

MINUTES
OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL
SESSION OF THE
JACKS CREEK
ASSOCIATION OF
FREEWILL BAPTISTS

OFFICERS:

Rev. Cecil J. Higgins,	-	Moderator
Rev. Troy McCourry,	-	Clerk

This session held with North Bend Free Will Baptist Church, Green Mountain, N. C., August 31, -September 1, 2, 1950.

Next session to be held with The Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Erwin, Tenn., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1951, at 10:30 a. m.

Rev. T. E. Woody will preach the Introductory message; Rev. Horace D. Poole being his alternate



Rev. T. E. WOODY
Ordained Sept. 8. 1908



Rev. E. P. BLEVINS
Ordained Oct. 8, 1916

OFFICERS OF JACKS CREEK ASSOCIATION AND MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

Association:

Moderator.....Rev. Cecil J. Higgins
Clerk.....Rev. Troy McCourry
Treasurer, Disabled Minis'r Fund..John Ogle, Vixen, N. C.
Committee Disabled Minis'r Fund..Moscoe Towe, Joe
Woody, Ulyses Webb.
Treasurer, Foreign Missions..Stanley Parkey, 749 N. Main,
Erwin, Tenn.
Committee of Investigation....T. E. Woody, Noah Hughes,
Herman Ledford.

Ministers Conference:

Moderator.....Rev. Stanley Parkey
Clerk.....Rev. Troy McCourry
Ordaining Council... Revs. T. E. Woody, Fulton Williams,
E. P. Blevins.
Committee of Investigation.....Revs. Shelby Beaver, C. J.
Higgins, Horace Poole.

PROCEEDINGS

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association met with the North Bend Free Will Baptist church, Thursday August 31, 1950 in its Fifty-fifth annual session. The service was opened with singing by the choir, "Standing on the Promises," "Kneel at the Cross," Keep on the Firing Line," "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," and "The Sweet By and By." The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Quince Miller. A scripture lesson was read by Rev. E. P. Blevins from St. John 5:25-38, 21:15-22, 1 Cor. 6 18:20, 7:22, after which we were led in prayer by Bro. D. N. Walker. The Introductory message was given by Bro. Blevins from the text: "Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves and fishes." The service closed with singing and a Christian handshake, after which the delegates were assigned to their homes. The Association was then adjourned to meet at 2:00 p. m.

Thursday Evening

The Association convened at 2:00 p. m. for the transaction of business. The service opened with singing, "Nothing but the Blood." A devotional service was conducted by Brother Shelby Beaver, reading St. John 1:1-12, after which we were led in prayer by Bro. T. A. Wheeler. The body was called to order for business by the moderator, Bro. Cecil J. Higgins. Proceeded to organize into a working body by enrolling the ministers present as follows:—

Richmond Barnette.....	Erwin, Tenn.
Verno Davis	Rt. 2, Erwin, "
M. C. Franklin.....	Rt. 1, Flag Pond, "
Moss Holloway	Erwin, "
Stanley Parkey.....	749 N. Main, Erwin, "
Sankey Ramsey.....	Rt. 2, Erwin, "
Shelby Beaver.....	Clyde, N. C.
E. P. Blevins.....	Windom, "

Josephine Blevins.....	"	"
Coy Davis.....	Rt. 1, Old Fort	"
Clyde Fender.....	Rt. 1, Nebo,	"
Grady C. Fender.....	Rt. 1,	"
C. J. Higgins.....	Sioux,	"
Joe Honeycutt.....	Day Book,	"
C. H. Honeycutt.....	Rt. 2, Burnsville,	"
Troy McCourry.....	Day Book,	"
Quince Miller.....	Higgins,	"
W. G. Pack.....	Rt. 1, Nebo,	"
Horace D. Poole.....	Rt. 1, Marion,	"
Frances Radford.....	Rt. 2, Mars Hill,	"
Eelzie Robinson.....	Bee Log,	"
D. N. Walker.....	Old Fort,	"
Arnold Wilson.....	Rt. 4, Marion,	"
T. E. Woody.....	Windom,	"
James Peterson.....	Rt. 1, Marietta, S. C.	

The following were not present for the Association:

David Campbell.....	Buladean, N. C,
T. A. Greene.....	_____
Jack Hutchins.....	Swannanoa, "
Gus Ledford.....	Bee Log, "
John Murphy.....	Rt. 2, Burnsville, "
Dock Taylor.....	Rt. 1, Burnsville, "
E. L. Beachboard.....	Rt. 1, Nebo, "
M. B. Westall.....	Cane River, "
Paul Jordan.....	Marion, "
Gurnie McKinney.....	Marion, "
M. M. Whitson.....	_____
Fulton Williams.....	Erwin, Tenn,
L. H. Griffith.....	Erwin, "

Following the enrollment of the ministers, Bros. Noah Hughes and Moscoe Towe were elected as reading clerks; also to serve as Finance Committee. Brother Shelby Beaver appointed to receive the Disabled Ministers Funds, because of

the absence of Bro. John Ogle, Treasurer. The churches were then enrolled and delegates seated as follows:

Big Creek; Russel Whitson, Forrest Adkins, Leona Whitson, Junior Adkins.

Bowditch: Clarence Byrd, Roscoe Briggs, Pearl Brigg., Casie Thomas.

Davistown: Wilber Davis, Vestie Davis, J. D. McCormick, Garland Bartlett.

Fairview; By letter only.

Glen Alpine: J. M. White, J. H. Fox.

Green Mountain: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ray, Echard Hunter, Bertha Bennett, Chloe Fox.

Liberty: Lloyd Allison, J. D. Allison, Bob McMahan.

Mountain View: Velmer Bailey.

North Bend: Gaither Renfro, Levi Deyten, Noah Hughes, Gus Balley, Howard Honeycutt.

Pensacola: George Wilson, Annie Pate, Sheridan Pate, Bertha Adkins.

Petersons Chapel: Dorothy Letterman, Lida Letterman, Mrs. Ben Peterson.

Pilgrims Chapel, Clyde Dulaney, Jim Dulaney, Ernest Hughes, Belvie Hunter, Fannie Boone.

Piney Hill: D. M. Edwards, Allison Edwards, Jeanette Robinson.

Riverside: Rex Pless.

Riverview: Mr. & Mrs. Ulyses Webb, Floyd Bailey, Albert Mathis, Herman Ledford, Mrs. Bernie Webb.

Youngs Chapel: J. V. Jones, Arnold Fortner, Robert Carroll, Fred Harris, Ada Honeycutt.

Higgins: Mrs. Bernie Edwards, Hiram Higgins, Vince Higgins.

Trinity: Elbert Jenkins, Maynard Phillips.

Low Gap: W. M. Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. Horace D. Ray, Johncie Gaddy.

Mine Fork: Frank Laws, Sid Laws, Hubert Freeman.

Crabtree: Edd Johnson, Will McKinney, Wilse Freeman, Nell Whitehead.

Patterson Branch: Mrs. Burdette Dayton, Ike Johnson, Frank Robinson.

Prices Creek: Robert Arrowood, Moscoe Towe.

The following churches were not present for this enrollment but reported later:

Mountain Dale: Mrs. Pearl Bradford, Mrs. Nora Chandler, Lola Hensley.

Bald Mountain: Raleigh Fender.

Terrys Fork: Lee Metcalf, Norma Metcalf, Minnie Radford

Ernestville: John Lovett.

Liberty Chapel: Pansy Shuford, Clarence Wilson, David E. Miller, Thomas Miller.

Following the enrollment of the delegation, Rev. Cecil J. Higgins was elected as moderator and Rev. Troy McCourry was elected as clerk. The rules of decorum were read by the moderator. A call was extended to any visiting ministers present. Rev. M. A. Wheeler, Canton, of French Broad FWB Association; Rev. Key, Burnsville, Mis. Bap., and Rev. Arthur Sanders, Green Mountain, of the Presbyterian. church responded and were welcomed to seats in our body and invited to take part in our work. The various committees were appointed to carry on the work of the Association as follows:

Finance—Bros. Moscoe Towe, Noah Hughes.

Investigation—Bros. T. E. Woody, Noah Hughes, Herman Ledford.

Missions—Sisters Frances Radford, Bernie Webb and Brother Rex Pless.

Education—Bros. Arthur Sanders, Elbert Jenkins, Moscoe Towe.

Sabbath Schools—Bros. Velmar Bailey, Quince Miller, Levi Deyton.

Temperance—Bros. E. P. Blevins, Vernal Jones, Will McKinney.

Obituaries—Sisters Annie Pate, Sarah Webb, Fannie Boone, Pearl Briggs,

Resolutions—Bros. Casie Thomas, Grady C. Fender, Albert Mathis.

Deeper Devotion—Bros. Stanley Parkey, Clyde Duncan, Floyd Bailey.

Sessions—Bros. Joe Honeyuutt, Elbert Jenkins, Robert Carroll, Gus Bailey, Hiram Higgins, Albert Mathis.

Orphanage—Bros. Moscoe Towe, George Wilson, Maynard Phillips, Rex Pless, and Sister Josephine Blevins.

Disabled Ministers Fund—Bros. Shelby Beaver, W. M. Gardner, Sheridan Pate, Hubert Freeman, Echard Hunter.

Disabled Ministers Investigating Committee—Bros. Moscoe Towe, Ulysses Webb, Joe Woody, This committee was appointed permanently in the 1947 session.

Churches and Pastors—Bros. Horace Poole, Fred Harris, Lloyd Allison. A move was presented to adjourn the work of the Association until 9:00 a. m. Friday morning.

Thursday Night Worship Session

The service began at 7:15 p. m. with singing by the church choir, "Standing on the Promises" and "When We all get to Heaven." Special singing by the ladies quartette from Riverview, "I'm Free again," "He Pardoned Me," "When Fair Heaven I See, "In the Land Where Living Waters Flow." We were then led in prayer by Bro. Horace D. Poole. Bro. Parkey read from Romans 12:1 using for a subject, "The mercies or God."

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at 9:00 a.m. with singing by Rev. Keys. A devotional service was conducted by Rev. Coy Davis reading Heb. 12. Prayer by Bro. James Peterson. The body was called to order for business by the moderator. The minute of Thursday session was read and approved.

The following visiting minsters were welcomed to a seat in our body: Rev. W. M. Howell, Johnson City, Tenn., and Rev. Loss McCourry, Sioux, N. C., both of the Toe River Free Will Baptist Association.

The Moderator then called for any churches present that had not reported. The following reported, their letters was read and delegation seated as follows:

Mountain Dale: Mrs. Pearl Bradford, Mrs. Nora Chandler, Miss Lola Hensley and Howell Hensley.

The report of the committee on education was read, discussed by Bro. Sanders and adopted by the body as follows:

Education

We, recommend that each one of our Ministers and teachers avail themselves of all Christian Education that they possibly can, that we may rightly divide the word of God. Study the word of God with helps to know the meaning of words and proper language. Let our conversation be sound and upright that we impart some Spiritual gift to the hearers.

Committee: Rev. Arthur Sanders, Moscoe Towe, Elbert Jenkins.

The report of the committee on Sabbath Schools was read, discussed by Bros. Velmer Bailey, Quince Miller and adopted by the body as follows:

Sabbath Schools

We recommend that our churches take a greater interest in the work of the Sabbath School. We should select good Christian teachers and they should explain to the students what the Sabbath School is for. We feel that the Sabbath School is a good place for child training. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

Committee: Velmer Bailey, Quince Miller, Levi Deyton.

The report of the committee on temperance was read, discussed by Bros. E. P. Blevins, Oscar Gibbs, Stanley Parker, D. N. Walker and adopted as follows:

Temperance

We, your committee on Temperance submit the following: Temperance—The state or quality of being temperate, habitual moderation, especially in the indulgence of any appetite, strong drink or the practice of strong

intoxicants that make drunk. We say that we must be a total abstainer from all strong drink and be moderate in our appetite. We also advise our people to use their influence against strong drink and to voice against men who are in favor of same.

Committee: Rev. E. P. Blevins, J. V. Jones.

The following church letters were read and their delegation seated:

Bald Mountain: Raleigh Fender.

Terry's Fork: Lee Metcalf, Norma Metcalf, Minnie Radford.

The letter from Terry's Fork was tabled until the afternoon session because of the fact that it had elected Sister Francis Radford as pastor, her being only a licensed minister.

The Association then adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. H. Honeycutt.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The service was opened with singing by Rev. Key, "Where Are The Nine," and "The Gospel Ship." Prayer was offered by Rev. T. E. Woody. The report of the Committee on Missions was read and discussed by Sister Frances Radford and adopted as follows:

Missions

As a church, we generally divide our mission work under two general headings, home and foreign missions. We do therefore prayerfully and humbly submit our recommendations as follows:

First, as to home missions, that every Christian consider himself a missionary, charged with the holy mission of winning souls. None of the disciples were left out when the Lord said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth," Acts 1:8. Someone has said, "The Lord did not employ many lawyers to argue his case but He has called all of us to be His witnesses." Too long the business of winning souls has been considered the task of the preacher and a few outstanding Christians. It is high time that we awake out of sleep, lest we wake to hear the tormented cries of those to whom we have failed to witness of Jesus.

Second, as to Foreign Missions, we think our churches deserve our sincere approval for their splendid financial support of Sister Josephine Stevens, our own missionary to Africa. We do urge that this support be continued and that much prayer be offered continually for her and her husband. We also recommend that an invitation be extended through our clerk to Mr. J. W. Alford, our State Missions Secretary, to attend the next session of our Association and present to us the needs and accomplishments of our denominational mission work.

Committee: Francis Radford, Mrs. Bernie Webb.

Mseleni Mission Station
Post Office Ubombo
Zululand, So. Africa
8 August, 1950

TO THE ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Friends,

Now that August is here and September is coming up, my thoughts go to all of you folks for I know you are planning for the Associations. This is about the only chance I have to greet all of you at one time. It is very easy for me to visualize all of you sitting there as this letter is being read to you, so I am going to write in this letter all that would be on my heart if I were standing there before you. In four more years from now we will be with you in the Associations and if we have as much to tell you then as we have during the past year here you will just have to have a separate Association for us to talk about Africa!

I have not received the minutes of the association last year so if it is possible I would like for clerk to send me one for we are interested in all that goes on at your meetings. We have written letters to several of you, but I am wondering if all of the pastors are receiving our letters and if each church is hearing from us? If you have not been receiving letters from us during the past year, will you please give Daddy, or the clerk your name and address and have them to send it on to me. I am your missionary out here and it is only right that all of you folks know what is going on here and I will try to answer all of your letters if you will write to me. I want you to know this work so well that your heart will be so in it that you will be praying with us in all of the work and writing to us to know more about it.

As you know we have been here a little over a year now and the Lord's hand has been good upon us. A year ago about this time both of us had had attacks of malaria, but since that time the Lord has blessed both of us with excellent health for which we praise Him. Some marvel that we are so well physically in a place like this, but we know that the Lord is going to care for us. Then too, our safety from malaria seems more promising in the next year for the mission board has suggested that they may be able to help up starting another house which will be mosquito proof.

In the past year we have seen the house where the two single girls live repaired until it is quite safe now. A new church has gone up at one of the outstations.

A new outstation has opened up in a district that was closed to the missionaries in past years. The old wicked chief has died now and his son is replacing him. This son came to us and begged us to send a native

preacher back with him. As he said, "if I do not have a preacher of God's Word with me then I will follow the ways of my father." He wants a preacher to live with him and his people and to build a church there. It is in a very bad section for all of the people live off if a beer from the trees, for food is very scarce. The chief is not saved himself, but as you see his heart is open for the Truth of God. We have no preacher to send to him, but we believe that one of the deacons here in our church is going to preach in that section.

We have a urgent need for native preachers to work in all of these districts which are far away from the main station here at Mseleni. Our policy is to have a native preacher make his home in these places and preach to the people. We call these places outstations. Just now two of our preachers are almost too old to preach and one left his outstation due to old age in our last native conference. Now we have several outstations with no preacher.

We do praise God that he has laid his hand upon Jonathan, a young boy who is now studying the Bible so that when he gets a little older he can go to one of these places. Then we have another boy here in school who came to us and wanted to learn to read. Since he has been here he has been saved and he says that God wants him to be a preacher. Pray for these young boys that God may make them real powers during these years while they are growing up. The people will not listen to a boy, but he must be a man with a wife and family.

Our study of the Zula seems to be coming along slow, but we are thankful that as the days go by we learn a little bit more and more. Sometimes we wish we had a few more brains for this task, but the Lord knows us and He will provide our wisdom.

All during the year we have seen the Lord silently working in the hearts of the heathen around us who have heard the Gospel, but as a native it sinks in very slowly, but we know that some of them will step out and confess the Lord Jesus Christ.

And now, I thank the Lord for the people, you floks of the Association who are making it possible for me to be here and have these experiences in the Lord's work among the Zulus of Africa. Not once during the year has money failed to come from you to meet my needs here. You are interested in me, now do become interested in the work I am doing and pray much for us and these we work with.

I would liked to have sent more pictures this year, but we had no camera to take new pictures, but I will try to have some by next year.

—Josephine Stevens.

The Committee on Obituaries was asked to report. No written report was turned in, only the obituaries. (Note: The obituaries will be found toward the back of the minute.

The report on Churches and Pastors was read and discussed by Bros. Poole, Parkey and adopted as follows:

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

To the Church: "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine; That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity. Titus 1:1, 2, 7.

To the Pastors: Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. Acts 20:28.

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. II Timothy 4:5.

Committee: H. D. Poole, Fred Harris, Lloyd Allison.

The report of the committee on resolutions was read and discussed by Bros. Fender and T. E. Woody as follows:

Resolutions:

1. Resolved, that we print in our minute all the important transactions of each quarterly conference. If any minister has been silenced or excused, that our churches may know about it.

2. Resolved, that all members being received into the church be received only under the watchcare of the church for three or six months before being received into full fellowship.

3. Resolved, that we adopt the use of the Free Will Baptist Literature in all our churches.

4. Resolved, that each church make a list of their active members and also the inactive ones and report them to the association instead of reporting only the total membership.

Committee: Grady C. Fender, Cas Thomas, Albert Mathis.

After the discussion, each resolution was voted separately and disposed of as follows:

1. Regarding printing transactions of the ministers conference was adopted.

2. In regard to receiving members under watchcare was rejected.

3. In regard to adopting use of F.W.B. Literature was adopted for use in all of our churches except those having Union Sunday Schools.

4. In regard to inactive members was rejected.

A call was extended to any new churches seeking to be admitted to the Association and one was presented, namely, Liberty Chapel, Celo, N. C. This church was investigated by the committee of investigation, and after being found satisfactory it was received into the association in full fellowship, their letter and minute funds were received with their delegation as follows: Pansy Shuford, Clarence Wilson, David E. Miller, Thomas Miller.

NOTICE OF CHANGE

The Riverside Free Will Baptist Church has bought new property and has been moved from its former location. Inasmuch as there is another church in the community by the same name, we have therefore changed the name of our church to PISGAH. We ask that this change be made in the minute and that hereafter we be recognized by the name PISGAH.

The report of the committee on deeper devotion was read and discussed by Bro. Parkey and Sister Radford, and adopted as follows.

DEEPER DEVOTION

We would like to submit the following for our consideration:
What does the Word itself mean?

The word in the plural appears one time in the New Testament in Acts 17:23. "For as I passed by and beheld your Devotions."

It is the Greek word Sebasma, something adorned, an object of worship.

Titus 2:10—"That they may adorn the doctrine of God our saviour in all things.

Our devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ adorns him for the word to behold.

Our devotions to Christ means an increase of fellowship with him. 1 John 1:6 "If we say we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness we lie and do not the truth."

So by the statement of Acts 17:23, Devotions is the visible result of our worship of God.

Deeper Devotion would depend upon how much we would put on display the Love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. Committee: Stanley Parkey, Floyd Bailey, Clyde Duncan.

Moved to adjourn the association until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning with preaching tonight.

An offering was taken in the amount of \$75.00 for Sister Van Hensley, wife of Rev. Van Hensley, who died recently.

The body was called to order for business by the Moderator. The minutes of Friday's session were read and approved. It was then voted to give the clerk authority to make any corrections necessary in the reports and work of the Association.

The Moderator then asked any churches not having reported as yet to report at this time. The letter was received from Ernestville, represented by John Lovett.

The report of the committee on sessions was read and accepted as follows:

SESSIONS

The next session of the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Erwin, Tenn., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1951 at 10:30 a.m. Rev. T. E. Woody will preach the introductory sermon, Rev. Horace D. Poole being his alternate.

Committee: Joe Honeycutt, Hiram Higgins, Elbert Jenkins, Gus Bailey, Robert Carrol, Albert Mathis.

The report of the committee on Orphanage was adopted as follows:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE

Assembled at 4:00 p.m. for preaching by Bro. W. M. Howell. Songs by the choir were "Love Lifted Me" and "When We All Get To Heaven," after which we were led in prayer by Bro. E. P. Blevins. Bro. Howell read from James 2—Verses 19-20. He used for a subject "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also believe, and tremble."

FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

The service opened with singing by the choir, "I know My Lord Will Lead The Way, and "At Home With Jesus." The Higgins Quartette then sang "He Pardoned Me," "Riding The Clouds," "Cabin On The Hill" and "My Lord Keeps A Record." The Robinson Trio then sang "I'll Be No Orphan In Heaven," "Holy Light" and "Someone's Last Day," after which Bro. Pack sang "Soon I'll Be At Home With Jesus."

Bro. Higgins used for a Scripture lesson Galatians 5: 1-23. Prayer by Bro. Miller. Subject of the message, "Stand fast in the liberty where with Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The service opened with singing "When I Make My Last Move." A Devotional service was conducted by Bro. M. C. Franklin, reading Romans 10: 1-13. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Stanley Parkey.

ORPHANAGE

We recommend that each church in our association set aside one Sunday in each month for an offering for our orphanage also the first Monday in October is set aside for the general collection of foods, deliver them to Windom, N. C. on Tuesday to be received there by the orphanage truck. Each church is requested to bring along an offering to pay the expenses of the truck. We ask each Minister to impress upon their peoples mind the need of supporting the orphanage.

Committee: Moscoe Towe, George Wilson, Maynard Phillips, Josephine Blevins.

An offering was taken for the orphanage and \$46.50 was received. Bro. J. V. Jones was appointed as treasurer to receive this offering, also the offerings sent with the commodities to Windom.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We report that we have received from the churches of the		
Jack's Creek Association the sum of		\$135.06
Allowed for Moderator	\$10.00	
Allowed for Clerk	15.00	25.00
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Balance for Minutes		\$110.06
Committee: Noah Hughes, Moscoe Towe.		

TREASURER'S REPORT— DISABLED MINISTERS FUND

Balance from last Association		\$1210.42
Interest		13.69
Trinity Church		9.14
Received from Troy McCourry		5.00
Received from Ministers Conference		60.50
Received from churches at Association		259.82
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Paid for bond	\$ 5.00	
Paid Rev. C. H. Honeycutt	50.00	
Paid Rev. Van Hensley	100.00	
TOTALS	\$155.00	\$1558.57
BALANCE IN BANK		\$1403.57

The report of the committee on Disabled Ministers fund was read and adopted as follows:

DISABLED MINISTERS FUND

We urge each church and Minister to support this work as much as they can. We ask that our Pastors discuss this with their churches.

Committee: Shelby Beaver, W. M. Gardner, Sherdin Pate, Hubert Freeman, Echard Hunter.

The matter of the Terry's Fork Church letter was presented. The body voted to accept the letter but not to accept Sister Radford's name as Pastor. This was left to the Ministers conference.

A move was presented to place a picture of Bros. T. E. Woody and E. P. Blevins in our minute, since they are the oldest Ministers of our Association.

The moderator, in behalf of the entire delegation and ministry, extended thanks to the church and community for the generous way in which they have cared for the association.

A move was presented to adjourn the association to convene with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Erwin, Tenn., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1950.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Assembled at 11:00 for preaching by Sister Francis Radford. Song by choir, "Heaven Holds All To Me." The Higgins Quartette sang, "When The Angels Hover Around" and "Looking For A City." Prayer by Rev. C. J. Higgins. Sister Radford used for a scripture lesson Deut. 7: 7-11, 1 Cor. 10-11, 2 Cor. 1:20.

The subject of her message was "God Is Faithful."

MINISTERS REPORTS

GRADY C. FENDER: Pastor 1 church, conducted two revivals, preached 48 sermons, traveled 2265 miles, conducted 7 funerals, married 1 couple. Money received \$500.00.

ARNOLD WILSON: Preacher 65 sermons, helped in two revivals, received \$167.79, money given to the cause of Christ \$102.83, witnessed a number of professions, travelled 1,717 miles.

L. P. JORDAN: Pastored 2 churches, preached 167 sermons, witnessed 38 professions, conducted 1 revival, 4 funerals, married 4 couples, baptized 12, received 20 into the church. Money received \$632.16, money given \$80.00, traveled 4,212 miles.

JOE HONEYCUTT: Delivered 56 messages, assisted in 3 revivals, witnessed 14 professions of faith, conducted 8 prayer services, travelled 1200 miles, received \$44.00, money given to the cause \$60.50. Brothers pray for me that I might do a greater work to the glory of God.

JACK HUTCHINS: Pastored 1 church, conducted 4 revivals, witnessed 125 conversions, baptized 95, preached 130 sermons, prayed in 40 homes, conducted 2 funerals.

C. H. HONEYCUTT Pastored 1 church, travelled 593 miles, preached 33 sermons, conducted 3 funerals, received \$346.50, baptized 6. May the Lord bless the work to his honor and glory.

RICHARD BARNETT: Preached 48 sermons, helped in 2 baptismal services, conducted 21 prayer meetings, taught 5 Sunday School lessons, received \$27.00. My desire is to walk in Christ Jesus.

COY S. DAVIS: Preached 24 sermons, taught 18 Sunday School lessons, money received \$10.50, money given for the cause \$98.26, travelled 338 miles. Pray for me that I may do more for the Lord in the next year.

J. M. REDDEN: Conducted 25 prayer meetings, preached 24 sermons, homes visited unknown, money received, \$187.91, money given to the cause \$35.25.

TROY McCOURRY: Pastored 1 church, preached 70 sermons, witnessed 30 professions, baptized 16, received 2 into the church, conducted 2 revivals, 4 funerals, married 2 couples, conducted 2 communion services, received \$389.24.

STANLEY PARKEY: Pastored 1 church with its usual duties, witnessed many conversions, our one special effort has been to preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Received for our support better than \$2000.00. The Lord has blessed us and we have been able to give above \$600.00 to the work of the Lord.

REV. VERNON DAVIS: Conducted 2 revivals, conducted 2 communion services, preached 60 sermons, conducted 15 prayer meetings, taught 30 Sunday School Lessons, received \$94.79, money given \$57.65. Give God the honor.

REV. M. C. HOLLOWAY: Preached 145 sermons, held 4 revivals, baptized 30, received 33 into the church, witnessed 68 professions, conducted one funeral, received \$84.00, \$76.00 for pastoral work, received \$50.00 for revival work. Money given to the cause \$30.00, travelled 650 miles.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Minister's Conference met with the Young's Chapel Church, Windom, N. C., Friday Oct. 28, 1949 in its first quarterly conference. The introduction message was given by Bro. T. A. Greene using for a subject, "Christ and The Church."

The afternoon session met at 1:30. After the song service and prayer the body was called to order for business by the moderator. The ministers roll was called and the character of those present was passed upon as good.

A motion was presented and adopted that any charges against a Minister be tried with only the Ministers present.

A call was extended to any seeking membership, ordination or license in this body. Rev. Hightower presented himself for membership. Bro. Moss Holloway presented himself for Ordination, and Bro. Fred Edwards for license. They were presented to the committee of investigation.

A committee on topics was appointed as follows: Bros. J. V. Hensley, E. P. Blevins, Joe Honeycutt.

The report of the committee of investigation was received as follows: "We recommend Bro. Fred Edwards be presented to the Ordaining Council for examination for license and Mrs. Moss Holloway for Ordination. Brother Hightower decided not to present himself to the body. Upon examination by the ordaining council, Bro. Fred Edwards was granted license for 12 months and Bro. Moss Holloway was ordained with prayer and laying on of hands of the ordaining council.

Bro. Cecil Higgins was appointed assistant moderator and Bro. Clyde Fender was appointed assistant clerk.

A letter of recommendation was received from the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association for Bro. Gurnie McKinney. He was received into full fellowship of the body, (having been received under watchcare at a former conference).

The following by-law, presented by Bros. E. P. Blevins, Grady Fender and Troy McCourry was adopted concerning ministers being received from another conference: "All ministers received from sister F. W. B. Conferences shall be issued a certificate of ordination bearing the signature of our ordaining council and the original ordaining council's name be placed on the margin if the certificate."

The Committee of Investigation were asked to make their report. The case of Bro. Herb Black, concerning his failure to pay some debts, was presented. The conference voted to extend mercy until next conference upon his promise to go to those he owes, pay the account or make satisfactory arrangements with them and report to the next conference with statements showing he has done the same. The case of Bro. Virgil Wray was presented, concerning his failure to also pay some debts. He was also excused until the next conference upon his promise to make satisfactory arrangements.

It was voted to have the next conference at Ernestville F.W.B. Church, Erwin, Tennessee.

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with the Ernestville F.W.B. Church, Friday, Dec. 28, 1949, in its second quarterly conference. The introductory message was given by Bro. M. C. Franklin, using for a subject, "A Rejected and Forsaken Christ."

In the afternoon session the roll was called and the character passed upon those present. Bro. Joe Honeycutt's license were renewed for three months. A letter of recommendation was received for Bro. Richard Barnette for license to preach. The committee of investigation, after examination, passed upon him as good. After examination by the ordaining council, he was granted license for twelve months.

Offering for Disabled Ministers Fund, \$15.00.

In the Saturday afternoon session the Committee of Investigation were asked to give their report. The case of Bro. Wray was presented. He failed to be present as promised and it was voted that he is silenced until next conference, in case he appears at the conference with receipts as promised he will be restored, otherwise that his credentials be called for. The case of Bro. Black was called. Upon his failure to meet his promise he was also silenced from preaching.

It was voted to have the next conference with the Big Creek Church, Sioux, N. C.

The Minister's Conference met with the Big Creek Church, Sioux, N. C. Friday, April 28, 1950 in its third quarterly conference. The introductory message was given by Bro. Paul Jordan using for a subject, "The Gospel of Christ." In the afternoon session the roll was called and passed upon character of those present. An offering was received in the amount of \$14.00 for the Disabled Ministers Fund.

A letter was read from Bro. Fred Edwards and in response to his request his name was dropped from the roll, his license having been returned to the clerk.

The cases of Bros. Herb Black and Virgil Wray was called. Since neither of them were present nor had complied with the promises, the clerk was asked to call for their credentials.

The following by-laws was adopted: All applicants for license and membership shall be accepted under the watchcare of the conference for three months.

Voted to hold next conference with Davistown Church, Old Fort, N. C.

The Jack's Creek Ministers Conference met with the church at Daviston, Old Fort, N. C., Friday, July 28, 1950, in its 4th quarterly conference. The introductory message was given by Bro. T. A. Wheeler, from the French Broad Association, using for a subject, "What, and if you shall see the Son of Man ascend up where he was."

The fellowship was rallied for. All manifested as being in full fellowship. An offering was received in the amount of \$13.50 for the Disabled Ministers Fund. The delegation from several churches and also several visiting ministers were seated in the conference.

The clerk was asked to notify the committee on the disabled ministers fund to investigate the need of Bro. Van Hensley, if they haven't already done so. Bro. Hensley is in the Hospital at this time.

The following topic was presented for discussion: Should we as a group of ministers rebuke the evils of today? In what attitude should they be rebuked? Some wonderful discussions were given on the topic by several members.

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Minister's Conference convened with the church at North Bend, in connection with the association. The roll call of ministers present and passed upon character of those present. An offering in the amount of \$18.00 was received from the ministers for disabled ministers fund. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. Stanley Parkey; Clerk, Rev. Troy McCourry; Committee of Investigation, Bros. Shelby Beaver, C. J. Higgins, H. D. Poole; Ordaining Council, Bros. T. E. Woody. Fulton Williams, E. P. Blevins.

A letter of recommendation for Ordination was received for Bros. Joe Honeycutt and Sankey Ramsey, also a letter of recommendation for license for Bro. Floyd Ray. After examination by the committee of investigation, Bro. Joe Honeycutt was ordained, Bro. Floyd Ray was received under the watchcare for three months and Bro. Sankey Ramsey's license were renewed for three months.

The conference voted to give Sister Frances Radford the liberty to preach for the Church at Terry's Fork and that Bro. T. E. Woody serve as pastor for the transaction of the business matters of the church.

It was agreed to have the next conference at Terry's Fork Church.

OBITUARIES

DON LAWS—born Apr. 22, 1887, died July 2, 1950. He has five children living. He was a true and devoted husband and had been a deacon for several years in Mine Fork Freewill Baptist church. He had many friends who miss him; but we expect to meet him again in Heaven.—By Mrs. Don Laws.

AMANDA ARROWOOD—wife of J. G. Arrowood, born Feb. 8, 1886, died June 24, 1950, age 64 years, 4 mos. 17 days. United with the Freewill Baptists in the year 1902 at Prices Creek where she lived until death. We trust her loss to us is Heaven's gain.—Frances Arrowood.

MRS. ANNE SCHULOR—age 41, died Aug. 2, 1950. She was a loyal member of the Pisgah F. W. B. church. She loved to attend church and was on her way to church when she suddenly met her death by a car accident. We believe sister Scholor is at rest according to the life she lived. She will be missed by her family and all her friends. Her little daughter, Willie Scholor, age 12, also met her death at the same time. They have gone to live together with Jesus to await Resurrection.—J. M. Redden, her friend and pastor.

MRS. LEONA HUGHES BAILEY—was born Dec. 8, 1898, died June 29, 1950. She professed faith in Christ and was baptised in 1922. She united with the F.W.B. church. We feel that if we live in faith, we'll meet her in Heaven.

In Memoriam:

A friendly face from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home—
One in Heaven has been filled.

—Mrs. Floyd Bailey, Mrs. Clyde Bailey, her
daughter-in-laws,

KENNETH E. RAY—departed this life May 18, 1950, age 19 years, 9 mos. 3 days. He was a member of the Green Mountain F.W.B. church the last 5 years of his life. I cannot say, and I will not say, that he is dead. He is just away—with a cheery smile and a wave of the hand, he has wandered into an unknown land, and left us dreaming, how very fair. It needs not be, since he lingers there; so think of him as faring on as dear, in the love of there, as the love of here; think of him still as the same, I say; he is not dead—he is just away.—His mother, Mrs. Maude Ray.

DOCK TONEY—departed this life Oct. 1949. He was a member of Fairview church. We miss him much; but one day, by God's Grace, we will see him again.

ED TONEY—(a brother of Dock)—departed this life Jan. 6, 1950. He was not a member of our church, but because of convenience, he attended Fairview for a number of years. In his last days he gave the testimony that he was ready to go.

SIDNEY S. PETERSON—Born Jan. 6, 1880, aged 69 years. Died Feb. 24, 1949. Member of the Freewill Baptist church. Surviving are his wife, Mary Peterson; three daughters, Mrs. W. B. Arrowood, of Day Book, N. C.; Mrs. R. C. Hamlin, Greensboro, N. C.; Miss Johnsie Peterson, Day Book. Two sons, O. R. Peterson, Morganton, N. C. and S. R. Peterson, Chattanooga, Tenn.; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren; four brothers, three sisters and a host of friends too numerous to mention.

REV. JULIUS VAN HENSLEY—born Feb. 26, 1879, died Aug. 17, 1950. Converted in early manhood, he was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Jacks Creek Conference of Freewill Baptists, Sept. 4, 1918. He was faithful both as a Christian and as a minister. Quiet and gentle, he always appeared to be concerned with his work. Comments made by two of his brother preachers after his death reflect the living esteem in which he was held by them who had known him so long. One said: "I believe he put all he had into the cause of Christ except enough to barely live on." The other said, "He was as much interested in other people as any man I ever knew." The text read at his funeral service was as fitting as any ever read upon such an occasion: "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith."

He will be greatly missed in our Conference by his many friends, but no doubt, most of all, by his wife, Sister Sarah Hensley, a faithful helpmate in the Gospel for 44 years of their life together. Surviving, besides his wife, are five brothers and one sister. God grant each of us the grace to be true to the Lord to the end of the way where we expect to meet him again, and forever be with the Lord.

—Frances Radford, his sister in the ministry.

BROTHER ISOM EDWARDS—departed this life Sept. 13, 1949 was a member of the Piney Hill F.W.B. church for many years and attended very often. We believe that he is asleep in the Lord and will appear with him.—B. M. Edwards.

SISTER MINNIE E. EDWARDS—died Sept. 29, 1949. She was a member of the Piney Hill F.W.B. church and lived a devoted Christian life. She is survived by her husband and family. We believe she is one of the dead in Christ and will be in the first resurrection.—B. M. Edwards.

SAM MILLER—departed this life at the age of 77 years. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist church at Higgins Chapel for 35 years. He was a man that loved everybody and visited the sick and always helped in all good causes. He endured his sickness with patience and said he was ready to go. He left a wife and six children and a host of friends and is badly missed in our church and community.—Baxter Silvers, Clerk.

MRS. THEODOSIA METCALF—born Feb. 10, 1875, died Nov. 21, 1949, age 74 years, 10 mos. 21 days. She was united in matrimony to Lee Metcalf, May 22, 1895. She professed faith in Christ in 1895, later joined the F.W.B. church at Indian Creek. After that church ceased to exist she moved her membership to Terry's Fork F.W.B. church where she remained until her death to join the redeemed. She left a husband, six children, 11 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren. Her shouts of praise ceased on earth to join with loved ones gone before. She loved prayer meetings and at almost every one attended, had a message of comfort for the weary hearted.

Sad it is to live without her,
And we miss her words of love,
But we hope again to meet her
With the loved ones up above.
Oh, the joy of that glad morning,
When the dead in Christ shall rise,
When the Lord Himself descendeth
Like the lightening from the skies.
—Written by her Husband and Daughter.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Churches	Pastor-Elect	Clerk-Address
Bald Mountain.....	Rev. Quince Miller.....	Chap Fender, Bee Log, N. C.
Big Creek.....	Rev. Ebb Wheeler.....	Mrs. Walsh Wilson Sioux, N. C.
Bowditch.....	Rev. T. E. Woody.....	Julian Boone, Miceville, N. C.
Crabtree.....	Rev. Robert Potter.....	Nell Whitehead, Rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Davistown.....	Rev. Troy McCourry.....	Mrs. Wilber Davis, Rt. 1, Old Fort, N. C.
Ernestville.....	Rev. M. C. Franklin.....	Rosa Lee Tinker Rt. 2, Box 47, Erwin, Tenn.
Fairview.....	Rev. Paul Jordan.....	Mrs. John Tony Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.
Glen Alpine.....	Rev. Gurnie McKinney.....	Eugene Powell, Rt. 2, Box 286, Morganton, N. C.
Green Mountain.....	Rev. Troy McCourry.....	Chloe Fox, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Higgins.....	Rev. Quince Miller.....	Baxter Silvers, Higgins, N. C.
Liberty.....	Rev. Arnold Wilson.....	Lloyd Allison, Rt. 4, Marion, N. C.
Liberty Chapel.....	Rev. Arnold Wilson.....	Clarence Wilson, Celo, N. C.
Low Gap.....	Rev. E. P. Blevins.....	Mrs. Wade McMahan, Vixen, N. C.
Mine Fork.....	Rev. Moss Holloway.....	Essie Laws, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Mountain Dale.....	Rev. Loss McCourry.....	Pearl Bradford, Rt. 2, Box 175, Erwin, Tenn.
Mountain View.....	Rev. Verno Davis.....	Servilla Bailey, Poplar, N. C.
North Bend.....	Rev. E. P. Blevins.....	Mrs. Clwde Duncan, Day Book, N. C.
Pattersons Branch.....	Rev. Moss Holloway.....	Mrs. Burdette Dayton, Day Book, N. C.
Pensacola.....	Rev. T. E. Woody.....	Lawrence Wilson, Pensacola, N. C.
Petersons Chapel.....	Rev. Loss McCourry.....	Lide Letterman, Day Book, N. C.
Pilgrim's Chapel.....	Rev. E. P. Blevins.....	Fannie Boone, Windom, N. C.
Piney Hill.....	Rev. Elza Robinson.....	B. M. Edwards, Bee Log, N. C.
Prigah.....	T. A. Wheeler.....	Ruby Hooper, Route 2, Canton, N. C.
Price's Creek.....	Rev. T. E. Woody.....	Roy Blankenship, Cane River, N. C.
Riverview.....	Rev. Cecil Higgins.....	Joe Horton, Erwin, Tenn.
Terry's Fork.....	Rev. T. E. Woody.....	Miss Frances Dockery, Rt. 2, Mars Hill, N. C.
Trinity.....	Rev. Stanley Parker.....	Mrs. D. A. Calhoun, Rt. 1, Erwin, Tenn.
Young's Chapel.....	Rev. Quince Miller.....	Arnold Fortner, Windom, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches and Meeting Days	No. Baptized	Added	Otherwise	Excluded	Dismissed	Deaths	Total Members	No. in S. School	Communications	No. Times Pastor Met Us	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid For Revivals	Orphanage	Paid For Home Missions	Paid For Foreign Missions	Disabled Ministers Fund	Pledges For Disabled Ministers Fund	Pledges for Missions Per Month	Poor and Sick	Value of Church Property	Improvement in Church Property
Bald Mountain 1-3	5	1	0	0	2	84	65	2	22	\$ 5.00	\$ 175.30	\$ 99.70	\$ 41.00	\$110.50					\$2.00		\$ 2,000	
Big Creek—Sun. Night	11	2	0	3	0	147	75	2	22	5.00	276.50	54.00	32.50	25.00			\$10.00		2.00		1,000	\$ 500.00
Bowditch 2-4	6	0	0	0	1	60	50	2	12	2.00	100.00	40.00	154.30	50.00		24.00		2.00	\$ 75.00		1,000	200.00
Crabtree 1-3	3	2	0	0	1	97	55	0	22	3.00	258.46	233.71	5.10	27.80				1.00	112.00		1,500	
Davistown 1-3	3	2	0	0	0	56	35	2	24	3.80	315.04	57.53	25.58				10.00	1.00	10.70		1,500	22.00
Ernestville—Full	4	3	0	1	1	85	50	2	96	5.50	173.76	103.91		23.50					21.39			
Fairview 1-3	4	4	0	4	1	133	85	1	48	5.00	273.50	95.00	69.00			60.00		5.00	76.18		2,600	
Glen Alpine 2-4	0	3	0	0	0	41	45	2	19	5.00	153.03	75.00	107.00			12.00	10.00		21.00		3,500	
Green Mtn. 2-4	0	0	0	1	2	78	50	0	24	5.00	274.50	80.00	110.42		53.01		25.00		96.76			
Higgins 1-3	10	0	0	0	1	67	70	2	24	3.00	255.55	297.60	24.00	60.00		24.00	15.00	15.00	2.00		2,000	350.00
Liberty 2-4	6	3	0	0	0	66	75	2	24	7.00	322.16	119.73	156.38	25.00		24.00	10.00	10.00	2.00	57.75	4,200	466.00
Liberty Chapel 1-3	1	1	0	0	0	16	45	2	24	4.00	86.13	18.00						4.00	90.00		200	
Low Gap 1-3	1	1	0	1	8	75	48	0	23	5.00	198.13		65.93	12.00		24.00		2.00	2.00		1,200	
Mine Fork 1-3	0	0	0	0	1	21	25	0	18	2.25	145.35		10.00	22.95				2.00			800	
Mountain Dale 2-4	18	0	0	13	1	101	70	2	24	4.52	445.00	255.00				12.00	10.00	10.00	1.00	60.00	1,000	25.00
Mountain View 4th	0	0	0	0	0	24	27	2	11	2.50	52.11	16.10		20.76		1.00	2.00		.50	4.00	300	
North Bend 1-3	1	1	0	3	2	124	90	2	23	7.70	447.00	160.00	71.15	50.00				10.00			6,000	313.00
Patterson Branch 2nd	25	8	0	0	0	56	40	2	12	3.50	85.76	29.76	7.45						1.00		550	108.00
Pensacola 2nd	9	0	0	1	0	110	55	1	24	5.00	204.00		122.51	40.74								
Peterson Chapel— Sunday Night	3	0	0	0	1	22	30	0	11	2.63	70.23	49.00				12.00	15.00	15.00	1.00	233.75	1,000	
Pilgrims Chapel 2-4	1	0	0	0	0	35	48	0	27	4.00	282.00	64.00	73.40	51.50		64.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	17.00	1,430	119.00
Piney Hill 2-4	4	3	0	3	2	122	50	1	36	3.00	22.55	34.77	26.00				5.00	5.00	1.00	22.00	2,100	1,800.00
Prices Creek 4th	0	0	2	0	4	116	75	1	12	5.00	174.55		162.74	25.00		4.00	25.00		2.00	50.00	2,000	
Pisgah 2-4	1	0	0	0	1	31	33	1	19	3.00	175.00	79.00							7.50	3,000	374.00	
Riverview—Full	60	71	9	2	1	427	300	2	22	15.00	2,800.00	350.00	162.00	642.03		24.00	50.00	50.00	2.00	344.00	18,000	7,000.00
Terry's Fork 2-4	3	2	0	3	2	37	20	2	12	3.50	220.85	75.00	69.70	50.00		36.00			3.00		1,000	
Trinity—Full	13	0	0	0	0	145	100	2	25	10.00	1,950.00	288.00	18.36	75.00		122.00	19.82	5.00	8.00		11,640	4,640.00
Youngs Chapel 2-4	6	0	0	0	0	100	75	2	24	6.00	381.95	113.00	163.70	59.60		25.00	25.00	25.00	2.00	78.00	3,200	275.00

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

1. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each church.

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

3. The Association shall elect annually a moderator and clerk.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13. The Association shall use the Free Will Baptist Treatise in full.

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1.—**The True God.** We believe that there is one and only one living and true God who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. —“There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.”—1 Tim. 2:6.

Art. 2.—**Holy Scriptures.** We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. II Tim. 3:16.

Art. 3.—**Original Apostasy** We believe that Adam was created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin.—And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eye, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat. Gen. 3:6.

Art. 4.—**Free Grace.** We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings; that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation; that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation.....For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord is rich unto all that call upon Him. Rom. 10:12.

Art. 5.—**Christian Faith.** We believe that Christian faith is belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures, that faith comes by hearing the word of God.—He that believeth in the Son hath everlasting life, but he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36.

Art. 6.—**Repentance.** We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be effectual conviction of sin.—Now I rejoice not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorrow after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. III Cor. 7:9-10.

Art. 7.—**Free Agency.** We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

Art. 8.—**Perseverance.** We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men, who have been converted, to make shipwreck of the faith, turn again to sin and be lost. And Jesus said unto him: No man having put his hands to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62.

Art. 9.—Good Works. We believe that good works 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 unto death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so also we should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4.

Art. 11.—The Lord's Supper. We believe that the supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance; that the bread and wine represent His body and blood; that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in service regardless of name or denominational distinction.—But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. I Cor. 11:28-29.

Art. 12.—Feet Washing. We believe that washing the saint's feet is a command of our Saviour, and that his followers ought to practice the same.—If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye ought to wash one another's feet. John 13:14.

Art. 13.—The Gospel. We believe it is the duty of all churches to support the Gospel.—Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. I Cor. 9:14.

RULES OF DECORUM.

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

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

Art. 3. Every member wishing to speak shall first rise to his feet and address the moderator.

Art. 4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

Art. 5. We will admit of no other title but that of Brother, while in session.

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

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

Art. 8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to, unless withdrawn by those who made it.

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

Art. 10. On all motions when the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

Art. 12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE OF JACKS CREEK FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Article 1. This body shall be known as The Ministers' Conference of 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 Article 3.

Art. 3. This body shall elect annually a president or moderator and a clerk, both ordained ministers of one year or more membership in this Conference, after his ordination.

Art. 4. Each church may send two of its members as delegates to this Conference. and when thus sent, they are entitled to a seat in the Conference with all the privileges of visiting brethren, as provided by Article 2.

Art. 5. The Conference shall meet on Friday before each fifth Sunday, with some church in the Association, previously agreed upon, or at the call of the president: provided that more than one 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 members, three 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 regularly ordained ministers; all having been ordained at least two 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 ordained 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 year; provided however, he may have said license renewed at the expiration of the Year, from time to time. All applicants for license and ordination shall first be passed upon by the Committee of Investigation, as to their character and moral standards. If satisfactory, they are then to be examined by the ordaining council openly before the house.

Art. 10. All licensed preachers are required to preach twenty-four sermons each year; and at least fifty sermons before he can succeed to ordination; provided however, he cannot be ordained until he has proved himself faithful and successful in the gospel ministry for a period of at least one year. All ordained ministers are required to preach forty-eight 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 passed sixty years of 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 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 or more ordained ministers are not present.

Art. 15. This constitution and by-laws, or any article thereof, may be suspended or amended, by 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.

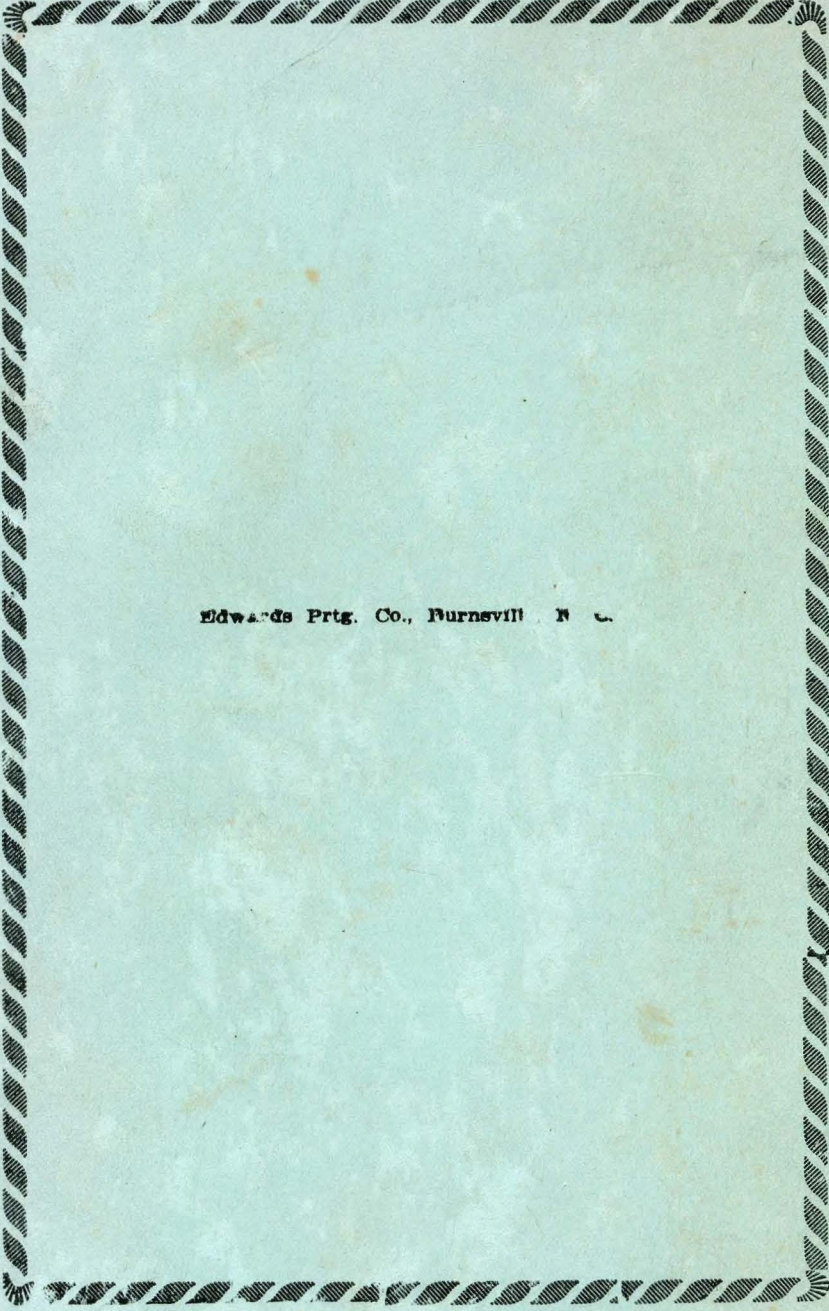
The above constitution and by-laws, duly adopted by conference in regular session at North Bend Church, June 1919. Re-adopted in conference September 1944.

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BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE**

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

All ministers received from sister FWB conferences shall be issued a certificate of ordination from our conference bearing the signatures of our council with original council's name on margin.

All ministers seeking license or membership shall be received under watch care for three months.—Amendment to Art. 9.



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