Ballard.

#### Report of Committee on Deeper Devotion.

We, your committee on Deeper Devotion do state the following:—

We believe in getting closer to God and to be wholly given to the cause of Christ; and we believe in humbling ourselves right down at the feet of Christ. That we may have power we must live right before God, must observe the commandments implied by a confession of faith, being careful of each other's reputation, attending our monthly meetings, praying in secret and holding family prayer, and as we go, preach, saying, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Committee { E. P. BLEVINS,  
Z. V. RENFRO,  
M. J. PETERSON.

#### Report of Committee on Missions.

Your Committee on Missions find that we are not doing what we should in the line of home mission work, and while our Home Evangelist has been doing some good work, we see the need of doing much more; we therefore advise that this body appoint a home missionary to travel and hold meetings and do general missionay work; and that every Christian represented in this body should feel themselves bound to stand by him financially and thus enable him to do the work of the Lord.

Committee { J. K. PETERSON,  
M. G. HONEYCUTT,  
W. V. SHEPHERD.

### Report on Sunday Schools.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following: we believe that in the Sunday schools much can be done to the aid of church work. First, it is a place we learn about God's word; where we learn to love God and His cause; where we may teach our children to serve him. And we also urge our leaders to be filled with the spirit, that the Lord may be worshiped in spirit, and not in form only. Let us all be careful to devote much time to the Sunday school work.

Committee { JAS. MCKINNEY,  
ROME WOODSON,  
JAS. RIDDLE.

### Report on Finance

Your committee on finance find on hand \$31.08 (Thirty-one dollars and eight cents) to defray expense of printing Minutes of this Association.

Committee { W. M. FOX,  
JAS. BURLISON,  
W. M. GARDNER.

### REPORT OF COM. ON TIME AND PLACE.

We, your committee on Time and Place, submit the following: That the next session of this Association be held with the church at Ramseytown, beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1918 at 10 a. m. Introductory sermon by Rev. Pretzell Blevins, alternate M. B. Westall.

Committee { E. W. BLANKINSHIP,  
ROME HONEYCUTT,  
R. M. WYATT.



## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

## Report on Pastors and Churches.

We, your committee report the following:—  
 we find that some of our churches have lost visitability; they are not now represented in our Association, we mention Haw Knob, Union Hill and Higgins Chapel, and we also find that some of our very able and most competent ministers have no churches; we want to advise them to offer their services to these churches. Also we ask our ordained ministers who have no church work, to travel over the territory of the Association preaching the Gospel to all people, and we pledge them our hearty co-operation and support, And may we all do the work the Master has called us to,

Committee { JAS. MCKINNEY,  
 { ROME HONEYCUTT,  
 { R. M. WYATT.

## RESOLUTION

Submitted by Chas. H. Hyder and adopted by the Association:

Feeling the need of an organization among the stewards of the various churches, Therefore, be it resolved that this Association appoint of said stewards to meet at each Ministers' Conference and report the work done by each church toward the support of the ministry, and order that in case the steward cannot be present from any church, that he send a written report of his work.

Be it further ordered that the steward from each church be recognized as a standing delegate to the Association, whose duty it shall be to report to the

Association the work done by each during the preceding year.

Association adjourned.

Preaching Saturday night at 8:15 by Rev. Robert Wyatt, text, "Blessed are they that do His commandments. that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the City."—Rev. 22-14. Preaching Sunday 11 a. m. by Rev. T. E. Woody; Sunday night by Rev. Moses Peterson.

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NOTE: There is an error on page 2, line 6, which reads: 'W. W. Ballard elected Moderator,' etc. It should read: Theo. Ray elected Moderator. This was my error and not the printer's but page 2 was already in print before I discovered the error, I therefore add this note by way of explanation.

John Ogle, Clerk,

Vixen, N. C., Dec. 1917.

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# Deaths.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

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Sister Mary Ellen Banks,—born March 21, 1868, died July 18, 1917, age 49 years; was converted at an early age and lived a faithful member of the Youngs Chapel Free Baptist church until death. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn her absence.

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Sister Lizzie Hampton.—Born October 8, 1886, died July 26, 1917, age 31 years. Joined the Free Baptist Church at Prices Creek about 12 years ago, and was a faithful member. She leaves a husband, four children and a host of friends.

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S. W. McCourry,—born November 4, 1861, died February 4, 1917. He professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined the Freewill Baptist church at Bald Creek, where he lived a faithful member until death, being a deacon of the church for ten years. He leaves a wife and seven children behind.

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Sister Matilda Ledford,—born in 1865, died March 16, 1917, age about 52 years. Joined the Freewill Baptist church at Bald Creek in 1885. She leaves a husband and ten children.

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Sister Julia Young, Maggie Black and Bro. William Smith,—all faithful members of the Youngs Chapel Freewill Baptist church, departed from this life during the past year (Clerk has no dates) to join the church triumphant.

Sister Julia Dale,—who departed this life in July 1917, having lived a faithful Christian from an early age.

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Sister Myra Honeycutt,—who departed this life in 1917, being 101 years old, and having been a faithful member of the Freewill Baptist church for 60 years.

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Sister Eliza Jane Bennett, Allie Howell and Bro. John Bryant,—all members of Warricks Chapel church, departed this life during the past year. Also Sister Bertha Metcalf, daughter of Rev. E. W. Blankenship, who laid down her life here to join the church triumphant, being a consistent member of the Prices Creek Church.

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Brother William Taylor,—age about 100 years; a Freewill Baptist from an early age; deacon of Mine Fork church at time of death; died Dec. 1916.

# Statistical Table.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERK AND ADDRESS	Baptized	Ad'd otherwise	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	No. Members	Minute Fund	Pastors Salary
Charity .....	T. E. Woody .....	M. R. Williams, Barnardsville, N. C.	...	...	...	...	...	129	\$2.00	\$31.06
Pensacola .....	W. W. Ballard .....	Theo. Wilson, Murchison, "	...	6	8	...	...	102	2.00	46.55
Low Gap .....	...	John Ogle, Vixen, "	...	...	1	2	...	64	1.50	50.95
Prices Creek .....	...	A. P. Rogers, Paint Gap, "	1	2	...	3	...	51	1.00	32.45
Youngs Chapel .....	T. E. Woody .....	Fred Harris, Windom, "	20	...	1	...	...	66	1.50	20.10
North Bend .....	...	C. C. Renfro, Dale, "	...	...	...	...	...	109	2.00	35.18
Ramseytown .....	...	W. M. Duncan, Ramseytown, "	3	...	...	...	...	148	2.00	60.00
McKinneys Chapel .....	Jerome Honeycutt .....	J. M. McKinny Rock View, "	...	2	2	...	...	41	2.50	27.50
Laurelton Chapel .....	S. G. Proffitt .....	Mary Fender, 1 Flag Pond Tenn	...	...	...	...	...	55	1.50	35.55
Bald Creek .....	D. Fender .....	W. M. Ledford, Bald Mtn, N. C.	3	6	...	2	...	58	1.75	40.00
Mine Fork .....	Jerome Honeycutt .....	Will Ray, Day Book, "	3	7	...	...	...	66	1.50	18.50
Indian Creek .....	W. W. Ballard .....	M. E. Hudgins, Paint Gap, "	...	...	4	...	...	78	.50	17.55
Peterson Chapel .....	Jerome Honeycutt .....	James Dayton, Day Book, "	...	...	...	...	...	52	2.00	.....
Terrys Fork .....	W. W. Ballard .....	W. C. Radford, Just, "	...	1	2	...	...	83	1.00	23.70
Warricks Chapel .....	...	H. H. Hughes, Hunt Dale, "	3	2	...	...	...	101	1.00	6.00
Aylers Creek .....	Jerome Honeycutt .....	Julia Boone, Micaville, "	...	10	...	...	...	32	1.00	12.50

# CHURCH LETTER.

*Just N. C. July* ..... 19 *18*.

TO THE JACKS CREEK ASSOCIATION,—GREETING:

We, the Free Will Baptist Church at *Seneca Fork* ..... now in session, choose the following named brethren and sisters to represent us in your Annual Conference, to wit: *Willard Metcalf, L. E. Metcalf,*

*Willard Metcalf, James Nickell, Sarah Wilson.*

Our statistics are as follows: State of religion *improving*; Pastor's work *increasing*; Baptised .....; Admitted otherwise .....; Dismissed .....; Excluded .....; Died .....; Total membership .....; Minute fund \$ .....; Pastor's salary \$ .....

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

..... Clerk, ..... P. O.,

## 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 men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.---I Tim. 2:5.

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.

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 thereof and did eat.---Gen. 3:6.

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.

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 Cor. 7:9-10.

7. Free Agency.---We believe that the human will is free, and 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.

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.

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 works ye shall know them.---Matthew 7:19-20,



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.

11. The Lord's Supper.—We believe that the Supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance; that the bread and wine represents His body and blood; and 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.

12. Feet Washing.—We believe that washing the saint's feet is a command of our Savior, and that his followers ought practice the same. If I your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye ought 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.

## CONSTITUTION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

12. 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.

13. The Association shall use the Freewill Baptist Treatise in full.

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

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

16. The Association shall pay its Clerk at least \$5.00 for his services per annum.

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## RULES OF DECORUM.

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

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

3. Every member wishing to speak, shall first rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CHURCH COVENANT

1. 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.

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 or 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 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 sinful and vain amusements.

7. 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.

8. 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.

