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PROCEEDINGS

The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association convened in its fifty first annual session, Thursday, August 29, 1946 at 10:30 A. M., with the Big Creek Church, Sioux, N. C. The first service was opened with singing "Enough For Me" and "What a Friend We Have In Jesus." Opening prayer led by Brother Grady C. Fender. In absence of Brother Fulton Williams, who was to give the introductory message, the service was conducted by Brother Troy McCourry. Scripture reading from St. John 9:25. Subject of message "An Experience With Jesus." Following the preaching service was the assignment of the delegations to their places. Service adjourned to meet at 2:00 P. M

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met at 2:00 P. M. for transaction of business. Song, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." Devotional service conducted by Brother James Peterson. Scripture reading from Psalms 135. We were then led in prayer by Brother T. E. Woody. Proceeded with business by electing Brother E. P. Blevins, Moderator and Brother Troy McCourry, Clerk. Brother Stanley Parker and Brother C. J. Higgins were then appointed as reading clerks. Moved that they also serve as finance committee.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BALD MOUNTAIN—Allison Edwards, Esco Fender, Chappel Fender
BIG CREEK—Burnie Adkins, Sam Adkins, Russel Whitson.

BOWDITCH—Clarence Byrd, Mrs. Lily Hensley.

CRABTREE—Mr. and Mrs. Lon Whitehead.

DAVIS TOWN—Represented by letter only.

FAIRVIEW—Calvin Sentelle, Frank Randolph, Tonie Fender.

GREEN MOUNTAIN—Eckerd Hunter, John Randolph, Mrs. Maude Ray, Earl Fox, Mrs. Bessie Woody.

HIGGINS—Margarete McDaniels, Arew Higgins, Sam Higgins.

LIBERTY—Clarence Smith, Lloyd Allison, Oscar Suttles.

LOW GAP—John Ogle, Jr., Horace Daniel Ray, Jr., Willard Gardner

MOUNTAIN DALE—Ollie Hensley.

MOUNTAIN VIEW—John Miller, Clifford Miller, Velmer Bailey, Chester Bailey.

NORTH BEND—Bill Lockner, Ida Peterson, Grace Lewis.

PATTERSON'S BRANCH—R. C. Deyton.

PENSACOLA—Elic Wilson, Bertha Adkins, Annie Pate, C. L. Wilson

PETERSON'S CHAPEL—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peterson, Tom Garland.

PRICES CREEK—Ernest Blankenship, Quinton Towe, Moscoe Towe, Robert Arrowood.

RIVERVIEW—Eulus Webb, Ernest Webb, Harley Bailey, Sarah Webb, Belle Hensley.

RIVERSIDE—This church was not represented at the Association but mailed their letter in and asked for it to be carried in the minute as it was impossible for them to come.

TERRY'S FORK—Lee Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Radford.

YOUNG'S CHAPEL—Nell Taylor, Vernal Jones, Eula Price, Ralph Thompson.

PILGRIM'S CHAPEL—Clarence Boone, Grover Hughes, Jim Dulaney, Earnest Hughes, Fannie Boone.

PINEY HILL—Boyd Edwards, Dave Robinson, Clillon Higgins.

Following the reading of the church letters, the Ministers roll was called. (Note: The Ministers roll will be found in Section V.) The following visiting Ministers were then welcomed to a seat in our body: Rev. J. W. Edmonds, French Broad Missionary Baptist Association, Rev. Robert Ward, Cleveland, Tenn., Rev. Loss McCourry, Tipton Hill, N. C., Rev. Bill Beam, Erwin Tenn. of the Toe River Free Will Baptist Association.

The Rules of Decorum were then read by the clerk.

It was then moved and seconded that we adopt the latest Discipline as revised by the National Association in 1944. Adopted by standing vote.

The following committees were then appointed:

INVESTIGATION—Bros. T. E. Woody, Ebb Wheeler, C. J. Higgins.
EDUCATION—Bros. Stanley Parkey, Robert Ward, Sister Minnie Radford.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Bros. Clyde Fender, Bill Ledford, Sister Madge Hunter.

TEMPERANCE—Bros. T. A. Greene, Frank Randolph, Sister Madge Hunter.

OBITUARIES—Sister Belle Hensley.

RESOLUTIONS—Bros. Grady C. Fender, T. A. Greene, Sister Chillon Higgins.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS—Sister Fannie Boone, Bros. Arnold Wilson, Velmer Bailey.

DEEPER DEVOTION—Bros. A. B. Lowery, Moscoe Towe, T. A. Greene.

MISSIONS—Sister Nelle Taylor, Sister Madge Hunter, Sister Margaret McDaniels.

ORPHANAGE—Bros. W. G. Pack, Jack Hutchins, Sister Josephine Bryant.

AGED MINISTERS FUND—Bros. Bill Beam, Shelby Beaver, Velmer Bailey.

SESSIONS—Chairman: Brother Harley Bailey. The first named delegate from each church to serve as committee.

Association dismissed for preaching by Brother Ebb Wheeler to reconvene Friday morning at 9:00 A. M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Came together at 4:00 P. M. for preaching. Song, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Brother Talmage Greene. Scripture reading from Matthew 7 and Hebrews 12. Subject of the message was "Becoming Established on the Rock." An instructive message to both the Ministry and the delegation. We were then dismissed to meet again at 7:30 P. M. for Worship Service.

Came together at 7:30 P. M. by singing, "I Feel Like Traveling On." Subject of the message by Brother Lowery from Revelation 3:5, "He That Overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment: and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life." A wonderful message was given with manifestation of the Spirit. Dismissed by Brother Blevins until 9:00 A. M. Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at 9:00 A. M. for business session. Songs by choir, "Rock of Ages", and "Just as I Am." Devotional service conducted by Brother Horace D. Poole. Scripture lesson was read from Ephesians 4:1-24. We were then led in prayer by Brother Bill Beam. Moderator resumed the chair. Body called to order. Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved. Church letters were then called for from any other churches that might have come in. Letter from Mine Fork received with delegates as follows: Frank Laws, Joe

Laws. The following visiting Minister's were then welcomed to a seat in our body: Rev. Farrel Sparks, Johnson City, Tenn., Rev. W. M. Howell, Johnson City, Tenn., Route 1, Rev. Virgil Deloach Hampton, Tenn. Route 1, Rev. Gibson Adkins, Hunt Dale, N. C. all of the Toe River F. W. Baptist Association and Rev. Laban Adkins of Barnardsville, N. C. from the Church of God.

Report of committees were called for as follows: Report on Sunday Schools received and discussed by Sister Madge Hunter. Adopted. Report on Temperance discussed by Brother Grady C. Fender. Adopted by the body. Report on Deeper Devotion received and discussed by Brother T. A. Greene, Brother Moscoe Towle, Brother Stanley Parkey, Brother E. P. Blevins. Adopted by the body. Adjourned for preaching to meet at 2:00 P. M. (Note: All reports will be found in Section II of this minute.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Body came together at 11:00 A. M. for preaching service. Songs, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" and "Sweet By and By" Scripture lesson read from Matthew 13:1-8 and Galations 5-25. Opening prayer by Brother Gilbert Adkins. Subject of message by Brother Beam, "A Hundred Fold Christian." Closed with Christian handshake.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together with singing, "The Lily Of The Valley" and "What A Friend". Devotional service conducted by Brother John Murphy who read 2 John 5. Prayer by Brother Stanley Parkey. Moderator resumed the chair. Service was then given to Brother Grady C. Fender in behalf of our Orphanage work, since it was not possible for the Field Representative, Sister Ballard, to be with us. After a brief discussion on the work of the Orphanage, an offering was taken for the Orphanage in the amount of \$62.00. An amount of \$2.50 was sent with the church letter from Crabtree and \$6.50 from Piney Hill, making a total of \$71.00 to be sent to the Orphanage.

The following reports were received and adopted: Report on Education discussed by Brother Stanley Parkey. Report on Sessions received and accepted. Report on Missions discussed by Sisters Madge Hunter and Francis Radford. After discussion an offering was taken for Foreign Missions to be sent to the India Mission Field. The amount received was \$28.62. The report on the Aged Ministers Fund was discussed by Brother Beam. Following discussion an offering was taken for this fund in the amount of \$46.00. Those who contributed were as follows: Lonas Renfro \$5.00; Rev. Stanley Parkey \$5.00; Rev. E. P. Blevins \$5.00; Rev. J. W. Edmonds \$5.00; Mrs. Margaret McDaniels \$5.00; Rev. Shelby Beaver \$3.00; Rev. Grady C. Fender \$2.00; Rev. W. M. Beam \$1.00; Rev. Herb Black \$1.00; Rev. Troy McCourry \$1.00; Rev. Coy Davis \$1.00; Rev. Gilbert Adkins \$1.00; Rev. A. B. Lowery \$1.00; Rev. M. C. Franklin \$1.00; Congregational offering of \$9.00. Pledges were then received from the churches to be paid any time from now until the next association in the amount of \$265.00. (Note: The amount each church pledged to pay is shown in the table with the church reports). Here is the report of money on hand:

Balance at Association 1945	\$134.66
Receipts, past year	33.33
Offering, this Association	46.00
Total	213.99
Less Cost of Bond	5.00
Balance in Bank	\$208.99

It was then suggested that an offering be taken for Brother Quince Miller, since he has been in the Hospital. The amount of \$81.00 was received. The association then adjourned for preaching to meet Saturday morning at 9:00 A. M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregation came together at 4:00 P. M. for preaching by Brother T. E. Woody. Song, "Where We'll Never Grow Old." Scripture readings were from Genesis 2, St. John 18-19. Prayer by Brother E. P. Blevins. Message delivered from the subject, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." There was much rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Dismissed until 7:30 P. M.

Met at 7:30 with singing of, "Bearing The Cross", "I'll Rise To Shine" and "Look For Me." Prayer by Brother James Peterson. Scripture lesson from Acts 1:1-2. Subject of the message by Brother W. M. Howell, "The Former Treatise have I made, O Theophilus, Of All That Jesus Began Both To Do And To Teach." Service closed with much rejoicing and singing songs in praise unto Him who hath redeemed us by His blood.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Came together at 9:00 A. M., singing "Oh How I Love Jesus." Devotional service conducted by Brother Ebb Wheeler. Scripture lesson read from Song Of Solomon 6:1-7. Prayer by Brother David Campbell. Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved. Moved and seconded to take an offering in the amount of \$15.00 for Sister Francis Radford for her services as clerk last year. It was then voted to pay our clerk \$15.00 this year from the minute fund. Moderator then called for reports not previously called for. Report on Obituaries read and discussed by Sister Belle Hensley. Adopted by the body. The committee on Investigation made no report since nothing had been presented for their consideration. Report on Resolutions received and discussed by Brother Grady C. Fender. Adopted by body. Committee on Churches and Pastors failed to report. Report of Orphanage committee received and adopted. Report of committee on Finance received.

At this time our moderator paused to express our thanks to the people of Big Creek Church for their hospitality during our annual meeting.

It then was moved to adjourn the business session of this Association to meet with the Young's Chapel Church, Windom, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1947 at 10:30 A. M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Met following intermission for worship service at 11:00. Service opened with singing, "When I Reach That City" and "The Old Country Church." Scripture lesson read from Matthew 5:38-48 and 1 Corinthians 12:1. Subject of the message by Brother Grady C. Fender, "Yet Show I unto thee a more excellent way." Service closed with Christian handshake, to meet at 2:00 P. M. for work of the Ministers' Conference.

SECTION II

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Each of the following reports were received, discussed and adopted individually.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

What is the Sunday School? First of all, it is or should be a means of reaching and saving souls for whom Christ died. Leading them to make a definite decision for Christ through his word. Then instructing them "more perfectly in the way of the Lord," training them to be better fitted for His service. In order to accomplish this end, there must be Godly, separated, Spirit-filled leaders in charge. This can only come through much believing prayer and waiting on the Lord. We earnestly and prayerfully urge all our churches to be given more fully to prayer concerning these matters. If the Sunday School fails in its mission of saving souls, it has completely failed in its established purpose.

This report was wonderfully discussed by Sister Madge Hunter.

TEMPERANCE

Too often we allow ourselves to think of temperance in relation to the use of alcoholic beverages. Truly this is a devise of Satan, the adversary of the souls of men and we must bend every force against this evil. However, let us think of the term in a wider scope which involves every thought and act of man, for He would have us temperate in "all things." He has spoken—"Be not drunk—but be filled with the Spirit." Here we have a double command, "Be not drunk," and "Be ye filled." Being filled with the Spirit produces temperance in "all things." God is Holy and demands Holiness. No person can enjoy God's favor, or a truly happy life, unless his character and conduct are pure. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." We are commanded and expected as believers to live and to teach a Spirit-filled life, to be filled, not with wine, the fruit of the vine of earth, but with the new wine of the Kingdom, the fruit of the "True Vine."

May we as a body press, both in word and example, Temperance in "all things" for this is "the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning You."

This report was discussed by Brother Grady C. Fender.

DEEPER DEVOTION

We, your committee on deeper devotion present the following: That we, as a people of God, present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy unto God which is our reasonable service, that we might be sanctified through the word of God, and that we might be one even as Jesus and the Father are One, devoting our lives to His service. Leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go unto perfection. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." We should be a people separate and apart from the world. May we let our light so shine before the world that they might be constrained to glorify God. "Put on the whole armour of God and the God of peace sanctify you wholly and I pray God your whole Spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

This report was discussed by Brothers T. A. Greene, Moscoe Towe, Stanley Parkey, E. P. Blevins.

EDUCATION

We, your committee on education, ask that we adopt last years report as follows:

First, that we go on record as favoring Christian education. Realizing that the Bible commands to "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,

rightly dividing the word of truth," makes plain to us the Bible teaching regarding education.

We recommend further that the church give its full support to those that the Lord has led to further educate themselves for His work. Realizing that the Lord gives different gifts unto man—educated and uneducated—yet they are for the same purpose, the edifying of the body of Christ.

SESSIONS

We, your committee on sessions, wish to report that the next session of the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Young's Chapel Church, Windom, N. C., beginning Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1947 at 10:30 A. M. Brother Quince Miller will preach the introductory sermon; Brother Ebb Wheeler being his alternate.

MISSIONS

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4: 35. "The harvest truly is great but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth more labourers into His harvest." Luke 2: 10.

A definite command of our blessed Lord is to "go into all the world and preach the gospel of Christ," which is "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

It is a blessed privilege to have fellowship in "all that Jesus began both to do and to teach." Souls are perishing—we are responsible. May we thrust in the sickle and reap ere the "harvest is past and the summer is ended."

This report was discussed by Sisters Madge Hunter and Francis Radford.

AGED MINISTER'S FUND

We, your committee on Aged Minister's fund, recommend that the Pastors get behind their churches and bring a nice offering each session for this work. Also that the delegates ask their churches to stand by their pastors with this money and build up a nice fund to help the needy ministers.

This report was discussed by Brother W. M. Beam. (Note: A report of the treasurer is given in section one.)

OBITUARIES

We suggest that every church appoint one of its members to look after the obituaries of those that have passed away and have them ready to hand in to the committee at the association.

RESOLUTIONS

We recommend that each church do all in its power to settle its doctrinal disputes before bringing them to the Association. If we will do this there will be very little trouble when we come together.

ORPHANAGE

We ask that we adopt the same report of last year. The orphanage truck will come the same time this year to receive commodities from the churches. Each church is asked to gather these commodities on the first Monday in October, take them to Windom not later than Tuesday following. The orphanage truck will receive them there on Wednesday. May we not forget that these are our children, and that the Lord Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me." May we also feel the responsibility for the teaching of these children. "Train up a child in the way it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it". Prov. 22:6.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance, report that we have received from the churches of the Jack's Creek Association the amount of \$94.70
 By other donations 11.80
 Total \$106.50
 Allowed for Clerk fee 15.00
 Amount for printing minutes ~~50c~~ \$ 91.50
 Received \$91.50 for printing ~~400~~ copies of this minute.

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SECTION III
OBITUARIES

SISTER SARAH TIPTON—Age 54 years, departed this life April 3, 1946. She had been a member of the Riverview church for several years. She lived a devoted life the last few years of her life. She enjoyed singing and praying in her home. She told Brother Blevins she was ready to go. She said she expected to meet him in glory. She left a husband, nine children, several grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Written by Belle Hensley.

ELIZA RENFRO—Wife of John Renfro, departed this life November 9, 1945, age 71 years. She was a member of the North Bend Free Will Baptist church. She lived a true Christian life. She was in bed for 18 months and she was patient in all her sickness. She told us all that she was ready to go home any time the Lord called her. She leaves a husband and five children, seven grand-children and six great-grandchildren to mourn her loss while she is at rest in the arms of Jesus.

Written by her daughter.

RUETTA HAMPTON McCOURRY—Daughter of Rev. E. H. and Elizabeth Hampton, was born May 2, 1869. She quietly slipped away to meet her loved ones and Saviour, October 12, 1945 at the age of 76 years 5 months 10 days. She professed faith in Christ in February 1890 and joined the Methodist E. church. She always lived an humble, Christ-like life, always inviting others to do likewise. For a number of years she attended the Peterson's Chapel Free Will Baptist church, until she was no longer able to go. She had many friends who visited her and she always had words of comfort and advice for everyone. She leaves seven children, three sisters, thirty eight grand children, forty eight great grandchildren, two great-great grand children and a host of friends.

Written by a grandson—Troy McCourry.

BROTHER R. H. WARRICK—Born March 26, 1873, departed this life March 7, 1946 at the age of 73 years 11 months and 19 days. He joined the Big Creek Free Will Baptist church, January 25, 1907. He was loyal to his church and was loved by all who knew him. He was a loving father of 7 children. He leaves a wife, 7 children, 12 grandchildren and a host of friends. We trust that he is resting with the Angels. He was patient in his sickness until God called him away. May the Lord keep us in his will that we can meet him one glad day to never part again.

Written by a friend.

BROTHER DAVID BRYANT—Born Nov. 1, 1858. Died Nov. 4, 1945. Age 87 years and 3 days. He united with the church at Big Creek and served as deacon until death. He enjoyed going to church and went as long as his health would permit. He called for prayer meetings during his sickness. He loved singing around his bedside as long as he could talk. He leaves a wife and twelve children. We trust he is singing with the Angels.

Written by a friend.

BROTHER FERREL TIPTON—Departed this life Feb. 8, 1946 at the age of 34. He was a member of the Riverview Free Will Baptist church. He fell by the wayside for a while and then renewed his covenant with the Lord and lived a Christian life. In his sickness he enjoyed the people of God to come into his home and sing and pray with him. He left a wife, three small children, a father, eight brothers and a sister.

Written by a cousin, Mrs. Belle Hensley.

REV. ZEB RENFRO—Born August 12, 1873, died September 11, 1946 at the age of 73 years, 29 days. He was a member of the Mine Fork Free Will Baptist church and a Minister of the Gospel for about 29 years. He leaves a wife, four children, eighteen grand children, six great grand children and a host of friends.

SECTION IV

GOVERNMENTAL DOCUMENTS

—OF—

JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CONSTITUTION OF JACK'S 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 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, and 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. 1:16.

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.—**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.—**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 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.—**Christian Baptism.** We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised 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. 11:23-29.

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.

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 (5th). Sunday, with some Church in the Association, previously 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 properly 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, ba a two-thirds 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	Deaths	Com. Services	Meeting Days	Number in Sunday School	Total Membership	Fledges for Aged Ministers Fund	Minute Fund	Pastor's Salary	Paid for Revivals	Orphanage Fund	Home Missions	Repair and Improvements	Value of Church Property
Bald Mountain	3				2	21-3	40		\$20.00	\$3.70	\$312.25	\$35.00	\$50.95	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$2000.00
Big Creek	1	1	3			12-4			10.00	5.00	102.35	34.55		58.16		1000.00
Bowditch	3	4				11-3	55	85	5.00	4.00	129.09	100.72	175.00	80.49		1000.00
Crabtree	7	2				31-3	50	99	15.00	2.50	330.42	146.00	2.50		300.00	1400.00
Davistown						1-3	45	43	10.00	5.00	175.00	24.00		13.00	14.00	1200.00
Fairview						2-4	81	113	25.00	5.00	137.50		78.38	568.98	150.00	2500.00
Green Mountain	4					11-3	52	72	10.00	3.50	203.83	52.00	206.75	90.00		1000.00
Higgins		1				1-1	50	78	20.00	2.50	163.50	62.60	51.05		80.00	2000.00
Liberty	4	4				12-4	65	39	10.00	10.00	382.60	45.00	60.00	172.70	500.00	3000.00
Low Gap	5	1		2		2-2	35	63	10.00	6.35	242.64	116.00	127.75	70.00	87.60	1000.00
Mine Fork						1-4	32	23	10.00	2.75	82.31	14.00	16.85	34.65		500.00
Mountain Dale	1					1-3	50	103	10.00	2.00	85.71	10.00		10.30		700.00
Mountain View	1	1	3			2-3	34	44	5.00	2.00	87.95	11.40				300.00
North Bend	3			2		1-2	45	83	5.00	5.55	143.00		11.00			500.00
Patterson' Branch						12-4	40	21		2.00	109.32		11.50		25.00	650.00
Pensacola				1		1-2	45	106	10.00	5.07	175.41	30.52	114.17	69.89	159.00	1000.00
Peterson's Chapel	4	1				11-3	32	39	5.00	2.20	23.80	40.00	11.15	5.00	75.00	1500.00
Pilgrim's Chapel	4	1				12-4	45	34	5.00	2.00	237.87	21.41	92.50	121.20	30.00	1300.00
Piney Hill			2			2-3	30	95	10.00	1.10	27.10	29.00	6.50			1000.00
Price's Creek	4	1	1			1-3	75	116	10.00	6.75	163.15	75.00	116.90	56.00		1500.00
Riverside		3	2			1-1	25	18		2.50	85.00	40.07	10.00	25.49		
River View	7	19		2		1-3	100	255	25.00	5.00	876.11	252.88	60.00	136.24	190.00	1500.00
Terry's Fork	1	1				1-4	30	51	10.00	2.00	152.50		50.00	25.00		1000.00
Young's Chapel	7	18	2			2-4	85	100	25.00	6.00	423.09	100.00	111.88	534.30		2000.00

Home Missions includes money given to visiting Ministers, also poor and sick.

SECTION V

MINISTERS' AND CHURCHES' REPORTS

Rev. David C. Campbell: Preached 16 sermons, conducted 3 Communion services, conducted one funeral, three decoration services. Received for work \$18.00, amount given for the cause \$8.00. Worked in three revivals, witnessed 28 professions. I give God all the honor and praise. (Note: Bro. Campbell is over 90 years old).

Rev. Grady C. Fender: Delivered 120 messages, pastored 2 churches, conducted one revival, witnessed 15 professions, received 6 into the church, baptized one, married one couple, conducted six funerals. Received \$500.00.

Rev. C. H. Honeycutt: Delivered 46 messages, pastored one church, received \$117.20 from church pastored. Miles traveled 1032.

Rev. Gus Ledford: Delivered 17 messages, witnessed 11 professions of faith, conducted one revival, conducted 2 funerals, received \$45.40. Amount contributed to the cause \$12.00.

Rev. Troy McCourry: Delivered 72 messages, pastored 2 churches, conducted 4 revivals, witnessed 39 professions, received 6 into the church, baptized 5, marriage ceremonies one, conducted 4 funerals, received \$163.50.

Rev. J. M. Redden: Delivered 36 messages, pastored one church, witnessed 10 professions of faith, received 3 into the church, conducted 2 funerals, money received \$244.20, contributed \$8.95 to the cause, prayed in 28 homes.

Rev. Ebb Wheeler: Pastored one church, preached 79 sermons, held 5 revivals, witnessed 48 professions, money received \$534.48.

DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	Pastor-Elect	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES
Bald Mountain	Loss McCourry	Mrs. Allison Edwards Bee Log, N. C.
Big Creek	Loss McCourry	Clifford Honeycutt Sioux, N. C.
Bowditch	T. E. Woody	Mrs. Julia Boone Micaville, N. C.
Crabtree	Fulton Williams	Mrs. Mary Shell Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Davistown	Clyde Fender	Mrs. Forest Davis Old Fort, N. C., Rt. 1
Fairview	Ebb Wheeler	Miss Maude Fender Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1
Green Mountain	Cecil J. Higgins	Burlus Cannon Burnsville, N. C., Rt. 1
Higgins	T. E. Woody	Margaret McDaniels Higgins, N. C.
Liberty		J. D. Allison Marion, N. C., Rt. 4
Low Gap	E. P. Blevins	Ila Marie McMahan Vixen, N. C.
Mine Fork	Troy McCourry	Mrs. Essie Laws Burnsville, N. C., Rt. 1

Mountain Dale	Troy McCourry	Robert F. Hensley Rt. 2, Box 189, Erwin, T.
Mountain View	Cecil J. Higgins	Hazel Miller Poplar, N. C.
North Bend	E. P. Blevins	Noah Hughes Green Mtn., N. C.
Patterson's Branch	C. H. Honeycutt	Mrs. Burdette Deyton Day Book, N. C.
Pensacola	T. E. Woody	C. L. Wilson Pensacola, N. C.
Peterson's Chapel	C. H. Honeycutt	Mrs. Seth Peterson Day Book, N. C.
Pilgrim's Chapel	Shelby Beaver	Mrs. Fannie Boone Windom, N. C.
Piney Hill	Herb Black	Miss Clillon Higgins Bee Log, N. C.
Prices Creek	T. E. Woody	Roy Blankenship Cane River, N. C.
Riverside	J. M. Redden	Elsie Redden Canton, N. C. Rt. 2
Riverview	A. B. Lowery	Ernest Webb Rt. 2 Box 15 Erwin, Tenn.
Terry's Fork	E. P. Blevins	Virgil Metcalf Mars Hill, N. C. Rt. 2
Youngs Chapel	Cecil J. Higgins	Vernal Jones Windom, N. C.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Shelby Beaver	Windom, N. C.
Herb Black	Burnsville, N. C.
E. P. Blevins	Burnsville, N. C., Route 2
Josephine Bryant	Sioux, N. C.
David Campbell	Buladean, N. C.
Coy Davis	Old Fort, N. C., Rt. 1, Box 197
Clyde Fender	Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1
Grady C. Fender	Nebo, N. C. Rt. 1
M. C. Franklin	Flag Pond, Tenn., Rt. 1
T. A. Greene	Altamont, N. C.
C. J. Higgins	Sioux, N. C.
C. H. Honeycutt	Burnsville, N. C., Rt. 2 Box 8339
Jack Hutchins	Swannanoa, N. C.
Gus Ledford	Cane River, N. C.
A. B. Lowery	Black Mountain, N. C., Rt. 1
Troy McCourry	Day Book, N. C.
John Murphy	Burnsville, N. C., Rt. 2
W. G. Pack	Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1
Stanley Parkey	Erwin, Tenn., Rt. 1
James Peterson	Day Book, N. C.
Horace D. Poole	Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1
Francis Radford	Mars Hill, N. C., Rt. 2
Dock Taylor	Erwin, Tenn.
Ebb Wheeler	Sioux, N. C.
Fulton Williams	Erwin, Tenn., Rt. 1
T. E. Woody	Windom, N. C.

Ministers not present for Association

E. L. Beachboard	
W. M. Brummitt	Johnson City, Tenn., Rt. 5
Verno Davis	Old Fort, N. C., Rt. 1
James Deyton	Erwin, Tenn., Rt. 1
L. H. Griffith	Erwin, Tenn.
Van Hensley	Burnsville, N. C., Rt. 2
Bob Horn	
M. G. Lambert	Linville, N. C.
Quince Miller	Higgins, N. C.
Virgil Wray	Roan Mountain, Tenn.
D. N. Walker	Old Fort, N. C., Rt. 1 Box 70
M. B. Westall	Cane River, N. C.
M. M. Whitson	Deerfield, Va.

REPORT ON SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF CHURCHES

BALD MOUNTAIN: Our spiritual condition is good and we ask all who pray to pray for us.

BOWDITCH: Our spiritual condition is improved. Pray for us.

DAVISTOWN: Our spiritual condition is good. We ask the prayers of all praying people that we may have a closer walk with God.

FAIRVIEW: Our spiritual condition is only moderate.

GREEN MOUNTAIN: Our spiritual condition is good. Pray for us.

HIGGINS: Our spiritual condition is somewhat improved.

LIBERTY: Our spiritual condition is fair. We still desire the prayers of all who pray.

LOW GAP: Our spiritual condition is fair. We need the prayers of all Christian people.

MINE FORK: Our spiritual condition is very good.

MOUNTAIN DALE: Our spiritual condition is good.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Our spiritual condition is very good.

NORTH BEND: Our spiritual condition is fair. Pray for us.

PATTERSON'S BRANCH: Our spiritual condition is not as strong as we hope it will be. We desire to get closer and stronger each day. Please pray for us.

PENSACOLA: Our spiritual condition is fair.

PILGRIM'S CHAPEL: Our spiritual condition is only fair. We need a closer walk with God. Please pray for us.

PINEY HILL: Our spiritual condition is generally fair.

RIVERSIDE: Our spiritual condition is good. Please pray for us.

YOUNG'S CHAPEL: The Young's Chapel church is glad to report again this year that our spiritual condition is good. Thank the Lord for it all.

TERRY'S FORK: Our spiritual condition is only fair. Pray for us.

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. Baptized.....
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 \$.....

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

Orphanage \$..... for poor or sick \$..... Value of Church
property \$.....

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

Aged Ministers' Fund \$.....

How many times did your pastor meet you.....

Our Spiritual condition is.....

Rev. Pastor

Steward Clerk.....

Address

