

*Jerry Richardson*

# 1986-87 MINUTES

OF THE

## JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT

BIG CREEK F.W.B. CHURCH

GREEN MOUNTAIN, N. C.

AUGUST 6-8, 1986

### OFFICERS

Rev. Charlie Trivett . . . . . Moderator

Rev. Carmi Price . . . . . Assistant Moderator

Rev. Ullis Miller . . . . . Clerk

Rev. Troy McCourry . . . . . Assistant Clerk

---

### NEXT SESSION

The next session will be held with Youngs Chapel F.W.B. Church August 6-8, 1987 (Thursday before the second Sunday in August at 10:30 A.M.)

Rev. Bruce Fender will be preaching the introductory message. Rev. Verno Davis will be his alternate.

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

MODERATOR ..... Rev. Charlie Trivett  
 ASSISTANT MODERATOR ..... Rev. Carmi Price  
 CLERK ..... Rev. Ulis Miller  
 ASSISTANT CLERK ..... Rev. Troy McCourry  
 TREASURER—Disabled Minister's Fund ..... Rev. Jonas Revis  
 ASST. TREASURER—Disabled Minister's Fund .. Rev. Stanley McMahan  
 TREASURER—Home Missions ..... Rev. Frank Cable  
 TREASURER—Foreign Missions ..... Rev. Jerome Honeycutt  
 INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE FOR ASSOCIATION: Chairman Rev.  
     Bernie Jones, Carmi Price, Marvin Hensley, Bobby Revis, Charlie  
     Trivett, and Stanley McMahan, Alternate.  
 INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE FOR DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND:  
     Tennessee: Chairman Rev. Verno Davis, Bill Greer. Norman Loveless,  
     Dallas Gregg and Rickey Pate, Alernate.  
 NORTH CAROLINA: Chairman Rev. J. C. Sheets, Leonard Shehan, Steve  
     Beam, and Clyde Fender, Alternate.  
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS—Disabled Minister's Fund:  
     Chairman: Rev. Ulis Miller, Clay Fender, Jess Troutman, J. D. Price  
     and Richmond Barnett.  
 TREASURER—Orphanage Fund: Rev. Troy McCourry  
 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, Carmi Price, Leonard Shehan, Bruce  
     Fender, Clyde Fendar and Russell Hughes, Alternate.  
 COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:  
     Tennessee: Chairman: Rev. Ronnie Street, Jonas Revis, Charlie Trive't  
     and Junior McKinney, Alternate.  
 NORTH CAROLINA: Chairman: Rev. Jerome Honeycutt, John L. Stockton,  
     J. C. Sheets, and Jack Silvers, Alternate.

## PROCEEDINGS

Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association met with the Big Creek F.W.B. Church August 7, 1986 at 10:30 A.M. for its ninety-first annual session.

The Association was given a hearty welcome by the Pastor, Rev. Ulis Miller. The congregation stood and sang "I Would Rather Be An Old Time Christian." Rev. Richmond Barnett preached the introductory message. He read Heb. 3:1-10 for his scripture text. Service was closed with prayer by Rev. Stanley Parkey.

### Thursday Afternoon Session

Convened at 1:30 p.m. with devotions by Rev. Steve Bean Jr. reading Romans 10. Prayer by Toney Fender.

Called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Richmond Barnett. He read the rules of decorum and gave a short talk concerning order.

The church letters were read and delegates and deacons seated as following:

**BIG CREEK:** Bros. Willis Adkins, Rickey Wilson, Teddie Adkins, Jack Whi'son and Dean Murphy.

**BORINGS CHAPEL:** Bros. Luther McIntosh, Stanley Silvers, Clifford Silvers and Sisters Lois Silvers and Betty Silvers.

**BRUMMITT'S CREEK:** Bros. Roy Phillips, Paul Bennett, Charlie Byrd and Anthony Wilson and Sisters Star Bennett, Virginia Durall, Susan Duvall, Abby Renfro, Amanda Arrowood, Julia Renfro and Gayle Phillips.

**BURBANK:** Bros. Marshall Stockton, Jack Barnett and Raymond Calhoun.

**COVEY ROCK:** Bros. Buck Laws and Bud Edwards; Sisters Marie Laws, Ann Revis, Marie Hensley and Becky Pate.

**CRABTREE:** Bro. Holt Hughes; Sisters Marie Powell, Jeannie Loveless, Virginia Honeycutt, Helen Hughes, Mary Bell Lyons and Mabel Price.

**DAVISTOWN:** Bros. Hugh Dalton and Perry Moore; Sisters Uyette Davis, Violet Moore and Tommy Moore.

**HIGGINS:** Bros. Lewis Webb, Carmon Silvers, and Grant Hensley; Sisters Dorothy Silvers, Mozelle Webb, Ina Jean Pate and Mamie Hensley.

**HILLCREST:** Bros. Earl Webb, Garrett Fender, C. W. Smith and Clyde Fender; Sisters Atlas Revis, Freida Webb, Lilly Wiggins and Lola Fender.

**LIBERTY:** Sisters Dianne Hollifield and Bob Cable.

**LIBERTY CHAPEL:** Bros. Roscoe Cook, Wade Scott and Earl McNeil; Sisters Iris Cook, Hazel Fox and Viola Miller.

**LOW GAP:** Sisters Betty McMahan, Palsy Riddle, Ada Ray, Nell Hiatt and Tonya Ray.

**LOCUST GAP:** Bro. Hugh Walker and Bro. Duff Aronld.

**MIDDLE DISTRICT:** Bros. Akers Ledford, George Yelton and Jimmy Arrowood.

**NIX CREEK:** Rev. Bobby Revis, Bros. Marion Elliott and Danny Elliott; Sisters Naomi Revis and Margie Elliott.

**NORTH BEND:** Bro. Herbert Hopson and Sister Sally Price.

PATHWAY: Bros. Earnest Webb and Fred Gouge; Sister Ethel Webb.  
 PENSACOLA: Bros. Rose Miller and Ronald Fox; Sisters Bonnie Wilson,  
 Ruby Miller and Jacqueline Fox.  
 PETERSON'S CHAPEL: Bros. Reece Edwards and Lloyd Laws; Sisters  
 Clela Laws and Crystal Deyton.  
 PILGRIM'S CHAPEL: Bros. Claude Dulaney and Lloyd Dulaney; Sisters  
 Myrtle Dulaney and Alma Dulaney.  
 PINEY CROVE: Bro. Stanley Hill, William Cole and Sisters Joyce and  
 Lisa Cole.  
 PINEY HILL: Rev. James Ledford, Bros. Burnice Bradford, Braskey  
 Edwards and Sister Lulie Canon.  
 SOUTHSIDE: Bros. Phil Miller, Russell Whitson; Sisters Codella Whitson,  
 Ira Miller, Opel Love, Wilma Stockton and Ammae Lee Garland.  
 SUNSET: By letter.  
 UNAKA SPRINGS: Bro. Clifford Miller, Sisters Pearl Casey, Gladys  
 Johnson and Birdie Griffith.  
 UNION HILL: Harold Richardson and Lester Miller.  
 VALE: Bros. Don Calhoun and George Willis.  
 VALLEY FORGE: Bros. Howard Dugger, Doyle Vaughn, Caryl Roberson;  
 Sisters Ruby Harmon, Mildred Vaughan and Rose Walsh.  
 WOODBY HILL: Bros. Odell Guenn, Arnold McKinney, Carmon Simerly  
 and Sister June McKinney.  
 YOUNG'S CHAPEL: Bros. David Jones, Arnold Fortner, Vance Hughes,  
 Clay Fender, Wade Fortner; Sisters Pat Hughes and Lila Fender.  
 Minister's Roll Call was made and visiting ministers welcomed to a  
 seat in our body as follows: Rev. Jess Rice, Rev. James Rapper and Rev.  
 Bobbie Cable.

#### OFFICERS WERE ELECTED

MODERATOR ..... Rev. Charlie Trivett  
 ASSISTANT MODERATOR ..... Rev. Carmie Price  
 CLERK ..... Rev. Ulis Miller  
 ASSISTANT CLERK ..... Rev. Troy McCourry  
 TREASURER—Disable Ministers Fund ..... Rev. Jonas Revis  
 ASSISTANT TREASURER ..... Rev. Stanley McMahan  
 HOME MISSIONS ..... Rev. Frank Cable  
 FOREIGN MISSIONS ..... Rev. Jerome Honeycutt  
 ORPHANAGE FUND ..... Rev. Troy McCourry  
 BURIAL FUND ..... Rev. Bobby Revis  
 RULES COMMITTEE: Chairman, Rev. Troy McCourry, Rev. Leonard  
 Shehan, Bro. Lloyd Allison, Bro. Charles Mosly and Bro. Mike Hopson.  
 ASSOCIATIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: Chairman, Rev.  
 Burnie Jones, Rev. Charlie Trivett, Rev. Carmi Price, Rev. Marvin  
 Hensley, Rev. Bobby Revis and Rev. Stanley McMahan, Alternate.  
 DISABLED MINISTERS INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: TENNES-  
 SEE—Chairman, Rev. Verno Davis, Rev. Bill Greer, Rev. Roscoe  
 Higgins, Rev. Dallas Gregg, Rev. Norman Loveless and Rev. Rickey  
 Pate, Alternate.

**DISABLED MINISTERS INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: NORTH CAROLINA** — Chairman, Rev. J. C. Sheets, Rev. Leonard Shehan, Rev. Steve Beam, Jr. and Rev. Clyde Fender, Alternate.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND:** Chairman, Rev. Ulis Miller, Bro. Clay Fender, Bro. Jess Troutman, Rev. J. D. Price and Rev. Richmond Barnett.

### **ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES**

**CHURCHES, PASTORS AND DEACONS:**

Bro. Vance Hughes, Bro. Willis Adkins and Bro. Dannie Elliott.

**CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE:**

Sister Betty McMahan, Sister Lila Fender and Sister Nell Hiatt.

**DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND:**

Bro. Marion Elliott, Bro. Hugh Dalton and Bro. Arnold Wilson.

**EDUCATION:**

Bro. Blane Whitson, Sister Cara Cox and Sister Virginia Beam.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Bro. Bruce Fender, Bro. Perry Moore, Bro. David Pauly and Bro. Russell Whitson.

**HOME MISSIONS:**

Bro. Rodney Deyton and Bro. Garry Blunt.

**LADIES' AUXILIARY:**

Sister Nell Fortner, Sister Opel Love and Sister Lillie Wiggins.

**SESSIONS:**

Bro. Holt Hughes, Bro. Stanley Silvers, Rev. Stanley Parkey and Bro. Akers Ledford.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Bro. Lester Miller, Bro. Dean Murphy, Bro. Randy Laws, Bro. Buck Laws and Sister Tonya Ray.

**FOREIGN MISSIONS:**

Bro. Eddie Payne.

**CHILDREN'S HOME:**

Bro. Earl Raper.

Bro. Raper gave his report on the condition at the childrens' home at the end of committee appointments, due to the fact he could not be here Friday. A motion was passed to give the home \$500.00 from the existing orphanage fund. It was also moved to deposit the remainder of the fund on time deposits and give the Children's Home the interest earned each year.

Call for any church seeking membership, Bean's Creek F.W.B. Church represented by letter and delegation asked for membership and was taken under watchcare until next association. Motion passed to adjourn until 7:00 p.m. for preaching.

### **7:00 P.M. Service**

Started with the Church Choir singing and groups of special singing. Prayer by Rev. Roger Byrd. Rev. Stanley McMahan delivered a good message. Dismissed until 9:30 A.M. Friday.

### **Friday 9:30 A.M.**

Session began with congregation singing "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian." Devotions by Rev. Bill Greer reading Heb. 4:12; prayer by Rev. Jerome Honeycutt.

Called to order by Moderator Rev. Charlie Trivett, rules of decorum were read. Pilgrims Chapel Church reported and was seated. Minister's roll call was made and the following visiting ministers were welcomed to a seat in our body. Rev. Garry Blunt, Rev. Bobby Cable and Rev. Eddie Payne.

## **ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Disabled Ministers Fund**

We think this is one of the best ways that Jack's Creek Association has to help our ministers when they are disabled.

We think that a God Called Minister helps us more by preaching us the gospel to the saving of the soul than we can ever give them natural. The Bible teaches us it is better to give than to receive.

Committee: Rev. Arnold Wilson, Bro. Marion Elliott and Bro. Hugh Dalton.

### **Church Training Services**

We, your committee on Church Training Service prayerfully offer these remarks and recommendations::

As Christ led his disciples away to the mountains and gave his final instructions to Go—Teach—Baptize: Matt. 28:16-20.

The church has two primary functions—

1—To: REACH men with the message of Christ.

2—To : TEACH men the truth of Christ.

Too often the church of our denomination stresses only the REACH portion of Christ's commandment and we are losing young immature Christians by failing to follow up with the TEACH portion of this commandment.

We recommend to our churches and pastors the following:

1—That our pastors prayerfully consider the importance of our youth and new christians as tomorrows pastors and leaders.

2—To be burdened to have a strong Christian Training Service available for ALL ages.

3—That the Pastor attend and be a leader along with the Sunday School Teachers and church leaders.

4—That churches who are interested in organizing a C.T.S., obtain instructional material from headquarters in Nashville and not lean on our own understanding.

5—Last but not least, that these recommendations be considered by pastors and delegates present today and not be simply written, adopted, and printed in the minutes of the Association and then forgotten about.

We believe Proverbs 22:6—That if we will "Train up a child in the way he should go, when he is old, he will not depart from it" and what better way than in a good solid Christian Training Program in our churches of today.

Respectfully Submitted: Sisters Nell Hiatt, Getty McMahan,  
Lila Fender

### **Education**

Education in the carnal sense is to be "enlightened" or to pass from darkness or ignorance into the light or wisdom. Carnally speaking, man needs as much education as he can obtain in order to make a living.

Spiritually speaking to pass from darkness into the light is to be born again of the Spirit. The education needed of a Christian is learning to lean on the Lord Jesus Christ. But . . . this is not to say that God does not use the educated. For had Paul not been educated, he could not have been a Roman citizen, and therefore, unable to talk with all the leaders including Felix, Agrippe and Ceasar himself about Jesus Christ. Many of God's men have been as educated as their era or period of living could offer; look at Daniel, Moses, and as mentioned above, Paul.

God has used people from all walks of life and varying degrees of education down through the years to further His Kingdom. (He always desires our best.)

A man needs to seek the will of the Father about all things in his life, including an education. An education without the Lord leads only to eternal torment; while following the Lord, with or without an education, leads only to eternal life. So pray, seek God's will in your life and allow others the privilege of doing the same without persecutions. Scripture—Book of Proverbs, II Tim. 2:15.

Virginia Beam

### **Sunday School**

We, your Committee on Sunday School, feel that Sunday School becomes the backbone of the church. This is where you, the people, begin to take part as teachers, and where you can prepare yourself, and then begin to use this knowledge to prepare the young and old alike. In Matthew 19-14 it explains what we as teachers should teach to the little children, to help prepare them for this life. We, the Church, also need to remember the importance behind Sunday School. (II Tim. 2-15) explains this.

We believe with everyone working and praying together that our Sunday Schools can improve.

By Dean Murphy and Tonya Ray

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

We feel that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care one for another. I-Cor-12-25.

We feel the Pastor should feed the flock, and the deacons should take care of the business to give him more time to seek God's will for the church. Acts 20-8; Acts 6-2-3.

COMMITTEE: Vance Hughes, Danny Elliott and Willis Adkins.

### **Foreign Missions**

The unchanging commission of the church is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in every land of the earth.

The population of our world is now over five billion souls. Well over one half of these have never heard God's good news.

Let us all be involved in doing our part to obey the Lord in this priority task of eternal importance.

May we give our sons and daughters to go.

May we commit ourselves to minister in prayer.

May we sacrificially give to send our representatives to the ends of the earth.

Respectfully submitted, Eddie Payne

### **Ladies' Auxiliary**

We ask that each church in this association encourage their ladies to give serious consideration to having an auxiliary. We have experienced, over the years, this to be one of the greatest organizations in the church.

First, it is different from any other organization you will find in the church. Second, we have found we gain spiritual food for our many needs if we start each meeting with Bible reading. A Bible study and witnessing for our Saviour, to each other of the good things he has done for us, motivates us to a spiritual fellowship. Fellowship brings us closer to each other in love in a way you cannot find in another service.

Ladies Auxiliary helps to meet the financial needs of the church that otherwise would not be met; not only does it help with the financial needs, but also with the spiritual needs. We do encourage you to try to organize an auxiliary by the next association in 1987. We feel sure you will find your church to be more spiritual, stronger, happier and growing in attendance.

Committee: Nell Fortner and Opel Love.

### **Home Missions**

Rev. Rodney Deyton and Rev. Garry Blunt spoke about the work that was going into the prison camp at Cane River. Thanking the church for this prayer and financial support and asking that they continue.

### **Resolutions**

We resolve that in the future all visiting churches be recognized and welcomed. Those being pastored by a Jack's Creek minister to be so stated.

Committee: Rev. Bruce Fender, Bro. Russell Whitson,  
Bro. David Pauley and Bro. Perry Moore.

### **Sessions**

Ministers' Conference and Association will meet at the following time and places:

First Conference—November 29, 1986—Borings Chapel F.W.B. Church at 9:30 A.M. Rev. Russell Hughes will preach; Rev. Frank Cable, alternate.

Second Conference—March 28, 1987—North Bend F.W.B. Church at 9:30 A.M. Rev. Carmie Price will preach, Rev. Stanley McMahan, alternate.

Third Conference—May 30, 1987—Hill Crest F.W.B. Church at 9:30 A.M. Rev. Marvin Hensley, preacher, Rev. Bill Greer, alternate.

Associatiton and Conference Aug. 6-8, 1987 Young's Chapel F.W.B. Church at 10:30 A.M. Rev. Bruce Fender to preach introductory message, Rev. Verno Davis, alternate. Committee: Rev. Stanley Parkey, Bro. Holt Hughes, Bro. Stanley Silvers and Bro. Akers Ledford.

### **Friday 11:00 A.M. Service**

Congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Rev. Eddie Payne preached, reading John 10:10 for his scripture text. Closing prayer by Rev. Jonas Revis.

### **1:00 P.M. Business Session**

Devotions by Rev. Bruce Fender reading John 3:16; prayer by Rev. Jonas Revis.

Called to order by Moderator, Rev. Charlie Trivett. Call for any unfinished business, no response. Call for any new business, the Rules Committee presented a motion approved by them for action by the Association. The motion was to eliminate the present way of electing the Moderator and amend Article (3) three of the Constitution of the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association for use. Article (3) three shall read—The Association shall elect annually a Moderator and a Clerk. The moderator shall not serve more than (4) four consecutive terms at one time. The motion was

passed by sixty-four to three votes.

Moved to adjourn until time and place.

There was no Friday Night Service due to a death in the church.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Home Missions

Beginning Balance 8-10-85 .....\$ 965.28

#### Receipts:

Sale of Treatise .....	\$321.35	
Intrest Earned .....	36.77	
Association .....	65.00	423.12
Total to account for .....		<u>\$1,388.40</u>

#### Expenditures:

Purchase of treatise .....	\$633.30	
Piney Hill Donation .....	500.00	
Balance Ending 8-9-86 .....		<u>255.10</u>

Treasurer: Rev. Frank Cable

### Disabled Ministers Fund

Beginning Balance 8-10-85 .....\$83,306.86

#### Receipits:

Minister's Conference .....	\$3,062.00	
Association .....	1,574.03	
Burial Fund .....	1,500.00	
Interest Earned .....	7,490.51	

Total Receipts ..... 13,626.54

Total to account for .....\$96,933.40

#### Disbursements:

Expense .....	\$ 648.80	
Rev. Orville Williams .....	300.00	
Rev. Richmond Barnett .....	1,200.00	
Rev. Arnold Wilson .....	900.00	
Rev. Elzie Robinson .....	600.00	
Rev. Clyde Fender .....	600.00	
Rev. Theodore Fleenor .....	900.00	
Rev. Jonas Revis .....	300.00	
Mrs. Roy Lee Rose .....	600.00	
Rev. Jimmy Smith .....	200.00	
Rev. Howard Whitson .....	300.00	
Rev. Charlie Trivett .....	300.00	
Rev. Ulis Miller .....	300.00	

Total Disbursements .....\$ 7,148.80

Balance Ending 8-8-86 .....\$89,784.60

Treasurer: Rev. Jonas Revis

## Foreign Missions

Beginning Balance 8-10-85 .....\$ 4,538.87

### Receipts:

Burbank .....	\$ 750.00
Covey Rock .....	100.00
Crabtree .....	200.00
Davistown .....	454.96
Hill Crest .....	385.00
Liberty Chapel .....	20.00
Middle District .....	360.00
North Bend .....	600.00
Nix Creek .....	740.00
Pensacola .....	110.00
Peterson Chapel .....	295.00
Sunset .....	550.00
Union Hill .....	25.00
Woodby Hill .....	375.00
Young's Chapel .....	750.00
Rev. Steve Beam .....	50.00
Rev. Verno Davis .....	8.00
Rev. Roscoe Higgins .....	300.00
Rev. Mark Street .....	1.00

Total Receipts .....\$ 6,073.96

Total to account for .....\$10,612.83

### Disbursements:

Rev. Eddie Payne .....	\$8,000.00
Rev. Mark Daniels .....	154.96

Total Disbursements .....\$ 8,154.96

Balance Ending 8-8-86 .....\$ 2,457.87

Treasurer Rev. Jerome Honeycutt

## Ladies' Auxiliary

Beginning Balance 8-8-85 .....\$1,137.47

### Receipts:

Sale of Cook Books .....	\$ 92.00
Youngs Chapel Dues .....	25.00
Middle District Offering .....	44.50
Youngs Chapel Offering .....	102.20
Interest Earned .....	57.03

Total Receipts .....\$ 320.73

Total to account for .....\$1,458.20

### Disbursements:

Mark Dainels .....	\$200.00
Eddie Payne .....	300.00
Childrens Home .....	40.00
Bank Service .....	20.25

Total Disbursements .....\$ 560.25

Balance Ending 8-8-86 .....\$ 897.95

## — OBITUARIES —

**DAVID TROUTMAN**—Died January 23, 1986. He was a member of Burbank Freewill Baptist Church where he served as a trustee. His ill health sent him to a rest home, but he remembered his church and continued his financial support until the end. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

**ROBERT TAYLOR GOUGE**—A member of Burbank Freewill Baptist Church. He was a former teacher and served as trustee. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

**ERNEST WHITSON**—Died March 11, 1986. He was a member of Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church. He is missed by family and friends.

**LENA DAVIS**—Died August 1, 1986. A member of Union Hill F.W.B. Church. She will be missed by her family and friends.

**CHETTY SILVERS**—Born October 12, 1903, departed this life June 26, 1986. She was a member of Higgins F.W.B. Church. She is survived by her husband, four daughters, four sons, 20 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and a lot of relatives and friends who miss her very much. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

**MAMIE L. YELTON**—Mamie L. Yelton, age 58, passed away at 6:40 p.m. on July 7, 1986, at Northside Hospital, Johnson City, Tennessee. She had been in failing health for several years. Mamie was a member of Middle District Free Will Baptist Church and was the wife of George Yelton who has served as a deacon for the past 32 years.

Mamie always attended church faithfully until recent years when she was unable to attend on a regular basis due to her poor health. She will be both remembered and missed by the people of Middle District as well as in Unicoi, Tennessee, her home community.

Mamie is survived by her husband George (J.G.) Yelton, one daughter and one grand daughter. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

**MONTIE G. STEVENS**—Born May 14, 1906, departed this life February 16, 1986. He was a member of the Sunday School at Woodby Hill Free Will Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie and a daughter, Deloris, two grandchildren and one great grandchild. He is sadly missed by his family and friends.

**TERRELL WILSON**—Born March 15, 1942 and departed this life August 15, 1985. He was a member and deacon of the Pensacola Freewill Baptist Church. Survived by his wife, one son, one daughter, his parents, two sisters and one brother. Graveside rites were conducted by Burnsville Masonic Lodge 717. His passing left an empty place in the hearts of all who loved him. A dedicated person to his church and community. "I am the resurrection, I am the life; All who believe in me even if they die, they shall live forever."

**THEODORE J. WILSON**—Died Feb. 8, 1986 at the age of 94. He was a member of the Pensacola Freewill Baptist Church. Survived by one son, a host of relatives and friends. Even as time slowed his steps his faithfulness to the church will be remembered. "The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9.

**RAY GARDNER**—Born April 3, 1913 and departed this life August 28, 1985. He leaves behind three brothers, three sisters, three daughters, one son, thirteen great grandchildren and 12 grandchildren, and his wife, Mable. He was a dedicated member of the Pensacola Freewill Baptist Church. Ray will be missed by all of his family and friends.

**BROTHER LOSS PETERSON**—Died Feb. 6, 1986 at the age of 86. He was a member of North Bend F.W.B. Church. He is greatly missed by his friends and family.

**SISTER LAURA HENSLEY DELLINGER**—Died February 16, 1986. She was a member of the Low Gap F.W.B. Church. She leaves one daughter and two sons also a host of friends to mourn her loss.

**REV. HAYDEN HONEYCUTT**—Born Sept. 18, 1903, died Oct. 11, 1986. He was 82 years old. He was a member of Hillcrest F.W.B. Church and attended church until health problems prevented him from attending. He is survived by his wife, Viola, one daughter, one grandson and one great-grandson.

**RHODA GRINDSTAFF HENSLEY**—Born Feb. 7, 1906 died Feb. 27, 1986. She was 80 years old. She was a member of Hillcrest F.W.B. Church. She is survived by one daughter, Faye Pack, one son, Cyrus Hensley, six grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

*You fought a good fight  
And you kept the faith,  
Heaven's joys were yours—  
When you stepped inside the gate.*

**MARY JONES**—Departed this life at the age of 74. She was a faithful member of Young's Chapel F.W.B. Church for many years. She leaves four sons, five daughters, eight grand children, six great grand children, and a lot of friends and relatives who miss her very much. Our loss is Heavens gain.

**BONNIE COLE CALHOUN**—Age 77. Our beloved sister in Christ departed this life October 29, 1985. A life long resident of Avery County, N.C., a faithful member and teacher of the Vale F.W.B. Church. She was preceeded in death by her husband, Burnie Calhoun, and an infant daughter. Survivors include a daughter, Ella C. Cornett, one grand-daughter and two great grand-daughters all of the Vale community and members of the church.

Also surviving are two sisters and five brothers. This is placed in memory of Bonnie by her family and a host of friends who loved her very much.

## MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

### Low Gap

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Minister's Conference met with Low Gap F.W.B. Church September 28, 1985 at 9:30 A.M.

The congregation sang "Victory In Jesus." Pastor Rev. Stanley McMahan welcomed the Conference to Low Gap. Devotions by Rev. Steve Beam Jr. reading Mat. 28; prayer by Rev. Stanley McMahan.

Called to order by the Moderator Rev. J. C. Sheets, Rules of Decorum were read. Ministers' roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. The following visiting ministers were welcomed to a seat in our body: Rev. Dale Laws, Rev. Lewis Canslor and Rev. Rex Johnson. Deacons and delegates were recognized and seated.

The Investigating Report was given for Bro. Junior McKinney and Bro. Randy Laws and referred to the ordaining council for ordination. Bro. Steve Bailey and Bro. Lewis Canslor presented themselves for licenses to preach and were given to the Investigating Committee. Rev. Orphard Hensley was appointed moderator for next conference. Rev. Norman Loveless, alternate. Rev. Rodney Deaton, Rev. Jimmy Smith and Bro. Tommy Hensley were appointed for next Topic Committee. Bro. Jim Norris gave the Topic Committee report. Integrity was the subject, the scripture reference was Prov. 11:3 and Daniel 6.

The 11:00 a.m. service began with congregation singing. Rev. Ulis Miller preached, reading First Peter, Chapter Four. At the close of the message, the Ordaining Council gave their report for Rev. Junior McKinney and Rev. Randy Laws. Rev. Leonard Shehan proceeded with the ordination service, closing with altar prayer and handshake.

Clerk—Ulis Miller

### Liberty

Jacks Creek F.W.B. Minister's Conference met with the Liberty F.W.B. Church December 28, 1985 at 9:30 A.M.

"Amazing Grace" was sung by the congregation. Pastor Bro. Bobby Cable welcomed the Conference to Liberty Church. Prayer by Bro. Ronnie Peterson. Conference was called to order, and the Rules of Decorum were read by Moderator, Brother Orphard Hensley.

Ministers' Roll Call was made and everyone stood in full fellowship. A moment of silent prayer, with everyone standing in honor of Bro. Roy Lee Rose. Deacons and delegates were received and seated in the body. The following visiting ministers welcomed to a seat in the Conference: Bro. Garry Blunt, Bro. Rex Johnson, Bro. Tom Lilly and Bro. Lewis Canslor.

Call for anyone seeking licenses or membership. Bros. Lewis Canslor and Steve Bailey came forward and were presented to the ordaining council. Appointed Bro. Bobby Revis, Bro. Clyde Fender and Bro. Arnold Wilson to sit in the vacancies on the Council. Bro. Richard Bryant's licenses were renewed for twelve months. Bro. Flornel Cline turned in his credentials, they were accepted by the Conference, and his name dropped from the Minister's Roll.

Moderator was appointed for next Conference. Bro. Frank Cable, Bro. Ronnie Peterson his assistant. Topic Committee Bro. Norman Loveless, Bro. Charlie Trivett and Bro. Roger Laws. A love offering was taken for Bro. Norman Loveless. \$155.85 was received. Bro. Tom Lilly from the State Association spoke, giving an invitation to worship at Sherwood F.W.B.

Church at Newbern, N.C. June 2nd and 3rd 1986. Adjournment for preaching at 11:00 o'clock.

11:00 A.M. Service—Bro. J. C. Sheets preached, reading 1 Cor. 1:17. Service closed with singing "The Old Rugged Cross." The Ordaining Council gave their report approving both Bro. Lewis Canslor and Bro. Steve Bailey for licenses to preach.

Moved to adjourn until time and place. Closed with prayer.

Clerk—Ulis Miller

### **Davistown**

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Minister's Conference met with Davistown F.W.B. Church March 29, 1986 at 9:30 A.M. Congregation sang "He Put A Little Sunshine In." Brother Frank Cable, Moderator, welcomed the Conference, and devotions were given by Bro. Clyde Fender, reading Romans Chapter 15. Prayer was led by Bro. J. D. Price.

Called to order by the Moderator; he then read the Rules of Decorum. Call for fellowship, everyone stood in full fellowship.

The following visiting ministers were welcomed to the Conference: Bro. Robert Crawford, Bro. Ross Grant and Bro. Raymon Lanning. Deacons and Delegates were seated. Minutes of last Conference were read and approved.

Call for anyone seeking licenses, ordination or membership. Bro. Mark Street asked to be ordained and was presented to the Investigating Committee. Motion was passed to consider Bro. Howard Whitson disabled and not required to attend Conference.

Bro. Crawford spoke for the F.W.B. Bible College. Bro. Blane Whitson asked for an offering to be received for the Bible College. \$129.50 was received.

Topic Committee was reported by Bro. Norman Loveless. Topic considered was "Our Faith." Scripture reference Heb. 11.

Officers were appointed for next Conference as follows: Moderator, Bro. Charlie Trivett; Assistant, Bro. Orville Williams. Topic Committee: Bro. Randy Laws, Bro. Mark Street and Bro. Stanley McMahan. Devotions were led by Bro. Norman Loveless. Adjourned for preaching at 11:00 a.m.

Bro. Burnie Jones preached at the 11:00 a.m. service, and Conference adjourned until time and place.

Clerk—Ulis Miller

### **Southside**

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Minister's Conference met with the Southside F.W.B. Church June 28, 1986 at 9:30 a.m. Congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Bro. Richmond Barnett was appointed Moderator. Bro. Frank Cable had devotions; he read John 3:16. Prayer by Bro. Arnold Wilson.

The Conference was called to order by Moderator; Rules of Decorum were read. Minister's roll call was made. Everyone stood in fellowship. Bro. Rex Johnson was welcomed as visiting minister. Deacons and delegates were seated.

By his request, Bro. Mark Street's name was dropped from the Minister's Roll. A motion passed to give \$500.00 to Piney Hill Church due to damage by vandalism. Bro. Ross Grant asked for license to preach and was referred to the Investigating Committee. Topic Committee report was given

by Bro. Randy Laws. "Dedication" was the topic for discussion from Eph. 3:14. Dismissed for preaching at 11:00 o'clock.

At the 11:00 a.m. service the congregation sang "I Feel Like Traveling On." Bobby Revis preached. He read I John 5:1-5; his text was, "It Still Takes Jesus Christ the Lord." Service closed with singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and a fellowship handshake. Prayer by Bro. Clyde Fender.

Clerk—Ulis Miller

## **Big Creek**

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Minister's Conference met with Big Creek F.W.B. Church August 9, 1986 at 9:30 a.m. Sister Gwendolyn Wilson sang "Stand By Me." Devotions by Rev. Jonas Revis reading Psalms 23; prayer by Rev Troy McCourry.

Called to order by Moderator Rev. Charlie Trivett; Rules of Decorum were read. Minister's roll call was made, with everyone standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were welcomed to a seat in our body. Rev. Darrell Bailey and Rev. Eddie Payne, deacons and delegates were recognized and seated.

Officers for next year were elected as follows: Clerk, Rev. Ulis Miller; Assistant, Rev. Troy McCourry. Ordaining Council: Chairman, Rev. Bruce Fender; Rev. Troy McCourry, Rev. Leonard Shehan, Rev. Clyde Fender, Rev. Carmi Price and Rev. Russell Hughes, Alternate. North Carolina Investigating Committee: Chairman, Rev. Jerome Honeycutt; Rev. John L. Stockton, Rev. J. C. Sheets and Rev. Jack Silvers, Alternate. Tennessee Investigating Committee: Chairman, Rev. Ronnie Street; Rev. Junior McKinney, Rev. Charlie Trivett and Rev. Jonas Revis, Alternate.

Rev. Kenneth Schultz asked to be ordained and was referred to the Investigating Committee. Rev. Steve Beam was elected Moderator for the next Conference, Rev. Burnie Jones, Alternate. Topic Committee: Rev. Roger Byrd, Rev. Orphard Hensley, Rev. Roy Cooper and Rev. Orville Williams.

Rev. Randy Laws and Rev. Steve Bailey turned in their licenses to preach after a long discussion with the Ordaining Council about speaking in tongues.

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. 2, Box 465-D, Bakersville, N. C. ....	704-688-2579
Bryant, Richard, Burnsville, N. C. ....	704-682-6990
Byrd, Roger, Rt. 4, Box 400, Burnsville, N. C. ....	704-682-9862
Cable, Frank, 181 Moffitt Rd., Asheville, N.C. ....	704-298-4702
Canslor, Lewis .....	
Carroll, Ronnie, RFD, Burnsville, N.C. ....	704-675-5472
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
Dayton, Rodney, Green Mtn., N.C. ....	704-682-3538
Fender, Bruce, Rt. 19, Box 70, Johnson City, Tenn. ....	615-926-2423
Fender, Clyde, Rt. 3, Box 209, Nebo, N.C. 28671 ....	704-652-2167
Fleenor, Theodore, 205 Brown Ave., Johnson City, Tenn. ....	615-282-1654
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. ....	704-688-3701
Hensley, Orphard, Rt. 2, Box 303, Old Fort, N.C. ....	704-668-4385
Henson, Oscar .....	
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. ....	
Jones, Bernie, Box 100, Tim. Rd., Erwin, Tenn. ....	615-743-7153
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
Junior McKinney, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn. ....	725-3788
Miller, Quince, Alexandria, N.C. ....	
Miller, Ulis, Rt. 3, Box 200, Erwin, Tenn. ....	615-743-4788

Continued to next page

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
Terry Richardson, Hampton, Tenn. ....	615-725-2196
Robinson, Elzie, Rt. 3, Burnsville, N.C. ....	
Schultz, Kennith .....	
Shehan, Leonard, P. O. Box 552, Erwin, Tenn. ....	743-8076
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
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
Williams, Orville, Erwin, Tennessee .....	743-7953
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 .....	New Hope FWB Church
Bill Greer .....	Keystone FWB Church
Theodore Fleenor .....	East Fairview FWB Church
Charles Hill, Jr. ....	Fork Mountain FWB Church
Bruce Fender .....	River View
J. D. Price .....	Coxes Creek

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	ADDRESS
Big Creek .....	Ulis Miller	Mrs. Cara Cox....	682-3908 Rt. 1, Green Mtn., N.C.
Boring's Chapel .....	Frank Cable	Mrs. Donna Woodby, Rt. 1, Box 156,	Burnsville, N.C.
Brummitt's Creek .	Richmond Barnett	Mrs. Star Bennett.....	Rt. 2, Bakersville, N.C.
Burbank .....	Rex Johnson	Tommy Jarrett .....	Rt. 1, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Covey Rock .....	Jonas Revis	Fate Deyton .....	Green Mountain, N.C.
Crabtree .....	Carmi Price	Mary Bell Lyons.....	Rt. 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn
Davistown .....		Diantha McPeters, Rt. 1, Box 548-B,	Morganton, NC
Higgins .....	Roger Byrd	Ima Jean Pate.....	Rt. 4, Burnsville, N.C.
Hillcrest .....	Steve Beam	Faye Pack....	245 Harmony Grove Rd., Nebo, N.C.
Liberty .....	Bobby Cable	Betty Allison.....	Rt. 4, Marion, N.C.
Liberty Chapel .....	Jesse Rice	Bernice Scott .....	400 Old 19-E, Burnsville, N.C.
Locust Gap .....	Ralph Phillips	Beulah Mink .	Rt. 5, Box 162, Mountain City, Tn.
Low Gap .....	Stanley McMahan	Nell Hiatt .....	P. O. Box 905, Burnsville, N.C.
Middle District .....	Blaine Whitson	James H. Street.	Rt. 2, Box 128-C, Bakersville, N.C.
Nix Creek .....	Bobby Revis	Judy Elliott .....	Rt. 2, Box 89, Marion, N.C.
North Bend .....	Marvin Hensley	Nora Buchanan .....	Rt. 2, Green Mtn., N.C.
Pathway .....	Paul Ault	Joe Ledford .....	Rt. 8, Box 447, Jonesboro, Tn.
Pensacola .....	Troy McCourry	Terrill Wilson .....	Rt. 6, Box 822, Burnsville, N.C.
Peterson's Chapel .....	Randall Laws	Francis Webb .....	Rt. 1, Box 38, Burnsville, N.C.
Pilgrim's Chapel .....	Arnold Briggs	Lloyd Dulaney ....	Rt. 2, Box 803, Burnsville, N.C.
Piney Grove .....	J. C. Sheets	Aileen McKinney .....	Hampton, Tenn.
Piney Hill .....	Larry Garland	Milley Lewis.....	Rt. 4, Burnsville, N.C.
Southside .....	Charlie Trivett	Maurice Robinson ....	Rt. 2, Box 10, Erwin, Tenn.
Sunset .....	Bernie Jones	Linda Tolley .....	Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Unaka Springs .....	Terry Richardson	Jerry Broyles .....	Unicoi, Tenn. 37692
Union Hill .....	Billy Styles	Mae Miller .....	Rt. 1, Box 302, Bakersville, N.C.
Vale .....	Jack Silvers	Coy Calhoun .....	Rt. 1, Newland, N.C.
Valley Forge .....	Leon B. Gibson	Vida C. Stevens .....	Rt. 8, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Woodby Hill .....	Ronda Street	June McKinney ....	Rt. 1, Box 612, Hampton, Tn.
Young's Chapel .....	Leonard Shehan	Wade Fortner ....	Rt. 6, Box 144, Burnsville, N.C.

## 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 a clerk. The moderator shall not serve more than four (4) consecutive terms at one time. (Amended 8-9-1986)

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.

## PERMANENT RESOLUTION

Passed 8/11/84

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

## 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	Communions	No. Baptized	Members Added	Dismissed	Deaths	Total Membership	Average in Sunday School	No. in Ladies Auxiliary	No. in C. T. S	Minute Fund	Association Fund	Clerk and Mod. Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid for Revivals	Donated to Children's Home	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Disabled Ministers Fund	Poor & Sick	Improvement To Church Property	Value of Church Property
Big Creek, Full .....	3	1		1	141	88	25			\$30		\$		\$ 531.00		\$ 400.80	\$ 825.00	\$ 600.00	\$4,117.00	\$ 4,735.42	\$ 200,243
Borings Chapel, Full ....	2		2		51	33				30	\$30	10	\$2,797.98						2,349.89	800.00	30,400
Brummitts Ck., Full ....	1	2		8	80	65	20	15	50	10	6,000.00	700.00	\$1,772.98				917.56		2,343.81	7,319.94	110,000
Burbank, Full .....	3	4	5	3	233	143	19	101	20	20	10,500.00	751.93	200.00	1,556.66	1,900.00	260.00	7,600.00	4,884.00	204,884		
Covey Rock, Full .....	2	8	5		162	116				30	25	20	10,340.00	791.00	100.00	158.00	100.00	685.75	1,391.30	4,767.88	126,764
Crabtree, Full .....	3	6	8		96	50	19	12	15	25	10	5,280.00	400.00	200.00	20.00	200.00	125.00	2,119.03	2,860.30	43,000	
Davistown, Full .....	2		2	5	50	45	9	15	15	20	10	8,984.73	326.00	154.96			454.96		800.00	16,954.82	93,600
Higgins, Full .....	2	7	2	1	102	63				25	20	5	3,900.00	847.37				65.00	1,110.00		46,000
Hillcrest, Full .....	2	2	3	2	64	53	8			30	35	15	2,320.00		295.00	1,300.00	1,602.41	50.00	1,870.50	6,830.00	110,330
Liberty, Full .....	1	4	8	2	108	70		24	20	20			13,792.00	300.00	160.00	1,025.00	1,005.00	20.00	1,670.24		150,000
Liberty Chapel, Full ....	3				46	35				20	20	20	2,457.62	57.00			20.00	20.00	35.00	700.00	83,971
Locust Gap, Full .....	2	5	6		114	65	15			5	5		8,050.00	500.00	500.00			25.00	600.00	55,000.00	165,000
Low Gap, Full .....	2	9	14	1	87	56				20	30	5	7,650.00	573.93	300.00	2,440.30	1,099.05	61.12	1,438.09	1,000.00	80,000
Middle District, Full ....	4	4	4	1	80	67	12	26	25	25	10	6,555.00	274.00	125.00	100.00	1,624.00	260.00	1,149.50	2,500.00	150,000	
Nix Creek, Full .....	2			5	1	86	33			20	15	5	3,478.50		150.00		420.00	10.00	1,488.93	350.00	42,000
North Bend, Full .....	2	1	1	2	110	97				30	20	10	5,800.00	372.37	200.00	436.00	1,083.55	50.00	1,174.66	6,416.91	146,416
Pathway, Full .....	1	1	3	23	63	72	12	10	25	15	10	10	10,515.00	200.00	365.50			50.00	1,222.36		62,000
Pensacola, Full .....	3	4	1	2	3	76	45			25	25	10	6,288.61			200.00	110.00	50.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	77,500
Peterson Chapel, Full ..	2	7	6	4	88	75	10			20	15	10	2,750.00				376.00		1,846.00	14,160.93	46,584
Pilgrims Chapel, 1&3 ..	2		3		28	24				10	10	10	2,300.00	468.50					2,247.00	952.93	15,000
Piney Grove, Full .....	3		2	1	121	122				30	25	5	8,320.00		405.00		965.58	310.00	3,627.13	13,393.37	
Piney Hill, Full .....	2				31	20				5	5		472.08		5.00			10.00	117.00	1,000.00	20,000
Southside, Full .....	2	4		1	214	167				50	15	25	10,047.41	838.00	868.10		250.00	50.00	3,447.42	35,000.00	239,537
Sunset, Full .....	2		1		62	60				15	15	10	7,650.00	400.00	1,785.62	400.00		250.00	1,063.28	4,868.07	113,000
Unaka Springs, Full ....	2		1		79	30				27	25	5	2,138.13	200.00	359.25		300.00				26,000
Union Hill, Full .....	3	6	5	2	45	40				10	25	5	2,521.98	200.00			25.00		110.00		60,000
Vale, Full .....		1		1	35	20				10	10	5	900.00							150.00	50,000
Valley Forge, Full .....	4	5			269	165	10	40	30	25	10	11,600.00	561.73	1,919.03	5,741.79	3,385.89	100.00	5,961.55	2,589.62		269,037
Woodby Hill, Full .....	4	1	2	3	1	107	69	21	26	30	20	5	5,200.00	250.00	1,451.12	483.24	390.00	25.00	1,498.85		50,000
Youngs Chapel, Full ....	2	3	4	2	183	89	10			25	30	15	3,750.00	420.00	440.00	2,759.93	1,119.55	302.91	2,665.35	230.39	55,000
	66	85	88	56	24	3011	2080	170	274	662	620	270	172,279.04	9,962.83	11,756.56	17,041.72	18,339.55	3,394.73	56,428.94	189,324.58	2,866,266

# CHURCH LETTER

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

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

Greetings in Christ:

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

---



---



---

### OUR STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS—

(1) Our Meeting Days	(14) Paid For Revivals
(2) Number Baptized	(15) Children's Home
(3) Members Added	(16) Home Missions
(4) Members Dismissed	(17) Foreign Missions
(5) Deaths	(18) Disabled Min. Fund
(6) Total Membership	(19) Poor and Sick
(7) Average in S.S.	(20) Improve Church Property
(8) No. in Ladies' Aux.	(21) Value Church Property
(9) No. in C.T.S.	(22) Paid Visiting Minister
(10) Minute Fund	(23) Communion Services
(11) Associational Fund	
(12) Clerk & Mod. Fund	
(13) Paid Pastor	

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

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

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

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

