

1975-76 MINUTES

OF THE

JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**Eightieth Annual Session Held at
Locust Gap Free Will Baptist Church**

MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE

August 7-8, 1975

Officers

Rev. Leonard Shehand	Moderator
Rev. Richmond Barnett	Assistant Moderator
Rev. Troy McCourry	Clerk
Rev. J. D. Price	Assistant Clerk



NEXT SESSION

The next session will be held at the Middle District Free Will Baptist Church, Bakersville, N. C. R.F.D., beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1976 at 10:30 A.M. Rev. Bobby Revis to preach the introductory message, Rev. Jack Silvers to be his alternate.

JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Officers of the Jack's Creek Association and Minister's Conference 1975 ASSOCIATION:

Moderator—Rev. Leonard Shehand Route 1, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Asst. Moderator—Richmond Barnett Route 1, Johnson City, Tenn.
Clerk—Rev. Troy McCourry Box 68, Burnsville, N. C.
Asst. Clerk—Rev. J. D. Price Johnson City, Tenn.

Treasurer—Disabled Minister's Fund

Rev. Jonas Revis Route 1, Hampton, Tenn.

Treasurer—Home Missions

Rev. J. D. Price Johnson City, Tenn.

Treasurer—Foreign Missions

Rev. Clyde Fender Nebo, N. C.

Committee of Investigation

Disabled Minister's Fund

Tennessee: Chairman: Rev. Leonard Shehand, Rev. Eugene Osborne,
Rev. Carmi Price, and Rev. Orville Williams, alternate.

North Carolina: Chairman: Rev. Arnold Wilson, Rev. Clyde Fender,
Rev. Troy McCourry, and Rev. Orphard Hensley,
alternate.

Association Investigating Committee:

Chairman: Rev. J. D. Price, Rev. Orphard Hensley, Rev. Bill
Long, Rev. Leonard Shehand, Rev. Troy McCourry.

Ministers Conference:

Clerk: Troy McCourry, Rev. Richmond Barnett, assistant

Ordaining Council: Rev. Arnold Wilson, Rev. Leonard Shehand, Rev.
Cecil Higgins, Rev. Troy McCourry, Rev. Burnie
Jones

Committee of Investigation:

Tennessee: Rev. Roy Cooper, Rev. Jonas Revis, Rev. Charlie Trivette,
Rev. Richmond Barnett, alternate.

North Carolina: Rev. Arnold Wilson, Rev. Clyde Fender, Rev. Troy
McCourry, Rev. Cecil Higgins, alternate.

JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Locust Gap Free Will Baptist Church

Roan Mountain, Tenn. August 7, 1975

The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association met with the Locust Gap Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Mountain City, Tenn. on August 7, 1975 at 10:30 A.M. in its 80th. annual session. The service began with singing of Amazing Grace. Bro. Roy Cooper, pastor of the church, welcomed everyone.

Special song by Kenny Greer. Bro. Bill Greer read Romans 1 vs. 16. He used for a subject: "Good News." He brought a good message. Closed with handshake with good fellowship.

Dismissed for lunch to re-convene at 1:30 P.M.

Thursday Evening Session

The 1:30 session convened with congregation singing. Devotions were conducted by Bro. Orphard Hensley, prayer by Bro. Carmi Price. The Association was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Troy McCourry. The rules of decorum were read by the moderator.

Reading Clerks and finance clerks were appointed as follows:

Reading Clerks: Bros. Jess Clark and J. D. Price

Association Fund: Rev. Stanley McMahan

Clerk & Moderator Fund: Rev. Carmi Price

Disabled Minister's Fund: Rev. Jonas Revis

Orphanage Fund: Rev. Troy McCourry

Home Missions: Rev. J. D. Price

Foreign Missions: Rev. Clyde Fender

The Church Letters were read with delegates as follows:

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BIG CREEK—Bro. Ricky Wilson and Sisters Gwen Wilson and Carolyn Price

BURBANK—Bros. Jess Troutman, Marshall Staton, Herman Jarrett, and Leonard Shehand. Sisters Donna Miller and Elsie Shehand.

BYRD BRANCH—Letter

COVEY ROCK—Bro. and Sister Charles Deyton, Sisters Debbie, Sarah, Tammy and Dawn Deyton, and Francis Hensley. Bros. Ricky Pate and Marvin Hensley

CRABTREE—Bros. Buster Freeman, Dayton Greene. Sisters Virginia Honeycutt, Mary Bell Lyons and Susie Berry.

DAVISTOWN—Bros. Wilburn Davis and Emory Vess

HIGGINS—Bros. Carmon Silvers and Edgar Wheeler

HILLCREST—Sisters Carolyn Biddex, Frieda Webb, Wanda Long, Margaret Pack. Bros. Garrett Fender and Tim Biddix.

LIBERTY CHAPEL—By letter

LIBERTY—Bros. Lloyd Allison and Sister Grace Allison

LOCUST GAP—Sisters Rosa Lee Bun, Dove Quinn and Billie Jean Lester

LOW GAP—Bros. Cloyce Silver and J. L. Robertson. Sisters Ada Ray and Lillie Robertson

MIDDLE DISTRICT—Bros. Arthur Street, Roy Street and Henry Street. Sisters Wilma Troutman, Atlas Street and Judy Street.

NICKS CREEK—Bro. Frank Cable and Sisters Florence Hensley and Jean Cable

NORTH BEND—Sisters Nora Buchanan and Blease Whitson

PENSACOLA—Bros. Rose Miller, Clyde Thomason and Arnold Wilson. Sisters Ann Pate and Bonnie Wilson

PETERSON'S CHAPEL—Bros. Joe Laws, Walter Whitson, Lloyd Laws, Roger Bryant and Bobby Revis. Sisters Lloyd Laws and Mrs. Bobby Revis

PILGRIMS CHAPEL—By letter

PINEY GROVE—Bro. Arthur Woodby, Sisters Mary Sue Woodby, Effie Simerly, Fern Simerly and Bertha Woodby

PINEY HILL—Rev. James Ledford, Bros. Dock Hubbard and Harmon Brackins

RIVERVIEW—Bro. Ernest Webb and Sisters Ethel Webb and Mrs. Duncan

SOUTHSIDE—By letter

SUNSET—Bros. Paul Whitehead, George Taylor, Frank Cornett and Gerald Stevens. Sisters Vivaleen Whitehead and Bessie Taylor

UNAKA SPRINGS—Bro. and Sister Larry Higgins, Sisters Dixie Lee Bryant and Gladys Johnson

UNICOI—Bros. Dalton Gregg and Burnie Wilson. Sisters Jeanette Wilson and Mary McCourry

VALLEY FORGE—Sisters Linda Roberson and Rose Walsh. Bros. Walter Creasy and Howard Dugger

VALE—Sister Thasa Trice and Bro. Amos Cornett

WOODBY HILL—Bros. Jess Clark, Arnold McKinney, Darrell Bryant. Sisters Shirley Bryant, Angela Bryant, June McKinney and Mary Adkins

YOUNG'S CHAPEL—Bros. Garvel Honeycutt, Cliff Hopson. Sisters Cora Honeycutt, Clara Cassida and Lila Fender

A motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

An invitation was extended to any visiting Churches or any Churches seeking membership in this association. None came forward.

An invitation was given to any visiting Ministers. None were present.

The following Officers were elected for the coming year.

Moderator: Rev. Leonard Shehand

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Richmond Barnett

Clerk: Rev. Troy McCourry

Assistant Clerk: Rev. J. D. Price

The following committees were appointed:

Churches and Pastors: Chm. Rev. Bobby Revis, Bros. Garvil Honeycutt and Jess Troutman.

Church Training Service: Chm. Rev. Stanley McMahan, Bro. Jess Clark and Sister Linda Crowe Robinson.

Association Investigation: Chm. Rev. J. D. Price, Rev. Orphard Hensley, Rev. Bill Long, Rev. Leonard Shehand, Rev. Troy McCourry.

Disabled Ministers Fund Treasurer: Rev. Jonas Revis

Disabled Ministers Investigating Committee:

Tennessee: Rev. Leonard Shehand, Rev. Eugene Osborne, Rev. Carmi Price, Rev. Orville Williams, alternate.

North Carolina: Rev. Arnold Wilson, Rev. Clyde Fender, Rev. Troy McCourry, Rev. Orphard Hensley, alternate.

Disabled Ministers Fund (Topic): Rev. Carmi Price, Rev. Bruce Fender, Rev. Rex Adkins.

Education: Chm. Rev. Richmond Barnett, Bros. Paul Whitehead and George Taylor.

Foreign Missions: Chm. Rev. Roy Cooper, Bro. Marshall Stocton and Sister Ila Fender.

Home Missions: Chm. Bro. Clifford Hopson, Rev. Ricky Pate, Bro. Toney Fender.

Ladies Auxillary: Chm. Rev. Bobby Revis, Sisters Naomi Revis, Viola Edwards, Margaret Pack and Leola Fender.

Orphanage: Chm. Rev. Jack Silvers, Rev. Marvin Hensley and Bro. Lloyd Laws.

Sunday Schools: Chm. Rev. Jenous Allen, Bros. Jess Clark and Frank Cable.

Sessions: The Association Investigating Committee.

Resolutions: Rev. C. J. Higgins, Rev. Jonas Revis and Rev. Orphard Hensley.

It was moved and seconded that the ladies be given time for a report on their work in Friday's reports.

Adjourned until 9:30 Friday with preaching tonight by Rev. Leonard Shehand at 7:30.

Thursday Night Service

The service began at 7:30 P.M. with singing by the church choir, "I never shall forget the day" and "Just a little talk with Jesus."

Special singing was by the Youth Choir of Locust Gap and the Cooper Family.

Prayer by Bro. Frank Woods

The message was by Bro. Leonard Shehand. His Scripture reading was Isaiah 14, verses 14-19 and Rev. 3.

His subject was "Our greatest Danger." A good service with rejoicing, followed by handshake.

Dismissed until Friday Morning.

Friday Morning Session

The Association convened at 9:30 A.M. Song service led by Rev. Clyde Fender.

Song—"Just over in the Glory Land."

Devotions were by Rev. Ricky Pate, reading Luke 10 vs. 25. Prayer was by Bro. J. D. Price.

The Association was called to order by the moderator.

Minutes of Thursday's session were read and adopted.

Called for Churches that had not reported. The following were enrolled: Davistown and Liberty.

An invitation was extended for any visiting churches or churches seeking membership. None came forward.

Called for visiting Ministers. None were present.

The Ministers roll was called.

Called for report of the Committees. The report on Churches and Pastors was read and discussed by several.

Adjourned for preaching at 11:00 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Song—"Heaven's Jubilee."

Prayer by Rev. Jonas Revis.

Scripture lesson by Bro. James Ledford, Gen. 1, verse 1.

He used for a subject, "The Spirit of God Moved."

He brought a short but wonderful message which resulted in a great outpouring of the Spirit with much rejoicing.

An offering was received for Bro. Ledford in the amount of \$123.23.

Friday Evening Session

The Association convened at 1:00 P.M.

The singing was by Sister Howard Whitson. She sang, "That's Him, Working the Road and Land of Beaulah."

Devotions were by Bro. Marvin Hensley. He read from Luke 12, verse 22.

Prayer was by Bro. Roy Cooper.

The reports of the committees were read, discussed and adopted as follows:

Churches and Pastors

We, the committee of Churches and Pastors, believe the Church was purchased by the greatest price ever paid, the Blood of Jesus Christ.

It has a great mission, to reach the lost, that they may be saved. We encourage every Minister and layman to work together and live a life that the world may see Christ; the only perfect example to follow, in our lives.

We also recommend that we, who are responsible for leadership of our Churches, upgrade the quality of leadership by studying the Word with prayer and meditation.

Acts 20:28, I Peter 5: 2-3, 2 Tim. 2:15.

Rev. Bobby Revis, Chairman
Garvel Honeycutt
Jess Troutman

Orphanage

We, the committee on Orphanage, recommend the following scriptures be read and studied by every member. Matthew 25: 36-40, Luke 18: 15-17, Acts 20: 35, Isaiah 10: 13 and James 1: 27.

Rev. Jack Silver
Rev. Marvin Hensley
Lloyd Laws

Church Training Service

We, the committee on Church Training Service, believe that it is

a very necessary part of the Church's activities.

It is a special means of reaching the unsaved young people and it serves as a great help to those who are saved. Psalms 71:17 "O God thou hast taught me from my youth, and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

The young people in the world today are being led astray by the many temptations of the devil and the ungodly things which are being taught to them. We believe that it is the responsibility of the preachers, deacons, and church members to teach them in the ways of the Lord. We should warn them of the things which are sin so they will know how to fight the devil and win others to Christ. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a Child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it.

We would like to encourage any church that doesn't have a Church Training Service to start one.

Rev. Stanley McMahan
Sandra Fender
Linda Robinson

Disabled Ministers Fund

We, the committee, feel that God called a preacher for a definite work. He has a mission. He was a bond of connection between persons. Through sickness perplexity and sorrow, he served God.

We feel that the churches should help support these men of God, that have carried the Gospel and are now disabled. We believe that all preachers should encourage their churches to give more for this cause.

The Bible teaches that those that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. It is up to the preachers and churches to support the Disabled Ministers Fund.

Rev. Bruce Fender
Rev. H. C. Price
Rev. Rex Adkins

Ladies Auxiliary

We, your committee of Ladies Auxiliary, recommend St. Matthew 25, verses 34-40, where Jesus tells us how we should help others. If we will do this it will bless our churches and make us stronger spiritually.

We recommend that each church organize a ladies auxiliary and encourage each pastor to support the Ladies Auxiliary.

A Ladies Auxiliary can help a church both spiritually and financially, by the women working together with love and fellowship. I Cor. 15:58.

Rev. Bobby Revis, Chairman
Sis. Naomi Revis
Sis. Margaret Pack
Sis. Lila Fender

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

Thursday afternoon, August 7, the ladies attending the Association, met together for a conference on Ladies Auxiliary.

Sister Lila Fender read for devotions 1 Cor. 15, verses 51-58.

Prayer was led by Sister Margaret Pack. Written reports were given by the following auxiliaries: Big Creek, Burbank, Hillcrest, North Bend, Pensacola, Peterson's Chapel, Woodby Hill, Young's Chapel.

Oral reports were given by Middle District and Valley Forge.

Summary of what the Ladies Auxiliaries are doing:

1. All the Auxiliaries have a Bible study program. Young's Chapel have Bible questions. Peterson's Chapel is studying the women of the Bible.

2. All the ladies auxiliaries had helped by buying items needed for their churches.

3. Woodby Hill made applebutter and took other foods to the Children's home.

4. Young's Chapel and Woodby Hill gave financial aid to our foreign missionary Eddie Payne.

5. Crabtree bought Bibles for their boy's and girls in the armed services.

6. Hillcrest has established a visitation program to visit the sick, old, shut in, Nursing homes and the lost. They have also set aside one day a month to fast and pray for the spiritual growth of their church.

7. Big Creek cleared over \$1,000.00 on a supper to help on the new church.

8. Each Auxiliary spoke of how God blessed them for their efforts and the wonderful fellowship they had by meeting and working together.

The ladies voted to meet together the 2nd Saturday of October at 10:30, at Young's Chapel for a conference. This is for all the women from the churches of the Jack's Creek Association. Each lady to bring a covered dish. The women of Young's Chapel will be in charge of the program.

We enjoyed meeting together and were blessed by the sweet spirit that was present, the testimonies and wonderful reports from the ladies auxiliaries.

We were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Troutman.

Sis. Naomi Revis

Sis. Lila Fender

Sis. Margaret Pack

Education

We, the committee on education, recommend the following:

How is religious education described?

"For the perfecting of the Saints, For the works of the Ministry, For the edifying of the body of Christ. That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine,

by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. But speaking the truth in love may grow up into Him in all things; which is the head, even Christ." Ephesians 4: 12-15.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

Family prayer is important. Family Bible study is important. We must work and do more to educate our young people to know the Lord. Madeline O'Hara is trying to keep prayer and Bible reading out of our schools. Christians, let's do more praying and work. Let's not let this woman win. Let's take our stand and we will win.

Rev. Richmond Barnett
Paul Whitehead
George M. Taylor

Foreign Missions

We, your committee on Foreign Missions present the following Scriptures, that they may lead lost souls to Christ. John 12:32, Mark 16:15, Luke 4:43, Acts 1:8.

Rev. Roy Cooper
Lila Fender
Marshall Stocton

Home Missions

We, your committee on Home Missions, wish to recommend the following Scripture for your consideration: Acts 1:8, Matthew 22:9-10, Rev. 2: 2-5.

Everyone that has been born again has a personal commission from the Lord Jesus.

Home Mission must start in supporting programs in your home church, and witnessing to the lost in your community and on the job. The Lord will then bless our efforts at home and in other communities and churches, if we hold fast our first love.

Clifton Hopson, Jr.
Rev. Ricky Pate
Toney Fender

Sunday School

Scripture references: Matthew 5-7. An example of things Christ taught the people when he walked upon the earth.

In the past few years, we have seen fewer and fewer people attending our Sunday Schools. This includes people of just about every age group. We feel that each church needs to examine this situation and pray for guidance from God on how we can improve the attendance of our Sunday Schools.

Since Bible teaching and prayer have been removed from our schools and parents have neglected them in our homes, people are becoming willingly ignorant about God. Just about the only places that the Word is taught is over T.V. and radio broadcasts and in our churches.

In Sunday Schools, we hear the Word taught and we have the opportunity to ask questions and get answers based on the experiences and knowledge of others. We believe that as the little children grow up in the church and come to know about the Bible, they gain a knowledge of the word. Then, as they are saved by the grace of God, they begin to discern the spiritual meanings of the things they have learned in the Bible.

As people attend Sunday School, talk and ask questions, they not only learn, but they gain boldness, strength and self confidence to stand for the truth in their daily walks of life. The word is not for us to just know, but a pattern for us to live by. Let's pray more and work harder in this new church year for our churches that the attendance might be greater because people want to know more about the Lord.

Rev. Z. T. Allen

Jess B. Clark

Frank E. Cable

Resolutions

We, your committee on Resolutions, resolve that our Ministers and their wives live to a Biblical standard. Titus 2.

Rev. Jonas Revis

Rev. Orphard Hensley

Rev. C. J. Higgins

Sessions

The next session of the Jack's Creek Association will be held with the Middle District Free Will Baptist, R.F.D., Bakesville, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1975 at 10:30 A.M. Rev. Bobby Revis to preach the introductory message. Rev. Jack Silvers to be the alternate.

OBITUARIES

GARLAND THOMAS—Departed this life July 13, 1975 at the age of 57. He loved his Church, Davis Town F.W.B. He proved his love by his presence, prayer and financial support.

He was a great inspiration to all who knew him. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

LOCKIE L. BENNETT—Was born June 26, 1904. She departed this life August 27, 1974. She was a member of the South Side Free Will Baptist Church. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend. She leaves a husband, two sons, three daughters, fourteen grand children, three great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters.

She is greatly missed by her family and friends. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

MATTIE M. FANNING—Was born September 21, 1899. She departed this life December 21, 1974. She was a member of South Side Free Will Baptist Church. She was faithful and true to her Church as long as she was able to attend.

She left behind 3 daughters and one son, 12 grandchildren, and 3 great-grand daughters.

You left us that night to Christmas so near,
Jesus came and took you my dear,
Tho we miss you here,
We will meet you again some happy day.

A Grand-daughter, Mrs. Janie Arwood

PAULINE TROUTMAN—Was born January 8, 1912 and departed this life November 24, 1974. She is survived by her husband, J. T. Troutman, two daughters, three sons and ten grand children.

She was a faithful and devoted member of Burbank Free Will Baptist Church for forty years. She was the secretary and treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary up until her death. She was always willing to do whatever she was asked to further the progress of the church.

Mother's leaving makes us sad, but we rejoice to know;
That mother was prepared and unafraid to go.
She lived a life of faith, and all her works abide;
so why should we begrudge her rest at eventide.

The Family

JACK CAMPBELL—Departed this life February 11, 1975 at the age of 68. He was a member of Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church

He was a devoted father who loved people and his family. He was one of God's special people because of his love and concern for others.

He is deeply missed by the church, his family and friends.

LYDA MILLER RAMSEY—Was born Oct. 29, 1890. Departed this life March 29, 1975. A member of Unaka Springs F.W.B. Church. She was loyal to her church as long as her health permitted. She loved her Bible and read it daily. She was the wife of the late Jobe Ramsey, who preceded her in death April 9, 1969.

They were the parents of 13 children, 18 grandchildren, 31 great grand-children.

Loving parents we miss them, we feel that our loss was heaven's great gain, they are at peace forever with the Lord.

NATHAN LEDFORD—Departed his life on May 5, 1975 at the age of 79 years. He was a native of Buladean community. He was a son of the late Milton and Emoline Ledford.

He was a member of the Middle District Free Will Baptist Church. He became a member of the church at an early age.

He is survived by his wife, Tantha Bowman Ledford, two daughters, three sons, thirteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

It is hard to understand why, but we know God had a purpose that he called and you had to answer. But someday we can all rest forever without sorrow and pain, and our hearts won't be troubled anymore. You were called but not forgotten and won't be, as long as memory lasts.

By—Widow Tantha and family

Foreign Missions

Beginning balance \$2,448.49

Receipts:

Pensacola	\$120.00
Hillcrest	199.47
Vale	100.00
Young's Chapel	81.00
Nix Creek	120.00
Covey Rock	50.00
Low Gap	200.00
Peterson's Chapel	20.00
Burbank	25.00
Woodby Hill	20.00
Interest	90.00

Total receipts 1,025.47

Total to account for 3,473.96

Paid out this year:

Josephine Stevens	\$360.00
Eddie Payne	360.00

Total paid out 720.00

Balance in bank \$2,753.96

Rev. Clyde Fender, Treasurer

Disabled Minister's Fund

Beginning Balance \$12,446.61

Receipts for the year

Minister's Conference	\$641.80
Association	916.00
Interest	689.93

Total Receipts 2,247.73

Total to account for 14,694.34

Disbursements:

Bonding Fee	25.00
Rev. Roy Lee Rose	100.00
Rev. Floyd Ray	100.00
Rev. James Smith	100.00
Rev. Quince Miller	100.00
Rev. Bobby Revis	100.00
Sister Mary Herrell	100.00
Rev. James Ledford	253.80
Rev. W. H. Woodby	100.00
Rev. Dock Taylor	100.00
Total paid out	1,078.80
Balance in bank	\$13,615.54

Rev. Jonas Revis, Treasurer

Home Mission Financial Report

Beginning Balance	\$1,842.23
Receipts for the year:	
Young's Chapel	\$10.00
Crabtree	10.00
Hillcrest	15.00
Liberty	10.00
Interest	92.11
Total to be accounted for	\$137.11
Bonding fee	13.00
Balance in Bank	\$1,966.34

Finance Committee

We, the finance committee, report that we have received \$447.00 for the minute fund.

Rev. J. D. Price
Jess Clark

Clerk and Moderator Fund

We have received \$175.00 for the clerk and moderator fund.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	ADDRESS
Big Creek	J. D. Price.....	Nancy Adkins ..	Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N. C.
Burbank	Leonard Shehand.....	Vernon Crain	Rt. 1, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Brummetts Creek	Ulis Miller.....	Mrs. Star Bennett ..	Rt. 1, Box 313, Green Mountain, N. C.
Byrd Branch	Arnold Briggs.....	Mrs. Billy Silver	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Covey Rock	Albert Edwards.....	Fate Deyton	Green Mtn., N. C.
Crabtree	L. D. Berry.....	Linda Hopson ..	Route 3, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Davistown	Jessie Rice.....	James E. Vess	Black Mtn., N. C.
Higgins	Howard Whitson.....	Viola Edwards	Burnsville, N. C.
Hillcrest	Bill Long.....	Carolyn Biddix	Rt. 2, Nebo, N. C. ✓
Liberty	J. D. Wilson.....	Bobby Allison	Route 4, Marion, N. C. ✓
Liberty Chapel	John Murphy.....	Bernice Scott	Rt. 5, Burnsville, N. C.
Locust Gap	Roy Cooper.....	Beulah Mink	Mountain City, Tenn.
Low Gap	Richmond Barnett.....	Daphne Ray	Rt. 6, Burnsville, N. C.
Middle District ...	Charlie Trivett.....	Mrs. Georgia Moffit	Rt. 2, Bakersville, N. C.
Nicks Creek	Ophard Hensley.....	Mae Woodard	Marion, N. C. ✓
North Bend	H. C. Price.....	Robert Whitson, Jr.	Green Mt., N. C.
Pensacola	Arnold Wilson.....	Terrell Wilson	Route 6, Burnsville, N. C.
Petersons Chapel ...	Bobby Revis.....	Mrs. David Webb ..	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Pilgrims Chapel	Lloyd Dulaney ..	Route 2, Burnsville, N. C.
Piney Grove	Jonas Revis.....	Aileen McKinney	Hampton, N. C.
Piney Hill	Elzie Robinson.....	Geraldine Brackins ..	Rt. 4, Burnsville, N. C.
Riverview	Bruce Fender.....	Larry Galloway ..	231 Mohawk Rd., Erwin, Tenn.
Southside	Troy McCourry.....	Edith Pauley	Opekisa St., Erwin, Tenn.
Sun Set	W. E. Jaynes.....	Georgia Carlton ..	Rt. 2, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Unaka Springs	Kyle Holloway.....	Willard Shelton	Rt. 3, Erwin, Tenn.
Unicoi	Dan Garland.....	Mrs. Opal Leedy	Unicoi, Tenn.
Vale	Frank Harklerode.....	Coye Calhoun	Route 1, Newland, N. C.
Valley Forge	Johnny Vance.....	Mrs. Viola Stevens	Elizabethton, Tenn.
Woodby Hill	Roy Lee Rose.....	June McKinney ..	Route 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Young's Chapel	C. J. Higgins.....	Clay Fender	Route 2, Burnsville, N. C.

JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Higgins F. W. B. Church

September 28, 1974

The first quarterly conference was held with the Higgins Free Will Baptist Church, R. F. D., Burnsville, N. C., Saturday, September 28, 1974 at 9:30 A.M. Devotions were given by Bro. Bobby Revis reading John 1 vs. 1-11. Prayer was by Bro. Gene Osborn.

Rev. Orphard served as moderator. After reading the rules of decorum the ministers roll was called, with every minister standing in full fellowship. An offering was received for the disabled ministers fund in the amount of \$103.00.

Deacons and delegates were enrolled. A card of thanks was read from the family of Rev. Holt Herrell. The congregation stood in a moment of silence in memory of Bro. Herrell. An offering was received to pay for the flowers that had been ordered for his funeral. A motion was made to appoint Rev. Clyde Fender and Ullis Miller to look after flowers in the future and that an offering be received at every conference until a flower fund has been established.

Bro. Ted Cannon presented a letter from the Big Creek Church for license and Brothers Stanley McMahan and Jerome Honeycutt presented letters for ordination. They were all turned over to the committee of investigation until next conference.

Bros. Davis Street and Ronnie Peterson's license were renewed for one year. The clerk was asked to write Bro. Billy Ray about his being delinquent.

Bro. Cecil preached a good message at the 11:00 service. He used the scripture Matthew 7:2 and 12.

The conference was adjourned to meet in next session at the Low Gap Church December 28, 1974 at 9:30 A.M. Bro. Stanley Parkey to preach at 11:00, Bro. Jonas Revis to be the alternate. Bro. Carmi Price to be the Moderator, Bro. Burnie Jones to be his alternate.

Low Gap F. W. B. Church

December 28, 1974

The second quarterly conference was held with the Low Gap F. W. B. Church, R. F. D., Burnsville, N. C., December 28, 1974 at 9:30 A.M. Devotions were by Bro. Howard Whitson, reading Romans 8. Prayer by Bro. Carmi Price.

Bro. Carmi Price served as moderator. The rules of decorum were read by the moderator. The minutes of the last conference were read and adopted. The Ministers roll was called with every minister standing in full fellowship. An offering was received for the disabled ministers fund in the amount of \$74.00. The deacons and delegates were enrolled.

Bros. Ted Cannon and Albert Edwards came forward seeking license, Bros. Jerome Honeycutt and Stanley McMahan for ordination.

A motion was made and voted that deacons and delegates have a right to vote in the conference, not in conflict with Art. 4.

A letter was read from Appalachian F. W. B. Conference requesting a letter for Bro. Gilbert Able. The conference voted that Bro. Able withdrew himself from the Jack's Creek Conference and left the conference in broken fellowship on October 22, 1974. Their request was denied.

Bro. Stanley Parkey brought the 11:00 o'clock message. Prayer was by Bro. Orphard Hensley. Bro. Parkey read Job 38, 1 Cor. 1 and Heb. 11. He used for a subject, "The wisdom of God and the Wisdom of Man."

The clerk was asked to write the ministers who had missed two or more conferences. Bro. Floyd Ray and Bro. Frank Harkleroad gave their reason for being absent and were excused. Bros. Ted Cannon and Albert Edwards were granted license and it was voted to ordain Bros. Stanley McMahan and Jerome Honeycutt. Bro. McMahan was ordained. Bro. Jerome Honeycutt had been called away due to illness.

A motion was passed to send Sister Mary Herrell \$100.00 from the disabled ministers fund. An offering was taken and also the amount received today was given to Bro. James Ledford. The amount was \$253.80.

The conference adjourned to meet in next session at Unicoi F. W. B. Church, March 29, 1975. Bro. Stanley Parkey to be the moderator. Bro. Bill Long to preach.

Unicoi F. W. B. Church March 29, 1975

The Jack's Creek Ministers conference met with the Unicoi F. W. B. Church, Unicoi, Tenn., Saturday, March 29, 1975 in its third quarterly conference. Devotions were given by Bro. Clyde Fender, reading Heb. 2: 1-3. Prayer was by Bro. Guy Foster. Rev. Stanley Parkey served as moderator. The minutes of the last conference was read and adopted. The roll was called, every minister stood in full fellowship.

Bros. Fred Beam, Jr., Dan Garland and Billy Ray gave their reasons for being absent two or more conferences and were restarted. Visiting ministers were welcomed to a seat in the conference as follows: Bros. Guy Foster, Richard Adams, Carl Nelson, and Gene Deyton of the Appalachian Conference. Also Bros. Bill James, John Cansler and Carl Osborne were welcomed.

Bro. Gilbert Able spoke concerning his leaving the conference. He said that he did not have any ill feeling against anyone and that if anyone had anything against him, he ask that they forgive him. Bro. Guy Foster ask that the conference reconsider and grant Bro. Able a letter. The request was denied.

Bro. Bill Long brought the message at 11:00 A.M. He read Numbers 32 and used for a subject, "Be sure your sins will find you out." Closing prayer was by Bro. Fred Beam.

Peterson's Chapel F. W. B. Church June 29, 1975

The conference convened with the Peterson's Chapel Church, Saturday, June 29, 1975 in its fourth quarterly conference. Met at 9:30 A.M. with devotions by Bro. Marvin Hensley. He used for scripture reading

11 Kings 7: 5-9. Prayer was by Bro. Carmi Price.

Rev. Troy McCourry served as moderator. The ministers roll was called with every minister standing in fellowship. The minutes of the last conference were read and adopted. An offering was received for the Disabled Ministers Fund in the amount of \$65.00. Deacons and delegates were enrolled with an offering of \$38.00 to the host church.

The message was given at 11:00 A.M. by Bro. Clyde Fender. He read Numbers 13: 17.

The conference met at 1:30 P.M. The committee of investigation and ordaining council gave their report recommending Bro. Ricky Pate and Marvin Pate for license to preach for one year.

The topic committee report was presented, "Preaching for these days." The conference adjourned to meet with the Annual Association, August 7, 1975 at the Locust Gap Church, Mountain City, Tenn.

Locust Gap F. W. B. Church

August 9, 1975

The Jack's Creek F. W. B. Conference convened with the Locust Gap F. W. B. Church in connection with the Annual Association. Met Saturday, August 9, 1975 at 9:30 A.M. Devotions were by Rev. Rex Adkins, reading Luke 4: 1-10. Prayer was by Bro. Carmi Price.

Rev. Shehan served as moderator. The ministers, deacons and delegates were enrolled. Every minister stood in fellowship.

Bro. Dickie Riddle was taken under watchcare for three months for license. Bro. Kyle Holloway asked for ordination. He was turned over to the committee of investigation, to report back at next conference.

The committee which had been appointed to revise the Constitution and By-laws gave their report. It was voted to adopt the revision.

Bro. Orphard Hensley brought the message at 11:00 A.M. He read Daniel 9: 16-33. He used for a subject, "Knowledge From God."

Met at 1:30. The officers were elected for the coming year. The Moderator for the next session to be Rev. Arnold Wilson, Rev. Bruce Fender, Assistant, Rev. Troy McCourry, clerk, Rev. Richmond Barnett, assistant clerk.

Ordaining Council: Rev. Arnold Wilson, Rev. Leonard Shehand, Rev. Cecil Higgins, Rev. Troy McCourry, Rev. Burnie Jones.

Committee of Investigation:

Tennessee: Rev. Roy Cooper, Rev. Jonas Revis, Rev. Charlie Trivette, Rev. Richmond Barnett, Alternate

North Carolina: Rev. Arnold Wilson, Rev. Clyde Fender, Rev. Troy McCourry, Rev. Cecil Higgins, Alternate.

The topic committee: Stanley Parkey, Arvil Williams, Rex Adkins. Devotions will be by Rev. Jack Silvers, Rev. Ronnie Peterson will be the alternate.

Rev. Floranel Cline asked that his license be renewed for one year. His request was granted.

The conference adjourned to meet at Pensacola F. W. B. Church, Saturday, November 29, 1975 at 9:30 A.M.

MINISTERS ROLL

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Ball, Vestal, Johnson City, Tenn.	
Barnett, Richmond*, R.F.D., Burnsville, N. C.	
Beam, Fred, Jr., Marion, N. C.	
Briggs, Arnold, Burnsville, N. C.	
Campbell, Harley, R.F.D., Burnsville, N. C.	
Cannon, Ted*, R.F.D., Relief, N. C.	
Cline, Flornell, Marion, N. C.	
Cooper, Roy*, Lakeview Drive, Johnson City, Tenn.	926-8783
Crow, Paul*, 901 Barton St., Johnson City, Tenn.	928-9554
Davis, Vernon, Route 2, Box 370, Erwin, Tenn.	743-7377
Edwards, Albert*, R.F.D., Relief, N. C.	682-3202
Fender, Bruce, Jr., Johnson City, Tenn.	
Fender, Clyde*, Route 1, Box 86-A, Nebo (Marion), N. C.	652-2167
Fleenor, Theodore, 205 Brown Avenue, Johnson City, Tenn.	928-3824
Garland, Dan, Route 6, Elizabethton, Tenn.	
Greer, Bill*, Betty St., Johnson City, Tenn.	926-9094
Harkleroad Frank*, Route 1, Nebo (Marion), N. C.	695-0727
Hawkins, Lynn*, Route 1, Hampton, Tenn.	725-2254
Hensley, Marvin*, Rt. 4, Burnsville, N. C.	682-3489
Hensley, Orphard*, Old Fort, N. C.	668-4385
Higgins, Cecil*, Route 2, Burnsville, N. C.	675-4658
Hill, Charles, Jr., Route 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.	725-3677
Honeycutt, Joe, Unicoi, Tenn.	743-7630
Honeycutt, Jerome, Burnsville, N. C.	682-2230
Holloway, Moss, Route 2, Box 15-A, Erwin, Tenn.	
Holloway, Kyle*, 523 Gay St., Erwin, Tenn.	743-3971
Jones, Burnie, 215 Oak St., Erwin, Tenn.	743-3292
Ledford, Gus, Route 3, Burnsville, N. C.	
Ledford, James*, Route 3, Burnsville, N. C.	
Letterman, Lyda, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.	682-3961
Long, Bill, Marion, N. C.	724-4471

Lovell, Norman	
McMahan, Stanley*, Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.	675-5280
McCourry, Troy*, P. O. Box 68, Burnsville, N. C.	682-6439
Miller, Quince, Alexanderia, N. C.	
Miller, Ullis, Route 3, Box 200, Erwin, Tenn.	743-4788
Murphy, John, Route 3, Burnsville, N. C.	
Osborne, Eugene, Johnson City, Tenn.	928-1389
Pate, Ricky*, Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N. C.	675-4114
Patrick, D. C., Route 2, Elizabethton, Tenn.	
Parkey, Stanley*, Erwin, Tenn. (Ashville Hwy)	743-7485
Peterson, Ronnie*, Burnsville, N. C.	
Price, J. D.*, Johnson City, Tenn.	926-9589
Price, Carmi*, Johnson City, Tenn.	928-4763
Ray, Billy, RFD, Burnsville, N. C.	
Ray, Floyd, Burnsville, N. C.	
Revis, Bobby*, Route 1, Nebo (Marion), N. C.	652-2153
Revis, Jonas*, Route 1, Hampton, Tenn.	725-2025
Robinson, Elzie, Route 3, Burnsville, N. C.	
Rose, Roy Lee*, Route 1, Hampton, Tenn.	725-2763
Shehand, Leonard*, Roan Mountain, Tenn.	772-3639
Silvers, Jack*, Route 2, Burnsville, N. C.	682-6390
Smith, Jimmie, Route 1, Box 461-A, Marion, N. C.	652-4273
Sparks, Ferrell	
Street, David	
Taylor, Dock, Erwin, Tenn.	
Trivette, Charlie, Route 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.	543-1637
Walker, B. F. Old Fort, N. C.	
Whitson, Howard*, Rt. 1, Relief, N. C.	682-6230
Williams, Orville, Erwin, Tenn.	743-7953
Wilson, Arnold*, Burnsville, N. C.	682-6002
Woodby, W. H., Route 1, Unicoi, Tenn.	
Woods, Frank	

Honorary Members

Creech, Ronald, Durham, N. C.	
Woolsey, Paul, Greenville, Tenn.	

*Ministers that were present at the Association meeting.

CONSTITUTION OF JACK'S 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 Treaties 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 solomently covenant before God that we will carefully observe the commandments implied by a confession of faith, and in the spirit of meekness rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray, and watch over each others reputation and use our influence to the **upbuilding** of the church and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, and to confess our faults one to another, and to strengthen those that are weak.

3. We promise that by the help of God we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer, and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed word in the minds of those under our care.

4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel and to contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those that are afflicted and needy, and especially those of the household of faith.

5. We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not providentially hindered and submit to all ordinances implied in a Profession of Faith.

6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements.

7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors and not to use it as a beverage, nor to aid or assist in the manufacture of such nor furnish it to others.

8. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath schools, good morals and everything that is to the glory of God and to the welfare of men. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 8.—**Perservance.** 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.

Article 9.—**Good Works.** We believe that goods 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.

Article 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.

Article 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 of 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 unworthy, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. I Cor. 11:28-29.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 2. There shall be no conversation by members, one with another so as to interrupt business, while in session.

Article 3. Every member wishing to speak shall first rise to his feet and address the moderator.

Article 4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

Article 5. We will admit of no other title but that of Brother, while in session.

Article 6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

Article 7. No member shall speak more than three times on one subject.

Article 8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by those who made it.

Article 9. No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of the Moderator.

Article 10. On all motions when the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

Article 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as

Article 12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist

Ministers Conference

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as The Minister's Conference of the Jack's 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 minister. He may take part in any Biblical discussions. He may not vote or take part in the transaction of business matters.

ARTICLE 3. This body shall elect quarterly 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. This Conference shall meet on Saturday before each fifth Sunday and in connection with the yearly Association, with some church in the Association, previously agreed upon, or at the call of the moderator; provided that more than one session may not be held with any church during the same conference year.

ARTICLE 6. The moderator 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 five 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. It shall be their duty to examine candidates, grant licenses and conduct ordinations.

ARTICLE 8. The ordaining council, when properly organized, shall have charge of all examinations and ordinations of candidates for the ministry who have been ordered before it by the Conference.

ARTICLE 9. All applicants for license to preach shall present to the Conference a letter of recommendation from a Free Will Baptist church to which he belongs. It must be properly signed by his pastor, deacons and clerk. After due inquiry and prayerful consideration, and after examination by the ordaining council, as to gifts, qualifications, and to 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 ministers from sister Free Will Baptist Conferences shall be received under watchcare for three months. They are to be investigated by the committee of investigation. All applicants for license and ordination, after being passed by the committee of investigation, shall be examined privately by 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 proven himself faithful and successful in the gospel ministry for a period of at least one year. If any shall fail to do so because of negligence, he shall be entitled to a seat in the Conference only as a visiting minister.

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

The above requirements shall not apply to ministers who have 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 his family.

ARTICLE 11. All applicants for ordination or membership shall present to the Conference a letter of recommendation from his church, properly signed by pastor, deacons and clerk.

ARTICLE 12. Each member shall report at each regular meeting either in person or by letter. 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 the Conference either in person or by letter, for one year, shall be dropped from the roll and his credentials called for.

ARTICLE 13. All ministers received from Sister Free Will Baptist Conferences, having been ordained and after having been investigated by the committee of investigation, and having been examined and found acceptable by the ordaining council, shall be issued a certificate of ordination from this conference, signed by the ordaining council with the original ordaining council and name of conference on the margin.

ARTICLE 14. The Conference may withdraw fellowship from any member who becomes disorderly. Any person presenting a charge against a minister must sign his name to the charge or it will be null and void.

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.

ARTICLE 15. Seven members shall constitute a quorum at all regular meetings. No session of conference will be considered legal if three or more ordained ministers are not present.

ARTICLE 16. 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.

ARTICLE 17. The moderator shall have power to appoint any or all committees to carry on the work of the Conference.

ARTICLE 18. Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contributions or by assesment to the members.

ARTICLE 19. This constitution and by-laws or any article thereof, may be suspended or amended, by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

ARTICLE 20. Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry.

The above constitution and by-laws, duly adopted by conference in regular session at North Bend Free Will Baptist Church, June 1919. Re-adopted in conference September, 1944.

Revised and re-adopted at Locust Gap Free Will Baptist, Mountain City, Tenn. August 9, 1975.

CHURCH LETTER

To The Jack's 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:

OUR STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS—

(1) Our Meeting days	(14) For Children's Home
(2) Numbered baptised	(15) Home Missions
(3) Added otherwise	(16) Foreign Missions
(4) Excluded	(17) Disabled Ministers' Fund
(5) Dismissed	(18) Pledge to Dis. Min. F.
(6) Deaths	(19) Monthly mission pledge
(7) Total members	(20) Poor and sick
(8) Average in Sunday School	(21) Value church property
(9) Communion & foot washings	(22) Improve church property
(10) No. times pastor present	(23) Associational fund
(11) Minute Fund	(24) No. members in Women's Aux.
(12) Paid Pastor	(25) Church Training Service
(13) Paid for revivals	(26) Clerk and Moderator Fund

Revival conducted by _____

Present pastor _____

Pastor elect _____

Treasurer _____ Clerk _____

Address _____ Address _____

Remarks _____

CHURCH & MEETING DAY	BAPTIZED	ADDED OTHERWISE	EXCLUDED	DISMISSED	DEATHS	TOTAL MEMBERS	NUMBER IN SUNDAY SCHOOL	COMMUNIONS AND FOOT WASHINGS	TIMES PASTOR PRESENT	MINUTE FUND	PAID PASTOR	PAID FOR REVIVALS	ORPHANAGE	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	DISABLED MINISTERS FUND	NUMBER IN LADIES AUXILIARY	NUMBER IN C.T.S.	POOR AND SICK	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	IMPROVEMENTS IN CHURCH PROPERTY	ASSOC. FUND	CLERK AND MODERATOR FUND
Big Creek-----Full	16	10	0	0	0	128	80	2	Full	\$20.00	\$5,400.00	\$460.50	--	\$ --	\$ --	\$150.00	20	--	\$1,017.17	\$100,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Brummitts Creek---Full	8	13	0	0	0	98	85	2	12	20.00	580.00	300.00	0	--	0	0	0	0	2,160.40	55,000.00	25,000.00	0	0
Burbank-----Full	7	8	0	2	1	235	146	2	Full	15.00	6,800.00	--	120.00	681.70	25.00	10.00	19	87	1,280.32	80,000.00	1,364.45	10.00	10.00
Byrd Branch-----Full	0	6	4	0	1	44	30	1	26	5.00	518.93	133.00	5.00	0	0	5.00	--	--	466.00	5,000.00	300.00	5.00	5.00
Covey Rock-----Full	9	11	0	0	2	171	151	1	Full	12.00	6,350.00	--	0	0	50.00	10.00	--	--	1,293.24	67,328.57	2,328.57	10.00	10.00
Crabtree-----Full	10	12	0	0	0	119	75	5	Full	15.00	2,400.00	200.00	162.34	10.00	--	15.00	22	--	2,073.50	12,500.00	4,349.12	5.00	5.00
Davistown-----Full	8	12	0	1	1	47	40	4	Full	10.00	2,121.97	112.00	0	0	0	--	5	--	387.47	23,000.00	---	5.00	5.00
Hill Crest-----Full	10	23	0	3	0	125	99	1	Full	15.00	2,700.00	669.00	15.00	15.00	199.47	15.00	8	--	1,032.28	100,000.00	3,046.50	15.00	10.00
Higgins-----Full	5	2	0	0	2	130	55	1	Full	15.00	5,220.00	311.08	0	0	0	15.00	--	--	470.77	25,000.00	---	5.00	5.00
Liberty-----Full	9	4	0	1	0	76	76	1	Full	10.00	6,173.62	110.00	0	100.00	240.00	10.00	20	30	336.11	100,000.00	---	10.00	--
Liberty Chapel---Full	0	0	0	3	0	20	25	0	Full	10.00	1,317.76	--	0	0	0	--	--	--	312.05	17,000.00	2,000.00	--	--
Low Gap-----Full	2	4	2	0	0	78	40	3	Full	10.00	3,900.00	400.00	--	644.40	300.00	36.00	--	--	990.00	40,000.00	2,000.00	5.00	5.00
Locust Gap-----Full	4	3	0	16	0	88	73	2	Full	15.00	3,000.00	No Rev.	342.00	--	42.66	100.00	16	--	897.30	42,000.00	217.50	--	--
Middle District---Full	0	0	0	1	60	49	4	Full	15.00	1,399.00	208.10	50.00	--	--	113.00	10.00	--	--	55.00	24,360.00	4,537.92	10.00	5.00
Nick's Creek-----Full	1	0	0	3	0	92	51	2	Full	15.00	2,480.00	350.00	--	--	120.00	10.00	--	--	1,188.44	25,000.00	224.23	15.00	5.00
North Bend-----Full	2	3	0	1	2	135	79	4	100	20.00	3,025.00	308.35	50.00	--	--	200.00	16	--	---	13,000.00	---	20.00	10.00
Pensacola-----Full	2	9	0	1	2	73	62	2	Full	10.00	3,557.30	525.65	--	--	250.00	50.00	10	25	688.00	38,000.00	1,380.00	10.00	10.00
Peterson's ChapelFull	6	5	--	--	--	43	50	1	Full	15.00	1,377.22	120.35	--	--	20.00	--	10	--	250.00	10,110.40	2,868.40	10.00	5.00
Pilgrims Chapel--	0	0	0	0	0	24	15	1	24	5.00	600.00	147.35	--	--	--	--	--	--	150.00	5,500.00	912.84	10.00	5.00
Piney Grove-----Full	0	4	0	0	0	81	72	1	Full	15.00	6,895.00	--	25.00	--	593.57	10.00	--	--	1,403.35	---	763.56	25.00	5.00
Piney Hill-----Full	0	2	--	--	--	72	25	2	Full	5.00	60.00	200.00	5.00	--	--	--	--	--	---	4,000.00	500.00	5.00	5.00
Riverview-----Full	5	3	1	0	0	164	81	1	Full	15.00	4,265.00	233.86	234.80	--	--	50.00	20	--	180.00	43,000.00	---	15.00	5.00
Southside-----Full	4	2	0	2	2	170	162	5	Full	25.00	3,900.00	340.00	215.30	--	--	10.00	--	--	583.48	50,000.00	8,600.00	10.00	5.00
Sun Set-----Full	0	2	0	1	--	109	60	3	Full	10.00	2,080.00	230.00	1,100.00	--	--	10.00	--	39	650.00	40,078.00	3,538.96	10.00	5.00
Unaka Springs---Full	4	5	0	0	1	49	55	2	49	10.00	1,260.54	149.00	15.00	25.00	--	10.00	--	--	133.00	---	2,932.97	10.00	5.00
Unicoi-----Full	13	6	--	--	--	190	90	1	Full	20.00	2,080.00	100.00	213.61	112.12	466.00	10.00	12	--	224.21	45,728.00	650.00	10.00	10.00
Vale-----Full	0	0	0	0	0	48	40	0	Full	15.00	1,500.70	342.00	--	135.00	100.00	10.00	--	--	--	20,000.00	1,244.99	10.00	5.00
Valley Forge-----Full	2	4	4	0	1	248	184	4	No Pastor	30.00	None	None	865.71	7,340.00	2,211.75	10.00	15	49	1,528.76	157,600.00	17,547.00	20.00	10.00
Woodley Hill-----Full	7	9	1	0	1	119	85	2	Full	20.00	5,870.00	250.00	25.00	447.07	140.00	25.00	30	60	475.00	34,000.00	---	10.00	5.00
Youngs Chapel---1-3	12	5	2	0	0	165	90	5	26	30.00	2,423.00	638.00	--	494.00	281.00	130.00	20	40	325.00	42,500.00	3,500.00	15.00	10.00

