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1953 Jacks Greek Free Will Baptist Minutes

of the

Fifty-Eighth Annual Session

HELD WITH
Liberty Free Will Baptist Church,
Rt. 4, Marion, N. C.
September 3, 4, 5, 1953.

Officers:

Rev. T. E. WOODY, . - - Moderator Rev, TROY McCOURRY, - . Clerk

NEXT SESSION

The next session will be held with Riverview F W B Church, Erwin, Tenn.. to begin Thursday before 1st Sunday in Sept., 1954. Rev. T. E. Woody to preach the introductory message; Rev. Richmond Barnett his alternate.

OFFICERS OF JACKS CREEK ASSOCIATION AND MINISTERS CONFERENCE

ASSOCIATION

Moderator—Rev. T. E. Woody,	Windom, N. C.
Clerk-Rev. Troy McCourry	
Treasurer-Disabled Ministers Fund-Ulysses Web	b, rt. 3 Erwin, Tenn.
Treasurer—Foreign Missions—Stanley Parkey	
Committee of Investigation—Disabled Minister's F	und: Moscoe Towe,
Joe Woody, Ulysses Webb.	
Committee of Investigation: C. J. Higgins, Cly	de Fender, Stanley
Parkey.	•

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Moderator	Troy McCourry
Assistant Moderator	Paul Jordan
Clerk	ev. Clyde Fender
Assistant Clerk Rev.	Grady C. Fender
Ordaining Council: Rev. T. E. Woody, Rev. Paul	Jordan, Rev. C. J.
Higgins.	•
Committee of Investigation: Rev. Troy McCo	urry, Rev. John
Murphy, Rev. Grady C. Fender.	

PROCEEDINGS

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association convened with the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Route 4, Marion, N. C., Thursday, September 3, 1953, in its 58th annual session.

The service began at 10:30 a.m. with singing by the choir, "If

We Had No Jesus" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." The

opening prayer was offered by Rev. Cecil J. Higgins.

Brother Clyde Fender, Pastor, extended a welcome to all ministers and delegates and presented Sister Frances Radford to preach the introductory message.

Sister Radford read from 1st Timothy Chapter 1-2 3, using for a subject, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.'

Sister Radford delivered a good message, especially to the minist-

ry. Closing prayer was offered by Brother Richmond Barnett.

The service was dismissed to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. A delicious meal was spread by the ladies of the church, which was enjoyed by all

THURSDAY EVENING

The Association met at 1:00 p.m. for business session. Song, "I'll Be Satisfied." The devotional service was conducted by Brother Floyd Ray reading 1 Cor. Chapter 13. Prayer by Brother

Grady C. Fender.

The body was called to order for business by the Moderator, Brother T. E. Woody, who gave some wonderful instructions to the delegation and ministers to do all we can for the glory of God, not to be slothful in business but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

The ministers present were enrolled. (NOTE: The ministers

roll will be found in the back of the minute).

Reading Clerk and Finance Committee appointed as follows: Sister Frances Radford and Brother Clyde Fender. Brother Moscoe Towe was appointed to receive the orphanage money.

The churches were enrolled and delegates were seated as follows:

CHURCH AND DELEGATES

BALD MOUNTAIN-Chap Fender, Bruce Fender, Carl Wilson. BIG CREEK-Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Adkins, Mrs. Clifford Honeycutt, Mrs. Leona Whitson.

BOWDITCH: Julia Boone, Clarence Byrd, Flossie Harris, Maxie

Ray, Mrs. Sara Hensley, Bertie Hensley.

CRABTREE: Lon Whitehead, Will McKinney, Clarence Roberson. DAVISTOWN-Melvin Sperlin, Vestie Davis.

ERNESTVILLE-John Lovett,

FAIRVIEW-Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pack, Edith Lamb.

GLEN ALPINE-Martha White, Lizzy Cooper, Tony Abner.

GREEN MOUNTAIN—Earl Fox, Bertha Bennett, Esther Fox.

HIGGINS: Tom Wheeler, Mrs. Bernie Edwards.

LIBERTY: Lloyd Allison, Bob McMahan.

LIBERTY CHÁPEL: Clarence Wilson, Sam Carroll, Earl Boone, Cecil Gurley.

LOW GAP: Mrs. Vaughn Gaddy, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ray.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: By letter.

NORTH BEND—Clyde Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Park Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Renfro.

PENSACOLA-George Wilson, Lawrence Wilson, Annie Pate.

PETERSONS CHAPEL—Mrs. Ben Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Lyda Letterman, Mrs. Lloyd Laws.

PILGRIMS CHAPEL-Ernest Hughes, Clyde Dulaney.

PRICES CREEK-Mosco Towe, W. R. Arrowood.

RIVERVIEW—Mr. and Mrs. Ulyses Webb, Joe Horton, Harley Edwards, Belle Hensley.

ROCKY PASS-Lewis Holland, Claude Morgan.

TERRYS FORK-Zenis Allen, Vivian Gardner, Mrs. Minnie Radford.

TRINITY-Elbert Jenkins, Orlando Jones, Dee Adkins.

UNAKA SPRINGS-Raymond Howell, Birdie Griffith.

YOUNGS CHAPEL—Arnold Fortner, Ada Jones, Ola Price, Cora Honeycutt.

PINEY HILL-By letter.

The Following churches were not present, but reported later: MOUNTAIN DALE—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hensley, Ollie Hensley, Conley Hensley.

PISGAH-Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Shuford, Rev. T. A. Wheeler.

MINE FORK-By letter after association.

PATTERSONS BRANCH-By letter after association.

The following churches were seeking membership. They were presented to the committee of investigation and delegates seated as follows:

BYRD BRANCH-Jim Woodby, Horace Higgins.

RIDGEWAY-Homer Roland, Louise Estes, Blanche Romine.

NICKS CREEK-Jack Brooks, Marion Elliott, Floyd Cable.

Following the enrollment of churches and ministers, Rev. T. E. Woody was elected moderator and Rev. Troy McCourry, clerk. Brother Clyde Fender assistant moderator.

The Rules of Decorum were then read by the clerk.

A committee of investigation was appointed as follows: Brothers C. J. Higgins, Clyde Fender, Stanley Parkey.

Sister Franklin, a visiting minister was welcomed to a seat.

The committees were appointed as follows:

FINANCE-Frances Radford, Clyde Fender.

INVESTIGATION-C. J. Higgins, Clyde Fender, Stanley Parkey.

MISSIONS-Stanley Parkey, Orlanda Jones, Clarence Byrd.

EDUCATION-Frances Radford, Bernice Adkins, Belle Hensley.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—Arnold Wilson, Eugene Powell, Joe Horton. TEMPERANCE—W. G. Pack, Ulysses Webb, Bertha Hensley.

OBITUARIES—Julia Boone, Flossie Harris, Annie Pate. RESOLUTIONS—Moss Holloway, Arnold Fortner, Richard Barnett, DEEPER DEVOTION—E. P. Blevins, Zenis Allen, Minnie Radford, SESSIONS-John Murphy, Bernie Adkins, Maxine Ray, Dee Adkins, Moscoe Towe.

ORPHANAGE-C. H. Honeycutt and first named delegate on church

DISABLED MINISTERS FUND—Combined with disabled ministers fund investigating committee which is a permanent committee as follows-Moscoe Towe, Joe Woody, Ulysses Webb.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS-Paul Jordan, Chap Fender, Harley

Edwards.

SPIRITUAL PROMOTION-Quince Miller, Grady C. Fender, Lloyd Allison.

A motion was presented and voted to have preaching three

times a day.

The association adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Friday with assignment of delegations to their places, with preaching tonight at 7:30 by Brother Miller.

THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

We assembled at 7:30 for worship service. The service opened with singing by the choir, "Land of Beauty and Rest," "Heaven Will Be our Home," and "I Want to See Jesus."

The Boone Trio sang: "Let The Spirit Descend."
The Liberty Hill Quartet sang: "Light On The Banks of The River," and "Be Ready To Go." There was a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, especially upon Brother Clarence Wilson who gave a wonderful testimony and message to the encouragement of everyone. The service closed with a handshake and much rejoicing.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION—9:00 A. M.

Song Service: "I Feel Like Traveling On."

Devotional service by Brother Verno Davis reading Psalm 112.

The body was called to order by the moderator.

Minute of Fridays session was read and aprroved.

Brother E. P. Blevins spoke on the Government of the Church.

Called for churches not previously reported. Mountain Dale reported and Nick's Creek presented their letter seeking membership in the body.

A motion was extended to welcome the visiting ministers. The

following were present:

Rev. Ralph Mumpower, Swannanoa French Broad F.W.B. Association; Rev. Ebb Wheeler, Sioux, N. C.; Rev. Handy Wilcox, Erwin, Tenn.; Rev. A. C. Stocton, Valley Forge, Tenn., all of Toe River F.W.B. Association.

The moderator then called for the reports of the various com-

mittees as follows:

These reports will be found in back of Minutes.

The orphanage report was read and spoken on by Brothers Moscoe Towe, Troy McCourry, C. H. Honeycutt. This report was adopted as read.

A motion was presented to send the money received from the churches and to take an offering to apply on the girls cottage fund at the orphanage. An offering was received in the amount of \$73.24 and \$144.98 having been received by the clerk from the churches making a total of \$218.22.

The report of the committee of investigation was read and

adopted.

The report on education was read, speakers were—Brothers Stanley Parkey, D. N. Walker, Sisters Frances Radford and Belle Hensley.

By motion adjourned for preaching at 11:00. Prayer by Brother Clyde Fender.

WORSHIP SERVICE—11:00 A. M.

Song service: "Getting Ready To Leave This World." Solo by Brother Floyd Bailey: "My God Is Real" and "The Man of Galilee."

Prayer by Brother Ebb Wheeler.

Brother Miller read St. John 5: 28-38 and used for a subject "Witnesses of Jesus." Brother Miller delivered a good message. The service closed with handshake and rejoicing,

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Assembled at 1:45 p. m.

Songs: "When We Reach Our Home" and "Wonderful Love." Prayer by Brother Moss Holloway.

The moderator called the body to order for business.

Called for any churches not previously reported. Pisgah reported. The following reports were read and adopted as read:

Sabbath Schools, Deeper Devotion, Temperance, Missions, Sessions, Treasurers Report on Disabled Ministers Fund, Treasurers Repot on Missions.

The report on Churches and Pastors was read, spoken on by Brother Paul Jordan and adopted.

The report on resolutions was read and adopted.

The report on Spiritual Promotion was read, spoken on by Brother Grady C. Fender and adopted.

By motion it was voted to have the church letter printed on a

separate, larger sheet instead of the present way.

The moderator extended thanks in behalf of the entire association, to the Liberty Church, for their generosity and friendly way in which they have cared for this association.

By motion the association adjourned to meet with Riverview F.W.B. Church, Erwin, Tenn., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1954 at 10:30 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Assembled at 3:30 p. m. for preaching by Brother Handy Wilcox, Songs: "What A Friend." Solo by Sister Wilson, "Just One Rose Will Do.

Prayer by Brother Parkey.

Scripture lesson from Matthew 7. Subject: "Judgment."

Dismissed for preaching at 7:30 by Brother C. J. Higgins.

FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Assembled at 7:30 for preaching service.

Song service by choir, "Getting ready for Heaven," "Walking With My Saviour," "When We Reach Our New Home" and "I'd Fly Up High."

Songs by Liberty Quartet: "When They Ring the Bells of Heaven"

and "Come To See Me In My New Home."

Brother Floyd Bailey sang "The Man of Galilee."

Brother Elzie Robinson was asked to sing a song. He began to sing, but there was a great manifestation of the Holy Spirit which resulted in a wonderful testimony and message by Brother Robinson which closed with handshake and much rejoicing. Brother Higgins also did not get to preach.

REPORTS

MISSIONS

We would like to cemmend our churches for their support of our foreign mission program. Every church that made a pledge has

paid it.

The whole work of the church should be in direct or indirect support of missions, either foreign or home. As our present foreign mission effort comes to a close, we recommend that we continue to be witnesses for Jesus, both at home and abroad,

Committee: Stanley Parkey

Orlanda Jones, Clarence Byrd

Letter from Josephine Stevens:

Mseleni Mission Station Post Office Ubombo Zululand, South Africa 12 August, 1953

Jack's Creek Association Dear Friends.

Greetings to one and all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have just heard that you are meeting in August this year and am hoping that this letter reaches you in time to let you know that we are thinking you and praying the Lord's blessings upon you during these days of business and preaching.

This time next year we shall be with you and what a joy it will be to see each of you again. Just now our sailing date is for February 11th, but only yesterday we heard that Mr. Shank, our director in New York, has written our director here asking that we be sent home earlier, so there is a possibility that we shall be there before Christmas.

If this is true we shall have to be making plans now to visit each of your churches when we come home. So, while you are at the association, I would ask that each church that would like to have us for meetings would write the name of the church and pastor on a sheet of paper and have these sent to me so that we can be making our plans. Many churches are asking for us to come even now so we have to begin early making our plans. We have taken many pictures of the work here and shall show these plus curios of the people which we shall be bringing back for you to see.

As our last effort before going home, we have started three months of meetings on all of our outstations, traveling from one to the other preaching for a week at each place. Already in the first week we have had many saved and many of the Christians have been revived and rededicated themselves to the Lord. Remember us during these coming weeks as we travel and the body will become tired, but we pray that the spirit may have a strong working in our midst.

Your for Lost Souls and Revived Christians,
Josephine and Harold Stevens

SESSIONS

The next session of the Jacks Creek Association will be held with Riverview F.W.B. Church, Erwin, Tenn., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September 1954 at 10:30 a.m. Introductory message by Rev. T. E. Woody, Alternate by Rev. Richmond Barnett. Committee: John Murphy, Bernie Adkins,

Maxie Ray, Dee Adkins, Moscoe Towe

RESOLUTIONS

 Resolved that pastors and churches study our past minutes and live up to our vows. Luke 15:18 tells us that when the prodigal son saw his plight, he repented and went back to his Father's house.

II. Resolved that our clerk write to our press and ask why they are using Council of Religious Education Doctrine in our literature. Committee: M. C. Holloway, Arnold Fortner,

Richmond Barnett

SPIRITUAL PROMOTION

We, your committee on spiritual promotion make their recommendation that our preachers strive to be more spiritual minded as examples to the believers and that our members strive to be more spiritual minded, for if we are carnal minded we shall die. Romans 8-10:14.

Committee: Grady C. Fender, Loyd Allison

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

We recommend that the pastors feed the flock of God which is among you taking the oversight thereof not by constraint but willingly not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind neither as being Lords offer Gods heritage but being examples to the flock. I Peter 5-2-3, and the church support their pastors for the workman is worthy of his meat. Matthew 10:10.

Committee: Paul Jordan, Chap Fender, Harley Edwards

ORPHANAGE

Pure religion, undefiled before God, and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction.

We urge our churches to continue to support our orphanage and to continue one Sunday each month for the orphanage and remember our annual gathering of committees and also bring some money to help pay transportation, on the first Monday in October.

Committee: Rev. H. C. Honeycutt

EDUCATION

We your committee on education submit for our authority in presenting these recommendations the following Scripture references: Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge," and 2 Tim. 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Remembering that our young people who attend public school have about 5 eight-hour days per week to fill their minds with worldly wisdom, compared with perhaps 2 or 3 hours per week in church and Sunday school to absorb the word of God—we do earnestly urge every pastor to devote at least one service each week to a Bible study period for the young people of his church.

We also urge parents to set aside a definite period of time each day for reading and instructing their children in God's word.

We urge parents to visit the schools where their children are taught and co-operate with every policy of the school which is for the good of the child and stand against the things which Satan is using through the schools to turn children from the faith of the Bible.

We lastly plead with our young people themselves to put God's word first in their study and arm their minds with its truth—letting

it be the final authority for all their decisions.

Committee: Frances Radford, Belle Hensley, Burnie Adkins

DEEPER DEVOTION

We your committee on deeper devotion humbly submit the following for your consideration:

Devotion is the thing or man sanctified to God; it is the Lords.

Scripture reference Lev. 27:28 Romans 12:1.

Where with shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings with calves of a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first born for my transgres-

sion, the first of my body for the sin for my soul?

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.

Committee: E. P. Blevins, Minnie Radford

FINANCE

We your committee on finance submit \$147.33 paid by our churches for minutes of this association. We recommend that, as has been our custom in the past, \$15 of this sum be paid our clerk for his services and \$10 to our moderator; \$122.33 to pay for the minutes.

Committee: Clyde Fender, Frances Radford

INVESTIGATION

We your committee on investigation recommend that Byrd Branch F.W.B. Church and Ridgeway F.W.B. Church be received in full fellowship in this association. Also that Nicks Creek F.W.B. church be received in full fellowship.

Committee: Rev. Cecil J. Higgins, Stanley Parkey,

Clyde Fender

SEBBATH SCHOOLS

We advise that the deacons and the teachers strive more earnestly to see that Christ is taught to our children more in the coming year than in the past. The gospel of Christ is the power of God and every one that believes it. We advise each teacher to investigate our literature before they teach it to our children. "Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify for me." Gen. 5:39.

Committee: Arnold Wilson, Joe Horton, Eugene Powell

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance report the following to be considered in the light of the scriptures, and to be in harmony with sound doctrine and Godliness. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and departing from our iniquities is understanding.

If we walk in the light and are led by the Holy Spirit we will

be temperate in all things pertaining to a Christian life.

Gal. 5: 3; 1 Timothy 1-9; Heb. 9-10; Colossians 2: 20.

Committee: Walter G. Peck, Ulysses Webb,

Bertha Hensley

TREASURER'S REPORT—MISSIONS

Balance on hand and received during year \$ Paid out	
Balance at end of year \$ Received at Association	325.45 171.00
Balance on hand	496.45

TREASURER'S REPORT

Disabled Ministers Fund

Balance—last Association	\$2,159.99
Received from Churches at Association	249.35
Received from Ministers Conference	
Received from Trinity Church	60.05
Interest	
Miscellaneous	4.00
	\$2,578.69
Paid Out-	
Rev. T. E. Woody\$75.00	
Rev. E. P. Blevins 75.00	
Rev. Grady Fender 75.00	
Rev. James Peterson 50.00	
Sister Frances Radford 50.00	
Paid for Bond 5.00	
raid for bond 5.00	
Total Paid Out \$330.00	
	
Balance in Bank	\$2,248.69

OBITUARIES

In memory of our deceased friends and loved ones:

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

"He that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live, and he that liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

WILLIAM BRIGGS—was born Feb. 14, 1886 and died Feb. 2, 1953. He was 67 years of age. He was a member of the Youngs Chapel Church for 35 years. He was a faithful member till death.

By Arnold Fortner, Clerk.

LEE METCALF—was born Jan. 28, 1872, died Jan. 12, 1953. He professed faith in Christ more than 40 years before his death. He joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Indian Creek. After that church seased to exist, he moved his membership to Terry's Fork F.W.B. Church. He remained there until his death and served as a deacon for years and was a faithful member. He left six children, 11 grandchildren and 20 great grand children. His love for the word of God is not forgotten. Thank God for the living examples of Christianity he left. Looking forward to the hope of the glorious resurrection.

By a Daughter, Mrs. Mark Allen.

JOHN HENRY CARROLL—was born July 28, 1876 and died Feb. 25, 1953. He was a member of the Windom F.W.B. Church for about 13 years. His cheerful smile always stirred our hearts. He was a faithful member until death. We feel that our loss was Heavens gain.

By Cora Honeycutt.

MRS. JULIA SILVER RIDDLE—was born March 28, 1878 and died Feb. 2, 1953. She was a member of the F.W.B. Church at Pensacola for 50 years. She was a faithful member and was always interested in church.

By Irene Riddle Hyatt and Family.

LUCRETIA ROBINSON—was born Dec. 1, 1880 and died March 30, 1953. She was a member of Bowditch Church for a number of years and lived a devoted Christian life. She leaves a host of friends.

By her daughter, Annie Mae Robinson.

NELL SHELTON—was born Dec. 18, 1918 and died June 6, 1953, She was a member of the F.W.B. Church at Big Creek and later came to River View. We hope to meet her some day.

By her Mother.

MRS. NANCY LOUISE BLACK—was born Oct. 18, 1870 and died April 17, 1953. She was a member of Young's Chapel Church at Windom, She leaves a husband, one daughter, six sons and a host of friends.

By her son, Glen Black,

THOMAS WETSEL HENSLEY, age 74 years, departed this life June 22, 1953. He was a member of Mountain Dale Church. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

NELLIE CATHERINE HENSLEY, age 72 years, departed this life Feb. 17, 1953. She united with the Mountain Dale church at an early age and remained a faithful member and attended church as long as her health permiteed. She is missed by all who knew her.

By Pearl Bradford.

MINISTERS REPORTS

GURNIE McKINNEY

Pastored two churches, conducted three revivals, witnessed 16 conversions, preached 85 sermons, members received unknown, baptized nine, money received: pastoral services, \$630,00; revival services, \$188.00; other, \$60.00, total \$878.00.

C. H. HONEYCUTT

Conducted one revival, delivered 28 sermons, traveled 400 miles, money received. \$152.88.

JOHNSON WHITE

Preached 57 sermons, conducted 27 prayer services, taught Bible class five times, witnessed six conversions, money received \$59.07, money spent for the cause \$288.29.

ARNOLD WILSON

Pastored two churches, preached 122 sermons, professions unknown, baptized 16, communion services conducted 7, funerals three, conducted four revivals, money received \$823.86, money given to the cause \$229.17.

CLYDE FENDER

Pastored one church, preached 98 sermons, held three revivals, baptized four, received nine into church, conducted four communion services, two funerals, married two couples, received for pastoral services \$1769.00, for revival work \$157.00. Total \$1926.00. Money given to cause \$240.00.

H. D. POOLE

Pastored one church, preached 142 sermons, baptized 46, conducted five communion services, conducted five revivals, two funerals, witnessed 76 professions, money received \$2,972.00, money given for cause \$450.00.

REV. M. C. HOLLOWAY

Pastored two churches, conducted three revivals, preached 98 sermons, traveled 500 miles, conducted 1 funeral, married 1 couple, baptized four, received five into church, witnessed 10 professions, organized one church, received \$250.00, money given for the cause \$30.00.

REV. TROY McCOURRY

Pastored three churches, preached 119 sermons, conducted six revivals, seven funerals, three communion services, received 11 into church, witnessed 22 professions, money received \$809.35.

CHURCH COVENANT

- 1. Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Free Will Baptist faith as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves σ 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 severly 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 ~ 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 convenant.
- 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 treasuer 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 Paptist 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."—I Tim. 2:6.
- Art. 2.—Holy Scriptures. We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. II Tim. 3:16.
- Art. 3.—Original Apostasy. We believe that Adam was created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin.—And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eye, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit 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 everylasting 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 perserere 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 Free Will 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.

ARTICLE 2. This Conference may receive any Christian minister, as a

viting member, and when thus received, he may enjoy all rights and

privileges of the regular members not in conflict with Article 3.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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 privileges of visiting brethren, as provided by Article 2.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 10. All licensed preachers are required to preach twenty-four sermons each year; and at least fifty sermons before he can succeed to ordination; proviled 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, 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 Article 2; provided, however, the above requirements shall not apply to ministers who has 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 12. All applicants for ordination shall present to the Conference a letter of recommendation from his church, properly signed by both pastor and clerk.

ARTICLE 13. The Conference may withdraw fellowship from any member who becomes disorderly.

ARTICLE 14. No session of Conference will be considered legal, if three or more ordained ministers are not present.

ARTICLE 15. This constitution and by-laws, or any article thereof, may be suspended or amended, by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

ARTICLE 16. The president or moderator may have power to appoint any and all committees to carry on the work of the Conference.

ARTICLE 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.

BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Jacks Creek F.W.B. Association

- 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 unefulness, but watch over each other in love, and thus promote harmony and love among the membership. All ministers received from sister F.W.B. 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 watchcare for three months.
- 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,

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