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# 1984-85 MINUTES

OF THE

## JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT

VALLEY FORGE F. W. B. CHURCH

ELIZABETHTON, TENN.

AUGUST 9-11, 1984

### OFFICERS

Rev. Bruce Fender ..... Moderator

Rev. Richmond Barnett ..... Assistant Moderator

Rev. Ullis Miller ..... Clerk

Rev. Jonas Revis ..... Assistant Clerk

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### NEXT SESSION

The next session will be held with North Bend  
F. W. B. Church August 8-11, 1985 (Thursday before  
second Sunday in August at 10:30 a.m.)

Rev. Ronnie Peterson will preach the introductory  
message. Rev. Arnold Wilson will be his alternate.

# OFFICERS OF THE JACK'S CREEK F.W.B. ASSOCIATION and MINISTER'S CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR.....	Rev. Bruce Fender
ASSISTANT MODERATOR.....	Rev. Richmond Barnett
CLERK.....	Rev. Ulis Miller
ASSISTANT CLERK.....	Rev. Jonas Revis
TREASURER—Disabled Minister's Fund.....	Rev. Jonas Revis
ASS'T. TREASURER—Disabled Minister's Fund...	Rev. Stanley McMahan
TREASURER—Home Missions.....	Rev. Frank Cable
TREASURER—Foreign Missions.....	Rev. Jerome Honeycutt
INVESTIGATION OF ASSOCIATION: Rev. Bernie Jones, Rev. Carmi Price, Rev. Marvin Hensley, Rev. Bobby Revis, Rev. Charlie Trivett and Rev. Stanley McMahan, alternate.	
INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE OF DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND: Tennessee: Rev. Charlie Trivett, Verno Davis, Bill Greer, Norman Loveless and Rickey Pate, alt. North Carolina: Rev. J. C. Sheets, Rev. Leonard Shehan, Rev. Steve Beam and Rev. Clyde Fender, alternate.	
TREASURER—Orphanage Fund.....	Rev. Troy McCourry
BOARD OF DIRECTORS—Disabled Minister's Fund: Chairman, Rev. J. D. Price; Rev. Richmond Barnett, Rev. Ulis Miller, Clay Fender and Jess Troutman.	
CLERK OF BURIAL FUND.....	Rev. Bobby Revis

## MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

CLERK.....	Rev. Ulis Miller
ASSISTANT CLERK.....	Rev. Troy McCourry
ORDAINING COUNCIL: Chairman, Rev. Troy McCourry; J. D. Price, Richmond Barnett, Leonard Shehan, Bruce Fender and Marvin Hensley, alternate.	
COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION: Tennessee: Chairman, Rev. Bill Greer; Roscoe Higgins, Dallas Gregg and Charlie Trivett, alternate. North Carolina: Chairman, Jerome Honeycutt; John L. Stockton, J. C. Sheets and Jack Silvers, alternate.	

# PROCEEDINGS

Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association met with the Valley Forge F.W.B. Church August 9, 1984 at 10:30 a.m. in its 89th Annual Session.

The pastor, Rev. Leon Gibson, extended a hearty welcome to the Association. "Victory In Jesus" was sung by the congregation. Prayer was by Bro. Ronnie Peterson. Bro. Jerome Honeycutt read a card of thanks from the family of Bro. Cecil J. Higgins, Sis. Annetta Carr sang two solos. Bro. J. D. Price preached the introductory message, reading Romans, chapter 10, verses 8-15; his subject was "How Shall They Preach Except They Be Sent." Bro. Arnold Wilson dismissed with prayer.

## Thursday Afternoon Session

Convened at 1:30 p.m.

Congregation sang "He Hideth My Soul."

Devotions were by Bro. Rickey Pate; he used St. Luke 5:31.

Prayer by Bro. Carmi Price.

Moderator Bro. Ronnie Peterson called the session to order and read the rules of decorum.

Church letters were read by the clerk and delegates seated as follows:

**BIG CREEK:** Sisters Amelia Hoilman, Frankie Murphy, Priscilla Honeycutt; Bros. Alvin Murphy and Jody Cox.

**BORINGS CHAPEL:** Bros. Joe Silvers and Glenn Bailey; Sisters Lois Silvers, Betty Silvers and Norman Jean Silvers.

**BRUMMITT'S CREEK:** Bros. David Bennett and Charlie Byrd; Sister Bertha Byrd.

**BURBANK:** Bros. Marshal Stockton, Jess Troutman and Crawford Barnett.

**COVEY ROCK:** Bro. Buck Laws; Sisters Becky Pate, Marie Laws and Elsie Shehan.

**CRAB TREE:** Sisters Virginia Honeycutt, Ruby Whitehead, Mary Bell Lyons and Helen Hughes; Bros. Dayton Greene and Bill Lyons.

**DAVISTOWN:** Bros. Hugh Dalton, Emery Vess, Bill McPeters and Perry Moore; Sisters Diantha McPeters, Shirley Peterson and Violet Moore.

**HIGGINS:** Sisters Mozelle Webb, Debbie Wheeler and Wendy Wheeler; Bros. Earmel Wheeler, Jason Wheeler and Lewis Webb.

**HILLCREST:** Bros. Bobby Revis, Bob Fairchild, C. W. Smith, Garret Fender and Toney Fender; Sisters Lilly Wiggins, Lola Fender and Naomi Revis.

**LIBERTY:** Bros. Bobby Cable, Lloyd Allison; Sisters Helen Cable, Grace Allison and Mona Lea Boone.

**LIBERTY CHAPEL:** Sisters Alice Woody and Viola Miller.

**LOW GAP:** Bro. L. J. Hiatt; Sisters Nell Hiatt, Ada Ray, Thelma Riddle.

**LOCUST GAP:** Sisters Ruth Phillips, Nell Arnold and Blanche Dunn.

**MIDDLE DISTRICT:** Deacons Roger Laws, Charles Mosley and Acres Ledford; Delegates Bros. Charles Street and Jess Frye.

**NORTH BEND:** Bros. Tommy Hensley, Rodney Deyton, Junior Street and Stacey Briggs; Sisters Pansey Hensley, Debbie Deyton, Sally Price, Patsy Street and Karen McCourry.

**NIX CREEK:** Bros. Danny Elliott, Marion Elliott and Walter Woodard; Sisters Margie Elliott and Mae Woodard.

**PATHWAY:** Bro. Ernest Webb; Sisters Ethel Webb and Donna Stamper.

**PILGRIM'S CHAPEL:** By letter.

**PENSACOLA:** Bros. Ralph Anglin, Vaughn McMahan and Roger Ray.

**PETERSON CHAPEL:** Bros. Reese Edwards and Randy Laws.

**PINEY GROVE:** Bros. Fred Simerly, Dennis Clark, Joe Arnett and Junior Chambers; Sisters Carolyn Chambers and Patsy McKinney.

**PINEY HILL:** Bros. Burnice Bradford and James Ledford.

**SOUTHSIDE:** Bros. David Pauley, Phill Miller, Jim Lafollette, Kenney Higgins, Jeff Bennett, Russell Whitson, Stanley Edwards, Blaine Stockton, Edwin Hensley, John Bryant, Darrell Edwards, Gregg Simmons and Randy Higgins; Sisters Sue Pauley, Ira Miller, Cordella Whitson, Amalee Garland, Wilma Stockton, Bell Hensley, Marilyn Hensley and Betty Bryant.

**SUNSET:** By letter.

**UNAKA SPRINGS:** Bro. Clifford Miller; Sisters Birdie Griffith and Pearl Casey.

**UNION HILL:** Bro. Lester Miller; Sisters Missey Miller and Michella Miller.

**VALLEY FORGE:** Bros. Doyle Vaughn, Howard Dugger, Walter Creasey and Phillip Suess; Sister Mildred Vaughn.

**VALE:** Bro. and Sister Clarence Benfield; Sister Trice.

**WOODBY HILL:** Bros. Arnold McKinney, Carmon Simerly; Sisters Emily Barnett and June McKinney.

**YOUNGS CHAPEL:** Bro. Clay Fender; Sisters Lila Fender, Nell Fortner.

**ZION ROAD:** Bro. James Day; Sisters Violet Willix, Carol Willix, Johnney Henson and Brenda Byrd.

The following visiting ministers were welcomed: Bro. James Raper, F.W.B. Children's Home; Bro. Bobby Cable, Foot Hills Association; Bro. Leon Gibson, Waynesburg Association.

Officers were elected as follows:

**MODERATOR**..... Rev. Bruce Fender

**ASSISTANT MODERATOR**..... Rev. Richmond Barnett

**CLERK**..... Rev. Ulis Miller

**ASSISTANT CLERK**..... Rev. Jonas Revis

**TREASURER—Disabled Minister's Fund**..... Rev. Jonas Revis

**ASSISTANT TREASURER**..... Rev. Stanley McMahan

**TREASURER—Home Missions**..... Rev. Frank Cable

**TREASURER—Foreign Missions**..... Rev. Jerome Honeycutt

**TREASURER—Orphanage**..... Rev. Troy McCourry

**ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:**

Rev. Bernie Jones, Rev. Carmi Price, Rev. Marvin Hensley, Rev. Bobby Revis, Rev. Charlie Trivett and Rev. Stanley McMahan, alternate.

**INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE—Disabled Minister's Fund:**

Tennessee: Rev. Charlie Trivett, Rev. Verno Davis, Rev. Bill Greer, Rev. Norman Loveless and Rev. Rickey Pate, alternate.

North Carolina: Rev. J. C. Sheets, Rev. Leonard Shehan, Rev. Steve Beam and Rev. Clyde Fender, alternate.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS—Disabled Minister's Fund:**

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



**CLERK FOR BURIAL FUND.....Rev. Bobby Revis**

Committees were appointed as follows:

**CHURCHES, PASTORS AND DEACONS:**

Rev. Ronnie Peterson, Garrett Fender and Russell Whitson.

**C.T.S.:**

Rev. Bobby Revis; Sisters Lela Fender and Pat Ray.

**EDUCATION:**

Rev. Blain Whitson; Sisters Nell Hiatt and Jonas Revis.

**DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND:**

Rev. Arnold Wilson, Toney Fender and Lloyd Allison.

**HOME MISSIONS:**

Rev. Leon Gibson, Kenny Higgins and Perry Moore.

**FOREIGN MISSIONS:**

Rev. Jerome Honeycutt.

**LADIES' AUXILIARY:**

Rev. Bill Greer, Ramona Cox and Mildred Vaughn.

**SESSIONS:**

Rev. Clyde Fender, Jess Frye, Dannie Elliot and Sister Ada Ray.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Rev. Stanley McMahan, Bill McPeters and Junior Street.

**CHILDREN'S HOME:**

Rev. Earl Raper. (Bro. Raper gave his report and spoke on the needs of the children's home in Thursday's session because he could not be present for the Friday session.)

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS:**

Rev. Steve Beam, David Bennett and Sister Diantha McPeters.

Business session adjourned until Friday at 9:30 a.m. with prayer by Rev. Bobby Revis.

### **Thursday Night Service**

Met at 7:00 p.m. for worship service. Valley Forge Youth Choir was in charge of the singing. Prayer by Rev. Harry Mintz. Rev. Bill Greer preached, reading Acts, chapter 1, verses 4-9; his subject was "The Anointing of the Holy Spirit." Rev. Greer preached a good message. An altar call was given with several responding. The service closed with a handshake and a wonderful spirit.

### **Friday Morning Session**

Convened at 9:30 a.m. for business. The congregation sang "I Have Somebody With Me Every Day." Prayer by Rev. Don Sexton. Sister Anneta Carr sang a solo. The body was called to order by the moderator and the rules of decorum were read. Letters from the churches that were not present at Thursday's session were read. Zion Road F.W.B. Church was received in full fellowship.

The following visiting ministers were welcomed: Rev. Rex Johnson, Toe River Association; Rev. Ralph Phillips, Independent; Rev. Don Sexton.

The following committee reports were received and accepted as read:

### **Church Training Service**

We need to use this time to do just what it says to do—TRAIN: Our people need to be trained. We go to school to train for a vocation in life. We exercise or train our bodies to be strong physically. We practice or train

ourselves to speak to people in order to be accepted in life. Why not train our people spiritually?

Luke 2:52 says, And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

So Jesus grew in knowledge (wisdom)

He grew physically (stature)

He grew socially (with man)

He grew spiritually (with God)

This last one is being neglected in this age and is the most important.

Rev. Bobby Revis, Bro. C. W. Smith, Sisters Pat Ray and Lila Fender

## **Education**

To educate you must teach, instruct, or give directions. We have a great deal of responsibility to do all of these, to help others learn about Christ. Our churches must see that our teachers have knowledge in the Bible, but most important that they be taught by God through the Holy Spirit.

“For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. Then shalt thou understand righteousness and judgement and equity; yea every good path. Prov. 2:6-9. Let us all be led by God in our instructing of others and seek God’s wisdom in all we do.

We fully promote Sunday schools and church training. We also endorse our Bible College and encourage our churches to support it through prayer and financial support.

Rev. Blaine Whitson, Sisters Nell Hiott and Jonas Revis

## **Disabled Minister's Fund**

We, your Committee on Disabled Minister’s Fund recommend that our churches should support this as much as possible. We feel that this is a worthy cause and that the ministers of our association should be helped by the churches in the time of sickness and disability.

Rev. Arnold Wilson, Bros. Lloyd Allison and Toney Fender

Adjourned for preaching at 11:00 a.m.

## **Friday Morning Service**

Choir sang “Amazing Grace.” Sister Pat Ray sang a solo. Rev. Leon Gibson preached; he read Matt. 9:31, Jude 20 and I John 4:17 The service closed with prayer by Rev. Ulis Miller.

## **Friday Evening Session**

Congregation sang “Let My Life Be A Light.” The body was called to order by the moderator.

The following committee reports were received and accepted as read:

## **Foreign Missions**

The Bible is a Mission Book, from Genesis to Revelation God’s concern is for lost, fallen mankind. God has chosen out a people for his Name. The Commission to the Church in this age of Grace is all inclusive; all people of all races in every land are to hear the good news of Christ’s redemptive work. Individual believers, local Churches and Associations all share in the privileged responsibility of the proclamation of their gospel to the ends of the earth.

Bro. Jerome Honeycutt spoke about the financial condition of the fund. The Association voted to send Bro. Eddie Payne \$1,000.00 from the regular fund. All churches were encouraged to send their pledges and donations for Eddie Payne to Bro. Jerome Honeycutt.

Rev. Jerome Honeycutt

### **Home Missions**

We recommend the following scripture for your consideration: Acts 16:9, And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

We also recommend the Association supply the smaller churches with extra money until such a time as they can afford a fulltime minister.

Rev. Leon Gibson, Kenney Higgins and Perry Moore

### **Ladies' Auxiliary**

We recommend that each church have a ladies' auxiliary and each lady of our churches take an active part.

Through this auxiliary we desire to be like Dorcas in Acts 9:36 in love and service to our church and community, in contributing to our Children's Home, missions, the sick and needy remembering that, "Faith without works is dead." James 2:17.

Rev. Richmond Barnett, Sisters Mildred Vaughn and Ramona Cox

### **Sessions**

The Ministers' Conferences will meet at the following time and places:  
Sept. 29, 1983 at Hillcrest F.W.B. Church at 9:30 a.m. Bro. Jonas Revis will preach at 11:00 a.m. Bro. Ulis Miller, alt.

Dec. 29, 1984 at Big Creek F.W.B. Church at 9:30 a.m. Bro. Clyde Fender will preach at 11:00 a.m. Bro. Stanley McMahan, alt.

March 30, 1985 at Low Gap F.W.B. Church at 9:30 a.m. Bro. Blaine Whitson will preach at 11:00 a.m. Bro. Jack Silvers, alt.

The Association will meet at North Bend F.W.B. Church Aug. 8, 9 & 10, 1985 at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Ronnie Peterson will preach the introductory message. Bro. Arnold Wilson, alt.

Rev. Clyde Fender, Danny Elliott, Jesse Frye and Sister Ada Ray

### **Churches, Pastors and Deacons**

We feel it takes all of us working together in love and unity for the cause of Christ to truly have an effect on a lost and dying world. For our scripture we recommend Eph. 4:11-16.

Rev. Ronnie Peterson, Garrett Fender and Russell Whitson

### **Resolutions**

We make a motion that the following resolution be accepted:

This committee will be known as the "Rules Committee." It shall consist of five men: three deacons and two pastors. None on this committee shall belong to or attend the same church. All motions to make new, or change existing rules or by-laws, shall be given to said committee in writing and signed. The committee will consider the motion, then, upon its decision bring the motion to the floor for explanation in detail. This body shall then vote on the motion as they may choose. However, if the committee cannot agree that the motion should be presented to the body the motion will then be dead.

Rev. Stanley McMahan, Bill McPeters and Junior Street

The above motion was seconded and passed by a standing vote; no one stood as opposing.

The following men were appointed to serve on the committee: Rev. Troy McCourry, chairman; Rev. Leonard Shehan, Bro. Lloyd Allison, Bro. Ben Johnson, Bro. Dean Oxendine.

Rev. Charlie Trivett spoke on the subject of insurance for ministers that did not have a group plan coverage other than the plan now being carried by a small group of ministers through the Ministers' Conference. It is a good plan but due to the fact it is such a small group it makes the premium extremely high. There is no provision through the churches to help bear the cost; it is putting a great burden on the pastors to have to pay it alone. All delegates were asked to return to their churches and explain the situation to them and ask for help for their pastors.

It was requested that each church prayerfully consider the need for their pastor to be covered by this insurance and help pay their premium.

Rev. Blaine Whitson discussed the cost of having the revised treatise printed; it was voted to borrow the money from the home missions fund and repay it when the treatise were sold.

The Association then adjourned until appointed time and place with congregational singing and a fellowship handshake. Prayer by Rev. Arnold Wilson.

The following financial reports were submitted:

Minute Fund.....	\$ 565.00
Clerk and Moderator Fund.....	\$ 260.00
Host Church Donation.....	\$ 760.00
Children's Home (at Association).....	\$1,857.00

### Friday Night Service

Met at 7:00 p.m. for worship service. Singing by Valley Forge Church Choir. Special singing by Linda Wiseman, Bro. Ben Johnson and Phillip Suess. Prayer by Bro. Jonas Revis. Bro. Bobby Revis preached using for his scripture reading Deut. 8 and Matt. 4:4. Dismissed by prayer.

## FUNDS REPORTS

### Ladies' Auxiliary

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	\$ 466.02
Receipts:	
Sale of Cookbooks .....	\$ 398.00
Offering Middle District.....	80.00
Offering Zion Road.....	78.00
Dues .....	75.00
Interest Received .....	40.55
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	671.55
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR.....	\$ 1,137.57
Disbursements:	
Bank Charge .....	\$ 6.00
Children's Home.....	75.00
F.M. 20/20.....	20.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	101.00
ENDING BALANCE 8/10/84.....	\$ 1,036.57

### Disabled Minister's Fund

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	\$66,525.25
Receipts for the year:	
Minister's Conference .....	\$ 2,623.00
Association .....	1,412.42
Burial Fund.....	1,470.00
Interest Earned .....	8,452.18
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	13,957.60
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR.....	\$80,482.85
Disbursements:	
Miscellaneous .....	\$ 223.22
Rev. Cecil Higgins.....	1,250.00
Rev. Richmond Barnett.....	600.00
Rev. Arnold Wilson.....	600.00
Rev. Elzie Robinson.....	600.00
Rev. Roy Lee Rose.....	300.00
Rev. Carmie Price.....	300.00
Rev. James Ledford.....	300.00
Rev. Jack Silvers.....	300.00
Rev. Bruce Fender.....	300.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	4,773.22
ENDING BALANCE 8/10/84.....	\$75,708.63

### Orphanage

#### North Carolina:

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	\$ 7,407.56
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	740.75
ENDING BALANCE 8/10/84.....	\$ 8,148.31



## Foreign Missions

BEGINNING BALANCE.....		\$ 4,367.31
Receipts:		
Burbank .....	\$ 600.00	
Crab Tree .....	300.00	
Davis Town .....	300.00	
Hillcrest .....	420.00	
Liberty Chapel .....	30.00	
Middle District .....	360.00	
Nix Creek .....	420.00	
North Bend .....	600.00	
Pensacola .....	289.04	
Petersons Chapel .....	295.00	
Sunset .....	650.00	
Union Hill .....	25.00	
Woodby Hill .....	300.00	
Youngs Chapel .....	600.00	
Rev. James Ledford .....	5.00	
Rev. Mark Street .....	1.00	
Rev. Verno Davis .....	3.00	
Interest earned .....	267.60	
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....		<u>5,465.64</u>
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR.....		\$ 9,832.95
Disbursements, Eddie Payne Acct. ....		5,000.00
		<u>4,832.95</u>
Received from Covey Rock Church .....		225.00
ENDING BALANCE 8/10/84.....		<u>\$ 5,057.95</u>

## Home Missions

BEGINNING BALANCE 8/10/84.....		\$ 1,242.49
Receipts:		
Interest .....	\$ 52.67	
Association .....	55.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....		<u>107.67</u>
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR.....		\$ 1,350.16
Disbursements:		
Tim Thompson .....	\$ 300.00	
Intangibles Tax .....	1.11	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....		<u>301.11</u>
ENDING BALANCE 8/10/84.....		<u>\$ 1,049.05</u>

Treasurer: Rev. Frank E. Cable

## — OBITUARIES —

**DENNIS KING**—Departed this life Jan. 28, 1984 at the age of 57. He was a member of North Bend F.W.B. Church. He is missed by his family and friends. We hope to meet him again some day. "Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."—I Cor. 13:7.

**MARY LEE BEAM**—Born August 11, 1928, departed this life February 15, 1984. She leaves behind, her husband, Howard, 2 sisters, 1 brother, 1 son, 1 grandson, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

She was a faithful and devoted member of North Bend Free Will Baptist Church. She was an inspiration to her church, her family and her community. Mary is remembered for the compassion that she showed for the people she loved. We cannot bring her back but we can go to be with her.

Neice

**IKE WHITSON**—Born May 19, 1887, departed this life March 28, 1984 at the age of 96. He leaves behind, 1 brother, 2 daughters, 1 son, 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

He was a member of North Bend Free Will Baptist Church. Ike was loved by all who knew him. He is greatly missed by family and friends.

Granddaughter

**ARTHUR STREET**—Arthur Street was born Dec. 16, 1920 and departed this life June 12, 1984. He was a lifelong member and deacon of Middle District F.W.B. Church. He is survived by a wife, 1 daughter, 1 son, 8 brothers, and 1 sister. He was devoted to both his church and his country, which he served faithfully in World War II. He was loved by many members of his community and will be greatly missed. His family, while feeling great loss and sorrow at his passing, realize that the love we had for him, and he for us, will continue in eternity. We know our loss is heaven's gain.

**FRANCES STREET**—Frances Street was born April 22, 1900 and went to rest Jan. 9, 1984 after an extended illness. She was a lifelong member of Middle District F.W.B. Church which she attended faithfully until her health made it impossible for her to be there. She was also the wife of a former deacon. She left behind 9 sons, one of whom joined her at rest in June of this same year, 1 daughter, 22 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. She had a host of friends that join the family in mourning her passing. The pain the family feels is somewhat eased by the thought that she has at last joined the husband she loved and missed so very much. In memory of her, we, the family, would like to say:

As a rose, you blossomed but for a while

But kept faith until the end

We fervently pray that we have that same faith

So that we'll meet again.

Now the wheel is missing some vital spokes

But God will keep us strong

Until that day we all shall be

Rejoined round heaven's throne.

So we'll remain until God wills

And think of you with love

So when the final trump shall sound

We'll spend eternity together above.

**JOHN G. GREER**—Born November 2, 1891, departed this life September 8, 1983. He was a member of Burbank F.W.B. Church where he served as a deacon for many years. His testimony was an inspiration to the church, and anyone who knew "Uncle John" could see and feel the spirit of God in him. There will always be an empty place in our hearts but we will meet again in a better land. He leaves one daughter, three sons and a host of friends. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

**VERNON LeROY CRAIN**—Born January 28, 1936, departed this life December 14, 1983. He was a member of Burbank F.W.B. Church where he directed both the Adult and Junior Choirs and sang in the church quartet for a number of years. His devotion and faithfulness will long be remembered by the church. The church suffered a great loss when he was called home. Our loss is Heaven's gain. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, his mother, two sisters, two brothers, and many, many friends.

**BILL CRAIN**—Born December 10, 1930, departed this life May 1, 1984. He was a member of Burbank F.W.B. Church. He is survived by one son, two daughters, his mother, two sisters and two brothers. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

**POLLY H. THOMPSON**—Born July 26, 1899, departed this life April 8, 1984. She was a member of Burbank F.W.B. Church. She was devoted to her church as long as she was able to attend. She is missed by all who knew her and we expect to meet again to part no more. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and many friends.

**LUCY MILLER**—Born August 11, 1923, departed this life December 14, 1983. She was a member of Burbank F.W.B. Church. She had a wonderful testimony for the Lord which we will always remember. She is survived by her husband, four daughters and many friends.

**WILLIAM B. HUGHES**—Born July 14, 1906, departed this life June 14, 1984 after an extended illness. He was a member of Burbank F.W.B. Church. He testified to everyone of his love for the Lord. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, three sons and many friends.

**CORA GARLAND**—Born January 20, 1893, departed this life January 11, 1984 at age 91. She is survived by 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She was a member of Peterson Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. She is greatly missed by family and friends but we know that our loss is surely Heaven's gain. The wisdom of this great lady has touched the lives of so many people as she taught the ways of the Lord. She will live on in our memory because of the beautiful testimony she leaves with us. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

**BAXTER BENNETT** passed away April 11, 1984 at age 84. He was a deacon of Brummitts Creek Free Will Baptist Church for over 40 years. He loved his church and was faithful in his attendance, support and prayers as long as his health permitted. He leaves his wife, 3 children, 6 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren who miss him very much. He is sadly missed by his neighbors and friends, and all who knew him will always remember him. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

**PIERCIE GRINDSTAFF** departed this life July 7, 1984 at the age of 74. He was a member of Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church and is survived by his wife, two daughters and two grandchildren. He left a wonderful testimony to his family and is sadly missed by his many friends and neighbors, and his church.

**TANTHA B. LEDFORD**—Age 83, departed this life Feb. 10, 1984. Born June 30, 1900. She was born and raised in Mitchell County, NC. A member of Middle District F.W.B. Church, she had been in bad health for several years. She is survived by 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was a devoted Christian mother and is greatly missed by her family and friends.

We miss you mom! Our hearts are sad. But that joyous reunion with Dad, to walk down streets of gold; to rest forever without sorrow and pain; we'll meet again Mom, at God's great throne.

By—Tantha's daughter, Mr. & Mrs. George Yelton, and Ledford family.

KATHRYN PENLAND—God called her home to rest in May of 1984. She was a faithful member of Low Gap F.W.B. Church as long as her health would permit. She was an inspiration to all who waited upon her and visited her during her years of confinement.

The grinding that would wear away to nothing, a lesser stone, merely serves to give luster to a diamond and truly a light she was.

Low Gap F.W.B. Church

RAYMOND WILSON—Died June 26, 1984 at the age of 71 years. He was a member of Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church. We know he is free from pain and is at rest with our Lord. We miss him now, but we will see him again in Heaven.

The Family

NETTIE ADKINS—Died July 9, 1984 at the age of 72 years. She was a member of Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church from an early age and was faithful to the church as long as she was able to attend. She is gone but not forgotten.

The Family

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	ADDRESS
Big Creek .....	Ulis Miller	Nancy Adkins .....	Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N. C.
Borings Chapel .....	Jack Silvers	Donna Woodby .....	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Brummitts Creek .....	Steve Beam	Star Bennett .....	Rt. 2, Bakersville, N. C.
Burbank .....	Rex Johnson	Tom Jarrett .....	Rt. 1, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Covey Rock .....	Leonard Shehan	Fate Dayton .....	Green Mountain, N. C.
Crabtree .....	Carmi Price	Mary Bell Lyons .....	Rt. 2, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Davistown .....	J. C. Sheets	Emery Vess .....	50 Cedar Creek Road, Black Mtn., N. C. 28711
Higgins .....		Ira Jean Pate .....	Rt. 4, Burnsville, N. C.
Hillcrest .....	Bobby Revis	Naomi Revis .....	Rt. 1, Box, 439, Marion, N. C.
Liberty .....	Bobby Cable	Bobby Allison .....	Rt. 4, Marion, N. C.
Liberty Chapel .....	Ronnie Carroll	Viola Miller .....	Burnsville, N. C.
Low Gap .....	Stanley McMahan	Nell Hiatt .....	P. O. Box 905, Burnsville, N. C.
Locust Gap .....	Ralph Phillips	Beula Mink .....	Rt. 5, Mountain City, Tenn.
Middle District .....	Ronnie Peterson	James H. Street .....	Rt. 2, Box 203, Bakersville, N. C. 28705
North Bend .....	Jerome Honeycutt	Nora Buchanan .....	Rt. 2, Green Mountain, N. C.
Nix Creek .....	Jesse Rice	Judy Elliott .....	Rt. 2, Box 89, Marion, N. C.
Pathway .....	Johnny Vance	Jimmy Quillen ..	104 Sycamore St., Erwin, Tn. 37650
Pilgrims Chapel .....	Arnold Briggs	Lloyd Dulaney ....	Rt. 2, Box 803, Burnsville, N. C.
Pensacola .....	Arnold Wilson	Terrell Wilson ....	Rt. 6, Box 822, Burnsville, N. C.
Peterson Chapel .....	Russell Hughes	Frances Webb .....	Rt. 1, Box 38, Burnsville, N. C.
Piney Grove .....	Charlie Trivett	Aileen McKinney .....	Hampton, Tenn.
Piney Hill .....	George Woody	James Bradford .....	Burnsville, N. C.
Southside .....	Troy McCourry	Maurice Robinson ....	Rt. 2, Box 210, Erwin Tenn.
Sunset .....	Burnie Jones	Linda Tolley .....	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Unaka Springs .....	Paul Ault	Jerry Broyles .....	Rt. 2, Box 118, Erwin, Tenn.
Union Hill .....	Rickey Pate	Mae Miiller .....	Rt. 1, Box 312, Bakersville, N. C.
Valley Forge .....	Leon B. Gibson	Viola Stevens .....	Rt. 8, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Vale .....	Norman Loveless	Coye Calhoun .....	
Woody Hill .....	Ronda Street	June McKinney ....	Rt. 1, Box 612, Hampton, Tenn.
Youngs Chapel .....	Blaine Whitson	Paul Hardulis .....	Burnsville, N. C.
Zion Road .....	Roger Byrd	Micke Hughes .....	Hickory, N. C.

## MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

### Covey Rock

Jack's Creek F.W.B. Minister's Conference met with Covey Rock F.W.B. Church Oct. 29, 1983 at 9:30 a.m.

Singing by congregation, "Amazing Grace." Pastor, Rev. Leonard Shehan, welcomed the conference. Devotions by Bro. Stanley McMahan. Prayer by Bro. Jerome Honeycutt.

Call to order by Moderator Bro. Billy Styles. Call for fellowship, everyone stood being in fellowship. Rules of decorum read by the moderator. Minutes of last conference read and approved as read. Minister's roll call and absentee letters accepted.

Visiting ministers welcomed: Bro. Roscoe Higgins, Bro. Robert Crawford, Bro. O. C. Daniels, Toe River Association.

Deacons and delegates were seated.

Call for anyone seeking membership. Bro. Roscoe Higgins presented himself and was forwarded to Investigating Committee. Bro. Ralph McKenney was recommended to the Ordaining Council for membership by the Investigating Committee. After talking with the Ordaining Council he withdrew his request for membership.

Bro. Troy McCourry was appointed as alternate to the Ordaining Council until Bro. Cecil Higgins is well.

A motion was passed to give 90-day grace period on burial insurance (90 days from date of association.)

Bro. Carmi Price thanked the Conference for their help and prayers during his sickness.

Appointments for next Conference: Bros. Russel Hughes, John Stockton and Orville Williams for Topic Committee; Moderator: Bro. Carmi Price; Bro. Verno Davis, alt.

\$117.00 was received for lunch money.

Bro. Robert Crawford spoke for the Bible College. Adjourned for preaching at 11:00 a.m.

11:00 o'clock service: The congregating sang "Glory Land Way." Prayer by Bro. Russel Hughes. Message rendered by Bro. Bill Greer, reading John 17:1. Dismissed with handshake and giving of thanks for lunch.

Adjourned until time and place.

Clerk, Ulis Miller

### Brummitts Creek

Jack's Creek F.W.B. Minister's Conference met with Brummitts Creek F.W.B. Church Jan. 23, 1984 at 9:30 a.m.

The congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Pastor Steve Beam welcomed the Conference to Brummitts Creek.

Devotions were given by Bro. Frank Cable. Prayer by Bro. Arnold Wilson. Moderator Bro. Carmi Price called the Conference to order, then read the rules of decorum. Fellowship was called for; all ministers stood.

Minister's roll call was made, deacons and delegates were seated. Visiting ministers were welcomed and seated as follows: Rev. Mark Dainel, Rev. Bob Cable, Rev. Bob Davis and Rev. Rex Johnson.

Call for anyone seeking membership or licenses. Bro. Junior McKinney and Bro. Terry Richardson were presented to the Investigating Committee for licenses; Bro. Roscoe Hughes to the Ordaining Council for membership.

A motion was passed that all applicants for licenses must sign a statement giving the Credit Bureau authority to release information; also to



give good directions to their home to aid the Investigating Committee in locating them. Motion passed giving committee authority to correct previous treatise.

Topic was discussed by Bro. Russell Hughes and Bro. Jerome Honeycutt.

Bro. Rickey Pate appointed for next moderator and Bro. Orphard Hensley, alternate. Bro. Stanley Parkey, Bro. Richmond Barnett and Bro. Bruce Fender were appointed for Topic Committee. The Ordaining Council recommended Bro. Roscoe Higgins be issued an Ordination Certificate by this Conference.

Adjourned by prayer.

Clerk, Ulis Miller

## **Burbank**

Jack's Creek F.W.B. Minister's Conference met with Burbank F.W.B. Church April 28, 1984 at 9:30 a.m.

Bro. Rex Johnson, pastor, welcomed the Conference to Burbank Church. The congregation sang "Victory In Jesus." Devotions, by Bro. Mark Davis; Scripture I Cor. 13. Prayer by Bro. Stanley McMahan.

Called to order by Moderator Bro. Rickey Pate, he then read the rules of decorum. Minister's roll call was made. Every minister stood in fellowship.

Visiting ministers were welcomed as follows: Bro. James Marcum, Appalachian Assoc.; Bro. Rex Johnson, Toe River Assoc.; Bro. Jerry Cannon, Toe River Association.

Deacons and delegates were seated.

Invitation for anyone seeking membership or licenses. Brothers Able Hudgens, Randy Laws and Bernie Bailey came forward and were turned over to the Investigating Committee.

Motion passed to have legal form printed, giving the Investigating Committee authority to investigate anyone seeking licenses or membership.

Motion passed to give the appointed committee authority to have new treatise printed in book form.

Ordaining Council approved Bro. Terry Richardson and Bro. Junior McKinney to be licensed to preach for one year.

Adjourned for preaching at 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Bro. Bill Greer. Testimonial service developed instead of preaching. Prayer by Bro. Frank Woods.

1:30 session: Much time was used discussing the number of times a minister could report by letter. Decision was that the subject be carried forward to later date.

Topic Committee was carried forward to next Conference, to meet with the Association.

Adjourned to time and place. Prayer by Bro. Leonard Shehan.

## **Valley Forge**

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Minister's Conference met with Valley Forge F.W.B. Church Aug. 11, 1984 at 9:30 a.m. in conjunction with the Association. The congregation sang "Some Glad Morning"; pastor, Rev. Leon Gibson, spoke briefly and asked for prayer requests from the audience and altar prayer was led by Bro. Jonas Revis. For devotion, Bro. Leon Gibson read Eph. 6:12.

Conference was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Bruce Fender; rules of decorum were then read. Fellowship was called for, all ministers stood in fellowship. Roll call was made; one minister's name (Bro. Oscar

Hinson who had been absent for four consecutive times) was turned over to the Investigating Committee.

Invitation was given for anyone seeking licenses or ordination and membership. Bro. Richard Bryant asked for a license and was turned over to Investigating Committee. Bro. Mark Street requested his license be renewed for one year, his request was granted. Bro. Roger Byrd for membership and Bro. Ronnie Carrol for ordination; they both were referred to the Investigating Committee.

Investigating Committee report, recommended Bro. Randall Laws and Bro. Russell Bailey to the Ordaining Council for questioning. Bro. Able Hudgins tabled until next Conference.

Ordaining Council report, recommended Bro. Randall Laws for licenses and referred Bro. Russell Bailey back to the Investigating Committee. Bro. Ralph E. Phillips was asked to bring a letter from his church to next Conference for membership. Bro. Mack Davis sent in his credentials.

The following officers were elected for the next year:

Ordaining Council: Chairman, Rev. Troy McCourry; J. D. Price, Richmond Barnett, Leonard Shehan, Bruce Fender, and Marvin Hensley, alt.

Clerk: Rev. Ulis Miller; Rev. Troy McCourry, alternate.

Investigating Committee: Tennessee: Chairman, Rev. Bill Greer; Roscoe Higgins, Dallas Gregg, and Charlie Trivett, alt. North Carolina: Chairman, Rev. Jerome Honeycutt; John L. Stockton, J. C. Sheets, and Jack Silvers, alt.

Moderator next Conference: Rev. Roy Cooper; Verno Davis, alternate.

Topic Committee next Conference: Rev. Frank Cable, Steve Beam and Rodney Deyton.

Topic Committee report given by Bro. Stanley Parkey; subject: "Discipline of Grace"; scripture, Romans 5:12.

An offering was taken to pay Bro. Cecil Higgins and Elzie Robinson's burial insurance; \$150.00 was received.

Motion to adjourn until time and place to meet with Hillcrest F.W.B. Church Sept. 29, 1984 at 9:30 a.m.

Prayer by Bro. Bobby Revis.

Clerk, Ulis Miller

## MINISTER'S ROLL

Ault, Paul, 220 Jersey St., Erwin, Tenn. ....	615-743-9871
Ball, Vestal, 110 Mtn. Drive, Webber City, Va. ....	386-6759
Barnett, Richmond, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn. ....	615-725-2016
Beam, Fred, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 393, Marion, N.C. ....	704-652-4994
Beam, Steven T., Rt. 1, Box 1006, Nebo, N.C. ....	704-652-8430
Byrd, Roger .....	
Cable, Frank, 181 Moffitt Rd., Asheville, N.C. ....	704-298-4702
Carroll, Ronnie, RFD, Burnsville, N.C. ....	704-675-5472
Cline, Flornel, Marion, N.C. ....	704-738-4306
Calbough, Ray, RFD, Elizabethton, Tenn. ....	
Cooper, Roy, Lakeview Dr., Johnson City, Tenn. ....	282-1508
Davis, Earl C., Rt. 1, Box 379A, Marion, N.C. ....	652-2370
Davis, Verno, Rt. 2, Box 370, Erwin, Tenn. ....	615-743-7377
Deyton, Rodney, Green Mtn., N.C. ....	704-682-3538
Fender, Bruce, Rt. 19, Box 70, Johnson City, Tenn. ....	615-926-2423
Fender, Clyde, Rt. 1, Box 86A, Nebo, N.C. ....	704-652-2167
Fleenor, Theodore, 205 Brown Ave., Johnson City, Tenn. ....	615-282-1654
Garland, Dan, Rt. 6, Elizabethton, Tenn. ....	
Gregg, Dallas, Rt. 2, Unicoi, Tenn. ....	615-743-6636
Greer, Bill, 910 Bert St., Johnson City, Tenn. ....	615-929-2828
Harris, Alfred, RFD, Old Fort, N.C. ....	704-668-4939
Hensley, Marvin, Rt. 2, Box 94-A, Bakersville, N.C. ....	704-668-3701
Hensley, Orphard, Rt. 2, Box 303, Old Fort, N.C. ....	704-668-4385
Higgins, Cecil J., Rt. 2, Burnsville, N.C. ....	704-675-4658
Higgins, Roscoe, 926 Prince St., Erwin, Tenn. ....	615-743-9635
Hill, Charles, Jr., Rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn. ....	615-725-3677
Holloway, Moss, Rt. 2, Erwin, Tenn. ....	
Honeycutt, Jerome, Rt. 6, Box 164, Burnsville, N.C. ....	704-682-7533
Hughes, Russell, RFD, Burnsville, N.C. ....	
Huskins, Morris .....	675-5424
Jones, Bernie, Box 100, Tim. Rd., Erwin, Tenn. ....	615-743-7153
Laws, Randall .....	
Ledford, Gus, Rt. 3, Burnsville, N.C. ....	
Ledford, James, Rt. 4, Burnsville, N.C. ....	704-682-7662
Loveless, Norman, Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn. ....	615-725-2108
McMahan, Stanley, Rt. 2, Burnsville, N.C. ....	704-675-5280
McCourry, Troy, Box 68, Burnsville, N.C. ....	704-682-6439
Miller, Quince, Alexandria, N.C. ....	
Miller, Ulis, Rt. 3, Box 200, Erwin, Tenn. ....	615-743-4788

Murphy, John .....	
Pate, Ricky, Rt. 2, Box 2663, Johnson City, Tenn. ....	615-929-9640
Parkey, Stanley, Erwin, Tenn. ....	615-743-4763
Peterson, Ronnie, Rt. 1, Box 78, Burnsville, N.C. ....	704-682-7440
Price, Carmi, Johnson City, Tenn. ....	615-928-4763
Price, J. D., Rt. 2, Box 378, Johnson City, Tenn. ....	615-926-9589
Ray, Howard, Johnson City, Tennessee .....	
Revis, Bobby, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C. ....	704-652-2153
Revis, Jonas, Rt. 1, Box 1610, Elizabethton, Tenn. ....	615-542-2636
Robinson, Elzie, Rt. 3, Burnsville, N.C. ....	
Rose, Roy Lee, Rt. 1, Box 356A, Unicoi, Tenn. ....	615-743-5698
Schultz, Kenneth .....	
Shehan, Leonard, Green Mtn., N.C. ....	704-682-7121
Silvers, Jack, Rt. 6, Box 112, Burnsville, N.C. ....	704-682-6390
Sheets, J. C., Rt. 2, Box 260, Bakersville, N.C. ....	704-688-3636
Stockton, John L., Rt. 2, Bakersville, N.C. ....	704-688-3047
Smith, Jimmie, Rt. 1, Box 461A, Marion, N.C. ....	704-652-4278
Street, Ronda, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn. ....	615-725-3378
Street, Mark .....	
Styles, Billy, 22 Meadowbrook Lane, Marion, N.C. ....	704-738-4648
Trivett, Charlie, Elizabethton, Tenn. ....	615-543-1637
Walker, B. F., Old Fort, N.C. ....	
Whitson, Blaine, Rt. 2, Green Mtn., N.C. ....	704-682-6357
Whitson, Howard, Rt. 1, Green Mtn., N.C. ....	
Williams, Orville, Erwin, Tennessee .....	
Wilson, Arnold, Rt. 6, Marion, N.C. ....	704-724-9368
Woods, Frank .....	
Woody, George, Rt. 5, Burnsville, N.C. ....	704-675-5030

The following ministers are pastoring churches in another association:

Roy Cooper .....	Princeton FWB Church
Bill Greer .....	Keystone FWB Church
Theodore Fleenor .....	East Fairview FWB Church
Charles Hill, Jr. ....	Fork Mountain FWB Church
Roy Lee Rose .....	Piney Flats FWB Church
Howard Whitson .....	Memorial Union FWB Church
Marvin Hensley .....	Odoms Chapel FWB Church
Bruce Fender .....	River View
Ronnie Carroll .....	Colberts Creek FWB Church
Jonas Revis .....	Burleson Chapel

## 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 may be adopted or rejected by the body.

8. The Association shall have a book in which shall be kept an accurate account of all its proceedings.

9. Any church may become a member of the Association by making application by letter or by delegate and adopting our articles of faith and church covenant.

10. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented.

11. There shall be an associational fund for defraying expenses and charges that may accrue, and for replenishing such; each church may contribute at pleasure.

12. There shall be a treasurer appointed by the Association, whose duty it shall be to have care of and account for the money committed to his charge.

✕ 13. The Association shall use the Free Will Baptist Treatise in full.

14. Each church shall be allowed one vote for every ten members or fraction thereof.

15. The Association advises all its churches to commemorate the death and suffering of our Lord at least twice a year.

16. The Association shall pay its clerk at least \$5.00 for his services per annum.

## CHURCH COVENANT

1. Having given ourselves to God by faith in 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.

5. 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 sorry 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.—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 unworthily, 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 member's 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 this 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 and Meeting Days	No. Baptized	Added Otherwise Excluded	Dismissed	Deaths	Total Members	Average in Sunday School	No. in Ladies Auxiliary	No. in C. T. S	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid for Revivals	Paid for Children's Home	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Disabled Ministers Fund	Poor & Sick	Value of Church Property	Improvements to Church Property	Assoc. Fund	Clerk and Mod. Fund	
Big Creek, Full .....	3	7		2	139	87	25		\$30		\$ 465.00		\$ 280.00	\$ 606.00	\$ 500.00	\$4,084.75	\$ 187,676	\$27,759.30	\$25	\$ 5	
Borings Chapel, Full	0	2			47	40	0		15	2,742.64		30.00			25.00	3,473.50	30,000		20	10	
Brummitts Ck, Full...	1	3		1	74	70	0		15	5,200.00		920.00	222.20	1,521.50		1,320.00	100,000	950.00	50	10	
Burbank, Full .....	3	8		4	6	229	151	24	104	20	9,525.00	605.87	678.34	700.00	260.00	1,877.24	190,000	40,000.00	20	10	
Covey Rock, Full .....	5	4	2			118	12		20	9,100.00	898.93	100.00	248.30	225.00	100.00	1,524.69	123,709	3,409.00	25	20	
Crabtree, Full .....	4	1	1		86	50	20		15	5,200.00	800.00	300.00	20.00	300.00	225.00	1,358.19	40,000	5,500.00	25	10	
Davistown, Full .....	4	4		3	1	58	45	9	15	6,596.12	598.38	367.00		442.00		900.00	44,017	5,771.00	20	10	
Higgins, 1st, 3rd, 5th	8	7			95	57			20	2,291.05	1,489.00				65.00	1,577.45	30,000	1,523.75	20	5	
Hillcrest, Full .....		2		1	93	54	8		15	5,150.00		75.00	25.00	882.00	25.00	1,200.00	100,000	3,708.00	25	15	
Liberty, Full .....	1	9		2	80	51	8	10	10	8,829.21	400.00		240.00	1,018.30	10.00	778.84	150,000	1,800.00		10	
Liberty Chapel, Full..	5				81	65			15	2,834.19	200.00	300.00	10.00	30.00	35.00	1,316.50	75,313	148.48	20	20	
Low Gap, Full .....	2			2	1	72	54		20	7,800.00	900.00	300.00	910.06	1,204.00		1,760.21	77,000	2,000.00	30	5	
Locust Gap, Full .....		10	10	1	1	113	60	10	10	6,750.00		500.00			100.00	50.00	110,000		10	5	
Middle District, Full	1		2		3	76	69	12	24	25	6,003.00	450.00	600.00	50.00	2,058.96	180.00	1,440.70	125,000	1,160.00	25	10
North Bend, Full ....	31	14		1	3	104	102		30	4,350.00	579.00	200.00	248.72	814.04	50.00	5,396.66	140,000		30	10	
Nix Creek, Full .....	1				93	44			20	3,025.07	200.00	150.00		420.00	10.00	1,191.50	41,300	4,000.00	15	5	
Pathway, Full .....	12	24			1	74	79	15	30	20	10,000.00	468.84	428.85		50.00	933.78	52,600	2,600.00	15	5	
Pilgrims Chapel, 1&3					25	24			10	1,730.00			129.15			1,000.00	15,000	469.96	10	10	
Pensacola, Full .....	3	4			81	60			25	5,251.06	220.00		206.09	289.04	50.00	1,945.00	65,000		25	10	
Peterson Chapel, Full	4		1		1	88	75		15	3,105.00	225.99			363.00		2,228.78	28,055	7,327.85	15	10	
Piney Grove, Full ....	8	1			1	114	127		30	8,320.00	450.00	100.00		846.89	315.00	1,759.00		4,015.55	25	5	
Piney Hill, Full .....					30	22			5	1,313.06	140.00	10.00			15.00	135.31	18,000	1,039.00			
Southside, Full .....	6	2		1	217	177			35	10,800.00	868.82	499.03	600.00	1,243.50	50.00	7,224.60	204,537	75.00	15	25	
Sunset, Full .....	4	4				117	80		10	7,400.00	350.00	2,127.33		600.00	25.00	5,205.69	113,000	1,894.00	15	10	
Unaka Springs, Full ..	6				68	42	20		15	3,123.24				300.00			26,700		25	5	
Union Hill, Full .....	5	8	1		35	46			10	2,600.00	200.00	202.00	142.00	25.00		367.35	60,000	374.17	50	5	
Valley Forge, Full ....	16	6	3		1	279	186	9	56	30	3,244.00	200.00	1,670.82	12,934.72	3,804.00	100.00	4,257.42	256,993	26,548.78		10
Vale, Full .....					35	25			10	1,825.00					10.00	60.00	50,000	200.00	10	5	
Woodby Hill, Full ....			1		1	108	66	21	24	20	6,625.00	254.84	1,452.15	949.15	527.30	25.00	1,388.00	34,000	7,425.62	20	5
Youngs Chapel, Full ..	3	2			2	183	80	12	25	7,050.00	306.00	390.00	425.38	2,281.36	137.42	3,311.85	55,000	1,635.43	30	15	
Zion Road, Full .....	16		12			54	48	11		2,800.00	450.00					700.00	170,000				
	142	122	32	14	26	2981	2205	216	248	565	159,025.75	11,720.67	10,722.18	18,319.11	20,501.89	2,362.42	59,760.01	2,712,901	151,334.89	760	260

# CHURCH LETTER

## To The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association

At \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Greetings in Christ:

We, the Free Will Baptist Church at \_\_\_\_\_  
now in session, send the following named delegates to represent us in  
your body:

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### OUR STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS—

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

Pastor elect \_\_\_\_\_

Revival conducted by \_\_\_\_\_

Present pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

