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# 1961 MINUTES

of the

## Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association



Sixty-Sixth Annual Session Held at  
Riverview F. W. B. Church  
Erwin, Tenn., August 24, 25, 26, 1961



### OFFICERS

Rev. Cecil Higgins ..... Moderator

Rev. Holt Herrell ..... Clerk



### Next Session

The next session will be held with Fairview F.W.B. Church, Marion, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1962 at 10:30 a. m. Rev. Leonard Shehan will preach the introductory message. Rev. Ted Laney will be his alternate.

# JACKS CREEK FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## Officers of The Jacks Creek Association

### and Ministers Conference, 1961

#### ASSOCIATION:

Moderator - Rev. Cecil Higgins ..... Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.  
Clerk - Rev. Holt Herrell, .... 401 Colorado St. Johnson City, Tenn.  
Treas. Disabled Ministers Fund - Ullis Webb, Rt. 3, Erwin, Tenn.  
Treas. Foreign Missions - Rev. Clyde Fender, Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.  
Committee of Investigation - The Disabled Ministers Fund - Rev.  
Fulton Williams, Rev. Richmond Barnett, Tennessee; Rev.  
Arnold Wilson and Rev. Troy McCurry, North Carolina.

#### ASSOCIATION:

Rev. Jack Greene, Bro. Jess Clark, Bro. Vernal Jones, and  
Rev. Lydia Letterman.

#### MINISTERS CONFERENCE:

Moderator this session ..... Rev. Cecil Higgins  
Moderator next session ..... Rev. Richmond Barnett  
Clerk for next year ..... Rev. Holt Herrell

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Cecil Higgins, chairman; Rev. Joe Honeycutt, Rev.  
Quince Miller, Rev. Handy Wilcox and Rev. Richmond  
Barnett.

#### COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:

Retained From Last Year -

Tennessee - Rev. Jack Greene, Rev. Fulton Williams and  
Rev. Burnie Arwood.

North Carolina - Rev. Clyde Fender, Rev. Troy McCourry  
and Rev. Arnold Wilson.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association met with Riverview F.W.B. Church, Erwin, Tenn., Aug. 24, 1961 at 10:30 a.m. in its 66th Annual Session. Song service with choir singing "Victory in Jesus" and "Hold to My hand". Bro. Handy Wilcox, pastor, welcomed all to Riverview Church and told all to feel free and obey the Lord. Prayer by Rev. Cecil Higgins.

In the absence of Rev. George Miller, who was to bring the introductory message. Rev. Orphard D. Hensley, pastor Salem F.W. B. Church, Old Fort, N.C. was selected to bring the message. Bro. Hensley used for scripture reading, St. Matthew. Chapter 9, verses 35 through 38. Text, "What Jesus Saw. What He Felt, and What He Did". Bringing a gospel message that was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Harold, and sister Josephine Stevens, missionaries from Africa, were present. They both gave interesting lectures on the Mission Field that was enjoyed by all. An offering was received for missions in the amount of \$112.85. Closed to reconvene at 1:45 p.m. for business session

### Thursday Evening

The Association met at 1:45 p.m. for business session, with choir singing, "I'll be a friend to Jesus". Devotions by Rev. Richmond Barnett, reading for his scripture lesson, Acts, Chapter 2; prayer by Rev. Paul Jordan. The Rules of decorum were read by Moderator, Rev. Cecil Higgins, and adopted. Reading Clerks and Finance Committees were appointed, Rev. Richmond Barnett, and Bro. Jess Clark were selected. Rev. Jack Greene was selected pro-tem for treasurer of Foreign Missions in the absence of Rev. Clyde Fender. Bro. Orville Whitehead was selected for treasurer of Orphanage Fund.

### Churches and Delegates

BALD MOUNTAIN—Bros. Tom Wheeler, Floyd Wilson, M. S. Edwards, Floyd Tipton, and Orville Hensley.

BIG CREEK—Sister Lydia Adkins, Bros. Jim Adkins, Deckard Adkins and Howard Whitson.

BRUMMETTS CREEK—Sister's Sarah Webb, Lizzie Bennett, Bros. Baxter Bennett, and Harrison Phillips.

BYRD BRANCH—Sister's Alice Woodby, Maude Woodby, Bros. Hollis Silvers and Claude Woodby.



CRABTREE—By letter.

DAVISTOWN—Sister Fannie Davis, Bros. Wilburn Davis, Clarence Davis and Paul Ray.

ERNESTVILLE—Sisters Irene Huskins, Cora Holcomb, and Bro. Linville Edwards.

FAIRVIEW—Sisters Mae Miller and Margaret Pack, Bros. Joe Bradley, Garret Fender and Atlas Revis.

HAMPTON—Sisters Zeda Hughes and Gladys Johnson and Bro. Hacker Johnson.

HIGGINS—Sister Mozell Webb, Bro. Lewis Webb and Bro. Edgar Wheeler.

KEYSTONE—Sisters Edna Cooper, Hattie Greer and Effie Troutman, and Bro. Earnest McKinney.

LIBERTY—Bro. and Sister, Oscar Suttles.

LIBERTY CHAPEL—Bros. Floyd Huskins, Clarence Wilson and Thomas Miller.

LOW GAP—Sisters H. D. Ray, Sr., Wade McMakan, and Bro. and Sister Cloyce Silvers.

MOUNTAIN DALE—Sisters Lee Lewis, Thelma Gouge, Jean Barnett, and Ebbie Edwards.

NICK'S CREEK—Bro. and Sister, Goldman Cook, and Bro. and Sister, Walter Woodard.

NORTH BEND—Sister Becky Hughes, Bros. Noah Hughes, Earnest Hughes and Robert Whitson.

PATTERSON'S BRANCH—By letter.

PENSACOLA—Sisters Ann Pate, Adiline Roland, Bro. Audry Burleson and Bro. and Sister Jack Hollifield.

PETERSON'S CHAPEL—Bro. Loyd Laws.

PILGRIM'S CHAPEL—Bro. Clyde Dulaney.

PINEY GROVE—Sister Sally Stevens, Bros. Dan Stevens and Voyd Holtsclaw.

PINEY HILL—Sisters Gladys Hylman and Annie Silvers, Bros. Dock Hubbard, Lige Hylman, and Burnie Bradford.

RIDGEWAY—Sisters Gladys Hensley, Edith Booth and Bro. Clyde Booth.

RIVERVIEW—Sisters Sarah Webb, Belle Hensley, and Bro. and Sister Arney Foster.

SALEM—Bros. Herbert Jenkins, Preston Burnette, James Davis, and Rev. Orphard D. Hensley.

SOUTHSIDE—Sisters Leona McCurry, Nancy Tipton, Bros. Fred Davis, Audie Lingerfelt, Edd Lingerfelt, and R. H. Tipton.



SUNSET—Bro. and Sister Charles Hill, Jr., Bros. Brownlow Stevens and Frank Cornett.

UNAKA SPRINGS—Bros. Ullis Miller, Esco Fender, Rosco Fender and John Miller.

UNICOI—Sisters Jeanette Wilson, Hurcle Jordan, Opal Leedy Lida Gregg and Wanda Jordan. Bros. D. H. Garland, Glenn Gregg and Dave Leedy.

VALE—Sisters Coy Calhoun and Glenda Calhoun.

VALLEY FORGE—Sisters Mittie Belle Johnson, Mildred Vaughn. Mary Esta Estep and Delia Chambers, Bros. Dayton Guy, Cursey Johnson and Lewis Riddle.

WOODBYP HILL—Sisters Gladys Clark, Blanche Cochran and June McKinney, Bros. Lonnie Cochran, Elwood Simerly and Bobbie McKinney.

YOUNG'S CHAPEL—Bro. and Sister Vernal Jones, and Bro. and Sister Arnold Fortner.

Rev. Leonard Shehan was selected for treasurer for Associational funds. Bro. Ullis Webb was reappointed for treasurer of Disabled Minister's Fund. Salem F.W.B. Church. Old Fort, N.C. was voted in full fellowship with our body.

By motion moved to seat delegates and accept letters. Moderator and Clerk were elected for Association. Moderator elected, Rev. Cecil Higgins; assistant, Rev. Richmond Barnett; Clerk elected, Rev. Holt Herrell.

The following committees were appointed:—

CHURCHES AND PASTORS—Rev. Handy Wilcox, Chairman; Bros. Arnold Wilson and Tom Wheeler, Sisters Mary Herrell, Jason Salyers and Leonard Shehan.

DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND—Rev. Paul Jordan, Chairman; Rev. Johnson White, Bro. Dave Leedy, and Bro. James Davis.

DEEPER DEVOTION—Rev. Charles Webb, Chairman; Rev. Jason Salyers and Bro. John Miller.

EDUCATION—Rev. Troy McCourry, Chairman; Sisters Mildred Garland, Gladys Clark and Bros. Paul Ray, Joe Bradley.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Rev. Cecil Higgins, Chairman; Sisters Mary Esta Estep, Wanda Jordan, and Edna Cooper and Bro. and Sister Harold Stevens.

INVESTIGATION—Rev. Jack Greene, Chairman; Rev. Lydia Letterman and Bros. Jess Clark, Vernal Jones.

OBITUARIES—Rev. Fulton Williams, Chairman; Sisters Opal Leedy, Mae Miller, Glenda Calhoun, Blanche Cochran, Lyda

Adkins, Essie Morton, and Margaret Pack.

ORPHANAGE—Rev. George Higgins, Chairman; First delegate on each church letter to serve with him.

RESOLUTIONS—Rev. Leonard Shehan, Chairman; Bros. Brownlow Stevens, Clyde Dulaney and Howard Whitson.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—Rev. Burnie Arrowood, Chairman; Bros. Glenn Gregg, Cursey Johnson, A. N. Honeycutt and Frank Cornett.

SESSIONS—Bro. Dayton Guy, Chairman; Sister Walter Woodward, Bros. Lonnie Cochran, Atlas Revis, and Oscar Suttles.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. Quince Miller, Chairman; Bros. Garret Fender, Esco Fender and Bro. D. H. Garland.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE AND LADIES AUXILIARY—Bro. Jess Clark, Chairman; Rev. George Higgins, Sisters Mary Esta Estep, Mary Herrell, and Mildred Garland, Bros. Paul Ray, Vernal Jones, and Jess Clark.

Pulpit Committee was called for Rev. Quince Miller was selected to bring the 7:30 p.m. message. A call was made for visiting ministers. Rev. Ervin Sluder, Moderator of French Broad Association, presented himself. Also Rev. Harold Stevens, missionary from Africa presented himself. And were seated in our body. Association closed business session to reconvene Friday morning at 9:30 a.m.

### **Thursday Night Session**

The 7:30 P.M. service opened with choir singing, "I'll Soon Be Going Home" and "I Will Sing Hallelujah". Also the choir from Keystone F.W.B. Church, Johnson City, Tenn. sang, "I looked up", "His Salvation is Mine" and "There will be no trouble in that fair land". Also a girl's quartet from Valley Forge F.W.B. Church Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn. sang, "Where Will I Shelter My Sheep?" and "Key's to the Kingdom".

Prayer by Rev. Ervin Sluder. Rev. Quince Miller brought the 7:30 p.m. message, using for his scripture lesson, 2 Timothy, Chap. 3. Verses 1 through 8. Text Verse 7. "Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, So do these also resist the truth: Men of Corrupt Minds, reprobate concerning the faith". Bringing a wonderful gospel message that was enjoyed by all. Service closed with fellowship hand shake and rejoicing.

### **Friday Morning 9:30 A.M.**

The association convened at 9:30, with choir singing "I'm in

the Glory Land Way". Devotions by Rev. George Higgins, reading for his scripture lesson, 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13. Prayer by Rev. Darrell Dugger. Called to order by Moderator Rev. Cecil Higgins. Reading of Thursday's proceedings were read and adopted. A committee of investigation for disabled ministers fund were selected, Rev. Fulton Williams and Rev. Richmond Barnett for Tenn. and Rev. Troy McCourry and Rev. Arnold Wilson for North Carolina. A resolution was made and voted on to appoint a committee to promote Young People's Leagues. and Woman's Auxiliary's in our churches, and also to help establish these in churches that do not have them. Rev. Cecil Higgins, Rev. Handy Wilcox and Bro. A. N. Honeycutt gave interesting lectures on League work and Woman's Auxiliary's.

Committee on foreign missions were called for. Rev. Cecil Higgins, Sister, Mary Esta Estep and Bro. Vernal Jones, speakers, adopted.

Closed business session to reconvene at 1:45 p.m. with preaching at 11 a.m.

### **11:00 A. M. Service**

Service opened with choir singing "I'll Fly Away". Prayer by Rev. Jason Salyers. The Wayne Scott Trio from Lee County, Va. were present and sang, "Up Above the World So High", "I Know My Saviour is Near", "I see Jesus" & "The Lord is My Shepherd". Their singing was spiritual. An offering was received for them in the amount of \$54.00 in appreciation of them being present with us in association. Rev. Jack Greene brought the message using for scripture reading, Romans, Chapter 15, verses 1 through 3. Text, Philippians, Chap. 1, Verse 23. "For Me to live is Christ. But to die is gain". Bringing a wonderful gospel message that was enjoyed by all; Service closed with hand shake and rejoicing. The spirit of God was manifested in the service. Every Christian just thanked God for what they felt.

### **1:45 P.M. Service**

Association convened at 1:45 p.m. Song service with choir singing "Showers of blessing". Devotions by Rev. Troy McCourry reading for his scripture lesson, St. Mark, Chap. 12, verses 1 through 9; Prayer by Rev. Paul Jordan. Called to order by moderator, Rev. Cecil Higgins.

**CALL FOR COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION SPEAKERS—**



Rev. Troy McCourry and Rev. Paul Jordan. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS — Speaker, Rev. Burnie Arwood. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE—Speaker, Rev. Quince Miller. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION—Speaker, Rev. Leonard Shehan. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON ORPHANGE—Speakers, Rev. George Higgins, Rev. Cecil Higgins, Rev. Holt Herrell, Rev. Fulton Williams, Rev. Orville Whitehead, Bros. Vernal Jones, Jess Clark, and Jim Adkins. Adopted.

An Associational committee was appointed to visit our orphanages and make a report concerning them. Rev. Troy McCourry, Bros. Jess Clark and Vernal Jones were selected. And it was also moved and voted on for each church to keep their orphanage fund and give to orphanage treasurer at association.

COMMITTEE ON DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND—Speaker, Rev. Paul Jordan. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON DEEPER DEVOTIONS—Speaker, Rev. Jason Salyers. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SESSIONS—Speaker, Bro. Dayton Guy. Adopted.

COMMITTEES ON CHURCHES AND PASTORS—Speaker, Rev. Handy Wilcox. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON LEAGUE AND WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES —Speaker, Rev. George Higgins. Adopted.

It was moved and voted on to put a space in the Associational church letter for Young People's League, and Woman Auxiliaries.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—Speaker, Rev. Richmond Barnett. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS—Rev. Clyde Fender, treasurer, made his report, which was accepted and adopted.

It was also voted on to continue sending \$30.00 a month to Bro. and Sister Harold Stevens, missionaries in Africa.

COMMITTEE ON DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND—Bro. Ullis Webb, treasurer read his report which was accepted and adopted by association.

It was moved and voted on to select a committee and send them to the North Carolina State Convention, which was to convene at Mt. Olive, N.C. Sept. 19th and 20th, 1961. Concerning the controversy that had arisen about Congregational and Connectio-

nal Church government. Rev. Cecil Higgins, Rev. Holt Herrell, Rev. Jack Greene, and Rev. Troy McCourry were selected.

An offering was received for the committee in the amount of \$35.00 to defray expenses. Also an offering was received for Clerk of Association in the amount of \$30.00. Rev. Handy Wilcox, pastor of Riverview Church, where association had convened, expressed his appreciation for all that had attended the association. Rev. Cecil Higgins, moderator, also thanked the people of Riverview Church for all their kindness, for the wonderful food that the sisters had prepared for all, also for the hospitality that had been shown to the ministers, delegates, and visitors. The entire body just thanked them, and also the Lord for the wonderful association that had convened. Association adjourned until time and place to meet back Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. for Minister's Conference.

### **Friday Night 7:30 P.M. Service**

The service opened with choir singing "I have been set free", "I can tell you the time", "Hold to my hand" and "I love the Lord". Prayer by Rev. Virgil Deloach. Rev. Ervin Sluder, moderator of French Broad Association was selected to bring the message. He used for his Scripture reading, Romans, Chap. 11, verse 29. Text: "For the gift's and calling of God are without repentance". Bringing a wonderful gospel message that was enjoyed by all. Service closed with fellowship hand shake and an anointing of the spirit and rejoicing.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **"Churches and Pastors"**

We, your committee on churches and pastors, recommend that the following scriptures be studied and practiced prayerfully: 1 Tim. Chap. 3, verses 1:7; Titus Chap. 1, verses 6:9; Matthew Chap. 10, verses 1:16; Rev. Chap. 3, verses 14:19. Chairman, Rev. Handy Wilcox, Sisters Mary Herrell, Leonard Shehan and Jason Salyers.

### **Disabled Ministers Fund**

We, your committee on disabled minister's fund, recommend "That each church put the chairman of the deacon board in charge of this fund. And each member pay 10 cents each month. And if they don't pay take up a special offering for the fund. We believe there is no more worthy cause and if it is stressed to our churches. We believe our people will respond. Chairman, Rev. Paul Jordan, Sister Ann Pate, Bro. Johnson White.

## Deeper Devotions

We, your committee on Deeper Devotions, wish to submit the following: "A deeper and devoted life to God is the result of a born again experience with the Lord." This experience will produce an inward desire to dedicate and consecrate one's self to the cause of Christ. Three major steps in devoting one's life to God are:

1. To love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind and with all thy strength. Mark, Chap. 12, verse 30. By this we will be able to comprehend with all saints. What is the breadth, length, depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge.

2. We must present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds. Thus we will be a vessel unto honor, and meet for the Master's use. Romans Chap. 12, verses 1:2.

3. It is absolutely necessary that we remain steadfast unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, regardless of persecution, opposition, for a double minded person is unstable in all their ways. But the God of all grace who has called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus. After that you have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. 1 Peter Chap. 5, verse 10. Chairman, Rev. Charles Webb, Rev. Jason Salyers, Bro. John Miller.

## Education

We, your committee on education, realizing that God and his word are the true source of all true wisdom, and knowledge, offer these thoughts on the subject. The scriptures instruct us to "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. Chap. 22, verse 6. This is the essence of education. Paul in his instruction to young Timothy said in 2 Tim. Chap. 3, verses 14-15, "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned, and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast, learned them and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures which are able to make the wise unto salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus." This scripture places a definite responsibility upon us as Christians to be sure that our children are provided with God fearing. God filled, God called teachers. Second to the home. Our Sunday Schools are the chief medium of religious education. It is important to see that our youth are taught the fundamentals of our precious Christian faith as founded on God's Word, not man's theories or ideas. These fundamentals come only as we "Study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." 2 Tim. Chap. 2, verse 15. Our young people going out to face life and prepare for the future need to have the precious truths of God established in their hearts so that the evil teaching of the world will not shatter their faith. Parents, pastors, laymen, need to encourage young people to choose institutions which have sound doctrine foundations and God fearing teachers.

Chairman, Rev. Troy McCourry, sisters Gladys Clark, Mildred Garland, Bros. Joe Bradley, Paul Ray.

## Finance

We, your committee on Finance, wish to report that "We have received from the Jacks Creek F.W.B. Association, (churches), \$171.57.



We recommend that our moderator be paid \$10.00, and clerk \$15.00 for services rendered, and balance go for minute fund.

Rev. Richmond Barnett, Bro. Jess Clark

## **Foreign Missions**

We, your committee on Foreign Missions wish to make this report. "Considering again the repeated commission of our Lord to preach his gospel, which is the only hope of salvation to every man on earth. And realizing that half the world is still unreached by the Gospel, and reviewing the church reports to the association which showed that 23 churches out of 34 have not had any Foreign Mission Activity during the past year, we, the Mission's Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. Each church select a missionary committee to keep in personal touch with the missionaries for prayer items.

2. In all prayer services of the church, the missionaries be remembered specifically by name and the current needs in detail.

3. We suggest that each church give its members an opportunity to give monthly to foreign missions. Suggestions. (a) By monthly church offering, or, (b) By monthly Sunday School offering, or (c) By individual envelopes, (d) Offerings at special church services, such as fifth Sunday singing services, etc.

4. The Foreign Mission board office be contacted to send a missionary each year to speak to the association to keep the people informed of the Foreign Mission need. Signed - Chairman, Rev. Cecil Higgins, Rev. Harold Stevens, Sisters Harold Stevens, Edna Cooper, Wanda Jordan, Mary Esta Estep, F.W.B. Mission Bd., 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Harold Stevens, Mseleni Mission Sta., P. O. Mkuza, Zululand, South Africa.

## **League and Auxiliary**

We, your committee on young people's league, and women's auxiliary offer the following recommendations:

1. Seeing the need for more opportunity for service among our young people in our churches, "We recommend that the pastor and officials of each Church, prayerfully select a youth director to organize a training league, and keep it active. We also recommend that each pastor give a report next association, and that a space be included in the minute and church letter, in which a report can be given."

2. Secondly, "We recommend to the churches that do not now have a Woman's Auxiliary that the pastor, and the Godly Christian women of his church work together to organize an auxiliary for the betterment of the church. Realizing that women, have a definite place of service, in the church, we believe that membership in such auxiliary is a great opportunity to further the cause of Christ in our communities, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. We also further recommend that provision be made in the church letter and the minute for a report on auxiliary work.

3. We recommend that Churches plan for a joint league convention, ciation.

and an auxiliary convention to be held annually at the time of the asso-

4. That churches which plan to organize these groups. Contact the Free Will Baptist press at Ayden, North Carolina for information, and literature. Chairman, Rev. George Higgins, Sisters Mary Esta Estep,

Mary Herrell, Mildred Garland, Bros. Paul Ray, Vernal Jones, Jess Clark.

## **Orphanage**

We, your committee on orphanage, have agreed and recommend that pastors and delegates stress the need of the support of the orphanages to our churches. Also, we recommend that North Carolina and Tenn. homes send a representative to our association each year. Chairman, Rev. George Higgins, and delegate from each church in association.

## **Resolutions**

We, your committee on resolutions wish to submit the following, (1) "That we thank the Lord for the wonderful spirit of love and fellowship that has prevailed through out the association; (2) That we do our utmost to attend and stay at the association and conferences until they are adjourned; (3) That we appoint a committee to establish and promote young people's leagues, and women's auxiliaries in our churches. Chairman, Rev. Leonard Shehan, Bros. Brownlow Stevens, Howard Whitson, Clyde Dulaney.

## **Sabbath Schools**

We, your committee on Sabbath School's wish to report. "That we fully believe that all officers and teachers be endowed with the Holy Spirit, before they are chosen to take part in our Sunday School's. We also believe our pastor's should encourage our Sunday School's more and that we all should strive to teach, and live the word of God to our younger generation. We also believe teachers and officers should not willingly work on the Sabbath for gain, and to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. And that teachers of other faiths should not be allowed to teach in our churches. We also believe that all pastor's should spend one Sunday each month with the Sunday School, and visit each class, "Take heed unto thyself and unto doctrines. Continue in them for in doing this, thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee". Chairman, Rev. Burnie Arrwood, Bros. Frank Cornett, C. M. Johnson, Glenn Gregg, A.N. Honeycutt.

## **Sessions**

We, your committee on sessions recommend, "The next session will be held with Fairview F.W.B. Church, Marion, N.C. beginning on Thursday, before the fourth Sunday in August, 1962 at 10:30 A.M. Rev. Leonard Shehan to preach the introductory message. Rev. Ted Laney to be his alternate. Chairman, Bros. Dayton Guy, Walter Woodard, Atlas Revis, Lonnie Cochran.

## **Temperance**

We, your committee on temperance wish to submit the following:

1. "That the scripture meaning of temperance is found in 2 Peter, Chap. 5, verses 5-9.
2. The natural meaning of temperance is taken to be "Moderation". We believe that this applies to all the work of God. The scripture says, "Let your moderation be known unto all men". The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God". Phillippians, Chap. 4, verses 5-6. "He that is slow to anger is better then the mighty; He that ruleth his spirit then he that taketh a City". Prov. Chap. 16, verse 32. Chairman Rev. Quince Miller, Bros. D. H. Garland, E. D. Fender Garret Fender.

## Treasurer's Report

Item: Disabled Ministers fund:

Cash on hand last association .....	\$3139.05
Received this Association .....	622.18
Received from ministers conference .....	140.00
Interest .....	110.29
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$4,011.52</b>

Money Paid Out From Last Association:

Rev. Dock Taylor .....	\$75.00
Rev. Holt Herrell .....	\$100.00
Rev. Rev Adkins .....	50.00
Rev. Charles Webb .....	100.00
Rev. Handy Wilcox .....	50.00
Rev. Paul Jordan .....	75.00
Rev. Jack Greene .....	100.00
Rev. Fulton Williams .....	50.00
Rev. Earnest Howell .....	50.00
Erwin Insurance Company .....	\$ 7.50
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$657.50</b>
Leaves Balance of .....	<b>\$3,354.02</b>

Signed: Ullis L. Webb, Rt. 3, Box 196, Erwin, Tenn.

## Foreign Mission Report

Balance in treasury at close of association year 1960 .....	\$493.27
Paid out this year .....	420.00
Received this year from churches:	
Fairview .....	120.00
Unicoi Aux. ....	60.00
Low Gap .....	24.00
Big Creek .....	20.00
Pensacola .....	12.00
Piney Grove .....	5.00
Valley Forge .....	140.00
Youngs Chapel .....	24.00
Offering at association .....	56.42
<b>Balance in treasury .....</b>	<b>\$534.69</b>

Signed: Rev. Clyde Fender, Rt. 1, Nebo, North Carolina



## OBITUARIES

**JOHN ATKINS**—Departed this life Aug. 3, 1960. He professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at an early age, and was a member of Pensacola F.W.B. Church for over fifty years. He was a kind husband and a friend to all he knew. He leaves a wife, nine children and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

"Don't think that I am dead,  
I have just moved away,  
I'll have a glorious body,  
Instead of Crumbling Clay".

**EDD GARLAND**—Born Sept. 13, 1878, died Sept. 22, 1960. He was a member of Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church, a devoted Christian and loyal to his church and community. His Christian devotion will long be remembered.

**N.H. NEALY HUGHES**—Age 94, departed this life December 31, 1960. He was a deacon, and faithful member, as long as his health permitted. He was a member of Brummetts Creek F.W. B. Church. His Christian loyalty, and devotion will long be remembered by all who knew him. Gone but not forgotten.

**JADIE HURLEY**—Born Oct. 25, 1901, died Aug. 2, 1961. He was a member of Keystone Free Will Baptist Church. He was an inspiration to his family, friends and all who knew him. He was a devoted Christian. His footprints have left marks on the sands of time. Gone but not forgotten.

**MRS. MAUDE LEDFORD**—Departed this life, Aug. 17, 1961. She professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at an early age, and was a member of the Pensacola Free Will Baptist Church. She lived a spiritual life, and was a good woman to visit the sick and do all she could for them. She leaves a husband, and two daughters, and a host of friends to mourn her passing. Sister Maude is gone but not forgotten. Sweetest thoughts will linger around the grave where she is laid.

**LOWEY McMAHAN**—Born Feb. 1, 1898, departed this life July 15, 1961. He was a member of the Low Gap Free Will Baptist Church. His daily life was a living testimony of the faith in God. As well as his fellowman. He is missed greatly by his family, and friends. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

**WILLIAM T. WILLIAMS**—Born May 16, 1881, departed this life Dec. 29, 1960. He professed faith in Christ at an early age. And was a devoted Christian. He served as deacon of the Free Will Baptist Church for 45 years. Was choir director for many years, and taught many to sing. We know he is a voice now among the Heavenly Choir. He is survived by his wife, 3 sons and 3 daughters, and a host of friends. Our loss is Hea-

ven's gain. "For we know if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens". 2 Corinthians Chap. 5, verse 1.

## MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The first quarterly conference was held at North Bent Church, Green Mountain, N.C., Oct. 28-29, 1960. The introductory message was brought by Rev. Lyda Letterman, using for his scripture lesson St. John, Chap. 1, verses 1 through 20. Bring a wonderful gospel message that was enjoyed by all.

The business session opened at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Leonard Shehan reading devotions. All ministers voted in fellowship with each other and with God. \$16.00 was received for disabled ministers fund.

Churches, deacons and delegates were enrolled with a good response. Rev. Clarence Phillips, a visiting minister from Union Association, was enrolled and seated in our body. Also Rev. Therry Wheeler from French Broad Association. Bro. George Higgins brought the 3 p. m. message. His text was, "The Grace of God". He delivered a wonderful gospel message that was enjoyed by all. The ordaining council turned in report recommending Bro. George Higgins to be licensed to preach the gospel. License was written by clerk.

The 7 p.m. message was brought by Rev. Handy Wilcox using for scripture reading, Gen. Chap. 3, verse 9. Text, "The Call of God". His message was anointed by the spirit, and was enjoyed by all. Saturday's session convened with choir singing. Devotions were read by Rev. Clyde Fender. Churches, deacons, and delegates were enrolled that was not at Friday's session. Roll call. \$14.00 was received for disabled ministers fund.

Topic for Saturday's session was "What is the most important part of the Ministry?" That was enjoyed by all. Bro. H. C. Burgess, Supt. of Greeneville F.W.B. Orphanage was present. An offering was received for our orphanages in the amount of \$20.00. Bro. Darrell Dugger was licensed to preach the gospel. A wonderful conference and well attended. Closed to convene until time and place.

Rev. Handy Wilcox, Moderator  
Rev. Holt Herrell, Clerk.

The second quarterly conference convened at Ernestville Free Will Baptist Church, Erwin, Tenn., Jan. 27-28, 1961. Due to extreme weather conditions, our attendance was off considerably. Road conditions were so bad that the North Carolina ministers could not attend. The introductory message was brought by Rev. Darrell Dugger. He used for his scripture lesson, Ephesians Chap. 6, verses 10 through 20. Text, "Warfare". Bringing a gospel message that was anointed, which was enjoyed by all. Business part of conference convened at 1:30 p.m. Devotions were read by Rev. Cecil Higgins. Fellowship was called for every minister responded. Roll Call. \$13.00 was received for disabled ministers



fund. Churches, deacons, and delegates were enrolled that was present. Due to weather conditions the 3 p. m. service also 7 p.m. service was postponed. Closed to re-convene Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

Conference convened at 10 a.m. Saturday morning with choir singing. Devotions were read by Rev. Leonard Shehan. Prayer by Bro. Jack Greene. There was a larger delegation Saturday than was at Friday's session. Fellowship was called for. Every preacher responded. Roll call. \$8.00 was received for disabled ministers fund. Churches, deacons and delegates were enrolled that were not at Friday's session. The topic for conference was, "The Kingdom of God". Several gave interesting and spiritual discourses on topic. Piney Grove Church, Rt. 1, Hampton was selected for next conference to convene April 28-29, 1961. In the absence of Moderator and assistant moderator due to the weather, Rev. Richmond Barnett served and did a wonderful job.

Rev. Richmond Barnett, Mod.  
Rev. Holt Herrell, Clerk.

The third quarterly conference convened at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn., April 28-29, 1961. Introductory message was delivered by Rev. Jason Salyers. Using for his scripture lesson, Numbers 17th Chap. 1 Cor. Chap 15, verses 2 through 20, and Acts Chap. 1, verse 3. Text, "Many infallible proofs". Bringing a wonderful message, that was well received. God blessed and there was much rejoicing. Convened for lunch, to re-convene at 1:30 p.m.

Business part of conference convened with choir singing. Devotions were read by Rev. George Higgins. Prayer by Rev. Jack Greene. Bro. Bob Forbes sang a solo "I'm lonesome for Heaven" that was enjoyed by all. Conference was called to order by moderator. Roll call. \$27.00 was received for disabled ministers fund. Every preacher voted in fellowship with each other. Rev. Jason Salyers from Toe River association, also Bro. Glenn Miller were enrolled, and seated in our body. Churches, deacons and delegates were enrolled with a good delegation. A call was made for applicants for license and ordination. Rev. Jason Salyers presented himself, and was voted in full fellowship in our body. Bro. Glenn Miller presented himself for license and was put under watch care of conference for three months to be investigated. The 3 o'clock message was brought by Rev. Handy Wilcox, using for scripture reading, 1 Kings Chap. 17. Text, "Word of the Lord". Bringing a gospel message that was enjoyed by all.

The 7:30 p.m. message was delivered by Rev. Arnold Wilson. Reading for scripture lesson St. Luke Chap. 22 and St. John, Chap. 14, verses 1 through 6. Text, "Way and Place". Delivering a good message that was well received. Conference convened Saturday morning, April 29, 1961 at 9:30 a.m. with choir singing. Devotions were read by Rev. J. W. Mann. Prayer by Rev. Leonard Shehan. Business part convened by reading of Friday's session. Roll call. \$11.00 was received for disabled ministers fund. Churches, deacons and delegates were enrolled that were not present at Friday's session.

A visiting delegation from Middle District F.W.B. Church, Rt. 1, Bakersville, N.C. were seated in our body. Bro. George Stevens, a visiting minister from Union Association was enrolled, and seated in our body. The topic for conference was "The Word of God". Spiritual lectures



were given by several ministers that were enjoyed by all. Bro. Frank Elliott presented himself for license, and was placed under watch care of conference for three months to be investigated. Also Bro. Larry McNally's license was renewed for a three month's period.

Conference convened to meet at Low Gap Church, Friday and Saturday, July 28-29, 1961. Piney Grove Church and community were commended for the wonderful way they had taken care of conference. The entire body just thanked God for the wonderful conference.

Rev. Robert Potter, Moderator  
Rev. Holt Herrell, Clerk.

The fourth quarterly conference was held at Low Gap Free Will Baptist Church, Burnsville, N. C. July 28-29, 1961. The introductory message was brought by Rev. Leonard Shehan using for scripture lesson 39 verses from the 27th Chapter of Acts. Text, "Being led by God". A wonderful gospel message with much rejoicing. Convened for lunch to meet back at 1 p.m. for business session. Business part of conference opened with choir singing. Devotions were by Rev. Jason Salyers. Prayer by Rev. George Higgins. Fellowship was called for. Every minister responded. Roll call. \$25.00 was received for disabled ministers fund. Churches, deacons, and delegates were enrolled with a large delegation. A large percentage of the churches represented by delegates. A motion was moved and voted on "That a minister seeking ordination in our body, must be called by a church to pastor, or go into full time evangelistic work, before he can be ordained in our body. And also the church that calls him to pastor, must write a letter recommending him to the conference." Several gave interesting lectures on Foreign Missions that was enjoyed by all. Voted to adjourn business session until Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m.

The 2:30 p.m. message was brought by Rev. George Higgins, using for his scripture lesson St. Luke Chap. 23, verse 33, Romans Chap. 1, verses 14 through 18. Text, "Calvary and the Gospel". Bringing a spiritual message. The 7:30 p.m. message was delivered by Rev. Richmond Barnett. Scripture reading was from the 57th Chap. of Isaiah. Text, "A Contrite Heart". Bring a wonderful gospel message.

Saturday's session of conference opened at 9:30 a.m. Devotions were read by Rev. Coy Davis. Prayer by Rev. Quince Miller. Business part convened by reading Friday's proceedings. Roll call. \$11.00 was received for disabled ministers fund. Every preacher voted they were in fellowship with each other, and with God. Churches, deacons, and delegates were enrolled that were not at Friday's session. Salem Free Will Baptist Church, Old Fort, N. C. was placed under watch care of conference until association. Topic for conference was, "The Purpose of God". Several brothers gave interesting and spiritual discourses on subject. Convened until time and place.

Rev. Richmond Barnett, Mod.  
Rev. Holt Herrell, Clerk

A session of Conference was held Saturday, Aug. 26, 1961 in connection with association, at Riverview Church, Erwin, Tenn. Conference convened Sat. morning at 9:30 a.m. Devotions were by Rev. Leonard Shehan. Prayer by Rev. Darrell Dugger. Roll call. \$35.00 was received for disabled ministers fund. Fellowship was called for. Every preacher

responded. A conference clerk was elected for the coming year. Rev. Holt Herrell was elected by vote. Rev. Richmond Barnett his assistant.

An Ordaining Council was appointed. Chairman, Rev. Cecil Higgins, Rev. Joe Honeycutt, Rev. Quince Miller, Rev. Handy Wilcox and Rev. Richmond Barnett. The original conference investigating committee was retained. It was voted to have next ministers conference at Pilgrims Chapel Church, Burnsville, N.C. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28, 1961. Rev. Richmond Barnett was selected for moderator. Rev. Leonard Shehan his alternate. Rev. George Higgins to preach the introductory message. Rev. Cecil Higgins to be his alternate. Bro. Ervin Sluder from French Broad Association and Rev. Virgil Deloach from Union Association were seated in our body.

Bro. George Higgins was ordained by the laying on of many hands, and much rejoicing. Rev. Virgil Deloach presented his letter to conference. And according to our rules was placed under watch care of conference for three months. Convened until time and place.

Rev. Cecil Higgins, Mod.

Rev. Holt Herrell, Clerk.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Bald Mountain	T. A. Wheeler	Mack Wilson	Burnsville, N.C.
Big Creek	Richmond Barnett	Mrs. G. W. Wilson	Rt. 1, Relief, N. C.
Brummetts Creek	Charlie Miller	Mrs. Will Bennett	Relief, N. C.
Byrd Branch	Elsie Robinson	Mrs. Luther Ledford	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Crabtree		Annona Knack	Rt. 2, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Davistown	Gurnie McKinney	James E. Vess	Star Route, Black Mtn., N. C.
Ernestville	Moss Holloway	Claudine Higgins	Rt. 3, Erwin, Tenn.
Fairview	Jason Salyers	Mrs. Margaret Pack	Rt. 2, Nebo, N.C.
Hampton	Fulton Williams	Howard Buck	Rt. 2, Hampton, Tenn.
Higgins		Mrs. Viola Edwards	Rt. 4, Box 50 Burnsville, N.C.
Keystone	Holt Herrell	Jack Pealer	404 Celo. St., Johnson City, Tenn.
Liberty	Paul Jordan	Loyd Allison	Rt. 4, Marion, N.C.
Liberty Chapel	Arnold Wilson	Viola Miller	Rt. 5, Box 65, Burnsville, N.C.
Low Gap	Johnson M. White	Mrs. H. D. Ray, Jr.	Burnsville, N.C.
Mountain Dale	Loyd Grey	Mrs. Pearl Bradford	Rt. 2, Box 175, Erwin, Tenn.
Nicks Creek	Arnold Wilson	Clelia Young	43 Circle St. Cl. Marion, N.C.
North Bent	George Higgins	Dock Renfro	Green Mountain, N. C.
Patterson's Branch	Verno Davis	Mrs. Burdette Deyton	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N.C.
Peterson Chapel	Leonard Shehan	Mrs. Loyd Laws	Rt. 1, Box 141, Burnsville, N.C.
Pensacola	Lyda Letterman	Lawrence Wilson	Pensacola, N.C.
Pilgrims Chapel	Floyd Ray	Clyde Dulaney	Rt. 2, Box 332, Burnsville, N.C.
Piney Grove	Orville Whitehead	Mrs. Aileen McKinney	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Piney Hill	John H. Miller	Mrs. Annie Silvers	Rt. 4, Box 91.B, Burnsville N.C.
Ridgeway	Floyd Ray	Clyde Booth	Rt. 1, Box 277.A, Marion, N.C.
Riverview	Handy Wilcox	Alvin Adkins	Rt. 3, Box 247, Erwin, Tenn.
Salem	Orphard Hensley	Mrs. James Davis	Rt. 1, Box 108, Old Fort, N.C.
South Side	Troy McCourry	Fred Davis	923 Hoback Ave., Erwin, Tenn.
Sun Set	Tom Arnett	Mrs. Georgia Carlton	Rt. 2, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Unicoi	Jack Greene	Mrs. Bessie Jordan	Unicoi, Tenn.
Unaka Springs	Charles Webb	E. P. Fender	Rt. 3, Box 222, Erwin, Tenn.
Vale	Handy Wilcox	Coye Calhoun	Newland, N.C.
Valley Forge	Cecil Higgins	Mrs. Will Stevens	Rt 7, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Woodby Hill	Leonard Shehan	Mrs Arnold McKinney	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Young's Chapel	Dwight Greene	Vernal Jones	Rt 2, Burnsville, N.C.

## MINISTERS ROLL

### MINISTERS PRESENT FOR ASSOCIATION

Rex Adkins .....	Rt. 3, Erwin, Tenn.
Zenus Allen .....	R.F.D. Mars Hill, N.C.
Burnie Arwood .....	Erwin, Tenn.
Vestal Ball .....	Park Ave., Johnson City, Tenn.
Richmond Barnett .....	Erwin, Tenn.
Coy Davis .....	Rt. 1, Old Fort, N.C.
Darrell Dugger .....	Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Clyde Fender .....	Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.
Jack Greene .....	Unicoi, Tenn.
Orphard Hensley .....	Old Fort, N.C.
Holt Herrell .....	401 Colo. St., Johnson City, Tenn.
Cecil Higgins .....	Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
George Higgins .....	Erwin, Tenn.
Moss Holloway .....	Erwin, Tenn.
Joe Honeycutt .....	Unicoi, Tenn.
Paul Jordan .....	Rt. 2, Old Fort, N.C.
Ted Laney .....	Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.
Herman Ledford .....	Erwin, Tenn.
Claude Lethcoe .....	Rt. 1, Box 85, Ferrum, Va.
Lyda Letterman .....	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N.C.
Troy McCourry .....	Box 68, Burnsville, N.C.
George Miller .....	Rt. 3, Burnsville, N.C.
John H. Miller .....	Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N.C.
Quince Miller .....	Rt. 3, Burnsville, N.C.
Floyd Ray .....	Star Rt., Burnsville, N.C.
Elsie Robinson .....	Bee Log, N.C.
Iason Salvors .....	Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.
Leonard Shehan .....	Erwin, Tenn.
Dock Taylor .....	Erwin, Tenn.
Charles Webb .....	Green Mountain, N.C.
Johnson White .....	Rt. 2, Box 400, Morganton, N.C.
Orville Whitehead .....	Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Handy Wilcox .....	Unicoi, Tenn.
Fulton Williams .....	Erwin, Tenn.
Arnold Wilson .....	Rt. 4, Marion, N.C.

### NOT PRESENT FOR ASSOCIATION

Verno Davis .....	Rt. 2, Erwin, Tenn.
Fred Freeman .....	Rt. 7, Nebo, N.C.
Dwight Greene .....	Rt. Spruce Pine, N.C.
Earnest Howell .....	Erwin, Tenn.
Gus Ledford .....	Rt. 3, Burnsville, N. C.
Larry McNeely .....	Erwin, Tenn.
John Murphy .....	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N.C.
D. C. Patrick .....	Rt. 2, Elizabethton, Tenn.
H. D. Poole .....	Marion, N.C.
Robert Potter .....	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Ferrell Sparks .....	R.F.D., Elizabethton, Tenn.
W. H. Woodby .....	Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.



Table Of Statistics

CHURCHES AND MEETING DAYS	Baptised	Added	Otherwise	Excluded	Dismissed	Deaths	Total Membership	Number in Sunday School	Communion	Pastor Present	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid for Revivals	Orphanage	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Disabled Ministers Fund	Pledges D.M. Fund	Monthly Mission Pledge	Poor and Sick Fund	Value Church Property	Improvements To Church Property	Associational Fund
Bald Mountain ....	2-4	3				1	50	65	1	24	\$6.35	618.69	189.75	133.63	89.44		10.00			35.00	4000.00		5.00
Big Creek .....	1-3			3			79	61	22	\$5.00	351.41	96.46	81.55	5.00	20.00	12.00	10.00			64.00	3000.00	1000.00	
Brummetts Creek .....	1-3				1		65	50	1	24	\$5.00	351.93	35.00	11.00									5.00
Byrd Branch .....	1-3						55	40	1	38	\$3.50	81.66	17.00				10.00			15.00	3150.00		5.00
Crabtree .....	2-4	1	1				26	60	1		\$3.00	194.42		10.00							2240.00		
Davistown .....	Full	5					45	75	1	22	\$5.00	576.57	150.00	95.12	14.64		33.45			87.75	3000.00		5.00
Ernestville .....	Full			7			35	30	1		\$2.00			5.00			10.00				5000.00		
Fairview .....	Full	7	4		7		134	105	1		\$8.00	3270.00	175.00	192.00	831.62	220.16	20.00	20.00	10.00	303.85	16,000.00	778.87	5.00
Hampton .....	Full	3	6				61	75	1	40	\$3.00	500.00	150.26				5.00			32.00	40,000.00		5.00
Higgins .....	1-2	6			4		100	70	2	26	\$3.00	539.02	56.30	44.15			12.00				3000.00	100.00	5.00
Keystone .....	Full	20	28		1	1	265	249	4		\$5.00	3475.33	75.00	646.00	100.43	32.75	82.00			175.32	60,500.00	700.00	5.00
Liberty .....	Full		1		2			36	1		\$5.00	427.94	70.18	135.52	101.60		10.00	10.00		30.60	4071.00		5.00
Liberty Chapel ....	1-3						44	35	1	23	\$3.00	460.00	75.00				10.00			145.59	2600.00	500.00	
Low Gap .....	1-3	1			2	1	34	52	2	29	\$5.00	506.00	189.35	75.00	22.00	24.00	20.00	10.00	2.00	200.00	7000.00	2100.00	5.00
Mountain Dale ....	1-3	5	1			1	79	80	2	18	\$5.00	325.00	60.00							17.00	15,000.00	100.00	5.00
Nicks Creek .....	Full	5	4		2		51	89	2		\$5.00	456.30		118.49	42.10		14.90			155.98	11,189.96	713.23	5.00
North Bent .....	1-3						93	50	2	21	\$5.00	244.30	41.50	45.00			10.00			25.00	6000.00	674.89	5.00
Pattersons Branch 2-4		1			1		55	15	1	24	\$2.50						10.00				1636.00		
Peterson Chapel .....	2-4		4				40	30	1	22	\$2.25	329.80	46.65	20.00			20.00				4000.00		
Pensacola .....	2-4	2	1		4	1	143	65	1	20	\$5.00	467.28	97.00	155.00		12.00	25.00			64.00	15,000.00	150.00	5.00
Pilgrims Chapel .....	1-3	4	1				30	30	1	24	\$2.00	530.00	121.65	59.60	5.00		10.00			73.68	2000.00		5.00
Piney Grove .....	2-4	7					52	65	1	24	\$4.75	855.52	62.48	10.00		5.00	10.00			107.25	5600.00	605.05	5.00
Piney Hill .....	2-4	3				1	88	38	2	24	\$3.00	64.92	34.00	13.00			5.00				3000.00	500.00	5.00
Ridgeway .....	2-4	2					18	43		22	\$2.00	190.12	42.25	8.10						33.97	4345.00	88.67	5.00
Riverview .....	Full	8			4		183	110	2		\$10.00	2880.00	223.55	131.50	248.10		24.62			100.00	25,000.00		5.00
Salem .....	Full	5	5	5		2	55	106	2		\$3.00	694.79	269.63							135.00	6000.00		5.00
Southside .....	Full	3	4		1	2	197	85	4		\$5.57	967.61	227.59			21.50	10.00			67.88	20,000.00	85.50	5.00
Sunset .....	1-3	9	2		2		108	116	1	46	\$5.00	329.08	125.46	30.00			10.00			65.46	25,000.00	2000.00	5.00
Unicoi .....	Full	18	8				160	113	2		\$6.00	2395.10	212.92	64.84		133.28	50.08			108.50	17,600.00	100.00	5.00
Unaka Springs ....	2-4	7					34	90	1	23	\$5.00	797.67	168.85	106.50			15.35			125.25	3375.00		5.00
Vale .....	1-3						32	60	1	22	\$5.00	440.00	72.46	46.00			10.00				2000.00		5.00
Valley Forge .....	Full	15	21		3		275	204	4		\$20.00	3900.00	175.00	561.55	75.00	638.61	91.00			860.89	81,000.00	1000.00	5.00
Woody Hill .....	1-3	23	13			1	96	100	2	24	\$7.00	842.71	222.15	50.00			10.00			8.00	10,800.00	32.95	5.00
Youngs Chapel ....	2-4	1	2	3			75	75	2	24	\$7.50	790.00	110.00	149.75	68.60	24.00	71.30	25.00	2.00	25.00	11,000.00	809.40	5.00

## 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 Saviour; 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.

## 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 thee 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 missons, 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.



## 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. II 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 saints 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.

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## 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 at 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.

ARTICLE 18. "A licensed minister cannot attain ordination until he is called to pastor a church, or go into full time evangelistic work. A church that has called him for pastor, must send a letter requesting his ordination."

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 usefulness, 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.

## CHURCH LETTER

**To The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association**

At ..... Date ..... 19 .....

Greetings In Christ:

We, the Free Will Baptist Church at .....  
 now in session, send the following named delegates to represent us in  
 your body:

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### OUR STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS—

( 1 ) Our meeting days	(14) For Orphanage	\$
( 2 ) Number baptised	(15) Home Missions	\$
( 3 ) Added otherwise	(16) Foreign Missions	\$
( 4 ) Excluded	(17) Disabled Ministers Fund	\$
( 5 ) Dismissed	(18) Pledged to Dis. Min. F.	\$
( 6 ) Deaths	(19) Monthly mission pledge	\$
( 7 ) Total members	(20) Poor and sick	\$
( 8 ) Number in Sunday school	(21) Value church property	\$
( 9 ) Communion & foot washings	(22) Improv. ch. property	\$
(10) No. times pastor present	(23) Associational fund	\$
(11) Minute Fund	(24) No. members in Women's Aux.	
(12) Paid Pastor	(25) Average attendance in League	
(13) Paid for revivals		

Revival conducted by .....

Present pastor .....

Pastor elect .....

Steward ..... Clerk .....

Address ..... Address .....

Remarks: .....

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