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MINISTER'S CONFERENCE**

ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR Reverend Bobby Revis
 ASSISTANT MODERATOR Reverend Bruce Fender
 CLERK Reverend Troy McCourry
 ASSISTANT CLERK Reverend Richmond Barnett
 TREASURER, Disabled Minister's Fund Reverend Jonas Revis
 TREASURER, Home Missions Reverend J. D. Price, Johnson City, Tenn.
 TREASURER, Foreign Missions Reverend Bobby Revis, Marion, N. C.
 TREASURER, Orphanage Fund Reverend Troy McCourry, Burnsville, N. C.
 ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:

Rev. Orphard Hensley, Rev. Troy McCourry, Rev. Bernie Jones, and Rev. Bruce Fender
 DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:

Tennessee—

Reverend Carmie Price, Reverend Theodore Fleenor, Reverend Orville Williams, and
 Reverend Rex Adkins, Alternate.

North Carolina—

Reverend Arnold Wilson, Reverend Clyde Fender, Reverend Troy McCourry, and
 Reverend Orphard Hensley, Alternate.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

CLERK Reverend Troy McCourry
 ASSISTANT CLERK Reverend J. D. Price
 ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Arnold Wilson, Rev. Leonard Shehan, Rev. C. J. Higgins, Rev. Troy McCourry,
 and Rev. Bernie Jones.

COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:

Tennessee—

Reverend Charlie Trivett, Reverend Ullis Miller, Reverend Richmond Barnett, and
 Reverend Rex Adkins, Alternate.

North Carolina—

Reverend Arnold Wilson, Reverend Clyde Fender, Reverend Troy McCourry, and
 Reverend Orphard Hensley, Alternate.

**JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HIGGINS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

RFD 4, Burnsville, North Carolina

The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association convened with the Higgins F.W.B. Church
 of Burnsville, North Carolina RFD 4, August 11, 1977, at 10:30 a.m. in its Eighty-Second
 Annual Session.

The opening prayer was by Reverend Arnold Wilson.

Reverend Clyde Fender and family sang "The Land of Endless Day", a song composed by
 Brother Fender.

The Hopson family sang "I've Found A Treasure", "Food on the Table", and "The Redeemed are Coming Home".

Reverend and Mrs. Roy Cooper sang "There's Nothing That Can Compare".

Reverend C. J. Higgins read Isaiah 8:10-14, using for a subject, "Be Not Conformed to the World", from which he brought a good message.

Dismissed until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening Session

The 1:30 session convened with singing by Reverend and Mrs. Clyde Fender. They sang "Land of Endless Day".

Devotions were conducted by Reverend Billie Styles. Bible reading was from Corinthians Chapter 3. Prayer was by Reverend Bobby Revis.

The body was called to order by the moderator, Reverend Richmond Barnett, reading the rules of Decorum.

The Church Letters were read with delegates seated as follows:

BIG CREEK—Bro. Bernie Adkins, Sisters Lydia Adkins, Altha Bryant, and Gwen Wilson
BURBANK—Brother and Sister Jess Troutman

BRUMMITT'S CREEK—Bro. Charlie Byrd, Sisters Carol Bennett, Virginia Duvall, Star Bennett, and Bertha Byrd

COVY ROCK—Brother Buck Laws and Sister Marie Laws

CRABTREE—Sisters Virginia Honeycutt, Mary Belle Lyons, and Carolyn Honeycutt

DAVISTOWN—Brothers Wilburn Davis and Emery Vess; Sisters Denise Moore, Michael Moore, and Brenda Jordan

HIGGINS—Brothers Edgar Wheeler, Ike Randolph and Lewis Webb

HILLCREST—Brothers Garrett Fender, Tonil Fender, Odean Fender; Sister Leona Fender

LIBERTY CHAPEL—Brothers Claude Cook, Earl McNeil and George Woody; Sisters Alma Cook, Cindy Cook, Bernice Scott, Grace McNeil and Marie Woody

LIBERTY—Sisters Betty Suttles, Ruth Hooper, Grace Allison, Mae Allison, Faye Suttles Elliott, and Hassie McMahan

LOCUST GAP—Brothers Kelly Mink and Paul Arnold

LOW GAP—Brothers Cloyce C. Silver, Ronald A. McCourry, and Jess Robertson

MIDDLE DISTRICT—Brother Ronnie Carroll and Sister Mary Ann Street

NICK'S CREEK—Brothers Billy Styles and Walter Woodard; Sisters Gail Styles and Mae Woodard

NORTH BEND—Brothers Jake Tipton and Clifton Hopson; Sister Judy Hopson

PENSACOLA—Brother Lawrence Wilson; Sisters Bonnie Wilson, Wanda Wilson and Ann Pate

PETERSON'S CHAPEL—Sisters Lloyd Laws and Clyde Cordell; Brother Clyde Cordell

PILGRIM'S CHAPEL—Brother Lloyd Dulaney

PINEY GROVE—Brothers Fred Simerly and Hayes Woodby

PINEY HILL—Brothers Carmon Brackins and Manasseh Edwards

RIVERVIEW—Brothers Earl Bailey and Ernest Webb; Sister Ernest Webb

SOUTHSIDE—Brothers Phil Miller, Russell Whitson and Sam Adkins; Sisters Ira Miller and Minnie Adkins

SUNSET—Brother and Sister George Taylor

UNAKA SPRINGS—Brothers Charles Peake and Larry Higgins

UNICOI—Brother D. H. Garland

VALLEY FORGE—Brothers Doyle Vaughan, Howard Dugger and Walter Creasy

VALE—Letter

WOODBYP HILL—Brothers Jess Clark, Leslie McKinney, Paris Street, Arnold McKinney; Sisters Judy Pitcock, Gladys Clark, Rebecca Street, and June McKinney

YOUNG'S CHAPEL—Brother Garvel Honeycutt; Sisters Cora Honeycutt, Ada Jones, Betty Wilson, Lila Fender and Sandra Fender

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

An invitation was extended to any visiting delegation or any church seeking membership.

None responded.

The Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

MODERATOR Reverend Bobby Revis

ASSISTANT MODERATOR Reverend Bruce Fender

CLERK Reverend Troy McCourry

ASSISTANT CLERK Reverend Richmond Barnett

ASSOCIATION FUND TREASURER Reverend Leonard Shehan

TREASURER DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND Reverend Jonas Revis

DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:

Tennessee—Same as last year except for Bro. Fleenor who will replace Bro. Osborne.

North Carolina—Same

HOME MISSIONS TREASURER Reverend J. D. Price

FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER Reverend Bobby Revis

ORPHANAGE MISSIONS TREASURER Reverend Troy McCourry

ASSOCIATION INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE Same

The Topic Committees were appointed as follows:

(First named to serve as Chairman.)

Churches, Pastors and Deacons—Brothers Charlie Trivett, Garrett Fender, and Ulis Miller

Church Training Service—Sister Lila Fender; Brothers Jess Clark and Hayse Woodby

Disabled Minister's Fund—Brothers Clyde Fender, Garvil Honeycutt and Tony Fender

Education—Brothers Billy Styles and Frank Cable; Sister Ulis Miller

Foreign Missions—Brothers Jack Silvers and Jess Troutman; Sister Grace Allison

Home Missions—Brothers J. D. Price and Ricky Pate; Sisters Edna Cooper and Mary Troutman

Ladies' Auxiliary—Sisters Bobby Revis, Irene Trivette, Marie Laws, Lila Fender, Leona Fender and Rickie Wilson

Children's Home—Brothers James Earl Raper, Emory Vess, Jerry Presley, Doyle Vaughan and Carmie Price

Sunday School—Brother Marvin Hensley; Sisters Nora Buchanan, Richmond Barnett and Mae Woodard

Sessions—Association Investigating Committee

Resolutions—Brothers Howard Whitson, James Ledford, Walter Creasman, Walter Woodard, Howard Dugger and Dock Renfro

A motion was made, seconded and voted to add the word "deacons" to the topic on Churches and Pastors.

The Association Meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening Service

The Association met at 7:30 p.m. for preaching. The service was conducted by Brother Charlie Trivett.

Lisa Wilson and Sister Leone Ledford sang. The Youth Choir from Southside and the

Quartet from Crabtree Church sang also.

Several people testified, and the service ended with much rejoicing. Brother Trivett did not preach.

Friday Morning Session

The Association convened at 9:30 a.m.

A song, "Light on the Banks of the River", was sung by Reverend and Mrs. Clyde Fender. Devotions were conducted by Brother Floranil Cline. Scripture reading was from Psalms 1. Prayer was led by Reverend Jerome Honeycutt.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. The Minutes of Thursday's Session were read and approved.

An invitation was given for any visiting church delegation. None responded.

An invitation was given for any churches seeking membership. None responded.

The following visiting ministers were given a welcome:

Reverend James Raper, Central Conference . . . Greeneville, Tenn. Children's Home

Reverend Jerry Presley, West Tennessee Conference Memphis, Tenn.

The reports of the committees were called for as follows:

Churches, Pastors and Deacons—read and discussed by Bros. Ulis Miller and C. J. Higgins.

Children's Home—Speakers were Brothers Carmie Price and James Raper.

The Session adjourned for preaching at 11:00 a.m. Session to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.

Friday Evening Session

Assembled at 1:30 p.m. for a business session.

The Assembly sang "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand".

Devotions were conducted by Brother Ernest Webb. Scripture reading was taken from Romans 16:17-18. Brother Carmie Price led in prayer.

The body was called to order for business by the Moderator.

The letter from Unicoi Free Will Baptist Church was read.

The Committee reports were called for as follows:

Church Training Service—Speaker, Sister Lila Fender

Ladies' Auxiliary—Sisters Bobby Revis and Lila Fender; Brothers Carmie Price and Stanley Parkey

Education—Speakers, Brothers Frank Cable, Billy Styles, and Ricky Pate

Foreign Missions—Brothers Jack Silvers and Leonard Shehan

A motion was made by Brother Shehan to raise Brother Eddie Payne's pay to \$500.00 per year. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Brother Ulis Miller to drop Sister Josephine Stevens from Foreign Missions pay since she is not now working in Foreign Missions. The motion was seconded by Reverend C. J. Higgins. A vote was taken for the Clerk to notify her.

Foreign Missions—Speakers, Brothers Ricky Pate, Carmie Price, Leonard Shehan and Jerry Presley

Sunday Schools—Speaker, Brother Marvin Hensley

Resolutions—Speaker, Brother James Ledford

Disabled Minister's Fund Topic—Speakers, Brothers Tony Fender, Garvil Honeycutt and Ulis Miller

The various finance reports were given.

A motion was made concerning the Disabled Minister's Fund change.

Pastors, Deacons and Churches

We, your committee on Pastors, Deacons and Churches wish to recommend the following scriptures for your consideration:

Pastors: Acts 20:28-29 and Jerimiah 23:1-3

Deacons: Acts 6:1-15 and I Timothy 3:1-16

Churches: Romans 12:1-31 and Galatians 5:1-26

We also recommend that the Pastors, Deacons and Churches strive to have a better working relationship, in that they consider each other as being co-workers together in God's vineyard.

Reverend Charlie Trivett

Reverend Ulis Miller

Garrett Fender

Children's Home

We, your committee on the Children's Home, recommend James 1:27 for Scripture reading.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

We also recommend further reading from James 4:17.

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is a sin."

Doyle Vaughn

Carmie Price

Church Training Service

We, your committee on Church Training Service, believe that we are living in days that Paul speaks about in II Timothy 3:1-5. Perilous times: in a day of unbelief, heresy, low morality, cultic groups on every hand, and many trying to lower the standards of the Bible.

We believe that each church should realize what a great responsibility it has to make sure that its young people are well taught and well trained in the word of God. If the church of tomorrow is to be a Bible-believing, God-fearing church, and if our denomination is to have its roots well grounded in the doctrine of Jesus Christ, we must teach and train our youth. That is what our C.T.S. is for; we recommend that each church make the C.T.S. a part of its church activities.

David said in Psalms 71:17 "O God thou hast taught me from my youth."

Elijah said in I Kings 18:12, "But I, thou servant fear the Lord from my youth."

Samuel, when a young child, was presented to God by his parents to serve in the temple. Proverbs 22:6 tells us to "train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Paul said of Timothy "and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus." II Timothy 3:15.

Lela Fender

Jess Clark

Haze Woodby

Ladies' Auxiliary

We, your committee on Ladies' Auxiliary, are happy to report the joy and fellowship obtained by working together for Christ.

We pray that each church and pastor will have a greater interest in the Ladies' Auxiliary. A group of Christian women working together in love and fellowship is a wonderful asset to their church and community.

We encourage each lady to attend our meetings which take place the second Saturday in October and the second Saturday in April.

We recommend the following Scriptures for reading: Romans 16:1-6 and I Corinthians 3:9.

Irene Trivett, Gladys Clark
Leona Fender, Lila Fender, Marie Laws
Gwen Wilson and Naomi Revis

Education

Joshua 4:1-9, "Tell the children what the Lord has done for you."

Proverbs 9:10, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding."

In the past few years, the people of our nation have emphasized the education of all their people. This has increased the knowledge of our people in worldly wisdom and in the social progress of our nation. We now live a more comfortable life, travel more, and have the latest events happening around the world available to us, continually. This great blessing of education has caused our people to withdraw from God. I Corinthians 3:18-20; I Corinthians 8:1-3.

The education of our people in the word of God, his ways and the daily practice of those teachings, is becoming less each year. Where are our teachers? Are we depending on the local church to supply the needed education? Who is responsible for the spiritual education of the people?

What are you doing to teach yourself and those under your care? Consider the ways of the Lord. Are you telling the glad tiding? Where does education end?

Reverend Billy Styles
Reverend Frank Cable
Sister Ullis Miller

Foreign Missions

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, recommend that we adopt the same report we had last year.

Reverend Jack Silvers
Jess Troutman
Grace Allison

Home Missions

We, your committee on Home Missions, feel that this is a seriously overlooked subject in our day. We feel that we should be more concerned about our fellow man, saint or sinner.

There are those people who need financial help occasionally, and those who just need someone to sit down and talk with them about the Lord. We, as Christians, need to extend brotherly love and care and fulfil these needs. We recommend the following Scriptures: I John 4:20; I John 3:17.

Reverend J. D. Price
Reverend Ricky Pate
Edna Cooper
Mary Troutman

Sunday Schools

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, suggest that all of us abide by the following Scriptures: Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Since we feel that the coming of the Lord must be near, we should realize more and more the need for a Christian life. As life starts in Christ, we should be able to show Christ to others. Our Sunday Schools play a large role in introducing Christ to others, whether they are young or old. Sunday School not only introduces Christ but also helps Christians to grow and become established.

The Holy Spirit must have a welcome place in which to work. A Sunday School without the working of the Holy Ghost is just a form, a form without power. Let us be sure that our teachers and officers are born-again, spirit-filled people.

Reverend Marvin Hensley
Nora Buchanan
Mae Woodard
Emily Barnett

Resolutions

We, your committee on Resolutions, believe that each church member should live such a life that the lost world will have confidence in them as Christians.

We feel that a minister should know that God has called him for pastoral work before he accepts a church as its pastor.

We also believe that when anything is presented to the association for a vote, all the delegates and all the ministers should have the right to vote on it.

Reverend Howard Dugger
Reverend Howard Whitson
Reverend James Ledford
Walter Creasmon
Walter Woodard
Dock Renfro

Disabled Minister's Fund

We feel that the churches of the Jack's Creek Association should contribute more liberally to this fund.

We owe it to these men of God who have given their lives to the preaching of the Gospel.

The Bible teaches that "They that preach the Gospel, shall live of the Gospel." I Corinthians 9:13-14.

Reverend Clyde Fender
Tony Fender
Garvel Honeycutt

Sessions

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The introductory message will be delivered by Reverend Jonas Revis; Reverend Carmie Price will be his alternate.

OBITUARIES

DORA TIPTON—Age 75, departed this life August 8, 1976. She was a member of Liberty Free Will Baptist Church.

ALICE HUNTER—Was born May 4, 1894, and departed this life May 4, 1977 at the age of 83 years. She was a devoted member of Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, and is missed by all who knew her.

HARRISON PHILLIPS—Passed away August 30, 1976 at the age of 85 years. He was a member of Brummitt's Creek Free Will Baptist Church and a deacon for 43 years. He loved his church and is missed very much. We feel that he has reached that rest that he loved to talk about.

IDA STEVENS—Departed this life December 1976 at the age of 89 years. She was a member of Sunset Free Will Baptist Church. She was the oldest member of the church which she helped to organize in 1952. She was a devoted Christian and mother. She was faithful to her church as long as she could go.

LONA P. HONEYCUTT—Departed this life on March 18, 1977 at the age of 91 years. She was the widow of the late Reverend W. G. Honeycutt who died in 1939. She was a charter member of Young's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and was faithful to the church until her death.

The Lord was so good to her and poured out His blessings upon her. She then shared these blessings with others. She was an inspiration and a joy to everyone who knew her.

CATHERINE PRICE BRINKLEY—Known to all as Aunt Catherine. She was a good friend and devoted mother. All who knew her could turn to her for guidance and council. She was a charter member of Young's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and was faithful to attend as long as she was able.

Aunt Catherine was born December 10, 1883, and died February 25, 1976.

JOHN STANLEY—Was born March 14, 1917, and departed this life April 20, 1977. He was a member of Davistown Free Will Baptist Church. He was a great witness for God.

NORA (Mrs. Coy) GREENE—Departed this life August 17, 1976 at the age of 81, after a long illness. She was a member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. She was a devoted mother who worked hard for her family.

STELLA MAUDE MATHERLY (Mrs. Pink) McKINNEY—Departed this life August 19, 1976 at the age of 76 after a lengthy illness and following a lengthy illness suffered by her husband who preceded her in death. She was a member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. She was loyal in the work of the Ladies' Auxiliary until the illness of her late husband prevented her attendance. She was a sweet mother who loved her family. She loved people and was always faithful to her church.

CARRIE BUCHANAN PETERSON—Was born August 5, 1900 and departed this life August 27, 1976. She was a member of North Bend Free Will Baptist Church. She is greatly missed by her family and friends.

ERMA RENFRO—Was born June 14, 1907. She departed this life October 2, 1976 at the age of 69. She joined North Bend Free Will Baptist Church at an early age and was a faithful member as long as her health permitted.

NORA D. HOPSON—Departed this life August 10, 1976 at the age of 70. She was a member of North Bend Free Will Baptist Church. She was the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. James Deyton. Life has not been the same without Mother. We shall meet her again if we are faithful to God as she was.

—Her Husband and Children

IVAN WHITSON—Departed this life May 16, 1976, at the age of 57. He was a member of North Bend Free Will Baptist Church and also a trustee. He loved the church and was faithful to it.

Ivan was a World War II veteran. His kindness will never be forgotten, and his presence will always linger with us.

TAFT TIPTON—Born March 17, 1910; departed this life December 12, 1976. He professed faith in Christ at an early age and was united with the Riverview Free Will Baptist Church. His testimony was that he was ready to go.

ROBERT H. (Uncle Bob) TIPTON—Uncle Bob went to be with the Lord forever in his heavenly home January 24, 1977 at the age of 90 years. He was a faithful member of South Side Free Will Baptist Church. He was a charter member and one of the first deacons. He was well known and loved by everyone, old and young.

J. D. ENGLE—Born September 3, 1937; departed this life February 1, 1977. He was a member of South Side Free Will Baptist Church. He was a devoted Christian, choir director, a member of the South Side quartet, a trustee of the church and had served as a Sunday School teacher.

We know he is a voice now among the Heavenly Choir, and he is missed so much at Southside.

REVEREND HENDERSON WOODBY—Born June 24, 1884; departed this life June 11, 1977. He was a member of Woodby Hill Free Will Baptist Church and the Jack's Creek Minister's Conference.

He pastored churches in East Tennessee and North Carolina for over 60 years. He walked to most of the churches.

He was one who loved children and was loved by all.



UNCLE DAVE MINK—After a long and fruitful life Uncle Dave, at the age of 91 years, departed this life and went home to be with his Lord on July 7, 1977.

He was a member of Locust Gap Free Will Baptist Church and had served as deacon of his church for 60 years.

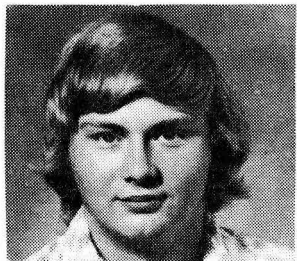
He was faithful to his God and to his church until God called him home.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

—The family and friends

ERNEST HARKLERODE—Born August 26, 1907; departed this life on February 4, 1977. He was a loyal and faithful member of Hillcrest Free Will Baptist Church. He served in his church as deacon and choir director.

His going was our loss, but it was surely Heaven's gain. His last testimony was, "Don't worry. I am ready to meet my Lord."



GARY DEAN HARKLERODE—Gary was born September 23, 1957, and was killed in an automobile accident on September 12, 1976.

He was a member of Hillcrest Free Will Baptist Church.

Gary was young, loved life and people. He always had a smile for everyone.

—His family

MACK O. WILSON, SR.—Born January 22, 1906; departed this life on February 4, 1977 at the age of 71. He was a dedicated, active member of Hillcrest Free Will Baptist Church. He served his church as trustee and as a capable and trustworthy janitor.

His last words were, "Sweet Jesus."

Our loss is Heaven's gain.

—Leona

MAE INGRAM—Departed this life May 24, 1977 at the age of 74. She was the daughter of the late William and Arabelle Street.

She became a member of Middle District Free Will Baptist Church at an early age.

She was a good mother, and her daily life was a witness for the Lord. She is greatly missed by the family and all who knew her. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey, who passed away in May, 1976.

—The Children

DAVID E. MILLER—Known to all who knew him as Bad—Was born on September 13, 1904. He departed this life January 26, 1977, at the age of 73.

He was a charter member of Liberty Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and served as chairman of the Board of Deacons. He had the distinction of being the oldest deacon since he had been a member of the church from the time of its establishment.

He was always faithful to his church, and he was usually the first one to be there each time there was a service. He always said he couldn't wait from one service 'till the next. We really miss him, and there's an empty seat at Liberty Chapel that can never be filled. It's hard for us to carry on, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

FRANK LAWS—Departed this life May 17, 1977, at the age of 75. He was a member of Liberty Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He was faithful to his church up to the last few weeks of his life when he was too ill to attend. We feel that he is at rest. He always said he was ready to go.

JOHN HUGHES—Was born September 8, 1899 and departed this life on May 10, 1977. He was a member of Burbank Free Will Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, and a host of friends and relatives.

WILL CORDELL—Was born January 8, 1901 and departed this life on June 1, 1977. He was a faithful member of Burbank Free Will Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, four daughters and a son.

RASSIE HENSON—Was born May 5, 1898 and departed this life August 1, 1977. He attended Burbank Free Will Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, a step-son, and a daughter.

"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strenght."

REBECCA HOPSON—Sister Rebecca Hopson was born March 2, 1898, and the Lord called her home August 18, 1976.

She was a member of Unicoi Free Will Baptist Church and attended faithfully as long as her health permitted. She was a dedicated mother of eight children who mourn her loss. She also leaves many friends and fellow Christians who remember her faithfulness.

W.C. LAWS—Brother Caney Laws was born May 4, 1893 and departed this life August 13, 1976 at the age of 83.

He was a resident of Unicoi and a member of Unicoi Free Will Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, eight children, and several grandchildren who remember him as a good father and grandfather.



REVEREND FLOYD RAY—Brother Ray departed this life on July 31, 1977. He was called away at the age of only 59 years.

He had been a member of the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Minister's Conference for several years.

To all these, our friends and loved one who have left us, we dedicate the following:

WHEN I MUST LEAVE YOU

When I must leave you for a little while,
Please, do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years.
But start out bravely with a gallant smile,
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,
And God in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die
For I am waiting for you in the sky.

FUNDS REPORTS

August 11-12, 1977

ASSOCIATIONAL FUND

We received \$380.00 for Associational Fund.

Reverend Leonard Shehan

MINUTES FUND

We received from the churches of the Jack's Creek Association the sum of \$438.00 for the Minutes Fund.

We received the sum of \$195.00 for the clerk and moderator fund.

Reverend Troy McCourry, Clerk

HOME MISSIONS

Beginning Balance	\$1,874.87
Received this year —	
Locust Gap	\$10.00
Hillcrest	15.00
Young's Chapel	10.00
Total Receipts	35.00
	\$1,839.87
Paid out —	
Fork Mountain F.W.B. Church, Junior Hill, Pastor	300.00
Balance in Bank	\$1,539.87

Reverend J. D. Price, Treasurer

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Beginning Balance	\$2,808.39
Receipts:	
Hillcrest	\$241.48
Nix Creek	120.00
Pensacola	120.00
Low Gap	100.00
Young's Chapel	100.00
Burbank	100.00
Liberty Chapel	25.00

Peterson's Chapel	20.00
Woodby Hill	20.00
Locust Gap	10.00
Interest	97.35
Total Receipts	953.83
Grand Total	\$3,762.22
Paid out —	
Josephine Stevens	360.00
Eddie Payne	360.00
Checks	4.00
Total paid out	724.00
Balance in Bank	\$3,038.22
Reverend Bobby Revis, Treasurer	

DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND

Beginning Balance	\$15,367.38
Receipts for the year —	
Minister's Conference	\$3,155.55
Association	1,176.00
Interest	828.72
Total Receipts	5,160.27
Total to account for	\$20,527.65
Disbursements:	
Rev. Leonard Shehan	\$100.00
Rev. Roy Lee Rose	100.00
Rev. Arnold Wilson	100.00
Rev. Jonas Revis	200.00
Rev. Rex Adkins	200.00
Rev. W. H. Woodby	100.00
Rev. Theodore Fleenor	100.00
Rev. Howard Whitson	200.00
Safe Deposit Box	3.25
Total paid out	1,103.25
Balance in Bank	\$19,424.40
Reverend Jonas Revis, Treasurer	

NORTH CAROLINA ORPHANAGE

August 11-12, 1977

Beginning Balance	\$4,080.51
Received this year —	
Liberty	\$20.00
Hillcrest	15.00
Total Receipts	35.00
Balance in Bank	\$4,115.51

Received for the Home at Greeneville, Tennessee —

Piney Grove	\$ 25.00
Low Gap	150.00
Peterson's Chapel	80.00
Woodby Hill	25.00
Burbank	25.00
TOTAL	\$305.00

Troy McCourry, Treasurer

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	ADDRESS
Big Creek	J. D. Price	Nancy Adkins	Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N. C.
Brummitt's Creek	Ulis Miller	Star Bennett	Rt. 1, Box 313, Green Mountain, N. C.
Burbank	Roy Rose	Vernon Crain	Rt. 1, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Byrd Branch	Arnold Briggs	Mrs. Billy Silver	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Covy Rock	Leonard Shehan	Fate Deyton	Green Mountain, N. C. 28740
Crabtree	Orville Williams	Larry D. Oxendine	Newland, N. C.
Davistown	Jerome Honeycutt	James E. Vess	Star Rt., Black Mountain, N. C. 28711
Higgins	Howard Whitson	Millie Wheeler	Rt. 4, Box 66-A, Burnsville, N. C.
Hill Crest	Bill Long	Debbie Fincher	Marion, N. C.
Liberty	Jonas Revis	Bobby Allison	Rt. 4, Marion, N. C. 28752
Liberty Chapel	Cecil Higgins	Bernice Scott	Rt. 5, Burnsville, N. C. 28714
Locust Gap	H. C. Price	Beulah Mink	Mountain City, Tenn.
Low Gap	Jack Silvers	Daphne Ray	Rt. 6, Burnsville, N. C. 28714
Middle District	Charlie Trivett	Henry Street	Rt. 2, Bakersville, N. C.
Nick's Creek	Bobby Revis	Mae Woodard	Rt. 2, Marion, N. C. 28752
North Bend	Orphard Hensley	Herbert Hopson	Green Mountain, N. C.
Pensacola	Arnold Wilson	Terrell Wilson	Rt. 6, Burnsville, N. C. 28714
Peterson's Chapel	Billy Styles	Mrs. David Webb	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C. 28714
Pilgrim's Chapel		Lloyd Dulaney	Rt. 2, Box 411, Burnsville, N. C. 28714
Piney Grove	Clyde Fender	Geraldine Brackins	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C. 28714
Piney Hill	Bruce Fender	Aileen McKinney	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Riverview		Jimmy Quillen	Erwin, Tenn. 37650
Southside	Troy McCourry	Edith Pauley	408 Opekiska St., Erwin, Tenn. 37650
Sunset	Richmond Barnett	Georgia Carlton	Rt. 2, Box 179, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Unaka Springs	Stanley McMahan	Willard Shelton	Rt. 2, Box 565, Erwin, Tenn. 37650
Unicoi	Winford French	Peggy Arrowood	Rt. 2, Box 253, Unicoi, Tenn.
Valley Forge	Arthur Luster	Viola Stevens	Rt. 8, Box 164, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Vale		Coye Calhoun	Newland, N. C.
Woodby Hill		June McKinney	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Young's Chapel	Bernie Jones	Clay Fender	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C. 28714

Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Minister's Conference
Brummitt's Creek F.W.B. Church

October 30, 1977

The first quarterly conference convened with the Brummitt's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday, October 30, 1976.

The conference began with the song, "Amazing Grace". The pastor, Reverend Ulis Miller, extended a welcome to all present. Devotions were conducted by Brother Charlie Trivette reading from Genesis 11. Prayer was by Brother Leonard Shehan.

The minister's roll was called, and everyone stood in full fellowship. Several Deacons and Delegates were enrolled.

The following visiting ministers were welcomed:

Reverend John Yelton, Toe River Conference

Reverend Harve Holloway, Pleasantville, New Jersey

Reverend Winfred French, Union Association

Brothers Alfred Harris and Glen Davis asked for ordination. Brother Davis was ordained, and Brother Harris was placed in the Committee of Investigation until next conference. A letter was received from Brother Albert Edwards, asking to be dismissed and returned his licenses. His request was granted.

Brothers Howard Ray, Tim Biddix and Dean Ledford were granted License.

An offering was received for the Disabled Minister's Fund in the amount of \$1,035.00.

The Conference adjourned to be held next at Sunset Free Will Baptist Church, January 29, 1977. Reverend Bruce Fender to be the moderator; Reverend Bill Greer, assistant moderator.

January 29, 1977

The second quarterly conference, scheduled to be held with Sunset F.W.B Church, Roan Mountain, Tennessee, was postponed because of snow and cold weather.

Sunset Free Will Baptist Church

May 28, 1977

The third quarterly conference convened with the Sunset Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday, May 28, 1977.

The conference opened with a song, "Glory to His Name", and a warm welcome was extended to all by the pastor, Reverend Richmond Barnett. Devotions were conducted by Brother Bernie Jones, reading St. John 10. Prayer was by Brother Cecil Higgins.

The following visiting ministers were present and welcomed:

Brothers Hobert Hughes, Toe River Association; John Stocton, Winfred French, Union Association and Gordon Welch, Jr., Southern Baptist Association.

Several deacons and delegates were enrolled.

An offering in the amount of \$1,913.00 was received for the Disabled Minister's Fund. \$114.00 was received from the delegates for Sunset Church.

The following licenses were renewed for one year:

Brothers Dickie Riddle, Ted Cannon, Ricky Pate and Ronnie Peterson.

The following asked for ordination and were turned over to the Committee of Investigation:

Brother Flornel Cline, Jr., Frank Cable, Dallas Gregg.

The following were seeking license and were placed under watchcare of the Conference for three months:

Brothers Ronnie Carroll, Ronald Smith, Thurman Sullivan, and Billy D. Styles.

Brother Alfred Harris was ordained.

Brother Eugene Osborne requested a letter of recommendation to the French Broad Conference. His request was granted.

The 11:00 A.M. message was delivered by Brother Dan Garland. His Scripture was I Corinthians, Chapter 5. His subject was, "Purging the Church".

Adjourned to meet with Higgins Chapel Church, August 13, 1977.

Higgins Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

August 13, 1977

The Jack's Creek Minister's Conference met with the Higgins Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday, August 13, 1977, at the close of the Association in the Fourth Quarterly Conference.

The Conference opened with the song, "Just Over in the Glory Land". Devotions were conducted by Brother Stanley McMahan reading Hebrews 3:17-19. Brother Ulis Miller led in prayer.

The minister's roll was called and all stood in fellowship.

The following visiting ministers were given a welcome: Reverend Herbert Laws, Appalachian Conference; Blain Whitson.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Moderator Stanley McMahan

Assistant Moderator Jerome Honeycutt

Clerk Troy McCourry

Assistant Clerk J. D. Price

Ordaining Council Same

Committee of Investigation:

—Tennessee Carmie Price, Bruce Fender

Bill Greer, Roy Lee Rose, Alternate

—North Carolina Same as last year

Brother Marvin Hensley's license was renewed for one year.

A vote was taken and approved to hold next conference at Young's Chapel Church. Brother Bruce Fender to preach at 11:00 A.M.; Brother Ulis Miller to be his alternate. Devotions to be conducted by Brother James Ledford and Tim Biddix.

Brother J. D. Price preached at the 11:00 A.M. service. For his message, he used the subject "Ordained".

An offering of \$1,148.10 was received for the Disabled Minister's Fund.

A vote was taken to have a ministerial revival, letting a different minister preach each night. The following were selected to deliver the messages: Brothers Carmie Price, Orphard Hensley, Cecil Higgins, Richmond Barnett and Clyde Fender. The time and place to be announced later.

Brothers Thurman Sullivan, Ronald Carroll, Billy Styles and Ronald Smith were granted license.

Brothers Floranel Cline, Frank Cable and Dallas Gregg were ordained.

MINISTER'S ROLL

Name	Address	Telephone
Adkins, Rex,	533 Washington St., Erwin, Tenn.	743-7524
Allen, Zenus*,	RFD, Mars Hill, N. C.	689-2409
Ball, Vestal,	Johnson City, Tenn.	
Barnett, Richmond*,	Johnson City, Tenn.	926-1283
Beam, Fred, Jr.,	Marion, N. C.	
Biddix, Tim,	
Cable, Frank*,	Marion, N. C.	
Cannon, Ted*,	RFD., Relief, N. C.	
Carroll, Ronnie*,	Micaville, N. C.	
Cline, Flornell*,	Marion, N. C.	
Cooper, Roy*,	Lakeview Dr., Johnson City, Tenn.	926-8783
Crow, Paul,	901 Barton St., Johnson City, Tenn.	928-9554
Davis, Earl,	RFD, Old Fort, N. C.	
Davis, Vernon,	Route 2, Box 370, Erwin, Tenn.	743-7377
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.	
Gregg, Dallas,	Unicoi, Tenn.	
Greer, Bill*,	Betty Street, Johnson City, Tenn.	926-9094
Harkleroad, Frank*,	Route 1, Nebo (Marion), N. C.	695-0727
Harris, Alfred*,	RFD, Old Fort, N. C.	
Hawkins, Lynn,	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.	725-2254
Hensley, Marvin*,	Route 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, Jerome*, RFD, Burnsville, N. C.	682-2230
Holloway, Moss, Route 2, Box 15-A, Erwin, Tenn.	
Holloway, Kyle, 523 Gay Street, Erwin, Tenn.	743-3971
Jones, Bernie*, 215 Oak Street., Erwin, Tenn.	743-3293
Ledford, Gus, Route 3, Burnsville, N. C.	
Ledford, James*, Route 3, Burnsville, N. C.	
Letterman, Lyda*, Route 1, Burnsville, N. C.	682-3961
Long, Bill, Marion, N. C.	724-4471
Lovell, Norman	
McMahan, Stanley*, Route 2, Burnsville, N. C.	675-5280
McCourry, Troy*, P. O. Box 68, Burnsville, N. C. ... 28714	682-6439
Miller, Quince, Alexandria, 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*, Unicoi, Tenn.	

Patrick, D. C., Route 2, Elizabethton, Tenn.	
Parkey, Stanley, Erwin, Tenn. (Asheville Highway)	743-7485
Peterson, Ronnie, Green Mountain, N. C.	
Price, J. D.*, Johnson City, Tenn.	926-9589
Price, Carmi*, Johnson City, Tenn.	928-4763
Ray, Billy, RFD, Burnsville, N. C.	
Ray, Howard, Johnson City, Tenn.	
Revis, Bobby*, Route 1, Nebo (Marion), N. C. ... 28716	652-2153
Revis, Jonas*, Route 4, Marion, N. C.	
Riddle, Dickie, Elizabethton, Tenn.	
Robinson, Elzie, Route 3, Burnsville, N. C.	
Rose, Roy Lee, Johnson City, Tenn.	
Shehan, Leonard*, Route 1, Hampton, Tenn.	
Silvers, Jack*, Route 2, Burnsville, N. C.	682-6390
Smith, Jimmie*, Route 1, Box 461-A, Marion, N. C.	652-4273
Smith, Ronnie*	
Sparks, Ferrell	
Street, David, Johnson City, Tenn.	
Styles, Bobby*	
Trivette, Charlie*, Route 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.	543-1637
Walker, B. F., Old Fort, N. C.	
Whitson, Howard*, Route 1, Relief, N. C.	682-6230
Williams, Orville*, Erwin, Tenn.	743-7953
Wilson, Arnold*, Route 6, Burnsville, N. C.	682-6002
Woods, Frank	

Honorary Members

Creech, Ronald, Durham, N. C.	
Woolsey, Paul, Greeneville, 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 solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe the commandments implied by a confession of faith, and in the spirit of meekness rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray, and watch over each others reputation and use our influence to the upbuilding of the church and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, and to confess our faults one to another, and to strengthen those that are weak.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BY-LAWS

JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST DISABLED MINISTERS FUND

1. This organization shall be known as the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Disabled Minister's Fund. Therefore it is not to be considered as a retirement program.

2. The purpose of this fund shall be to render financial aid to any member in good standing. However the need must be due to a physical disability.

3. This fund shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of five men, three of these men will be ordained ministers and two church laymen. Board members will be appointed by the association and will serve for a five year term. Each members term will expire in a rotating manner that will require one new member to be appointed each year. Each member will serve his last year on the board in the position of board chairman. It will be the responsibility of the board to manage this fund in such a way to provide the most return possible for the money we may have to invest. It will also be the responsibility of the board to budget the amount of money available to pay out each year. The amount to be used each year will be the amount of interest earned on the money invested.

4. Funding of this organization shall be done, by requesting each member of the conference to voluntarily take at least five dollars per week from his regular church contributions, or, whatever amount God may direct him to give on a regular basis. This may be accomplished either by allowing the church the minister is pastoring to deduct the amount each week from his salary, and writing a check to the quarterly conference for the amount deducted. Or the ministers may bring their contributions to the conference. Anyone contributing to this fund will receive a receipt for their contribution. Churches are to be encouraged to take part in the support of program as they feel God would have them to do. The funding of this program is never to be considered as dues to be paid, or, a tax to be levied on the ministers or churches.

5. Qualification for financial help shall not be established at any given age, due to age alone. Financial help shall be given when properly applied for, and the investigating committee has approved the application and presented it to the directors. The board of directors shall then determine the amount and method of financial help to be given, they may direct the amount to be paid in lump sum or monthly for the duration of the disability and need may exist.

*** (AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 5:** Qualification for financial help shall not be established at any given age, due to age alone. Financial help shall be given when properly applied for, after the investigating committee has made a fair and impartial investigation. If the application is approved, the investigating

committee has the authority to request help for the applicant up to the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) without consulting the board of directors, providing an application has been completed for a record to be reviewed by the board of directors. Otherwise the board of directors will be consulted and said board will determine the amount and method of financial help to be given. The board may direct the amount to be paid in lump sum or monthly for the duration of the need.)

6. A standard form application will be furnished by the organization. This application is to be properly completed by the investigating committee while the investigation is being conducted. Application for financial help may be requested by the individual in need, or by the church to which he belongs or may be pastoring.

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 brethern, 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) Communions & 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 _____

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND MEETING DAYS	NUMBER 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
Big Creek Full	3	5	1	1	1	131	85	2	Full	\$20.00	\$5,500.00	\$380.00
Brummet's Creek ... Full	9	6	2	0	1	102	80		42	15.00	3,000.00	400.00
Burbank Full	4	16	0	1	3	255	152	3	Full	15.00	7,100.00	350.00
Covy Rock Full	3	0	0	0	0	151	112	1	Full	20.00	5,325.00	
Crabtree Full	2	0	0	30	0	75	61	4	Full	10.00	2,855.00	450.00
Davistown Full	8	0	0	0	1	60	50	4	45	15.00	3,985.63	108.13
Higgins Full	4	9	0	0	0	80	57	2	Full	10.00	5,200.00	763.96
Hillcrest Full	10	12	0	5	3	142	100	1	Full	15.00	2,700.00	339.74
Liberty Full	0	0	0	3	2	78	67	1	Full	10.00	6,425.00	110.00
Liberty Chapel Full	2	0		0	2	28	30	3	Full	10.00	1,694.09	240.00
Locust Gap Full	0	5	J	0	1	95	75	4	Full	10.00	3,400.00	400.00
Low Gap Full	0	0	0	0	0	86	40	2	Full	10.00	2,839.00	600.00
Middle District Full	2	4	0	0	1	58	64	4	Full	18.00	2,600.00	251.25
Nick's Creek Full	0	0	19	2	0	74	47	1	Full	15.00	3,705.58	212.00
North Bend Full	0	2	2	0	4	140	85	2	Full	25.00	3,025.00	385.00
Pensacola Full	3	2	0	0	0	51	65	1	Full	15.00	4,614.62	
Peterson's Chapel ... Full	5	3	0	3	0	51	65	1	Full	15.00	2,161.00	136.00
Pilgrims Chap. Full	0	0	0	0	1	22	16	1	Full	5.00	1,025.00	458.00
Piney Hill .. Sun. Morn's	0	0	0	0	3	33	20	2	Full	10.00	294.52	61.00
Piney Grove Full	0	0	0	2	1	79	75	1	Full	15.00	8,200.00	150.00
Riverview Full	2	8	0	8	2	163		1		15.00	4,925.00	282.00
Southside Full	6	5	0	0	2	169	157	4	Full	25.00	4,350.00	No Revival
Sunset Full	0	2	0	0	1	114	85	3	Full	10.00	2,080.00	326.68
Unaka Springs Full	17	4	0	0	0	49	65	3	Full	20.00	3,500.00	191.00
Unicoi Full	12	12	4	0	2	101	86	1	Full	10.00	7,441.43	300.00
Vale Full	0	0	2	0	0	46	25	0	20	10.00	540.00	
Valley Forge Full	3	2	1	0	0	260	178	4	Full	30.00	6,500.00	150.00
Woodby Hill Full	1	2	12	0	1	103	77	0	Full	20.00	6,538.50	197.30
Young's Chapel Full	3	3	0	0	1	163	85	5	Full	25.00	4,150.00	768.00

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHILDREN'S HOME	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND	NO. IN LADIES' AUXILIARY	NO IN C.T.S.	POOR AND SICK	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	IMPROVEMENT OF CHURCH PROPERTY	ASSOCIATION FUND	CLERK AND MODERATOR FUND
			\$200.00	20	40	\$882.00	\$102,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
						527.00	65,000.00		25.00	5.00
\$100.00	\$1,271.71	\$100.00	65.00	20	78	2,048.32	80,000.00	5,455.93	10.00	10.00
38.00		38.00				1,142.53	83,000.00	13,645.00		5.00
600.00		613.48	200.00	9		2,376.89	12,500.00	371.04	10.00	10.00
0	0	0	0	9	0	245.00	27,325.00	4,325.00	5.00	5.00
0	0	0	50.00			827.08	25,000.00		10.00	10.00
15.00	15.00	241.48	15.00	8		924.31	100,000.00	6,047.29	15.00	10.00
	151.48	240.48	10.00	20	35	386.43	150,000.00		10.00	0
20.00	25.00		10.00			876.41	17,000.00	110.38	10.00	
294.66	10.00	10.00	100.00	20		900.00	45,000.00	1,500.00	25.00	10.00
150.00	448.90	100.00	36.00			494.86		1,051.00	5.00	5.00
300.00		100.50	10.00	17	23	453.20	50,000.00	200.00	10.00	5.00
0	200.00	120.00	10.00	0	0	890.00	27,000.00	1,000.00	15.00	5.00
200.00	0	0	100.00			541.85	40,000.00	525.00	20.00	10.00
0	0	120.00	100.00			259.48	40,000.00	500.00	15.00	15.00
80.00	0	20.00	0	11	--	1,197.12	15,000.00	1,737.36	5.00	5.00
0	50.00	0				512.00	8,000.00		10.00	5.00
							4,500.00	0	10.00	0
25.00	0	450.00	291.00			636.76		5,275.00	25.00	5.00
305.40			50.00				42,000.00		15.00	5.00
411.40			50.00			1,747.73	100,000.00	9,194.88	10.00	10.00
805.11			10.00		40	451.00	43,600.00	3,494.56	10.00	5.00
376.86			10.00			651.00	25,000.00	1,500.00	10.00	5.00
250.10	268.00	563.00	10.00	12	26	273.00	50,000.00	1,100.00	5.00	10.00
			10.00				20,000.00			10.00
1,586.77	3,646.89	2,267.25	10.00			2,402.04	165,000.00	2,994.15	20.00	10.00
25.00	429.15	140.00	260.00	18	50	1,203.16	34,000.00	136.00	10.00	5.00
225.00	100.00	185.50	160.00	20	17	468.00	46,000.00	2,940.00	15.00	15.00

