

Thirty-Sixth Annual Session
Of The
Jacks Creek Association
Of The
Free Will Baptists
Held At
Terries Fork Church
Sept. 3, 4 and 5th 1931.

MINUTES



REV. T. E. WOODY,

Moderator

NOAH HUGHES,

Secretary

The next session to be held at Pensacola Church, beginning on Thursday before the First Sunday in September, 1932, at 10:30 a. m. Introductory Sermon by Rev. G. E. Quinton; Rev. W. G. Honeycutt, alternate.

PROCEEDINGS.

September 3, 1931, met at 11 a. m. Singing as opening song, "There's a Land that's fairer than day." Prayer by Rev. E. P. Blevins. Sermon by Rev. A. P. Rich, text, Neh. 1:4. Fasted and prayed and assigned homes for delegates. Adjourned for dinner

Reassembled at 2:30 p. m. Opening prayer by Rev. T. E. Woody. Appointed as reading clerks, W. C. Radford, T. L. Renfro and received church letters and seated delegates as follows:

Terry's Fork—J. B. Ray, Virgil Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Radford.

Barnardsville—D. H. Harris, A. L. Ballard, John Anders.

North Bend—Noah Hughes, T. L. Renfro, Ada Peterson, Calvin Evans.

Altamont—J. L. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ollis

Pensacola—Lillian Blankinship, Annie Pate, C. L. Wilson

Youngs Chapel—Fred Harris, Ernest Black, T. L. Price.

Prices Creek—Roy Blankinship, Moscoe Towe.

Higgins—Sam Higgins, Pearl Higgins, Clyde Higgins.

Bald Mountain—G. E. Quinton, C. H. Honeycutt.

McKinney Chapel—D. S. McKinney, Sam Dodd, J. E. Wheeler.

Then proceeded to organize for ensuing year by the election of Rev. T. E. Woody, moderator and Noah Hughes, secretary.

Rules of Decorum were then read by clerk. Then elected the following committees:

Committee on Credentials—R. M. Wyatt, T. L. Renfro.

Committee on General Church Work—E. P. Blevins, M. T. Ray.

Committee on Deeper Devotion—T. E. Woody, Minnie Radford.

Committee on Missions—W. G. Honeycutt, Ernest Black.

Committee on Education—W. C. Radford, T. L. Renfro.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—A. P. Rich, L. A. Adkins.

Committee on Devotional Service reports as follows:

This Association shall meet at 9:30 a. m. and at 2:00 p. m. each day and there shall be preaching service at 11:00 a. m. and at 4:00 p. m.

Committee on Temperance—G. E. Quinton, Fred Harris.

Committee on Finance—Calvin Evans, J. B. Ray.

Committee on Obituaries—Ida Peterson, T. L. Renfro.

Committee on Resolutions—E. P. Blevins, M. T. Ray.

Committee on Sessions—Fate Thompson, T. L. Renfro, C. M. Wilson, Ernest Black, Spurgeon McKinney.

Then adjourned for preaching. Sermon by Jerome Honeycutt; text, "Press onward toward the goal." Dismissed by Rev. Prett Blevins.

Sept. 4. Friday Morning Session

Met at 9:30 a. m. Opening song, "Amazing Grace." Scripture reading 14 chapter St. John by C. H. Honeycutt.

Committee on Missions reports as follows:

Report on Missions.

We, the Committee on Missions advise that our churches and pastors look after the poor the sick and the orphans, and that a committee be appointed in each church to collect money and provisions for the orphan home, and that our pastors deliver at least one sermon each year on giving, and that our people patronize our publishing house more.

Rev. W. G. HONEYCUTT, char.
J. E. BLACK.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

We recommend that all the members of our churches do their best to stop the sin of strong drinks, through prayer and the enforcement of our state laws in a Christian way.

Rev. G. E. QUINTON, chr.
FRED HARRIS.

Report on Church Work.

We, your committee on general church work find that our churches are not doing as much as they could for the support of the gospel. We advise our people to contribute liberally toward the support of the gospel and to look after the poor and sick and to help our orphans, home and to work more for the salvation of souls which we believe is the essential work.

Rev. E. P. BLEVINS, chm.

Rev. M. T. RAY,

Committee on Sabbath schools report as follows:

Report on Sabbath schools.

We, the committee on Sabbath schools recommend that there be a Sunday school in every one of our churches every Sunday and that we be loyal to our Sunday schools and that all officers and teachers be our best Christians.

Rev. A. P. RICH, chairman,

Rev. L. A. ADKINS.

Committee on Sessions report as follows:

Report on Sessions.

We, your committee on sessions report that the next session is to be held at Pensacola church, beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September 1932 at 10:30 a. m.; introductory sermon by Rev. G. E. Quinton, Rev. W. G. Honeycutt, alternate.

FATE THOMPSON, chrm.

T. L. RENFRO,

C. M. WILSON,

ERNEST BLACK.

Report on Finance.

Committee on Finance report amt on hand.....\$25.12

It was ordered by the body to pay the Clerk..... 5.00

This leaves for printing and mailing minutes.....20.12

J. B. RAY, Sec.

CALVIN EVANS.

Report of Com. on Deeper Devotion.

Devotion means consecration. Consecration is to give ourselves, with all we have, to God. Therefore, we find that all our churches are suffering for want of a consecrated membership. We believe that most of the members are neglecting the Bible. We know that if we neglect the study of the Bible we will neglect every other duty and in every way betray our trust. Therefore, we advise our pastors to organize Bible reading classes in every church, and that every member of the classes take the following pledge:

"I solemnly pledge myself to read or hear read, at least one chapter every day and pray in secret at least once a day, and that I will avail myself of every opportunity to converse with the members of the class and do all I can to encourage them to be faithful in the service of God. That I will try to be present at every monthly meeting and do all I can to get others to attend our regular meetings, and that I will visit the sick and try to help bear the burdens of others and so fulfil the law of Christ; and may God bless me and this class and help us to be faithful in His service."

We also advise our churches to have at least two communion services a year and that Friday before communion be observed as a day of fasting and prayer.

(This report was voted on and permanently adopted.)

Rev. T. E. WOODY, chn.

MINNIE RADFORD.

VIRGIL METCALF.

Report of Committee on Education.

We are living in an age when we need as never before, an educated ministry. We advise our church members to contribute more to our ministers, that they may devote their time to study, thereby acquainting themselves with God's word; that they may be workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Truth. We urge our church members to subscribe for our church paper, The Freewill Baptist, published at Ayden, N. C., and earnestly advise each one to make a daily study of the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,

MINNIE RADFORD, chwn.

T. L. RENFRO.

OBITUARIES.

Mrs. C. C. Renfro.

Mrs. C. C. Renfro died June 27, 1931. She was a devoted member of the Freewill Baptist church at North Bend from an early life, always willing to do her duty as a Christian in her home, church and community. As the Savior said, pure and undefiled religion is to visit the sick, widows and orphans in their afflictions, and as we believe striving to keep herself unspotted from the world. She is greatly missed but we feel assured that "Aunt Jane", as she is better known in her community, was ready to answer to the summons. She praised God in her last hours, begging her friends and everyone to get ready to meet her.

Why has the flowers of our life from the garden of our hearts been picked leaving the thorns to pierce our lives, which evermore they will. But God in his wisdom knows the best. He picks the flowers in his own good time and presses them gently to his breast.

James R. Riddle.

Answering the Divine Call, this notable man passed on to receive his eternal reward August 24, 1930. Mr. Riddle has proven his true stewardship as a Christian, and stated a short time before he passed away his confidence of gaining a heavenly home.

From early boyhood he had been staunch and straight-forward in all his Christian activities. He put forth a great effort in carrying on the work of his Savior; for always he took an active part in church work. For a period of of thirty years he was a faithful member of the Freewill Baptist church. Not only was he well known for his church work, but he also gained much praise for his Sunday school leadership. He was superintendent of several Sunday school organizations. As a member of the Masonic Lodge, he was loyal and faithful in every respect. Thus showing his interest for other beneficial organizations of human life.

Mr. Riddle can be complimented very highly as a true husband and a loving father. Within his home, life was peaceful, and his spiritual being held close communion with God. With his departure, he is survived by his wife, Rebecca, and nine children who are, namely: Mrs. Mattie Lovett, Mrs. Jane Hensley, Mrs. Ida Hensley, Mrs. Mary Swann, Mrs. Rena Swann, Mrs. Sue Ray, Miss Lizzie Riddle; and two sons who are Mr. Albert Riddle and Mr. Moton Riddle. He is also survived by a number of grand children.

Finally, through the era of eighty years Mr. Riddle has overcome the difficulties of this life, and has accomplished much in the work that Christ gave his followers to do. Now this worthy character is living in the realms of an everlasting Kingdom.

Rev. M. T. Ray was appointed as Historian. A collection was then taken up and the sum of \$4.25 received for the purchase of a historian's blank ledger or record book in which to record the important things.

Reports ended except ministers'. Proceedings follow:

Elected M. T. Ray and Laban Adkins as field workers. The various churches pledge the following amounts for the support of field workers:—

Prices Creek	\$10.00
Pensacola	10.00
Altamont	15.00
Indian Creek	25.00
McKinney Chapel	10.00
North Bend	10.00
Bald Mountain	5.00
Terries Fork	10.00
Youngs Chapel	10.00
Total amount pledged	<u>\$105.00</u>

It was then suggested that we appoint a secretary and treasurer to collect these pledged sums and pay same to M. T. Ray and Laban Adkins as pay for their time and expenses. W. C. Radford was elected secretary and treasurer, address Paint Fork, N. C.

Reports of Ministers for 1931.

Preached 113 sermons; held 8 revivals; witnessed 167 professions; travelled 2230 miles; amt. received \$362.47; pastor of 6 churches. T. E. WOODY, Windom, N. C.

Preached 85 sermons; held 9 revivals; witnessed 345 professions; held 9 prayer meetings; received \$100.00.

W. G. HONEYCUTT, Windom, N. C.

Preached 112 sermons; witnessed 151 professions; travelled 1880 miles; pastored 4 churches; missed one appointment baptised 5; made one trip to Orphans' Home; prayed in 35 homes; attended 3 burials; preached 1 funeral; married 2 couples; travelling expenses \$10.50; received \$214.27.

E. P. BLEVINS, Windom, N. C.

Rules of Decorum

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

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

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

Article 4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

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

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

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

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

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

Articles of Faith

Article 1. We believe that there is one and only one living and true God who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection,

There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. 1 Timothy 2:5.

Article 2. The Holy Scripture--We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. II Timothy 3:16.

Article 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, and also gave to her husband with her, and he did eat.—Gen. 3:6.

Article 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 are no difference between the Jew and the Greek for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.—Rom. 10:12.

Article 5. Christian Faith.—We believe that Christian Faith is belief in 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 by the word of God.

He that believeth in the Son has everlasting life, but he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.—John 3:36.

Article 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 sorry, but that you sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry 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. 7:9-1.

Article 7. Free Agency.—We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the condition of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

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

Article 8. Perseverance.—We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith preserve to the end will be saved; but 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 to him No man having put his hands to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.—Luke 9:62.

Article 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 no 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 fruit ye shall know them.—Matt. 7:19-20.

Article 10. Christian Baptism.—We believe that the 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.

Article 11. The Lords 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. 1:28-29.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Art. 2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended in a letter from the church to which they belong, and shall include the minister and some of the most able members belonging to the church.

Art. 3. The Association shall elect annually a Moderator and Clerk.

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

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

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

Art. 7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expedition of business, and every committee appointed to any particular business, shall report the proceedings in writing to the association while in session, and all reports made by the committee may be adopted or rejected by the body.

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

Art. 9. Any church may become a member of the association by making application by letter or delegate, and adopting our articles of faith and church covenant.

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

Art. 11. There shall be an associational fund for defraying expenses and charges that may accrue and for replenishing such each church may contribute at pleasure.

Art. 12. There shall be a treasurer appointed by the Association whose duty it shall be to have care and account for all money committed to his charge.

Art. 13. The Association shall use the Freewill Baptist treatise in full.

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

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

Art. 18. The Association shall pay its clerk at least \$5.00 for his services per annum.

JACKS CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

TABLE NO. 1.

DIRECTORY

Churches	Pastor Elect	Clerk and Address
Altamont.....	T. E. Woody, Windom, N. C.	Mrs. Chester Ollis, Altamont, N. C.
Barnardsville.....	Clyde Peek, Leicester, R.I.	Roy Monday, Barnardsville, "
Bald Mountain.....	G. E. Quinton, Bee Log, "	Bettie Wilson, Bee Log, "
Higgins Chapel.....	Emory Edwards, Higgins, "	Hiram H. Higgins, Higgins, "
McKinneys Chapel.....	L.A. Adkins, Barnardsville, "	Eunice Dodd, Barnardsville, "
North Bend.....	Pretzel Blevins, Windom, "	James Peterson, Day Book, "
Pensacola.....	T. E. Woody, Windom, "	G. L. Wilson, Pensacola, "
Prices Creek.....	T. E. Woody, "	Roy Blankenship, Prices Creek, "
Terry's Fork.....	A. R. Rich, West Asheville, "	W. C. Radford, Paint Fork, "
Youngs Chapel.....	E. P. Blevins, Windom, "	Mrs. Ida Price, Windom, "

TOE RIVER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

TABLE No. 2

STATISCAL

CHURCHES	Meeting Days	Baptised	Added Otherwise	Excluded	Dismissed	Deaths	Total Membership	No in S.	Paid Pastor	For Revival	Minute Funds	Other Objects
Altamont.....	4	2					33		\$51.18		\$ 3.00	
Barnardsville.....	1	4		2			62		40.00	\$80.20	2.25	\$79.80
Bald Mountain.....		2			1		100	80	53.00		1.50	10.69
Higgins Chapel.....		1			1		75		8.66			10.00
McKinneys Chapel.....	1	11	23				31		143.25		1.00	
North Bend.....	7				1		121		48.75	35.00	2.00	10.00
Pensacola.....	4			2			142		44.50	16.50	3.00	42.08
Prices Creek.....	10	6					54		108.55	26.00	2.75	40.72
Terry's Fork.....		1					95		26.82		3.00	20.00
Youngs Chapel.....	1	1	1		1		165		41.08	20.00	2.00	35.50

CHURCH LETTER

Date.....

TO THE JACKS CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—GREETINGS IN CHRIST:

We, the Free Will Baptist Church at.....now in session, send the following
named delegates to represent us in your body:

OUR STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Present Pastor.....Pastor Elect.....Meeting Days.....
No. Baptized..... No. added otherwise..... No. Excluded..... No. dismissed..... No. deaths..... Total Membership.....
Has your church a Sabbath School?..... No. in Sabbath School..... Paid pastor \$..... Paid for Revival work \$.....
Revival Conducted by..... How many monthly meetings did your pastor meet you?.....
How many Communion Services held?..... Has your Church a Home Mission Board?..... Who?.....
..... How much have you given for home missions? \$..... Pledged for home missions
..... How much are your members willing to give for home missions? \$..... For Orphanage
\$..... for poor or sick \$..... Minute Funds \$..... For lights \$..... Value Church property \$.....
Rev.....Pastor.....Clerk
.....Steward, Address.....

