## 1963-64 MINUTES

## of the

# Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association



Sixty-Eighth Annual Session Held at Valley Forge F.W.B. Church Rt. I, Elizabethton, Tenn. Aug. 22, 23, 24, 1963

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#### OFFICERS

Rev.	Cecil	Higgins	s N	Ioderator
Rev.	Holt	Herrell		Clerk



## Next Session

The next session will be held at Young's Chapel F.W.B. Church, Rt. 2, Burnsville, N.C., beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1964 at 10:30 A.M. Rev. Bruce Fender, Jr. will preach the introductory message; Rev. Leonard Shehan will be his alternate.



Rev. G. W. Honeycutt

Rev. G. W. Honeycutt departed this life on March 28, 1939. He was a member and a preacher in the Jacks Creek F.W.B. Association for 23 years. He was ordained on September 4, 1916. He was a great evangelist and led many souls to the Lord. Revelations 14:13, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. From henceforth yea saith the Spirit; that they may rest from their labors, but their works do follow them." His family and many preachers that were saved under him are still in the service of the Lord. The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Association is dedicating the minutes to Rev. Gerome Honeycutt. "Missed greatly by many people."

## JACKS CREEK FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## Officers of The Jacks Creek Association

## and Ministers Conference, 1963

#### ASSOCIATION:

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Rev. Jack Greene, Brothers Jess Clark, Ralph Thompson, and Dayton Guy.

#### MINISTERS CONFERENCE:

Moderator this session	Re	ev. Cecil J. Higgins
Moderator next session	. Rev.	<b>Richmond Barnett</b>
Clerk for next year		Rev. Holt Herrell
	Rev.	<b>Richmond Barnett</b>

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Chairman, Rev. Richmond Barnett, Rev. Cecil Higgins, Rev. Jack Greene, Rev. Orville Whitehead, Rev. Handy Wilcox. Rev. Fulton Williams, and Rev. Burnie Arwood.

#### COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:

Tennessee - Rev. Leonard Shehan, 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 Valley Forge F.W.B. Church, Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn., Aug. 22, 1963 at 10:30 A.M. in its 68th annual session. Song service with choir singing, "Some Day" and "Tll Be Satisfied". Rev. Cecil Higgins, pastor of the church welcomed all and told all to feel free. The spirit of God existed in the service and the praying, too. Bro. Ralph Thompson from Young's Chapel F.W.B. Church in Burnsville, N. C. led the congregation in prayer. The congregation sang another song, "I Shall Not Be Moved", which was enjoyed by all. Also a girls trio from Valley Forge Church sang "Is He Satisfied with Me", and "Lord, I Want to go Home", which were greatly enjoyed by all.

Rev. Paul Jordan brought the introductory message using for his scripture reading, Romans, Chapter 8, Verses 35-40; also Hebrews, Chapter 13, Verse 8. Text - "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." Bringing a wonderful gospel message that was annointed by the Spirit of God, that was greatly enjoyed by all. Service closed with congregation singing "Oh, How I Love Jesus", and a fellowship handshake with much rejoicing. Closed to reconvene at 2 P.M. for Business Session. Dismissed by Rev. Quince Miller.

## Thursday Evening

The association met at 2 p.m. for Business Session with choir singing "Victory In Jesus". Devotions by Rev. Leonard Shehan. Reading for scripture lesson, I Cor., Chapter 13, Verses 1-13. Rev. Richmond Barnett led prayer. Business part of association was begun by calling to order by Moderator, Rev. Cecil Higgins. Reading clerks and Finance Committees were appointed. Rev. Richmond Barnett and Bro. Jess Clark were selected.

Rev. Clyde Fender was reappointed for treasurer of foreign missions. Rev .Troy McCourry was appointed for treasurer of orphanage fund. Bro. Ulis Webb was reappointed for treasurer of disabled min. fund. Sister Eula Jenkins was appointed treasurer of association funds.

Rev. Leonard Shehan was appointed treasurer of Home Missions fund.

A call was made for churches seeking membership in our body, Middle District F.W.B. Church, Rt. 2, Bakersville, N. C., presented a letter and delegates which were Bros. Roy Street, Dewey Ingram, and Fonzer Ledford; Sisters Daisy Herrell, Mary Ann Street, May Ingram, and Francis Street. Also \$5.00 for Minute Fund was enclosed in the church letter. The church was voted in full fellowship in our body.

#### Churches and Delegates

- BALD MOUNTAIN Bros. Allison Edwards, Chap Fender, Tom Wheeler, and Raleigh Fender
- BIG CREEK Bros. Deckard Adkins and Willis Adkins; Sisters Bonnie Adkins and Lydia Adkins
- BRUMMETTS CREEK Bros. Will Bennett, Richard Arwood; Sisters Star Bennett and Manda Arwood

- BYRD BRANCH Bros. Joe Silvers and Rotha Ogle; Sisters Jean Silvers and June Ledford
- CRABTREE Bros. Bill Pope, Stokes Freeman, Louis Mohl; and Sister Mary Belle Lyons
- DAVISTOWN Bros. Wilburn Davis, Alfred Harris, and Emery Vess.
- ERNESTVILLE Bro. Raymond Howell; Sisters May Frost and Zettie Tipton
- FAIRVIEW Bros. Joe Bradley and Carl Reynolds; Sisters Gladys Bradley, Lollie Wiggins, and Bonnie Lavender.
- FIRST F.W.B. of FLINT, MICH. Bro. Guy Wilson
- HAMPTON Sisters Lillie Lyons, Okie Calhoun, Ruby Whisant, and Gladys Johnson
- $\operatorname{HIGGINS}$  Sisters Baxter Silvers, Lewis Webb, and Bernie Edwards
- KEYSTONE Sisters Becky Barnes, Effie Rice, and Hattie Greer
- LIBERTY Bros. Bob McMahan and Bill Long; and Sister McMahan
- LIBERTY CHAPEL Bro. Clarence Wilson and Sister Viola Miller
- LOW GAP Sisters Horace D. Ray, Sr. and J. L. Robertson
- MIDDLE DISTRICT Bros. Roy Street, Dewey Ingram, and Fonzer Ledford; Sisters Daisy Herrell, Mary Ann Street, May Ingram, and Francis Street.
- NICKS CREEK Bros. Floyd Robinson, Harrison Hall; and Sister Walter Woodard
- NORTH BENT Bro. and Sister Gus Tipton, Bro. and Sister Park Peterson, and Bro. Dock Renfro
- PATTERSONS BRANCH By Letter
- PENSACOLA Bro. Sherdon Pate; Sisters Annie Pate and Gladys Riddle
- PETERSON'S CHAPEL No Report
- PILGRIM'S CHAPEL By Letter
- PINEY GROVE Bros. Byrl McKinney, Willard Davis, Joe Arnett; Sisters Mary Sue Woodby and Roma Dean Hill
- PINEY HILL Sisters Burnice Bradford and Lige Hylemon
- RIDGEWAY No Report
- RIVERVIEW Sisters Opal Love, Belle Hensley, Virgie Bailey; Bro. Ernest Webb and Bro. and Sister Molt Duncan
- SALEM Bros. Walter Jenkins, James Davis, Preston Burnett; Sisters Hattie Burnett and Annie Jenkins
- SOUTHSIDE Bros. George Buckner, H. H. Collins; Sisters Addie Lingerfelt, Pauline Collins, Marilyn Lingerfelt and Audie Lingerfelt, Deacon
- SUNSET Sisters Georgie Ingram, Gail Ingram, Bessie Taylor, Beulah Mackley; Bros. Conley Stevens and Carmon Blevins
- UNAKA SPRINGS Bros. Arson Miller and John Miller
- UNICOI Sisters Bessie Briggs, Mary McCourry, Opal Leedy, Mildred Garland, Velda Fender, Wanda Jordan, and Zula Jordan
- VALE Bros. Goss Cornett, Vaughn Trice, Dewey Stout, and Will Johnson

- VALLEY FORGE Bros. Dayton Guy, Bill Honeycutt, Carl Robertson, Stanley Sims; Sisters Jane Pierce, Shirley Suess, and Delia Chambers
- WOODBY HILL Sisters Essie Morton, Pauline Jones, Norma Campbel, Geraldine Honeycutt; and Bros. Harley Campbell and Arnold Mc-Kinney
- YOUNG'S CHAPEL Sisters Ada Honeycutt, Lona Honeycutt; Bros. Ralph Thompson, and Garvel Honeycutt

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

A call was made for visiting ministers - Rev. Milton Hollifield, from Blue Ridge Association, Swannanoa, N. C., Rev. Stanley Parkey from Union Association, Elizabethton, Tenn., and Rev. Charlie Woodby from Metropolitan Association in Adrian, Mich., presented themselves and were welcomed and were seated in our body.

The following committees were appointed:

- CHURCHES AND PASTORS Chairman, Rev. Leonard Shehan, Bro. Byrl McKinney, Bro. Ralph Thompson, Sister Belle Hensley, and Bro. James Davis
- DEEPER DEVOTIONS Chairman, Rev. Handy Wilcox, Bros. Coye Calhoun, Joe Arnett, Berlin Jones, and Jess Clark
- DISABLED MINISTERS FUND Chairman, Rev. George Higgins, Bros. Iss Barnett, George Buckner, Audie Lingerfelt, and Sister Gladys Riddle
- EDUCATION Chairman, Rev. Troy McCourry, Bro. Joe Bradley, Sisters Mildred Garland, Wanda Jordan, and June McKinney
- FOREIGN MISSIONS Chairman, Rev. Jason Salyers, Bros. Carl Reynolds, Fred Davis, Walter Jenkins, and Wilburn Davis
- INVESTIGATION Chairman, Rev. Jack Greene, Bros. Jess Clark, Ralph Thompson, and Dayton Guy.
- LADIES ANXILIARY Chairman, Sister Mary Herrell, Sisters Katherine Greene, Eva Simerly, Bonnie Lavender, Addie Lingerfelt, Lona Honeycutt, Francis Street, and Mittie Bell Johnson
- OBITUARIES Chairman Sister Ann Pate, Sisters Bonnie Adkins, Sarah Webb, Okie Calhoun, and Gladys Bradley
- ORPHANAGE Chairman Rev. Jack Greene, Rev. Fulton Williams, Rev. Orville Whitehead, Rev. Troy McCourry, Rev. Floyd Ray, and Rev. Richmond Barnett
- SABBATH SCHOOLS Chairman Rev. Arnold Wilson, Bro. Carl Nave, Sisters Viola Miller, May Miller, Gusta Duncan, Vergie Bailey, and Ann Pate
- SESSIONS Chairman Bro. Dayton Guy, Bros.. D. H. Garland, Garrett Fender, H. H. Collins, and Molt Duncan

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE — Chairman Rev. Paul Jordan, Bros. Arnold McKinney, Carmon Blevins, Willis Adkins, Guy Wilson, and Raleigh Fender, Sisters Madeline Barnett, Mary Esta Estep, Janice Seagle, Ada Honeycutt, Daisy Herrell, and Pauline Collins

Pulpit committee was called for. Rev. Quince Miller was selected for the 7:30 p.m. service. Moved, seconded, and voted on to accept committees as read.

Association closed to reconvene on Friday morning at 9 a.m. for Business Session. Dismissed by Rev. Troy McCourry.

#### **Thursday Night Session**

The 7:30 p.m. service opened with the choir singing, "I Feel Him Near Me", "Cast Your Bread Upon The Waters", and "I Want To Live There, Don't You?" The congregation sang together, "What A Day That Will Be", which was annointed by the spirit of God. Prayer by Rev. George Higgins. Rev. Quince Miller brought the 7:30 p.m. message. Using for a scripture lesson, Acts, Chap. 27, Verse 34. Text, "Wherefore I pray you to take some meat, for this is for your health." He brought a wonderful gospel message, that was annointed by the Spirit of God, and was greatly enjoyed by all. Service closed with handshake and much rejoicing. Dismissed by Rev. Jason Salyers.

### Friday Morning<sup>,</sup> 9 A.M.

The association convened at 9 a.m. with the choir singing, "Love Lifted Me", devotions were read by Rev. Farrell Sparks, using for his scripture lesson, Galatians, Chapter 5, Verses 1-10. Prayer by Rev. George Higgins. The association was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Cecil Higgins. Proceedings of Thursday's session of association was read by clerk and was voted to be adopted as read.

A call was made for visiting ministers:

Rev. Rufus Coffey from the Foreign Missions Board, Nashville, Tenn. Presented himself and was welcomed and seated in our body.

A call was made by moderator for churches and delegates that did not represent at Thursday's session. Keystone F.W.B. Church, Johnson City, Tenn. and Patterson's Branch, Burnsville, N. C.. were represented by delegates and letter.

A call for committees on Disabled Minister's Fund. Speaker was Rev. George Higgins, adopted.

A call for committee on Churches and Pastors; Speaker Rev. Leonard Shehan, Sister Belle Hensley, and Bro. Roy Garland. Adopted.

Another call was made for visiting ministers. Rev. Ervin Sluder and Rev. Jessie Rice from French Broad Association, Rev. Roger Reeds from the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. and Rev. Paul Ketterman from Nashville Bible College, Cumberland Association, Nashville, Tenn. These were welcomed and seated in our body.

A call for committee on Ladies' Auxiliary. Speakers: Sisters Mary Herrell, Lona Honeycutt, Becky Barnes, Delia Chambers, and Rev. George Higgins. Adopted.

A call for committee on orphanage. Speaker - Rev. Jack Greene. Adopted.

Pulpit Committee was called for. Rev. Rufus Coffey from the F.W.B. Foreign Missions Board, Nashville, Tenn. was selected for the 11 a.m. message. Rev. Bruce Fender dismissed service with prayer. Closed to reconvene at 2 p.m. with Business Session.

#### Friday 11 A. M Service

Service opened with the choir singing, "I Surrender All" and "I'd Rather Be an Old Time Christian". Also the Jordan Sisters from Unicoi F.W.B. Church sang, "Till The Battle Is Won" and "I'm Ready to do His Will". Bro. Coffey from the Foreign Missions Board, Nashville, Tenn. gave some interesting information from foreign missionaries and their work, which was greatly enjoyed. Rev. Coffey also brought the message, using for his scripture message, Luke, Chapter 10, Verses 30-32. Text, "On The Other Side", or "What Side Are You On?" He delivered a wonderful message, that was annointed by the Spirit of God, which was greatly enjoyed by all. Service colsed with the receiving of an offering for the Foreign Mission. Amount received was \$93.75. Also the congregation sang, "Come Unto Me". Service was dismissed by Rev. Jason Salyers, to reconvene at 2 p.m. for another Business Session.

## Friday 2 P.M. Service

Association reconvened at 2 p.m. with the choir singing, "When We All Get to Heaven" and "Oh, How I Love Jesus". Devotions were read by Rev. George Higgins. Reading Romans, Chapter 13. Prayer by Rev. Rex Adkins. The association was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Cecil Higgins.

A call was made for committee on Deeper Devotions. Speaker - Rev. Handy Wilcox. Adopted.

A call was made for committee on Education. Speaker - Rev. Paul Ketterman. Adopted.

A call was made for committee on Sabbath Schools. Speakers - Rev. Roger Reeds and Bro. Jess Clark. Adopted.

A call was made for committee on Young People's League. Speaker - Rev. Paul Jordan. Adopted.

A call was made for committee on Foreign Missions. Speaker - Rev. Jason Salyers. Adopted.

Bro. Ray Turnage. Superintendent of the F.W.B. Orphanage, Rt. 9, Greeneville, Tenn., gave an interesting lecture on the Childrens' Home, and also a financial report and the progress that was being made at the orphanage.

An offering was received for the clerk in the amount of \$25.72, which was appreciated by the clerk, Rev. Herrell.

Pulpit committee was called for. Rev. Jack Greene was selected to bring the 7:30 p.m. message.

Rev. Cecil Higgins, Moderator of the Association, spoke in behalf of the entire association expressing their appreciation for all the fine food, hospitality, and kindness that the Valley Forge F.W.B. Church had shown during the association, and especially the Spirit of God that had existed in all the services, even in the Business Session. He also spoke in behalf of the Valley Forge Church and express their appreciation for all who had attended. A standing vote was taken in appreciation of the Sisters of Valley Forge Church for the fine care they had taken for all the association.

Association ajdourned until time and place to meet back on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. for Minister's Conference.

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

The service opened with the choir singing, "What A Friend Is He", "We're Living For Jesus", Rainbow of Love", "Lord Give me Just a Little More Time", and "When I Join the Circle". Prayer by Rev. Arnold Wilson. Also Rev. Houston Blevins sang a solo, "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand". which was enjoyed by all. Rev. Jack Greene brought the 7:30 p.m. message using for his scripture reading, Exodus, Chapter 19, and Verse 19. Text, "God Answered With a Voice", or "What Does God Do Every Day?" He brought a wonderful message from the word of God, that was enjoyed by all. Services colsed by singing," Getting Ready to Leave This World". Followed by handshake and much rejoicing. Dismissed by Rev. Orville Whitehead.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS "Churches and Pastors"

We, your Committee on Churches and Pastors, recommend the following scriptures:

Acts, Chapter 6, Verses 1-7. Acts, Chapter 20, Verse 28. Jer., Chapter 23, Verses 1 and 2. James, Chapter 1, Verses 22-25.

First, to the Pastors, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own Blood". (Acts 20: 28).

Second, to the Church: "Not a hearer of the Word is justified but a Doer of the Word. Let your light so shine that others may se your good works and glorify your Father, which is in Heaven." (James 1:22-25)

Rev. Leonard Shehan, Chairman; Bros. Ralph Thompson, Burl Mc-Kinney, James Davis and Sister Belle Hensley

## **Disabled Ministers Fund**

We, your committee on disabled minister's fund recommend the following:

"If we have sown unto spiritual things, it is a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" (1 Cor. 9:11).

"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel". (1 Cor. 9:14).

"For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing". (Rom. 13:6).

We challenge the deacons of each church to establish a definite plan to accumulate funds for the disabled minister's fund. Rev. George Higgins, chairman; Bros. Iss Barnett, George Buckner, and Sister Gladys Riddle .

#### **Deeper Devotions**

We, your committee on Deeper Devotions recommend to you that we: "Strive to enter in at the Straight Gate for many, I say unto to you, will seek to enter in and shall not be able." (Luke 13:24)

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrines of Christ, Let us go on unto perfection." (Hebrews 6:1)

"And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith,, virtue, and to virtue knowledge and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience, and to patience Godliness and to Godliness Brother kindness, and to brotherly kindness, charity". (11 Peter, 1:5-7)

"And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." (James 3: 18). Rev. Handy Wilcox, Chairman; Bros. Berlin Jones, Joe Arnett, and Jess Clark.

#### Education

We, your committee on education wish to submit the following: "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver; (Proverbs 16:16)

"But speak thou the things that become sound doctrine, for the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world".

We need to know God.

The church is a school; a group of people learning the things of God. The church helps in spiritual growth as the public schools help in mental growth.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God. A workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." (11 Timothy, 2:15)

We, your committee on education make the following recommendation:

1. That the membership of our denomination encourage our young people to acquire the best possible education within the bounds of Christian principles.

2. That we open our minds to the fact that many professional people are necessary to make this world livable. Let us encourage our Christian youth to train themselves to be Christian doctors, teachers, nurses, lawyers, scientists, musicians, etc. 3. That we encourage our youth who are planning to go to college to choose an institution of learning having a sound Christian foundation, and provision for Christian training within its curriculum.

4. That we support the Bible College of our own denomination and encourage young people to plan to devote their life to God's work to attend it.

5. We urge our people to engage in earnest prayer for the F.W.B. Bible College that it might remain fundamental and true to F.W.B. doctrine as we interpret God's word. Also we recommend that much prayer be offered that more of our young people will enroll in the Bible College and prepare themselves for fulltime Christian service.

Rev. Troy McCourry, chairman; Sisters Mildred Garland, Wanda Jordan, June McKinney, and Bro. Joe Bradley.

#### Finance

We, your committee on finance wish to report that we have received from the churches of the Jacks Creek F.W.B. Association \$188.41. We recommend htat our moderator be paid \$15.00 and our clerk be paid \$15.00, for services rendered, and that the balance go for the Minute Fund.

Rev. Richmond Barnett and Bro. Jess Clark

#### **Foreign Missions**

We, your committee on foreign missions wish to submit the following recommendation:

PSALMS 96:3 "Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people".

MARK 16:15 "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

JOHN 4:35 "Say not ye, there are four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest."

Recommendations are as follows:

1. That we of the Jack's Creek Association continue to unite our efforts with the National Association of F.W.B. in supplying the needs of our missionaries on the Foreign Field.

2. That all pastors familiarize themselves with the tremendous need of our foreign missions department and in turn inform each church under their care.

3. That all churches receive at least one special offering per month designated to foreign missions.

4. That all churches regardless of size or financial strength, invite our F.W.B. missionaries to speak to them regarding missions.

5. That we pray to God that from among our own ranks of our Jack's Creek Association will arise a young man, woman, or young couple with God's high calling for them to go to the mission field.

6. That each church in our association will, from this date, until Christmas, put forth a special drive to raise \$25.00 or more to the account of the Eddie Paynes'.

Rev. Jason Salyers, Chairman; Bros. Carl Reynolds, Walter Jenkins and Wilburn Davis.

## Ladies Auxiliary

We, your committee on Ladies Auxiliary wish to commend to this association: That every church that does not have a Ladies Auxiliary to organize one for the promotion of the cause of Christ and we also urge members of our churches to take active part in the auxiliary. We also should have a project to work forward to. We feel that besides having the welfare of our own churches in mind, we sponsor our foreign mission, home missions, and our orphanage. If we do this, we believe that God will greatly bless us by helping others more unfortunate than ourselves.

Acts 20:25 - "I have shewed you all things, How that so laboring you ought to support the work, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said, It is more Blessed to Give than to Receive. Chairman, Sister Mary Herrell; Sisters Kathryn Greene, Eva Simerly, Francis Street, Addie Lingerfelt, Bonnie Lavender, Lona Honeycutt, Ann Pate, Mittie Bell Johnson.

#### **Obituaries**

We, your committee on Obituaries wish to recommend that each church bring to the association an Obituary for each of its deceased members. Sisters Annie Pate, Gladys Bradley and Sarah Webb.

#### Orphanage

We, your committee on the Orphanage wish to recommend that every family represented in the Jack's Creek F.W.B. Association be reminded of the wonderful blessings which God has bestowed upon them. Being aware of the work that God has placed in our hands, this committee recommend that every member of the association support the orphanages regularly and generously. We recommend that each church work out its own system for supporting the N. C. State Home for Children, and that it also be remembered through our visits and prayers.

Chairman, Rev. Jack Greene; Rev. Orville Whitehead, Rev. Floyd Ray, and Sister Wanda L. Jordan

## Sabbath Schools

We, the committee on Sabbath Schools wish to report that we agree that much prayer and care should be given to Sabbath School work. Jesus prayed before choosing his disciples and we believe that people should pray before choosing Sabbath School teachers and workers. Also we believe the adult members should select teachers for children's classes, as children do not understand the leadership of the Holy Spirit. "Bring them up in the nature and admonition of the Lord." Eph. 6:4.

We also believe that an altar of prayer should be made before any teacher election and each should follow the leadership of the Lord. Also we believe that all teachers should be members of the local body of the Church, and should either use the Bible or F.W.B. Literature.

Chairman, Rev. Arnold Wilson; Sister Annie Pate, Gusta Duncan, Vergie Bailey, and Mae Miller.

#### Sessions

We, your committee on Sessions recommend, "The next session will be held at the Young's Chapel F.W.B. Church, Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C. beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1964, at 10:30 A.M. Rev. Bruce Fender to preach the Introductory Message, with Rev. Leonard Shehan to be his alternate.

Chairman, Dayton Guy; Bros. D. H. Garland, Garrett Fender, Molt Duncan, H. H. Collins, and Rev. Bruce Fender, Jr.

#### Young People's League

We, your committee on Young People's League offer the following recommendations:

Proverbs 8:17 - "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me."

Ecclesiastes 12:1 "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw night when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them."

1. That the pastor, as a leader, should establish and encourage the support of a league in his church and that he attend himself. May we remind you that acccording to the minutes, we have only 6 organized leagues out of the 35 churches in our association.

2. A resolution, endorsed by the association, be sent to the publishers of the league literature recommending that the King James Version of the Bible be used exclusively.

3. That being fully aware that our children and young people are today, and will be a part of the future church, we as parents face up to the responsibility of giving them the best spiritual training possible. We feel strongly that the league offers the greatest opportunity for this training.

4. That the league Director and all officers and teachers of the leagues be devoted Christians who are willing to sacrifice their time and energy to this important work. (Eph. 4:11).

5. That the leadership of our league carefully and prayerfully plan, chaperone, and attend all recreational activities of the league.

Chairman, Rev. Paul Jordan; Sister Madeline Barnett, Pauline Collins, Ada Honeycutt, Mildred Garland, Bros. Guy Wilson, and Arnold McKinney and C. S. Blevins.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Item: Disabled Ministers' Fund:	
Cash on hand at last Association	\$4129.24
Received this Association	562.38
Received from Minister's Conference	200.00
Interest	165.70
Total	\$5057.32
Money paid out from last Association:	
Rev. Handy Wilcox	\$ 100.00
Rev. Paul Jordan	50.00
Rev. Fred Freeman	50.00
Erwin Insurance Co.	7.50
Total	\$ 207.50
Leaves Balance of	\$4849.82

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

#### **Foreign Mission Report**

Balance in treasury at close of Association year 1962	\$746.14
Paid out this year	447.00
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Received	this year	from	churches:	
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Fairview	
Unicoi	72.00
First F.W.B., Flint, Michigan	. 786.16
Big Creek	. 8.00
Higgins	
Low Gap	24.00
Pensacola	. 24.00
Valley Forge	60.00
Young's Chapel	. 24.00
Balance in Treasury	\$1332.30

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Additional information:

\$360.00 was paid to Josephine Stevens
72.00 was paid to the Wilkensons from Unicoi Auxiliary
\$ 15.00 of this \$447.00 was paid out went to Home Missions
Signed: Rev. Clyde Fender, Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.

## **Home Missions Report**

Balance in treasury at close of association year 1962	\$13.50
Received this year from churches	50.00
Total in Treasury	\$63.50
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Signed: Rev. Leonard Shehan, Rt. 1, Erwin, Tenn.

### **OBITUARIES**

- ETTA BIBLE Departed this life May 24, 1963. She was a member of the Keystone F.W.B. Church. "A devoted mother and church worker." She was an inspiration and belssing to all who knew her. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.
- STELLA LEE BLACK Born Feb. 2, 1915, departed this October 25, 1961, at the age of 46 years, 8 months, and 23 days. She was a member of Nicks Creek F.W.B. Church. She was loyal to the church as long as health permitted. Her last testimony was that she was a Christian and that she wanted the church to pray that she would be a better Christian, a better wife, mother, and neighbor. She is survived by husband, Glenn Black, one daughter, Mrs. Dora Lee Beam, and her mother, one sister, and two brothers and a host of neighbors and friends who mourn her passing. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain and that some glad day we will meet her again.
- JACK BRIGGS— Age 64, departed this life May 28, 1963. He was a member of Brummetts Creek F.W.B. Church. He is survived by his wife, four sons, and one daughter, and a host of friends and relatives. "Gone but not forgotten."
- ROGER SHERRILL "DOOTS" BRIGGS Born August 2, 1943 and departed this life September 23, 1962. He was a resident of Unicoi and a member of the U. S. Air Force. He attended Sunday School all his life at the Unicoi Free Will Baptist Church. Lovingly known since childhood as "Doots", his sudden death left his family and a great host of friends to mourn his death.
- NANCY SHULTZ BRIGGS Born December 25, 1886 and departed this life on April 19, 1963. She was a long-time resident of Unicoi and a member of the Unicoi F.W.B. Church. Her ill health in her latter years did not permit her to attend church but she was known to be kind and loving to everyone and endured her illness with Christian grace. She leaves many loved ones and friends who mourn the loss of her.
- JIM COCHRAN Departed this life December 4, 1962. He was a member of the Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church. He leaves his family and a host of friends who mourn his passing.
- LEMUEL H. GRIFFITH Born February 15, 1880, and departed this life on December 12, 1962. He was a native of Yancey County, N. C. and had lived in Erwin for the past 40 years. He was a retired F.W.B. Minister and was a member of the Riverview F.W.B. Church.
- ANNIE MAE HENSLEY HAMPTON Born September 16, 1907, and departed this life February 27, 1963. She was a member of the River View F.W.B. Church. She was a devoted mother, who always had concern for her family. She leaves her husband, Mr. William A. Hampton, five sons, and three daughters, and a host of friends to mourn her passing. "We miss her so much here, we pray that our loss for her is Heaven's gain."
- MILTON HANEY Departed this life February 4, 1963 at the age of 77 years. He was a member of the Bald Mtn. F.W.B. Church. He was

very patient through his illness with a smile for all. We feel that he is with the millions on the bright celestial shore, where the toils of life are ended and we can live forever more.

- SOPHIA HARRELL Born September 15, 1923, departed this life June 20, 1963 after a lengthy illness. She became a Christian, and united with the Unicoi F.W.B. Church at an early age. Her patient endurance and the sweet testimony of Gods' grace during her suffering will long be remembered by her family and the friends she left behind.
- FRED HARRIS departed this life January 19, 1963 at the age of 83 years. He was a member of Ycung's Chapel F.W.B. Church for 40 years, also a deacon. He was faithful until sickness hindered him. He is loved and missed by not only the church, but the whole community. He was a spirit-filled deacon and an example to the young deacons of the church.
- MAGGIE HENSLEY Departed this life in 1962 at the age of 82. She was a faithful member of the Pensacola F.W.B. Church as long as health permitted her to come. Her loved ones and a host of friends mourn her passing.
- RENA HERRELL Mother of Rev. Holt Herrell, was born June 25, 1884, and departed this life May 19, 1963, at the age of 79 years, 10 months, and 24 days. She was a devoted Christian, a wonderful mother, and is greatly missed by all who knew her.
- CORA DAVIS LOFTIS Born March 5, 1887, and departed this life December 17, 1962. She was a member of Liberty F.W.B. Church. "We feel our loss is Heaven's gain."
- GERALD McINTOSH Born Oct. 20, 1949 departed this life April 3, 1963, after a lengthy illness. He was a member of Keystone F.W.B. Church and was a great blessing to all who knew him. We feel that somewhere in the paradise of God that there will be a flower garden and that Gerald will be a flower in the bouquet there.
- REV. GEORGE MILLER Born March 1, 1926, departed this life Oct. 6, 1962. He professed faith in Christ in 1955, united with the Bald Mtn. F.W.B. Church. We believe he was a real man of God. We heard him announce his call to preach and God set his approval on it. He truly preached the word of God, and we believe that he lived it, too. His every day talk was a great testimony. We all miss him but we believe we shall see him again some glad day. We truly believe he is resting with the Lord.
- IDA NANNEY Was a member of Pensacola F.W.B. Church and was a devoted member and always remembered the lost in her prayers. She always asked that we remember her children in our prayers. Departed this life in 1962. "She is gone but not forgotten. The sweetest thoughts will linger around the grave where she is laid."
- WILLARD RAYTHBONE Was a member of the Pensacola F.W.B. Church. He was a good Christian man and was very faithful to help the church. All who went to him received help. Departed this life in 1962 at the age of 77. He leaves his family and a host of friends to mourn his passing.

- WILLARD SILVERS Departed this life May 4, 1963 at the age of 68 years. He was a faithful member of the Southside F.W.B. Church at Erwin, Tenn. He leaves his wife and five children and a host of friends, who mourn his passing. He is greatly missed but we hope to meet him again.
- JOHN WEBB, JR. Born September 11, 1946, departed this life May 1, 1963, at the age of 16. He professed faith in Christ in July, 1960, and was a member of the Higgin's F.W.B. Church of Burnsville. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain, and by God's help, we shall see him again. He was loved by all who knew him. He has gone on to meet his brother, J. H. Webb, who passed away three years ago. They were both good Christian boys, and one day we know we shall see them again.
- MARY WILSON Member of the Pensacola F.W.B. Church, departed this life in 1963. She was a devoted mother and leaves a host of friends and loved ones to mourn her passing. Her heart's desire was to see all of her children saved.

#### MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The first quarterly conference was held at Nicks Creek F.W.B. Church, Rt. 2, Marion, N. C. on September 28 and 29, 1962. Rev. Charlie Woodby from the Metropolitan Association, Adrian, Michigan, brought the introductory message, using for his scripture reading, Jer. 3:1. Text: "Broken things." Brought a wonderful gospel message that was annointed by the spirit of God, and was greatly enjoyed by all.

The Business Session convened at 1:30 P.M. with Rev. George Higgins reading the Devotions. Rev. Jack Greene, the moderator, called the conference to order and read the RULES OF DECORUM for the Conference. All the ministers stood in full fellowship with each other and with God. \$16.00 was received for Disabled Minister's Fund. Churches, deacons, and delegates were enrolled with a good delegation. Rev. Milton

Hollifield, pastor of the Swannanoa F.W.B. Church, Blue Ridge Association, Swannanoa, N. C. was welcomed as a visiting minister, and was seated in our body.

The 7:00 P.M. Message was brought by Rev. George Higgins, using for his scripture reading, Acts 1:4 and 5. Text: "Power from on High". He brought a wonderful gospel message. An altar call was made and five souls were saved.

The Saturday's Morning Session convened at 9:30 A.M. with the choir singing several songs. Devotions were read by Rev. Frank Elliott, Jr. Rev. Clyde Fender led prayer. Churches, deacons, and delegates were enrolled that were not at Friday's Session. \$10.00 was received for Disabled Ministers Fund.

Rev. Donald Kirpatrick from the Blue Ridge Association was welcomed and seated in our body as a visiting minister. Rev. Frank Elliott, Jr. was reccommended by the Ordaining Council to be ordained, which was done by the "laying on of many hands and much rejoicing." A wonderful conference and well attended. Convened until time and place of next conference.

> Rev. Jack Greene, Moderator Rev. Holt Herrell, Clerk

The second quarterly conference convened at Young's Chapel F.W.B. Church, Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C., on December 28 & 29, 1962 at 10:30 A.M. Rev. Holt Herrell had been selected to bring the message, but due to sickness Rev. Bruce Fender, Jr. from the Unicoi F.W.B. Church brought the message. He used for his scripture lesson, I Peter, Chapter I. Text: "Ironing out sin". He brought an annointed message, that was greatly enjoyed by all.

Business part of the conference met back at 1:30 P.M. with the choir singing several songs. Devotions were conducted by Rev. Handy Wilcox, and prayer led by Rev. George Higgins. Conference was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Paul Jordan. Reading of the minutes of the last conference was read by the clerk and adopted as read. All ministers stood in full tellowship and \$26.00 was received for Disabled Ministers' Fund. Churches, deacons, and delegates were enrolled with a good delegation. Rev. Milton Hollifield from the Blue Ridge Association and Rev. Charlie Woodby from the Metropolitian Association presented themselves as visiting ministers and were seated in our body. Rev. Bruce Fender, Jr. presented himself for licenses when the call was made. He was turned over to the Investigating Committee and under the watchcare of the conference until the next conference convened.

Rev. Richmond Barnett, Rev. George Higgins, and Rev. Handy Wilcox were selected for speakers on topics for the Saturday morning session.

Rev. Milton Hollifield, pastor of the Swannoa F.W.B. Church, brought the 3 P.M., message, using for his scripture reading Ecc. 12:13-14. Text: "Fear God". He brought a wonderful gospel message. The service closed with a handshake and much rejoicing.

The 7 P.M. message was brought by Rev. Charlie Woodby. He used for his scripture reading, Lev. 1:5, and used for his text: Offerings. He brought a wonderful message, that was greatly enjoyed by all. Bro. Ray Turnage, Superintendent of the Children's Home in Greeneville, Tenn., discussed the works of the orphanage and gave an inspiring talk.

Conference convened at 9 a.m. Saturday morning with the choir singing several songs. Devotions were ready by Rev. Richmond Barnett, and Rev. Verno Davis led prayer. Roll call was called and \$10.00 was received for Disabled Minister's Fund. Topic for the conference was, "But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone and not in another." (Galations 6:4)

Rev. Alvie Holt from the First F.W.B. Church, Flint, Michigan, presented himself for licenses and was turned over to the Investigating Committee under the watch-care of the conference until the next conference. Everyone thanked Young's Chapel Church for the fine care they had taken of everyone, but most of all for the wonderful spirit that had existed through-out the conference. Rev. Jason Salyers brought a wonderful gospel message at 11 a.m. that was greatly enjoyed by all. Conference convened until time and place.

> Rev. Paul Jordan, Moderator Rev. Holt Herrell, Clerk

The third quarterly conference convened at Unaka Springs F.W.B. Church, Rt. 3, Erwin, Tenn., on March 29 & 30, 1963. Rev. Burnie Arwood brought the morning message, using for his scripture reading Romans I:17-18. His message was based, on his scripture reading. He brought a wonderful gospel message that was annointed by the Spirit of God, followed by a handshake and much rejoicing.

The business part of the conference convened at 1:30 p.m. with the choir singing. Devotions were read by Rev. Troy McCurry and prayer by Rev. Leonard Shehan. Reading of the last session of the conference was read by the clerk and received as read. Roll call was made and \$25.00 was received for Disabled Minister's Fund.

Every preacher responded to the "Fellowship Call". Deacons and delegates were enrolled with a wonderful delegation. Rev. Milton Hollifield, from the Blue Ridge Association and Rev. Bobby Jackson from the General Conference were welcomed as visiting ministers and were seated in our body.

The Investigating Committee recommended Rev. Alvie Holt and Rev. Bruce Fender, Jr. for licenses, which were written by the clerk, Rev. Holt Herrell.

Topic committee was called for an Reverends Farrell Sparks, George Higgins and Leonard Shehan were selected.

Rev. Bobby Jackson, an evangelist from Greenville, N. C. brought a short afternoon message, using for his scripture reading, Exodus 32:1. His text was "Backsliding". Bringing a wonderful gospel message and was greatly enjoyed by all. The business part of the conference closed with prayer by Rev. Cecil Higgins.

The 7 a.m. message was brought by Rev. Bruce Fender. He used for his scripture reading, St. Luke I: 76-80. Text: "Letter from Home". He brought a wonderful gospel message. The service was closed with the choir singing, "Oh, How Precious is the Promises."

The conference reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning with the choir singing two songs. Devotions were conducted by Rev. Darrell Dugger; prayer by Rev. Dwight Greene. The business session was opened by the moderator, Rev. Richmond Barnett, calling the conference to order. Reading of Friday's session was read by the clerk and received as read. The roll call was made for the ministers that were not present at Friday's session. \$10.00 was received for the Disabled Ministers' Fund. Every preacher voted in full fellowship.

Rev. Bill Beam from the Toe River Association was seated in our body as a visiting minister. However no visiting deacons and delegates were present.

Reverends Leonard Shehan, George Higgins, Richmond Barnett, Handy Wilcox, Darrell Dugger, Dwight Greene, and Cecil Higgins were speakers on the topic, which was enjoyed by all.

The 11:00 a.m. message was brought by Rev. Jack Greene, using for his scripture reading, James 1:12. Text: "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried, he will receive a crown of life, which the Lord had promised to them that love him." He brought a won derful gospel message. Service closed with a handshake and much rejoicing. The moderator spoke in behalf of the entire conference and thanked all at Unaka Springs for the fine care that they had taken of the conference and most of all for the Spirit of God that had existed throughout the entire conference.

#### Rev. Handy Wilcox and Rev. Richmond Barnett, Moderators Rev. Holt Herrell, Clerk

The fourth quarterly conference convened at Pensacola F.W.B. Church in Burnsville, N. C. on June 28 and 29, 1963. Opened at 10:30 a.m. with the choir singing several songs. Rev. Floyd Ray, pastor of the church, welcomed all and told everyone to feel free. Prayer by Rev. Handy Wilcox. Rev. Leonard Shehan brought the introductory message, using for his scripture lesson, Joshua 18: 1-6. Text: "An Inheritance." He brought an annointed message that was greatly enjoyed by all. Service closed with handshake and much rejoicing.

Business part of conference convened at 1:00 p.m. with singing by the congregation. Devotions were read by Rev. Burnie Arwood. Prayer by Rev. Charles Webb. Conference was called to order by moderator Rev. Jason Salyers. Rules of Decorum was read and the reading of last session of conference was read by the clerk and received as read. Fellowship was called for and every preacher voted in full fellowship. Roll call was made and \$25.00 was received for the Disabled Ministers' Fund.

Churches, deacons, and delegates were enrolled with a good delegation.

Rev. Ronald Creech from the General Conference, Durham, N. C., and Rev. Milton Hollifield from the Blue Ridge Association, Swannanoa, N. C. were welcomed and seated in our body as visiting ministers.

Topic Committee was called for - - Reverends Handy Wilcox, Darrell Dugger, and Burnie Arwood were selected.

Rev. Ronald Creech, pastor of the Edgemont F.W.B. Church, Durham, N. C. gave a wonderful testimony which was greatly enjoyed by all and was a great blessing to everyone present.

The Ordaining Council turned in a report recommending Rev. Bruce Fender, Jr. to be ordained, which was done with the "Laying on of many hands" and much rejoicing. Ordination paper was written by the clerk.

Rev. Leonard Shehan was appointed treasurer of the Home Missions. The First F.W.B. Church of Flint, Michigan gave the clerk a check for \$13.50 for the Home Missions.

The 7:30 p.m. message was brought by Rev. Burnie Arwood. He used for scripture lesson St. Luke 22:7-21; 1 Cor. 11:23-29; Romans 13; and St. Joh n 13. His message was based on the scripture reading. The service was a Communion and Feet Washing. A wonderful service that was enjoyed by all.

Saturday's Session convened at 9:30 a.m. with the choir singing. Business part opened with the clerk reading proceedings of Friday's session and was received as read. Roll call was made and \$13.00 was received for Disabled Ministers' Fund. A good delegation of deacons and delegates that were not at Friday's session were seated and enrolled in our body.

A call was made for fellowship of ministers. Every minister voted in full fellowship with each other and with God.

The Topic presented was the "Trinity of God". Scripture was from St. John, Chapter 1. Speakers were Reverends Handy Wilcox, Paul Jordan,

#### and Darrell Dugger. The topic was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Bruce Fender brought the 11:00 a.m. message using for his scripture lesson, Joshua 10:12-14. Text: "God hearkening to the voice of a man." Rev. Fender brought a soul-stirring message. Service closed with a handshake and testimonies. Everyone just thanked God for the wonderful conference and for everyone at Pensacola Church for the fine care they had taken of the entire conference.

> Rev. Jason Salyers, Moderator Rev. Holt Herrell, Clerk

A session of conference was held Saturday, August 24, 1963 in connection with the association at Valley Forge F.W.B. Church, Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn. The conference convened at 9:30 a.m. with the choir singing "Just a Little Talk with Jesus". Devotions were read by Rev. Dwight Greene. Prayer by Rev. Charles Webb. Readings of the last session was read by the clerk and received as read. Roll call was made and \$32.00 was received for the Disabled Minister's Fund. Every preacher stood in full fellowship. Rev. Eddie Payne, from the First Mission Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was welcomed and seated in our body as a visiting minister. Churches, deacons, and delegates were enrolled with a good delegation.

Rev. Holt Herrell was elected as Conference Clerk for the coming year with Rev. Richmond Barnett to be his assistant. Bro. Ulis Webb was retained as treasurer of the Disabled Ministers' Fund. The same committee on the Disabled Ministers' Fund was retained for the coming year - with Rev. Leonard Shehan added on for Tennessee.

The Ordaining Council selected for the coming year were: Chairman, Rev. Richmond Barnett, Reverends Cecil Higgins, Handy Wilcox, Jack Greene, Orville Whitehead, Fulton Williams, and Burnie Arwood. These Bro's. were appointed by a standing vote.

Rev. Charlie Woodby from the Metropolitan Association presented himself for membership in our body and was turned over to the Ordaining Council and the Investigating Committee. He was placed under watchcare of the conference until the next conference or until the receivig of his letter of recommendation.

Rev. Eddie Payne, Tulsa, Oklahoma, read Psalms, Chapter 1 and gave a wonderful lecture on this reading. He requested prayer for himself and his wife, stating that they were leaving for the mission field in Africa on October 1, 1963. Also, Rev. George Higgins, Rev. Leonard Shehan, and Bro. Jess Clerk gave wonderful testimonies that were greatly enjoyed by all.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn until next conference, which will convene with the First F.W.B. Church, Flint, Michigan, on Friday and Saturday before the fifth Sunday in September at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Cecil Higgins, Moderator Rev. Holt Herrell, Clerk

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Church	Pastor	Clerk	Address
Big Creek Brummetts Creek	Richmond Barnett Charlie Miller	Mack Wilson Mrs. G. W. Wilson Mrs. Will Bennett Mrs. Luther Ledford	
Crabtree	Virgil Ray	Annona Knack	. Rt. 2 Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Davistown	Jesse Rice	James E. Vess Star	Route, Black Mtn., N. C.
Ernestville	Moss Holloway	Hannie Howell	Erwin, Tenn.
	AND	Bonnie Lavender 691 Christine Myrick 221 H	
		Mrs. Oakie Calhoun Mrs. Bernie Edwards Rt.	
Keystone	Handy Wilcox	J. H. Renfro 908 Hops	on St., Johnson City, Tenn.
Liberty Chapel Low Gap	John Murphy Richmond Barnett	Floyd Allison Rt. Viola Miller Mrs_ H. D. Ray, Jr Joe R. Street	Rt. 5, Burnsville, N. C. Burnsville, N.C.
Nicks Creek	Coy Davis	Clelia Young 43 Ci	rcle St. Cl. Marion, N.C.
North Bent		Park Peterson	Green Mountain, N.C.
	Zenus Allen No report	Mrs. Burdette Deyton	Burnsville, N. C.
		Lawrence Wilson	
		Lloyd Dulaney	
		Mrs. Aileen McKinney Pearl Cannon	
Ridgeway	No report		
Riverview		Floyd Bailey Rt.	3, Box 149, Erwin, Tenn.
South Side	Troy McCourry	Mrs. Allen Jackson 1 Fred Davis	loback Ave., Erwin, Tenn.
Unicoi Unaka Springs	Bruce Fender Charles Webb	Mrs. Bessie Jordan E. P Fender	3. Box 179, Erwin, Tenn.
Vale Valley Forge	Arnold Wilson Cecil Higgins	Coye Calhoun Mrs. Will Stevens	Rt. 1, Newland, N. C. Rt 7, Elizabethton. Tenn.
		Mrs. June McKinney	
		Ralph Thompson	

## Jacks' Creek Ministers that are pastoring Churches out of Association:

Minister	Church	Address		Asso	ciation
Burnie Arwood	Roan Chapel		e, N. C	Toe	River
Darrell Dugger	Evergreen	Rt. 2, Roan Mtr	., Tenn	. Toe	River
	Morgan's Chapel				
	Sunrise F.W.B.	Rt. 1, Roan Mtn	., Tenn	. Toe	River
George Higgins		Johnson City, Te			
		Rt. 2. Roan Mtn			
Joe Honeycutt	Poplar F.W.B		C	Toe	River
Quince Miller					
Horace Poole	1 St. F.W.B	Pennington Gap,	Va		
Charles Webb	Covey Rock	Green Mtn., N.	С	. Toe	River

## **MINISTERS ROLL**

#### MINISTERS PRESENT FOR ASSOCIATION

Rex Adkins ...... 742-5709, Erwin, Tenn. ...... Rt. 3, Erwin, Tenn Richmond Barnett 926-1283, J.C., Tenn. Rt. 1, Johnson City, Tenn. Coy Davis .... 668-4535, Old Fort, N. C. .... Rt. 1, Old Fort, N. C Darrell Dugger 543-1356, Eliz., Tenn. .. Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn. Bruce Fender ...... 743-4808. Erwin, Tenn. ..... Rt. 1, Erwin, Tenn. Clyde Fender ........ 697-5105, Marion, N. C. ....... Marion, N. C. Orphard Hensley ...... Old Fort, N.C. Holt Herrell ...... 688-4911. Bakersville. N.C. .... Rt. 1. Relief. N.C. Cecil Higgins .. 542-5344, Eliz., Ten. .. Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn. George Higgins 926-8986, J.C., Tenn. 428 Hamilton St., J.C., Tenn. Moss Hollaway ...... Rt. 2, Box 15A, Erwin, Tenn. Paul Jordan ...... 668-4282, Old Fort, N. C. ...... Old Fort, N. C. Gus Ledford ...... Rt. 3, Burnsville, N. C. J. W. Mann ...... Marion, N. C. Troy McCourry .. Mu 2-2541, Burnsville .. Bx. 68, Burnsville, N.C. H. D. Poole 772-3554, Roan Mtn., Tenn. .. Rt. 1, Roan Mtn., Tenn. Jason Salyers ...... 697-2193, Marion, N.C. .... Rt. 1, Marion, N.C. Leonard Shehan ..... 742-7162, Erwin, Tenn. .... Rt. 1, Erwin, Tenn. Farrell Sparks ...... Greeneville. Tenn Charles Webb .... 668.3364, Burnsville, N. C. .... Green Mtn., N. C.

#### NOT PRESENT FOR ASSOCIATION

Vestal Ball Johnson City, Tenn.
Milford Bazzel
Verno Davis Rt. 2, Erwin, Tenn.
Frank Elliot Rt. 1 Elizabethton, Tenn.
Fred Freeman
Dwight Greene 669-5811, B. Mtn., N. C Rt. 1, Black Mtn., N.C.
Alvie Holt
Ted Laney Rt. 1, Marion, N C
Herman Ledford 310 Crosswhite Lane, Erwin, Tenn.
Lyda Letterman Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
George Miller (Deceased)
John Murphy Rt. 2, Burnsville, N.C.
D. C. Patrick Rt. 2, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Elzie Robinson Rt. 3, Burnsville, N. C.
Dock Taylor Erwin. Tenn.
Johnson White HE 7-6841, Morganton, Rt. 2, Morganton, N.C.

### **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 Missiens	Disabled Ministers Fund	Ladies Auxiliary	Young Peoples League	Poor and Sick Fund	Value Church Proparty	lmprovements To Church Property	Associational Fund
Bald Mtn 1-3	3				2	50	65	1	23	\$5.00	687.85	198.05		60.64		10.00			290.32	4,000,00		5.00
Big Creek 1-3			1-			78	50	3	24	\$5.00	485.28	138.75			8.00	_	-			4,000.00		5.00
Brummetts Creek 1-3	3	5	1		1	74	65	ī		\$5.00	275,19	111.93		124.25		10.00				10,000.00		5.00
Byrd Branch 1-3						59	30	1	38	\$2.00	81.35	44.17			10.00	10.00	<u> </u>			3,650.00		5.00
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Ernestville Full	8	9	-	4		53	55	1		\$2.00	132.19	34.46				10.00			17.83	2,495.10		5.00
Fairview Full	12	12	T	4	1	163	124		Full	\$10.00	3395.00	85.00	90.00	363.24	309.32	20.00	15		76.72	40,000.00	4,978.23	5.00
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Higgins 1-4		2	T	1	1	70	55	1		\$3.00	388.00	85.85			5.00	12.00				5,000.00		5.00
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#### **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 "Word of God" as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

2. We solemnly convenant 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 trangression 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 son.—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 is 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 ino 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.

#### 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 twentyfour sermons each year; and at least fifty cermons 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

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(2) Number baptised	(15) Home Missions	\$
(3) Added otherwise	(1.6) Foreign Missions	\$
(4) Excluded	(17) Disabled Ministers Fund	\$

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(6) Deaths

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(7) Total members

(8) Number in Sunday school

(9) Communions & foot washings (10)No. times pastor present (11) Minute Fund \$ (12)Paid Pastor \$ Paid for revivals

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## **Cursey Johnson**

Cursey Johnson was born May 11, 1909, and departed this life April 23, 1963 at the age of 53. He was a member and chairman of the Deacon Board of the Valley Forge F.W.B. Church. He was a wonderful worker in the church. His Christian devotion and loyalty to the church will long be remembered. He was loved by those who knew him. The circle has been broken and time can never mend, but we can put our trust in Jesus and meet him in the end.

