

1951 MINUTES

—Of The—

FIFTY SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

—Of The—

Jacks Creek Freewill Baptist Association

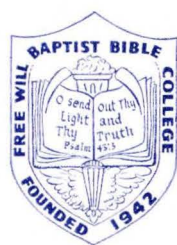
OFFICERS:

Rev. CECIL J. HIGGINS,	-	Moderator
Rev. TROY McCOURRY,	-	Clerk

This Session Held With The Trinity Free
Will Baptist Church, Erwin, Tenn..
August 30. = Sept. 1, 1951.

NEXT SESSION—

Will be held with Pensacola Freewill Baptist Church, Pensacola, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the First Sunday in September 1952 at 10:30 a. m. Rev. Cecil J. Higgins will preach the introductory sermon. Sister Frances Radford being his alternate.



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. E. M. French

OFFICERS OF JACKS CREEK ASSOCIATION AND MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

Association:

Moderator.....	Rev, Cecil J. Higgins
Clerk.....	Rev. Troy McCourry
Treasurer Disabled Ministers Fund....	Ulysses Webb
Treasurer Foreign Missions.....	Rev. Stanley Parkey
	749 N. Main st., Erwin, Tenn.
Committee Disabled Ministers Fund....	Mosco Towe, Joseph Woody, Ulysses Webb
Committee of Investigation.....	Rev. Shelby Beaver, Casie Thomas, Rev. T. E. Woody

Ministers Conference:

Moderator	Rev. Shelby Beaver
Clerk.....	Rev, Clyde Fender
Ordaining Council.....	Revs. T. E. Woody, Gurnie McKin- ney, E. P. Blevins
Committee of Investigation:.....	Revs. Grady Fender, Cecil Higgins, Troy McCourry

PROCEEDINGS

The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association met with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Erwin, Tennessee, Thursday, August 30, 1951, at 10:30 a.m. in its fifty-sixth annual session. The service began with singing by the congregation of "Have Thine Own Way." The opening Prayer was offered by Brother E. P. Blevins. Song "The Lily of the Valley." A welcome was extended to everyone present by Brother Parkey, pastor of the church.

Brother Woody used for a Scripture Lesson St. Luke 12:22-28 and Psalms 2, after which Rev. Ebb Wheeler offered Prayer. The subject of Brother Woody's message was "Consider the Lily." Brother Woody gave a wonderful message, showing that even before the beautiful water lily's beauty can be seen that it must rise from beneath the filth and mire of the water, using this to show that Christians must separate their lives from the world.

The service closed with a handshake, and the assignment of the delegation to their places, to convene in business session at 2:00 p.m.

THURSDAY EVENING

The Association met at 2:00 p.m. for the transaction of business. The service opened with singing, "When We Get to Heaven" and "Amazing Grace." The Devotional Service was conducted by Brother Barnett, reading Romans 14, Prayer by Brother C. H. Honeycutt.

The Body was called to order for business by the moderator, Brother C. J. Higgins.

The ministers present were enrolled as follows:

Richmond Barnett	Johnson City, Tenn.
Shelby Beaver	Canton, N. C.
E. P. Blevins	Windom, N. C.
Josephine Blevins	Windom, N. C.
M. C. Franklin	Rt. 1., Flag Pond, Tenn.
Grady C. Fender	Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.
Moss Holloway	Erwin, Tenn.
Cecil J. Higgins	Sioux, N. C.
Joe Honeycutt	Day Book, N. C.
C. H. Honeycutt	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.
Paul Jordan	Marion, N. C.
Troy McCourry	Day Book, N. C.
Stanley Parkey	749 N. Main, Erwin, Tenn.
W. G. Pack	Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.
Horace D. Poole	Rt. 1, Marion, N. C.
James Peterson	Rt. 3, Travelers Rest, S. C.

Floyd Ray	Pensacola, N. C.
Sankey Ramsey	Rt. 2, Erwin, Tenn.
Frances Radford	Rt. 2, Mars Hill, N. C.
Elzie Robinson	Bee Log, N. C.
Dock Taylor	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
D. N. Walker	Old Fort, N. C.
Arnold Wilson	Rt. 4, Marion, N. C.
T. E. Woody	Windom, N. C.
T. A. Watts	Rt. 2, Mars Hill, N. C.

The following were not present for enrollment but came later:

Verno Davis	Rt. 2, Erwin, Tenn.
Coy Davis	Rt. 1, Old Fort, N. C.
Clyde Fender	Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.
L. H. Griffith	Erwin, Tenn.
Quince Miller	Higgins, N. C.
J. D. McCormick	Old Fort, N. C.
Gurnie McKinney	Rt. 3, Marion, N. C.
Fulton Williams	Erwin, Tenn.

The following were not present:

E. L. Beachboard	Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.
David Campbell	Buladean, N. C.
T. A. Green	
Jack Hutchins	Swannanoa, N. C.
Gus Ledford	Bee Log, N. C.
John Murphy	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.
M. B. Westall	Cane River, N. C.
M. M. Whitson	
W. M. Brummitt	Rt. 5, Johnson City, Tenn.

Brother Moscoe Towe and Sister Radford were appointed as reading clerks and also to serve as finance committee.

Brother Shelby Beaver was appointed to receive the disabled ministers fund in the absence of Brother John Ogle.

Following the appointment of the officers the churches were enrolled and delegation seated as follows:

Bald Mountain: Milt Haney, Loretta Parker.

Big Creek: Mrs. Clate Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. Park Adkins, Bernie Adkins.

Bowditch: Julia Boone, Clarence Byrd, Casie Thomas.

Crabtree: Mr. and Mrs. Lon Whitehead, Wilson Freeman, Elizabeth Freeman,

Will McKinney, Marie Haggie.

Ernestville: John Lovett, Mrs. Sankey Ramsey, Mrs. Lucius Chandler.

Fairview: G. W. Fender, Mrs. John Toney, Miss Florence Toney, Miss Margaret Toney.

Glen Alpine: Bobby Mills, Eugene Powell.

Green Mountain: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fox, Bertha Bennett, Frank Ray.

Higgins Chapel: Tom Wheeler, Vince Higgins, Edgar Wheeler, Mrs. B. Edwards.

Liberty: Delmar Allison, J. W. Mann, J. D. Allison.

Liberty Chapel: David E. Miller.

Low Gap: Paul Ray.

Mine Fork: Etta Peterson, Pansy Robinson, Hubert Freeman, Carmon Laws.

Mountain View: Velmer Bailey.

North Bend: Mrs. Ida Peterson, Oscar Letterman, Landon Briggs.

Patterson Branch: Coy Ward, Carl Ward, Frank Robinson.

Pensacola: George Wilson, Annie Pate, Della Wilson, Sheridan Pate.

Peterson's Chapel: Mr. and Mrs. Lyda Letterman, Mrs. Ben Peterson.

Pilgrim's Chapel: Clyde Dulaney, Earnest Hughes, Harrit Hughes, Belva Hunter, Fannie Boone.

Piney Hill: Mrs. Clillon Bailey.

Prices Creek: Moscoe Towe, Francis Arrowood.

Pisgah: Rex Pless.

Riverview: Ulysses Webb, Buster Wilson, Sarah Webb, Belle Hensley.

Trinity: Mrs. D. A. Calhoun, Mrs. Lee Roy Tapp, Elbert Jenkins.

The following churches were not represented at the beginning but reported later and are given here for conveniences.

Davistown: Andrew Davis, Miss Francis Bartlett.

Mountain Dale: Emma Edwards, Minnie Chandle, Pearl Hensley, Howell Hensley.

Terry's Fork: Mrs. Albert Gardner, Mrs. T. D. Hicks, Mrs. T. A. Watts.

Young's Chapel: Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Fortner, Vernal Jones, Nate Stevens.

The following churches were seeking membership and were received under watch care of the association until next session. (Byrd Branch and Unaka Springs are newly constituted churches. Rocky Pass being a member of the Piedmont Association, were asked to get letters from the Piedmont Association:

Byrd Branch: Earnest Byrd, Sam Silvers.

Unaka Springs: Mase Tipton, Belle Carroll, Mary Adkins.

Rocky Pass: Mr. J. D. McFalls, Mr. Earsel Smith.

Following the enrollment of the delegation Rev. Cecil Higgins was elected as Moderator and Rev. Troy McCourry, Clerk. A request was received from Brother Ogle that he resign as treasurer of the disabled ministers fund. His resignation was accepted and Brother Ulysses Webb was elected.

Rev. Stanley Parkey was re-elected as treasurer of the Foreign Mission Work.

A welcome was extended to the following visiting ministers:

Rev. J. E. Floyd, Marion, N. C. _____ Piedmont FWB Association

Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Canton, N. C. _____ French Broad FWB Association

Rev. Ebb Wheeler, Sioux, N. C., and Rev. Loss McCourry, Sioux, N. C., _____
Toe River FWB Association

The rules of Decorum were then read by the moderator. The following committees were appointed:

Finance: Brother Moscoe Towe, Sister Frances Radford.

Investigation: Brothers Shelby Beaver, Casie Thomas, T. E. Woody.

Mission: Sisters D. A. Calhoun, Maphra Tapp, Ruth Nelson.

Education: Brothers Blevins, Grady Fender, Lloyd Allison.

Sabbath Schools: Brothers Paul Jordan, Leroy Tapp, Sister Fannie Boone.

Temperance: Brothers Ebb Wheeler, Garrett Fender, Arnold Wilson.

Obituaries: Sisters Julia Boone, Bonnie Adkins, Belle Hensley, Dorthy Toney.

Resolutions: Brothers J. E. Floyd, W. G. Pack, Richmond Barnett.

Deeper Devotion: Brothers Ulysses Webb, Floyd Ray, Joe Honeycutt.

Session: Brothers Clarence Byrd, Bernie Laws, Buster Wilson, George Wilson,

J. W. Mann, Sisters Annie Pate, Dorothy Toney, Jo Anne Wilson, Mrs. J. A. Buck.

Orphanage: Sister Clouse, Chairman and first named delegate from each church.

Disabled Ministers Fund: Brothers H. D. Poole, Loss McCourry, Eugene Powell.

Disabled Ministers Investigating Committee: Permanent Committee.

Churches and Pastors: Brothers Richmond Barnett, C. H. Honeycutt, Stanley Parkey, Clarence Byrd, Lyda Letterman, Sheridan Pate, Sisters Chillon, Bailey, Edwards.

Arrangements: Pastor and Trinity Church.

A motion was presented and passed that each church report on the Spiritual Condition on their church letter.

A call was extended for any churches seeking membership. The following presented themselves: Unaka Springs F.W.B. Church, Rt. 3, Erwin, Tenn., and Byrd Branch F. W. B. Church, Rt. 1, Burnsville. These were presented to the Committee of Investigation.

By motion it was passed that all reports etc., be printed in the minute and received.

The association adjourned to convene at 9:00 a.m. Friday morning. Closing prayer by Brother T. E. Woody.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The service began at 7:30 with song service by the choir. "At The Cross," "Standing on the Promises." Opening prayer by Brother Richmond Barnett. Songs "Blessed Assurance, Heavenly Sunlight, Amazing Grace." Brother Beaver used for a scripture Rev. 22:14 after which we were again led in Prayer by Brother E. P. Blevins. The subject of Brother Beaver's message was "A Man That God Can Bless."

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION — 10 BEN

The Association assembled at 9:00 a.m., singing "Amazing Grace." The Devotional Service was conducted by Brother Grady C. Fender reading 1 Cor. 2:1-11. The opening Prayer was offered by Brother D. N. Walker.

The proceedings of Friday's session were read and approved.

A call was extended for any visiting ministers and Rev. Clayton Whitson of the Toe River Association was given a welcome.

The moderator called for any churches that had not reported. The following presented their letters: Young's Chapel and Mountain Dale. Thus reports were read and delegations seated in the body.

The report of the committees were called for and presented as follows:

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

INVESTIGATION—We, your committee on Investigation report favorably on the two churches, Unaka Springs and Byrd Branch. We recommend that this body receive them under their watch care until the next association.

Committee: Rev. T. E. Woody, Rev. Shelby Beaver, Casie Thomas.
This report was adopted by the body.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on resolutions submit the following:

- I. Resolved, that all churches sponsor a daily vacation Bible School.
- II. Resolved, that we elect a committee to organize Free Will Baptist Leagues in our association.
- III. Resolved, that we urge our church members to subscribe for one of the Free Will Baptist papers.
- IV. Resolved, that we ask each home to order the "Year Book of Free Will Baptist," and make a thorough study of it to acquaint themselves with the work of the Free Will Baptists.
- V. Resolved, that our churches use the Free Will Baptist Literature as much as possible.
- VI. That this body extend a vote of thanks to this church and community for its hospitality and Christian fellowship shown the members and visitors of this association.
- VII. Resolved, that our Churches use more care in the doctrine preached in connection with Hebrews 13-9.

Committee: Rev. J. E. Floyd, Rev. Richmond Barnette

This report was discussed by Brother Barnett, W. G. Pack, Parkey, Jordan and Sister Radford. Since it contained seven different points each one was taken up and voted upon as follows:

- I. Regarding Vacation Bible School was adopted.
- II. Regarding League work was rejected.

III & IV were adopted together. (Clerk's note—For the benefit of those who might wish to subscribe to the papers and don't know the address, we will give them here: "The Free Will Baptist" published by The Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C. \$2.00 per year. "The Free Will Baptist Gem," order from "The Free Will Baptist Gem," Monette, Mo. "Young Peoples Friend," published by the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., and the "Year Book of Free Will Baptists" may be ordered for \$1.00 from Promotional Dept., 433 East Bend Drive, Nashville, Tenn.)

V. Regarding use of FWB Literature was adopted last year (See 1950 minutes.)

VI. Vote of thanks extended.

VII. This resolution concerning the preaching was adopted.

EDUCATION

The act, process or result of the educating, the systematic training of the moral and intellectual faculties.

Educate—to impart knowledge; to cultivate the moral or intellectual faculties; to instruct, train. We believe in education that will develop Christian habits, make better men and women and cause people to practice the doctrine of God. We advise that we do all we can to educate our children in the doctrine of the apostles.

Committee: Rev. E. P. Blevins, Rev. Grady Fender.

This report was discussed by Brother Blevins and adopted by the body.

Brother Croom, Supt. of the orphanage, at Middlesex, was present and made a report of the work of the orphanage, relating some of the things that had been accomplished as well as the needs of the home. He reported that the churches of the Jack's Creek Association had sent the amount of \$1454.85 to the orphanage this past year. An offering was received in the amount of \$56.62. Also a number of the churches had sent offerings to the association in the amount of \$51.47. (Note: The above report does not include the support of the churches in Tennessee as their offerings go to the home at Greeneville, Tenn.)

The Association adjourned until 2:00 p.m. for worship service at 11:00 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Assembled for worship service at 11:00 a.m. Song "Are You Ready?" We were then led in Prayer by Brother Quince Miller, Sister Radford used for a Scripture lesson the following: 1 Peter 5:1-7, James 4:10, Phil. 2.3, using for a subject "Humility." The service closed with a handshake.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Met at 2:00 p.m. singing "We Will Understand it Better By and By." The Devotional Service was conducted by Brother Floyd Ray reading Psalms 34:1-5. Prayer by Brother Paul Jordan. The moderator called the body to order for business.

The letter was received and read from Davistown Church. A call was extended to any churches seeking membership and one was presented, Rocky Pass Free Will Baptist, Nebo, N. C. They were presented to the committee on investigation.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

SABBATH SCHOOLS— We recommend that our churches take a greater interest in our Sabbath Schools than in the years that are past, that we may train our children, realizing that in them is the future of our churches. We also recommend that we study the word that we might have a better understanding. "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Eph. 6:4.

Committee: Lee Roy Tapp, Rev. L. P. Jordan, Fannie Boone.

The report of the committee on Deeper Devotion was received 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 once in the New Testament in Acts 17:23—"For as I passed by and beheld your Devotions."

"Let Love be with dissimulation." Acts 12:9-10.

"Let not therefore sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey it in the lusts thereof," Romans 6:12.

Deeper Devotions would depend upon how much we would put on display the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

Committee: Ulysses Webb, Floyd Ray, Joe Honeycutt.

The committee on orphanage agreed to use the same report as last year.

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 expense of the truck. We ask each minister to impress upon their people's minds the need of supporting the orphanage.

Committee: Julia Boone, Bell Hensley, Tom Wheeler, Lyda Letterman, Bonnie Adkins, Clillon Bailey.

The report of the committee on Disabled Ministers Fund was received, discussed by Brothers Poole Gouge, Parkey, Blevins, and adopted.

DISABLED MINISTERS FUND

We, your committee on Disabled Ministers Fund, submit the following recommendations: (1) That each pastor appoint a committee in his church, preferably among the deacon board, to present this cause before the people and urge its importance upon them, also to see that the churches pledge to this cause is paid. (2) We also recommend that a committee be appointed from this association to investigate the terms under which we could co-operate with the superannuation board of N. C. State Association of F. W. Baptists.

Committee: H. D. Poole, Loss McCourry, Eugene Powell.

Following the discussion, a committee was appointed to visit both the N. C. and Tenn. State Association and make the investigations as recommended in this report. The following were appointed: Rev. Troy McCourry, Stanley Parkey, Cecil Higgins.

The report of the committee on churches and pastors was read, discussed by Brothers Parkey, Higgins, Miller, Honeycutt and adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCHES AND PASTORS

We, your committee on churches and pastors submit the following: We recommend that each church elect their pastor as early in July as possible in order that each church may have a chance to get a pastor.

To the church—Eph. 5:25-27, "Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it: That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such things; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

James 1:22. "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." Romans 12:1. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice."

To the pastors: Acts 20-28, "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."

The letter from the church at Terry's Fork was read at this time.

The committee of investigation recommended that Rocky Pass Church be received under the watch care of the association until they obtain a letter from the Piedmont Association of which they were a member.

The following reports from the finance committee were received:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We report that we have received from the churches of the Jack's Creek Association the sum of \$147.21.

Allowed for moderator	\$10.00
Allowed for clerk	15.00
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Total	\$25.00
Balance for Minutes	\$122.21

Committee: Moscoe Towe, Francis Radford.

Treasurer's Report: Disabled Minister's Fund

Balance—Last Association	\$1403.57
Received from Ministers Conference	67.00
Received from Trinity Church	21.00
Received from Churches at Association	237.00
Total	\$1728.97
Paid for Bond	\$5.00
Balance	\$1723.97

Treasurer's Report. Missions

Balance—Last Association	\$492.19
Received Sept., 1950, August 30, 1951	225.99
Received as Association	162.00
Total	\$880.18
Paid to Sister Stevens	360.00
Balance in Bank	\$520.18

The Association adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning with services tonight at 7:30.

WORSHIP SERVICE—FRIDAY NIGHT

The service was opened with singing, "Love Lifted Me," after which we were led in Prayer by Brother Bill Beam.

The Riverview quartet sang the following numbers: "Blessed Rock of Ages," "Go Down to the Jordan River," and "Peace in the Valley."

After the song service the Service was given to Sister Stanley from the F. W. B. Home for children, at Greeneville, Tenn. Several of the children were present and presented a program which was an inspiration to all. A number of songs were sung, poems and recitations, one of which we are printing here in the minute as we feel it would be helpful to all. A very interesting part of the program was the candle-light service, "Let Your Light Shine."

HOW IS YOUR "GIVINGS ACCOUNT"?

In some banks in many cities, deposits can be made by customers without leaving their automobiles. This novelty added to our banking system is an idea centuries old.

Another Banker installed such a service ages ago. He will receive your deposits anywhere and the credit is transferred to Next World's Account.

The exchange rate is good too: favoring the depositor. But the system is vastly under developed—for most Christians do not sustain their accounts with regularity. It is regularity that builds. A penny a day is much better than a dollar a year. The amount is not half as important as the spirit in which the deposit is made—the SPIRIT OF GIVING. The Banker won't stamp your deposit book unless this spirit is present. Like traveler's checks, which may be cashed anywhere, so Givings Deposits can be made. School children, executives or housewives may activate their givings.

Billy has a bigger lunch than Samuel. Billy likes his lunch but he wants to put some of it in his Givings Account. So he shares with Samuel.

Mary Taylor, a busy housewife with plenty problems of her own, decides to bake a few loaves of bread. When they come out of the oven in their delicious goodness, she quickly wraps up the biggest loaf and sends it to poor Mrs. Higgins, whose husband is dead. Although Mrs. Higgins is delighted, she wonders how Mary can be so inclined to give things away. She doesn't realize that Mary will see this bread again, blessed of course, in the next world.

Don't look for some grand job to do—assist a widow, feed or clothe a little child and send him to school. Let the Pharisees rattle their trumpets. But pour your gifts in this Givings Account wrapped in silent cotton.

Open a Givings Account! Keep it open! Here is the charter of the Grace Givings Account and Loan Association:

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you meet with all it shall be measured to you again."

What a challenge to Christians everywhere today!

An offering in the amount of \$47.47 was received for the home.

Brother Blevins then read Acts 6 and 1 Tim. 3:1, and delivered a brief message on the qualifications and duties of a deacon, after which there was an ordination service of some deacons in Trinity Church.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled at 9:00 a.m. singing "The Lily of the Valley."

The Devotional Service was conducted by Rev. Verno Davis. He used for a scripture lesson St. John 1. The opening Prayer was offered by Rev. Clyde Fender.

The minutes of Friday's session were read and approved.

The report of the State Convention to the National Association was read by the moderator.

A motion was presented and voted that the committee appointed to visit the State Association be allowed to report the Statistics of our churches to the convention, also that we print the report of the State Convention in our minutes. (Note: This report will be found toward the back of the minute).

This report of the committee on Missions was read and adopted as follows:

MISSIONS

We, your committee on missions, respectfully submit the following recommendations to the churches of the Jack's Creek Association: We would like to ask them to pay their pledges for missions more promptly than they have been and that we make a greater effort to help sponsor and care for our mission work.

We would like to give just a brief report of the work of Rev. and Mrs. Willey, our missionaries to Cuba. In six years (1941-47) the work in Cuba has covered several thousand miles with forty preaching places, nine organized F W. B. churches, with around one thousand members. Compare this with the work of our own association. In our 56th year, we have thirty-one churches with around 2500 members.

Our hearts should be stirred to make us do more for our Lord because we know we will meet all we do again.

Then for our home missions we have a number of children in each community that needs help in clothing to be able to go to school. We have time for idleness. God needs people that will work for him, may we all wake up and get busy for our Lord.

Committee: Mrs. D. A. Calhoun, Mrs. Otis Nelson, Mrs. Leroy Tapp.

A motion was presented and voted that if any churches, not now having made pledges for the foreign mission work, should decide to do so, that any amount of money collected from new pledges be sent to the State Mission board.

Voted to change the church letter from "No. of Communion" to "Communion and Foot Washing."

The report of the committee on temperance was read, discussed by Brothers Ebb Wheeler and Stanley Parkey and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, desire to submit the following: We feel that temperance in alcoholic beverages does not apply to Christians. According to article seven in our church Covenant, we agreed to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, when we became a member of the church. We advise our people to be temperate in their daily walk of life and in dealing with our fellowman and that we strive to stay in the Center of God's Will.

Committee: G. W. Fender, Arnold Wilson, R. F. Gouge (sub. for Brother Wheeler).

This report of the committee on Sessions was received as follows:

REPORT ON SESSION

The next session of the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Pensacola F. W. B. Church, Pensacola, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1952, at 10:30 a.m. Rev. C. J. Higgins will preach the introductory message, Sister Francis Radford being his alternate.

Clarence Byrd, Buster Wilson, Annie Pate, J. W. Mann, Mrs. John Toney, George Wilson, Joann Wilson.

A Motion was presented to adjourn. Prayer by Brother T. E. Woody.

MINISTERS REPORTS, Etc. (Baptized)

M. C. HOLLOWAY: Pastored two churches, preached 107 sermons, witnessed 17 professions, conducted two revivals, married one couple, baptized thirteen, received ten into the church, money received \$350.00, money given to the cause \$60.00, traveled 1000 miles.

J. M. REDDEN: Preached thirty sermons assisted in three revivals, witnessed thirty-four professions, money received \$236.13. Brethern pray for me.

ARNOLD WILSON: Pastor of two churches, helped in three revivals, conducted four communion services, baptized twenty-three, preached eighty-five sermons, received \$526.60, money given for the cause \$75.88.

CLYDE FENDER: Pastor of one church, preached forty sermons, helped in one revival, witnessed sixty professions, received twenty into the church, baptized five, conducted four funerals, money received \$296.00, money given \$210.00, expenses \$50.00. Traveled 1000 miles.

GURNIL McKINNEY: Pastored two churches, conducted three revivals, conversions twenty-two, preached eighty-two sermons, members received, forty-two; baptized ten, special sermons and lectures ten, marriage ceremonies one, conducted one funeral, money received \$630.40, money raised for the cause \$300.00.

TROY McCOURRY: Pastored two churches, preached one hundred-eight sermons, witnessed ten professions, baptized four, received four into the church, conducted two communion services, conducted three funerals, two revivals, received \$583.97.

VERNO DAVIS: Preached fifty-two sermons, taught twenty-two Sunday School lessons, conducted one communion service, money received \$70.00, money given \$48.65. Pray for me.

JOE HONEYCUTT: Delivered fifty-six messages, conducted two revival meetings, witnessed sixteen professions, baptized five, organized one church, received five into the church, traveled 1100 miles, received \$60.75. Money given for the cause \$35.00.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference convened with the church at Terry's Fork, Friday, October 27, 1950 at 10:30 in its First Quarterly Conference.

The introductory message was given by the Rev. Stanley Parkey, using for a subject, "Good Ground."

The Evening session convened at 2:00 p.m. after the song service and reading of a scripture lesson from St. John 10: 1-14 the moderator called the conference to order for business. The ministers roll was called. An offering of \$5.00 was received for disabled ministers fund. The minute of the last session was read and adopted.

A letter from Brother Sankey was received, asking that his license be renewed for 12 months. Voted to renew them for twelve months.

A committee on topics was appointed as follows: Brother E. P. Blevins, Shelby Beaver and Floyd Ray.

A letter was presented by Brother J. D. McCormick for license. He was received under watch-care for three months.

A letter was presented by Brother Floyd Ray for license. Having been under watch-care, the committee of investigation reported favorably.

In absence of two members of the ordaning council, Brother C. J. Higgins and Brother Beaver were appointed to serve Pro-Tem. Brother Ray was examined and granted license for twelve months.

Brother Beaver preached a good message, on "The Word of God" in the Friday Night Service.

The conference voted to grant Brother Sankey Ramsey the right to baptize in case he has an ordained deacon to assist him.

A topic was presented for discussion as follows: "What will do Most to make the Ministry More Effective?"

Voted to hold next conference at Pilgrims Chapel, Windom, N. C. Introductory Message by Brother Jordon.

The Conference Convened with Pilgrims Chapel Church, Windom, N. C. Friday December 29, 1950 at 11:00 a. m. in its second Quarterly conference. Brother Jordon being absent the message was given by Brother Green. He used for a subject, "The Time Is Come That Judgment Begin at the House of God." "If it begin at us, what shall be the end of those who obey not the Gospel?"

After the song service a scripture lesson was read by Rev. Verno Davis from Psalms 24, followed with Prayer by Brother Miller.

The Ministers roll was called and passed upon character of those present as good. An offering of \$11.00 was received for the disabled ministers fund. The minutes of former conference was read and approved.

Brother J. D. McCormick presented himself for license and was asked to remain under watch-care until next conference.

A committee on topics was appointed as follows: Brothers Miller, Blevins, Higgins.

The message, Friday night, was given by Brother Parkey from the subject, "It is I, be not afraid—we see Jesus."

In the Saturday morning session the report of the committee on topics was received as follows: (1) Can a Christian have peace under every condition of life? If so, how? (2) Is the plan of redemption through Christ complete as yet to be completed?

A letter was presented from Riverview Church recommending Brother Barnett for ordination. He was examined by the council and ordained with Prayer and laying on of hands.

A motion was presented and voted to ask each minister to attend the conference and remain until after the Sunday morning service.

Voted to hold next Conference at Bald Mountain Church, Bee Log, N. C.

The conference convened with the Bald Mountain Church, Bee Log, N. C., Friday, April 27, 1951, at 10:30 a.m. in its third quarterly conference. The introductory message was given by Brother Beaver, using for a subject, "Let Adorning be the hidden man of the heart."

The conference convened at 2:00 p.m. After song service a scripture lesson was read from St. John 15 by Brother Holloway, followed by Prayer by Brother Miller.

The ministers roll was called and passed upon the character of those present. An offering of \$15.00 was received for disabled ministers fund.

A committee on topics was appointed as follows: Brothers Ebb Wheeler, Miller, Higgins.

The following resolution was presented and adopted: "Any minister who misses two conferences in succession, unless providentially hindered, his name shall be dropped from the roll."

Brother Franklin brought a message at 3:00 p.m. from the subject, "Man in Man—God in Man."

The conference met at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. After the song service, a devotional service was conducted by Brother Gurnie McKinney, reading Psalms 116.

The following topic was presented for discussion: "Why can't the Natural Man receive the things of God? Who is the natural man?"

In the Saturday evening session a letter was received from Terry's Fork Church recommending Brother F. A. Watts, for license. He was received under watch-care for three months.

Voted to have next conference at Fairview Church, Nebo, N. C.

The conference met with Fairview Church, Nebo, N. C., Friday, July 27, 1951, in its fourth Quarterly Conference.

The introductory message was given by Brother T. A. Watts. He used for a topic, "The Tongue."

The Friday evening session met at 2.00 p.m. Following the song service Brother Beaver read St. John 15. Prayer by Brother Miller. The ministers roll was called. The following delinquent ministers offered and were rested: Brothers Coy Davis, Grady Fender, C. H. Honeycutt, Joe Honeycutt, Jack Hutchins, E. L. Beachboard, Sankey Ramsey. Called for the fellowship of the conference. An offering of \$22.00 was received for the disabled ministers fund.

The former minute was read and approved. Committee on Topics: Brothers Higgins, Miller, Beaver.

Brother Sankey Ramsey presented letter for ordination. He was presented to council.

Brother Beaver brought a good message on "Christian Perfection" at 3:15.

Brother Blevins brought a message at 7:30 from the subject "Endure Hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

In the Saturday morning session the report of the committee of investigation was received. They recommended Brother T. A. Watts for license, and Brother McCormick was asked to remain under watch-care until next conference.

In absence of two members of ordaining council—Brothers Grady Fender and Shelby Beaver were appointed to serve Pro. with Brother Blevins. Brother Watts was examined by the council and granted license for twelve months.

The following topic was presented for discussion. "How Should the Word of God as the Gospel be preached?"

Brother Miller gave a good message at 11:00 from the subject: "Love is as strong as death, but Jealousy as cruel as the grave."

In the Saturday evening session, Brother Sankey Ramsey was presented for ordination but was asked to wait until the Association because of the absence of the entire ordaining council.

Conference adjourned to meet in connection with the association.

The Conference convened with the church at Trinity, Saturday, September 1, at 10:15 in connection with the association.

The ministers roll was called and passed upon character of those present. An offering of \$14.00 was received for disabled ministers fund.

The following officers were elected: Moderator—Rev. Shelby Beaver; Clerk—Rev. Clyde Fender; Ordaining Council—Rev. T. E. Woody, Rev. Gurnie McKinney, Rev. E. P. Blevins; Committee of Investigation—Rev. Grady Fender, Rev. Troy McCourry, Rev. C. J. Higgins.

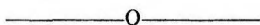
Brother J. D. McCormick presented himself for license and Brothers Floyd Ray and Sankey Ramsey.

The committee of investigation passed upon the Brothers as favorable and they were presented to the ordaining council. Upon examination by the council Brother J. D. McCormick was granted license for twelve months and Brothers Floyd Ray and Sankey Ramsey were ordained.

After discussion concerning the church and preachers (Joe Honeycutt and Moss Holloway) at Byrd Branch, Brother Grady Fender was appointed to work with the preachers and church.

A move was presented to appoint a committee to organize churches when needed. Voted to appoint the conference committee of investigation for this purpose.

Conference adjourned to meet with Green Mountain Church, Burnsville, North Carolina.



REPORT OF OBITUARIES COMMITTEE

MRS. JENNIE WESTALL ENGLAND—Was born February 7, 1914, died August 23, 1951. She professed faith in Christ and united with the church at Prices Creek, December 16, 1928. She was a devoted Christian and a wonderful mother. She is survived by her husband Marcus England, two daughters and one son, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Westall, six sisters and two brothers.

—Mrs. M. sco Towe.

MRS. MARY BUCHANAN: was born April 11, 1865 and departed this life October 19, 1950. She accepted Christ at an early age. She was the mother of nine children. All of whom survive except one, she had seventy-two grand children, and thirty-five great grand children. She is missed by the children and a host of friends. We expect to meet her again, which is a glorious promise.

—The Family.

WALTER WILLIAMS: was born October 7, 1896 and departed this life March 23, 1950. He was a faithful member of the Green Mountain Freewill Baptist Church. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

L. B. BRINKLEY was born August 24, 1879 and departed this life March 9, 1951. He was a member of the Young's Chapel F.W.B. Church since its organization. He left a wife, six children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. We believe that our loss is Heavens gain because of the witness of the Spirit of God that was manifest in his life. He is greatly missed by all who knew him. We believe that he is just resting from his labors awaiting the coming of the Lord.

—Mrs. Nell Fortner.

REPORT FROM N. C. F.W.B. STATE CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Number State-wide bodies: Four—Sunday School Convention; League Convention; Woman's Auxiliary Convention; State Convention of Churches.	
Number District Conferences or Associations	9
Number Churches	306
Number Members	40,029
Number Ministers	324
Number Members Baptized	2621
Total Members Received	3646
Number Leagues	82
Number Woman's Auxiliaries	199
Number Sunday Schools	251
Value Church Property	\$2,156,450.00
Value Denominational Property in this State	326,808.63
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Total Value Free Will Baptist Property in State	\$2,483,258.63
Paid Pastors	212,919.34
Raised for Missions	15,320.12
Raised for Orphanage	74,748.78
Raised for Christian Education	6,123.47
Raised for Superannuation	5,526.11
Raised for all other purposes	244,870.50
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Total Money Raised	\$ 559,508.50

This Report prepared from the latest available statistics.

7/3/51

By: M. L. JOHNSON, Promotional Secretary.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Bald Mountain	Quince Miller	Chap Fender, Bee Log, N. C.
Big Creek	Clate Whitson	Mrs. Wash Wilson, Sioux, N. C.
Bowditch	T. E. Woody	Julia Boone, Micaville, N. C.
Byrd Chapel	Joe Honeycutt	June Higgins, R. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Crabtree	Fulton Williams	Nell Whitehead, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Davistown	Troy McCourry	Andrew Davis, R. 1, Old Fort, N. C.
Ernestville	Fulton Williams	Mrs. Guy Loyd, R. 2, Box 50½, Erwin, Tenn.
Fairview	L. P. Jordan	Mrs. John Toney, R. 1, Nebo, N. C.
Glen Alpine	Gurnie McKinney	Eugene Powell, R. 2, Box 286, Morganton, N. C.
Green Mountain	Troy McCourry	Mrs. Joe Woody, R. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Higgins Chapel	J. C. Barnett	Tom Wheeler, Higgins, N. C.
Liberty	Clyde Fender	Loyd Allison, R. 4, Marion, N. C.
Liberty Chapel	Arnold Wilson	Clarence Wilson, Celo, N. C.
Low Gap	Floyd Ray	Mrs. Wade McMahan, Vixen, N. C.
Mine Fork	Mass Holloway	Essie Laws, R. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Mountain Dale	Loss McCourry	Mrs. Andy Bradford, R. 2, Box 175, Erwin, Tenn.
Mountain View	Harris Street	Servilla Bailey, Poplar, N. C.
North Bend	E. P. Blevins	Mrs. Clyde Duncan, Day Book, N. C.
Patterson's Branch	Mass Holloway	Mrs. Burdette Deyton, R. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Pensacola	T. E. Woody	Lawrence Wilson, Pensacola, N. C.
Peterson's Chapel	Grady C. Fender	Lyda Letterman, Day Book, N. C.
Pilgrim's Chapel	E. P. Blevins	Fannie Boone, Windom, N. C.
Piney Hill	Elsie Robinson	Sam Bradford, Bee Log, N. C.
Pisgah	T. A. Wheeler	Jessie Garrell, R. 2, Canton, N. C.
Prices Creek	T. E. Woody	Moscoe Towe, Cane River, N. C.
Riverview	Cecil J. Higgins	Joe Horton, R. 3, Erwin, Tenn.
Rocky Pass	Clyde Fender	Mrs. Gene Holland, R. 1, Marion, N. C.
Terry's Fork	T. E. Woody	Opal Dockery, R. 2, Mars Hill, N. C.
Trinity	Stanley Parkey	Mrs. D. A. Calhoun, R. 1, Erwin, Tenn.
Unaka Springs	Loss McCourry	Belle Carroll, R. 3, Box 200, Erwin, Tenn.
Young's Chapel	Quince Miller	Arnold Fortner, R. 2, Burnsville, N. C.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Bald Mountain, 1st	6	5	0	4	4	85	65	1	12	5.80	186.87	95.30	100.65	95.00				2.00	95.00	2000.00	
Big Creek, 1-3	1	1	0	0	0	147	75	0	41	4.00	267.75	26.50	10.00	45.37		10.00		2.00		1000.00	
Bowditch, 1-3	0	0	0	0	0	50	70	0	20	4.00	129.32		136.65	40.00	24.00			2.00	50.00	1000.00	
Byrd Branch, 1-4	5	3				21	25		15	2.55	19.35	21.20	21.10				10.00			400.00	
Crabtree, 2-4	0	1	59	0	0	39	50	0	26	3.00	256.75	154.87	12.00	82.25				1.00		1500.00	
Davistown, 1-3						56	40	1	24	3.20	256.27	77.00	25.99	30.00	12.00			1.00	50.00	1800.00	140.00
Ernestville, Full	6	2	0	0	1	92	40	2	Full	5.50	48.83	14.66	12.54						27.94	3500.00	513.76
Fairview, 1-3	8	6	0	2	1	144	100	2	24	5.00	331.55	100.00	54.00	101.60	60.00			5.00	87.38	2600.00	
Glen Alpine, Full	4	1	5	26	0	19	40	2	24	3.00	258.12	114.01	47.11		12.00	10.00	10.00		38.62	3700.00	200.00
Green Mountain, 2-4	1	2	0	0	0	30	60	1	22	4.30	239.00	175.00	146.44	91.57		25.00		2.00	200.00	1000.00	50.00
Higgins, 1-3	3	0	0	0	0	70	60	0	16	3.00	240.00	111.00	42.00	200.00	24.00	15.00	15.00	2.00		2350.00	
Liberty, 2-4	20	4	0	0	0	85	80	4	25	10.00	348.09	223.80	132.56	253.44	24.00	10.00	10.00	2.00	90.00	4600.00	676.27
Liberty Chapel, 1-2	5	5	0	0	0	20	50	0	25	2.00	182.00	10.00	11.00	10.00					20.00	573.50	
Low Gap, 1-3	4	1	0	0	0	80	48	1	20	5.00	229.11		49.00	20.00	24.00	10.00		2.00		3000.00	
Mine Fork, 3	1	1	0	0	1	23	21	0	12	2.00	99.02	18.25		74.20				2.00		800.00	
Mountain Dale, 2-4	1	0	0	0	0	102	65	1	22	4.45	484.00	32.00			12.00	10.00	10.00	1.00	96.21	1000.00	
Mountain View, 4	0	0	0	4	2	15	22	1	11	2.50	37.20	10.00		4.00				.50	15.25	500.00	50.00
North Bend, 1-3	0	0	0	4	1	120	80	1	36	8.10	377.00	68.50	45.36			10.00	10.00			6000.00	
Patterson Branch, 2	7	4	0	0	1	66	35	1	24	3.30	56.75	24.00	5.40					1.00		658.00	
Pensacola, 2	4	0	0	2	0	112	75	1	21	6.00	300.00	61.60	134.74	28.30	12.00	15.00	15.00	1.00	50.00	7000.00	7000.00
Peterson's Chapel, 1-3	0	0	0	0	0	22	25	0	33	3.00	121.84	27.00				1.00				3500.00	
Pilgrim's Chapel, 1-3	6	0	0	0	0	35	48	1	23	4.00	357.00	48.67	146.60	46.60	61.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	62.50	1430.00	22.88
Piney Hill, 2-4	3	4	0	0	0	59	40	1	32	2.50	Not Known	34.50	12.00	22.50		5.00	5.00	1.00	11.00	3000.00	
Pisgah, 2-4	2	11	0	0	1	48	40	0	24	3.00	236.50	58.65	10.00			7.00				3000.00	60.00
Prices Creek, 4	1	1	0	0	1	116	110	1	11	5.00	214.55		89.85		25.00	15.50		2.00	50.00	2000.00	202.95
Riverview, Full	41	3	0	0	0	448	260	3	Full	15.00	3,200.00	774.81	175.00	200.06	24.00	50.00	50.00	2.00	11.26	21000.00	2911.12
Rocky Pass, 2-4	15	5	0	2	0	36	50	2	23	5.00	295.12	96.20	25.00	218.93					35.35	1500.00	500.78
Terry's Fork, 2-4	0	5	0	4	0	60	30	2	20	4.00	299.75	124.64	45.80	75.00	36.00			3.00		2500.00	409.79
Trinity, Full	4	3	0	0	0	152	103	2	52	10.00	1,950.00	369.47	101.28	207.72	173.22	41.22	5.00	8.00		12000.00	786.65
Unaka Springs, 1-3	11	0	0	0	0	42	65	2	26	3.00	188.93	143.71		23.75		10.00				2000.00	300.00
Young's Chapel, 2	0	0	0	2	1	85	85	1	12	6.00	289.76	115.11	135.30	225.30	25.00	25.00	25.00	2.00	11.00	3000.00	23.50

CHURCH COVENANT.

1. Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, 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. 11 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.

Chutch Letter

To The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association

Date.....

To The Jacks Creek FWB Association now in session at.....

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:—

(1.) Our meeting days	(12) Paid Pastor \$
(2) Number baptised	(13) Paid for Revivals \$
(3) Added otherwise	(14) Orphanage \$
(4) Excluded	(15) Home Missions \$
(5) Dismissed	(16) Foreign Missions \$
(6) Deaths	(17) Disabled Ministers Fund \$
(7) Total Members	(18) Pledges—Disab. Minst'r Fund
(8) Number in Sunday School	(19) Monthly Mission Pledge \$
(9) Communion & Foot washings	(20) Poor and Sick \$
(10) No. times Pastor present	(21) Value Church Property \$
(11) Minute Fund	(22) Improvements Ch Prop'y \$

Revival conducted by

Present Pastor

Pastor elect

Steward Clerk

Address

