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1959 MINUTES
OF THE
**Jacks Creek
Free Will Baptist
Association**



Sixty-Fourth Annual Session Held at
Unicoi F.W.B. Church

Unicoi, Tennessee
September 20, 21, 22, 1959



OFFICERS:

Rev. C. J. Higgins Moderator
Rev. Holt Herrell Clerk



Next Session:

The next session will be held with Pensacola F.W.B. Church, Pensacola, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1960, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Zenus Allen to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. Quince Miller to be his alternate.

JACKS CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Officers of the Jacks Creek Association

and Ministers Conference 1959

ASSOCIATION:

Moderator—Cecil Higgins Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.

Clerk—Holt Herrell 401 Colo. St., Johnson City, Tenn.

Treasurer Disabled Ministers Fund Ules Webb, Rt. 3, Erwin, Tenn.

Treasurer Foreign Missions Clyde Fender, Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.

Committee of Investigation—The Disabled Ministers Fund — Ferrell Sparks,

Clyde Fender, Joe Arnett.

ASSOCIATION:

Fred H. Greene, Joe Arnett, Jess Clark, Garvel Honeycutt, Ules Webb.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE:

Moderator this session Cecil J. Higgins

Moderator next session Dwight E. Greene

Clerk Holt Herrell

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Cecil Higgins, Handy Wilcox, Ferrell Sparks, Paul Jordan, Orville
Whitehead.

COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:

TENNESSEE—Richmond Barnett, Fulton Williams, Burnie Arwood.

NORTH CAROLINA—Paul Jordan, Lyda Letterman, Clyde Fender.

PROCEEDINGS

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Association met with Unicoi F.W.B. Church Unicoi, Tenn., beginning on Thursday August 20, 1959, at 10:30 a. m., in its 64th annual session. Song service by choir. Prayer by one of the Brethren. The introductory message was given by Brother Holt Herrell. Scripture lesson Rev. 10:1-5; text Prov. 25:25, "Good News." Ended with spiritual handshake and rejoicing.

Brother Overton of the Children's Home at Middlesex, N. C., spoke on work of the Orphanage. He extended thanks to the people of the Association for the support given them. An offering was received in the amount of \$51.80, to be divided between N. C., and Tenn., churches. Also Brother Jackson spoke on behalf of press and mission field which was enjoyed by all. Closed to reconvene at 1:30 p. m., for business session.

Thursday Evening

The Association met at 1:30 p. m., for business session with choir singing, "I'm Going That Way." Devotion by Brother Burnie Arwood reading 2nd chap. of 1st Corinthians. Prayer by Bro. Burnie Arwood. Ministers were enrolled. Reading Clerks and Finance Committee appointed. Brothers Richmond Barnett and Jess Clark were selected.

Churches and Delegates

BALD MOUNTAIN—Tom Wheeler, Don Fender, Floyd Wilson.

BIG CREEK—Howard Whitson, G. W. Wilson, Mrs. G. W. Wilson.

BLACK MOUNTAIN—No report.

BAUMMITTS CREEK—Sarah Webb, Star Bennett, James Byrd.

BYRDS BRANCH—Joe Silvers, Clifford Silvers, Jim Woodby, Roy Fender, Jim Silvers.

CRAB REE—Jay Lyons, Will McKinney, Biddie Townsend, John Head, Myrtle Smith.

DAVISTOWN—Mrs. Myrtle Dove, Violet Bartlett, Robt. Vess.

ERNESTVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Doyal Higgins.

FARVIEW—Tonie Fender, Joe Bradley, John Toney.

HIGGINS—Loyd Miller, June Miller, Sam Bradford, Johnny Bradford, Harold Higgins, Junior Bailey.

LIBERTY—P. J. Hollifield, J. W. Mann, Loyd Allison.

LIBERTY CHAPEL—By letter only.

LOW GAP—Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Silvers, Mrs. Horace D. Ray, Sr., Mrs. Johnsie Godsey.

MOUNTAIN DALE—Lucious Chandler, Emma Chandler, Pearl Bradford.

NICKS CREEK—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woodard, Christine Ledbetter, Barbara Jackson, Bonnie Wilson, Songa Wilson.

NORTH BEND—Mr. and Mrs. Park Peterson, Bert Renfro, Noah Hughes. Ivan Whitson.

PATTERSON BRANCH—Monroe Hensley, Wrothy Ogle, Frank Robinson, Mary Ruth Deyton, Mildred Tipton, Jane Honeycutt.

PENSACOLA—Annie Pate, Della Wilson Riddle, Aldine Roland.

PETERSON CHAPEL—Mrs. Lizzie Peterson, Loyd Laws, Wilmar Garland.

PILGRIMS CHAPEL—Loyd Dulaney, Jim Dulaney, Clyde Dulaney.

PINEY GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arnett, Lydia Woodby, Sally Stevens.

PINEY HILL—Rex Edwards, Floyd Franklin, Lilly Robinson, Bessie Edwards.

PISGAH—Mrs. Keith Smathers, Mrs. Howard Wheeler, Mrs. Eiden Shuford.

RIDGEWAY—Grady Fender, Alyene Swann.

RIVERVIEW—Mr. and Mrs. Ules Webb, Mrs. Molt Duncan, Mrs. Vergie Bailey, Mrs. Opal Love, Mrs. Belle Hensley, Earnest Webb, Geo. Buckner, Ray Garland.

SUNSET—Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, Mrs. Rosa Lee Stevens, Mrs. Lorena Hutchins, Mrs. Georgia Carlton, Mrs. Nat Potter, Carmon Blevins, Dova Neillon.

UNAKA SPRINGS—Roscoe Phillips, John Miller, Bill Carroll.

UNICOI—Ike Briggs, Earl Wilson, Jay Hepson, D. H. Gariand, Dave Leody, Loyd Masters, Burnie Wilson, Alvin White.

VALE—Vaughn Trice, Mrs. Coye Calhoun.

VALLEY FORGE—Mrs. Delia Chambers, Mrs. Marie Pippin, Mrs. Edna Sims, Frank Pippin, Carl Nave.

WOODBYS HILL—Carmon Simerly, Harry Hill, Eva Simerly, Essie Morton.

YOUNGS CHAPEL—Garvel Honeycutt, William Robinson, Mrs. Cora Honeycutt.

By motion voted to seat delegates and accept letters. Moderator elected Rev. C. J. Higgins; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Jack Greene; Clerk, Rev. Holt Herrell; Assistant Clerk, Rev. Richmond Barnett.

Rules of Decorum was read by Moderator. Call for new churches seeking membership in our Association was made. No responses. Bro. Orville Whitehead was appointed for treasurer of Orphanage Fund. Bro. Ules Webb was retained for treasurer for Disabled Ministers fund. Also sister Peggy Watson was selected for Treasurer for Associational Fund.

The following visiting ministers were welcomed to a seat in our Conference: Rev. Gurney McKinney, Black Mountain, N. C., French Broad Association; Bro. George Reynolds, French Broad Association; Bro. Geo. Davis, Church of God, Unicoi, Tenn., and Bro. Grady Fender, Nebo, N. C., Toe River Association.

The following Committees were appointed:

INVESTIGATION—Jack Greene, Joe Arnett, Jess Clark, Garvel Honeycutt, Ules Webb.

MISSIONS—Rev. Claude Lethcoe, Marie Pippin, Carl Nave.

EDUCATION—Rev. Clyde Fender, Jess Clark, Tom Wheeler.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—Rev. Burnie Arwood, Tony Fender, Myrtle Davis.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. Ferrell Sparks, George Buckner, Earnest Webb.

RESOLUTIONS—Rev. Paul Jordan, John Toney, Joe Bradley.

ORPHANAGE—Rev. Orville Whitehead, also first delegate from each church in Association.

DISABLED MINISTERS FUND—Rev. Fulton Williams, Garvel Honeycutt, Dave Leady, Walter Woodard.

DEEPER DEVOTION—Rev. Handy Wilcox, Rev. Johnson White, Rev. Dock Taylor, Rev. Moss Holloway, Rev. Joe Honeycutt, Rev. Charles Webb.

SESSIONS—Rev. George Miller, John Miller, Howard Whitson, Carmon Simerly.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS—Rev. Lyda Letterman, Ann Pate, Hattie McCourry, Sarah Webb.

OBITUARIES—Rev. Zenus Allen, Opal Love, Lone Honeycutt, Edna Sims, Essie Morton, Lydia Woodby, Ann Pate.

The Association adjourned for preaching service at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. Burnie Arwood, to reconvene Friday at 9:00 a. m.

Thursday Night

The 7:30 service opened with Valley Forge choir singing, "Just Over The Way," "Beyond The Sunset." Also Valley Forge quartet sang: "Some Glad Tomorrow," "Have You Really Been a Friend to Him?" Also Valley Forge trio sang, "It's Stamped Upon My Soul," "He Walks Upon the Sea," "Gonna Shine," and "Every Hour and Every Day." Also the quartet from Unicoi church sang, "There Was God," "The Mountains Will Move." Prayer by Bro. Ferrell Sparks. Bro. Arwood used for Scripture lesson Rev. 16:15-21; text, "The reward of the righteous and the reward of the wicked." Bringing a wonderful message with an outpouring of the Spirit.

Friday Morning

The Association convened at 9:00 a. m., for business session, with choir singing, "Love Lifted Me." Devotional service by Bro. Ferrell Sparks, reading seven verses from 1st Corinthians, 5th chap. Prayer by Bro. Robert Potter. Minutes of Thursday's session read by Clerk and adopted. New business was called for. Some property that the Jacks Creek F.W.B. Association owns in Burnsville, N. C., was discussed. Rev. Troy McCourry, Bros. Garvel Honeycutt and Vernal Jones were appointed for trustees to see about this property.

A call was made for visiting ministers and delegates. A delegation from Keystone church, Johnson City, Tenn., were welcomed. Sisters Gladys Wilson, Etta Troutman, Hettie Greer, Bros. Hez Street, Lawrence Coffey; also a delegation from Hunt Dale church, Relief, N. C., were seated. Brother and Sister Lester Murphy and Brother and Sister Dolphus Enzor.

The reports of the committees were called for as follows:

RESOLUTIONS—Rev. Paul Jordan, speaker. Adopted. It was voted on to put a space in the Church Letter form for the Associational funds.

DEEPER DEVOTION—Rev. Handy Wilcox, speaker. Adopted.

A committee of Investigation was appointed for Disabled Ministers Fund. Revs. Ferrell Sparks, Clyde Fender, and Bro. Joe Arnett were selected. A motion was made that a preacher being disabled, his church write to the investigating committee for an investigation before treasurer is authorized to write a check for him.

MISSIONS—Sister Brenard, a missionary from India, was speaker. She gave an interesting also spiritual lecture on the mission field in India where she had spent twenty three years. The talk was enjoyed by all.

Adjourned for preaching at 11:00 a. m., to reconvene at 1:30 p. m.

11:00 A. M. Service

Eleven o'clock service opened with McKinney family singing, "You Got To Keep Walking," prayer by Bro. Henderson Woodby, Bro. Richmond Barnett brought the 11 o'clock message; using for his Scripture lesson Psalms 92nd chap. Text, Psalms 92:12, "The righteous shall flourish," bringing a wonderful message that was enjoyed by all.

1:30 Session

Convened at 1:30 p. m. Song service by McKinney family. Songs were: "Til Sing Hallelujah," "He Made It Alright," "I Will See What Waits Inside." Devotions by Bro. Moss Holloway, reading Psalms 1st chap. Prayer by Bro. Paul Jordan. Called for report of committee Disabled Ministers Fund, Rev. Fulton Williams, speaker. Adopted.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS—Rev. Lyda Letterman, speaker. Adopted.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. Ferrell Sparks and Rev. C. J. Higgins, speakers. Adopted.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—Rev. Burnie Arwood, Sister Delia Chambers, Bro. Joe Bradley, Bro. Toney Fender and Bro. Howard Whitson, speakers. Adopted.

A call was made for visiting ministers. Revs. Stanley Parkey, Erwin, Tenn., and Carl Osborne, Asheville, N. C., from Union Association, were welcomed to seats in our body.

EDUCATION—Bros. Jess Clark, Guy Wilson, Stanley Parkey, Claude Lethcoe and Robt. Potter were speakers. Adopted.

Adjourned for preaching at 7:30 p. m., to reconvene at 9:00 a. m., Saturday morning.

7:30 Service

Service opened with church choir singing: "The Old, Old Story," "Standing on the Promises," and "There's An Eye Watching You." Prayer by Bro. David Greene. The Jordan sisters from Unicoi church sang: "I'm Laying Up Treasures In Heaven." Bro. Arnold Wilson brought the 7:30 message, reading for his Scripture lesson part of Matt. 25; also Acts 12th chap. 1st verse.

Text, "A persecuted way." Bringing a wonderful message that was enjoyed by all.

Saturday Morning

Convened at 9:00 a. m., for business session, choir singing, "I Heard an Old, Old Story." Devotional by Bro. Richmond Barnett, reading Luke 6:25-38. Prayer by Bro. Stanley Parkey. Reading of Minutes for Friday session was read by Clerk and adopted. Called for treasurer's report of Disabled Ministers Fund, Ules Webb, treasurer, the report was accepted. Treasurer's report on Foreign Missions, Rev. Clyde Fender, treasurer, and accepted. Report of finance committee for Association was called for. Revs. Richmond Barnett and Jess Clark reported, report accepted.

The following committees: Session, adopted. Obituaries, adopted.

Trinity Church, Erwin, Tenn., asked for a letter recommending them to Union Association, which was granted by the body, and gave Clerk right to do so. Rev. C. J. Higgins, Moderator, extended thanks to the Unicoi church for the way they had taken care of the Association. Also Rev. Greene, pastor of Unicoi church extended his appreciation to all that attended. Adjourned business session of Association for Ministers Conference, until time and place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Pastors

We recommend the following: that our churches and pastors strive to live to the standard of a Christian life; that the preachers feed the flock and the churches stand by them in the Gospel. 2 Tim. 4:2, James 2:17.

Rev. Lyda Letterman

Annie Pate

Deeper Devotion

We, your Committee on Deeper Devotion, wish to recommend these scriptures: Lev. 27:21, Numbers 18:14, Acts 17:23. By Com.

Rev. Handy Wilcox, Rev. Dock Taylor,

Rev. Moss Holloway, Rev. Johnson White,

Rev. Joe Honeycutt

Disabled Ministers Fund

We, your Committee on Disabled Ministers Fund, recommend that each church member pay at least 10c per month. 1 Cor. 16:2. Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that these may be gatherings when I come.

Rev. Fulton Williams, Garvel Honeycutt,

Dave Leady, Walter Woodard

Education

We, your Committee on Education, recommend that: First — parents and leaders of our churches teach the Word of God to our children, which is able to make them wise unto salvation, 2 Tim. 3:15. Second — then after conversion, that our people, especially those who are called to the ministry, study "to show thyself approved. A workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15.

Rev. Clyde Fender

Jess B. Clark

Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, have received in all money for minute fund \$151.35. We recommend that we pay our Clerk \$15.00, and our Moderator \$10.00

Rev. Richmond Barnett

Investigation

We, your Committee on Investigation, state that we have nothing to report.

Rev. Fred H. Greene, Garvel Honeycutt,
Joe Arnett, Jess Clark, Ules Webb

Missions

We, your Committee on Missions, recommend that the churches of the Association strive to support our Freewill Baptist missionary program in the following ways: —

1. By understanding financial responsibility in some definite and specific project of our national F.W.B. missionary program.

2. By organizing in each church a woman's auxiliary, which is the missionary arm of the church, in order to promote the cause of missions, and to keep its interests before the church.

3. By encouraging the members of the church (especially the leaders) to subscribe to the two F.W.B. papers, namely, "Contact" and "Freewill Baptist," and to request the free literature (such as missionary circulars,) reviews and other publications, published by our mission boards; and to seek through these means to keep informed of our people in our F.W.B. missionary opportunities.

4. By sponsoring an annual missionary conference in our Association under the auspices of the national mission boards.

Rev. Claud Lethcoe,
Marie Pippin, Carl Nave

Resolutions

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to adopt the following title: "A thing is no bigger than it is." Resolution: We wish to ask all churches to do more for God and His Cause this coming year than ever. And we ask that the clerk provide a space in the Church Letter for the Associational Fund. Phillipians 4:13.

Rev. Paul Jordan

John Toney, Joe Bradley

Obituaries

We, your Committee on Obituaries, recommend that all churches write an obituary of their deceased.

Rev. Zenas Allen

Edna Sims

Orphanage

We, your Committee on Orphanage, wish to report that we have agreed to work to the best of our ability for the next year in behalf of the orphanage support.

Joe Arnett
Earnest R. Webb
Jossie Fender
Chap Fender
Roscoe Phillips
Sarah Webb
Myrtle Davis
Howard Whitson

Rev. Orville Whitehead
Garvel Honeycutt
Vaughn Trice
Annie Pate
Luceaus Chandler
P. J. Hollifield
Delia Chambers
Mae Woodard

Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance wish to report that the definition of the word, "temperance" is to abstain from all intoxicating drinks and to love virtue. Titus 1:8-22, 1 Corinthians 9:27, Prov. 23:1-25-28.

Rev. Ferrell Sparks

Earnest R. Webb

Geo. W. Buckner

Sabbath Schools

We recommend that all teachers in our Sabbath schools be Christians and faithful to the church. We believe that all church members should be loyal to their Sunday schools. Attendance in our Sabbath schools should be greater than our church membership. Because we are the light of the world. A city set on a hill that cannot be hidden. Matt. 5:14. 1 Tim. 4 chap. 15-16 verses. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly unto them: that they profiting may appear to all. 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.

Rev. Burnie Arwood

Myrtle Davis, Tonie Fender

Sessions

We, your Committee on Sessions, recommend that the next session be held at the Pensacola Free Will Baptist church, Pensacola, N. C. To begin on Thursday before the first Sunday in August, 1960. Rev. Zenus Allen to preach the introductory message, and that Rev. Quince Miller be his alternate.

Rev. George Miller

Carmon Simerly, Howard Whitson,

John Miller, Sarah Webb

Treasurers Report

Item: Disabled Ministers Fund:

Cash on hand last Association	\$2,806.21
Received this Association	301.23
Received from Ministers Conference	134.00
Received from Trinity Church	8.80
Interest	84.93

TOTAL \$3,335.17

Money Paid Out From Last Association:

Rev. Vestal Ball	\$100.00
Rev. Ted Laney	100.00
Rev. Handy Wilcox	100.00
Rev. Dock Taylor	50.00
Rev. Claude Lethcoe	50.00
Rev. Dwight Greene	50.00
Rev. Rex Adkins	50.00
Erwin Insurance Bond	5.00

TOTAL \$505.00

Leaves Balance of \$2,830.19

Signed: Ules Webb, Rt. 3, Box 196, Erwin, Tenn.

Treasurers Report

Item: Foreign Missions:

Balance in Treasury at close of last Associational year, August, 1958	\$412.92
Received at Association	207.00
Received Since Association:	
Fairview	60.00
Unicoi	28.17
Pilgrims Chapel	24.00

TOTAL \$732.09

Paid out this year	360.00
Balance in Treasury at Association 1959	\$372.09
Received at Association, 1959 session:	
Big Creek	\$ 10.00
Low Gap	24.00
North Bend	12.25
Pensacola	24.00
Valley Forge	60.00
Youngs Chapel	25.00
Liberty	24.00
TOTAL	\$179.25
Total in Treasury	\$551.34

Signed: Rev. Clyde Fender, Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.



OBITUARIES

DANA H. FOSTER—Born June 27, 1900; departed this life July 19, 1959, leaving a living testimony that he had gone home to rest. He is survived by his family and a host of friends who will miss him at home, as well as in the community and church. He was converted at an early age. He was a member of the Fairview F.W.B. church, where he was faithful until death. Gone but not forgotten.

KATHLYN ELIZABETH GARDNER—Died Jan. 27, 1959 at the age of 75 years. She was a charter member of the Fairview F.W.B. church. She was a devoted Christian, and often said: "I am just awaiting the call to go."

HIRAM H. HIGGINS—Departed this life Oct. 8, 1958 after a short illness at the age of 72. We, his family and friends will never forget such a wonderful husband, father and friend as he was. We have missed his presence so much, but God knew best. We feel that he is at rest and some day we can see his dear, sweet face again. If we lived the life he lived. He sure was a precious daddy to all us children, and by God's help, we will meet again.

Mrs. Viola Edwards,
Higgins Chapel Church

11 MINUTES OF THE JACKS CREEK F.W.B. ASSOCIATION

ZULA HONEYCUTT—Born Feb. 17, 1903. Departed this life in 1958 at the age of 55 years. She was a member of the Big Creek F.W.B. church. She was a devoted Christian, and loyal to her church and community. She was an inspiration to all who came in contact with her. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain, and feel assured we will meet her again in Heaven.

WILLIAM FRANK McCOURRY—Born March 17, 1902, departed this life May 15, 1959. He was converted at an early age, united with the Riverview F.W.B. church. He was a devoted Christian, and faithful to his church until death. He was a devoted husband and father. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

REBECCA VANCE MILLER—We, the members of Brummitts Creek Free Will Baptist church, mourn the passing of sister Rebecca Vance Miller, age 80, who was a member of this church. She left a testimony that she was ready to go. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

BETTY RANDOLPH—Died Oct. 11, 1958 at the age of 73 years. She was a member of Fairview church. She was unable to attend services for years because of her health, but always had the testimony: "I'm ready to go." Her place is vacant here, but I feel assured it is filled in Heaven.

S. J. SAYLOR—Departed this life Dec. 24, 1958. He was a member of Riverview F.W.B. church. So long as Bro. Saylor's health permitted him, he was faithful to his church. He was missed by everyone who knew him. We feel assured our loss is Heaven's gain.

HENRY STEVENS—Born Oct. 5, 1883, died Dec. 24, 1958. Bro. Stevens united with the Oak Hill F.W.B. church when a young man. Then he transferred his membership to Little Doe F.W.B. church; and when the Sunset F.W.B. church was organized in 1952, he united with it. He was a deacon of Sunset F.W.B. church and was a loyal and faithful member until death. He helped in building and organizing the Sunset F.W.B. church. Brother Stevens is greatly missed by the church and friends and loved ones. We feel the loss of Bro. Stevens in our church and community is Heaven's gain.

JOSIE TIPTON—Born Oct. 16, 1896; departed this life Feb. 11, 1959. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Hunt Dale, N. C. She leaves her family, her church and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Gone to rest!



MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The first quarterly conference was held at Fairview church, Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C., Nov. 28-29, 1958. The introductory message was given by Bro. Orville Whitehead. Scripture reading from Phillipians 5. Text: "Let your request be made known to God." Delivered a wonderful message. An offering of \$26.00 was received for disabled ministers fund.

Brother Claude Lethcoe brought the 7:30 message Friday night, using for his subject Ex. 11:7 — The difference between God's people and the world. Bringing a gospel message that was enjoyed by all. Brother Burnie Arwood brought the 11:00 a. m. message on Saturday that was well received.

The second conference was held with Low Gap church March 26 and 27, 1959. The introductory message was brought by Rev. Clyde Fender. Scripture lesson, Gen. 2 and St. John 19. Text, "Gardens." Bringing a wonderful message with an outpouring of the spirit. An offering of \$24.00 was received for disabled ministers fund. Bro. Larry McNelly presented himself for license, and was turned over to the investigating committee. Under watchcare of the Conference for three months, according to our rules. Also Bro. George Miller was ordained. Bro. Burnie Arwood brought the 7:30 Friday night message, that was enjoyed by all. Also Bro. Richmond Barnett brought the 11:00 o'clock message Saturday morning. He used for his subject: Heb. 10th chap., "A new and living way," which was enjoyed by all.

The Third Annual Conference was held at Big Creek church, Relief, N. C., May 29, 30, 1959. The introductory message was brought by Bro. Handy Wilcox, using for his Scripture lesson Luke chap. 4, verse 18, Text: "Anointed to preach the Gospel," bringing a wonderful message, which resulted in much rejoicing. An offering of \$32.00 was received for the disabled ministers fund. Also a love offering was received for Bro. Elbert Wheeler in the amount of \$50.50.

Brother Larry McNelly and Bro. J. W. Mann were recommended to be licensed by the investigating committee which was done by clerk.

Brother Dwight Greene brought the 3:00 p. m. message, using for his Scripture lesson John 6 chap. v. 33, also 13 verses from II Tim. 3, text, "Peace in Jesus Christ." Delivering a gospel message with an outpouring of the spirit. Bro. C. J. Higgins brought the 7:30 message Friday night. Text, Matt. 7th chap. verses 13-14 — "Narrow way and broad way; Which way are you on?" Bringing a wonderful message that was enjoyed by all, with an outpouring of the spirit. No preaching Saturday morning because business of conference took up all the time.

A session of Conference was held Saturday August 22, 1959 with the Association at Unicoi church. An offering of \$31.00 was received for disabled ministers fund. New officers were elected for coming year. Rev. Dwight Greene, Moderator for next Conference. Rv. Holt Herrell, Clerk for one year. Brother Charles Webb was ordained to preach the gospel, with the laying on of many hands. Adjourned business session until next Conference, to be held with Davistown church, Black Mountain, N. C., to begin on Friday before the fifth Sunday in November 1959.

MINISTERS ROLL

Rex Adkins	Rt. 3, Erwin, Tenn.
Zenus Allen	RFD, Mars Hill, N. C.
Burnie Arwood	Erwin, Tenn.
Vestal Ball	Johnson City, Tenn.
Richmond Barnett	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Coy Davis	Rt. 1, Old Fort, N. C.
Verno Davis	Rt. 2, Erwin, Tenn.
Clyde Fender	Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.
Dwight E. Greene	Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.
Fred H. Greene (Jack)	Unicoi, Tenn.
C. J. Higgins	Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Joe Honeycutt	Unicoi, Tenn.
Earnest Howell	Erwin, Tenn.
Moss Holloway	Erwin, Tenn.
Holt Herrell	401 Colorado St., Johnson City, Tenn.
Paul Jordan	Rt. 2, Old Fort, N. C.
Ted Laney	Rt. 1, Marion, N. C.
Lyda Letterman	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Troy McCourry	Box 68, Burnsville, N. C.
Quince Miller	Rt. 3, Burnsville, N. C.
John H. Miller	Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N. C.
George Miller	Rt. 3, Burnsville, N. C.
Robert Potter	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
D. C. Patrick	Rt. 2, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Tom Tittle	Erwin, Tenn.
Larry McNeeley	Erwin, Tenn.
Claude Lethcoe	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Elsie Robinson	Bee Log, N. C.
Ferrell Sparks	Black Mountain, N. C.
Arnold Wilson	Rt. 4, Marion, N. C.
Fulton Williams	Erwin, Tenn.
Johnson White	Rt. 2, Box 400, Morganton, N. C.
W. H. Woodby	Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
Ebb Wheeler	Rt. 1, Relief, N. C.
Orville Whitehead	Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Handy Wilcox	Unicoi, Tenn.
Charles Webb	Green Mountain, N. C.
Dock Taylor	Erwin, Tenn.

NOT PRESENT FOR ASSOCIATION

E. L. Beachboard	Box 227, Marion, N. C.
John Murphy	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.
Floyd Ray	Star Rt., Burnsville, N. C.
Fred Freeman	Rt. 1, Neco, N. C.
M. C. Franklin	Rt. 1, Flagpond, Tenn.
Gus Ledford	Rt. 3, Burnsville, N. C.
Herman Ledford	Erwin, Tenn.
M. B. Westall	Burnsville, N. C.
Roscoe Franklin	Rt. 3, Erwin, Tenn.
H. D. Poole	Marion, N. C.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK AND ADDRESS
Bald Mountain	T. A. Wheeler	Mack Wilson Rt. 4, Burnsville
Eig Creek	Dwight Greene	Mrs. G. W. Wilson Relief
Brummitts Creek	Charles Webb	Star Bennett Relief
Black Mountain		
Byrd Branch	Elzie Robinson	Mrs. Luther Ledford Rt. 1, Box 177, Burnsville
Crabtree	Fulton Williams	Anona Knaack Rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Davistown	Paul Jordan	James E. Vess Black Mountain
Ernestville	Tom E. Tittle	Claudine Higgins Rt. 3, Bx. 225, Erwin, Tenn.
Fairview	Clyde Fender	Mrs. Margaret Pack 717 Clif. Sta., Marion
Higgins Chapel	Allison Robinson	Mrs. Viola Edwards Rt. 4, Burnsville
Liberty	George Miller	Clifford Boone Box 1073, Marion
Liberty Chapel	Lyda Letterman	Viola Miller Celso
Low Gap	Johnson White	G. D. Ray, Jr. Star Rt., Burnsville
Mountain Dale	Clayton Whitson	Pearl Bradford Rt. 2, Erwin, Tenn.
Nicks Creek	Arnold Wilson	Clelia Young Clinchfield Sta., Marion
North Bend	Burnie Arwood	Dock Renfro Green Mountain
Pensacola	Lyda Letterman	Lawrence Wilson Pensacola
Peterson Chapel	Dock Taylor	Mrs. Loyd Laws Rt. 1, Box 141, Burnsville
Patterson Branch	Zenus Allen	Mrs. Burdette Deyton Rt. 1, Burnsville
Pisgah	George Reynolds	Mrs. Elden Shuford Rt. 2, Canton
Pilgrims Chapel	Johnson White	Clyde Dulaney Rt. 2, Box 377, Burnsville
Piney Hill	Elzie Robinson	Bessie Edwards Rt. 4, Box 84A, Burnsville
Piney Grove	Robert Potter	Aileen McKinney Hampton, Tenn.
Ridgeway	Fred Beam, Jr.	Gus Swann Rt. 1, Box 43, Marion
Riverview	Handy Wilcox	Floyd Bailey Rt. 3, Box 149, Erwin, Tenn.
Sunset	Tom Arnett	Georgia Carlton Rt. 2, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Unicoi	Fred H. Greene	Wanda Lee Jordon Unicoi, Tenn.
Unaka Springs	Paul Jordan	E. P. Fender Erwin, Tenn.
Vale	Handy Wilcox	Coye Calhoun Rt. 1, Newland
Valley Forge	C. J. Higgins	Mrs. Will Stevens Rt. 7, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Woody Hill	Fulton Williams	Mrs. Blanche Cochran Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Youngs Chapel	Dwight Greene	Ralph Thompson Rt. 2, Burnsville

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 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 others 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 deliberation, 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 privately before the Ordaining Council.

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 offers satisfactory excuse for his absence, his disability may be removed by a majority vote of the Conference. 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.

