

**Minutes of the Twenty-Fifth Annual Session
of the
JACK'S CREEK ASSOCIATION
OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Held at Wisdom, N. C., September 2, 3, 4, and 5, 1920

REV. T. E. WOODY, Moderator

M. T. RAY, Clerk



Next annual session to be held with Bald Mountain church, at Bald Mountain, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1921, at 10:30 a. m. Come!

Advocate  **Asheville**

Report of Association

The twenty-fifth annual session of the Jack's Creek Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the church at Young's Chapel Thursday, September 2, 1920, at 11' a. m.

After a song service the meeting was led in prayer by Rev. David Renfroe. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. W. Ballard. Text, Phil. 2:3. Benediction by M. T. Ray.

Reassembled at 2:30 p. m. After singing "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand," engaged in prayer, led by M. T. Ray.

Proceeded to call the roll of churches, reading letters and seating delegates as follows:

Aylers Creek—S. L. Hensley, W. A. Branch and James Carroll.
Bald Mountain—W. M. Ledford.

Charity—James Riddle, Martha Whittemore, Mrs. W. W. Ballard.

Low Gap—W. M. Fox, W. M. Gardner, Mrs. W. M. Fox, Mrs. W. M. Gardner.

McKinney's Chapel—D. S. McKinney, John McKinney.

North Bend—Mollie Whitson.

Peterson's Chapel—James Deyton, Robert Ray.

Patterson Branch—Cannon Howell, Mattie Howell.

Pensacola—Mrs. Dullie Wilson, Mrs. Joe Wilson, W. R. Rice and Straley Rathbone.

Price's Creek—Moscow Towe.

Ramseytown—R. H. Warrick, Mrs. R. H. Warrick.

Young's Chapel—W. F. Harris, Mrs. Eva Gauge.

Terry's Fork—Lee Metcalf, Gaither Wilson.

Indian Creek—W. V. Shepherd, Reagan Wilson.

Warrick's Chapel—Sid Deyton, Robert Miller.

After enrolling the names of the delegates and ministers, the association was organized by electing Rev. T. E. Woody as moderator and M. T. Ray as clerk for the ensuing year, then recognized and invited to seats with us Rev. Moore Howell of the Union and Rev. J. J. Hunter of the Toe River, also Rev. Tillman McCurry of the Toe River and Rev. M. Rice of the French Broad associations.

Adjourned for preaching at night by Rev. Moore Howell. Text, Matthew 12:12. A good spiritual sermon.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening prayer by Rev. L. A. Atkins.

The following were then seated as delegates and their church letters read and received:

Laurelton Chapel—Frank Fender.

Mine Fork—W. M. Ray.

Higgins' Chapel—Sam Higgins, Pansie Edwards.

Linnville church asks admission by letter and delegates, which is referred to a committee to investigate, which committee reports favorable, and the following are seated as delegates: Ira Hartley, Lloyd Danner, J. L. Thompson.

A church letter and delegates from Canah Chapel, Erwin, Tenn., is referred to a committee to investigate and the report being

favorable, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hampton are seated as delegates, and Canah Chapel is enrolled as one of the churches of this association.

Then the following committees were appointed:

Committee on General Church Work—Rev. L. A. Atkins, Rev. W. R. Rice, Rev. R. M. Wyatt.

Committee on Education—Rev. W. W. Ballard, D. S. McKinney, Rev. W. G. Honeycutt.

Committee on Missions—Rev. David Renfroe, Rev. J. H. McKinney, Lee Metcalf.

Committee on Sunday Schools—Rev. David Renfroe, Rev. Zeb Ledford, James Riddle.

Committee on Deeper Devotion—Rev. Moore Howell, Rev. L. A. Atkins, Rev. J. H. McKinney.

Committee on Temperance—Rev. W. W. Ballard, Mrs. W. W. Ballard, Rev. E. W. Blankenship.

Committee on Support of Pastors—W. M. Fox, C. C. Renfroe, Rev. Willie Blevins.

Committee on Literature—R. H. Warrick, Ernest Black Rev. Pretsell Blevins.

Committee on Resolutions—Fred Harris, W. M. Gardner, Rev. W. G. Honeycutt.

Committee on Finance—W. V. Shepherd, Lloyd Danner, Rev. E. W. Blankenship.

Committee on Next Session—Mollie Whitson, James Riddle, W. M. Ledford.

Committee on Devotional Service—J. E. Black, W. F. Harris, T. J. Young, Mrs. Eva Gauge, Rev. Ed Woody.

Committee on Sabbath Observance—Rev. G. M. Hensley, Rev. W. W. Ballard, Lee Metcalf.

Adjourned for preaching by Rev. Tillman McCurry at 11 a. m. Text, Matthew 16:13. An excellent sermon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 o'Clock—Opening lesson by Rev. David Renfroe. Prayer by Rev. James McKinney.

Report of Committee on Education

The committee on education reported as follows:

We, your committee on education, submit the following: We are living in a day of progress, and we realize as never before our indispensable duty to educate. We are glad for our state laws offering so many advantages, but we as a denomination of Christians deplore the action of some of our school boards in employing Godless dancers, card players and Bible critics, either male or female, to teach in our public schools.

We protest against any law that would compel us to send our children to such teachers. We advise the members of our church to exercise their rights as citizens and find out whether our teachers are possessed with true Christian character. We recommend our school at Ayden, N. C., especially for young ministers or ministerial students.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. BALLARD, Chairman.

Discussed by Rev. W. W. Ballard and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools

The committee on Sabbath schools submitted the following:

We find the Sabbath school to be a great help to the cause of Christ and advise our pastors to strive to maintain an all-the-year Sabbath school in every church as a good means of training up the child in the way it should go.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. D. M. RENFROE, Chairman.

Discussed by Rev. D. M. Renfroe and adopted.

Report of Committee on Deeper Devotion

We, your committee on deeper devotion, submit the following: We find our people are not as consecrated as they should be, as we believe in the doctrine of entire consecration to the Lord's service.

The above was discussed by Rev. Moore Howell, Rev. L. A. Atkins and Rev. E. W. Blankenship and adopted.

Report of Committee on General Church Work

The committee on general church work reported as follows:

We find from the reports of the various churches that they are not caring for their pastors as they should. Also some are entangled too much with the things of the world. We think there is room for improvement generally. Let us be more strict in the enforcement of church discipline and government.

W. R. RICE, Chairman.

Discussed by Rev. L. A. Atkins and Rev. Eli Billings and adopted.

Association adjourned until 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

Preaching at night by Rev. G. M. Hensley. Subject, "The Result of Disobedience."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday, 8:30 a. m. Singing and Scripture reading by Rev. James McKinney. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Billings.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance

Whereas the general public, including many of our church members, are habitual Sabbath-breakers and thereby transgress God's law, robbing Him of the day that He reserved to Himself by sanctifying it as a holy day of rest and worship;

Therefore we urge our pastors and church officials to warn our people to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Many make the Sabbath a holiday instead of a holy day. They go visiting, auto riding, go on picnics, and some keep their stores open to sell goods, others go in to buy, and in almost every conceivable way break the Sabbath, so much so that we advise the strict enforcement of discipline.

We protest against any and all laws that will license people to trade, play, hunt or fish, or in any other way break the Sabbath of the Lord God Almighty.

Respectfully submitted.

Discussed by Rev. W. Ballard and adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance

The committee on temperance reported as follows:

We as a denomination of Christians ever proud of our record in the cause of temperance have cause to rejoice in the eighteenth amendment to the constitution of our United States. We are in favor of the Volstead act. We also urge our people to go forward in their Christian duty in executing our prohibition laws.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. W. BALLARD, Chairman.

Discussed by Rev. W. Ballard, Rev. E. W. Blankenship, Rev. Rome Honeycutt, D. S. McKinney, W. G. Gardner, Sid Deyton and adopted.

Report of Committee on Support of Pastors

We find that our pastors are not receiving enough for their services. We urge that our pastors attend more regularly on the monthly meeting days, and that our people stand by their pastors by attending church regularly, and we also urge them to adopt the Bible rule of paying to the cause one-tenth of all their income.

And we further suggest that any church failing to pay its pastor at least \$50 per year should not be allowed to report anything paid on pastor's salary, and that each church should elect its most Godly man for steward.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. FOX,
C. C. RENFROE,
REV. W. E. BLEVINS,
Committee.

Discussed by Moses Fox, Sister Dulla Wilson, Rev. W. Ballard and adopted. Rev. Moses Peterson dissenting, however, to above.

Report of Committee on Finance

We, your committee on finance, report-----\$53.41
After deducting the clerk's fee-----10.00

we find a total of-----\$43.41
Minute fund.

Report adopted. Also voted to authorize the clerk to pay for having the minutes printed and collect from this body any balance due him.

Report of Committee on Literature

We, your committee on literature, knowing the great need of Bible study among all of our people, advise daily reading of the Bible by all our members. The Bible is every true Christian's text-book. Let us study it prayerfully.

We further advise every family to subscribe for and read The Free Will Baptist paper published at Ayden, N. C.

Also our literature published by above house is second to none and should be used by all Free Will Baptists.

COMMITTEE.

Above adopted without discussion.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

No. 1. Resolved that it is the sense of this body now assembled to express its sincere thanks to the pastor and members of the Methodist church for their brotherly kindness in giving to us the use of their house for this session of the association.

No. 2. Resolved that no one shall sit in this body as a delegate who engages in any kind of trade on the Sabbath day for profit. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

No. 3. No one shall sit as a delegate in this association who does not contribute liberally to the support of his pastor, and also attend the Saturday meeting unless providentially hindered.

No. 4. Resolved that each pastor in his separate charges appoint at least two active members to write and otherwise furnish help to the printer of The Free Will Baptist paper at Ayden, N. C., and thus help to make it a larger and better Christian paper in the interest of his cause.

REV. W. G. HONEYCUTT,
W. F. HARRIS,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Sessions

The committee on sessions reported as follows:

The next session of this association will be held with the church at Bald Mountain, beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1921, at 10:30 a. m. Introductory sermon by Rev. Zeb Ledford.

W. M. LEDFORD, Chairman.

Adopted as above.

Report of Home Evangelist

The report of our home evangelist was read and accepted. We appreciate very much the work of Brother Honeycutt, and may the Lord continue to bless his labors. The report follows:

I have received for my work as evangelist by voluntary contribution the following:

Ayler's Creek church, Rev. Van Hensley	\$ 10.00
J. L. Thompson	5.00
James Connell	5.00
By collection	10.00
Total	\$ 30.00
Low Gap church	45.00
Bald Mountain church	12.00
Big Creek church	14.00
North Bend church	7.25
Patterson Branch church	5.00
Young's Chapel	30.00
Rev. J. M. Burlison	5.00
Thomas Duncan	5.00
Rev. Zeb Renfro	2.00
Cline Griffin	2.50
Linville church	32.00
Higgins Chapel	25.00
McKinney's Chapel	15.00
Pensacola church	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ballard	10.00
General collection	94.25
Total	\$354.00

And during the year I have witnessed three hundred professions of faith.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. W. G. HONEYCUTT.

Report of Committee on Missions

The report of the committee on missions was read and adopted as follows:

The Lord's command is "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Therefore we urge our preachers to do their best in this great work and thus improve their talent by giving to all a full gospel.

We also believe we should have a home missionary to give his time to the Lord's work, and that we should support him with our means and not with promises only.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. D. M. RENFROE.

As provided by the above, the body proceeded to elect a home missionary and elected by ballot M. T. Ray, the writer, who earnestly asks an interest in your prayers as God's minister and your servant.

Adjourned for preaching. Benediction by Rev. W. Ballard.

Reassembled at 11 a. m. for preaching by Rev. James McKinney, Text, John 18:40. A spiritual discourse.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening lesson at 2:30 by Rev. W. E. Blevins, and after prayer proceeded to ask funds to support the home missionary and the following amounts were pledged by the different churches and individuals as indicated:

Charity church -----	\$ 25.00
Low Gap -----	40.00
Ramseytown -----	25.00
Ayler's Creek, J. G. Thompson -----	5.00
Rev. J. V. Hensley -----	10.00
Rev. James McKinney -----	5.00
Rev. J. M. Burlison -----	5.00
Rev. Zeb Renfroe -----	5.00
Terry's Fork -----	25.00
Linville -----	50.00
Pensacola -----	25.00
Rev. Pretsell Blevins -----	5.00
Young's Chapel -----	50.00
Higgins Chapel -----	20.00
Sam Higgins -----	5.00
Total -----	\$300.00
Mr. and Mrs. Fox pledged \$10.00 and paid -----	\$ 5.00
And the following was pledged and paid as indicated:	
T. G. Wheeler, paid -----	5.00
James Carroll, paid -----	5.00
S. G. Hensley, paid -----	5.00
Rev. W. G. Honeycutt, paid -----	5.00
Nine Forks church, paid -----	1.00
Peterson's Chapel church, by Robert Harris, paid -----	5.00
Lee Metcalf, for Indian Creek church, paid -----	5.00
By Rev. Moses Peterson -----	5.00
Rev. Tillman McCurry -----	1.00
Total amount paid -----	\$ 42.00
Total amount subscribed -----	300.00
Grand total -----	\$342.00

And may the Lord bless all to His glory.

The association votes to send a delegate to represent this body in our annual state convention, and W. M. Rice is elected to go

and a collection is taken to defray the expense and contribute to state convention. Amount received, \$27.60, which was turned over to Brother Rice.

Report of Committee on Obituaries

The committee on obituaries reported as follows:

We find that thirteen of our faithful members have been called to their reward during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. WARRICK, Chairman.

The twenty-fifth annual session of this association adjourned. Benediction by moderator.

Reassembled at 8:30 p. m. for preaching by M. T. Ray. Text, Jeremiah 2:13. Thank the Lord for His presence.

Sunday morning preaching by Rev. W. W. Ballard, a funeral service in memory of Sister Amanda Woody. An excellent sermon, and very effective on those present. Text, I Thes., 4:13.

OBITUARIES

John Hutchins died November 15, 1918. He lived in the Free Will Baptist church about nine years. His age was 32 years and 7 months. His last words were: "Lord, I am coming home."

Stella Hutchins was born May 27, 1888. Married December 25, 1905, to Fred Hutchins. Joined the Free Will Baptist church May 19, 1906, and lived a faithful member until her death, which occurred November 16th, 1918. She leaves behind her a husband and five precious little children. She also left the sweet assurance that she was going home to heaven. Funeral by Rev. W. Ballard. Text, Rev. 21:9.

E. D. Deyton was born July 19, 1872. Died March 12, 1920. Was a faithful member of the church at Nine Forks until his death. He left a wife and one child, with a record here below that tells he has gone to live with Christ for evermore.

Sister J. C. McKinney identified herself with the church at McKinney's Chapel July 31, 1919, and lived a faithful and true member until March 11, 1920, when she was called from this earth to her reward.

We are sorry the other obituaries have not reached us so we can have them printed in these minutes. However, it is not our fault.—The Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Atkins, S. S.	Democrat, N. C.
Atkins, L. A.	Democrat, N. C.
Ballard, W. W.	Barnardsville, N. C.
Blankenship, E. W.	Paint Gap, N. C.
Billings, W. E.	Dellinger, N. C.
Blevins, W. E.	Vixen, N. C.
Blevins, Pretsell	Wisdom, N. C.
Burlison, J. M.	Rockview, N. C.
Deyton, James	Day Book, N. C.
Fender, D.	Laurelton, N. C.

Hensley, J. V.	Bowditch, N. C.
Honeycutt, W. G.	Wisdom, N. C.
Howell, Moore	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Ledford, Zeb	Bald Mountain, N. C.
McKinney, James	Rockview, N. C.
Poor, Frank	Erwin, Tenn.
Ray, M. T.	Barnardsville, N. C.
Renfro, David	Huntsdale, N. C.
Peterson, M.	Huntsdale, N. C.
Westall, Marion	Paint Gap, N. C.
Whitson, M. M.	Barnardsville, N. C.
Woody, T. E.	Wisdom, N. C.
Wyatt, R. M.	Barnardsville, N. C.

LICENSED PREACHERS

Deyton, Sid	Huntsdale, N. C.
Hensley, G. M.	West Asheville, N. C.
Pritchard, W. J.	Pineola, N. C.
Renfro, Zeb	Day Book, N. C.

CHURCH COVENANT

1. Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ we agree to adopt the Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith. We give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe commands implied in a profession of faith, and in the spirit of meekness rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray and watch over each other's reputations, 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 who are weak.

3. We promise by the help of God that we will faithfully practice the 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 in the ministry according to our several abilities. Also, we agree to be liberal with those who 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 to 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, not to use it as a beverage, nor to aid or assist in the manufacture of such, nor to furnish it to others.

8. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath school, good morals, and everything that is for 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 can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The 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 and address the Moderator.

4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of brother.

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

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

10. On all motions made 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.

13. Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. God—We believe that there is one, and only one, true and living God who is personally 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 Tim. 2:5.

2. The Holy Scripture—We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, instruction in righteousness.

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 and gave unto her husband with her and he did eat.—Gen. 3:6.

4. Free Grace—We believe 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 Jews and the Greeks, for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him.—Rom. 10:12.

5. Christian Faith—We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of

the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not on 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; that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of but sorrow of the world worketh death.—II Cor. 7:8-10.

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 Scripture. He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.—Mich. 6:8.

8. Perseverance—We do not believe under Gospel dispensation any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but 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 their faith, turn again to sin and be finally lost. And Jesus said unto him: No man having put his hand to the plow and looked back is fit for the Kingdom of God.—Luke 9:62.

9. Good Works—We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have not faith, cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto 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.—Matt. 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 into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life.—Rom. 2:4.

11. The Lord's Supper—We believe the supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance; that it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in sacred services 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 unworthy, eateth and drinketh damnation unto himself, not discerning the Lord's body."—I Cor. 11:28-29.

12. Feet Washing—We believe that washing the saints' feet a command of our Saviour, and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all our churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of their churches. "If I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet."—St. John 13:14.

13. The Gospel—We believe it to be 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.

