

*Terry Richardson*

# 1989-90 MINUTES

OF THE

## JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT

VALLEY FORGE F.W.B. CHURCH

ELIZABETHTON, TENN.

AUGUST 10-12, 1989

### OFFICERS

Rev. Charlie Trivett . . . . . Moderator

Rev. Blane Whitson . . . . . Assistant Moderator

Rev. Ullis Miller . . . . . Clerk

Rev. Troy McCourry . . . . . Assistant Clerk

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### NEXT SESSION

The next session will be held with Big Creek F.W.B. Church August 8-10, 1990 (Thursday before the second Sunday in August at 10:30 a.m.)

Rev. Arnold Wilson will be preaching the introductory message. Rev. Jimmy Arrowood 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. Bobby Revis
CLERK .....	Rev. Ulis Miller
ASSISTANT CLERK .....	Rev. Troy McCourry
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ASST. TREASURER—Disabled Minister's Fund ..	Rev. Stanley McMahan
TREASURER—Home Missions .....	Rev. Frank Cable
ASST. TREASURER—Home Missions .....	Rev. Roger Byrd
TREASURER—Foreign Missions .....	Rev. Jerome Honeycutt
ASST. TREASURER—Foreign Missions .....	Rev. Marvin Hensley
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## MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

CLERK .....	Rev. Ulis Miller
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# PROCEEDINGS

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Association met with the Valley Forge F.W.B. Church at Elizabethton, Tenn., Aug. 10, 1989 at 10:30 a.m. for its Ninety-Fourth Annual Session. The congregation sang "Some Happy Day". Bro. Ben Johnson sang "Beyond The Gates" and "Beulah Land". Pastor Jonas Revis welcomed the Association. Prayer by Bro. Troy McCourry. Bro. Bruce Fender preached the introductory message, reading Gen. 2:7, Eccl. 12:7 and 1st Thes. 5:23. His subject was, "Body, Soul and Spirit." Closing song was "Amazing Grace" with fellowship handshake and prayer by Bro. Bobby Revis.

## Thursday Afternoon Session

Congregation sang "Victory In Jesus." Devotions by Bro. Roger Byrd, prayer by Bro. Stanley McMahan. Called to order by Moderator Bro. Charlie Trivett. Rules of Decorum were read.

Church letters were read and deacons and delegates were seated as follows:

**BIG CREEK:** Bros. Dean Murphy, Willis Adkins, Teddy Adkins, Lark Adkins and Sister Jewell Adkins.

**BEANS CREEK:** By letter.

**BORINGS CHAPEL:** Bro. and Sister Frank Cable.

**BRUMMITTS CREEK:** Sister Star Bennett, Bros. Paul Bennett and Roy Phillips.

**BURBANK:** Bros. Marshall Stockton and Leslie Tolley.

**COLBERTS CREEK:** Bros. Mike Wilson and Roscoe Cook.

**COVEY ROCK:** Sisters Marie Laws, Joyce Fox, Elsie Shehan, Bros. Buck Laws, Jess Fox, Leonard Shehan, Sister Pamela Donahue, Bros. Chad and Shannon Donahue.

**CRABTREE:** Sisters Virginia Honeycutt, Helen Hughes, Ruby Whitehead, Bro. Holt Hughes.

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

**HIGGINS:** Bros. Ralph Hedrick, Lewis Webb, Lasky Morrow, Sisters Mattie Morrow, Mozell Webb, Susie and Crystal Hedrick.

**HILLCREST:** Bros. Melvin Revis, Earl Webb, Odran Fender, Sisters Diane Revis, Freda Webb, Leona Fender.

**LIBERTY:** Bro. Lloyd Allison, Sisters Grace Allison, Diane Hollifield.

**LIBERTY CHAPEL:** By letter.

**LOCUST GAP:** Bro. Hugh E. Walker.

**LOW GAP:** Bro. Joel McMahan, Sisters Patsy Riddle, Ada Young, Ann Fender.

**MIDDLE DISTRICT:** Deacons Acers Ledford, George Yelton, Charles Mosby, delegates; Bro. Jess Frye, Sisters Rose Ann Ledford, Mary Ann Street.

**NIX CREEK:** Bros. Floyd Robinson, Marion Elliot, Danny Elliott, Sisters Margie Elliott, Geneva Robinson.

**NORTH BEND:** Bros. Owen Barnett, Howard Buchanan, Ernest Hughes, Sisters Judy Barnett, Nora Buchanan, Sally Price, Patsy Street, Diane Holder, Cathey McCourry, Julia McCourry.

**PATHWAY:** Bro. and Sister Ernest Webb.

PENSACOLA: Bros. Clyde Thomason, Ronald Fox, Richard Wilson, Rose Miller.

PETERSON CHAPEL: Bros. Reece Edwards and Turner Silvers.

PILGRIMS CHAPEL: By letter.

PINEY GROVE: Bros. Fred Simerly, Joe Arnett, Gwen Cole.

SOUTHSIDE: David Pauley, Russell Whitson, Darren Higgins, Ray Tolley, Sister Maude Tolley.

SUNSET: Bro. and Sister Vearl Julian, Bro. Harry Crow.

UNAKA SPRINGS: Bro. and Sister Ray Johnson.

UNION HILL: Bros. Lester Miller, Donald Miller, Harold Richardson, Sisters Linda Miller, Brandi Miller.

VALE: Bro. Coxe Calhoun.

VALLEY FORGE: Bros. Carl Roberson, Ben Johnson, Jim Riddle, Sisters Mettie Bell Johnson, Rose Walsh, Bonnie Elliott.

YOUNGS CHAPEL: Bros. Clay Fender, Arnold Fortner, Sisters Lila Fender, Nell Fortner.

Ministers Roll called and welcomed the following visiting ministers: Bros. Don Sexton, Rod Regas, Eddie Payne and A. J. Lupper.

### ELECTED OFFICERS

MODERATOR .....	Bro. Charlie Trivett
ASSISTANT MODERATOR .....	Bro. Blane Whitson
CLERK .....	Bro. Ullis Miller
ASSISTANT CLERK .....	Bro. Troy McCourry
TREASURER DISABLED MINISTERS FUND .....	Bro. Jonas Revis
ASST. TREASURER DISABLED MIN. FUND ....	Bro. Stanley McMahan
HOME MISSIONS .....	Bro. Frank Cable
ASSISTANT, HOME MISSIONS .....	Bro. Roger Byrd
FOREIGN MISSIONS .....	Bro. Jerome Honeycutt
ASSISTANT, FOREIGN MISSIONS .....	Bro. Marvin Hensley
ORPHANAGE FUND .....	Bro. Troy McCourry
ASSISTANT, ORPHANAGE FUND .....	Bro. Rickey Pate
BURIAL FUND .....	Bro. Bobby Revis
ASSISTANT, BURIAL FUND .....	Bro. J. C. Sheets
RULES COMMITTEE: Bro. Troy McCourry, Chairman; Leonard Shehan, Lloyd Allison, Charles Mosby, Mike Hopson.	
ASSOCIATIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: Bro. Carmi Price, Chairman; Bernie Jones, Charlie Trivett, Marvin Hensley, Bobby Revis, Stanley McMahan, Alternate.	
DISABLED MINISTERS INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:	
Tennessee: Bro. Verno Davis, Chairman; Bill Greer, Roscoe Higgins, Rickey Pate, Norman Loveless, Alternate.	
North Carolina: Bro. Jack Silvers, Chairman; Dean Murphy, Clifford Silvers, Harold Jones, Rbnnie Peterson, Alternate.	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISABLED MINISTERS FUND: Bro. J. D. Price, Chairman; Richmond Barnett, Ullis Miller, Dannie Elliott, Clay Fender.	



## **ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES**

- CHURCHES, PASTORS AND DEACONS:** Bros. Hugh Dalton, Marrion Elliott and Earl Webb.
- CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE:** Bro. Carl Roberson, Sisters Nell Fortner and Pat Ray.
- DISABLED MINISTERS FUND:** Bros. Perry Moore, Willis Adkins and Owen Barnett.
- EDUCATION:** Bros. Paul Bennett, Roy Phillips and Sister Violet Moore.
- FOREIGN MISSIONS:** Bros. Ben Johnson, Bob Ray and Dannie Elliott.
- HOME MISSIONS:** Bros. Lark Adkins, Rose Miller, Buck Laws and Floyd Roberson.
- LADIES AUXILIARY:** Sisters Freddie Webb, Patsy Street and Grace Allison.
- CHILDRENS HOME:** Sisters Star Bennett, Velda Fender and Bro. Roy Phillips.
- RESOLUTIONS:** Bros. Owen Barnett, Russell Whitson and Jim Riddle.
- SESSIONS:** Bros. Lloyd Allison, Lewis Webb and Teddy Adkins.
- SUNDAY SCHOOLS:** Sisters Bill Greer, Roger Byrd and Bro. Ernest Webb.

Bro. Rod Regas spoke on the Christian situation in Cuba. Bro. Eddie Payne spoke for Foreign Missions and the F.W.B. Bible College. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Don Sexton.

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

Valley Forge Youth Choir and Trio sang several beautiful selections with great rejoicing. Prayer by Bro. Sam Ferguson. Bro. Leonard Shehan preached, reading Psalms 73. Had a wonderful service with six rededications and closed with a fellowship handshake.

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

Congregation sang "The Old Account Was Settled." Devotions by Bro. Bobby Revis, reading Col. 3:1-7. Prayer by Bro. Richmond Barnett. Called to order by Moderator Bro. Charlie Trivett. Rules of Decorum were read. Minutes of Thursday session were read and approved. Ministers roll call was made and Rev. A. J. Lupper welcomed as a visiting minister.

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

Congregation sang "I Am Going That Way." The Carr family sang one song, prayer by Bro. Carl Roberson. Bro. Marvin Hensley preached, reading Ex. 30:9, Lev. 10:1, subject was "Strange Incense." Closed with prayer by Bro. Richmond Barnett.

### **Friday 1:30 P.M. Business Session**

Congregation sang "Not Made With Hands." Prayer by Bro. Melvin Revis. Called to order by Moderator Bro. Charlie Trivett.

## **ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Sunday School**

We believe that Psalms 119:33 explains the purpose and values of a good spiritual Sunday School. If we are taught the word of God in our classes and apply it to our lives, we will not forget the teaching and training that a good Sunday School provides. A good Sunday School is preparing us for

the worship service to follow, filled with the Holy Spirit. Teachers should be dedicated to the Lord, the church and their class.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it until the end.—Psalms 119:33 Proverbs 22:6—Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Mary Nell Greer, Shirley Peterson

## **Foreign Missions**

“And He said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.” Matthew 5:14

The great commission of the church is still the same. It has not changed. It is a never ending task we must do. Of over 5 billion souls on this earth, well over half have never heard the good news of our Lord. How wonderful it would be if all our churches would on a regular basis each month send 10% of our money received to the support of Home and Foreign Missions. May God burden our hearts to sacrificially give so that representatives can be sent to the ends of the earth. The world's mission fields are truly white unto harvest and the laborers are so few. May we dedicate ourselves anew to the eternal importance of sending skilled laborers who are willing to go and spread the good news of Jesus. If we won't go or can't go—let's send and support those who will and can go. A special thank you to our Brother in Christ, Brother Eddie Payne and his wife who have labored these past 25 years in Africa. Best wishes Brother Eddie on your new work at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville.

Respectfully submitted:

Ben Johnson, Boob Ray, Danny Elliott

## **Resolutions**

We your Committee on Resolutions wish to re-adopt last year's resolution as following.

We resolve that all visiting churches be recognized and welcomed. Those being served by a Jacks Creek minister be so stated.

We further resolve that ministers state the churches they will be pastoring for the next year.

Committee: Owen Barnett and Jim Riddle.

## **Education**

Worldly knowledge prepares people for the duties of this life. Spiritual education or knowledge prepares people for eternal life. Pro. 15:14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness. II Pet. 3:18 instructs us “to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” The Bible tells us in Deut. 6:7 to teach our children diligently. Children live what they learn. If we fail to teach our natural and spiritual children of God's love and the Bible, it is our fault if we lose them to the things of the world.

Violet Moore

## **Church Training Services**

Deuteronomy 6:6-9: We the Committee on C.T.S. want to underline Church Training. We train to be a good soldier. We train to have a good job. We train to be a good athlete. C.T.S. is a time and place to train our children to do good in Christian service. Our Bible instructs us to take time to place God first in every part of our life. When we talk home, when we are other places, at night time and in the morning. Every day is a training day for our children.

Committee: Nell Fortner, Pat Ray and Carl Roberson.

## **Churches, Pastors and Deacons**

We believe that the church is not a building, but we think that it is a people that have received God's spirit and his ways fully. We believe that our pastors first be God-called men, not called by man. Preaching the word at all times with no respect of persons. We all know what 1st Timothy 3 said about a bishop. Also you will find the deacon's qualifications in the same chapter. We should read these and be sure they meet these conditions before they are ordained.

Committee: Hugh Dalton, Marion Elliott and Earl Webb.

## **Ladies' Auxiliary**

The Ladies Auxiliary is a wonderful phase of Christian service. It provides inspiration and opportunity for ladies to help meet the many needs in our local churches, communities and around the world. Acts 1:8. We read in Romans 16 that the women were of much help to the Apostle Paul. Luke tells us in Chapter 8 that the good women were with Christ as he went throughout every city and village and they ministered unto him of their substance. Women with a keen spiritual insight are aware of the need to be laborers together, praying, giving of time and finance, helping the ministers and missionaries that we may accomplish the commission of our Lord to his church. John 14:12, Mat. 28:19-20.

Committee: Freeda Webb, Patsy Street and Grace Allison.

## **Sessions**

First Conference: Covey Rock F.W.B. Church, Green Mountain, N. C. Oct. 25, 1989 at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Ulis Miller to preach, Rev. Rodney Deaton alternate.

Second Conference: Brummitts Creek F.W.B. Church, Green Mountain, N. C. Dec. 30, 1989 at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Carmie Price to preach, Rev. Billy Styles alternate.

Third Conference: Higgins F.W.B. Church, Burnsville, N. C. April 23, 1990 at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Bobby Revis to preach, Rev. Jack Silvers alternate.

Association will be at Big Creek F.W.B. Church, Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N. C., Aug. 8-10, 1990 at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Arnold Wilson will preach introductory message, Rev. Jimmy Arrowood to be his alternate.

Fourth Conference will be on Saturday incorporated with the Association.

## **Children's Home**

We your committee would like to recommend that all churches become more involved in supporting the F.W.B. Home for Children in Greenville. We feel this would be a good project for youth groups in your church. Those children need to hear the word so they can be saved. We would like for the people in this Association to have a part in helping Bro. Looper get the job done. Please visit the Home, support it with your prayers and offerings.

Committee: Veltie Fender, A. J. Looper.

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

Valley Forge F.W.B. Church service began with the choir singing. The Honeycutt Family then sang "Looking at Calvary." Prayer was led by Bro. Perry Moore. Rev. Bill Greer brought a wonderful message using II Samuel 19:8-14. The theme of Bro. Greer's sermon was "Bring Back the King." Closed with prayer.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Home Missions

Beginning Balance Aug. 12, 1988 .....\$1,190.26

#### Receipts:

Interest Earned .....\$ 58.56

Church Donations ..... 33.49

Ministers Donations ..... 108.00

Treatise Sales ..... 32.50

Association ..... 250.00

Total Receipts .....\$ 822.55

#### Expenditures:

James Ledford .....\$ 400.00

Ending Balance Aug. 12, 1989 .....\$1,612.81

Frank E. Cable, Treasurer

### Disabled Ministers Fund

Beginning Balance Aug. 12, 1988 .....\$101,873.11

#### Receipts:

Ministers Conference .....\$3,475.00

Association ..... 1,724.90

Burial Fund ..... 1,500.00

Interest Earned ..... 8,325.43

Total Receipts ..... 15,025.33

Total to Account For .....\$116,898.44

#### Disbursements:

Total Disbursements .....\$ 10,032.25

Ending Balance Aug. 12, 1989 .....\$106,866.19

Rev. Jonas Revis, Treasurer

## Foreign Missions

Beginning Balance 8-10-88 .....\$ 171.62

### Receipts:

Burbank .....	\$ 750.00
Covey Rock .....	1,000.00
Crabtree .....	125.00
Davistown .....	75.00
Hillcrest .....	975.00
Hillcrest Youth .....	80.37
Liberty Chapel .....	20.00
Middle District .....	360.00
North Bend .....	1,500.00
Nix Creek .....	210.00
Pensacola .....	116.00
Peterson's Chapel .....	295.00
Woodby Hill .....	225.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Auxiliary .....	90.00
Youngs Chapel .....	675.00
Rev. Verno Davis .....	11.00
Rev. Roscoe Higgins .....	50.00
Cash .....	<u>2.00</u>

Total to Account For .....\$6,730.00

Disbursements—Mark Daniels .....\$5,000.00

Ending Balance 8-10-89 .....\$1,730.99

Rev. Jerome Honeycutt, Treasurer  
Rev. Marvin Hensley, Asst. Treasurer



## — OBITUARIES —

**JAMES EMERY VESS** — Born Jan. 18, 1910. Departed this life Oct. 16, 1988 after several years of declining health. He was a faithful member of Davistown F.W.B. Church since 1953 and a deacon since 1954. Over the years he also served the church as clerk, treasurer, S.S. superintendent, teacher, and groundskeeper. He was an inspiration to all who knew him, being filled with the Holy Ghost and truly "A Child of The King." He is sadly missed by his family and church, but we'll meet again "When We Step Off On That Beautiful Shore."

**DENNIS EDWARDS** — Born Oct. 3, 1938. Departed Nov. 26, 1988. He was a member of Unaka Springs F.W.B. Church. He was a faithful member and is missed very much.

**RONALD D. SHELL** — Age 65. Departed this life April 5, 1989. He became an active member of Sunset F.W.B. Church in November 1972. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II. He is survived by one daughter, Vivian L. Shell. He is deeply missed by our church. We know he is rejoicing with the Lord.

**WILLIAM M. STREET** — Age 88. Departed this life April 18, 1989. He became a member of Sunset F.W.B. Church January 20, 1951. He was faithful to the church as long as his health permitted. His survivors include Mrs. Effie Clark Street, wife, one daughter, two sons, and many more family members. He is deeply missed by friends and we feel he is at rest with the Lord.

**GERALD W. STEVENS** — Age 49. Departed this life June 2, 1989. He became an active member of Sunset F.W.B. Church March 3, 1951. He was appointed Deacon in 1968. He was previously serving as Chairman of the Deacon Board and was also the teacher of the Men's Sunday School Class. He took an active part throughout the church. He was preceded in death by one son and one granddaughter. Survivors included Mrs. Florence Odom Stevens, mother, Mrs. Lillie Mae Teague Stevens, wife. Also, four daughters, one grandson, one step-daughter and several brothers and sisters. His memories and leadership still live within the church. He is deeply missed by his family and friends but one day our hope is to join him with our Lord.

**EFFIE SIMERLY** — Departed this life June 13, 1989 at the age of 74. She is survived by her husband, Fred Simerly. She was a faithful member of Piney Grove F.W.B. Church. She will be missed by all, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

**MYRTLE HINKLE BRASWELL** — Born April 8, 1909, departed this life August 25, 1988. She was a faithful member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church. She was a devoted mother who had a hard time but who is now happy in the presence of the Lord, never to have to worry anymore.

**MALCOLM WALTER CREASEY** — Born April 19, 1911, departed this life May 2, 1988, after a lingering illness. He was a devoted and faithful member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church. One of his favorite testimonies was, "Before I left the house and last night before going to be I prayed for the Lord to give us a good service. He has and I want to praise Him for it." He will be missed by not only his family but the men of his Sunday School class and a host of friends.

**TAMMY CARVER** — Age 19. Born July 31, 1969, who collapsed and died suddenly March 28, 1989 while mowing the yard at her home. She was a 1988 graduate of Elizabethton High School and an active member of the Active Christian Teens of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church, where she was a member. Tammy's death was a stark reminder of our mortality and the uncertainty of life. Her death was such a shock not only to her family and friends but the whole community. Her death created a void not only in her home but also

in her church. When someone young, such as Tammy, who was vibrant and full of life dies suddenly, without warning, there is always the question Why? We can never seize upon the right answer to this question no matter how hard we try. But we should never forget it is never the length of one's life that counts but how that life was spent. Tammy gave a lot in her 19 years. She had completed high school and no doubt had a promising future but her future is more promising now because she left a testimony of her Christian faith. She was witty—full of life—had a beautiful smile—fun to be with—always loved to be a part of the team and truly an inspiration to everyone. She was a loving daughter and granddaughter and a faithful friend. Perhaps one of her greatest achievements in life was bringing joy to others and indeed she did that well. We miss her so much but her passing makes heaven that much sweeter. "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." Proverbs 31:29

**AMANDA ARROWOOD** — Age 71. Passed away Oct. 21, 1988. She was a member of Brummjts Creek F.W.B. Church since April 29, 1962. She was faithful to her church as long as her health permitted. She leaves one sister and one brother and is greatly missed by her neighbors and church community. We feel that she is at rest.

**REV. JOHN SAM MURPHY** — Age 78. Born Oct. 30, 1910. Departed this life Dec. 7, 1988. He was a charter member and former pastor of Pilgrim's Chapel F.W.B. Church as well as other churches in the area. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, six sons, three sisters, one brother, 15 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and many dear friends and loved ones who sadly miss him. We feel we will see him one day waiting on the shore for us as we pass over to the other side. He is greatly missed by us all.

**ALEX WILSON** — Age 92. Departed this life Jan. 30, 1988. Deacon of the Pensacola F.W.B. Church. He leaves his wife Florence Sturgill Wilson, ten children, 14 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and a host of family and friends. A favorite song, "I Can Almost See the Lights of Home."

"Nothing could be more beautiful, than the memories we have of you.

To us you were someone special; God must have thought so too.

All our lives we will miss you, though the years may come and go.

But in our hearts you will live forever, because we love you so."

(Written by his daughter, Barbara)

**BERNIE L. FENDER, SR.** — Died July 17, 1989. He was a charter member of Hillcrest F.W.B. Church. He was a faithful member as long as his health permitted. He was a veteran of World War II.

**PARK ADKINS** — Born June 15, 1900. Departed this life May 8, 1989. He was a faithful member of the Big Creek F.W.B. Church as long as his health permitted. He is sadly missed by family and friends.

**MELVIN WOODY** — Born June 10, 1920 and departed this life Sept. 25, 1987. He joined Big Creek F.W.B. Church Nov. 9, 1986 and was a faithful member until his death. He hardly ever talked in church but when he did you could feel the Holy Spirit. We miss his quiet presence.

**LENA MAE HIGGINS** — Age 86. Departed this life July 7, 1989. She is survived by three sons, five daughters, three brothers, 20 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren, and a great multitude of friends. She was a faithful member of Pathway F.W.B. Church, and a blessing to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed by all.

**VERNA STEVENS** — Age 76. Departed this life June 26, 1989 following a long illness. She was a member of Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church, Route 1, Hampton, Tenn. Survivors include her husband, Amos Stevens, Sr., and one son, Amos Stevens, Jr., two grandsons, one sister and one brother. She is greatly missed by all her relatives and friends.

**ARNOLD B. McKINNEY** — Departed this life March 29, 1989 at the age of 67 following a long illness. He was a faithful member of Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church, Route 1, Hampton, Tenn., where he served as youth director for over 30 years. He is survived by his wife June, two sons, Bobby and Leslie, and two granddaughters and one grandson, one sister and four brothers. He is dearly missed by all his family and friends.

**TAYLOR WHITSON** — Age 97. Rt. 12, Gray, died Saturday, Feb. 18, 1989, in Johnson City Medical Center Hospital following a lengthy illness. He was a native of Mitchell County, N.C., and a son of the late Sam and Martha Garland Whitson. Mr. Whitson was a member of Beans Creek F.W.B. Church, Bakersville, N.C., where he served as a Sunday school superintendent, teacher and choir member for many years. He later moved to Gray and attended Oak Grove Baptist Church. Mr. Whitson was a retired farmer. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Mary Jane Garland Whitson.



Bro. Crawford Ayers

**CRAWFORD AYERS** — In memory of Bro. Crawford Ayers, age 97, of Green Mtn., N.C. Died Saturday, April 29, 1989 at his home. A native of Yancey County, he was a son of the late Tom and Jane Jones Ayers. He was a World War I Army veteran and a retired farmer. His wife, Lou Mae Bailey Ayers, died Sept 26, 1971. He was a member and deacon of Covey Rock F.W.B. Church for 40 years. Covey Rock Church lost a faithful and devoted deacon. His life spoke loud and clear to all that knew him, of his love for the church, his love for the Lord, and his love for his family and country. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. He is greatly missed by all that knew him. We love you Daddy, Marie.

**DELIA TROUTMAN** — Went home to be with the Lord Feb. 28, 1989, at the age of 88. Her faithfulness to her church and her devotion to her family were examples of a beautiful Christian life. Many years she did not miss a service at the church. Her seat is vacant but her memories are beautiful. She was someone special and in our hearts she lives on. She is survived by six sons, two daughters, 18 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren and many friends. We will meet again on heaven's bright shore.

**SHERIDAN PATE** — Was called home to be with Jesus on June 19, 1989, at the age of 89. He was the son of the late Frank and Sallie Angel Pate. He leaves behind his wife, Annie Adkins Pate, and four sons, Ransome L., Clarence and James Pate of Burnsville, Billy Joe Pate of Bellevue, Mich. Surviving also are two sisters, Vaughtie Thomas and Ruby Pate of Burnsville, a brother, Mack Pate of Swannanoa, 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was a deacon of the Pensacola F.W.B. Church. He was a faithful servant, a loving companion, and a wonderful father to his children. We believe our loss is heaven's gain.

## **MINISTERS CONFERENCE**

### **Liberty**

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with the Liberty F.W.B. Church Oct. 29, 1988 at 9:30 a.m. Conference was welcomed by Pastor Mark Hogan. Congregation sang "Some Day." Devotions by Bro. Bernie Jones, who read John 14. Prayer by Bro. Marvin Hensley.

Called to order by Moderator Bro. Ronnie Peterson, rules of decorum were read. Minutes of last session were read and approved. Fellowship was called for with everyone standing in full fellowship. Welcomed visiting ministers as follows: Bros. Rick Birchfield, Larry Bass, Eddie Payne, Garry Blunt and Pastor Mark Hogan. Deacons and delegates were seated.

Bros. Roger Laws and Jimmy Arrowood asked for licenses to preach and were referred to Investigating Committee. Bros. Noah Hughes and Roger Bengé were approved for licenses to preach. Bro. Ross Grant was approved for ordination.

Officers appointed for next session were Bro. Blaine Whitson, Moderator; Bro. Steve Beam, Assistant; Bro. Richmond Barnett, Devotions; and Bros. Russell Hughes, Bruce Fender, Bill Greer, Topic Committee. Topic Committee report given by Bro. Verno Davis. Heb. 13:1 "Let brotherly love continue."

11:00 a.m. Service, Bro. Bruce Fender preached, reading 1st Peter 1. Service was closed with ordination of Bro. Ross Grant. The charge was given by Bro. Leonard Shehan. Prayer by Bro. J. D. Price. Closed with singing and fellowship handshake.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

### **North Bend**

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with North Bend F.W.B. Church Jan. 28, 1989 at 9:30 a.m. Congregation sang "Victory In Jesus." Pastor Marvin Hensley welcomed the Conference. Devotions by Bro. Richmond Barnett reading Mark 9:33. Prayer by Bro. Bobby Revis.

Called to order by Moderator Bro. Blaine Whitson. Rules of decorum were read. Minutes of last session were read and approved. Visiting ministers were welcomed as follows: Bros. Rex Johnson, Larry Barr and Rickey Birchfield. Fellow was called for, everyone stood except Bro. Cable who requested a meeting with the Ordaining Council. Bro. Larry Barr requested licenses and was presented to the Investigating Committee. Rev Arnold Briggs' Ordination Certificate was turned in by Investigating Committee. Bro. Roger Laws and Bro. Jimmy Arrowood were approved for licenses to preach.

Officers for next Conference: Bro. Bobby Revis, Moderator; Bro. Jack Silvers, Assistant; Bros. Randy Laws, Norman Lawless, Bill Greer and Richard Sparks, Topic Committee.

Topic Committee report given by Bro. Russell Hughes 1 Tim. 6:10-13. 11:00 a.m. Service, Trio sang two songs. Bro. Jimmy Arrowood preached a wonderful message. Closed with singing and fellowship handshake.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

### **Riverview**

Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with Riverview F.W.B. Church April 29, 1989 at 9:30 a.m. Opened with singing "Victory In Jesus" by the congregation. Pastor Bro. Bruce Fender welcomed the Conference. Devotions by Bro. Orville Williams reading 2nd Timothy 4. Prayer by Bro. Orphard Hensley.

Called to order by Moderator Bro. Bobby Revis. Rules of decorum were read. Roll call was made with everyone standing in fellowship. The following

visiting ministers were welcomed: Bros. Roger Stockton, Raymond Whitehead, Allen Whitehead, Rex Johnson, Joe Winters, Eddie Payne and Mark Daniels. Visiting churches were welcomed. Deacons and delegates were seated.

Call for anyone seeking membership or licenses to preach. Bro. Melvin Revis asked for licenses and was referred to the Investigating Committee. The Investigating Committee reported and passed Bro. Larry Barr to the Ordaining Council. Appointed Bro. Russell Hughes for devotions and Billy Styles as alternate at next Conference. Topic Committee will be Revs. Roger Laws, Jr. McKinney and Roger Bienge. Topic Committee reported by Bro. Norman Loveless reading 1st John 4:1-6 and John 3:16, subject "God Is Love." Ordaining Council reported recommending Bro. Larry Barr for licenses to preach.

11:00 a.m. The congregation sang three songs. Bro. Arney Foster sang a solo, "I Have a Longing to Go," followed by several personal testimonies. Closed with a fellowship handshake and prayer by Bro. Leonard Shehan.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

## Valley Forge

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with the Valley Forge F.W.B. Church Aug. 12, 1989 at 9:30 a.m. in conjunction with the Ninety-Fourth Annual Association. Pastor Bro. Jonas Revis welcomed the Conference and led the congregation in singing "Send the Light." Devotions were by Bro. Russell Hughes reading 2nd Timothy 1:2-10. Prayer by Bro. John Stockton.

Called to order by Moderator Bro. Charlie Trivett. Rules of decorum were read. Ministers roll call was made with everyone standing in fellowship but Bro. Stanley Parkey who then explained his reason for not standing. Minutes of last session were read and approved. Deacons and delegates were welcomed and seated in the body. The following visiting ministers were welcomed: Bros. Mike Wilson, Ronnie Whitson, Mark Hogan, Garry Blunt and Allen Whitehead.

The following officers were elected for the next year: Clerk, Bro. Ulis Miller; Assistant, Bro. Bobby Revis; Ordaining Council, Bros. Roscoe Higgins, Chm., Bruce Fender, Leonard Shehan, Carmi Price, Jonas Revis and Charlie Trivett; Alternate Investigating Committee for Tenn., Bros. Orville Williams, Chm., Bill Greer, Junior McKinney and Terry Richardson; Alternate for N.C., Bros. Ross Grant, Chm., Marvin Hensley, Ronnie Peterson and Jack Silvers, Alternate. Bro. Allen Whitehead asked for membership and was referred to the Committee. Bro. Richard Sparks for ordination was referred to the Committee. Moderator for next Conference, Bro. Frank Cable, Richmond Barnett, Alternate. Devotions, Bro. Noah Hughes. Topic Committee, Bros. Rodney Deyton, Terry Richardson, Jr. McKinney and Larry Barr. Topic Committee report by Bro. Roger Laws: Gen. 6:13, subject "Going God's Way." Prayer by Bro. Leonard Shehan. (Bro. Melvin Revis continued to next Conference.)

Ulis Miller, Clerk



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Big Creek -----	Ulis Miller	Cara Cox ----- Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N. C.
Beans Creek -----	Richard Sparks	Ruby Bennett ----- Rt. 2, Bakersville, N. C.
Borings Chapel -----	Frank Cable	Donna Woodby ----- Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Brummitts Creek --	Russell Hughes	Star Bennett ---- Rt. 2, Box 465-C, Bakersville, N. C.
Burbank -----	Rex Johnson	Tammy Jarrett ----- Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Colberts Creek -----	Ross Grant	Virginia Wilson ----- Rt. 2, Box 369, Marion, N. C.
Covey Rock -----	Leonard Shehan	Fate Deyton ----- Rt. 2, Green Mtn., N. C.
Crabtree -----	Carmi Price	Mary B. Lyons ---- Rt. 2, Box 1164, Roan Mtn., Tenn.
Davistown -----		Diantha McPeters ----- 224 Rain Hill Church Rd., Morganton, N. C.
Higgins -----	Billy Styles	Deborah Wheeler ----- Rt. 4, Burnsville, N. C.
Hillcrest -----	Allen Jackson	Faye H. Pack ---- 219 Harmony Br. Rd., Nebo, N. C.
Liberty -----	Mark Hogan	Bobby Allison ----- Rt. 4, 1025, Marion, N. C.
Liberty Chapel ----	Ronnie Carroll	Mary Huskins - 1475 Blue Rock Rd., Burnsville, N. C.
Locust Gap -----	Darryl Bailey	Ida M. Main --- Rt. 5, Box 204, Mountain City, Tenn.
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Middle District ---	Blaine Whitson	James H. Street -- Rt. 2, Box 128-C, Bakersville, N. C.
New Hope -----	Allen Whitehead	Thelma McInturff ---- Rt. 2, Box 201, Unicoi, Tenn.
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North Bend -----	Marvin Hensley	Nora Buchanan ----- Green Mountain, N. C.
Pathway -----	Burnie Jones	Virginia Bailey ----- Rt. 1, Box 90-A, Erwin, Tenn.
Pensacola -----	Troy McCourry	Patricia Silvers ---- Rt. 6, Box 810, Burnsville, N. C.
Peterson Chapel --	Donald Whitson	Frances Webb ---- Rt. 1, Box 126, Burnsville, N. C.
Pilgrims Chapel ----	Arnold Briggs	Lloyd Dulaney ---- Rt. 2, Box 1318, Burnsville, N. C.
Piney Grove -----	J. C. Sheets	Aileen McKinney ----- Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Piney Hill -----		Nell Bradford ----- Burnsville, N. C.
South Side -----	Charlie Trivette	Maurice Robinson - 114 Bradshaw Wds., Erwin, Tenn.
Sunset -----	Sam Ferguson	Patti Whitson --- Rt. 7, Box 369, Johnson City, Tenn.
Unaka Springs --	Terry Richardson	June Foster ----- Rt. 2, Erwin, Tenn.
Union Hill -----	Ralph Roberts	Mae Miller ----- Rt. 1, Box 302, Bakersville, N. C.
Vale -----	Rodney Deyton	Coye Calhoun ----- Rt. 1, Box 49, Newland, N. C.
Valley Forge -----	Jonas Revis	Viola Stevens ---- Rt. 2, Box 355, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Woodby Hill -----	Ronda Street	June McKinney ---- Rt. 1, Box 612, Hampton, Tenn.
Youngs Chapel -----	Bobby Revis	Billie Thompson ---- P. O. Box 551, Burnsville, N. C.

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Richardson, Terry, Rt. 1, Box 404, Hampton, Tenn. ....	615-725-2196
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Schultz, Kennith ....	
Shehan, Leonard, P. O. Box 552, Erwin, Tenn. ....	743-8076
Silvers, Jack, Rt. 6, Box 112, Burnsville, N.C. ....	704-682-6390
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Whitson, Blaine, Rt. 2, Green Mtn., N.C. ....	704-682-6357
Williams, Orville, 207 Sycamore St., Erwin, Tenn. ....	743-7953
Wilson, Arnold, Rt. 6, Marion, N.C. ....	704-724-9368

The following ministers are pastoring churches in another association:

Bill Greer .....	Keystone FWB Church
Theodore Fleenor .....	East Fairview FWB Church
Alfred Harris .....	Barnard FWB Church
Orphard Hensley .....	Ridge Way FWB Church
Charles Hill, Jr. ....	Fork Mountain FWB Church
Bruce Fender .....	River View
J. D. Price .....	Coxes Creek
Orville Williams .....	Moore's Chapel FWB Church
Noah Hughes .....	Upper Pigeon Roost FWB Church

## 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	No. Baptized	Members Added	Dismissed	Deaths	Total Membership	Average in Sunday School	No. in Ladies Auxiliary	No. in C. T. S	Communion	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	Paid Visiting Minister
Big Creek, Full .....	4	3	0	1	156	90	25		2	\$40	\$40	\$20				\$ 914	\$2,462	\$ 600	\$2,910	\$10,779	\$218,374	\$ 452
Beans Creek, Full .....	0	0	1	1	65	27	7		4	10	15	10	\$5,453	\$ 250					690	25,000	75,000	
Borings Chapel, Full ....	0	1	0	0	66	29	0	0	1	30	20	0	1,870						5,058			
Brummitts Ck., Full ....	0	4	0	1	75	67	0	0	2	15	50	10	6,200	1,101			300		1,522	6,977	166,977	
Burbank, Full .....	4	12	0	1	250	144	17	106	4	25	20	10	16,900	504		3,293	3,498	260	2,811	17,700	242,432	1,092
Colberts Creek, Full ....	6	4	2	0	28	30	0	0	2	10	20	5	4,786	300					2,653	25,056	60,000	
Covey Rock, Full .....	8	9	6	1	177	118	0	0	4	15	20	10	5,200	450		326	2,034	125	4,007	218	145,532	167
Crabtree, Full .....	0	0	0	0	89	42	22	0	2	50	35	25	10,340	1,162	\$150	20	300	125	2,961	2,750	50,000	235
Davistown, Full .....	3	1	1	1	53	50	7	0	4	15	20	10	6,781	69			75		848	425	152,000	
Higgins, Full .....	6	4	0	0	111	60	0	0	4	25	20	5	5,100	430			200	65	1,776	330	49,000	
Hillcrest, Full .....	2	2	1	1	67	59	0	0	2	30	40	15	3,600	700		450	1,197	50	1,630	50,000	250,000	150
Liberty, Full .....	7	8	3	0	117	72	0	23	2	20	20	0	14,300	1,475	940	2,398	3,479	20	2,033	16,500	250,000	175
Liberty Chapel, Full ....	0	7	0	2	50	45	0	0	1	20	20	20	2,218	289	40	20	20	35	1,100		83,971	
Locust Gap, Full .....	3	0	2	1	79	40	12	0	3	10	15	10	5,450	200				50	200		200,000	
Low Gap, Full .....	1	2	0	0	98	56	15	20	3	30	30	10	10,400	500	300	4,430	600	66	1,846	22,000	116,271	344
Middle District, Full ....	7	8	0	0	87	79	0	37	4	25	25	10	7,826	300	600	970	1,180	260	1,741	6,617	175,000	229
New Hope, Full .....	0	6	0	0	24	27	0	0	0	10	0	0	2,900						0			
Nix Creek, Full .....	1	3	0	2	90	35	0	0	3	20	15	5	3,864	1,281	150	210	210	20	2,755	900	50,090	443
North Bend, Full .....	4	8	1	0	112	99	0	0	4	40	20	20	6,600	500		3,501	1,200	50	2,423	2,006	147,706	
Pathway, Full .....	0	0	0	1	57	38	0	0	4	25	20	10	9,714	400				50	1,328	1,416	63,416	250
Pensacola, Full .....	3	4	0	1	64	36	0	0	0	25	25	10	5,018			43	116	50	2,015	1,635	80,000	200
Peterson Chapel, Full .	19	17	0	1	91	125	0	0	4	25	15	10	5,200	742			395		988	5,843	61,030	83
Pilgrims Chapel, 183 ..	0	0	0	1	27	18	0	0	1	10	10	10	2,500	670					4,300		15,000	
Piney Grove, Full .....	23	17	6	1	138	129	0	0	3	30	25	5	8,320	300	100	305	1,065	310	5,300	6,597	150,000	450
Piney Hill, Full .....	No Report																					
Southside, Full .....	5	8	1	2	227	212	0	0	4	50	15	25	14,820	750	200	300	270	180	3,422	3,630	262,800	781
Sunset, Full .....	4	1	0	3	70	71	0	30	4	15	15	15	7,700	500		1,319	1,100	25	6,470	5,458	113,000	400
Unaka Springs, Full ....	0	0	0	1	96	40	12	0	3	25	25	5	2,983	300			360				75,000	433
Union Hill, Full .....	0	0	0	0		35	0	0	1	10	25	5	2,535	160	100				308	156	60,000	200
Vale, 2&4 .....	0	0	0	0	30	22	0	0	0	10	10	10	1,200							1,757	50,000	
Valley Forge, Full .....	1	12	0	2	264	145	10	42	4	30	0	10	13,000		1,232	6,809	5,217	100	8,365	11,646	285,206	300
Woodby Hill, Full .....	0	0	2	2	101	70	25	0	3	30	20	5	5,200	318		378	390	25	1,700	444	55,000	357
Youngs Chapel, Full ....	2	0	2	1	173	83	8	0	4	30	30	15	6,325	401		1,876	600	384	2,115	8,673	55,000	451

# 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) 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	

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

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

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

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Pre School Teachers  
1 Class # Ramona } Brinda  
Jammy  
2 Class # Linda + Rita Rita

Middle  
3 Class # Charlotte + Alice

Junior Youth H.  
4 Class # ~~John + Annie~~

Youth  
5 Class # Eddie + Tony

Music Guinn Gwen

Refreshments:

Monday - Frankie - Lorene

Tuesday - Nancy, Betty

Wednesday - Ruth - Fay

Thursday - Jewel  
Jocell +

Friday - Una + Connie

