

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
JACKS CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES

OF THE 1942 SESSION HELD WITH

River View Church,
Erwin, Tenn., Sept. 3, 1942

T. E. WOODY, - - Moderator,
FRANCES RADDFORD, - Clerk.

NEXT SESSION
LOW GAP CHURCH, THURSDAY BEFORE
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1943,
10:30 A. M.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Forty-Seventh annual session of the Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association met with the River View church at Erwin, Tennessee, September 3, 1942 at 10:30 a. m. Opening songs, "An Empty Mansion," "I Must Tell Jesus" and "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Rev. Quince Miller. Song "I'll Be Satisfied." Introductory sermon by Rev. E. P. Blevins. Text, Romans 12:2. The theme of the discourse was "Consecrating Our Lives To God." Song and Christian handshake. Homes assigned delegates. Adjourned to meet in business session at 2:00 p. m.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Service opened by song, "Farther Along." Prayer led by Brother J. A. Evans, superintendent of Middlesex Free Will Baptist Orphanage. Ministerial roll called as follows:

E. P. Blevins
George Quinten
James Deyton
Grady C. Fender
W. G. Pack
Hayden Honeycutt
Quince Miller
Cecil J. Higgins
Doc Taylor
M. C. Franklin
Troy McCurry
Virgil Ray

M. M. Whitson
Herbert Black
H. D. Poole
M. D. Westall
David Campbell
Clyde Fender
W. M. Brummett
Bob Horn
Jack Hutchins
Joe Bowers
Ebb Wheeler
L. H. Griffith

F. C. Hollifield

Deacons asked to register their names with clerk. Names recorded as follows:

Lee Metcalf
Noah Hughes
Bernie Adkins
Fred Hilemon
Wayne Shepherd
Arthur Fox
Joe Woody
Garvel Honeycutt
Ralph Thompson

Bill Duncan
Eulas Webb
Allison Edwards
John Phillips
John Miller
W. M. Gardner
Carter Miller
Sam Wheeler
Velmer Bailey

Moderator appointed Cecil J. Higgins and Moscoe Towe reading clerks and finance committee.

Roll of churches called with delegates reporting as follows:

Peterson's Chapel: Mrs. Lizzie Peterson.

North Bend: Ida Peterson, Nelle Peterson, Noah Hughes, James Peterson.

Piney Hill: Boyd Edwards, Roy Fender, Ransom Edwards.

Mountain Dale: Richard Hensley.

Pensacola: Annie Pate, Della Wilson, Zula McMahan, Gladys Riddle.

Green Mountain: Joe Woody, Earl Fox.

Paterson Branch: Fred Hileman, Arthur Fox.

River View: Millie Williams, Sarah Webb, Harlie Edwards, Ike Wilson, Eulas Webb.

Terrys Fork: Lee Metcalf, Wayne Shepherd, Caralee Swift, George Swift, Vernie Chambers, Frances Radford, Mrs. W. C. Radford, Lyda Rice.

Low Gap: W. M. Gardner, Mrs. W. M. Gardner, Horace D. Ray, Jr., Alfred Ogle, Mrs. Alfred Ogle.

Big Creek: Bernie Adkins, Mrs. Mary Duncan, Mrs. Reva Adkins, Russell Whitson.

Young's Chapel: Talmadge Price, Lone Honeycutt, Ralph Thompson, Mrs. Ada Honeycutt, Mrs. Ada Jones, Garvel Honeycutt.

Prices Creek: Moscoe Towe.

Mountain View: Clifford Miller, Servilla Bailey, Huldie Miller.

Bowditch: Julia Boone, Clarence Byrd, Cass Thomas, Lillie Hensley.

Bald Mountain: Allison Edwards, W. M. Ledford, John Phillips, Dorothy Edwards, London Honeycutt.

Higgins Chapel: Carter Miller, Sam Higgins, Sam Wheeler, Carmon Silvers, Arew Higgins.

Election of moderator and clerk followed reading of church letters. Rev. T. E. Woody, moderator; Frances Radford, clerk.

Body then welcomed the following visiting ministers:

J. A. Evans, Middlesex, N. C.; W. M. Beam, Honeycutt, N. C.; E. J. Billings, Erwin, Tenn.; Wayne Paul Woolsey, Greenville, Tenn.; E. L. Beachboard, Nebo, N. C., Route 1.

Brother Wayne Paul Woolsey, superintendent of Greenville, Tenn. orphanage took charge of service, and directed orphan children in short program as follows:

Song by group, "Jesus Loves Me".

Scripture reading by child, St. Matthew, 5.

Prayer led by 6-year old boy.

Song by group, "Smile".

Pantomime, by two little girls, "Only God Is True".

Poem and song by six-year old boy.

Pageant, by four little girls, "Flower on the Cross."

Poem, by small child, "Day By Day."

Song, by girl, "Satisfied With Jesus."

Exercise with flag by two brothers and sister.

Service turned over to Brother J. A. Evans, superintendent of Middlesex, North Carolina Orphanage, who gave inspiring lecture about what the orphanages are doing, and how the Free Will Baptists can prove their religion in a practical way. Following Brother Evans' talk, a collection was taken and \$51.39 was donated to Tennessee orphanage. Adjourned for ten minutes intermission.

Convened following intermission for appointment of several committees as follows:

Committee on Investigation: T. E. Woody, chairman, Cecil J. Higgins, E. P. Blevins.

Committee on Missions: John Ogle, Moscoe Towe, Eulas Webb.

Committee on Education: E. P. Blevins, Mrs. W. C. Radford, Ebb Wheeler.

Committee on Sabbath Schools: Garrett Fender, Troy McCurry, Lee Metcalf.

Committee on Temperance: Cecil J. Higgins, Willard Gardner, Quince Miller.

Committee on Obituaries: Gladys Riddle, Belle Hensley, Ida Peterson.

Committee on Resolutions: W. M. Beam, Joe Woody, Horace Poole, W. M. Duncan.

Committee on Churches and Pastors: Mrs. W. C. Radford, Quince Miller, Annie Pate, Talmadge Price.

Committee on Deeper Devotion: Virgil Ray, Aden Lowery, E. L. Beachboard.

Committee on Sessions: Julia Boone, Mrs. Carlonas McMahan, Sam Higgins, Allison Edwards, John Ogle.

Adjourned following appointment of committees to meet at 8:00 p. m.

Thursday Night Service

Service opened by singing by the choir, "Jesus Loves Me," "Jesus Speaks To Me," "It's An Unfriendly World To Me," and "The Promised Land." Prayer led by Brother W. M. Beam. Song, "When I Reach That City." Sermon delivered with great power and demonstration of the Spirit by Rev. A. B. Lowery from Revelation 6. Subject: "The Warfare and the Conqueror." The soul-stirring message proved by the Scripture that Jesus in our lives makes us conquerors of all evil. Sermon followed by Christian handshake in great fellowship. Adjourned to meet at 9:00 a. m. Friday.

Friday Morning Session

Songs, "Victory In Jesus" and "Precious Memories" opened service. Scripture reading - John 3:3 by Rev. Ebb Wheeler. Prayer led by Brother James Deyton. Reading of minutes of Thursday's session by clerk. Minutes approved. Moderator appointed Brother Moscoe Towe to aid Investigation Committee. Committee excused to investigate Davistown Church. Moderator appointed orphanage committee as follows: Moscoe Towe, chairman; John Ogle, W. M. Duncan, and A. B. Lowery. Call for unfinished business. None reported.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

(Read and discussed by Brother John Ogle).

We, your committee on missions, submit the following: Christ came as a missionary, His mission being to seek and to save that which was lost. Andrew, the first Apostle, found Peter, his brother, and brought him to Christ. Philip brought Nathaniel. Christ committed this work into the hands of His apostles. We, therefore, as a body, should do what we can to help the poor and unfortunate, and contribute of our means to spread the Gospel, being willing to sacrifice for the sake of others.

Respectfully submitted,
John Ogle
Moscoe Towe

(Adopted)

REPORT ON DEEPER DEVOTION

(Read by clerk. Discussed very ably by Brothers Virgil Ray and Lee Metcalf).

We, your committee on deeper devotion, wish to submit the following: We recommend that we devote more of our time to God and His cause, to prayer, to the Gospel; more of our means to the support of the Gospel, to the orphanage, and to every good cause; and that we may be "transformed by the renewing of our minds that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Virgil Ray

A. B. Lowery

E. L. Beachboard

(Adopted)

Rules of decorum read by moderator.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

(Read by Brother Moscoe Towe).

We, your committee on investigation report as follows: We hereby present to this body the Davistown Church to be received in full fellowship. We also recommend that the Fairview Church be received under watchcare of the body until the next association.

Moscoe Towe

Cecil J. Higgins

E. P. Blevins

(Adopted)

Read and received letter of Davistown Church. Fairview Church received under watchcare of association.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

(Read and discussed by Brother Cecil J. Higgins. Discussed also by Sister Riddle, Brother W. M. Beam, Brother E. P. Blevins, and Brother T. E. Woody).

We, your committee on temperance, recommend that this Association totally abstain from all intoxicating drinks and use our influence in every way possible against strong drinks. The Scripture says: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20:1. God said to be temperate in all things, physical, moral, mental, and spiritual. It teaches life at every point. It renders it not excessive, not insufficient, but moderate. We sincerely ask every Christian to endeavor to add to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness. "For if these be in you and abound, they make

you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Respectfully submitted,

Cecil J. Higgins

W. M. Gardner

(Adopted)

Body welcomed Brother Gilton, minister from Union Association. Adjourned for intermission. Convened again for worship. Songs, "Take The Name of Jesus With You." and "Anywhere Is Home." Prayer by Brother Gilton. Scripture lesson read from Ephesians 6 by Rev. W. M. Beam. Text: Ephesians 6:13. Wonderful sermon delivered by Brother Beam on subject: "Put On The Whole Armor." Christian handshake. Adjourned to meet at 3:00 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Service opened by singing by the choir, "An Empty Mansion." Prayer led by Brother Clyde Fender. Collection given for monument for Brother Bob Wyatt, deceased, \$10.55. Letter from Crabtree Church read and received.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE WORK

We, your committee on Orphanage recommend that we adopt last years report which is as follows: That each church make a once a month collection for our orphanage, and a general collection on the first Monday in October to be delivered not later than Tuesday evening with expense money to carry the same things, as the Lord has prospered us, so give. As much as you do or do not unto one of these orphans, you will be rewarded accordingly.

Fred Harris will receive same at Windom on the date above mentioned. May the Lord bless this work. We urge our pastors to assist in this work. Our last year's collection was \$710.00.

Moscoe Towe, Chm.

All former church committees reinstated except for following changes: Bowditch, Clarence Byrd; Green Mountain, Earl Fox; Big Creek, Bill Duncan; (added to former committee). Davistown, Coy Davis; Fairview, Clyde Fender.

(Report discussed by Brothers Moscoe Towe, Virgil Ray, Bill Duncan, and L. H. Griffith).

(Adopted)

REPORT ON EDUCATION

(Read and discussed by Rev. E. P. Blevins. Discussed also by Brothers Ebb Wheeler, Cecil J. Higgins, and Stanley Parkie).

Realizing the need of education in our denomination we recommend that our Free Will Baptists stand by our schools, strive to give our children the advantage of a mental education, not neglecting their spiritual education, which we believe must be received in the home, the Sabbath School, and the Church.

E. P. Blevins
Mrs. W. C. Radford
Ebb Wheeler
(Adopted)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

(Read and discussed by Brother Lee Metcalf. Discussed also by Brothers David Campbell and Jack Hutchins).

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following: We could not add anything to the working of Christ; we can only take Him as our example. First we find God rested on the Sabbath, and commanded us to keep it holy. We could not think of a better way than to gather the children in the Sabbath School and teach them what Christ did when He took them up in His arms and blessed them. So we find Christ preaching and teaching on the Sabbath; even at the age of twelve years teaching not only children but doctors of the law. We, then, as Christians, should not fail to invite everybody to attend the Sabbath School. We feel that we should spend much of our time in the study of God's Word and in prayer, as we find that Christ should be careful to select devoted Christians as our teachers. God's Word tells us that if the Gospel be hid, it is hid to those who are lost. Sinners could not teach the Bible in Spirit and in truth. Let us, as ministers and members, put more interest and time in our Sunday Schools.

Lee Metcalf
Troy McCurry
G. W. Fender
(Adopted)

Adjourned to meet at 8:00 p. m.

Friday Evening Service

Songs, "I Know My Lord's Gonna Stand By Me," "Love Is Coming Down," "Jesus Walks With Me", and "Down On My Knees" opened service. Prayer led by Brother E. P. Blevins. Scripture lesson read from II Corinthians 6 by Rev. Quince Miller. Prayer led by Brother Cecil J. Higgins. Subject of discourse by Brother Miller, "What Communion Hath Light With Darkness?" Christian handshake with much fellowship and shouting followed sermon. Altar call was made following handshake and two people were happily converted. Adjourned until 9:00 a. m. Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning Session

Opened by song, "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand." Scripture reading by Rev. Clyde Fender from Psalm 2. Prayer led by Brother Quince Miller. Minutes of Friday sessions read and approved.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your committee on finance from the various churches of Jacks Creek Association report cash on hand \$50.35.

Cecil Higgins

Moscoe Towe

Proposed and voted to pay clerk of association \$10.00.

REPORT ON CHURCHES AND PASTORS

(Read and discussed by Mrs. W. C. Radford. Discussed also by Brother Ebb Wheeler, Brother Velmer Bailey, Sister Gladys Riddle, Brother Cecil J. Higgins, Brother Bill Beam, Brother Virgil Ray, Brother Joe Woody, Brother T. E. Woody, Brother Aden Lowery, Brother Quince Miller, and Brother Jack Hutchins).

This committee believes that we are living in a time when Gospel preaching is probably more necessary than ever before. We ask our churches to pay our pastors more that they may devote more time to preaching the Gospel. Second, let us recognize our pastor's authority in the church and make no effort to usurp his authority. Third, we urge our pastors to be more diligent in their service to the church. The pastor being the shepherd of the flock, we feel that he should strive to know the spiritual condition of each member of his church. We recommend that each pastor hold a church conference at least once a month.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. C. Radford

Talmadge Price

Annie Pate

This report adopted with amendment that, whenever necessary, the regulation that a quorum of 7 male members must be present before a church conference may be legally held, can be suspended.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Resolved, that hereafter each church shall send to the association a letter telling in plain terms the spiritual condition of the church. A church is a spiritual body bound together by spiritual bonds, and, although business statistics are proper in their place, they are insufficient to let the associational body know how to think of and pray for its several members. This correspondence shall be taken care of by clerk, pastor, or other interested person. If it is deemed necessary, a committee may be appointed by pastor to ascertain what the true condition of the church is. Let us pray earnestly before composing these letters, that they may represent the true state of the church. "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And whether one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." 1 Corinthians 27, 26.

H. D. Poole

W. M. Duncan

W. M. Beam

Joe Woody

(Adopted)

REPORT OF OBITUARIES COMMITTEE

We, your committee on obituaries do urge all churches to turn in all obituaries and give the name of the church the deceased belonged to.

Gladys Riddle

Belle Hensley

OBITUARIES

Wood F. Howell: Was born January 1, 1874. Died Nov. 15, 1941, making his stay on earth 68 years, 8 months, and 15 days. He was married to Miss Zora Piercy about 1897. He was a good husband and kind and devoted father to his family of five children. He lived a straight and honest life. As he knew day by day that his life was drawing nearer to a close he seemed to draw nearer to God and trust Him more daily. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Pattersons Branch.

He said that he was ready to go, and we feel that he is safe with Jesus today, where there will be no more sad partings.

Written by his family.

Lue Peterson McCourry: Was born February 26, 1894, departed this life January 31, 1942, at the age of 47 years, 11 months, 5 days. Her testimony was that she would soon be through suffering and she was just waiting for God to call her. She was a devoted, Godly mother, and kind to all she met. She leaves a husband, nine children, four grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She united with the Free Will Baptist Church at North Bend at about the age of sixteen. In November, 1931, she united with the church at Peterson's Chapel, of which she was a member until she died.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain, and we'll meet her there someday. We must say good-bye to Mother here, but not forever.

G. W. Duncan: Deceased February 16, 1942. Was a member of the Piney Hill Free Will Baptist Church. Before he died he said he was ready to go. We hope our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by Annie Edwards.

Britt Bailey: Age 23 years, 11 months. Died October 10, 1942. Was converted, baptised, and joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Mountain View; then fell by the wayside, but renewed his covenant with the Lord and left a wonderful testimony for heaven and eternal life. He left a mother, four brothers, one sister, and a host of friends who miss him in their homes and lives. We know our loss is Heaven's gain.

By his brother.

Buel Harris: Age 73 years. Parted this life February 21, 1942. Was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at River View for about 15 years, and left the testimony that he was ready to go. He left nine children, one brother, and host of friends to mourn his absence. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

By his children.

Jimmie Harris: Lived 74 years of this life. Died May 29, 1940. Was converted about 5 years before death, was baptized and joined the Free Will Baptist Church at River View, and died in the faith of Jesus according to his testimony, leaving two brothers, many friends, and great number of relatives. We miss Uncle Jimmie, but we expect to meet him in Heaven again.

By his nephew, Servilla Bailey.

Anna Belle Roberson: Born Oct. 12, 1889, died May 29, 1941.

Was the daughter of the late Jacob Wilson of Pensacola. Sister Roberson joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Low Gap Nov. 21, 1915 and lived a devoted life until death, being always willing to do her part and even more in any church work. Sister Roberson leaves one son, Mr. Woodard Biggs of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and two daughters, Mrs. Will Banks and Mrs. Horace Riddle of Burnsville.

Paul Chambers: Died at the age of slightly more than seventeen years. Was converted and baptized and joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Terrys Fork several years before his death. He went back into the world, but is said to have renewed his covenant just before he was killed while hunting. Talked to his friends about living right. He was a friendly boy and is greatly missed in his community and family.

Carl Hughes: Died August 12, 1942. He joined the Free Will Baptist Church in 1939, lived a Christian life for three years. He often shouted the victory and praised the Lord. May we all so live that we can meet Carl in Heaven. We miss him so badly in our Sunday School Class and Church services.

Written by a friend, Julia Boone.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

REV. E. P. BLEVINS: Pastored 3 churches, preached 154 sermons, conducted 6 revivals and helped in others, baptized 13, professions witnessed 131, conducted 6 communion services, married one couple, conducted 3 funerals, received \$732.10.

REV. JAMES DEYTON: Conducted 6 revival meetings, witnessed 128 professions, baptized 33, received 28 in church, conducted 3 communion services, preached for 2 churches, received \$195, preached 238 sermons, travelled 2500 miles.

REV. CECIL J. HIGGINS: Churches pastored 4, preached 140 times, conducted 8 funerals, conducted 6 revivals, professions witnessed unknown, communion services conducted 12. Pray for me.

REV. TROY McCURRY: Preached 90 sermons, held and helped hold 7 revivals, witnessed about 70 conversions, baptized 23, received 1 into the church, married one couple, conducted 1 funeral, received \$50.00, travelling expenses about \$20.00, miles travelled unknown. Give God all honor and praise, realizing that God is keeping our record which we shall face at that day.

REV. CLYDE FENDER: Sermons preached 30, communion services conducted 3, money given \$60.00, professions witnessed 35, funerals preached 1.

REV. C. H. HONEYCUTT: Pastored 1 church, preached 63 sermons, travelled 666 miles, conducted 1 communion service, witnessed 4 professions, received \$76.64. Giving the Lord all honor.

REV. QUINCE MILLER: Pastored 3 churches, helped in 4 revivals, preached 112 sermons, prayed in 56 homes, baptized 9, communion services held 6, funeral services conducted 9, received for pastoral work \$377.50, revival work \$25.00, other work \$402.50. All honor is the Lord's.

REV. COY S. DAVIS: Preached 9 sermons, witnessed 1 profession, prayed in 10 homes, conducted 6 prayer meetings, made 5 sick visits, money received for the cause, \$2.77, money paid out for the cause \$3.00.

REV. VERNON H. DAVIS: Preached 14 sermons, witnessed 3 professions, prayed in 10 homes, conducted 10 prayer meetings, taught 1 Sunday School class, made 5 sick visits, money received for the cause, \$1.77, money paid out for the cause, \$3.50.

REV. H. D. POOLE: Sermons preached 89, miles travelled 1405, professions witnessed 85, money received \$38.00, money given to cause \$30.75, Sunday School classes taught 18, revivals held 2.

REV. M. C. FRANKLIN: Pastored 1 church, met church 11 months, preached 33 sermons, held one revival, witnessed 35 professions, baptized 15, miles travelled unknown, money received unknown, sick visits made unknown.

REV. EBB WHEELER: Held and helped hold 6 revivals, conducted 4 communion services, preached 75 sermons, witnessed 78 professions, received \$46.70. Give God the glory for all.

REV. VIRGIL RAY: Held and helped hold 13 revivals, professions witnessed unknown, preached 200 sermons, miles travelled unknown, money received unknown, communion services conducted 9, baptized 18, conducted 1 funeral. By the grace of God I intend to fight sin more in the coming days of my life.

REV. D. R. TAYLOR: Preached 40 sermons, helped hold 2 revivals, baptized one, conducted one funeral, witnessed 21 professions, received \$9.25.

REV. F. C. HOLLIFIELD: Pastored 3 churches, preached 112 sermons, conducted 4 revivals, witnessed 86 professions, received 11 into church, baptized 14, conducted 4 communion services, traveled 2538 miles, expenses \$51.41, received \$154.48, visited 162 homes.

REV. A. B. LOWERY: Pastored 1 church, delivered 6 special sermons, and lectures, number of homes visited unknown, conducted 5 funerals, taught 10 Sunday School classes, received \$1125 for pastoral services, received \$175 for revival services \$1300, number of miles traveled unknown, expenses unknown.

REV. GRADY C. FENDER: Pastored 2 churches, preached 73 sermons, traveled 2675 miles, witnessed 94 professions, baptized 8, received \$128.50, organized one church.

REPORT ON SESSIONS

We, your committee on sessions, report that the next session of the Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Low Gap Church beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1943, at 10:30 a. m.

Brother A. B. Lowery will preach the introductory sermon; Brother Quince Miller will be his alternate.

Julia Boone

John Ogle

Carlone McMahan

Sam Higgins

Allison Edwards (Adopted)

Adjourned for intermission. Convened following intermission for worship. Song by congregation, "No Room" and "Shake My Mother's Hand For Me." Scripture reading by Rev. E. L. Beachboard from Genesis 6:8. Subject, "Be Doers Of The Word." Christian handshake followed sermon, several people testified, and a collection of \$20.32 was donated to Mrs. W. W. Ballard and Mrs. Jerome Honeycutt, wives of deceased ministers in our Association.

Everyone who attended the Association is grateful to the people of the River View Church and Community for their generous and kind treatment. Their hospitality will not soon be forgotten by those of us who have reaped its benefits while enjoying the fellowship of God's people during our annual meeting.

Adjourned to meet with Low Gap Church Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1943, at 10:30 a. m.

T. E. Woody, Moderator

Frances Radford, Clerk

CHURCH ORPHANAGE COMMITTEES

CHURCHES:	COMMITTEES:
Bald Mountain	Allison Edwards
Big Creek	Mrs. Park Adkins and Bill Duncan
Bowditch	Clarence Byrd
Davistown	Coy Davis
Green Mountain	Earl Fox
Higgins Chapel	Sam Higgins
Fairview	Clyde Fender
Low Gap	Mrs. John Ogle
Mountain Dale	Richard Hensley
Mountain View	Velmer Bailey
North Bend	Noah Hughes
Pensacola	Mrs. Gladys Riddle
Peterson's Chapel	Troy McCurry
Prices Creek	Moscoe Towe, Roy Blankenship
Terrys Fork	Mrs. W. C. Radford, Wayne Shepherd
Young Chapel	Talmadge Price

DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTOR ELECT	CLERKS and ADDRESSES
Bald Mountain ..	Quince Miller	C. T. McCurry, .....Bee Log
Big Creek	Quince Miller	Mrs. Park Adkins .....Sioux
Bowditch	Cecil J. Higgins..	Julia Boone .....Micaville
Crabtree	F. C. Hollifield..	Mildred Freeman, Roan Mtn.
Davistown	H. D. Poole	May Davis, .....Rt. 1, Old Fort
Green Mountain..	E. P. Blevins.....	Mrs. Joe Woody .....Burnsville
Higgins	Virgil Ray	Hiram Higgins .....Higgins
Low Gap	E. P. Blevins	John Ogle .....Vixen
Mountain Dale ..	H. N. Black	Howell Hensley Rt. 2, Erwin
Mountain View ..	Van Hensley	Clifford Miller .....Poplar
North Bend	Grady C. Fender	Noah Hughes .....Green Mtn.
Patterson Branch	H'yd'n Honeycutt	Belle Deyton .....Day Book
Pensacola	T. E. Woody	Gladys Riddle .....Pensacola
Petersons Chapel	Virgil Ray	Athleen Peterson ....Day Book
Piney Hill	E. B. Wheeler	Annie Edwards .....Bee Log
Prices Creek	T. E. Woody	Ralph A. Towe .....Cane River
River View	T. E. Woody	Ruby Ledford, Rt. 1, Erwin
St. Paul .....	.....	L. E. Martin, Clin. St., Marion
Terrys Fork	Cecil J. Higgins..	Frances Radford .....Ivy
Youngs Chapel ..	T. E. Woody	J. V. Jones .....Windom

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	No. Baptised	Added	Otherwise	Excluded	Dismissed	Deaths	Com. Services	Meeting Days	No. In S. School	Total Membership	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid For Revivals	Home Missions	Orphanage Fund	Poor, Sick, and other Funds	Value of Church Property
BALD MOUNTAIN	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4	1st-3rd	125	232	\$4.00	\$235.25	\$ 63.73	.....	\$58.32	\$68.02	\$1000
BIG CREEK	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	4th	129	166	3.20	90.00	17.00	.....	.....	.....	1000
BOWDITCH	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	3rd	75	64	2.00	123.47	39.20	.....	10.00	100.00	800
CRABTREE	9	.....	.....	.....	1	2	1	1st	45	54	1.00	96.13	42.05	.....	.....	.....	1000
DAVISTOWN	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	3rd	26	19	1.00	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GREEN MOUNTAIN	4	4	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2nd	70	60	3.05	53.14	18.20	.....	65.95	17.90	.....
HIGGINS	6	2	.....	.....	.....	4	4	1st	75	103	2.45	40.00	35.00	.....	80.00	50.00	2000
LOW GAP	3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1st	60	106	3.00	66.70	35.00	30.00	60.00	5.50	10 0
MOUNTAIN DALE .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2nd	30	112	1.00	.....	18.00	.....	.....	.....	500
MOUNTAIN VIEW	1	2	.....	.....	.....	5	5	4th	30	37	1.10	43.91	.....	5.25	3.25	90.75	300
NORTH BEND	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	1st	65	86	3.40	57.45	20.00	.....	.....	5.00	500
PATTERSON BRANCH	3	.....	.....	.....	2	1	1	2nd	25	18	1.60	29.41	16.75	.....	.....	.....	650
PENSACOLA	8	1	1	.....	.....	2	2	2nd	84	84	3.00	148.00	75.50	12.38	64.58	.....	1000
PETERSONS CHAPEL .....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	3	3	3rd	40	32	1.55	35.00	20.00	.....	40.60	.....	1200
PINE HILL	2	6	.....	.....	1	1	1	2nd	40	40	2.00	11.00	22.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
PRICES CREEK	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	3rd	75	104	2.50	112.58	35.00	.....	64.50	.....	1000
RIVER VIEW	8	12	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1st-3rd	120	197	3.00	244.52	184.36	25.37	27.79	56.75	2000
ST. PAUL	3	11	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	50	71	2.00	223.16	67.69	.....	16.30	24.00	650
TERRYS FORK	8	3	.....	.....	1	1	1	2nd	40	60	3.00	53.68	47.00	23.00	15.00	10.00	1600
YOUNGS CHAPEL	4	1	.....	.....	.....	2	2	2nd	50	50	3.50	73.90	28.60	.....	.....	.....	2000

CONSTITUTION OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Jacks Creek Association of the Free Will Baptist.
 2. This Conference is formed under and by the authority of the Jacks Creek Association and shall be composed of licensed and ordained ministers.
 3. It shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said association, issuing licenses, prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, working for the most harmonious and effective ministry.
 4. The officers of this conference shall be Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected annually and perform the duties usually performed by such officers.
 5. This conference shall have power to make such by-laws and other regulations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties.
 6. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of two thirds.
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BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. The regular meeting of this conference shall be held quarterly and in connection with the meeting of the association.
2. Each member shall report at each regular meeting either in person or by letter.
3. Five members shall constitute a quorum at all regular or legal meetings.
4. Chairman may call a special session at any time on request of three members.
5. At each yearly meeting there shall be elected an ordaining council whose duty it shall be to examine candidates, grant license, conduct ordinations, and to report at the next regular meeting.
6. Licentiates shall pursue a definite course of study under the direction of the ordaining council.
7. Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contribution or by assessment of its members.
8. No member shall serve as a pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, care for its pastor, and contribute to other benevolent enterprises according to its ability.
9. No member shall meddle with the work of another, or injure his reputation for usefulness, but watch over each other in love, and thus promote harmony and love among the membership.
10. Each member, not excused from age or infirmities is expected to do something to advance the cause of Christ and make a full report at each regular meeting.
11. Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry.
12. These by-laws may be amended by vote of two thirds at any regular meeting.

CONSTITUTION OF JACKS CREEK F. W. B. ASSOCIATION

1. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each 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 sound ministry; such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Savior; 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 to 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 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1.—**The True God.** 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.”—1 Tim. 2:6.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 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 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.

Art. 6.—**Repentance.** We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be effectual conviction of sin.—Now I rejoice not that ye were made sorry, 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. III Cor. 7:9-10.

Art. 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 justly, and love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 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. 11:28-29.

Art. 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 then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye ought to wash one another's feet. John 13:14.

Art. 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.

RULES OF DECORUM.

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

Art. 2. There shall be no conversation by 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 when 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.
JACKS CREEK F. W. B. ASSOCIATION

Date.....

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:

Our meeting day is..... No. Baptised.....
No. added otherwise..... No. Excluded..... No. Dismissed.....
Deaths..... Total membership..... No. in Sabbath School.....
paid pastor \$..... Paid for Revival work \$.....
Revival Conducted by—.....

Pastor elect

How many Communion Services held..... Minute Funds \$..... Has
your Church a Home Mission Board?..... Who.....

.....How much have you given for home missions \$.....

Orphanage..... for poor or sick..... Church property.....

Improvements in church property, \$.....

Aged Ministers' Fund \$.....

How many monthly meetings did your pastor meet you.....

Rev. Pastor

Steward Clerk.....

Address

SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF CHURCH

To —

Our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Jacks Creek Free Will
Baptist Association, now in session with the church.

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By

