

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**Forty-Ninth Annual Session**  
of the  
**Jacks Creek Association**  
of  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

MODERATOR.....REV. T. E. WOODY  
VICE-MODERATOR.....REV. QUINCE MILLER  
CLERK.....FRANCES RADFORD

This session held with Bald Mountain Church, Bee Log, N. C.  
August 31-September 2, 1944.

Next Session: Fairview Church, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, on Thursday  
before the first Sunday in September, 1945, at 10:30 A. M.

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE.....REV. C. J. HIGGINS  
ALTERNATE.....REV. STANLEY PARKEY



## PROCEEDINGS

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association convened in its forty-ninth annual session, Thursday, August 31, 1944, at 10:30 A. M., the session being held with the Bald Mountain Church near Bee Log, N. C. The first service was opened with congregational singing of "The Great Judgment Morning" an "I'll Fly Away", followed the prayer led by Bro. T. E. Woody. The introductory message was delivered by Bro. Ebb Wheeler, whose text was II Peter 3 and Song of Solomon 5:3. His theme was "THE GARMENT OF SALVATION". Service closed with Christian handshake and assignment of delegations. Dismissed by Bro. A. B. Lowery, to meet in business session at 2 P. M.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Convened at 2 o'clock for transaction of business. Singing of "An Empty Mansion" and "In The Shadow of the Cross", with prayer led by Bro. Ebb Wheeler, opened session. The devotional service was conducted by Sister Gertrude Ballard, field representative of our Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., who brought an inspiring message on the orphanage work. An offering of \$73.31 was given to Sister Ballard for the orphanage, receipt for which is in possession of the clerk.

Proceeded with business by electing Bro. T. E. Woody, Moderator; Bro. Quince Miller, Vice-Moderator; and Sister Frances Radford, Clerk. Enrollment of churches and seating of delegates followed the election of officers. Bros. Mosco Towe and Cecil Higgins, reading clerks, listed the following named churches and delegations:

BALD MOUNTAIN: M. S. Edwards, Chap Fender, Raleigh Fender, Thelma Wilson.

BIG CREEK: Sam Adkins, Clifford Honeycutt, Burnie Adkins, Russell Whitson, Lonnie Honeycutt.

BOWDITCH: Rosco Briggs, Clarence Byrd, Lillie Hensley, Louise Thomas.

CRABTREE: Mildred Freeman.

DAVISTOWN: Coy Davis, Clarence Davis.

FAIRVIEW: Toney Fender, Frank Randolph, John Berkhardt.

GREEN MOUNTAIN: John Randolph, Earl Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Mitchell, Echerd Hunter, Maude Ray, Mrs. Joe Woody.

HIGGINS CHAPEL: Carter Miller, Birdie Miller, Ida Higgins, Grace Adkins, Floyd Franklin, Sam Higgins.

LIBERTY: J. R. Smith, J. D. Allison.

LOW GAP: Mr. and Mrs. John Ogle, Mrs. Johnsie Gaddy, Mrs. Ethel Ray, Gladys McMahan.

MINE FORK: Frank Laws, Sid Laws.

MOUNTAIN DALE: Howell Hensley.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Chester Bailey, Carrie Bailey, Hulda Miller, Ada Miller, Velmer Bailey.

NORTH BENT: Noah Hughes, Rebecca Hughes, Minnie Renfro, Ida Peterson.

PATTERSONS BRANCH: Represented by letter only.

PENSACOLA: J. F. Nanny, Mrs. Annie Pate, Ezel Thomas, Cam Wilson, Della Wilson.

PETERSONS CHAPEL: Dock Tipton, Mrs. Ben Peterson.

PINEY HILL: Andy Fender, Byrd Edwards, Pearl Robinson, Clillon Higgins.

PRICES CREEK: Robert Arrowood, W. B. Arrowood, Mosco Towe.

RIVERSIDE: Blain Trull.

RIVER VIEW: Ulas Webb, Sarah Webb, Lodema Griffith.

TERRYS FORK: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shepherd, Lee Metcalf.

YOUNGS CHAPEL: Ada Jones, Lona Honeycutt, Fred Harris, Rozelle Price.

St. Paul Church of Marion sent letter requesting a letter of recommendation to Piedmont Free Will Baptist Association. Letter granted by vote of body and given by clerk.

Appointment of committees as named hereinafter was next business transacted by the Associational body:

INVESTIGATION: Bro. Stanley Parkey, Chairman; Bros. J. V. Jones and Raleigh Fender.

EDUCATION: Sister Frances Radford, Chairman; Sister Annie Pate and Bro. Cecil J. Higgins.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sister Julia Boone, Chairman; Bros. J. V. Jones and John Ogle.

TEMPERANCE: Sister Clillon Higgins, Chairman; Sister Josephine Bryant and Bro. Ulas Webb.

OBITUARIES: Bro. James Peterson, Chairman; Sisters Julia Boone, Ida Higgins, Lona Honeycutt, and Bro. Van Hensley.

RESOLUTIONS: Bro. Troy McCourry, Chairman; Sister Park Adkins and Bro. Fulton Williams.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS: Bro. Ebb Wheeler, Chairman; Bros. A. B. Lowery, Velmer Bailey, John Ogle, and Wayne Shepherd.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Bro. Grady Fender, Chairman; Bros. Quince Miller, Allison Edwards, Raleigh Fender, Burnie Adkins, and H. D. Poole.

SESSIONS: Bro. Russell Whitson, Chairman; Bros. Tony Fender, J. F. Nanny, J. V. Jones, and Sister Sarah Webb.

ORPHANAGE: Bro. John Ogle, Chairman; and Bro. Mosco Towe.

(Moved and voted that each pastor appoint from his church a sub-committee to work with the associational committee; that the names of these committees be given to the clerk to appear in the minute; and that we ask the Orphanage officials to send to the chairman of the associational committee, Bro. John Ogle, an itemized evaluation of all produce generally sent by this Association, and that Bro. Ogle forward a copy of this paper to all church clerks.)

(Moved and voted also that each pastor appoint and submit to the clerk the name of a committee from each church to submit obituaries to the Association of deaths that shall occur in the ensuing year.)

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 P. M. for worship. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. T. E. Wood.

### THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

Met for worship at 8:30 o'clock. Service opened with singing of "I'll Fly Away," "Kneel At The Cross", and "Just A Little Talk With Jesus," after which we were led in prayer by Bro. Fulton Williams. Bro. A. B. Lowery read his lesson from 1 John 4 and chose as his subject the text: "TRY THE SPIRITS" The service closed with Christian handshake and rejoicing.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met in business session at 9 A. M. Songs of praise, "Amazing Grace" and "Glory To His Name" opened meeting. Devotional service conducted by Bro. Troy McCourry, who read I Corinthians 3. Prayer led by Sister Clillon Higgins. Moved and seconded that the clerk read the proceedings of Thursday's sessions. Minutes read and approved. Called for reports of various committees. Report of Committee on Missions submitted and received for discussion. Discussed by Bro. Stanley Parkey.

### REPORT ON MISSIONS

We, your committee, report the following on missions: First, a mission is performed by going. Second, missions are the arms of the church. Third, each member should feel the responsibility of a mission. Fourth, missions reveal the love of Christ, which has the result of worship. Therefore, let us use Christ as our example to perform our mission, and in so doing we will be able to worship in Spirit and in truth.

Committee—Stanley Parkey, Chairman, J. V. Jones, Raleigh Fender.

Report adopted following discussion.

Paused to invite all visiting ministers to a seat in our body. Bro. Ervin Sluder, from the French Broad Free Will Baptist Conference welcomed to our number by standing vote.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION

We, your committee on education, realizing that this is a misunderstood and often misrepresented subject; yet realizing also the necessity of true education in the work of our Lord, do submit the following recommendations:

(1) That we go on record as favoring *Christian* education. Such admonitions as: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth;" and "Get wisdom, and with all thy getting, get understanding;" make plain to us the Bible teaching regarding education. May we prayerfully instruct ourselves and those committed to our trust in the true principles of the doctrine of Christ.

(2) We recommend further that we go on record as opposed to every ungodly teaching and practice carried on in our public schools, and that we recognize as such all things contrary to the sound doctrine of our Lord. Since the only way to discern between right and wrong is by the leadership of the Spirit and the Living Word of God, the summary of our recommendation is that we all submit ourselves to Him as the clay is submitted to the potter. Only in this way can His perfect will be done in us.

Committee—Frances Radford, Chairman, Annie Pate, Cecil J. Higgins.

(Report read and discussed by Sister Frances Radford. Adopted by vote of body.)



### REPORT ON DEEPER DEVOTION

We, your committee on deeper devotion wish to report that we see a great need of our people devoting more of our time to the God of heaven and more of our means. Cornelius was a man of great devotion, and God heard his prayer, accepted his alms and saved his people. (Acts 10) But Paul found a people at Athens who devoted their time and means to the unknown God. (Acts 17) Deeper devotion means more than man is able to explain. The more we experience, the more we can tell.

Committee—Grady C. Fender, Chairman, Quince Miller, Burnie Adkins, H. D. Poole, Raleigh Fender.

(Report read and discussed by Bro. Grady Fender.) Discussed also by Bro. Jack Hutchins and Bro. E. L. Beachboard, after which the Moderator asked for a motion for adjournment, discussion on this topic to be resumed in the afternoon. Adjourned for intermission preceding worship.

### FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE

Reconvened for worship. Opening song, "Farther Along" was followed by prayer led by Bro. Ebb Wheeler. Scripture lesson read from Deuteronomy 12:23 and John 6:47-69, after which we were again led in prayer by Bro. Cecil Higgins. Message brought by Sister Frances Radford on the subject: "THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE." Service closed in Christian handshake.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met following noon intermission for transaction of business. Song, "When I Reach That City" and prayer led by Bro. James Peterson opened session. Motion made and approved to enroll names of all ministers present in our minute, with an absentee list of all not present for this meeting, whose names appear on our Ministers' Conference roll. (Clerk's note: These names appear with other statistical data in the back of this minute.)

Called for letters of churches not previously read. Letters from Higgins Chapel and Mountain Dale road and received.

Discussion on the report on deeper devotion resumed. Bro. D. N. Walker reintroduced the topic in an able manner, followed by Bro. A. B. Lowery, Sister Josephine Bryant and Bro. T. E. Woody. Adopted by standing vote.

### REPORT ON CHURCHES AND PASTORS

We, your committee on churches and pastors, submit as follows: First, to the preacher. "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." Ephesians 4:11. All these for the perfecting of the saints. Then, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." I Timothy 4:16.

Committee—Ebb Wheeler, Chairman, A. B. Lowery, Velmer Bailey, John Ogle, Wayne Shepherd.

(Report read and ably introduced for discussion by Bro. Ebb Wheeler, followed by Bros. Quince Miller, Cecil Higgins, and T. E. Woody. Adopted.)

### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows: The Sunday School is today the only institution that gives Christian education to people of all ages. Those who take advantage of its privileges, and use it for worship and service are truly blessed. The assembling of Christians in places set apart for prayer, praise, study, and united fellowship is according to the Divine plan, and the special promise of Christ's manifest presence is accorded to such as do so.

The Sunday School should and can be the greatest means by which souls can be reached and won to the Lord. Those we teach need Christ, not merely information about Him from the Bible. That others may find Christ as Saviour, or having found Him, may be led into ever richer and more fruitful Christian life, should be the constant aim of the teacher. Thus it is equally important that we have teachers divinely called for this ministry as those who fill our pulpits. Goodness, ability, and training alone, do not qualify anyone to be a Sunday School teacher. Has the teacher personally accepted Christ as Saviour, and is he living a separated, consecrated, Spirit-filled life? If not, how can we expect to influence those who are being taught to accept Him? In 1st Corinthians 2:14,15, we read, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness to him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things." Here we have a contrast between the natural and the Spiritual, between one who has been "born of the Spirit," and one who has not. Without the new birth, we cannot discern the things of God's Spirit, and He is the Author of the Scripture we teach in Sunday School. So, then, it is a basic fact that we must ourselves have a real experience of Christ to impart a saving knowledge of Him to others. In addition to the training of our young people in the Sunday Schools, we, your committee, suggest that each of our churches have a two-weeks daily vacation Bible School which will better enable us to wield "the sword of the Spirit."

Committee—Julia Boone, Chairman, John Ogle, J. V. Jones.

(Report read by Sister Julia Boone and ably discussed by Sister Gladys McMahan and Bro. E. L. Beachboard. Adopted.)

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, recommend that this Association fully abstain from all intoxicating beverages. Just as muscular strength is developed through exercise, so character is developed through self-control. We must be restrained if God is to be glorified in our lives.

Today in many places it is a popular thing to participate in drink. All the power of Heaven is available to the man or woman who wills to do right. There has been provided in Christ a perfect remedy for sin, and with it, a perfect remedy for intemperance; but every drunkard must begin where every sinner begins—at Calvary.

"He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man." Proverbs 21:17.

Committee—Clillon Higgins, Chairman, Josephine Bryant, Ulas Webb.

(Report read by Sister Clillon Higgins; adopted by vote.)

Report on Resolutions called for and submitted, but following discussion by Bro. Troy McCourry and Bro. James Deyton, at suggestion of Moderator was tabled until Saturday morning.



### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE WORK

Recommended by committee that we adopt the same report carried in last year's minute. Approved by vote of body. (Clerk's note: A list of church orphanage committees is to be found toward the back of this minute.)

All churches are especially requested to remember the annual collection of commodities and money for our orphanage. These collections are to be made in each community served by a Free Will Baptist Church belonging to the Jacks Creek Association, on the first Monday in October, and delivered to the usual place at Windom, N. C. not later than Tuesday evening. The orphanage truck is expected to receive them there. May God help each of us to realize that we are individually responsible for the Orphanage at Middlesex; that the children there are *our* children; and that Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn for evening intermission. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. A. B. Lowery.

### FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Met at 8:30 P. M. for worship. Service opened with singing of "An Empty Mansion" and "The Model Church," followed with prayer led by Bro. E. L. Beachboard. Text read by Sister Josephine Bryant from Hebrews 2:1-13, after which we were again led in prayer by Bro. Quince Miller. Stirring message delivered by Sister Bryant on the subject: "ALL IN SUBJECTION TO CHRIST." Service closed with Christian handshake and songs of praise.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Convened for business session at 9 A. M. Singing of "There Is A Fountain" opened service. Devotional reading, Psalms 1, by Bro. Van Hensley was followed by prayer led by Bro. E. P. Blevins.

Unfinished business was taken up following devotional service, and body voted that, since St. Paul Church has been dismissed by letter from our body, the clerk be instructed not to enter the statistics of that church's letter in our minute. Report of committee on resolutions called for and submitted by Bro. Troy McCourry.

### REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your committee on resolutions, report as follows:

(1). Resolved, that our Association have a field man or home missionary for the coming year. We suggest that Bro. A. B. Lowery be considered for the position.

(2). Resolved, that our churches, our Association, and our ministers practice the old, original discipline of Free Will Baptists.

(3). Resolved, that we hold a memorial service each year in honor of our deceased ministers.

Committee—Troy McCourry, Chairman, Fulton Williams, Mrs. Park Adkins.

These various resolutions were considered separately by the body and disposed of as follows:

(1). After discussion by various members present, it was voted that we have a field man for the ensuing year. Bro. A. B. Lowery was elected without opposition to serve in this capacity, and a committee consisting of the following named brethren, viz., Mosco Towe, John Berkhardt, Bernie Laws, Talmadge Price, and Bill Duncan, was elected to work with Bro. Lowery in the administration of this work. It was further decided that this committee shall meet with each session of the Ministers' Conference, for the purpose of devising and putting into operation a plan for the financial success of the home mission work. The clerk was instructed to notify each member of this committee not present when he was appointed of his new duty. An offering of \$25.00 was paid Bro. Lowery as a starting wage, and pledges were received by the clerk in the following amounts: Fairview, \$25.00; Big Creek, \$25.00; Davistown, \$15.00; Mountain Dale, \$10.00 and Petersons Chapel \$10.00.

(2). Resolution regarding the adoption and use of the original Free Will Baptist discipline, after some discussion, was moved and voted to be referred to the Ministers' Conference for its proper disposition.

(3). Voted by body to hold annually, in connection with the Memorial Service of Rev. W. W. Ballard, a service honoring all our deceased ministers. The time of this meeting is always the last fifth Sunday preceding the Association, and the place is the cemetery on the North Fork Road above Barnardsville, N. C. where Bro. Ballard was buried.

### **SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE**

Reconvened, following brief intermission, for worship. Singing of "Gethesmane" opened service, with prayer following led by Bro. W. G. Pack. Scripture lesson read by Bro. Dan Walker from Revelation 3. Wonderful message delivered by Bro. Walker, whose testimony that he had been a Christian pilgrim for sixty-one years thrilled the older and inspired the younger members of his audience. His subject was "THE THREE LAST CHURCHES OF ASIA." Service closed with great rejoicing and fellowship. Offering of approximately \$40.00 given to Bro. Walker as a token that we deeply appreciate his many years of service to our Lord. Dismissed for noon intermission.

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

Met at 2 P. M. to complete transaction of business. Report of committees on finance and sessions submitted as follows:

### **REPORT ON SESSIONS**

We, your committee on sessions, wish to report that the next session of the Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Fairview Church of Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1, beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1945, 10:30 A. M. Bro. Cecil Higgins will preach the introductory sermon; Bro. Stanley Parkey will be his alternate.



Committee—Russell Whitson, Chairman, J. V. Jones, James Peterson, Toney Fender, Sarah Webb, Jake Nanny.

(Report read by Bro. Russell Whitson. Adopted by body.)

### REPORT ON FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, report \$80.58 received from the various churches of the Jacks Creek Association.

Committee—Mosco Towe, Cecil J. Higgins.

Due to paper restrictions and labor shortages, an offering was taken to supplement our minute fund, amount of which is included in report of Finance Committee. Voted to pay clerk \$15.00.

(Received of Miss Frances Radford the sum of eighty dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$80.58) less fifteen dollars (\$15.00) in payment of 500 copies of minutes of 49th Annual Session of Jacks Creek Association of Free Will Baptists. Sept. 21, 1944. The Wingreen Co.)

Three churches which last year were under watchcare of this Association, viz., Liberty, Mine Fork, and Riverside, upon presentation of their letters, were admitted to full fellowship in our body.

Moved and voted that we pass a resolution of thanks to the church and people at Bald Mountain for their generous and hospitable treatment of our annual meeting. Moved to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer led by Bro. E. P. Blevins.

And may God grant that we all walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, abiding fully in the will of the Lord, and being filled with all His fullness, to the glory of His Name forevermore.

### MINISTERS PRESENT AT ASSOCIATION

NAME	ADDRESS
E. L. Beachboard.....	Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1
Herbert Black.....	Burnsville, N. C.
E. P. Blevins.....	Burnsville, N. C., Rt. 2
Josephine Bryant.....	Sioux, N. C.
E. L. Clark.....	Canton, N. C., Rt. 1
Coy Davis.....	Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1
James Deyton.....	Erwin, Tenn., Rt. 1
Clyde Fender.....	Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1
Grady C. Fender.....	Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1
L. H. Griffith.....	Erwin, Tenn.
Van Hensley.....	Burnsville, N. C., Rt. 2
Cecil J. Higgins.....	Sioux, N. C.
C. H. Honeycutt.....	Burnsville, N. C., Rt. 2, Box 8339
Jack Hutchins.....	Swannanoa, N. C.
A. B. Lowery.....	Black Mountain, N. C., Rt. 1
Troy McCourry.....	Day Book, N. C.
Britten McMahan.....	Vixen, N. C.
Quince Miller.....	Higgins, N. C.
W. G. Pack.....	Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1

Stanley Parkey.....	Erwin, Tenn., Rt. 1
James Peterson.....	Day Book, N. C.
H. D. Poole.....	Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1
Frances Radford.....	Mars Hill, N. C., Rt. 2
D. N. Walker.....	Old Fort, N. C., Rt. 1, Box 70
Ebb Wheeler.....	Day Book, N. C.
T. E. Woody.....	Windom, N. C.

### MINISTERS NOT PRESENT FOR ASSOCIATION

Dock Taylor  
McKinley Franklin  
M. M. Whitson  
M. B. Westall

David Campbell  
W. M. Brummit  
Bob Horn  
Joe Bowers  
Virgil Ray

### MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. E. L. BEACHBOARD: Sermons preached, unknown; pastored 1 church; conducted 3 funerals; conducted 1 revival; witnessed 36 professions; travelled 1000 miles; baptized 4; conducted 2 communion services; money received, unknown.

REV. E. L. CLARK: Witnessed 40 professions; delivered 40 messages; conducted 2 communion services; visited 10 homes; led 25 prayer services; traveled 200 miles; received \$16.46; contributed \$20.00 to cause; traveling expenses \$33.25; taught 25 Sunday School lessons.

REV. COY S. DAVIS: Conducted 39 preaching services; conducted 17 prayer meetings; witnessed 20 professions; helped in 1 revival; made 17 sick visits; contributed \$38.24 to cause; received \$20.63; prayed in 17 homes; travelled 1105 miles.

REV. VERNON H. DAVIS: Conducted 48 preaching services; conducted 12 prayer meetings; witnessed 20 professions; helped in 2 revivals; made 7 sick visits; prayed in 19 homes; taught 6 Sunday School lessons; contributed to cause \$30.95; received \$40.68; travelled 971 miles.

REV. GRADY C. FENDER: Pastored 4 churches; travelled 4110 miles; preached 100 sermons; conducted 5 communion services; baptized 6; conducted 3 funerals; received \$600.00.

REV. C. H. HONEYCUTT: Pastored 1 church; conducted 1 revival; witnessed 9 professions; baptized 4; preached 44 times; travelled 638 miles; received \$391.36. Giving the Lord all honor.

REV. JACK HUTCHINS: Pastored 1 church; preached 135 sermons; held 2 revivals; witnessed 60 professions; baptized 9; received for pastoral work \$415.00; received for other work \$50.00; total received \$465.00; given to cause \$60.00.



REV. A. B. LOWERY: Pastored 1 church; conducted 11 revivals; witnessed 135 professions; preached 185 sermons; received 12 into the church; baptized 12; delivered 1 special sermon or lecture; conducted 8 funerals; taught 6 Sunday School lessons; received for pastoral services \$656.95; received for revival services \$825.00; total received \$1481.95; contributed to cause \$25.00; traveled 4500 miles; expenses \$250.00.

REV. TROY McCOURRY: Pastored 1 church; preached 81 sermons; conducted 3 funerals; held and helped in 6 revivals; baptized 4; received 4 into the church; conducted 2 communion services; witnessed 45 professions; received \$132.63 traveling expense \$13.85. All honor belongs to the Lord.

REV. JAMES PETERSON: Traveled 800 miles; prayed in every home that I visited; witnessed 27 professions; helped hold 5 revivals; received \$213.90; contributed to cause \$66.40. I wish to give God the praise and honor for it all.

REV. H. D. POOLE: Pastored 1 church; preached 145 sermons; received \$317.54; contributed to cause \$65.30; conducted 3 communion services; conducted 4 funerals; witnessed 47 professions; travelled 720 miles; visited 45 homes; conducted 2 revivals; taught 13 Sunday School lessons; baptized 7.

REV. VIRGIL RAY: Preached 200 sermons; held 11 revivals; pastored 2 churches; conducted 3 communion services; conducted 4 funerals; received \$500.93.

REV. J. M. REDDEN: Preached 52 sermons; received \$174.22; contributed to cause \$11.25; baptized 2; visited 85 homes; witnessed 33 professions; taught 16 Sunday School classes; traveling expenses \$20.29; traveled 1814 miles; conducted 2 revivals.

REV. EBB WHEELER: Pastored 3 churches; preached 119 sermons; held 5 revivals; witnessed 76 professions; received \$444.82. I thank the Lord for it all.

### OBITUARIES

SISTER RENA LAWS—Born May 1, 1886; died May 28, 1944; age, 58 years, 27 days. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church for about 40 years. She lived a devoted Christian life until death. She leaves three daughters, one son, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. "Gone, but not forgotten."

Written by Frank Laws.

MRS. JULIA BENNETT—Born May 29, 1872; died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Don Calloway, at 3:30 p. m. on Sunday, following a lingering illness. Mrs. Bennett professed faith in Christ at the age of 24. She joined the River View Free Will Baptist Church when it was established. She testified that she was "ready to go."

### A VISION

I had a vision in the month of June, about the year 1926 or '27. I saw the Saviour coming on a cloud, with a great cloud of angels. He stopped the cloud at every house and called out with outstretched arms, "Come unto me, all ye ends of the earth, and be saved." I got on the cloud, but I didn't know anybody on the cloud except Sister Belle Hensley. I looked back, and saw that all my family was on the cloud, except three. I saw Charlie, Bill, and Ike standing with their heads hung down. And I want this vision I had told at my funeral and adopted into the minute.

Julia Bennett

### CHURCH COMMITTEES ORPHANAGE AND OBITUARIES

NAME OF CHURCH	ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE	OBITUARY COMMITTEE
Bald Mountain	Ruby Fender	Dorothy Edwards
Big Creek	Clifford Honeycutt	Zula Honeycutt
Bowditch	Clarence Byrd	Julia Boone
Davistown	Dullie Davis	Vestie Davis
Fairview	Maude Fender	Iver Berkhardt
Higgins	Carter Miller	Ida Higgins
Liberty	Minnie Hunter	Reba May Hopper
Low Gap	John Ogle	Gladys McMahan
Mine Fork	Don Laws	Essie Laws
Mountain Dale	Richard Hensley	
Pensacola	Annie Pate	Gladys Riddle
Peterson's Chapel	Dock Tipton	
Piney Hill	John H. Edwards	Clillon Higgins
Prices Creek	Mosco Towe	Mallie Towe
River View	Mrs. Walter Hensley	Mrs. Fulton Williams
	Mrs. Bernie Laws	
	Mrs. Ike Wilson	
Windom	Talmdage Price	

### SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF CHURCHES

**BIG CREEK:** Our church is in good spiritual condition; with good Sunday School, good prayer meetings, and good preaching services. Pray for us.

**BOWDITCH:** The spiritual condition of our church in general is good.

**FAIRVIEW:** Our spiritual condition is just moderate. We desire the prayers of all our brothers and sisters on behalf of our church.

**GREEN MOUNTAIN:** Our church is in good spiritual condition. All members are in fellowship one with the other. We ask all Christians to pray for us.

**LOW GAP:** Our spiritual condition is only fair. We ask the prayers of all praying people to pray that we may have a closer walk with God, and that His will may be done in us.

**PATTERSON BRANCH:** We are in good spiritual condition, and hope that we may grow in grace and Spirit another year.

**PENSACOLA:** Our spiritual condition is only fair. While we feel that God is with us and graciously blessing us, we realize there is room for much improvement. Pray that we may love each other more.

PINEY HILL: The spiritual condition of our church at Piney Hill is good, with manifestation of the Spirit in almost every service.

RIVERVIEW: The spiritual condition of the church has been good the past year, and is fairly good at the present, and the unity of the church seems to be good, although our number has decreased some.

TERRYS FORK: Our church condition has improved in many ways. We earnestly desire your prayers.

YOUNGS CHAPEL: The church at Youngs Chapel is glad to report that we have a good fellowship in general.

### DIRECTORY

NAME OF CHURCH	PASTOR-ELECT	CLERK AND ADDRESS
Bald Mountain	Rev. Quince Miller	Dorothy Edwards Bee Log, N. C.
Big Creek	Rev. Quince Miller	Mrs. Park Adkins Sioux, N. C.
Bowditch	Rev. E. P. Blevins	Julia Boone Micaville, N. C.
Crabtree	Rev. Fulton Williams	Mildred Freeman Roan Mtn., Tenn., Rt. 2
Davistown	Rev. H. D. Poole	Mae Davis Old Fort, N. C., Rt. 1
Fairview	Rev. Grady C. Fender	Clyde Fender Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1
Green Mountain	Rev. Ebb Wheeler	Mrs. Chloe Fox Burnsville, N. C., Rt. 1
Higgins Chapel	Rev. Quince Miller	Hiram Higgins Higgins, N. C.
Liberty	Rev. Grady C. Fender	J. D. Allison Marion, N. C., Rt. 4
Low Gap	Rev. Ralph Mumpower	Ethel Ray Vixen, N. C.
Mine Fork	Rev. James Deyton	Essie Laws Burnsville, N. C., Rt. 1
Mountain Dale	Rev. Troy McCourry	Howell Hensley Erwin, Tenn., Rt. 1
Mountain View	Rev. Ebb Wheeler	Hazel Miller Poplar, N. C.
North Bent	Rev. Gibb Adkins	Noah Hughes Green Mountain, N. C.
Patterson Branch	Rev. C. H. Honeycutt	Belle Deyton Day Book, N. C.
Pensacola	Rev. T. E. Woody	Lawrence Wilson Pensacola, N. C.
Petersons Chapel	Rev. Troy McCourry	Eddie Wheeler Day Book, N. C.
Piney Hill	Rev. James Deyton	Clillon Higgins Bee Log, N. C.
Prices Creek	Rev. T. E. Woody	Roy Blankenship Cane River, N. C.
Riverside	Rev. J. M. Redden	Elsie Redden Canton, N. C., Rt. 2, Box 385
River View	Rev. E. P. Blevins	C. L. Bailey Erwin, Tenn., Rt. 2
Terrys Fork	Rev. T. E. Woody	Mrs. T. D. Hicks Mars Hill, N. C., Rt. 2
Youngs Chapel	Rev. Cecil J. Higgins	Windom, N. C. J. V. Jones

### 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 times.”—I 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 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.—*Preservance.* 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 are 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.—*Christain 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 from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also 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.

#### **CONSTITUTION OF JACKS CREEK F. W. B. ASSOCIATION MINISTERS' CONFERENCE**

ART. (1). THIS Body shall be known as the Ministers Conference of the Jacks-Creek; Association of Free-Will Baptists; and shall be composed of all Licensed and Ordained Ministers of said "Association."

ART. (2). THIS Conference may Receive any Christian Minister, as a Visiting Member and when thus received, He may Enjoy all Rights, and Privileges of the Regular Members not in conflict with ART. (3).

ART. (3). THIS Body shall Elect Annually; a President or Moderator, and a Clerk, both Ordained Ministers; of One (1) Year or more of Membership in this Conference after His Ordination.

ART. (4). EACH Church may send Two (2) of it's Members as Delegates to this Conference. One (1) to be the Steward of His Church; and when thus sent, they are Entitled to a Seat in the Conference with all the privileges of Visiting Brethren, as Provided by ART. (2).

ART. (5). THE Conference shall Meet on Friday, before Each Fifth (5)th. Sunday; with some Church in the Association, perviously agreed upon, or at the call of the President, provided that more than One (1) Session; may not be Held with any Church during the same Conference Year.

ART. (6). THE President is Empowered, and it is His duty, to call an Extra Session of the Conference, upon the petition of the Members of this Conference, provided however, that said Petition, is property signed, by Seven (7) Members; Three (3) of whom, shall be Ordained Ministers.

ART. (7). THE Conference, upon being Organized Each Year; shall proceed to Elect an Ordaining Council, composed of Three (3) Regular Ordained Ministers; all having been Ordained at least Two (2) Years; and One or more shall have Served One or more Years on Ordaining Council, and One of the Senior Members shall be the Chairman of Council thus Constituted.

ART. (8). THE Ordaining Council, when properly Organized, shall have charge of all Examinations, and Ordinations, of Candidates for the Ministry; who have been Ordered before it by the Conference.

ART. (9). ALL Applicants for License to Preach, shall be Recommended by the Pastor and Deacons, of His Church, and if the Conference after Due Inquiry and prayerful consideration, and after Examination by the Ordaining Council, as to Gifts, Qualifications, and the Divine Call: said Applicant shall be Granted a License to Preach the Gospel, for the period of One (1) Year; provided however, He may have said License, renewed at the Expiration of the Year, from Time to Time.

ART. (10). ALL Licensed Preachers are required to Preach Twenty-Four (24) Sermons Each Year; and at least, Fifty (50) Sermons before He can Succeed to Ordination, provided however, He can not be Ordained, until He has proved Him-Self faithful and Successful, in the Gospel Ministry, for a period of at least, One (1) Year; all Ordained Ministers are Required to Preach, Forty-Eight (48) Sermons a Year; and if any shall fail to do so, because of negligence, He shall be Entitled to a Seat in the Conference only as a Visiting Minister, as in ART. (2) provided however, the above Requirements shall not apply to Ministers who have past Sixty (60) Years in Age; or to any Minister who is rendered unable to conform to the above Rules by Disease, or continued Sickness of Himself, or Family.

ART. (11). ANY Minister being absent from Two (2) Sessions of Conference, in Succession; shall stand charged with Delinquency, and shall be deprived of His Vote on any Question until His Disability is removed by a Vote of the Conference. However, if the Delinquent Brother offer satisfactory Excuse for His absence. His Disability may be removed by a majority Vote of the Conference.

ART. (12). ALL Applicants for Ordination shall present to the Conference a Letter of Recommendation from His Church, properly Signed by both, Pastor and Clerk.

ART. (13). THE Conference may withdraw Fellowship from any Member, who becomes Disorderly.

ART. (14). NO Session of Conference will be considered Legal, if Three (3) or more, Ordained Ministers are not Present.

ART. (15). THIS Constitution and BY-LAWS, or any ART. thereof; may be Suspended, or Amended, by a Two-Thirds (2). Vote of the Conference.

ART. (16). THE President or Moderator may have Power to appoint any and all Committees, to carry on the Work of the Conference.

ART. (17). A Session of Conference, shall be Held in connection with the Yearly Association.

THE above Constitution and By-LAWS, Duly Adopted by Conference, in Regular Session: at North-Bend Church; June 1919.

Re-adopted in Conference Sept. 1944.



# CHURCH REPORTS

CHURCHES	No. Baptized	Added	Otherwise	Excluded	Dismissed	Deaths	Com. Services	Meeting Days	No. in S. S.	Total Membership	Aged Ministers' Fund	Minute Fund	Pastor's Salary	Paid for Revivals	Orphanage Fund	Home Missions	Poor, Sick, and Other Funds	Value of Church Property	Repairs and Improvements
Bald Mountain	3	6	0	0	1	3	1-3	50	200			\$ 4.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 151.50	\$ 144.82		\$ 85.91	\$ 2000.	
Big Creek	0	0	0	1	0	1	4th	75	162			5.00	118.65	42.00	38.00	\$ 29.55	35.00	1000.	\$ 60.00
Bowditch	1	1	0	0	0	1	3rd	50	80			3.50	149.82		126.00	68.66	100.00	1000.	
Crabtree	0	0	0	0	0	2	1st	35	50			1.00	72.64	21.13				1100.	75.00
Davistown	6	2	0	2	0	3	2-4	40	38	\$ 5.00		3.00	210.10	70.00	13.00			1000.	
Fairview	0	0	0	0	0	1	1-3	65	114			4.50	214.50	86.00	25.00	90.00	31.50	2500.	
Green Mountain	6	4	0	0	0	1	1-3	70	69			4.00	190.00	47.18	105.07	60.00	67.77		50.00
Higgins Chapel	3	2	0	0	0	0	2nd	20	75			3.00	141.70	61.50	14.00			2000.	
Liberty	2	1	0	1	1	0	2-4	38	29			3.50	126.20	22.00			60.00		342.50
Low Gap	5	3	0	1	0	3	2nd	45	71			5.00	100.00	120.00	130.00	62.96		1000.	
Mine Fork	9	0	0	0	1	2	4th	20	32			2.00	73.93	63.27					
Mountain Dale	2	0	0	0	3		1st	35	100			1.00		15.50				500.	75.00
Mountain View	1	5	0	0	0	2	4th	20	52			2.60	82.20	20.50			13.26	300.	
North Bend	4	0	0	0	0	3	4th	50	90			3.25	88.56	39.65			32.00	500.	
Pattersons Branch	4	5	0	0	0	0	2nd		23			1.00	111.76	41.00				650.	
Pensacola	4	3	1	0	0	1	2nd	40	141			3.00	238.00	103.95	117.50	18.70	225.00	1000.	
Petersons Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	1	3rd	30	32			1.25	43.64	65.00	3.00	19.23		1200.	15.70
Piney Hill	8	1	0	0	1	2	2nd	35	97			2.00	69.55	36.00		46.37	8.00	600.	
Prices Creek	1	0	0	0	1	1	3rd	75	109			3.50	171.00	50.00	105.00			1000.	
Riverside	2	0	0	0	0	2	2-4	25	18			2.00	117.00	88.00				1800.	25.00
River View	0	2	0	0	0	4	1-3	100	212	17.00		5.00	1214.79	152.89	106.51		39.80	2000.	
Terrys Fork	0	0	0	0	1	2	4th	35	50			2.50	144.00	57.00	68.40			1000.	
Youngs Chapel	8	6	0	0	0	2	4th	70	71			5.00	320.19	110.00	87.40	19.00	85.00	2000.	
Totals—23 Churches	73	41	1	4	9	37		1033	1915	\$22.00	\$70.60	\$4273.43	\$1466.07	\$1084.10	\$414.47	\$783.34	\$24150.	\$643.20	

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