

1981-82 MINUTES
OF THE
JACK'S CREEK
FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Eighty-Sixth Annual Session Held at
Liberty F.W.B. Church,
RFD 4, Marion, N. C.

August 6-7, 1981

OFFICERS

Rev. Ulis Miller	Moderator
Rev. Blaine Whitson	Assistant Moderator
Rev. Troy McCourry	Clerk
Rev. Richmond Barnett	Assistant Clerk



NEXT SESSION

The next Session will be held with Southside F.W.B. Church, Erwin, Tenn., beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1982, at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Clyde Fender will preach the introductory message, Rev. Arnold Wilson being his alternate.

OFFICERS OF THE JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION and MINISTERS CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR Rev. Ulis Miller
 ASSISTANT MODERATOR Rev. Blain Whitson
 CLERK Rev. Troy McCourry
 ASSISTANT CLERK Rev. Richmond Barnett
 TREASURER—Disabled Minister's Fund Rev. Jonas Revis
 ASSISTANT TREASURER—Disabled Minister's Fund .. Jess Troutman
 TREASURER—Home Missions Rev. Howard Ray
 TREASURER—Foreign Missions Rev. Bobby Revis
 TREASURER—Orphanage Fund Rev. Troy McCourry

COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:

Association: Bros. Bobby Revis, Carmi Price, Stanley McMahan, Cecil Higgins; Alternate: Bro. Blain Whitson.

DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND:

Tennessee—Bros. Richmond Barnett, J. D. Price, Verno Davis; Alternate: Charlie Trivett.

North Carolina—Bros. Arnold Wilson, Clyde Fender, Troy McCourry; Alternate: Orphard Hensley.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS—DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND:

Clay Fender, Jess Troutman, Rev. J. D. Price, Rev. Richmond Barnett, Rev. Ulis Miller.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

CLERK Rev. Troy McCourry
 ASSISTANT CLERK Rev. Ulis Miller
 ORDAINING COUNCIL—Leonard Shehan, Richmond Barnett, C. J. Higgins, Carmi Price, Jerome Honeycutt, Bro. Clyde Fender, Alternate.

COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:

Tennessee—Bros. Charlie Trivett, Bill Greer, Bruce Fender, Bro. Roy Cooper, Alternate.

North Carolina—Bros. Orphard Hensley, Marvin Hensley, J. C. Sheets, Bro. Jack Silvers, Alternate.

PROCEEDINGS

JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Jack's Creek Freewill Baptist Association convened with the Liberty F.W.B. Church, Marion, North Carolina, R.F.D. 4, Thursday, August 6, 1981 at 10:30 a.m.

The Pastor, Rev. Troy Smith, extended a welcome to everyone.

Prayer by Bro. Jonas Revis.

The Davistown Trio sang, "It Will Be Alright As Soon As I Touch Calvary" and "The King and I".

Rev. Smith sang a solo, "The Way He Loves".

Rev. Jerome Honeycutt read Hebrews 2, verses 1-6. He used for a subject, "We ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that we have heard, lest at anytime we should let them slip."

The service was dismissed for lunch to reconvene at 1:30.

Thursday Evening Session

Convened at 1:30.

Devotions by Bro. Blaine Whitson.

Scripture—Psalm 1.

Prayer by Bro. Carmi Price.

The body was called to order for business by Bro. Stanley McMahan.

Rules of Decorum read.

The church letters were read and delegates seated as follows:

BIG CREEK—Bros. Steve Price, Dean Murphy, Sisters Lydia Adkins, Frankie Murphy, Gwen Wilson.

BORINGS CHAPEL—Bros. Fred Woodby, Joe Silvers, Sisters Betty Woodby, Edith Woodby and Lois Silvers.

BRUMMITT'S CREEK—Sisters Wilma Bennett, Carol Bennett, Star Bennett.

BURBANK—Letter.

COVEY ROCK—Bro. Charles Deyton, Sisters Mamie Deyton, Marie Laws, Elsie Shehan.

CRABTREE—Bros. Larry D. Oxendine, Dayton Greene, Sisters Mary Belle Lyons, Virginia Honeycutt.

DAVISTOWN—Bros. Albert Parker, Perry Moore, Mack Davis, Paul Ray, Emery Vess, Roy Grant, Sister Linda Davis.

HIGGINS—Letter.

HILLCREST—Bro. Garrett Fender, Sisters Fredia Webb, Lola Fender.

LIBERTY—Bros. Bob McMahan, Lloyd Allison, Carl Wilson and Rev. Troy Smith.

LIBERTY CHAPEL—Bro. Earl McNeil, Sisters Gladis Robinson and Viola Miller.

LOCUST GAP—Letter.

LOW GAP—Bros. Brooks Silvers, Cloyce Silvers, Sisters Ada Ray, Thelma Riddle.

MIDDLE DISTRICT—Bro. & Sister Ackers Ledford, Bro. & Sister Roger Laws.

NIX CREEK—Bro. Walter Woodard, Sisters Mae Woodard Demmeries, Brooks and Betty Wilson.

NORTH BEND—Bro. & Sister Howard Beam, Bros. Herbert Hopson, Mike Renfro, Sister Betty Whitson.

PATHWAY—Bro. and Sister Fred Gouge.

PENSACOLA—Bros. Rose Miller and Ralph Anglin.

PETERSON'S CHAPEL—Bros. Steve Bryant and Ernest Cooper.

PINEY GROVE—Bros. Jim Woodby, Conley Woodby, John Salinas, Paul Vance, Sisters Betty Scalf, Melissa Scalf, Patsy McKinney, Mary Holtsclaw.

SOUTHSIDE—Bros. Russell Whitson, Stanley Edwards, Bro. and Sister Phil Miller, and Sister Belle Hensley.

SUNSET—Bros. George Taylor, Harold Nave, Leonard Hyder, Sister Bessie Taylor.

UNION HILL—Sisters Judy and Michelle Miller.

UNAKA SPRINGS—Bros. Clifford Miller and Bill Carroll, Sisters Hazel Miller, Birdie Griffith, and Hamil Howell.

VALE—Mr. & Mrs. Don Calhoun.

VALLEY FORGE—Bros. Doyle Vaughn, Howard Dugger, Phillip Suess.

WOODBY HILL—Bro. & Sister Arnold McKinney.

YOUNG'S CHAPEL—Bros. Clay Fender, Gravel Honeycutt, Harold Jones, Sisters Lila Fender, Mary Burnett and Cora Honeycutt.

The officers were elected as follows:

CLERK	Troy McCourry
ASSISTANT CLERK	Richmond Barnett
TREASURER, Disabled Minister's Fund	Jonas Revis
ASSISTANT TREASURER, Disabled Minister's Fund ...	Jess Troutman
TREASURER, Home Missions	Howard Ray
TREASURER, Foreign Missions	Bobby Revis
TREASURER, Orphanage	Troy McCourry
ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION (Appointed by Conference).	

Disabled Minister's Fund

COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:

Tennessee—Richmond Barnett, J. D. Price, Verno Davis, Charlie Trivett, Alternate.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Disabled Minister's Fund—Bros. Clay Fender, Jess Troutman, J. D. Price, Richmond Barnett, Ulis Miller.

The Ministers were enrolled.

The Committees were appointed as follows:

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND DEACONS: Howard Dugger, Mike Renfro, Cloyce Silvers, Perry Moore, Clyde Fender.

C.T.S.: Clay Fender, Marvin Hensley, Toney Fender, Mrs. Ronnie Peterson, Mrs. Ricky Pate.

EDUCATION: Mrs. Carol Bennett, Demeroy Brooks, Brooks Silvers, Buck Laws, Judy Elliot.

DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND: Emory Vess, Blaine Whitson, Ernest Cooper, Garvil Honeycutt.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Don Sexton, Lila Fender, Ada Ray, Elsie Shehan, Bobby Revis.

HOME MISSIONS: Ernest Webb, Stanley McMahan, Mrs. Starr Bennett, Lloyd Allison, Danny Elliott.

LADIES AUXILIARY: Bell Lyons, Grace Allison, Cora Honeycutt, Betty Whitson, Mary Burnett, Emily Barnett.

SESSIONS: Ricky Pate, J. C. Sheets, Bernie Jones, Arnold Wilson, Ronnie Carroll, Russel Whitson.

RESOLUTIONS: Bruce Fender, J. D. Price, Herbert Hopson, Garrett Fender, Clifford Miller.

CHILDREN'S HOME: James Earl Raper, Richmond Barnett.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Mae Woodard, Thelma Riddle, Virginia Honeycutt, Sonja Smith.

Adjourned until 9:30 Friday morning with preaching tonight (Thursday) by Rev. Jonas Revis.

Thursday Night Service

Met at 7:00 p.m.

After Song Service and prayer, Bro. Revis read Matthew 26:39-46. He preached a good sermon from the subject, "Prayer".

Friday Morning Session

Met at 9:30 a.m.

Song, "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus".

Welcome by Pastor, Rev. Troy Smith, reading Psalms 57.

Prayer by James Earl Raper.

Body called to order by Moderator.

Thursday's Minutes read and adopted.

The following visiting ministers were welcomed:

Rev. James Earl Raper, Supt. Greenville Orphanage.

Rev. Don Sexton, Missions, Union Association.

The Church letter from Pilgrim's Chapel Church was read and accepted.

The reports of the committees were called for as follows:

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND DEACONS: Read, received. Speakers were Rev. Clyde Fender and Rev. Ricky Pate.

C.T.S.: Read, received. Speakers were Rev. Marvin Hensley, Mrs. Ronnie Peterson.

EDUCATION: Read, received. Speaker was Rev. Blaine Whitson.

DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND: Report read, voted to receive. Speakers were Rev. Ullis Miller and Rev. Carmi Price.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Report read, voted to receive. Speaker was Rev. Don Sexton.

Adjourned for preaching at 11:00 a.m.

Friday Evening Session

Met at 1:30 p.m.

Bro. James Earl Raper was in charge of the service with a group of children from the Children's Home.

Scripture reading from Romans 1:1-16.

A trio sang, "I'm in This Church", and "Jesus Is Coming Soon".

Bro. Raper gave a discussion of the work at the orphanage.

An offering was received for the home in the amount of \$172.76.

A letter was read from Sister Sandra Fender concerning her going to Japan as a Mission Worker.

The remaining Committee reports were called for:

DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND and BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Reports were read. Speakers were Rev. Stanley Parker, Rev. Alfred Harris, Rev. Carmi Price. Both were voted to adopt.

DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND: Treasurer's report.

HOME MISSIONS: Report read and received. Speakers were Rev. Stanley McMahan, Rev. Charlie Trivett.

A Home Missions Committee was elected as follows: Rev. Charlie Trivett, Rev. Richmond Barnett, Rev. Jerome Honeycutt.

HOME MISSIONS: Treasurer's report.

LADIES' AUXILIARY: Treasurer's report. Speaker was Mrs. Garvil Honeycutt.

SESSIONS:

RESOLUTIONS:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Report read and received. Speaker was Sister Mae Woodard.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF TREATISE: Report read. The Committee's work to date was approved. It was voted to give them authority to pick up from the Minutes all rules adopted since 1948.

Adjourned to convene with the South Side F.W.B. Church on Thursday before 2nd Sunday in August 1982.

Churches, Pastors and Deacons

We feel that the Pastor should Preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine, 2 Tim. 4-2.

For even the son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45.

For they that have used the office of a deacon well, purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith, which is in Christ Jesus. 1 Tim. 3:13.

We feel that before you can have a Spiritual Church, the deacons and pastor have to be in unity with God and one another. Acts 2:42-47; Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 3.

Rev. Clyde Fender, Cloyce Silvers, Mike Renfro, Perry Moore

Church Training School

We, your Committee on Church Training Service feel that the training of our youth is one of the most important functions of the church. Our

example should be Christ, who taught as one having authority (Matthew 7:29), yet as one being as humble as a little child.

We feel that teachers who work with the youth should set a good example, not only teaching, but listening to the problems our youth have in everyday life.

We should help them to understand and apply God's word, even as Christ taught His disciples. Matthew 19:14; 2 Timothy 2; 2 Timothy 3:14.

Rev. Marvin Hensley, Bro. Clay Fender,
Sisters Shirley Peterson and Connie Pate

Disabled Minister's Fund

We, your Committee on Disabled Minister's Fund, feel that it is a special duty and calling for a man to be a minister. He must give more of himself than anyone in the church. He must leave his family and friends many times to travel many miles to hold revivals and spread the Gospel.

As Paul said in Romans, "How beautiful are the feet of those that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." Romans 10:15.

As these men grow old, it is the duty of the church to see to their needs and to take care of them and their wives. Nowhere in the Bible does it say that they are to be turned out to pasture when they grow old.

Let us contribute *liberally* to this worthy cause with our money, prayers and visits, for the workman is worthy of his hire. Matthew 10:10.

Garvel Honeycutt, Blaine Whitson, Ernest Cooper, Emory Vess

Permanent assistance at age 70, starting August 6, 1981.

Qualifications: Anyone who was a member before 1976 must have 10 years service. Anyone who became a member of the Conference after 1976 must have 20 years service. In either case, the applicant must have need of assistance. In no case can anyone receive money from this account just in order to enrich themselves or to increase their bank account. Any minister requesting this assistance must request it in writing to the Investigating Committee. It will be the responsibility of said committee to meet with the applicant in person to hear their reasoning. Then the Committee shall decide the eligibility and what action to render.

The amount to be used for this purpose will be the amount of earned interest from Disabled Minister's Fund and not used in preceding year. This amount will be divided annually between eligible applicants, not to exceed \$30.00 per month at present time. Should there be any unused money in this account at year end, it will be added to the next year's account, and monthly benefits will be adjusted accordingly.

Education

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following: Proverbs 9:9:, "Give instruction to a wise man and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man and he will increase in learning."

We need to teach our children in our churches, the fear of the Lord as they grow.

May God bless our children with the wisdom of loving and serving Him, that they may know how to live when they're grown.

Mrs. Buck Laws, Mrs. Demmirie Brooks, Mrs. Carol Bennett

Home Missions

We, your Committee on Home Missions, recommend the following Scripture: I Timothy 3-15, "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of te truth.

We also recommend that the Association make a greater effort to help our smaller churches and assist in any way we can in helping churches which do not have a pastor to find one or find someone to fill in for them until they can elect a pastor.

Mrs. Starr Bennett, Ernest Webb, Danny Elliott,
Lloyd Allison, Stanley McMahan

Sunday Schools

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, believe that the Sunday School is a part of the church that everyone can take part in, even small children.

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

With dedicated teachers and proper lessons, children can understand enough of God's word to choose between right and wrong. This gives them a better chance to grow up to be dedicated Christians.

Sunday School is a department of church for the betterment of all ages.

Mae Woodard, Sonja Smith

Sessions

The next Session of the Jack's Creek Freewill Baptist Association will be held with the South Side FWB Church, Erwin, Tennessee, beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August 1982 (August 5-6-7, 1982).

The introductory message will be given by Rev. Clyde Fender. Rev. Arnold Miller, alternate.

The Conference year is as follows:

November 28, 1981, North Bend—Carmie Price; Ricky Pate, alternate.

January 30, 1982, Crabtree—Bill Greer; Charlie Trivett, alternate.

May 29, 1982, Locust Gap—Arnold Wilson; Bernie Jones, alternate.

Rev. Ricky Pate, Rev. Arnold Wilson, Rev. J. C. Sheets,
Russel Whitson

Resolutions

We, your Committee on Resolutions, recommend that the Friday night Preaching and Communion Service before each Conference be omitted due to the lack of attendance.

Rev. J. D. Price, Rev. Bruce Fender, Clifford Miller,
Herbert Hopson, Garrett Fender

Foreign Missions

We believe in missions because the Bible is a book of missions. God sent his Son that through Him we might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). In Acts 1:8, Christ told His disciples: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Hhe said in Matthew 19:20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . ." Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world . . ." Again in Luke 24:47 is the command that repentance be preached in His name among all nations.

We believe every individual believer who has partaken of the Saving Grace of God, has an obligation to contribute both spiritually and financially to spreading the gospel of Christ. He said, "If you love me keep my commandments." Do we love Him? Are we keeping His commandments? Have you given yourself our children to be used in His great commission? 2 Corinthians 8:1-22.

Rev. Bobby Revis, Rev. Don Sexton, Lila Fender

Ladies' Auxiliary

We recommend that each church have a ladies' auxiliary.

Acts 9:36-42 tells of the alms and deeds of Dorcas. Because of her life, we feel inspired to work and follow her footsteps. If you give a glass of cold water in the name of Christ, it will not be forgotten.

The Ladies' Auxiliary helps us express our love for one another. It helps keep us in fellowship with God. It helps us to keep pressing on for the Lord and His work and helps us to learn more about His love.

Mrs. Richmond Barnett, Mary Burnett, Cora Honeycutt

— OBITUARIES —

SARAH ANN HARDING—Born May 27, 1893. Died June 7, 1981. She was a member of Southside F.W.B. Church and was faithful in attendance as long as her health permitted.

ROBERTA POORE GARLAND—Born October 7, 1896. Died January 15, 1981. She was a member of Southside F.W.B. Church for several years. She was devoted to her church and family. She leaves a husband, Roy T. Garland, one son, two daughters, 8 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and many friends.

WARNER BOONE—Departed this life November 26, 1980 at the age of 71. He was a faithful member of Young's Chapel F.W.B. Church for 46 years. He was loved by all who knew him. He leaves a wife, 4 daughters, 2 sons, and a host of friends. He is greatly missed by his family and church. We know our loss is Heaven's gain.

JULIA H. BARNETT—Born March 27, 1895. Died March 17, 1980, after a long illness. She was the oldest member of Middle District F.W.B. Church and was faithful as long as she was able to go. She leaves 2 daughters and 3 sons. Her grandchildren loved her as a mother and will miss that charm that always kept them smiling.

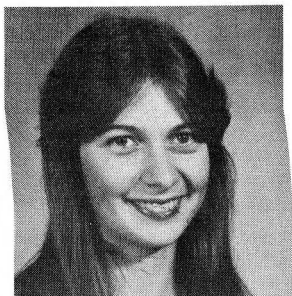
CLAYTON WHITSON—Clayton Whitson was born April 23, 1924 and departed this life December 28, 1980 of a heart attack. He was a devoted member, teacher of the Adult Men's Class and Deacon of Big Creek F.W.B. Church. There is a vacant spot in the community and church, which he loved very much.



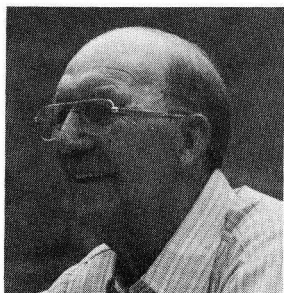
He leaves a wife, two daughters, one son and two granddaughters. He was a devoted father and husband we loved very much and miss greatly. We are thankful for the memory he left behind and his great testimony for others to follow. We look forward to the day we will meet again.

VIOLA PETERSON—Died September 5, 1980 at the age of 84. She is survived by 5 children and many grandchildren. She was a member of the Union Hill Freewill Baptist Church since 1915. She was a devoted Christian and is greatly missed by the church and loved ones.

JOY YVONNE MILLER—Born October 5, 1963. Died December 11, 1980 in a car accident. She was a member of Liberty Chapel F.W.B. Church. She was loved by all who knew her.



BERNIE ADKINS—Born April 3, 1901. Died February 5, 1981. After several months of suffering in this life, he is at rest. He is survived by his wife, 5 sons, 4 daughters, 20 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.



He was a member of Big Creek F.W.B. Church. His favorite song was, "I'll Wear A White Robe." His prayers were for his children. Our prayers, as his, is that the family circle won't be broken, and that all his family and friends will meet him again.

JOHN C. TIPTON—Born December 25, 1909. He departed this life May 13, 1981 after a long illness. He was a member of Southside F.W.B. Church. He loved his church very much. He is greatly missed by his loved ones, but we can meet him again if we are faithful.



NORMAN W. LEDFORD—Departed this life December 20, 1980 at the age of 44 years. He was a member of Middle District F.W.B. Church. He is greatly missed by family and friends. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

LUTHER INGRAM—Born April 16, 1921. Died April 26, 1981 at the age of 60. He was a member of Middle District F.W.B. Church, which he joined at an early age. He is survived by his wife, two sons and four grandchildren. We miss him very much but expect to see him again after this life is over.

ARLAND HONEYCUTT—Departed this life September 28, 1980. He was a faithful member and Deacon of Crabtree F.W.B. Church. He sang tenor in the Crabtree Quartet. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works as God did from His." Hebrews 4:9-10. We truly believe he has entered into that rest. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

LON WHITEHEAD—Departed this life August 24 1980. He was a member and Trustee of Crabtree F.W.B. Church. He had been in ill health for some time, but he was faithful to his church as long as he was able to go. A Godly man whose patience and understanding was a great strength to the church. He is missed by his family and friends, but we expect to see him again.

BILLY FRANKLIN WHITE—Born March 16, 1930. Died August 30, 1980. He was a member of Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church. He was a Christian for about one year before his death, but during that time he was a faithful, dedicated workere for the Lord. He is sadly missed by his friends and loved ones left behind.

LINCOLN JOHNSON—Departed this life November 11, 1980 at the age of 69. He was a faithful member of Burbank Freewill Baptist Church. He is greatly missed by his wife, his church and a host of friends. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

TINA YOUNG—Departed this life October 14, 1980. She was a faithful member of Burbank Freewill Baptist Church until her illness. Our loss is heaven's gain.

WILLIAM L. STREET—Departed this life January 14, 1981 at the age of 79 years. He leaves two daughters, three sons and many friends to mourn his passing. He was a member of Burbank Freewill Baptist Church.

JOHN JARRETT—Departed this life September 30, 1980 at the age of 71. He was a member of Burbank Freewill Baptist Church. He leaves a wife, two daughters and three sons. He is greatly missed by his family and all those who knew him.

JESS LEE ROBERTSON—Born February 1, 1899 and was called home to be with Jesus March 1, 1981. This man, likened to the mighty, majestic oak, has left an empty place in the hearts and lives of the young and old in the Low Gap F.W.B. Church where he was a faithful member with his family for many years. His pearls of wisdom and knowledge were cast out to many, and his love and compassion for his fellowman was felt by all who came in contact with him. A gift of the Holy Bible presented to each of the youth of the church was his mission. To his 3 daughters and 2 sons he would often say, "Children, I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, because that is where my strength comes from, the Father above."

FRANK HENSLEY—Born December 29, 1943 and was taken from this life March 23, 1981. He was a member of Low Gap F.W.B. Church and a devoted family man to his wife and his daughters; a loving, caring son to his mother and a special person in the lives of his brothers and sisters. He was a friend to scores of people far and near. It is said:

Man dies in the midst of unfinished business

The broken column is a symbol of the interruptions of the most ambitious, professional, commercial or political pursuits

He dies while his house is building, his friends increasing and his fortune's brightening

This man began to build but was not able to finish. Luke 14:30

EARL WHITEHEAD—Born March 14, 1908, and departed this life June 17, 1981, after a brief illness. He was a faithful member of Low Gap F.W.B. Church for a number of years. To his wife and sons he would say today:

I am home in Heaven, dear ones.
Oh so happy and so bright,
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief are over,
Ever restless tossing passed.
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

SAREPTA McMAHAN—When God sends Faith a spotless soul
To learn the ways of earth
Mother Love is waiting here
We call this wonder Birth.

She was born May 9, 1893 and lived most of her life in the Low Gap Community, being a member of that church, teaching Sunday school, leading others to the Master and with tireless efforts helping her friends and neighbors in time of joy and times of sorrow. She leaves a daughter and son and a host of friends to mourn her passing on August 31, 1980.

When God calls home a tired soul
And stills a fitful breath,
Love Divine is waiting there
This, too, is Birth not death.

LIZZIE GARDNER—Departed this life April 19, 1981. She was a loving, faithful member of Low Gap F.W.B. Church for many years. She leaves a daughter and two sons with a host of friends to mourn their loss. She is likened to the "Rose that crept over the other side and still grows beyond the wall," scattering her fragrance far and wide, just as it did on this side.

FUNDS REPORTS

Foreign Missions

BEGINNING BALANCE\$ 5,105.44

Receipts:

*Big Creek	\$ 100.00
Burbank	600.00
Covy Rock	50.00
Crabtree	300.00
Davistown	300.00
Hillcrest	510.00
Liberty Chapel	30.00
Locust Gap	30.00
Low Gap	600.00
Middle District	360.00
Nix Creek	420.00
North Bend	600.00
Pensacola	314.07
Peterson's Chapel	295.00
Sunset	350.00
Woodby Hill	300.00
Young's Chapel	600.00
Hopson Chapel	250.00
Minister's Conference	325.58
Interest	133.45

TOTAL RECEIPTS\$ 6,468.10

GRAND TOTAL\$11,573.54

PAID OUT:

Eddie Payne	\$6,500.00
Sandra Fender	325.58
Checks	4.75

TOTAL PAID OUT\$ 6,830.33

ENDING BALANCE\$ 4,743.21

Rev. Bobby Revis, *Treas.*

Disabled Minister's Fund

BEGINNING BALANCE\$40,533.21

Receipts:

Minister's Conference	\$3,210.00
Association	1,615.00
Burial Fund	1,215.00
Interest	3,026.43

TOTAL RECEIPTS 9,066.43

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR\$49,599.64

Disbursements:

Safe Deposit Box	3.50
Mrs. Farrell Sparks	200.00
Rev. Alfred Harris	300.00
Rev. Vestal Ball	500.00
Rev. B. F. Walker	200.00
Rev. James Ledford	300.00
Rev. Ulis Miller	200.00
Rev. Gus Ledford	300.00

TOTAL PAID OUT 2,003.50

BALANCE IN BANK\$47,596.14

Rev. Jonas Revis, *Treas.*

Ladies Auxiliary

BALANCE ON HAND 1980 ASSOCIATION\$ 1,620.96

Receipts:

Interest\$ 90.71

Rec. at Sunset 32.85

Rec. at Brummitt's Creek 62.80

Sale of Cookbooks 1,299.64

TOTAL RECEIPTS 1,486.00

GRAND TOTAL\$ 3,106.96

Paid Out:

Eddie Payne 500.00

Bible College 200.00

Project 20/20 40.00

Children's Home 125.00

Sandra Fender 500.00

Checks 1.93

TOTAL PAID OUT 1,366.93

BALANCE ON HAND\$ 1,740.03

Minute Fund

We received \$520.00 for the Minute Fund.

Orphanage

Balance August 1, 1981\$6,002.12

Receipts:

Union Hill\$ 50.00

Liberty Chapel 60.00

Covey Rock 50.00

North Bend 200.00

Borings Chapel 30.00

Total Receipts 390.00

GRAND TOTAL\$6,392.12

Received for Home at Greeneville, Tennessee:

Piney Grove\$100.00

Nix Creek 150.00

Hillcrest 50.00

Total\$300.00

Association Fund

We received \$600.00 for the Liberty Church to help with their expenses.

Clerk and Moderator Fund

We received \$235.00 for the Clerk and Moderator Fund.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	ADDRESS
Big Creek	J. D. Price	Nancy Adkins	Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N.C.
Borings Chapel	Jack Silvers	Donna Woodby	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N.C.
Brummitts Creek	Ulis Miller	Star Bennett ...	Rt. 1, Box 555, Green Mtn., N.C.
Burbank	John Vance	Tom Jarrett	Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Covy Rock	Leonard Shehan	Fate Deyton	Green Mountain, N.C.
Crabtree	Carmi Price	Mary Belle Lyons	Rt. 2, Box 313B, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Davistown	Ronnie Peterson	James E. Vess	50 Cedar Creek Road Star Route, Black Mtn., N.C.
Higgins	Alfred Harris	Ethel Bradford	Rt. 4, Burnsville, N.C.
Hillcrest	Bobby Revis	Rhonda Price	Rt. 1, Box 445, Nebo, N.C.
Liberty	Troy Smith	Bobby Allison	Rt. 4, Marion, N.C.
Liberty Chapel	Russell Hughes	Viola Miller	Rt. 7, Burnsville, N.C.
Locust Gap	Billy Styles	Dove Guinn	Rt. 5, Mountain City, Tenn.
Low Gap	Blaine Whitson	Mrs. L. J. Hiott	Box 905, Burnsville, N.C.
Middle District	Bernie Jones	James Henry Street	Rt. 2, Bakersville, N.C.
Nix Creek		Shelby McClure	Rt. 2, Marion, N. C.
North Bend	Jerome Honeycutt	Nora Buchanan	Rt. 2, Green Mtn., N.C.
Pathway	J. C. Sheets	Jimmy Quillen ...	104 Sycamore St., Erwin, Tenn.
Pensacola	Arnold Wilson	Terrell Wilson	Rt. 6, Burnsville, N.C.
Peterson's Chapel	David Gentry	Frances L. Webb ..	Rt. 1, Box 38, Burnsville, N.C.
Pilgrims Chapel	John Murphy	Lloyd Dulaney	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N.C.
Piney Grove	Charlie Trivett	Aileen McKinney	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Southside	Troy McCourry	Fred Davis	923 Hoback Ave., Erwin, Tenn.
Sunset	Rhonda Street	Georgia Carlton	Rt. 2, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Unaka Springs	Stanley McMahan	Jerry Broyles	Rt. 2, Box 192A, Unicoi, Tenn.
Union Hill	Ricky Pate	Linda Miller	Rt. 2, Bakersville, N.C.
Vale	V. E. Cordrey	Coye A. Calhoun	Rt. 1, Newland, N.C.
Valley Forge	Arthur Luster	Mrs. Viola Stevens	Rt. 8, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Woodby Hill	Dallas Gregg	Mrs. June McKinney	Rt. 1, Box 356, Hampton, Tenn.
Youngs Chapel	Howard Ray	Clay Fender	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N.C.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Low Gap — November 29, 1980

The conference convened with the Low Gap F.W.B. Church November 29, 1980 in its 1st quarterly conference.

Devotions were by Rev. Billy Styles; prayer by Rev. Leonard Shehan. The roll was called, and all were in fellowship.

George Woody requested his license be renewed. His request granted.

Bro. Robert Crawford, with the F.W.B. Bible College, was welcomed.

Mack Davis presented letter for license. He was presented to the Committee of Investigation.

Ricky Pate asked for ordination. He also was given to the Committee of Investigation.

Lyda Letterman asked for a letter from the Conference. His request was granted.

Middle District — March 28, 1981

The conference convened with the Middle District F.W.B. Church, March 28, 1981 in its 2nd quarterly conference.

Devotions were by Rev. Russell Hughes. Prayer by Rev. C. J. Higgins.

Mack Davis was granted license, and Ricky Pate was ordained.

Piney Grove — May 30, 1981

The conference convened with the Piney Grove Church May 30, 1981 in its 3rd quarterly conference.

Devotions by Rev. John Stockton. Prayer by Rev. Russell Hughes.

Rev. Arthur Luster, with the North East Association, was welcomed.

An offering was received for Sandra Fender in the amount of \$325.58. The Missions Committee voted to give her \$200.00 from the Home Missions Fund.

Liberty — August 8, 1981

The conference convened with the church at Liberty, Saturday, August 8, 1981 in its 4th quarterly conference.

Devotions by Rev. Ronnie Peterson. Prayer by Rev. Blaine Whitson.

Paul Ault was presented to the Committee of Investigation for ordination.

The officers were elected for the next year (shown in front of Minutes).

Ronnie Carroll's licenses were renewed for one year.

MINISTER'S ROLL

**Ministers present for association.*

Ault, Paul	
Ball, Vestal, Johnson City, Tenn.	
Barnett, Richmond*, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.	725-2016
Beam, Fred, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 393, Marion, N.C.	652-4994
Beam, Steven T., Sr., Rt. 1, Box 1006, Nebo, N.C.	652-8430
Cable, Frank*, 181 Moffitt Road, Asheville, N.C.	298-4702
Carroll, Ronnie R.*, Burnsville, N.C.	675-5472
Cline, Flornill	
Cooper, Roy*, Lakeview Drive, Johnson City, Tenn.	282-1508
Davis, Earl C.*, Rt. 1, Box 379A, Marion, N.C.	652-2370
Davis, Mack Lonnie*, Rt. 2, Box 238, Old Fort, N.C.	668-4266
Davis, Verno, Rt. 2, Box 370, Erwin, Tenn.	743-7377
Fender, Bruce*, Rt. 19, Box 70, Johnson City, Tenn.	926-2423
Fender, Clyde*, Rt. 1, Box 86A, Nebo, N.C.	652-2167
Fleenor, Theodore*, 205 Brown Ave., Johnson City, Tenn.	282-1654
Garland, Dan, Rt. 6, Elizabethton, Tenn.	
Gregg, Dallas, Rt. 2, Unicoi, Tenn.	743-6636
Greer, Bill, Rt. 2, Box 280, Elizabethton, Tenn.	474-3433
Harris, Alfred*, RFD, Old Fort, N.C.	668-4939
Hensley, Marvin*, Rt. 2, Bakersville, N.C.	688-3701
Hensley, Ophard, Rt. 2, Box 303, Old Fort, N.C.	668-4385
Henson, Oscar	
Higgins, Cecil J.*, Rt. 2, Burnsville, N.C.	675-4658
Hill, Charles, Jr., Rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.	725-3677
Honeycutt, Guy, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N.C.	682-3522
Honeycutt, Jerome*, Rt. 6, Box 164, Burnsville, N.C.	682-7533
Holloway, Moss, Rt. 2, Box 15A, Erwin, Tenn.	
Hughes, Russell*, RFD, Burnsville, N.C.	
Ledford, Gus, Rt. 3, Burnsville, N.C.	
Jones, Bernie*, Box 100, Timber Ridge Rd., Erwin, Tenn.	743-7153
Ledford, James*, Rt. 4, Burnsville, N.C.	682-7662
Loveless, Norman, Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.	725-3748
McMahan, Stanley*, Rt. 2, Burnsville, N.C.	675-5280
McCourry, Troy*, Box 68, Burnsville, N.C.	682-6439
Miller, Quince, Alexandria, N.C.	
Miller, Ulis*, Rt. 3, Box 200, Erwin, Tenn.	743-4788
Murphy, John, Rt. 3, Burnsville, N.C.	
Pate, Ricky*, Rt. 2, Box 2663, Johnson City, Tenn.	615-929-9640
Parkey, Stanley*, Asheville Highway, Erwin, Tenn.	743-7485

Peterson, Ronnie, Rt. 1, Box 78, Burnsville, N.C.	682-7440
Price, Carmi*, Johnson City, Tenn.	928-4763
Price, J. D.*, Rt. 2, Box 378, Johnson City, Tenn.	926-9589
Ray, Howard*, Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N.C.	
Revis, Bobby*, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.	652-2153
Revis, Jones*, Rt. 2, Box 351, Elizabethton, Tenn.	474-2486
Robinson, Elzie, Rt. 3, Burnsville, N.C.	
Rose, Roy Lee, Rt. 1, Box 356-A, Unicoi Tenn.	743-5698
Shehan, Leonard*, Green Mountain, N.C.	682-7121
Silvers, Jack*, Rt. 6, Box 112, Burnsville, N.C.	682-6390
Sheets, J. C.*, Rt. 2, Box 260, Bakersville, N.C.	688-3636
Stockton, John L.*, Rt. 2, Bakersville, N.C.	688-3047
Smith, Jimmie*, Rt. 1, Box 461A, Marion, N.C.	652-4278
Street, Ronda, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.	725-3378
Styles, Billy*, Rt. 2, Box 289-CCC, Marion, N.C.	738-4648
Trivett, Charlie*, Elizabethton, Tenn.	543-1637
Walker, B. F., Old Fort, N.C.	
Whitson, Blaine*, Rt. 2, Green Mountain, N.C.	682-6357
Whitson, Howard, Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N.C.	
Williams, Orville, Erwin, Tenn.	
Wilson, Arnold*, Rt. 6, Marion, N.C.	724-9368 or 682-6002
Woods, Frank	
Woody, George, Rt. 5, Burnsville, N.C.	675-5030
Beam, Steve	
Henson, Oscar	

The following ministers are pastoring churches that are not in the Jack's Creek Association:

Frank E. Cable	Laurelton Chapel FWB Church
Roy Cooper	Princeton FWB Church
Bill Greer	New Liberty FWB Church
Theodore Fleenor	East Fairview FWB Church
Jonas Revis	Union Hill FWB Church
Charles Hill Jr.	Fork Mountain FWB Church
Roy Rose	Piney Flats FWB Church
Howard Whitson	Memorial Union FWB Church
Marvin Hensley	Odoms Chapel FWB Church
Bruce Fender	New Hope FWB Church
George Woody	Colberts Creek FWB Church

MINISTER'S ROLL

**Ministers present for association.*

Ault, Paul	
Ball, Vestal, Johnson City, Tenn.	
Barnett, Richmond*, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.	725-2016
Beam, Fred, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 393, Marion, N.C.	652-4994
Beam, Steven T., Sr., Rt. 1, Box 1006, Nebo, N.C.	652-8430
Cable, Frank*, 181 Moffitt Road, Asheville, N.C.	298-4702
Carroll, Ronnie R.*, Burnsville, N.C.	675-5472
Cline, Flornill	
Cooper, Roy*, Lakeview Drive, Johnson City, Tenn.	282-1508
Davis, Earl C.*, Rt. 1, Box 379A, Marion, N.C.	652-2370
Davis, Mack Lonnie*, Rt. 2, Box 238, Old Fort, N.C.	668-4266
Davis, Verno, Rt. 2, Box 370, Erwin, Tenn.	743-7377
Fender, Bruce*, Rt. 19, Box 70, Johnson City, Tenn.	926-2423
Fender, Clyde*, Rt. 1, Box 86A, Nebo, N.C.	652-2167
Fleenor, Theodore*, 205 Brown Ave., Johnson City, Tenn.	282-1654
Garland, Dan, Rt. 6, Elizabethton, Tenn.	
Gregg, Dallas, Rt. 2, Unicoi, Tenn.	743-6636
Greer, Bill, Rt. 2, Box 280, Elizabethton, Tenn.	474-3433
Harris, Alfred*, RFD, Old Fort, N.C.	668-4939
Hensley, Marvin*, Rt. 2, Bakersville, N.C.	688-3701
Hensley, Ophard, Rt. 2, Box 303, Old Fort, N.C.	668-4385
Henson, Oscar	
Higgins, Cecil J.*, Rt. 2, Burnsville, N.C.	675-4658
Hill, Charles, Jr., Rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.	725-3677
Honeycutt, Guy, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N.C.	682-3522
Honeycutt, Jerome*, Rt. 6, Box 164, Burnsville, N.C.	682-7533
Holloway, Moss, Rt. 2, Box 15A, Erwin, Tenn.	
Hughes, Russell*, RFD, Burnsville, N.C.	
Ledford, Gus, Rt. 3, Burnsville, N.C.	
Jones, Bernie*, Box 100, Timber Ridge Rd., Erwin, Tenn.	743-7153
Ledford, James*, Rt. 4, Burnsville, N.C.	682-7662
Loveless, Norman, Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.	725-3748
McMahan, Stanley*, Rt. 2, Burnsville, N.C.	675-5280
McCourry, Troy*, Box 68, Burnsville, N.C.	682-6439
Miller, Quince, Alexandria, N.C.	
Miller, Ulis*, Rt. 3, Box 200, Erwin, Tenn.	743-4788
Murphy, John, Rt. 3, Burnsville, N.C.	
Pate, Ricky*, Rt. 2, Box 2663, Johnson City, Tenn.	615-929-9640
Parkey, Stanley*, Asheville Highway, Erwin, Tenn.	743-7485

Peterson, Ronnie, Rt. 1, Box 78, Burnsville, N.C.	682-7440
Price, Carmi*, Johnson City, Tenn.	928-4763
Price, J. D.*, Rt. 2, Box 378, Johnson City, Tenn.	926-9589
Ray, Howard*, Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N.C.	
Revis, Bobby*, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.	652-2153
Revis, Jones*, Rt. 2, Box 351, Elizabethton, Tenn.	474-2486
Robinson, Elzie, Rt. 3, Burnsville, N.C.	
Rose, Roy Lee, Rt. 1, Box 356-A, Unicoi Tenn.	743-5698
Shehan, Leonard*, Green Mountain, N.C.	682-7121
Silvers, Jack*, Rt. 6, Box 112, Burnsville, N.C.	682-6390
Sheets, J. C.*, Rt. 2, Box 260, Bakersville, N.C.	688-3636
Stockton, John L.*, Rt. 2, Bakersville, N.C.	688-3047
Smith, Jimmie*, Rt. 1, Box 461A, Marion, N.C.	652-4278
Street, Ronda, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.	725-3378
Styles, Billy*, Rt. 2, Box 289-CCC, Marion, N.C.	738-4648
Trivett, Charlie*, Elizabethton, Tenn.	543-1637
Walker, B. F., Old Fort, N.C.	
Whitson, Blaine*, Rt. 2, Green Mountain, N.C.	682-6357
Whitson, Howard, Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N.C.	
Williams, Orville, Erwin, Tenn.	
Wilson, Arnold*, Rt. 6, Marion, N.C.	724-9368 or 682-6002
Woods, Frank	
Woody, George, Rt. 5, Burnsville, N.C.	675-5030
Beam, Steve	
Henson, Oscar	

The following ministers are pastoring churches that are not in the Jack's Creek Association:

Frank E. Cable	Laurelton Chapel FWB Church
Roy Cooper	Princeton FWB Church
Bill Greer	New Liberty FWB Church
Theodore Fleenor	East Fairview FWB Church
Jonas Revis	Union Hill FWB Church
Charles Hill Jr.	Fork Mountain FWB Church
Roy Rose	Piney Flats FWB Church
Howard Whitson	Memorial Union FWB Church
Marvin Hensley	Odoms Chapel FWB Church
Bruce Fender	New Hope FWB Church
George Woody	Colberts Creek FWB Church

CONSTITUTION OF JACK'S CREEK FWB 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 Jesus Christ and adopted the Word of God; according to the original Free Will Baptist doctrine 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.

We also agree to attend all regular 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 Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. Micah 6:8.

Article 8.—PERSEVERANCE. We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who

by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men, who have been converted, to make shipwreck of the faith, turn again to sin and be lost. And Jesus said unto him: No man having put his hands to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62.

Article 9.—GOOD WORKS. We believe that good works are the result of faith, and not of necessity: that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God.—Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire: wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them. Matthew 7:19-20.

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.

Article 14.—JUDGMENT DAY. We believe in one general Judgment Day. Hebrews 9:27 "Because He hath appointed a day, in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained." Acts 17:31 "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 25:31-32. We believe that the tribulation precedes the Judgment of both righteous and sinners. Matthew 24:21-31, 2 Peter 2:10-13, 2 Thes. 2:6-9, Rev. 21:1-6, Rev. 19:6-9.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Session 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. No member is to speak more than five minutes 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 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 Baptist 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 with all privileges of visiting brethren, as provided by Article 2.

ARTICLE 5. This Conference shall meet on Saturday before each fifth Sunday and in connection with the yearly Association, with some church in the Association, previously agreed upon, or at the call of the moderator; provided that more than one session may not be held with any church during the same conference year.

ARTICLE 6. The moderator is empowered and it is his duty, to call an extra session of the Conference upon the petition of the members of this conference; provided however, that said petition is properly signed by seven members, three of whom shall be ordained ministers.

ARTICLE 7. The Conference, upon being organized each year, shall proceed to elect an ordaining council, composed of five regularly ordained ministers; all having been ordained at least two years; and one or more shall have served one or more years on ordaining council, and one of the senior members shall be the chairman of council thus constituted. It shall be their duty to examine candidates, grant licenses and conduct ordinations.

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

ARTICLE 9. All applicants for license to preach shall present to the Conference a letter of recommendation from a Free Will Baptist church to which he belongs. It must be properly signed by his pastor, deacons and clerk. After due inquiry and prayerful consideration, and after examination by the ordaining council, as to gifts, qualifications, and to the Divine call; said applicant shall be granted a license to preach the gospel for the period of one year; provided however, he may have said license renewed at the expiration of the year, from time to time. All applicants for license and ministers from sister Free Will Baptist Conferences shall be received under watchcare for three months. They are to be investigated by the committee of investigation. All applicants for license and ordination, after being passed by the committee of investigation, shall be examined privately by the ordaining council.

ARTICLE 10. All licensed preachers are required to preach twenty-four sermons each year; and at least fifty sermons before he can succeed to ordination; provided however, he cannot be ordained until he has proven himself faithful and successful in the gospel ministry for a period of at least one year. If any shall fail to do so because of negligence, he shall be entitled to a seat in the Conference only as a visiting minister.

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

The above requirements shall not apply to ministers who have passed sixty years of age or to any minister who is rendered unable to conform to the above rules by disease or continued sickness of himself or his family.

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

ARTICLE 12. Each member shall report at each regular meeting either in person or by letter. Any minister being absent from two sessions of Conference in succession, shall stand charged with delinquency, and shall be deprived of his vote on any question until his disability is removed by a vote of the conference. However, if the delinquent Brother offers satisfactory excuse for his absence, his disability may be removed by a majority vote of the conference. Any minister who does not report to the Conference either in person or by letter, for one year, shall be dropped from the roll and his credentials called for.

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

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

No member shall meddle with the work of another or injure his reputation for usefulness, but watch over each other in love, and thus promote harmony and love among the membership.

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

ARTICLE 16. No member shall serve as a pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, care for its pastor, and contribute to other benevolent enterprises according to its ability.

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

ARTICLE 18. Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contributions or by assessment 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 & Meeting Days	No. Baptized	Added Otherwise	Excluded	Dismissed	Deaths	Total Members	No. in S.S.	Times Pastor Present	No. in Ladies Auxiliary	No. in C.T.S.	Comm. & F.W.	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid For Revivals	Paid For Children's Home	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Disabled Minister's Fund	Poor & Sick	Value Church Property	Improvements Church Property	Assoc. Fund	Clerk & Mod.
Big Creek, Full.....	7	3	0	0	2	127	85	All	20	0	2	\$30	\$6875.00	—	—	\$ 311.48	\$ 165.00	\$400.00	\$2837.00	\$150,000	\$ 500.00	\$25	\$ 5
Borings Chpl, Full....	0	1	0	1	1	39	38	All	0	0	2	\$20	\$2200.30	\$200.00	\$ 30.00	0	0	\$25.00	\$1190.94	\$ 30,000	\$ 4,000.00	\$45	\$10
Brummitts Ck., Full...	3	0	0	0	1	75	65	All	0	0	1	\$15	\$3356.00	\$300.00	0	0	\$1104.40	\$240.00	\$1185.00	\$ 80,000	\$ 3,264.00	\$35	\$10
Burbank, Full	9	10	0	0	4	217	150	All	23	67	3	\$20	\$9100.00	—	\$ 200.00	\$ 623.99	\$ 600.00	\$260.00	\$1591.83	\$145,800	\$13,673.60	\$10	\$10
Covey Rock, Full	10	13	0	0	0	179	116	All	—	—	1	\$20	\$7975.00	\$642.86	\$ 50.00	—	\$ 153.75	\$ 85.00	\$ 649.27	\$ 88,000	\$ 1,000.00	\$25	\$ 5
Crabtree, Full	5	4	0	0	3	68	45	All	22	—	4	\$15	\$3750.00	\$800.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 300.00	\$200.00	\$1545.06	—	—	\$30	\$10
Davistown, Full	3	4	0	4	0	60	45	All	11	—	4	\$15	\$7245.28	\$456.00	—	—	\$ 75.00	—	\$ 530.00	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,808.93	\$25	\$10
Higgins, Full	5	7	0	0	1	80	54	49	—	—	3	\$10	\$2550.00	\$494.76	\$ 380.00	—	—	\$ 60.00	\$1125.59	\$ 30,000	\$ 1,219.94	\$10	\$ 5
Hillcrest, Full	2	4	0	3	0	110	52	All	10	0	1	\$15	\$5200.00	—	\$ 50.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 685.25	\$ 25.00	\$ 551.30	\$100,000	\$ 4,338.00	\$25	\$15
Liberty, Full	1	1	0	3	1	72	45	All	15	18	0	\$10	\$7415.00	\$150.00	0	0	\$ 646.86	\$ 10.00	\$ 346.75	\$150,000	\$ 5,000.00	\$10	0
Liberty Chapel, 1-3..	0	0	0	3	1	44	50	—	10	2	15	\$2967.97	\$267.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 75,000	\$ 175.75	\$10	\$20
Locust Gap, Full	2	3	0	2	1	96	61	All	22	1	\$ 5	\$4700.00	0	\$ 500.00	0	0	\$ 468.95	\$100.00	\$1164.59	\$ 60,000	\$ 4,500.00	\$10	\$ 5
Low Gap, Full	6	1	0	2	5	80	75	All	0	0	3	\$20	\$6400.00	\$450.00	0	\$1212.25	\$1100.00	0	\$1200.00	\$ 60,000	\$ 2,000.00	\$30	\$ 5
Middle Creek, Full...	1	1	0	0	2	78	72	All	12	32	4	\$20	\$3860.00	\$322.50	\$ 680.00	\$ 75.00	\$1019.00	\$360.00	\$ 657.00	\$ 90,000	\$ 2,800.00	\$35	\$10
Nix Creek, Full.....	0	0	0	0	0	75	42	All	0	0	1	\$15	\$ 805.54	\$200.00	\$ 150.00	0	\$ 420.00	\$ 10.00	\$1588.53	\$ 36,500	\$ 2,000.00	\$15	\$ 5
North Bend, Full.....	4	2	0	1	0	86	95	All	20	25	4	\$25	\$4025.00	\$526.58	\$ 200.00	0	\$ 600.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 707.52	\$ 40,000	—	\$30	\$10
Pathway, Full	10	14	0	0	1	49	75	All	0	18	4	\$15	\$4925.00	\$464.36	\$ 189.20	0	0	\$ 50.00	\$ 523.00	\$ 49,000	\$ 1,000.00	\$10	\$ 5
Pensacola, Full	9	10	0	0	0	68	65	All	0	0	2	\$15	\$5158.48	\$200.00	0	0	\$ 314.07	\$100.00	\$ 934.00	\$ 60,000	\$ 6,000.00	\$15	\$10
Peterson's Ch., Full..	3	4	2	0	0	74	70	All	11	0	1	\$15	\$2776.70	—	0	0	\$ 340.00	0	\$ 751.00	\$ 11,756	\$ 1,756.56	\$15	\$10
Pilgrim's Ch., Full...	0	0	0	0	0	25	20	All	0	0	1	\$ 5	\$1575.00	\$356.00	0	0	—	\$ 140.36	\$ 12,000	0	\$ 50.00	—	\$ 5
Piney Grove, Full....	2	7	0	0	0	112	97	All	0	0	1	\$30	\$8320.00	—	\$ 328.58	—	\$ 897.56	\$310.00	\$1105.57	—	\$ 1,604.48	\$25	\$ 5
Southside, Full	16	8	0	0	2	231	195	All	—	—	4	\$35	\$9550.00	\$839.00	\$ 553.27	—	\$ 593.46	\$ 50.00	\$6564.64	\$200,000	\$ 775.00	\$25	\$25
Sunset, Full	1	7	0	0	0	112	75	All	—	35	4	\$10	\$5400.00	\$527.90	\$1177.94	—	\$ 300.00	\$ 25.00	\$1450.00	\$113,000	\$ 3,500.00	\$15	\$ 5
Union Hill, Full	7	13	—	—	1	96	30	All	—	2	10	\$2885.00	\$450.00	\$ 50.00	—	—	—	\$ 308.82	\$ 50,000	\$ 2,401.55	\$10	\$ 5	
Unaka Springs, Full..	0	1	0	0	1	68	51	All	—	0	2	\$20	\$3820.98	0	\$ 217.50	0	\$ 300.00	0	\$ 626.65	\$ 26,700	0	\$25	\$ 5
Vale, —	0	0	0	0	0	50	20	0	—	—	0	\$10	0	0	—	—	—	—	\$ 30,000	\$ 50.00	—	\$ 5	
Valley Forge, Full...	5	11	0	0	1	281	166	All	10	57	4	\$40	\$9200.00	\$542.00	\$1462.25	\$2468.40	\$2985.58	\$ 20.00	\$3138.16	\$202,626	\$ 2,626.16	\$25	\$10
Woodby Hill, Full	0	0	1	0	1	120	81	All	24	41	2	\$20	\$5350.00	—	\$1324.28	\$ 585.12	\$ 498.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 621.13	\$ 34,000	\$ 2,000.00	\$15	\$ 5
Young's Chp., Full...	4	5	0	1	0	181	90	All	15	14	4	\$25	\$4800.00	\$415.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 635.00	\$1100.00	\$230.00	\$ 556.00	\$ 47,000	\$ 1,094.00	\$30	\$15
Monthly Mission Fund: Young's Chapel																							\$50.00

Notes

