Twenty-Third Annual Session of The

JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ASSOCIATION

Held at Ramseytown Church, Sioux, N. C.

August 29, 30, 31, 1918.

REV. M. T. RAY, Moderator.

R. H. WARRICK, Clerk.

Report of Association

The twenty-third annual session of the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association met with the Ramseytown church at Sioux, N. C., August 29, 30, 31, 1918.

Prayer by Bro. Roine Honeycutt.

Rev. Pretzel Blevins preached the introductory sermon. Prayer by Bro. E. W. Blankenship.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Then the report of the committee on program was read and adopted. On motion the letters of churches were referred to the committee on churches and the names of the delegates from the different churches were enrolled as follows:

Ball Mountain—E. C. Riddle, W. M. Ledford.

Charity—T. C. Wheeler, Mat Anders.

Paterson's Chapel—John Bryant, Dock McCourry.

Low Gap-W. W. Fox, W. W. Gardner.

McKiney's Chapel—B. J. Wygate, H. McKiney.

Indian Creek—W. V. Shepherd, W. A. Jones.

Warrick's Chapel—D. R. Taylor, B. S. Hughes, Cling Webb, M. C. Bryant.

Higgins Chapel—Thos. Duncan, Ida Higgins.

Young's Chapel—Pete Young, Lien Brinkley.

Laurelton Chapel—C. M. Wilds, Geter Johnson.

Falls Gap—H. E. Hensley, C. E. Hensley.

Ramseytown—Jule Adkins, D. A. Bryant, D. A. Whitson.

North Bend—H. H. Renfroe, F. C. McKiney, J. K. Peterson.

Mine Fork—Malley McCourry, Don Laws, Nelson Ray. Alers Creek—McKyhan, Bud Hensley, James Carroll.

Terry's Fork—W. C. Radford, James Radford.

Pensacola—Mrs. David Willson, Mrs. Fannie Davis.

On motion committee on church credentials was appointed: T. E. Woody, S. S. Adkins, M. Peterson.

Organization: Rev. M. T. Ray was elected Moderator for the ensuing year and R. H. Warrick, clerk.

The following ministers and brethren recognized and invited to seats in the body: Rev. J. J. Hunter, W. F. Horton, John Hunter, Mose Howell, W. P. Vance of the French Broad Association.

Dismissed until 2:30 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened at 2:30 o'clock by singing.

Rev. Zeb Ledford read the 2nd chapter of First Peter. Patterson's Branch, a newly constituted church, petitioned for admission into this body. A committee was appointed as follows: S. S. Adkins, Moses Fox, David Renfroe.

The committee reported favorably and the following delegates were received: S. S. McCourry, Crusan Deyton, Wood Howell. After the various committees were appointed the church letters were received, read and favorably passed.

Then the report of the committee on business was called for.

Report of Committee on Business.

We, your committee on the business of this Association, submit the following:

First: That we complete the organization by the appointment of the various committees.

Second: That the Association shall meet at 8:15 a.m. and adjourn at 10:45 a.m. for preaching.

Third: That the different committees shall report in regular order of their appointment.

Fourth: After the committee work is finished that we

consider all questions and resolutions and other miscellaneous business.

Fifth: That the afternoon hour be devoted to pastor's exchange, testimony of other ministers and delegates conducted by Moderator.

T. E. WOODY, Chairman.

Rules of decorum read.

Appointment of the various committees.

Committee on Devotional Service—James Taylor, Dave Whitson.

Committee on General Church Work—S. S. Adkins, Moses Fox, David Renfroe.

Committee on Deeper Devotion—Rev. Rome Honeycutt, Monroe Whitson, Zeb Ledford.

Committee on Missions—Rev. T. E. Woody, Pete Young, J. H. McKiney.

Committee on Education—Rev. Willis Ballard, Pretzel Blevins, Lark Wheeler.

Committee on Sabbath School—Monroe Whitson, James Riddle, W. V. Shepherd.

Committee on Temperance—Rev. Moses Peterson, Will Blevins, J. H. McKiney.

Committee on Churches and Pastors—C. C. Renfroe, Zeb Ledford, Wyley Fender.

Committee on Finance—M. Rice, William Jones, J. K. Peterson.

Committee on Obituary—First delegate from each church.

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. S. S. Adkins, David Renfroe, T. E. Woody.

Committee on Next Session—W. M. Ledford, F. L. Wheeler, D. M. McCourry.

Committee on Devotional Service—Report that Bro. Zeb Ledford preach at 7:45 p. m., and the body adjourned.

Reassembled at 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Friday morning session convened at 8:30, by singing; services conducted by Bro. J. J. Hunter.

Letter from Terry's Fork read and adopted. Delegates present, W. C. Radford, James Radford.

Letter from Pensacola read and adopted. Delegates, Mrs. David Willson, Mrs. Fannie Davis.

Moved and seconded that we appoint a committee to investigate the churches at Higgins Chapel, Haw Knob, Prices Creek, Union Hill.

Committee for Higgins Chapel—Bro. David Renfroe. Prices Creek and Union Hill—Bro. Willis Ballard, T. E. Woody.

Mount Pleasant—Bro. Zeb Ledford, Rev. Willis Ballard. Lost Cove—David Renfroe, Pretzel Blevins.

Haw Knob—Bro. Zeb Ledford, Bro. Jerome Honeycutt.

Committee on devotional service, report that Bro. Mose Howell preach at 11 a.m.

Committee on general church work report read and adopted. Ably spoken to by Bro. David Renfroe, T. E. Woody, Rose Johnson.

We, your committee on general church work, submit the following: We find that our churches are not doing what they could; not conforming to the duties of the church covenant in regard to the support of the pastors and by so doing the churches have lost their powers to a great extent.

We also find that many of our churches are destitute of pastors on this account; therefore we urge our churches to pay their pastors more and give them better attendance on Saturday of their monthly meetings.

> W. M. FOX S. S. ADKINS D. M. RENFROE

> > Committee.

Report of Committee on Deeper Devotion.

We, your committee on deeper devotion, do state the following: We believe in getting closer to God and we believe that we should advise that the churches be more strongly advised not to be carried away with every wind of doctrine; also that each minister of this Association pledge himself to do all that he can to pull down the strongholds of Satan and build up the cause of Christ.

W. G. HONEYCUTT M. N. WHITSON ZEB LEDFORD Committee.

This report was adopted after being ably spoken to by Rev. Willis Ballard.

Report of Committee on Missions.

We, your committee on missions, find that we are not doing what we could in the home mission work and while it is our duty to have an evangelist, we would insist that we send a most wanted minister as a home evangelist.

We also insist that every Christian represented in this body feel the responsibility of doing his part in the work of the Lord in this way. This report ably spoken to by Bro. Willis Ballard and adopted.

> J. H. McKINEY T. E. WOODY T. J. YOUNG

> > Committee.

Dismissed for preaching by Bro. More Howell at 11 a.m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Friday afternoon session convened at 2:30 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. A. P. Rogers.

Devotional service by Rev. Willis Ballard.

Report of the Committee on Sabbath School.

We, your committee on Sabbath school, submit the following: We realize that the training of the young mind is of the utmost importance because earliest impressions are the deepest and often the most enduring; therefore we urge all of our churches to make the Sunday school

as attractive as possible.

We also advise that no one be allowed to teach in the Sabbath school unless he or she is a Christian but unto the wicked what hast thou to do to declare my statutes or that thou shouldst take my covenant in thy mouth seeing thou hatest instruction and casteth my words behind thee.

This report spoken to by Bro. Monroe Whitson and

adopted.

MONROE WHITSON, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

Report of committee on temperance called for.

We wish to report that we have many things to be thankful for. We have on the statute books a law that prohibits the shipment of liquor in small quantities into prohibition territory and we trust it will soon be prohibited altogether. There is much less drunkenness now than there was a few years ago but there is yet more violation of the prohibition law than there ought to be and we urge that all pastors and churches do all they can to enforce the law and further, that we should support for office only those who will themselves support the cause of prohibition and further that every church member be a total abstainer from intoxicants of any kind.

This report spoken to by Rev. Willis Ballard, Monroe

Whitson and others and adopted.

MONROE WHITSON MOSES PETERSON Committee.

Report of Committee on Pastors and Churches.

We, your committee on pastors and churches, submit the following: We find that some of our churches have gone down for the lack of preaching and while we have some good able young ministers who have not much work to do in the field, we urge that they visit those churches and bring the good tidings to them again and build them up in the faith so they may be able to be present in our next Association, and may we all strive to do more for the Master in the next year. Ably spoken to by Bro. Zeb Ledford and adopted.

W. M. LEDFORD D. M. McCOURRY W. S. FENDER

Committee.

Report of Committee on Time and Place.

The committee on time and place reported that the next session of this Association would be held with the Patterson Branch church beginning on Thursday before the first in September, 1919, at 10 a.m. The introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. Jerome Honeycutt, with Pret Blevins as alternate.

The above report of the committee on time and place was unanimously adopted.

Committee reports that Bro. James McKiney conduct the service at 7:45.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Saturday morning session convened at 9 o'clock. Devotional service conducted by Bro. Pret Blevins; read

14th chapter of St. John, invited Bro. W. B. Vance of the French Broad Association to a seat in the body.

Report of the committee on resolutions read and adopted.

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 Associa-

tion, the work done by each church during the preceding year.

T. E. WOODY, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Finance.

Balance_			\$34.43
Amount	by	Collection	5.35

Total____\$39.78

The above amount is to be used toward printing the minutes and paying the clerk for his service.

Moved and seconded that we appoint delegates to the

Co-operative Association at Dunganon, Va.

Proceeded to elect Revs. T. E. Woody, W. W. Ballard, A. R. Rogers, Joe Robinson.

On motion elected Rev. T. E. Woody home missionary

and pay him \$600 for his service.

Then the following pledges were taken:

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Charity church\$60
Ball Mountain25
Alers Creek 25
Bud Hensley5
Peterson's Chapel, no report.
Pensacola50
Low Gap 40
Young's Chapel 25
Prices Creek, no report.
A. P. Rogers5
McKiney's Chapel 35
Terry's Fork, no report.
James Riddle5
North Bend25
Indian Creek25
Warrick's Chapel 15
Laurrelton Chapel25
Higgins Chapel 15
Ramseytown 50
Moved and seconded that each church pay its pledge
uarterly.

Mine Fork, \$20 on condition

Preaching at 11 a. m.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolution was adopted:

We, the Jack's Creek Association, extend through our moderator our many thanks for the kindness and hospitality shown this body.

Dismissed by Rev. Willis Ballard until 2:30 p. m.

Ministers conference met at 2:30 p. m.

There was preaching Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. Willis Ballard. Text 5th chapter 2 Cor.

This was an excellent sermon, may God bless Bro. Bal-

lard.

OBITUARIES.

Of our noble and illustrious dead whose bleached bones and sacred dust in the lonely silence of the grave; the breathless vault and lifeless in the villages of the departed whose lives have been inspired through faith in Christ that one day they may rise and put on immortality and ever free from the cold and merciless death. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years. Rev. 20:6.

George Warrick.

Bro. Warrick was born November 9, 1844, died May 8, 1918. Age 74 years, 5 months and 9 days. When the summons came he was a member of the Free Will Baptist church. His home was a welcome home for all and when he was taken we realize the loss of a faithful member, but we trust what we deplore is his eternal gain. The will of God be done.

B. S. HUGHS.

Aaron Ingle.

Aaron Ingle was born January 13, 1836, died July 31, 1918. Age 82 years. He professed faith in Christ and joined the Free Will Baptist church at Barnardsville, being baptised by the late Rev. Woodard Ramsey at the age

of 32 years, but later removed his membership to the Free Will Baptist church at Terry's Fork, where he lived a faithful Christian life until he went to join the church triumphant. He told his son during his last illness that he had been ready to die for fifty years; his faithful, patient life is an example for all who knew him. He leaves one son, one daughter, and six grandchildren, with many friends to mourn his loss. May they all live in such a way that when this short life is over, they may meet him in that heavenly home to which he has gone.

W. C. RADFORD, Church Clerk.

Lessie Shepherd.

Lessie, daughter of W. H. and Priscilla Shepherd, was born March 28, 1899, died June 28, 1918. Age 19 years. She professed faith in Christ at the age of fifteen years, and united with the Free Will Baptist church at Terry's Fork, of which she was a member until she went to join the Church Triumphant. She was an ever faithful worker in the Sunday school and is greatly missed especially in the choir where she so much loved to join in singing praise to Jesus, of whom she said in her dying hours, that the name of Jesus was the sweetest she had ever heard. She leaves a father, mother, one sister and three brothers, with a lot of relatives and friends to mourn her loss; but as they realize that their loss is her great gain, may they be comforted in the thought that as they miss her beautiful voice and cheerful smile that she is mingling her voice with those of angels in singing round the throne of God, and that her loving smile will greet them in a land where she has no persecutions and where the weary are at rest.

W. C. RADFORD, Church Clerk.

Betsy Wyatt.

Sister Betsy Wyatt joined the Free Will Baptist church at Ayles Creek, November 13, 1915, and lived a faithful Christian life until death. She leaves a host of friends to mourn her absence; but while it is our loss it is her eternal gain, making her life here on earth 74 years.

JULIA BOON, Clerk.

J. T. Crowder.

Bro. J. T. Crowder departed this life on May 22, 1918, age 84 years, 10 months. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church for about 60 years. He lived a true and loyal Christian life and died in full triumph of the faith. He leaves a companion, two sons, one daughter and a number of grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss; but we believe that our loss was his great gain.

C. C. RENFRO.

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 believth 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.—Repentence. We believe that repentence is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentence 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 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 .to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.
- 8.—Perseverence. 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 fruits 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 Saviour 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.
- 12.—Feet Washing. We believe that washing the saints' feet is a command of our Saviour, and that his followers ought to 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. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each individual church.

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.

- 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 second ministry; such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour; having made salvation possible for every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.
- 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.
- 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 Free Will 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 suffering of our Lord at least twice a year.
- 16. The Association shall pay its clerk at least \$5.00 for his services per annum.

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 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 commandmants implied by a confession of faith, and in the spirit of meekness rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray, and watch over each other, being careful of each other's reputation, and use our influence to the upbuilding of the church and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, and to confess our faults one to another, and to strengthen those that are weak.
- 3. We promise that by the help of God we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer, and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed word in the minds of those under our care.
- 4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel and to contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our 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 all 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.

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