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1955 MINUTES

Of The

JACKS CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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**60th Annual Session held with
BIG CREEK F. W. B. CHURCH,
SIOUX, N. C.**

Sept. 1, 2, 3, 1955

Officers:

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

NEXT SESSION

The next session will be held with Youngs Chapel Church, Windom N. C. To convene on Thurs. before the First Sunday in Sept., 1956.
Rev. Paul Jordan to preach the Introductory Message; Rev. Richmond Barnett, alternate.

Officers of Jack's Creek Association and Ministers' Conference



ASSOCIATION

Moderator Rev. C. J. Higgins, Sioux, N. C.
Clerk Rev. Troy McCourry, Day Book, N. C.
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Committee of Investigation, Disabled Ministers Fund .. Moscoe Towe,
Joe Woody, Ulysses Webb
Committee of Investigation for Association Fulton Williams,
Paul Harvey, Vernal Jones



MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Moderator Troy McCourry
Clerk Clyde Fender
Ordaining Council..... C. J. Higgins, Paul Jordan, E. P. Blevins
Committee of Investigation..... Troy McCourry, Fulton Williams,
Grady C. Fender

PROCEEDINGS

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Association met with the church at Big Creek, Sioux, N. C., Thursday, Sept. 1, 1955 at 10:30 a.m. in its sixtieth annual session. Song service by the choir: "I'd Rather Be An Oldtime Christian and Watching You." Prayer by Bro. Bill Beam. The Introductory message was given by sister Frances Radford, using for a scripture lesson, Rom. 14, Matt. 23. She used for a subject "These you ought to have done and not left the others undone." The Association closed with a handshake and appointment of the delegation to their places, to reconvene at 1:30 p.m. Closing prayer, Brother Paul Jordan.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

The Association met at 1:30 p.m. Song, "I'll be a friend to Jesus." Devotional service by Bro. Paul Jordan, reading Romans 12. Prayer by Bro. Shelby Beaver. The body was called to order by the moderator, Bro. C. J. Higgins. The ministers were enrolled. (Ministers Roll is inserted in back pages of this minute.) Reading clerks and Finance Committee appointed: Bro. Clyde Fender and Sister Clillon Bailey. The churches with delegates were enrolled as follows:—

BALD MOUNTAIN—Raleigh Fender, Bruce Fender, Orville Hensley, Lester Wilson, Vernon Fender.

BIG CREEK—Jim Adkins, Park Adkins, Sam Adkins.

BOWDITCH—Clarence Byrd, Flossie Harris.

BYRD BRANCH—Luster Ledford, Jim Loyd Woodby.

CRABTREE—Will McKinney, Julia Brown, Rebecca Barnett, Laura Patton.

DAVISTOWN—Mr. and Mrs. Emory Vess, Mrs. Garland Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harris, Violet Bartlett.

FAIRVIEW—Toney Fender, Namon Revis.

GREEN MOUNTAIN—Vinita Miller, Bertha Bennett, Earl Fox, Grace Fox.

HIGGINS CHAPPEL—George Miller, Olivia Higgins.

LIBERTY—Floyd Dennis, J. D. Allison, Preston Hollifield.

LIBERTY CHAPEL—Cecil Gurley, Clarence Wilson, Tom Miller.

LOW GAP—Mrs. Ellen Hensley, Mrs. Lillie Silvers, Landon Gaddy, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gardner.

NORTH BEND—Mrs. Effie Tilley, Mrs. Ida Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Deyton, Mrs. Noah Hughes.

PENSACOLA—George Wilson, Grace Briggs, Hershel Higgins, Annie Pate.

PETERSON CHAPEL—Mrs. Lizzie Petterson.

PILGRIMS CHAPEL—Clyde Dulaney, Ernest Hughes.

PRICES CREEK—Mosco Towe, James Burleson, Joe Blankenship,

- Opal Blankenship, Tommy Lee Burleson.
- RIVERVIEW—Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Webb, Nettie Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Street, Pearl Ledford.
- TRINITY—Paul Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sneed, Mrs. D. A. Calhoun.
- YOUNGS CHAPEL—Daniel Honeycutt, Berlin Jones, Vernal Jones, Ada Jones, Ola Price.
- UNAKA SPRINGS—Ulysses Miller, Belle Hensley Miller.
- PINEY HILL—Noah Robinson, Ray Higgins.
- MOUNTAIN DALE—Bernie Blankenship, Garret Lewis, Lucy Hensley, Ebbie Edwards.
- NICKS CREEK—Mr. and Mrs. Marion Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Jones.
- ERNESTVILLE—Berdie Harris.
- MINE FORK—Carmon Laws.
- TERRYS FORK—Mrs. W. C. Radford.
- PISGAH—Homer Pless, Eldon Shuford.
- RIDGEWAY—Harley Hall, Harrison Hall, Vernon Arrowood.
- PATTERSON BRANCH—Helen Deyton, Anna Deyton, Mae Belle Robinson, Rev. Cecil J. Higgins was elected moderator and Troy McCourry Clerk. The following Committees were then appointed:—
- INVESTIGATION—Fulton Williams, Paul Harvey, Vernal Jones.
- MISSIONS—Frances Radford, Flossie Harris, Mrs. Clyde Duncan.
- EDUCATION—Stanley Parkey, Clillon Bailey, Mrs. D. A. Calhoun.
- SABBATH SCHOOLS—John H. Miller, Levi Deyton, Carmon Laws.
- TEMPERANCE—E. P. Blevins, Mrs. Levi Deyton, Mrs. Dorah Webb.
- OBITUARIES—Ann Pate, Ada Jones, Nettie Wilson.
- RESOLUTIONS—Paul Jordan, Lonneylee Burleson, Loyd Dennis.
- DEEPER DEVOTION—T. E. Woody, Mosco Towe, Vinita Miller.
- SESSIONS—Arnold Wilson, Clyde Street, Earl Fox, Mrs. A. T. Sneed, Raleigh Fender, Daniel Honeycutt.
- ORPHANAGE—Mosco Towe, Josephine Blevins, Mrs. Clyde Street.
- DISABLED MINISTERS—(The permanent committee.)
- CHURCHES AND PASTORS—Grady C. Fender, Mrs. Minnie Radford, Mrs. Pearl Ledford.
- SPIRITUAL PROMOTION—Shelby Beaver, Ida Peterson, Toney Fender.

The following visiting ministers were welcomed to a seat with us: Reverends Raymond and Orville Whitehead, Bill Beam of The Toe River Association R. H. Jackson, Middlesex, N. C., Eastern Conference. N. B. Barrow, Lucoma, N. C., Central Conference. Ervin Sluder, Weaverville, N. C., French Broad Association.

Rev. R. H. Jackson gave a report on the work at the Orphanage after which an offering was received in the amount of \$70.66. Rev. N. B. Barrow, Secretary and Treasurer of the State Mission Board, spoke on the work of the Mission Board. Adjournment until 9:00 a. m. Friday with preaching at 7:30 by Bro. Farrell Sparks.

THE NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Assembled for service at 7:30 after song service by church choir, the Brummitts Creek Quartette, song; "He Searched for me," "Where No Cabins Fall," "Title to a Mansion in the Sky." Prayer by Bro. E. P. Blevins. The Big Creek Quartett sang, "Keep Walking." Scripture lesson, Isaiah 6-5;7; Acts 2:1-4; Rev. 8:2-5. Bro. Sparks used for a subject, "Fire."

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Service convened at 9:00 a.m. Song service, "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand," "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus." Devotional service conducted by Bro. Arnold Wilson, reading St. John 21. Prayer by Bro. Clyde Fender. Minutes of Thursday session read and approved. The following visiting ministers were given a welcome: Clayton Whitson, Tipton Hill, N. C. Loss McCourry, Erwin, Tenn. Farrell Sparks, Erwin, Tenn. Ebb Wheeler, Sioux, N. C. Guy Foster, Erwin, Tenn.

The rules of Decorum was read by the moderator. The reports of the committees were called for and received. (the reports are inserted in the back pages of this minute.)

The report on missions was received and discussed by Sister Radford, Bros. Parkey, Arnold Wilson, and W. M. Beam. The report was adopted with an amendment to send a delegation to Cragmont to meet with the State Mission Board. The following were appointed: Brothers Shelby Beaver, Stanley Parkey, Cecil Higgins, Troy McCourry, Grady C. Fender, T. E. Woody, Arnold Wilson, E. P. Blevins, Paul Jordan and Joe Honeycutt. An offering of \$52.15 was received to pay on the Jeepster for Sister Stevins. Adjournment for worship service.

WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 A. M.

Assembled for preaching by sister Vinita Miller. Song service, "Unclouded Day," "Gethsemene Alone" and "Such a Wondrous Love." Prayer by Bro. Ebb Wheeler. Scripture lesson, Daniel 1, Psalms 18. Subject, "He purposed not to defile himself with the king's meat." An offering was received for Bro. Poole in the amount of \$80.00.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Met at 2:00 p.m. Song service, "Where the Soul Never Dies." Devotional service by Bro. Shelby Beaver, reading Eph. 6. Prayer by Bro. Clayton Whitson. The report on education was read and spoken on by Bros. Stanley Parkey, Grady C. Fender and Sister

Frances Radford. The report on Sabbath Schools was received and discussed by Bros. John H. Miller, Mosco Towe, Howard Whitson and Sister Clillon Bailey.

The report on temperance was received and discussed by Bros. E. P. Blevins, Stanley Parkey, Ebb Wheeler.

The report on resolutions was received and tabled until Saturday morning.

A motion was presented and voted to discontinue reading of the church letters; a committee of three to be appointed and approve the letters. The report on sessions was read and adopted. The report on finance was read and adopted. Treasurers report on disabled ministers fund read. Speakers on disabled ministers fund were, Bros. Joe Woody, Mosco Towe, Guy Foster, Stanley Parkey, Li da Letterman; Sisters Ann Pate, Josephine Blevins. Adjourned until 9:00 a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Association convened at 9:00 a.m. Song service, "Bringing in the Sheaves." Devotional service by Rev. Tom Tittle, reading Psalm 91. Prayer by Bro. Joe Honeycutt. The report on deeper devotion was read. Speakers were, Bros. T. E. Woody, E. P. Blevins and Sister Vinita Miller. Adopted.

The report on orphanage was received. Speakers were: Bros. Stanley Parkey, Troy McCourry, Alvin McPheters, Sister Josephine Blevins; adopted. The report on churches and pastors was then read and adopted. The report on spiritual promotion was read and adopted. The committee on investigation had nothing to report. The report on resolutions was again read, spoken on by Bro. Parkey and adopted.

A board of trustees appointed and given authority to sell the Free Will Baptist property near Burnsville. They were Bros. Joe Woody, Troy McCourry and Vernal Jones. Then Treasurers report on missions was read.

The moderator extended thanks to the church and community for their fine cooperation in taking care of the Association. Brother Sluder extended a welcome to all to attend the French Broad Association. Motion and second to adjourn the Association to meet with the Youngs Chapel Church at Windom, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September 1956, at 10:30 a. m.

WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 A. M.

Met at 11:00 a.m. for preaching by Bro. Ebb Wheeler. Song service, "Heaven Holds all to Me." Prayer by Bro. Parkey. Scripture lesson, 1 Cor. 16—Acts 2. Subject, "The purpose of an Association."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MISSIONS

We, your committee on Missions, present for our authority, for the recommendation we propose to make, the following scripture references: First, the command of our Lord in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Then Romans 10:14-15, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they go without they are sent?"

We therefore urge our people to continue and increase every phase of our mission work and to this end submit these suggestions: (1) That each pastor keep this work constantly before his people—Only a mission-minded church can prosper. (2) That churches be permitted to increase their pledges to this work; or if no pledge has been made, begin now. (3) Since we owe about \$400.00 on the Jeepster purchased last year for Sister Stevens, we suggest that a special offering be received at this time to apply on this debt, and that each pastor receive a special offering for this cause on returning to his church.

Respectfully

Frances Radford,
Mrs. Clyde Duncan,
Mrs. Lee Harris, Committee

EDUCATION

We wish to submit the following: That a special time be set aside in each church year for the teaching of God's word; and that we use teachers who are qualified for this work. We also recommend that each church have special program to teach our young people, and that their work be so organized that they can report to the Association.

Respectfully submitted

Stanley Parkey,
D. A. Calhoun,
Clillon Bailey.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, as pastors, ought to see that teachers and leaders hold Christ up among our young people and children rather than anyone else and strive for a higher standard. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life."

Respectfully submitted

John H. Miller
Levi Deyton

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance submit the following: Temperance—moderation, especially in respect to appetite; total abstinence. Temperate—moderate in passion and appetite; calm, not liable to excess. Bible references: Prov. 23:1, "When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider dilligently what is before thee, and put a knife to thy throat if thou be a man given to appetite." Prov. 33:20—"Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh." Prov. 25:16,—"hast thou found honey? Eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith and vomit it." Luke 21:34,—"And take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon thee unawares." Prov. 25:27,—"It is not good to eat much honey; so for men to search their own glory is not glory." I Cor. 6:12. "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me but I will not be brought under the power of any." Overeating, overdrinking, overchewing, talking too much, is not temperate.

Respectfully submitted by committee,

E. P. Blevins

Mrs. Sarah Webb

Mrs. Levi Dayton

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions submit the following: A resolution is a thing set forth in the heart and mind to do. We ask that our preachers and churches stick to the faith of the Bible and do it. So many of our churches are leaving off communion and feet washing. A resolution on paper is not worth anything—it must be in the heart and mind. We resolve that a discussion of a financial system to be set up in each church to support each phase of our work be held at this time; and if possible, to be passed on and accepted by each church.

Respectfully submitted by committee,

Paul Jordan,

Lloyd Dennis

Tommie Lee Burleson

SESSIONS

We, your committee on Sessions have decided that the next session of the Jacks Creek Association will be held with the Youngs Chapel Free Will Church, Windom, N. C., to begin on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1956, at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Paul Jordan to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. Richmond Barnett will be his alternate.

Respectfully submitted

Arnold Wilson,

Mrs. A. T. Sneed,

Raleigh Fender,

Daniel Honeycutt,

Clyde Street.

FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance report that we have received \$141.79 from the churches of the Jacks Creek Association. We recommend as has been our custom, in the past, that we give our moderator \$10.00 and the clerk \$15.00, leaving \$116.79 to pay for the minutes.

By committee,

Clyde Fender,
Joe Woody,
Clillon Bailey.

SPIRITUAL PROMOTION

We, your committee on Spiritual Promotion, recommend that we as God's people humble ourselves and strive for the leadership of the Spirit. James 4:10, "humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up." Luke 11:13, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?"

Shelby Beaver,
Toney Fender.

ORPHANAGE

We urge our churches to make a greater effort to support our Orphanage than they have in the past. They are depending upon us. The first Monday in October is gathering time for foods, etc. Bring in your tithes and offerings into the storehouse of God and get the blessing He has for you. "For as much as you have done unto the least of these you have done it unto me." "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world." We ask our preachers to bring this into remembrance in the churches. Stir up the people to their duty.

By Committee,

Mosco Towe,
Josephine Blevins,
Mrs. Clyde Street.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

We wish to present the following for your consideration and adoption:

(1) That the church hold its election in accordance with the Discipline. No preacher is eligible to pastor a church until he is ordained; then the pastor is elected by a majority of the members present.

(2) It is the duty of the church and pastor to make an agreement as to the time the pastor shall give to the church and the means of support the church shall give to the pastor. This is a sacred con-

tract that God will require both to keep.

(3) It is the duty of the pastor to purchase the pure gospel to the church, and the duty of the church to receive, honor and support the pastor and the gospel according to their ability, by whatever means they may decide upon.

A minister of the gospel is one who is ordained to preach the gospel and to administer its ordinances. A church is a body of baptised believers in Christ Jesus, duly organized in accordance with the Bible and Discipline.—I Cor. 14:26-40.

Mrs. Minnie Radford,
Mrs. Pearl Ledford,
Grady C. Fender.

DEEPER DEVOTION

We, your committee on Deeper Devotion wish to submit the following: That we all strive for a closer walk with God. Romans 12:1-2; II Peter 1:5-10.

T. E. Woody,
Vinita Miller,
Moscoe Towe.

TREASURERS REPORT DISABLED MINISTERS FUND

Money on hand from last Association.....	\$2150.76
Received this session	\$238.00
Received Ministers Conference	154.92
Received Trinity church	18.00
Received interest	61.74
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Total\$2623.42

Paid out: —

Rev. Shelby Beaver	\$ 50.00
Rev. M. B. Westall	75.00
Rev. L. H. Griffith	50.00
Rev. H. D. Poole	207.00
Bond	5.00

387.00

Balance\$2236.42

ULYSSES WEBB, *Treasurer*

MINUTES OF MINISTERS CONFERENCE FOR 1954-1955

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The Jacks Creek Ministers Conference met with the Green Mountain Free Will Baptist church, Burnsville, N. C., Oct. 29, 1954 in its first quarterly conference. The introductory message was given by Sister Radford, using for a subject, "A new command."

Friday evening met at 1:30. Bro. T. H. Watts requested that his license be renewed for twelve months. His request was granted. The clerk was requested to write Edison Carrol for his license, as he is dropped from the Conference. By motion it was voted to adopt the Church Treatise as revised by the National Association of 1948, with the exception of tithing. This is to be left to the choice of the individual.

A request for license was received from Bro. Allison Robinson. He was received under watchcare. License was granted to Bros. Tom Tittle and John H. Miller.. Bros. Lida Letterman and Alvin McPeters were ordained. Bro. Talmage Greene turned in his credentials and was dismissed from the body. Bro. Hayden Honeycutt asked for a letter of recommendation which was granted.

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The second quarterly Conference convened with Trinity church, Erwin, Tenn., Jan. 28 and 29, 1955. The introductory message was given by Bro. Alvin McPeters. Bros. Ernest Byrd and Lee Haney presented letters for license. They were received under watchcare.

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The third quarterly Conference was held with Peterson Chapel church, at Day Book, May 27-28 1955. The introductory message was given by Bro. Tom Tittle. Bro. Ernest Howell was received under watchcare of Conference.

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The fourth quarterly Conference was held with the Pilgrims Chapel church, on July 29-30, 1955. The introductory message was given by Bro. John H. Miller. Bro. Ernest Howell was granted license for 12 months. Bro. Daniel McKinney was granted a letter of dismission.

The Conference was held in connection with the Association at Big Creek, Saturday September 3, 1955. The officers were elected for the coming year as follows:-

Moderator.....	Rev. Troy McCourry
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. Cecil Higgins
Clerk	Rev. Clyde Fender
Assistant Clerk.....	Rev. Stanley Parkey
Ordaining Council.....	Revs. C. J. Higgins, Paul Jordan, E. P. Blevins

Committee of Investigation.....Revs. Troy McCourry,
 Fulton Williams, Grady C. Fender
 Bro. Tom Tittle was ordained.

Letters were received from Sisters Vinita Miller and Ruth Franklin for license. A motion was presented, seconded and voted upon, not to grant license to any more women.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK AND ADDRESS
Bald Mountain.....	T. A. Wheeler.....	Chap Fender, Bee Log, N. C.
Big Creek.....	T. E. Woody.....	Mrs. Wash Wilson, Sioux, N. C.
Byrd Branch.....	Joe Honeycutt.....	Mrs. Hollis Silvers, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Bowditch.....	T. E. Woody.....	Julia Boone, Micaville, N. C.
Crabtree.....	Claude Lescoc.....	Mrs. Mae Brown, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Davistown.....	Troy McCourry.....	Emory Vess, Star Rt., Black Mountain, N. C.
Earnestville.....	Tom Tittle.....	Birdie Harris, Rt. 2, Erwin, Tenn.
Fairview.....	Clyde Fender.....	Edith Lamb, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C.
Green Mountain.....	Alvin McPeters.....	Mrs. Joe Woody, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Higgins.....		Mrs. Tom Wheeler, Cane River, N. C.
Liberty.....	Grady Harris.....	Lloyd Allison, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C.
Liberty Chapel.....	Paul Jordan.....	Cecil Gurley, Celo, N. C.
Low Gap.....	Floyd Ray.....	Mrs. Wade McMahan, Star Rt., Burnsville, N. C.
Mine Fork.....	T. E. Woody.....	Essie Laws, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Mountain Dale.....	Raymond Whitehead.....	Pearl Bradford, Rt. 2, Erwin, Tenn.
Nicks Creek.....	Arnold Wilson.....	Dewey Jones, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C.
North Bend.....	T. E. Woody.....	Mrs. Clyde Duncan, Rt. 1, Green Mtn., N. C.
Pensacola.....	T. E. Woody.....	Lawrence Wilson, Pensacola, N. C.
Peterson's Chapel.....	Grady Fender.....	
Patterson's Branch.....	Jessie Rice.....	Mrs. Burdette Deyton, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Pilgrim's Chapel.....	John Murphy.....	Clyde Dulaney, Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.
Piney Hill.....	Joe Honeycutt.....	Bessie Edwards, Bee Log, N. C.
Pisgah.....		Mrs. Fred Pless, Rt. 2, Canton, N. C.
Prices Creek.....	E. P. Blevins.....	Mosco Towe, Cane River, N. C.
Ridgeway.....	Paul Jordan.....	W. A. Romine, Rt. 1, Box 33, Marion, N. C.
Riverview.....	Farrie Sparks.....	Buster Wilson, Erwin, Tenn.
Terry's Fork.....	T. E. Woody.....	Mrs. T. D. Wilson, Rt. 2, Mars Hill, N. C.
Trinity.....	Stanley Parkey.....	Lena Jones, Rt. 1, Erwin, Tenn.
Unaka Springs.....	Quince Miller.....	Mae Tipton, Erwin, Tenn.
Young's Chapel.....	Bill Beam.....	Daniel Honeycutt, Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.

MINISTERS ROLL

Richard Barnett	RFD, Johnson City, Tenn.
Shelby Beaver	RFD, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
E. P. Blevins	Micaville, N. C.
Grady C. Fender	Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.
Clyde Fender	Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.
M. C. Franklin	Rt. 1, Flag Pond, N. C.
Cecil J. Higgins	Valley Forge, Tenn.
Joe Honeycutt	Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N. C.
Jack Hutchins	Swannanoa, N. C.
Paul Jordan	Rt. 1, Box 35A, Marion, N. C.
Gus Ledford	Bee Log, N. C.
Lida Letterman	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Troy McCourry	Burnsville, N. C.
Quince Miller	Rt. 3, Erwin, Tenn.
Stanley Parkey	749 North Main St., Erwin, Tenn.
W. G. Pack	Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.
Tom Tittle	Erwin, Tenn.
Arnold Wilson	Rt. 4, Marion, N. C.
T. E. Woody	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.
Fulton Williams	Erwin, Tenn.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Josephine Blevins	Micaville, N. C.
Frances Radford	Rt. 2, Mars Hill, N. C.
Colan Cable	RFD, Marion, N. C.
John H. Miller	Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N. C.
Ernest Howell	Erwin, Tenn.

NOT PRESENT FOR ENROLLMENT

E. L. Beachboard	Marion, N. C.
Verno Davis	Rt. 2, Erwin, Tenn.
Coy Davis	Rt. 1, Old Fort, N. C.
David Campbell	Beuladean, N. C.
Rosco Franklin	Rt. 3, Erwin, Tenn.
L. H. Griffith	Erwin, Tenn.
Moss Holloway	Erwin, Tenn.
James Peterson	Rt. 2, Travelers Rest, N. C.
H. D. Poole	RFD, Elizabethton, Tenn.
John Murphy	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.
Floyd Ray	Star Route, Burnsville, N. C.
Alvin McPeters	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Dock Taylor	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
M. B. Westall	Cane River, N. C.
M. M. Whitson	Deer Field, West Virginia
Johnson White	Route 2, Box 400, Morganton, N. C.

OBITUARIES

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VOLETA CLEO VESS—was born April 4, 1938 and departed this life January 28, 1955. She was baptised and united with the Davistown church June 20, 1952 and was a faithful member until death. She is missed by her friends and relatives, but we hope to be reunited on that final morning when the Lord shall come.

NORA LEE THOMAS—Wife of J. C. Thomas, was born May 13, 1896 and died April 30, 1955, age 58 years, 11 mos. 17 days. She was a member of the Davistown church and is missed by the friends. We hope to meet her again.

—Garland Davis.

MRS. ETTA PETERSON—Was born March 12, 1908. She passed away Dec. 1, 1954. She was a member of the Mine Fork F.W.B. church. She was a very devout and consecrated christian. Her influence will always be felt in her home and church.

—By Ola Edwards

SISTER CHRISTINE GADDY—Was born March 6, 1886 and died Sept. 4, 1954 at the age of 64. She became a member of the Low Gap F.W.B. church at an early age, and remained faithful until she went to be with the Lord. She leaves her husband and children and many friends to mourn her loss.

—By her husband, Landon Gaddy.

PAUL H. PRICE—Was born July 3, 1924 and departed this life May 8, 1955. He was the son of Mrs. Ola Price and the late Shelby Price. He professed faith in Christ at an early age and united with Youngs Chapel church. He was a loving son and was loved by everyone that knew him. He is gone but not forgotten. Never will his memory fade;—sweetest thought will ever linger, 'round the grave where he is laid.

—By Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woody.

UNCLE BUD HENSLEY—Died July 9, 1955 at the age of 86 years. He was a member of the Bowditch F.W.B. church and lived faithful until his death. He was a wonderful Christian and had a great experience with the Lord. While he was sick and in bed, he left his blessings with all who came to see him. His testimony was: "I am going home to rest." He leaves a wife and a number of relatives to mourn his loss.

—The Family.

COLUMBUS GADDY—Was born June 22, 1857 and died Nov. 27, 1954 at age of 95 years, 5 months 5 days. He professed faith in Christ at an early age. Was a charter member and deacon of the Low Gap FWB church. He is gone but not forgotten.

—Landon Gaddy.

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 Column 19—Monthly Mission Pledge
 Column 20—Poor and Sick
 Column 21—Value of Church Property
 2 2—C Improvements in Church Property

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Bald Mountain, 1-3	1	1	0	2	1	40	55	1	21	6.35	335.17	95.11	62.06	124.12	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	3750.00	
Big Creek, 1-3	4	0	0	0	0	79	47	0	23	5.00	397.40	185.65	10.00	10.00		10.00			50.00	1500.00	400.00
Bowditch, Full	6	2	0	0	1	57	70	2	52	5.00	450.70	110.00	104.95	100.00	108.74				86.00	10000.00	1000.00
Byrd Branch, 1-3	0	3	2	0	0	31	24	1	30	1.50	47.30							2.00	3000.00	149.00	
Crabtree, 1-3	9	1	0	0	0	75	80	1	54	4.50	306.09	107.18	59.00	40.00					25.00	2000.00	375.38
Davistown, 1-3	13	9	0	1	3	103	80	1	24	7.29	301.06	170.71	57.00	18.17		10.00			81.68	3000.00	251.67
Earnestville, Full	0	1	0	0	0	60	25	1	F	2.50	96.00					10.00				5000.00	
Fairview, 1-3	0	0	0	0	0	104	100	0		5.00	395.00	70.00	138.40	296.00	60.00	10.00	10.00	50.00	50.00	9500.00	1714.37
Green Mountain, 2-4	0	6	0	0	0	79	60	1	23	5.00	203.25	59.69	112.63	111.90		25.00			107.85	3000.00	272.84
Higgins, 1-3	3	1	0	0	0	82		1	20	4.00	193.65	63.35		88.74		5.00			12.50	2500.00	
Liberty, Full	1	0	3	0	1	87	95	1	F	10.00	1471.97	292.54	223.64		24.00	10.00	10.00	2.00		3000.00	224.31
Liberty Chapel, 1-3	0	0	0	2	1	99	35	1	22	4.00	150.00	34.50	20.00		8.00	10.00	10.00		102.31	2500.00	200.00
Low Gap, 2-4	4	0	0	2	2	83	68	1	24	5.00	325.20	59.60	62.67		34.90	10.00		2.00		3000.00	593.61
Mine Fork, 1-3	0	0	0	0	0	2	40	0	23	3.00	256.80		15.50		38.00			3.00		2000.00	
Mountain Dale, 1-3	11	1	0	0	0	113	100	4	F	5.55	1191.19	167.00							35.00	4500.00	3500.00
Nicks Creek, 1-3	1	6	0	1	0	37	41	2	100	5.00	106.33	83.64	152.11			10.00	10.00	10.00	85.71	2000.00	700.00
North Bend, 4th	7	0	0	1	0	138	80	1	24	5.00	299.19	130.79	77.55	42.50	24.00	9.00	10.00	3.00		6000.00	
Fensicola, 2-4	15	0	0	0	0	136	80	1	23	4.00	381.21	113.85	274.75	132.65	24.00	15.00	15.00	2.00	49.00	10000.00	300.00
Peterson's Chapel, 1-3	0	3	0	0	0	39	30	1	48	2.75	300.00		24.00				10.00	10.00		12.51	4000.00
Patterson Branch, 2-4	0	0	0	0	0	58		1	23	2.55		23.50								700.00	
Pilgrims Chapel, 1-3	0	1	0	0	0	15	40	2	26	4.00	338.25	55.00	28.06	20.50	30.00	10.00	10.00	2.00	100.00	2500.00	20.00
Piney Hill, 2nd	7	5	0	0	0	87	60	2	24	2.00	35.95	26.40			1.00				38.20	3000.00	8.50
Pisgah, 2-4	0	1	0	?	0	53	56	2	23	5.00	517.96	61.07	8.00		28.00	10.00		2.00	20.30	3000.00	
Prices Creek, 2-4	3	0	0	2	0	60	90	1	24	4.55	275.05		243.84		71.00	8.00		3.00	50.00	2000.00	
Ridgeway, 2-4	5	5	4	2	0	42	67	4	24	5.00	292.96	80.00				10.00			181.13	2000.00	223.59
Riverview, Full	4	4	0	7	1	168	120	2	F	10.00	2730.00	289.70	130.00	294.09	120.00	11.00	25.00	10.00	418.49	21000.00	600.00
Terry's Fork, Full	4	0	0	0	0	57	50	1	50	3.00	305.00	94.78	60.00	50.00				3.00	50.00		2075.00
Trinity, Full	3	15	0	0	2	182	115	1	F	5.00	1650.00	77.70	147.95	129.73	204.80	36.00				12000.00	
Unaka Springs, 1-3	5	2	0	0	0	75	115	1	23	5.00	381.07	115.00	10.00	83.25		10.00	10.00			1500.00	500.00
Young's Chapel, 2nd	0	0	0	0	1	75	65	1	12	5.00	330.41	170.05	42.00	34.36	65.00	24.00	24.00	2.00	52.50	2800.00	300.00

CHURCH COVENANT

JACKS CREEK F. W. B. ASSOCIATION

1. Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our own 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 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 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.”—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 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 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 visiting 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; 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, 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 11. Any minister who does not report to Conference either in person or by letter, for one year, shall be dropped from the roll and his credentials called for.

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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