

1978-79 MINUTES

OF THE

JACK'S CREEK

FREE WILL BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION

**Eighty-Third Annual Session Held at
Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church**

RT. 4 ELIZABETHTON, TENN.

August 10-11, 1978

OFFICERS

Rev. Bruce Fender	Moderator
Rev. Cecil Higgins	Ass't. Moderator
Rev. Troy McCourry	Clerk
Rev. Ulis Miller	Ass't. Clerk



NEXT SESSION

The next session will be held with Brummitt's Creek F.W.B. Church, Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1979 at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Charlie Trivett will preach the introductory message, Rev. Arnold Wilson being his alternate.

**OFFICERS OF THE
JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
AND
MINISTER'S CONFERENCE**

ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR Reverend Bruce Fender
ASSISTANT MODERATOR Reverend Cecil Higgins
CLERK Reverend Troy McCourry
ASSISTANT CLERK Reverend Ulis Miller
TREASURER, Disabled Minister's Fund Reverend Jonas Revis
ASSISTANT TREASURER, Disabled Minister's Fund Reverend Jesse Troutman
TREASURER, Home Missions Reverend J. D. Price
TREASURER, Foreign Missions Reverend Bobby Revis, Marion, N. C.
TREASURER, Orphanage Fund Reverend Troy McCourry, Burnsville, N. C.
ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:

Rev. Troy McCourry, Rev. Orphard Hensley, Rev. Bruce Fender, Rev. Bernie Jones,
 Rev. Arnold Wilson, and Rev. Ulis Miller.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Disabled Minister's Fund:

Carmie Price, Troy McCourry, Ulis Miller, Clay Fender, and Jess Troutman.

DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:

Tennessee—

Richmond Barnett, J. D. Price, Bruce Fender, and Rex Adkins, Alternate.

North Carolina—

Rev. Arnold Wilson, Rev. Clyde Fender, Rev. Troy McCourry, and Rev. 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. J. D. Price.

COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:

Tennessee—

Rev. Carmie Price, Rev. Bruce Fender, Rev. Bill Greer, and Rev. Roy Lee Rose, Alternate.

North Carolina—

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

**JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
VALLEY FORGE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Elizabethton, Tennessee

The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association convened with the Valley Forge F.W.B.
 Church, Elizabethton, Tennessee, Thursday, August 10, 1978 at 10:30.

A welcome was extended by the Pastor, Rev. Arthur Luster to everyone present.

Congregational Singing—"Victory in Jesus", "Heaven's Jubilee" and "Amazing Grace".
Prayer by Rev. Bruce Fender.

Rev. Jonas Revis used for a scripture lesson—Romans 13: 8-11, 15: 1-2, Galatians 6:5-10.
He used for a subject "Love" from which he brought a wonderful message.

The service closed with handshake. The women of the Ladies Auxiliary to meet at the lunch hour.

Dismissed in prayer by Brother Jess Troutman.

Thursday Evening Session

The Association convened at 1:30 for business session.

Singing—"I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian".

Devotions by Brother Norman Lovelass reading Jeremiah 18.

Prayer by Brother Howard Dugger.

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

Reading Clerks appointed—Rev. J. D. Price and Richmond Barnett.

The following Treasurers were appointed:

Home Missions	Reverend J. D. Price
Orphanage	Reverend Troy McCourry
Foreign Missions	Reverend Bobby Revis
Disabled Minister's Fund	Reverend Jonas Revis

The Church Letters were read with delegates seated as follows:

BIG CREEK—Brothers Willis Adkins, Ricky Wilson, Ted Cannon, Teddy Adkins, Burnie Adkins, Sister Burnie Adkins.

BORINGS CHAPEL—Brothers Claude Woodby, Luther McIntosh, Fred Woodby, Sisters Rubie McIntosh and Betty Woodby.

BRUMMITT'S CREEK—Reverend Ulis Miller, Brother James Stevens, Sisters Virginia Duvall and Star Bennett.

BURBANK—Brother Crawford Barnett, and Brother and Sister Jess Troutman.

COVY ROCK—Brothers Charles Deyton and Bruce Laws, Sisters Mamie Deyton, Marie Laws, and Dawn and Tammy Deyton.

CRABTREE—Brother Jeff Lyons, Sisters Virginia Honeycutt, Mary Belle Lyons and Marie Powell.

DAVISTOWN—Brothers Wilburn Davis, Michael Moore, Emery Vess, Sisters Violet and Denise Moore.

HAMPTON—Brother Jeff Calhoun.

HIGGINS—Brothers Clifton McCourry and Edgar Wheeler, and Sister Trudy McCourry.

HILLCREST—Brothers Bill Wiggins and Atlas Revis, and Sisters Lilly Wiggins and Ruby Revis.

LIBERTY—Sisters Annie Allison, Ruth Hopper, Mae Allison and Crystal Allison, and Brother Lloyd Allison.

LIBERTY CHAPEL—Brothers Claude Cook, Earl McNeil, George Woody, and Sisters Viola Miller and Bernice Scott.

LOCUST GAP—Brothers Paul Arnold, Duff Arnold, Hugh Walker, and Sisters Nell Arnold, Kate Walker and Blanche Dunn.

LOW GAP—Brother Cloyce Silver.

MIDDLE DISTRICT—Brother and Sister Roger Laws.

NIX CREEK—Brothers Randal Jenkins, Walter Woodard, Bobby Revis, and Sisters Brenda Jenkins, Mae Woodard and Naomi Revis.

NORTH BEND—Brothers Voyd McCourry, Jake Tipton, Herbert Hopson, and Sisters Daisy McCourry and Ethel Tipton.

PILGRIM'S CHAPEL—Letter.

PENSACOLA—Brother Rose Miller and Sisters Bonnie Wilson, Ann Pate and Ruby Miller.

PETERSON'S CHAPEL—Reverend Billy Styles and Sisters Clela Laws, Jodie Tipton, Pat Peterson, and Gail Styles.

PINEY GROVE—Velta Fender, Joy Fender, Mary Sue Woodby, Lydia Woodby, Conley Woodby, Kinnie McKinney, Patsy McKinney, Fred Simerly, Essil Morton, Donald Gentry, Wayne Buchanan, Clayton Woodby, Juan Salinas, and Rose McKinney.

PINEY HILL—Brothers James Ledford, Joe Bradford, and Bernice Bradford.

RIVERVIEW—Brother E. Y. Bailey and Sister Jenny Bailey.

SOUTHSIDE—Brothers Fred Chandler, Phil Miller, Russel Whitson, and Sisters Daisy Chandler, Ira Miller Cordella Whitson.

SUNSET—Brothers Shoun Stevens, George Taylor, Harold Nave, and Sisters Farris Nave, Bessie Taylor and Florence Stevens.

UNAKA SPRINGS—Sisters Gladys Johnson, Hazel Miller, and Raymond Howell.

VALE—Sisters Wilma Willis, Thausa Trice and Maude Cornett.

VALLEY FORGE—Brothers Bob Jenkins, Howard Dugger, Will Forbes, Walter Creasy, J. D. Walsh, and Phillip Suss.

WOODBYS HILL—Brothers Arnold McKinney, Harley Guinn, Sammy Guinn, Jess Clark, Carmon Simerly, Odell Guinn, and Sisters Francis Guinn, Doris Guinn, and June McKinney.

YOUNG'S CHAPEL—Brothers Garvel Honeycutt, Harold Jones, and Sisters Nell Fortner, Lila Fender, Berta Jones, Cora Honeycutt and Betty Wilson.

The Minister's Roll was called and Ministers slated.

Borings Chapel Church was received into full fellowship.

The following Ministers were welcomed to a seat in the body:

Rev. Arthur Luster, North East F.W.B. Conference

Rev. Bill Guy, Appalachian Conference

The officers were elected for the coming year as follows:

MODERATOR	Reverend Bruce Fender
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Reverend C. J. Higgins
CLERK	Reverend Troy McCourry
ASSISTANT CLERK	Reverend Ullis Miller
TREASURER, Disabled Minister's Fund	Reverend Jonas Revis
ASSISTANT TREASURER, Disabled Minister's Fund	Reverend Jess Troutman
TREASURER, Children's Home	Reverend Troy McCourry
TREASURER, Foreign Missions	Reverend Bobby Revis
TREASURER, Home Missions	Reverend J. D. Price

COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:

Association—Troy McCourry, Orphard Hensley, Bruce Fender, Bernie Jones, Arnold Wilson, Ullis Miller.

Disabled Minister's Fund:

Tennessee—Richmond Barnett, J. D. Price, Bruce Fender, Rex Alternator.

North Carolina—Arnold Wilson, Clyde Fender, Troy McCourry, Orphard Hensley, Alt.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Disabled Minister's Fund:

Carmie Price, Troy McCourry, Ullis Miller, Clay Fender, Jess Troutman.

The Topic Committees were appointed as follows: (first named to serve as chairman)

Churches, Pastors and Deacons—Jerome Honeycutt, Howard Dugger and Stanley McMahon

C.T.S.—Lila Fender, Naomi Revis, Jess Clark and Bob Ray

Disabled Minister's Fund—Bobby Revis, Garvil Honeycutt, Russel Whitson, Jay Walsh, Lloyd Allison and Ulis Miller

Education—Clyde Fender, Ulis Miller, Randall Jenkins, E. Y. Bailey, Kennie McKinney

Foreign Missions—Richmond Barnett, Arthur Luster, Jerome Honeycutt and Zenous Allen

Home Missions—Howard Whitson, Charles Deyton, Doyle Vaughn and Mary Troutman

Ladies Auxiliary—Irene Trivett, Ida Fender, Bernice Scott, Mary Belle Lyons, Brenda Jenkins, Jean Cable and Grace Allison.

Sessions—Garvil Honeycutt, Carmie Price, Ernest Webb, Jack Silvers, Jess Clark

Resolutions—Carmie Price, Stanley McMahon, Arnold Wilson and Ted Cannon

Children's Home—Billy Styles and Frank Cable

Sunday School—Jess Troutman, Jess Clark, Zenous Allen, Edna Cooper, Bonnie Wilson, Brenda Honeycutt and Veldie Fender.

The Association adjourned until 9:30 A.M. Friday morning with preaching Thursday night by Rev. Bruce Fender, Friday morning by Rev. Ulis Miller and Friday night by Rev. Charlie Trivette.

Thursday Evening Service

Met at 7:30 for preaching service. After singing by the congregation, Sister June Whitson and daughter sang. Also Rev. Roy Cooper sang.

Prayer was by Rev. Charlie Trivett

The message was brought by Rev. Bruce Fender. Scripture lesson was John 5, verse 1. His subject was "Wilt Thou Be Made Whole?"

Friday Morning Session

The Association convened at 9:30. Singing by congregation, "Some Day" and "The Unclearly Day".

Devotions were by Rev. Leonard Shehan reading 1 Corinthians 13.

Prayer by Brother Stanley McMahan.

Rules of Decorum were read by Moderator.

Minutes of Thursdays session read and adopted.

The Letter from Pilgrim's Chapel was read.

The Reports of the Topic Committee were called for as follows:

Pastors, Churches and Deacons—Speakers were Brothere Jerome Honeycutt and Stanley McMahan

C. T. S.—Speakers were Brother Robert L. Ray and Sister Lila Fender

Ladies Auxiliary—Speakers Sisters Trivett, Mary Bell Lyons and Brother C. J. Higgins

Education—Speakers Brothers E. Y. Bailey, Ulis Miller, Ricky Pate, C. J. Higgins

Dismissed for preaching at 11:00 A.M.

Worship Service

Assembled at 11:00 A.M. for preaching. Singing "Glory To His Name".

Prayer by Brother Howard Whitson.

Scripture lesson by Brother Miller was Matthew 18, verse 7 and Romans 8, verses 1-2.

His subject was "The Purpose of God's Son being sent to the Earth". He delivered a wonderful message.

Friday Evening Session

Met at 1:30 for business session.

Sons, "He Set Me Free".

Devotions by Reverend Earl Davis.

Scripture Matthew 9.

Prayer by the Reverend Jonas Revis.

The Topic Committees were asked to give their reports.

Children's Home—Speakers Billy Styles and Frank Cable. By motion a Committee was appointed to see if it is possible to work out a foster home for children. The following were appointed: Garvil Honeycutt, Cecil Higgins and Howard Whitson. They are to report back at the next association.

Sunday Schools—adopted as read.

Sessions—adopted as read.

Home Missions—Speakers Howard Whitson and Stanley Parkey.

Home Missions—Treasurers report read and accepted.

Foreign Missions—Speakers Bruce Fender, Ulis Miller, C. J. Higgins, Frank Cable and Leonard Shehan.

A motion was presented to see if the Jack's Creek Churches could raise \$500.00 per month to help support Brother Eddie Payne on the Mission Field.

Each pastor was asked to present this to their church.

Resolutions—Speaker, Brother Carmie Price.

Foreign Missions—Treasurer's report, read and accepted.

Disabled Minister's Fund—Treasurer's report was read and accepted. A plan was presented by Brother Ulis Miller, whereby the Ministers in good standing of the Jack's Creek Minister's Conference and their wives could have a burial plan for \$15.00 each to be paid yearly. Upon death, the family to receive \$500.00 from the Disabled Minister's Fund Treasury. Rules to govern same to be drawn up by a committee.

The Moderator extended thanks to the church and its Pastor for the wonderful way in which they have cared for the Association.

Adjourned until time and place.

Prayer by Reverend Carmie Price.

Churches, Pastors and Deacons

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

St. John 12:32 "And I if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me."

St. John 3:14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the son of man be lifted up."

We as God's people must lift up a crucified and resurrected Savior. With the lives we live, by the doctrine we preach, teach and advocate. If we do these things, being led by the Holy Spirit, then Jesus will draw all men unto Him. This should be the main purpose behind each church.

Jerome Honeycutt

Stanley McMahon

Howard Dugger

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.

Lila Fender

Naomi Revis

Robert L. Ray

Ladies Auxiliary Report

We, the committee, recommend St. Matthew chapter 25: 34-40 and I Corinthians 15: 58. If we will reach out to help others, God will bless us and our churches. For our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

We would like to encourage each lady and each pastor's wife to become active in the Ladies Auxiliary.

We would like to report that the Ladies Auxiliaries of the churches belonging to this Association are doing wonderful work for the churches, Children's Homes, Foreign Missions, and the people in their communities.

At the Association in 1975, the Jack's Creek Ladies Auxiliary was organized to give all the auxiliaries an opportunity to meet together. Since then, we have met the second Saturday in April and October also at the Association. God has really blessed us at each meeting.

October 1977, we met at Young's Chapel where Rev. Eddie Payne spoke to the ladies. In April, at Middle District, Rev. and Mrs. Raper and some of the girls from the Children's Home gave a program.

In July, we had a special meeting at Brummitt's Creek with Sister Sandra Payne.

1977-1978 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Sister Josephine Stevens	\$27.46
Children's Home	122.32
Rev. Eddie Payne	250.00
Sister Sandra Payne	54.00
Project 5000	30.00
TOTAL	\$483.78

Balance in Treasury \$202.62

October 1978 meeting will be at North Bend.

Irene Trivette, Mary Belle Lyons, Jean Cable
Brenda Jenkins, Lila Fender

Education

We, your committee on Education, feel that a good education is very necessary. We always need to remember to keep God and his will for us, first in our lives. We recommend the following scriptures to be studied:

Proverbs 1: 7, Proverbs 9: 9-10 and II Timothy 2:15

Kinnie P. McKinney, Ulis Miller

Edwin Y. Bailey, Randall Jenkins

Children's Home

We have children around us who have family needs. Due to unfortunate circumstances beyond their control, they have become neglected or turned out. They need Christian love and attention from those of us who God has blessed. Seed planted in the ground by faith needs cultivating, fertilizing, watering, spraying, and sunshine to bring in the fruit. In like manner, all children need similar attention and care from Christian adults. Sympathy is not sufficient, faith without works is dead. Let us put our good thoughts to work to help those who are in need today.

Mark 10: 13-16, Matthew 10: 42

Frank Cable, Billy Styles

Sunday Schools

We, your committee feel that Sunday School is a place we can use the art of personal witnessing. In I Corinthians, Chapter 12, we read that some were apostles, some were prophets, some were teachers and etc., and we believe that each member could help their pastor and their church if they would do as it says in Luke, Chapter 14: 23 and go out in the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. We could all be workers of Miracles. God promised us souls for our labors and Sunday School is a good place to start. May each one of you always abide in the spirit and power of God.

Bonnie Wilson, Brenda Honeycutt,

Edna Cooper, Zenous Allen, Veltie Fender

Sessions

The next Session of the Jack's Creek F.W.B. Association will be held with Brummitt's Creek F.W.B. Church, Relief, N.C., beginning on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1979 at 10:30 A.M.

Rev. Charlie Trivett to preach the introductory message and Rev. Arnold Wilson to be his alternate.

The Minister's Conference was set for the year as follows:

October—Pensacola F.W.B. Church, Burnsville, N.C. Message—Rev. Troy McCourry; Rev. Carmie Price, Alternate.

January—Young's Chapel, Burnsville, N.C. Message—Rev. Carmie Price; Rev. C. J. Higgins, Alternate.

April—Davistown, Old Fort, N.C. Message Rev. J. D. Price; Rev. Stanley McMahan, Alternate.

Home Missions

We, your committee on Home Missions, feel its the greatest need of our time by showing love to our fellow man. We could win sinners to the Lord, through our obedience unto God. Acts 1-8. Matthew 28: 18-20. Mark 16: 15-16.

Rev. Howard Whitson, Rev. Bernie Jones
Mary Troutman

Foreign Missions

Jesus urged His disciples to pray that God would send forth laborers into the harvest. Then He sent His disciples as laborers to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Some of us may not be able to go in person to a Foreign Mission Field, but we can sponsor and support those who are able, and have the ability to go. So let us as Freewill Baptist continue our support even more than ever before to those on foreign fields who have never heard of the Gospel of Christ. Scripture Acts 1: 8, Matthew 9: 37, Luke 10: 2.

Rev. H. C. Price, Rev. Arthur Luster,

Rev. Jerome Honeycutt

Resolutions

We, your committee on Resolutions, present the following resolutions:

Be it resolved that the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association does not condone, nor allow homosexuality among its people, that it is deemed to be a deadly sin—Lev. 20:13, Romans 1: 26-32.

Be it resolved that we are opposed to abortion in any form. Thou Shalt Not Kill. (The 5th Commandment) Exodus 20: 13.

Be it resolved that we do not condone mixed color marriages, because it pleased God to make everything after its own kind, and to separate the people of the earth. Genesis 11: 1-9.

H. C. Price, Arnold Wilson, Ted L. Cannon,
Stanley McMahan

Disabled Minister's Fund Topic

We, your committee on the Disabled Minister's Fund, feel that all the preachers of Jack's Creek Association should be the leaders in giving to this fund.

We believe this would enable them to be more effectual in presenting to the churches and seek support for the Disabled Minister's Fund. II Thessalonians 3: 8 - 9.

Russell Whitson, Ullis Miller,
Garvel Honeycutt, Bobby Revis

OBITUARIES

MELISSA TROUTMAN GREER—Was born March 1, 1898 and departed this life April 26, 1978. She professed faith in Christ at an early age and remained faithful throughout the years. She was a deacon's wife of Burbank Free Will Baptist Church for sixty years. She loved people and was always eager to be of service to anyone. She is sadly missed by her family, her church and her community.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, three sons, and host of friends and relatives.

MACK HUGHES—Was born August 20, 1927 and departed this life on August 7, 1978. He was a member of Burbank Free Will Baptist Church and left a wonderful testimony for the Lord. He is survived by his wife, three sons, three daughters, and host of friends and relatives.

BEECHER BREWER—Was born March 18, 1908 and departed this life September 21, 1977. He was a faithful member of Burbank Free Will Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, two sons and a host of friends and relatives.

BERTIE ANN ROARK—Was born October 25, 1911 and departed this life September 17, 1977. She was a faithful member of Burbank Free Will Baptist Church. She had a wonderful testimony for the Lord. She is survived by five daughters, one son and a host of friends.

REBECCA MILLER—Was born June 18, 1893 and departed this life March 14, 1978. She was a wonderful Christian and faithful member of Burbank Church as long as her health permitted. She is survived by two daughters, three sons, and a host of friends and relatives. Our loss is heaven's gain.

JERRY LEE HENSLEY—Born March 9, 1959; departed this life June 4, 1978, at the age of 19. He was a member of South Side Free Will Baptist Church. He professed faith in Christ at a very early age. He was faithful to the church and enjoyed singing in the youth choir very much. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

HOWARD H. ARNOLD, SR.—Departed this life March 1, 1978 at the age of 69. He was a member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. He was faithful to his church as long as he was able to attend. He leaves his wife Hazel, 2 sons, 2 daughters, and 3 step sons to mourn his passing. We miss him but we will meet him again some happy day.

CLARENCE L. BRYAN—Departed this life July 20, 1978 at the age of 73. He was a member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. He was always willing to do whatever he was asked to further the work of the church. He leaves his wife Gladys, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 1 step-son, and 2 step-daughters to mourn his passing. He is at rest where trouble comes no more in a place without sorrow and pain and heartache.

MRS. GRACE B. WARD—Departed this life July 27, 1978 at the age of 76. She was a member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. She was a devoted mother who was faithful and true to her church as long as she was able to attend. She was preceded in death by her husband McKinley Ward. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Ben (Vera) Wiseman, with whom she made her home, and a son, McClure who mourn her passing. Someday we can all rest forever without pain or suffering and our hearts won't be troubled ever again. Her leaving makes us sad, but we rejoice to know that she was prepared and unafraid to go and that she is forever at peace and rest with the Lord.

NELLIE STEVENS—Was born January 10, 1908 and departed this life December 20, 1977. She was a faithful member of the Sunday School of Woodby Hill Free Will Baptist Church. A retired school teacher, she is sadly missed by her family and friends.

WILMER C. GARLAND—Born October 15, 1914, passed into the more excellent glory on 27 October 1977. He was a member of the Petersons Chapel Free Will Baptist Church for many years where he served as a deacon and teacher. His family has suffered a great loss, but feel he has reached that rest he loved to talk about.

PEGGY JEAN LEDFORD—Departed this life April 4, 1978 at the age of 17. She was a member of Hillcrest Free Will Baptist Church. Peggy is greatly missed by her family and a host of friends.

—Written by her Sunday School Teacher, Lilly Wiggins

MAE DAVIS—Age 64, departed this life on May 3, 1978. She was a member of Davis Town Free Will Baptist Church. She is greatly missed by her family and friends. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

GORDON DAVIS—Departed this life on May 27, 1978. He was a member of Davis Town Free Will Baptist Church. He is missed by his family and friends.

WILLARD SHELTON—Passed away June 22, 1978 at the age of 50. He was a deacon, clerk, and Bible teacher of Unaka Springs Free Will Baptist Church. He loved the church and is greatly missed by his friends and family. He was loved by everyone who knew him.

JOSEPH MILLER—Passed away March 7, 1978 at the age of 76. He was a faithful member of Brummitt's Creek Free Will Baptist Church until moving to Marion, N.C. several years ago. He is missed by his family and a host of friends, but he left a testimony of going to a place of rest.

ANTHONY WAYNE BRANTON—Was born November 15, 1977 and departed this life on June 10, 1978. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Branton. His parents are members of Young's Chapel FWB Church. "A darling on earth—an angel in Heaven."

WAYNE CARLTON—Was born March 9, 1915 and departed this life November 28, 1977. He was a member of Sunset FWB Church. He is greatly missed by his wife, the Church, and all his friends. He left a testimony that will always be cherished.

HATTIE HEAD—Departed this life November 9, 1977. She was a member of Sunset Church. She was a faithful Christian and mother.

ZETTIE TIPTON—Was born April 10, 1910. She departed this life February 15, 1978. She was a member of the Unaka Springs FWB Church. She was a devoted wife and mother. She loved Jesus very much and is missed by all.

BERTHA ATKINS of Burnsville, formerly of the Pensacola Community, died July 3, 1978 after an extended illness. She was a native of Yancey County and a member of the Pensacola Free Will Baptist Church. She was the wife of Monroe Atkins, who died in 1943. She is survived by two daughters and four sons. Many other relatives and friends mourn their loss.

MARY ADKINS—Born May 24, 1918. Departed this life September 28, 1977 at the age of 59 years. She was the wife of Rev. Rex Adkins, and a member of Woodby Hill Free Will Baptist Church. She was a devoted Christian, a true wife and a good mother.

Your gentle face and patient smile,
with sadness we recall,
You had a kindly word for each,
and died beloved by all,
The voice is mute and stilled the heart,
that loved us well and true,
Ah, bitter was the trial to part,
from one so good as you,
You are not forgotten, loved one,
nor will you ever be,
As long as life and memory last,
we will remember thee,
We miss you now,
our hearts are sore,
As time goes by,
we miss you more,
Your loving smile,
your gentle face,
No one can fill,
your vacant place.

FUNDS REPORTS

August 10-11, 1978

HOME MISSIONS

Balance of Last Year	\$ 1,678.57
Interest thru June	41.43
Total	\$ 1,720.00
Received this year—	
Young's Chapel	\$ 10.00
Liberty Chapel	3.00
Crabtree	10.00
Middle District	30.00
Locust Gap	10.00
Total Receipts	63.00
Total	\$ 1,783.00

Rev. J. D. Price, Treasurer

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,538.22
Receipts:	
Burbank	\$ 200.00
Covy Rock	50.00
Crabtree	75.88
Hillcrest	278.45
Liberty Chapel	25.00
Locust Gap	100.00
Nix Creek	120.00
Pensacola	50.00
Peterson Chapel	20.00
Piney Hill	20.00
Woodby Hill	20.00
Young's Chapel	100.00
Interest	112.16
Total Receipts	1,171.49
Grand Total	\$ 3,709.71
Paid Out—	
Eddie Payne	500.00
Balance in Bank	\$ 3,209.71

Rev. Bobby Revis, Treasurer

Offering at Minister Conference for Eddie Payne\$184.25

DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND

Beginning Balance	\$19,424.40
Receipts for the year—	
Minister's Conference	\$3,830.10
Association	1,306.00
Interest	1,502.35
Total Receipts	6,638.45
Total to account for	\$26,062.85
Disbursements—	
Rev. Rex Adkins	\$ 200.00
Rev. Elzie Robinson	200.00
Rev. Roy Lee Rose	200.00
Safe Deposit Box	3.00
Rev. Theodore Fleenor	100.00
Rev. Leonard Shehan	100.00
Total paid out	803.00
Balance in Bank	\$25,259.85

Rev. James Revis, Treasurer

NORTH CAROLINA ORPHANAGE

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,462.44
Received this year—	
Piney Hill	\$ 5.00
Liberty Chapel	50.00
Covey Rock	50.00
Hillcrest	15.00
Total Receipts	120.00
Balance in Bank	\$ 4,582.44
Received for the Home at Greenville, Tenn.—	
Woodby Hill	\$ 25.00
Burbank	100.00
Nix Creek	150.00
Piney Grove	25.00
Peterson's Chapel	58.00
Total	\$ 358.00

Troy McCourry, Treasurer

CHURCH DIRECTORY

August 10-11, 1978

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	ADDRESS
Big Creek	J. D. Price	Nancy Adkins	Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N. C.
Borings Chapel	Zenus Allen	Donna Woodby	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Brummitts Creek	Ulis Miller	Star Bennett	Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N. C.
Burbank	Leonard Shehan		Rt. 1, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Covey Rock	Howard Whitson	Fate Deyton	Green Mountain, N. C.
Crabtree	Orville Williams	Larry D. Oxendine	Rt. 2, Box 32D, Newland, N. C.
Davistown	Jerome Honeycutt	James E. Vess	Star Rt., Black Mountain, N. C.
Hampton		Okie Calhoun	Hampton, Tenn.
Higgins	Howard Whitson	Alene Silvers	Rt. 4, Box 50, Burnsville, N. C.
Hillcrest	Earl C. Davis	Joyce Laws	Rt. 1, Marion, N. C.
Liberty	Troy Smith	Bobby Allison	Rt. 4, Marion, N. C.
Liberty Chapel	Cecil Higgins	Bernice Scott	Rt. 5, Burnsville, N. C.
Locust Gap	H. C. Price	Beulah Mink	Rt. 5, Mountain City, Tenn.
Low Gap	Blain Whitson	Daphne Ray	Rt. 6, Burnsville, N. C.
Middle District	Marvin Hensley	Henry Street	Rt. 2, Bakersville, N. C.
Nix Creek	Bobby Revis	Mae Woodard	Rt. 2, Marion, N. C.
North Bend	Orphard Hensley	Nora Buchanan	Rt. 2, Green Mountain, N. C.
Pensacola	Arnold Wilson	Terrell Wilson	Rt. 6, Burnsville, N. C.
Petersons Chapel	Billy Styles	Mrs. David Webb	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Pilgrims Chapel	John Murphy	Lloyd Dulaney	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.
Piney Grove	Bruce Fender	Aileen McKinney	Hampton, Tenn.
Piney Hill	Jack Silvers	Geraldine Brackins	Rt. 4, Burnsville, N. C.
Riverview	Howard Ray	Jimmy Quillen	104 Sycamore St., Erwin, Tenn.
Southside	Troy McCourry	Edith Pauley	4080 Opekiska St., Erwin, Tenn.
Sunset	Richmond Barnett	Georgia Carlton	Rt. 2, Box 179, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Unaka Springs	Stanley McMahan	Ray Johnson	Rt. 2, Box 118, Erwin, Tenn.
Vale		Coye Calhoun	Rt. 1, Newland, N. C.
Valley Forge	Arthur Luster	Mrs. Viola Stevens	Rt. 8, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Woodby Hill	Ronda Street	Mrs. June McKinney	Rt. 1, Box 356, Hampton, Tn.
Young's Chapel	Clyde Fender	Clay Fender	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.

JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Young's Chapel F. W. B. Church

October 29, 1977

The first quarterly conference convened with Young's Chapel Church, Windom, N.C., October 29, 1977 at 9:30 A.M.

Sang "Amazing Grace". Rev. Bernie Jones, pastor welcomed all. Devotions by Rev. Tim Biddix, reading Proverbs 29: 18. Prayer by Rev. Ricky Pate.

The Conference was called to order by the Moderator reading the rules of Decorum.

The Minister's Roll was called and all stood in fellowship.

Letters from Rev. Frank Harkleroad, Bill Greer and Paul Crowe were read and accepted. Several deacons and delegates were enrolled.

An offering of \$34.00 was received on food and an offering of \$26.00 was received to pay for flowers for Rev. Grady C. Fender.

Applications for license were received from Brother Blain Whitson and Brother Ronda Street. The license of Brother Howard Ray were renewed for 12 months.

Voted to hold the next Conference at Liberty F.W.B. Church. Rev. Stanley McMahan, Moderator; Rev. C. J. Higgins, Assistant.

Devotions to be given by Brother Jack Silvers. Brother Ricky Pate, Alternate. Rev. Clyde Fender to preach at 11:00, Rev. Floranel Cline, Alternate.

Topic Committee—Rev. Alfred Harris, Rev. Ronnie Carroll and Rev. Dallas Gregg.

Voted to ask Clerk to write each church concerning the rule adopted about the rapture, etc., and to request that it be read in an open meeting.

The Topic, "The Church" was presented. Scripture references—Eph. 1: 21-22 5: 27. II Timothy 2: 14-15, I Peter 1: 18-19. Speakers were Brothers Orphard Hensley, Ted Cannon and Marvin Hensley.

Rev. Bruce Fender preached at 11:00 A.M. from the subject, "Touring Heaven Through The Spirit". Conference adjourned.

The second quarterly conference was called off because of snow.

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

April 29, 1978

The third quarterly conference convened with the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church on April 29, 1978 at 9:30 A.M.

Devotions by Brother Jack Silvers. Prayer by Brother Arnold Wilson.

The Conference was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Stanley McMahan, reading the rules of Decorum. The Minister's Roll was called. Fellowship manifested by standing. All were in fellowship.

Letters accepted from the following: Brothers Dan Garland, Frank Woods, Fred Beam, Jr. and Troy McCourry.

Minutes of the last conference were read and adopted with a change to table the subject of the thousand year reign until the next conference at which time Ordaining Council will submit wording to be printed in the minutes.

Visiting ministers were Rev. Gordon Walker and Rev. Eddie Payne. Rev. Gordon Walker presented himself for membership and was placed under the Committee of Investigation. Rev. Howard Ray and Ricky Pate asked for ordination. Brothers Blaine Whitson and Ronda Street asked for licenses. Rev. Ted Cannon's license was renewed for 1 year.

Rev. Thurman Sullivan asked for a letter of recommendation to another conference. His request was granted. Rev. Bill Long and Rev. Tim Biddix returned their credentials and asked that their names be dropped. Their request was granted.

Motion passed not to call off the Conference due to bad weather.

The Topic Committee was carried over until next Conference. Brother Eddie Payne delivered a message that was enjoyed by all. An offering in the amount of \$184.25 was received for Brother Payne.

The Ordaining Council reported as follows:

Rev. Howard Ray to be ordained. Rev. Ricky Pate to get letter from church and bring to next conference. Brothers Ronda Street and Blaine Whitson. Brother Howard Ray was ordained with prayer and laying on of hands. Prayer by Rev. Leonard Shehan.

Conference adjourned.

Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church

August 12, 1978

The fourth quarterly conference met with Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church at close of Association on August 12, 1978.

Devotions were by Rev. Arthur Luster, pastor. Prayer by Rev. Paul Crowe. Conference called to order by Moderator, Rev. Bruce Fender. Former minutes were read and adopted.

Minister's Roll was called. All in fellowship. Offering to church on food in the amount of \$68.00. Deacons and Delegates were enrolled. Officers were elected for the coming year (shown in minutes).

Visiting ministers were Rev. Arthur Luster and Rev. Roscoe Higgins. Brother Clifton McCourry presented a letter for license and Brother Guy Honeycutt asked for membership from the Toe River Conference. They were placed under watchcare. Rev. Gordon Walker was presented to the Ordaining Council.

The following asked for their license to be renewed: Brothers Marvin Hensley, Ronald Smith, and Ronald Carroll. Rev. Paul Crowe asked for a letter. His request was granted. \$1122.50 was received for the Disabled Minister's Conference.

Brother Ullis Miller presented a plan to establish a burial plan for the ministers and their wives. Upon a payment of \$15.00 from the minister and \$15.00 for his wife, the sum of \$500.00 would be paid upon death. The following rules apply:

Must be a member, in good standing, of the Jack's Creek Minister's Conference.

Must voluntarily join the plan by paying the dues for 1 year in advance, at conference with the association.

Must join plan within one year from this date or one year from the date he becomes a member of this conference.

Must sign a membership application. This will contain a statement to the effect that should he become ineligible, by any of the above rules, he will have no legal recourse to hold this conference liable in any way.

A motion was presented by Brother Ullis Miller to set three sessions of three hours each to instruct the ministers before their licenses can be renewed or they can be ordained. The subjects and instructors are as follows:

1. Doctrine — Rev. Carmie Price
2. Conduct & Pastoral Duties — Rev. Cecil J. Higgins
3. F.W.B. History — Rev. Richmond Barnett

The minister giving the instruction is to receive \$20.00 for each session.

Ordaining Council held Brother Gordon Walker until next conference. Voted for the Ordaining Council to finish their report on the thousand year reign and print it in the minutes.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL ON "THE JUDGMENT" AND "THOUSAND YEAR REIGN"

The Kingdom of God —

We do not believe that Jesus is going to set up a natural or worldly Kingdom.

John 18: 36 "Jesus answered my Kingdom is not of this world; if my Kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my Kingdom not from hence."

Luke 16: 16 "The Law and Prophets were until John: since that time the Kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it."

Luke 17: 20-21 "The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, lo here: or lo there! for, behold, the Kingdom of God is within you.

Matthew 24: 26-31 "Wherefore if they shall say unto you, behold, he is in the desert; go not forth; behold he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the Carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

And then shall appear the sign of the son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn and then shall they see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Romans 14: 17 "For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

Luke 22: 29-30 "And I appoint unto you a Kingdom, as my father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom, and set on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Acts 1: 6-8; Matthew 13; John 14: 1-7; Luke 19: 11

SECOND COMING AND JUDGMENT

We believe in one general judgment day. Hebrews 9: 27.

Acts 17: 31—"Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained."

Matthew 25: 31-32 "When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory;

And before him shall be gathered all nations, and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.

Matthew 13: 48-50; Romans 14: 10; Rev. 20: 11-15.

Nature of His Coming—

I We believe it will be a quick work. Matthew 24: 27.

II His coming will be universal. Matthew 25: 31; Rev. 20: 12-13.

III All shall appear at the Judgment. John 5: 28-29 (1) Dead in Christ—I Thes. 4: 16; (2) Alive Saints—I Thes. 4: 17, Heb. 9: 28; (3) Wicked—II Thes. 1: 8-10, Jude 14-15. Romans 14: 10, Matthew 25: 32

We believe that the tribulation precedes the Judgment of both righteous and sinners. Matthew 24: 21-31, II Peter 2: 10-13, II Thes. 2: 6-9.

Rev. 21: 1-6, Rev. 19: 6-9

Prophecies of Christ that were fulfilled while Christ was here and at his death.

Matthew 1-22, 2-15, 4-14, 8-17, 12-17, 13-35, 21-4, 26-56, 27-35.

Luke 21-22, 18-31, 24-44.

John 12-38, 15-25, 17-12, 19-24.

Acts 3-18, 13-29.

And He said unto them, these are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the Prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning Me.

Cecil Higgins, Arnold Wilson, Troy McCourry
Leonard Shehan, J. D. Price, and Carmie Price

MINISTER'S ROLL

Adkins, Rex, 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.	
Cable, Frank*, Route 2, Box 1114, Asheville, N. C.	298-4702
Carroll, Ronnie*, RFD, Burnsville, N. C.	675-5472
Cannon, Ted*, RFD, Relief, N. C.	
Cline, Flornill, Marion, N. C.	
Cooper, Roy*, Lakeview Dr., Johnson City, Tenn.	282-1508
Davis, Earl C.*, Route 1, Box 379A, Marion, N. C.	652-2370
Davis, Verno, Route 2, Box 370, Erwin, Tenn.	743-7377
Fender, Bruce*, Route 2, Box 3, Johnson City, Tenn.	926-2423
Fender, Clyde*, Route 1, Box 86A, Nebo, N. C.	652-2167
Fleenor, Theodore, 205 Brown Ave., Johnson City, Tenn.	928-3824
Garland Dan, Route 6, Elizabethton, Tenn.	
Gregg, Dallas, Unicoi, Tenn.	
Greer, Bill*, Route 2, Box 280, Elizabethton, Tenn.	474-3433
Harkleroad, Frank, Route 1, Nebo, N. C.	695-0727
Harris, Alfred, RFD, Old Fort, N. C.	668-4939
Hawkins, Lynn	
Hensley, Marvin*, Route 2, Bakersville, N. C.	688-3701
Hensley, Ophard, Old Fort, N. C.	668-4385
Higgins, Cicil J.*, Route 2, Burnsville, N. C.	675-4658
Hill, Charles, Jr., Route 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.	725-3677
Honeycutt, Jerome*, Route 2, Burnsville, N. C.	682-7533
Holloway, Moss, Route 2, Box 15-A, Erwin, Tenn.	
Holloway, Kyle, 136 Fanning St., Erwin, Tenn.	743-3971
Jones, Bernie*, 215 Oak St., 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
Lovclass, Norman, Route 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.	725-3748
McMahan, Stanley*, Route 2, Burnsville, N. C.	682-6439
McCourry, Troy*, Burnsville, N. C.	682-6439
Miller, Quince, Alexandria, N. C.	
Miller, Ulis*, Route 3, Box 200, Erwin, Tenn.	743-4788
Murphy, John, Route 3, Burnsville, N. C.	
Pate, Ricky*, Unicoi, Tenn.	
Patrick, D. C., Route 2, Elizabethton, Tenn.	

Parkey, Stanley, Asheville Highway, Erwin, Tenn.	743-7485
Peterson, Ronnie, RFD, Green Mountain, N. C.	
Price, Carmi*, Johnson City, Tenn.	928-4763
Price, J. D.*, Route 2, Box 378, Johnson City, Tenn.	926-9589
Ray, Howard, Johnson City, Tenn.	
Revis, Bobby*, Route 1, Marion, N. C.	652-2153
Revis, Jonas*, Route 2, Box 351, Elizabethton, Tenn.	474-2486
Riddle, Dickie, Elizabethton, Tenn.	
Robinson, Elzie, Route 3, Burnsville, N. C.	
Rose, Roy Lee, Route 1, Box 356B, Unicoi, Tenn.	743-5698
Shehan, Leonard*, Route 1, Roan Mountain, Tenn.	772-3639
Silvers, Jack*, Route 2, Burnsville, N. C.	682-6390
Smith, Ronnie, Route 2, Marion, N. C.	
Smith, Jimmie, Route 1, Box 461A, Marion, N. C.	652-4273
Sparks, Ferrel*, Box 83, Roan Mountain, Tenn.	
Street, David, Johnson City, Tenn.	
Street, Ronda, Route 1, Hampton, Tenn.	
Styles, Billy*, Route 2, Box 280CCC, Marion, N. C.	738-4648
Trivett, Charlie, Elizabethton, Tenn.	
Walker, B. F.*, Old Fort, N. C.	
Whitson, Blain, Route 2, Green Mountain, N. C.	682-6357
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	

*Ministers present at Association

Honorary Members

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

The following ministers are pastoring churches that are not a member of the Jack's Creek Association:

Kyle R. Holloway	Poplar FWB; Toe River
Bill Greer	New Liberty FWB
Theodore Fleenor	East Fairview
Jonas Revis	Union Hill FWB
Charles Hill, Jr.	Fork Mtn. FWB
Norman Lovelass	St. Johns FWB
Frank E. Cable	Laurelton Chapel FWB

Church & Meeting Days	No. Baptized	Added Otherwise	Excluded	Dismissed	Deaths	Total Members	No. in S.S.	Times Pastor Present	Comm & F.W.	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid For Revivals	Children's Home	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Disabled	No. in Ladies Auxiliary	No. in C.T.S.	Poor & Sick	Vaue Church Property	Improvement in Church Property	Assoc. Fund	Clerk & Mod.
Big Creek, Full	0	2	0	1	2	130	85	Full	2	\$20	\$6375.00	—	—	\$1541.77	0	\$200	20	30	\$ 500.00	\$125,000	\$1000.00	\$20	\$10
Borings Ch., Full	4	0	0	0	0	28	53	Full	0	\$15	\$ 263.00	0	0	0	0	\$ 30	—	—	\$ 200.00	\$ 18,000	\$1200.00	\$15	\$10
Brummitt's Ck., Full..	4	0	0	0	1	102	80	48	1	\$15	\$3315.00	\$700.00	0	\$ 405.35	\$1791.45	\$270	—	—	—	\$ 65,000	\$2500.00	\$10	\$ 5
Burbank, Full	3	2	0	0	5	—	146	Full	4	\$20	\$7800.00	—	\$100.00	\$1526.39	\$ 325.00	\$260	15	69	\$3202.06	\$ 81,650	\$1650.00	\$10	\$10
Covy Rock, Full	7	0	0	0	1	156	114	Full	0	\$20	\$6500.00	\$375.00	\$ 50.00	0	\$ 50.00	\$ 85	0	0	\$ 954.34	\$ 85,000	\$2000.00	0	\$ 5
Crabtree, Full	3	0	0	0	0	78	39	Full	2	\$15	\$2400.00	—	\$500.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 375.88	\$200	12	—	\$1500.00	\$ 13,500	\$ 761.55	\$10	\$10
Davistown, Full	9	11	0	2	2	58	45	Full	4	\$10	\$3316.98	\$453.80	0	\$ 100.00	\$ 62.00	—	10	0	\$ 234.80	\$ 27,650	\$ 326.00	\$10	\$ 5
Hampton, Full	1	1	0	0	0	37	48	Full	1	\$ 5	\$2500.00	\$260.00	0	0	0	\$ 5	12	0	\$ 300.00	\$ 75,000	\$2200.00	\$ 5	\$ 5
Higgins, Full	1	0	0	0	0	80	50	50	2	\$20	\$5100.00	\$364.19	0	0	0	\$ 50	0	0	\$ 631.30	\$ 30,000	—	\$10	\$ 5
Hillcrest, Full.....	3	8	44	—	1	106	65	Full	1	\$15	\$2200.00	—	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 278.45	\$ 15	0	0	\$ 465.00	\$100,000	\$7500.00	\$15	\$10
Liberty, Full	0	2	0	4	0	76	63	Full	1	\$10	\$7155.00	\$330.00	0	\$ 34.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 10	15	38	\$ 512.97	\$150,000	—	\$10	0
Liberty Chapel, Full..	5	5	0	0	0	30	35	25	2	\$10	\$2050.71	\$191.80	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25	0	0	\$ 653.11	\$ 19,000	—	\$10	0
Locust Gap, Full	5	4	0	0	0	103	75	Full	3	\$10	\$3375.00	\$550.00	\$592.67	\$ 10.00	\$ 100.00	\$100	20	—	\$1955.93	\$ 47,500	\$2446.38	\$10	\$10
Low Gap, Full	4	0	1	0	0	82	48	Full	3	\$10	\$5600.00	\$300.00	0	0	0	\$ 10	—	—	\$1980.00	\$ 27,000	\$1500.00	\$15	\$ 5
Middle Distr., Full....	4	7	0	0	0	65	67	Full	4	\$15	\$2748.86	\$300.00	\$453.20	\$ 30.00	\$ 384.64	\$ 10	0	32	\$ 424.32	\$ 50,000	\$ 585.83	\$10	\$ 5
Nix Creek, Full	2	5	0	0	0	79	50	Full	0	\$15	\$2547.99	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$ 481.58	\$ 195.00	\$ 10	0	0	\$ 955.64	\$ 29,500	\$2403.00	\$15	\$ 5
North Bend, Full	0	7	0	0	5	150	74	Full	1	\$25	\$3312.00	\$213.00	\$200.00	0	\$ 214.00	\$ 50	12	0	\$ 108.00	\$ 40,000	—	\$20	\$10
Pensacola, Full	1	1	0	1	2	59	50	Full	2	\$15	\$4040.40	\$290.00	0	0	\$ 194.00	\$100	0	0	\$ 792.30	\$ 40,500	\$ 500.00	\$15	\$10
Peterson's Ch., Full ..	0	4	2	2	0	53	65	Full	1	\$15	\$1993.00	\$145.00	\$ 58.00	0	\$ 20.00	0	10	0	\$ 558.09	\$ 17,000	\$1798.83	\$ 5	\$ 5
Pilgrim's Ch., Full	0	0	0	0	0	20	15	Full	1	\$ 5	\$ 850.00	—	0	0	0	0	—	—	\$ 192.80	\$ 4,500	0	\$10	\$ 5
Piney Grove, Full.....	12	21	0	0	0	101	91	Full	1	\$15	\$8320.00	—	\$137.22	—	\$ 372.40	\$285	0	0	\$1443.97	—	\$1150.07	\$25	\$ 5
Piney Hill, Full	0	0	0	0	2	33	15	Full	1	\$ 5	\$ 411.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 5.00	0	\$ 20.00	\$ 50	0	0	\$ 110.00	\$ 4,500	—	\$ 5	0
Riverview, Full	0	7	0	5	0	165	70	Full	1	\$15	\$2625.00	\$200.00	\$332.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 141.40	\$ 50	0	25	\$ 330.15	\$ 42,000	\$ 610.00	\$15	\$ 5
Southside, Full	10	0	0	0	1	179	175	Full	4	\$25	\$5325.00	\$491.32	\$479.67	—	\$ 50.00	\$ 50	—	—	\$1999.76	\$100,000	\$9563.91	\$10	\$20
Sunset, Full	0	9	0	0	2	118	72	Full	4	\$10	\$2880.00	\$220.83	\$1265.17	\$ 70.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 10	—	—	\$ 778.87	\$ 51,000	\$ 803.05	\$10	\$ 5
Unaka Springs, Full..	1	5	0	2	2	52	45	Full	3	\$20	\$2960.21	\$357.00	\$210.50	—	—	\$ 10	—	—	\$ 500.00	\$ 25,000	—	\$10	\$ 5
Vale —	0	0	0	0	0	46	30	—	0	\$10	0	0	0	\$ 100.00	0	\$ 10	—	—	—	\$ 20,000	\$ 100.00	\$10	\$ 5
Valley Forge, Full	3	8	4	0	3	261	168	Full	5	\$30	\$6850.00	\$254.67	\$831.32	\$5703.79	\$2649.86	\$ 10	20	58	\$1814.60	\$176,840	\$11840.86	—	\$10
Woodby Hill, Full	0	0	1	0	2	100	71	Full	1	\$20	\$3300.00	\$200.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 490.92	\$ 170.00	\$ 25	17	43	\$ 515.00	\$ 34,000	\$1997.03	\$10	\$ 5
Young's Ch., Full.....	2	4	0	4	1	163	75	Full	4	\$25	\$3000.00	\$865.00	\$300.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 602.00	\$166	20	12	\$ 950.00	\$ 46,000	—	\$25	\$15

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 reprove 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 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.

