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STATISTICAL TABLE JACKS CREEK ASSOCIATION, 1926-7.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Clerk and Address	N. C.	Baptised.	Admit otherwise	Died.	Total members	Paid Pastor	Paid for Orphanage	Paid for Sick and poor	Minute Fund	Paid for Revival Work
Terrys Fork	J. H. McKinney	W. C. Radford, Paint Fork					104				\$2.25	
Bald Mountain	G. E. Quintin	Betty Wilson, Bald Mt'n	27	3	4	123	\$86.82				2.85	
Pensacola	T. E. Woody	W. R. Rice, Pensacola	1	1		137	110.90	\$12.80	\$19.00		5.00	
Low Gap	E. P. Blevins	John Ogle, Vixen	11	1		56	80.00				2.75	\$13.00
Youngs Chapel	T. E. Woody	J. E. Black, Windom	6	2	1	159	59.06	25.00	40.00		5.50	29.00
Prices Creek	M. B. Westall	W. R. Arrowood, Pric. Cr.	1	1		34					2.25	
McKinney Chapel	James McKinney	Mary McKinney				40	100.00				1.50	60.00
Indian Creek	J. M. Burlison	Lee Metcalf, Paint Fork				22	14.00					
Higgins Chapel	G. E. Quintin	H. H. Higgins, Higgins				99	36.78				2.00	
Mine Fork	W. H. Clark	Belle McCurry, Burnsville	2		1	40	25.00				2.00	
Bowditch	L. A. Atkins	Julia Boone, Micaville	4			54	15.00		40.00		1.75	
North Bend	W. G. Honeycutt	James Peterson, Day Book	3	2	2	78	50.00				2.00	17.00
Ramseytown	T. E. Woody	W. M. Duncan, Ramseytn				52	59.22				2.25	
Union Hill	G. E. Quintin	S. H. Bryant				45	28.35				1.25	

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Proceedings

Thursday Morning Session

The Thirty-Second Annual Session of the Jack's Creek Association of Free Will Baptists met at 10:30 a. m., September 1, 1927, with Youngs Chapel Church.

Song: by Youngs Chapel Choir.

Prayer by Rev. Rome Woodson.

Sermon by Rev. George Quinton. Text. Nh. 13-11.

Assignment of homes for delegates and adjourned for dinner.

Thursday Afternoon Session.

Reassembled at 2:00 p. m. Prayer by Rev. Quinton. Then proceeded to organize by electing Rev. T. E. Woody Moderator, and John Ogle Clerk for the ensuing year.

Received church letters and seated the following delegates:

Bowditch—Julia Boone, Delcia Branch and Lillie Hensley.

Indian Creek—W. V. Shepherd and Wesley Maney.

Low Gap—John Hensley, C. P. Hensley, Landon Gaddy and John Ogle.

McKinney's Chapel—N. L. McKinney.

North Bend—J. K. Peterson, C. C. Renfro, Lydia Peterson and Nell Peterson.

Pensacola—Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Melton, W. L. Wilson, Mrs. Cam Wilson and W. R. Rice

Prices Creek—W. R. Arrowood, Velva Arrowood and Mosco Towe.

Ramseytown—Julia Atkins, Park Atkins and Hester Bailey,
Young's Chapel—Gradey Tipton, N. M. Harris, Lynn Brinkley and Garret Gouge.

Union Hill—S. H. Bryant, G. D. Peterson, Hillard McCurry and Martha McCurry.

Bald Mountain—Hayden Honeycutt.

Higgins Chapel—Hiram Higgins, Sam Miller and Sam Higgins,

Laurelton Chapel—

Mine Fork—Don Laws and Wesley Edwards.

Terrys Fork—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Radford, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ray.

Rules of decorum read by Moderator and then the following were admitted as visiting members: Rev. Rome Woodson.

Proceeded to appoint the following in the regular Committee work:

Com. on Credentials,—Pretsel Blevins, Van Hensley and W. L. Wilson.

Com. on General church work,—George Quinton, Pretsel Blevins and Rome Honeycutt.

Com. on Deeper Devotion,—Mosco Towe, Rome Woodson and J. D. Peterson.

Com. on Mission,—R. M. Wyatt, Park Atkins and Jule Atkins.

Com. on Education,—John Peterson, L. A. Atkins and W. R. Rice.

Com. on Sabbath Schools,—W. E. Blevins, M. T. Ray and W. V. Shepherd.

Com. on Temperance,—Rome Honeycutt, Malley Rice and Erwin Sluder.

Com. on Churches and Pastors,—Rome Woodson, W. E. Blevins and M. T. Ray.

Com. on Finance,—N. M. Harris, Van Hensley and Carl Silver.

Com. on Obituaries,—Marion Westall, L. A. Atkins and Martha McCurry.

Com. on Resolutions,—M. T. Ray, Sam Byrant and J. K. Peterson.

Com. on Scissions,—N. L. McKinney, R. M. Wyatt and Hid McCurry.

Adjourned for peaching by Rev. Malley Rice, 3:30 p. m.

Preaching at 8:00 p. m. by Rev. M. T. Ray. "Whom do Men say that I the son of Man am?"

Friday Morning Session

Song by the Choir, "Where the Soul Never Dies."

Scripture lesson by Rev. Jonas St. John, Prayer by Rev. Rome Honeycutt.

Welcome, John Blevens Dr. Gillispie as visiting Bros.

Report of Committee on General Church Work.

REPORT

We your Committee on General Church Work find that there is a great falling away. Desires have almost failed among the people according to the report of the churches we urge our ministers to go forward and preach the Gospel. We also find that the churches have neglected to pay their pastors and to care for their Orphans. We urge our churches to remember our Orphan Home at Middle-sex, N. C.

Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. 1 Cor. 16: 1-2.

Discussed by Rev. Geo. Quinton. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Deeper Devotion.

Devotion means consecration or yielding ourselves to God. Romans 12: 1. The Bible teaches justification or the new birth, which is a result of repentance and faith, confessing Christ as a personal Savior, and sanctification as a definite work of Grace which purifies the heart from Carnality, and prepares us for the gift of power.

Discussed by Rome Woodson, M. T. Ray, Pretsel Blevins, T. E. Woody and adopted.

Adjourned for preaching.

Singing by choir.

Prayer by Rome Woodson.

Sermon by Rev. T. McCurry.

Text: "In the Beginning."

Friday Evening Session Reassembled at 2:00 p. m. Singing by Choir.

Prayer by Rev. Geo. Quinton.

Report of Committee on Mission.

We believe that the Free Will Baptist should contribute to the spreading of the Gospel, and we recommend that we select a man for the field who is fully able to explain the doctrine of our church, and that we make his salary such that he may devote all his time to the work. Also that we pay our pastors more for their service, give more to the sick and poor and to the cause of Christ in every way.

Discussed by Rev. R. M. Wyatt. Adopted.

Report of committee on Sabbath schools.

We your Committee on Sabbath schools submit the following: That there should be maintained in every church an all year round Sabbath school to study the Bible, as God reveals in it his plan for our redemption. All other helps and literature should be considered and followed only to the extent that it harmonizes there with. We also insist that every teacher and officer be real Christians.

Discussed by M. T. Ray, W. E. Blevins and adopted.

Adjourned for Preaching.

Singing by Choir.

Prayer by M. T. Ray.

Sermon by Rev. Rome Woodsoon.

The Spirit filled life.

Preaching at 8:00 P. M. by Rev. M. T. Ray.

Saturday Morning Session.

Song by Congregation, "Sweet By and By." Scripture lesson by Rome Honeycutt. Prayer by W. R. Rice.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

We your Committee on Temperance recommend that we be temperate in all things, especially those that degrade. We also urge all church members to do all they can against strong drinks and enforce the law to the fullest extent.

Discussed by Rome Honeycutt, W. E. Blevins, George Quintin, Rome Woodson, M. T. Ray and adopted.

Report of Committee on Churches and Pastors.

We your committee on churches and pastors submit that our churches and pastors are not working together as they should. We find that there are several churches without pastors, and for some cause many are not represented in this body.

We insist that all of the ministers keep a record of their work and give a written report each year to the association.

Discussed by T. E. Woody, Pretsel Blevins, George Quintin, and W. E. Blevins adopted.

Adjourned for preaching by R. M. Wyatt.

Saturday Evening Session.

Reassembled at 2:00 P. M.

Song by choir.

Prayer by W. M. Jones.

Report on Finance.

The Committee on Finance report the minute fund on hand thirty-four dollars and eighty-two cents. (\$34 82.

Report of Committee on Session.

We your committee on session submit that the Thirty-third Session of the Jacks Creek Association will be held with the North Bend Church, beginning on Thursday before the First Sunday in September 1928 at 10:00 A. M. The introductory sermon is to be preached by Bro. E. P. Blevins, Bro. Rome Honeycutt alternate. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

We find that all of our ministers are Godly men, and are working according to the Free Will Baptist Faith. We further find that an unsatisfactory condition prevails in the Charity Church. We advise that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter.

As advised in the above report Bro. Geo. Quintin, Rome Honeycutt and Pretsel Blevins were appointed as said Committee.

Discussed by L. A. Atkins, Pretsel Blevins, Rome Honeycutt, M. T. Ray and R. M. Wyatt. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Education.

We urge that our ministers acquaint themselves more with the Free Will Baptist doctrine, especially that of the Old Orthodox platform. We accept the Bible as Gods eternal word, therefore we insist that we use our influence to keep any literature from being read or taught in our public schools that conflicts therewith.

Discussed by L. A. Atkins. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

God in his wisdom has seen fit to call from us the following brothers and sisters.

J. G. Arrowood was born Jan. 12th 1860. Died April 7th 1926, age 65 years 2 mo. and 27 days. He joined the Free Will Baptist Church Jan 14th 1906, and lived a faithful member until death. He is missed by many relatives and friends, but we hope our loss to be his gain.

Written by,

MOSCO TOWE.

Jettie Young was born April 18th 1875, died april 5th 192. She was 51 years, 11 mo. and 17 days old. She was married to J. T. Young in Sept. 1901. To this union was born three children, all of them are still living. She professed faith in Christ early in life and united with the Free Will Baptist Church. She lived a devoted christian life until God called her home. She leaves a mother, husband, three children and a host of friends. She is

now in the City of God, where there is no sickness, no pain, no parting, and the death angel never wanders, the flowers never fade, the new songs never grow old, friends never go away, foes never come, tears of sorrow are never shed and the inhabitants will not say I am sick.

J. E. BLACK,
Church Clerk.

Sallie Hilman was born in 1823 and died april 10, 1927. Age 104 years. United with the Free Will Baptist Church at North Bend 1913. Living a consitent member until death. During her last year's of stay on earth she was confined to her home and was deprived of any church privileges. She would ask her pastor to visit her home and administer the communion service and foot washing which she enjoyed very much. She was faithful until death and has gone to her reward.

J. K. PETERSON.

Dollie Deyton born May 11, 1890. Died Jan. 10, 1927. Daughter of Sallie and John Renfro. Professed faith in Christ early in life and joined the Free Will Baptist Church at North Bend. Sister Deyton and her husband had made their home at Erwin, Tenn. for some years, however she always loved the home of her child-hood days, and often visited her home church. She leaves a husband and three children. She was buried in the family cemetery where she awaits the resurrection.

J. K. PETERSON.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1.—Resolved, that this body appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to collect funds for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument at the grave of Rev. John H. Wheeler.

After discussing the above resolution Rev. T. E. Woody, W. G. Honeycutt, W. E. Blevins, Geo. Quintin and W. M. Jones were appointed as said committee.

2.—Resolved, that each church representing in this body shall send one dollar (\$1.00) for each delegate to be paid into the minute fund when delegates are seated.

3.—Be it resolved that all of the ministers keep a record of their work, also that they give a written report each year to the association.

4.—Resolve that it is the pleasure of this body to extend through our moderator our sincere thanks to this Church and Community for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have cared for this association.

The above report adopted.

Rev. Pretsel Blevins appointed as delegate to the Toe River Association.

Dismissed by Prayer.

Ministerial Roll.

Ray, M. T.	Barnardsville, N. C.
Honeycutt, W. G.	Windom, N. C.
Atkins, L. A.	Democrat, N. C.
Blevins, E. P.	Windom, N. C.
Blevins, W. E.	Vixen, N. C.
Woody, T. E.	Windom, N. C.
Hensley, J. V.	Bowditch, N. C.
Westall, W. M.	Prices Creek, N. C.
Quintin, Geo.	Higgins, N. C.
Wyatt, R. M.	Vixen, N. C.
Silver, Carl	Windom, N. C.
Jones, W. M.	Green Mountain, N. C.

The next Ministerial Conference will be held with Low Gap Free Will Baptist Church at Vixen, N. C. Beginning on Friday before the First Sunday in October 10:00 a. m. Carl Silver to preach the introductory sermon. W. M. Jones alternate.

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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 men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time., I Tim. 2:6.

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 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.—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 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 represent 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. 11:18-29.

12.—Feet Washing. We believe that washing the saint's 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.

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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.

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 of 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 those 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, 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.

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 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.

CHURCH LETTER

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TO THE JACK'S CREEK ASSOCIATION—GREETING:

We the Free Will Baptist church at..... now
in session, choose the following named brethren and sisters to represent us in your Annual Conference,
to-wit:.....
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Our Statistics are as follows:—

State of religion:..... Pastor's work.....
Baptised.....; Admitted otherwise.....; Dismissed.....; Excluded.....
Died.....; Total membership.....; Paid Pastor \$.....; For Minutes \$.....
..... Pastor,..... P. O.
..... Clerk,..... P. O.

