

# **1991-92 MINUTES**

**OF THE**

## **JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT**

**HILLCREST F.W.B. CHURCH**

**NEBO, N. C.**

**AUGUST 8-10, 1991**

### **OFFICERS**

Rev. Bobby Revis . . . . . Moderator  
Rev. Marvin Hensley . . . . . Assistant Moderator  
Rev. Ulis Miller . . . . . Clerk  
Rev. Troy McCourry . . . . . Assistant Clerk

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### **NEXT SESSION**

The next session will be held with Keystone F.W.B. Church at Johnson City, TN. August 6-8, 1992 (Thursday before the second Sunday in August) at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Bruce Fender will be preaching the introductory message. Rev. Charlie Trivett will be his alternate.

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

MODERATOR .....	Rev. Bobby Revis
ASSISTANT MODERATOR .....	Rev. Marvin Hensley
CLERK .....	Rev. Ulis Miller
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TREASURER—Disabled Minister's Fund .....	Rev. Jonas Revis
ASST. TREASURER—Disabled Minister's Fund ...	Rev. Stanley McMahan
TREASURER—Home Missions .....	Rev. Frank Cable
ASST. TREASURER—Home Missions .....	Rev. Roger Laws
TREASURER—Foreign Missions .....	Rev. Jerome Honeycutt
ASST. TREASURER—Foreign Missions .....	Rev. Marvin Hensley
TREASURER—Children's Home .....	Rev. Ricky Pate
ASST. TREASURER—Children's Home .....	Rev. Bill Greer
TREASURER—Burial Fund .....	Rev. Bobby Revis
ASST. TREASURER—Burial Fund .....	Rev. J. C. Sheets
INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE FOR ASSOCIATION: Chairman: Rev. Ronnie Peterson; Charlie Trivett,, Fred Davis, Paul Bennett, Howard Buchanan, Carl Roberson and Lester Miller, Alt.	
INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE FOR DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND: Tenn.: Chairman, Rev. Verno Davis; Roscoe Higgins, Ricky Pate and Norman Loveless, Alternate. North Carolina: Chairman, Rev. Jack Silvers; Bros. Dean Murphy, Clifford Silvers, Harold Jones and Rev. Ronnie Peterson, Alternate.	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS—DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND: Chairman, Rev. Ulis Miller; Dannie Ellott, Clay Fender, Marvin Hensley and Bill Greer.	

## MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

CLERK .....	Rev. Ulis Miller
ASSISTANT CLERK .....	Rev. Marvin Hensley
ORDAINING COUNCIL: Chairman, Rev. Carmi Price; Jerome Honeycutt, Orphard Hensley, Leonard Shehan, Bill Greer, Billy Styles, Alternate.	
INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: Tennessee: Chaitman: Rev. Orville Wil- liams, Stanley Parkey, Junior McKinney, Terry Richardson, Alternate. North Carolina: Chairman, Rev. Ross Grant; Marvin Hensley, Ronnie Peterson, Jack Silvers, Alternate.	

## PROCEEDINGS

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Association met with the Hillcrest F.W.B. Church at Nebo, N. C., August 8, 1991, at 10:30 a.m. for its Ninety-Sixth Annual Session. It started with the congregation singing "I'll Fly Away." Pastor Ronnie Peterson welcomed the Association to Hillcrest. Prayer by Bro. Jerome Honeycutt. Bro. Jonas Revis preached the introductory message, reading II Chronicles 19:3-7. His subject was "Look to the Lord." Closing prayer by Bro. Ricky Pate.

### Thursday Afternoon Session

The congregation sang "Just Over In the Glory Land." Devotions by Bro. Jim Norris, reading Heb. 11. Prayer by Bro. Richmond Barnett. Call to order by the Moderator Bro. Bobby Revis. Rules of Decorum were read.

Churches and delegates were seated:

**BEANS CREEK:** Bros. Harold Jones and Bruce Mathis, and Sister Georganne Mathis.

**BIG CREEK:** Sisters Bonnie Adkins, Faye Miller, Thelma Whitson and Eddith Wilson.

**BORINGS CHAPEL:** Bro. Frank Cable, Sisters Jean Cable and Donna Woodby.

**BRUMMITTS CREEK:** Bros. Paul Bennett, Bernie Renfro, Sisters Abby Renfro, Wilma Bennett, Star Bennett, Virginia Duvall and Modean Edwards.

**BURBANK:** Bros. Joe Winters, Fletcher Gouge, Marshall Gouge and Mack Roberts.

**COLBERTS CREEK:** Bros. Mike Wilson and Roscoe Cook, and Sisters Iris Cook and Gail Styles.

**COVEY ROCK:** Bros. Buck Laws, Jerry Ayers, Leonard Shehan and Bud Edwards, and Sisters Marie Laws and Elsie Shehan.

**CRABTREE:** Sisters Virginia Honeycutt, Jenny Loveless and Mary Bell Lyons.

**DAVISTOWN:** Bros. Hugh Dalton, Perry Moore and Uvette Davis, and Sisters Dena Peterson and Diantha McPeters.

**HIGGINS:** Bros. Ralph Susie, Shane Hedrick and Lewis Webb, and Sisters Mozell Webb and Susie.

**HILLCREST:** Bros. Melvin Revis and Bob Fairchild, and Sister Atlas Revis.

**LIBERTY:** Bros. Lloyd Allison and Marvin Voliva.

**LIBERTY CHAPEL:** By letter.

**LOCUST GAP:** By letter.

**LOW GAP:** Bros. Jim Norris, Joel McMahan, and Sam Riddle.

**MIDDLE DISTRICT:** Bros. Akers Ledford, Earl Troutman, Jess Frye and Dave Valls, and Sisters Doris Frye and Rose Ann Ledford.

**NEW HOPE:** Bros. Willie McInturff and Brian Whitehead, and Sisters Doris Morgan and Dorothy Whitehead.

**NIX CREEK:** Bros. Marion Elliott and Danny Elliott, and Sisters Marjorie Elliott, Betty Hall and Joyce Hall.

**NORTH BEND:** Bro. Howard Buchanan and Sister Nora Buchanan.

**PATHWAY:** By letter.

**PENSACOLA:** Bros. Rick Wilson and Ronald Fox, and Sisters Bernice Wilson and Rose Miller.

**PETERSON CHAPEL:** Bros. Reese Edwards and Marvin Silvers.

**PILGRIMS CHAPEL:** By letter.

**PINEY GROVE:** By letter.

**PINEY HILL:** No report.

**SOUTHSIDE:** Bros. Russell Whitson, Fred Davis, Johnny Hatcher, and Sisters Ruby Davis, Cordella Whitson, Ruby Ledford, Daisy Chandler and Amalee Garland.

**SUNSET:** By letter.

**UNAKA SPRINGS:** Sisters June Foster, Berdie Griffith and Pearl Casey.

**UNION HILL:** Bros. Lester Miller and James Miller.

**VALE:** By letter.

**VALLEY FORGE:** Bro. Carl Roberson, Sisters Ann Revis and W. A. Seuss.

**WOODBY HILL:** By letter.

**YOUNGS CHAPEL:** Bros. Bobby Revis, Jack Silvers, Arnold Fortner and Clay Fender, and Sisters Jewell Silvers, Lila Fender and Nell Fortner. Ministers roll call was made. Visiting minister was Bro. Charles Thigpen.

### ELECTED OFFICERS

**MODERATOR** ..... Bro. Bobby Revis

**ASSISTANT MODERATOR** ..... Bro. Marvin Hensley

**CLERK** ..... Bro. Ulis 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 Laws

**CHILDREN'S HOME** ..... Bro. Rickey Pate

**ASSISTANT CHILDREN'S HOME** ..... Bro. Bill Greer

**FOREIGN MISSIONS** ..... Bro. Jerome Honeycutt

**ASSISTANT, FOREIGN MISSIONS** ..... Bro. Marvin Hensley

**BURIAL FUND** ..... Bro. Bobby Revis

**ASSISTANT, BURIAL FUND** ..... Bro. J. C. Sheets

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Bro. Troy McCourry, Chairman; Leonard Shehan, Lloyd Allison, Mike Hopson, Fred Davis.

**ASSOCIATIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:** Bro. Ronnie Peterson, Chairman; Bros. Charlie Trivett, Fred Davis, Paul Bennett, Howard Buchanan, Carl Roberson and Lester Miller, Alternate.

**DISABLED MINISTERS INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:**

Tennessee: Bro. Verno Davis, Chairman; Bros. Roscoe Higgins, Ricky Pate and Norman Loveless, Alternate.

North Carolina: Bro. Jack Silvers, Chairman; Dean Murphy, Clifford Silvers, Harold Jones, Ronnie Peterson, Alternate.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DISABLED MINISTERS FUND:** Bro. Ulis Miller, Chairman; Bros. Dannie Elliott, Clay Fender, Marvin Hensley and Bill Greer.

## **ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES**

**CHURCHES, PASTORS AND DEACONS:** Bros. Hugh Dalton, Dannie Elliott and Jim Norris.

**CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE:** Bros. Carl Roberson, Clay Fender and Arnold Fortner.

**DISABLED MINISTERS:** Bros. Bruce Fender, Harold Jones and Russell Whitson.

**EDUCATION:** Dr. Charles Thigpen, Bro. Paul Bennett and Sister Virginia Duvall.

**FOREIGN MISSIONS:** Bros. Richmond Barnett, Howard Buchanan, and Jerome Honeycutt.

**HOME MISSIONS:** Bros. Troy McCourry, Lewis Webb and Jerrell Fender.

**LADIES AUXILIARY:** Sisters Velda Fender, Lila Fender and Nell Fortner.

**CHILDREN'S HOME:** Bros. Bernie Jones and Ricky Pate.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS:** Bro. James Miller, Sisters Elsie Shehan and Nora Buchanan.

**SESSIONS:** Bros. Lloyd Allison, Jack Silvers, Buck Laws and Darrell Edwardds.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Bros. Ronnie Peterson, Roger Byrd, and Sister Jewell Silvers.

**HOME MISSIONS DISTRIBUTIONS:** Bros. Jerome Honeycutt, Richmond Barnett and Charlie Trivett.

Dr. Charles Thigpen spoke about the F.W.B. College at Nashville, TN., addressing the spiritual, moral and academic standards of the college. Closed with prayer by Bro. Howard Buchanan.

### **Thursday 7:00 p.m. Service**

The congregation sang "He Set Me Free." Bro. Melvin Revis preached. His Scripture reading was Eph. 5. His subject was "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus."

### **Friday 9:30 a.m. Service**

The congregation sang "When We All Get to Heaven." Devotions by Bro. Dannie Elliott, reading Acts 17:9. Prayer by Bro. Frank Cable. Called to order by the Moderator. Rules of Decorum were read. Visiting ministers were welcomed as follows: Bro. Don Sexton, Bro. Eugene Webb, Bro. Melton Hollifield and Bro. Gerald Fender.

## **ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Sunday School**

The purpose of establishing Sunday School was to have a time set aside each Sunday for religious instruction. With a superintendent whose duty is to welcome everyone, direct visitors to classes, and oversee the Sunday School. The superintendent should be a dedicated Christian, faithful to God and the church. Isaiah 50:4. Teachers are to impart the Word of God. To do this, teachers must be faithful established Christians that love God's

Word and their students. II Tim. 2:15, Prov. 22:6. So Sunday School should be a time for teaching and training those in our care in the Word and Work of God. We must endeavor to do this to the best of our ability, always being led by the Holy Spirit so our churches will be strong, well established, and rooted in the Holy Word of God. Psalm 119:33.

Committee: Bro. James Miller, Sisters Elsie Shehan and Nora Buchanan.

### **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 the 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—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:

Committee: Bros. Richmond Barnett, Howard Buchanan and Jerome Honeycutt

### **Friday 11:00 a.m. Service**

The congregation sang "Heaven's Jubilee." Bro. Blane Whitson sang a solo, "You Ask Me Why" before he preached. He read from Mat. 12:14 and Gal. 5:22; his subject was "The Fruits of the Spirit."

### **Friday 1:30 p.m. Business Session**

The congregation sang "I Am Blessed." Devotions were by Bro. J. C. Sheets reading James 1:1-25. Prayer by Bro. Ronnie Peterson. Session called to order by the Moderator. The Association voted to have a youth night service on Friday night at the next Association. The host church and C.T.S. Committee (Bros. Clay Fender, Arnold Fortner and Carl Roberson) are to coordinate the service.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED**

#### **Resolutions**

We your Committee on Resolutions would like to recommend that each pastor attend the Association with their church. We feel that a pastor should be an example in every way to the church. II Timothy 2:6, The husband that laboreth must first be partakers of the fruits.

Committee: Bros. Ronnit Peterson, Roger Byrd and Sister Jewell Silvers.

#### **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.

Committee: Dr. Charles Thigpen, Bro. Paul Bennett and Sister Virginia Duvall.

### **Church Training Services**

1. Pastors, church leaders and parents attend and encourage attendance in C.T.S.
2. Young people of today have great talents which need to be molded and shaped to be successful and endure until Jesus comes.
3. C.T.S. is the place where young people can get experience in all phases of church work.
4. Hold them up in your prayers, give them a job to do and you will see young people grow in the Lord. Luke 2:52 "and Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

Committee: Bros. Carl Roberson, Clay Fender and Arnold Fortner.

### **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, Dannie Elliott and Jim Norris.

### **Ladies' Auxiliary**

Auxiliary means: That which helps or aids; acting as an extra help. The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4:3, "And I intreat thee also . . . help those women which laboured with me in the gospel . . . whose names are in the book of life."

The Ladies Auxiliary will help any church to be a better church. In our meetings we learn what God's word says and how to apply it to our lives as we labor together in the gospel. We would like to encourage each pastor to take a special interest in the Ladies Auxiliary and to encourage it in their church. I Corinthians 3:9

Committee: Lila Fender, Nell Fortner, Veldie Fender

### **Children's Home**

We recommend the following scripture: James 1:27. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. We should seek the leadership of God, to find out how we can help these children more than we have in the past.

Committee: Rev. Rickey Pate, Bernie Jones and Eugene Webb.

### **Home Missions**

The word missions means being sent out with authority to perform a special duty. Luke 2:49 Jesus said, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Luke 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work." Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth. Mark 16:15 Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel

to every creature. Mat. 28:19 "Go ye, therefore and teach all nations." II Tim. 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist. Make full proof of thy ministry.

The church and pastors should not only encourage foreign missions but Home Missions, ministering the Gospel, witnessing to and getting the lost saved, helping the needy and sick financially and our prayers.

Committee: Rev. Troy McCourry, Gerald Fender and Bro. Lewis Webb.

### **Disabled Ministers Fund**

In reference to Article 4 of the By-Laws, we recommend that churches and pastors adopt a matching funds program. Approximately twelve years ago, we adopted a burial insurance program, which is a part of the Ministers Fund. We recommend that all ministers participate in this program.

Committee: Rev. Bruce Fender, Bros. Harold Jones and Russell Whitson.

### **Rules Committee**

We the Rules Committee recommend that the following changes be made in the Articles of Faith. Article 11, page 19, which now uses the word wine in reference to the Lord's Supper. We request the word wine be changed to read "the cup." Wine is not used in reference to the cup anywhere in the New Testament.

Committee: Fred Davis, Lloyd Allison, Leonard Shehan and Troy McCourry.

### **Sessions**

First Conference: Sept. 29, 1991 at Liberty Chapel F.W.E. Church, Marion, N. C. Rev. Bill Greer to preach, Rev. Leonard Shehan alternate.

Second Conference: Dec 28, 1991 at Piney Flats F.W.B. Church, Piney Flats, Tenn. Rev. Bruce Fender to preach, Rev. Bill Greer alternate.

Third Conference: March 28, 1992 at Brummitts Creek F.W.B. Church, Rt. 1, Bakersville, N. C. Rev. Bobby Revis to preach, Rev. Frank Cable alternate.

Fourth Conference: May 30, 1992 at Riverview F.W.B. Church, Erwin, Tenn. Rev. Bill Greer to preach, Rev. Marvin Hensley alternate.

Association: The Ninety-Seventh Annual Session will be at Keystone F.W.B. Church in Johnson City, Tenn., August 6-8, 1992 at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Bruce Fender to preach the introductory message, Rev. Charlie Trivett alternate. Thursday night service: Rev. Jonas Revis will preach, Rev. Bernie Jones alternate. Friday 11:00 a.m. service: Rev. Stanley McMahan will preach, Rev. Marvin Hensley alternate. Friday 7:00 service will be Youth Night.

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

The congregation sang "I Rather Be An Old Time Christian." Prayer by Bro. Bob Fairchild. Rev. Melvin Revis preached a good message. His subject was "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus." Closed with fellowship and prayer.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Home Missions

Beginning Balance 8-10-90 .....	\$1,329.41
Receipts:	
Burbank .....	600.00
Covey Rock .....	250.00
Crabtree .....	75.00
Davistown .....	100.00
Hillcrest .....	585.00
Liberty Chapel .....	20.00
Middle District .....	360.00
Nix Creek .....	300.00
North Bend .....	210.00
Pensacola .....	190.00
Petersons Chapel .....	295.00
Southside .....	450.00
Vale .....	300.00
Woodby Hill .....	300.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Auxiliary .....	120.00
Youngs Chapel .....	700.00
Cash received from Ministers at Conference .....	672.00
Total Receipts .....	5,527.00
Total to Account For .....	<u>\$6,856.41</u>
Paid out to Mark Daniels Account .....	5,800.00
Miscellaneous Expense .....	11.20
Ending Balance 8-8-91 .....	<u>\$1,045.21</u>

Jerome Honeycutt, Treasurer

### Childrens Home

Beginning Balance 6-30-1990 .....	\$10,631.58
Receipts:	
Interest earned .....	672.50
Liberty Chapel .....	40.00
Beans Creek .....	100.00
Covey Rock .....	200.00
Nix Creek .....	150.00
Union Hill .....	100.00
Association offering .....	211.00
Total to Account For .....	<u>\$12,105.08</u>
Disbursements:	
Paid to Greeneville Childrens Home .....	860.00
Ending Balance 8-10-91 .....	<u>\$11,245.08</u>

### Disabled Ministers Fund

Beginning Balance 8-10-90 .....	\$110,059.93
Receipts:	
Minister's Conference .....	\$4,315.49
Association .....	2,075.00
Burial Fund .....	1,755.00
Interest Earner .....	7,412.72
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$ 15,558.21</u>
Disbursements:	
Disabled Ministers .....	13,633.35
Ending Balance 8-10-91 .....	<u>\$111,984.79</u>

## Home Missions

Beginning Balance 8-10-90 .....	\$2,064.72
Receipts:	
Sale of Treatise .....	\$ 33.00
Interest Earned .....	99.52
Donations .....	<u>315.00</u>
Total Receipts .....	447.52
Total to Account For .....	\$2,512.24
Disbursements:	
Gerald Fender .....	<u>500.00</u>
Ending Balance 8-10-91 .....	<u>\$2,012.24</u>

## — OBITUARIES —

**LARK ADKINS** — Born May 1, 1928, went home to be with the Lord Aug. 25, 1990. He was a faithful and devoted member of Big Creek F.W.B. Church. He truly loved the Lord and his brothers and sisters in Christ, and was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He left behind a wife, Jewel Edwards Adkins, one daughter, Gwen Wilson, one son, Victor, three granddaughters and three sisters. We, along with his church family, and a host of friends, miss him deeply and long for the day when we can be reunited with him in Heaven.

**LOLA BELLE DEYTON** — Born March 9, 1909, departed this life June 27, 1991 at the age of 82. A native of Yancey County, she was a daughter of the late Bob and Minnie Warrick and the wife of James Deyton who died in 1990. Lola lived most of her life in the Big Creek community where she was a faithful member of the Big Creek F.W.B. Church as long as her health permitted her to attend. She is survived by two sons: Rev. J. D. Deyton of Weaverville, and Wayne Deyton of Route 4, Burnsville; a brother, Charlie Warrick of Johnson City, Tenn., and 5 grandchildren.

**DAVID WHITSON** — Departed this life February 11, 1991, at the age of 38. He was the son of Rev. Howard and June Ledford Whitson, formerly of the Big Creek community, but now living in Johnson City, Tenn.; his wife, Darlene Deyton Whitson and daughter Vanessa Janene Whitson of the home; a sister, Sherry Whitson of Johnson City; three aunts and eight uncles. David and his family lived in the Big Creek community and he attended Big Creek F.W.B. Church. He is missed by family and friends.

**EDNA COOPER ADKINS** — Born January 19, 1913, departed this life January 27, 1991 at the age of 78. She was a daughter of the late Charlie and Fannie Tipton Hughes. She and her husband, Park Adkins, lived in the Big Creek community for several years and was a faithful member of the Big Creek F.W.B. Church. She is survived by four daughters: Pansy Delffs, Verlon Burgess, Janie Burgess, Glenda Moore, and three sons, C. J. Cooper, Wayne Cooper, Ted Cooper; three sisters, three brothers, 24 grandchildren, and 28 great grandchildren. Her family and friends miss her greatly.

**BILL LYONS** — Departed this life February 20, 1991. He was a faithful member and trustee of Crabtree F.W.B. Church. Bill loved gospel singing and was bass singer for the Crabtree Quartet. He is greatly missed by his family, his church, and his many friends. We know he is resting in the presence of the Lord and singing in Glory. Thank God for memories, and all the times the Lord blessed us in our singing. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the churches for your prayers and financial help during Bill's sickness. I really miss him. He was a wonderful husband and father. My life will never be the same, but I understand God knows best. Soon we'll sing together again.—Mrs. Bill Lyons

**HETTIE HENSLEY** — Departed this life September 19, 1990 at the age of 84. Formerly of the Big Creek community, she was living at Route 1, Burnsville at the time of her death. She was the daughter of the late Dave and Laura Honeycutt Bryant. She is survived by her husband, Monroe Hensley of the home, a daughter Virtle English and a son, Rev. Cecil Hensley, both of Burnsville; six sisters and one brother; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Big Creek F.W.B. Church. Family and friends greatly miss her.

**AUGUSTA G. DUNCAN** — Age 97, departed this life May 14, 1991. A faithful member of Pathway F.W.B. Church, Erwin, Tenn. She was a loving mother to her family and all who knew her. She is greatly missed by all. Her testimony was that she loved the Lord, and looked forward to going home. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Psalms 116-15.

**SAM TIPTON** — Age 85, departed this life November 3, 1990, to be with the Lord. Bro. Sam attended Pathway F.W.B. Church, Erwin, Tenn., as long as his health permitted. Anyone who knew him knows that in any conversation Bro. Sam always talked about the goodness of God. He is greatly missed by the church, his wife, and family, and all who knew him. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Hebrews 4-9.

**ALICE HONEYCUTT BENNETT** — Born June 14, 1896, departed this life May 19, -1991, age 94. She was a daughter of the late William and Emma Howell Honeycutt and the wife of Jess Bennett who died in 1947. She was a member of Brummitts Creek F.W.B. Church, a good friend to all and a good Christian woman with much faith in the Lord. Of her nine children she leaves a son R.B., a daughter Velva Cribb, a brother Fred Honeycutt, 21 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Grandma Alice will be remembered and missed by her many friends.

**CLIFFORD HOPSON** — Born July 5, 1905, went home to be with the Lord March 26, 1991. A deacon of North Bend F.W.B. Church, he had a deep love for his church, would brag about it to everyone. Loved to hear "The Young Peoples Choir" sing. He was always telling about the goodness of the Lord. Would stand for the right thing if it meant standing alone. Had a special feeling for young preachers. His passing is a great loss to family, friends and especially his children. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Psalms 116:15.

**MRS. FRANKIE JARRETT** — Born November 17, 1909, she departed this life May 19, 1990. She was a member of Burbank F.W.B. Church. Frankie was a devoted mother to her seven sons and one daughter. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain and she is deeply missed by her family and friends.

**CECIL DAVIS** — Born October 16, 1924 and departed this life December 14, 1990. He was a member of Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church. He was an Adult Sunday School teacher for many years, and was a faithful member of the church as long as his health permitted. He was a veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife Melva and a daughter and two sons and grandchildren. He is greatly missed by his many friends and loved ones.

**DORA CAMPBELL** — She was a member of Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church. She was born Feb. 14, 1907 and departed this life April 1, 1991. She was not able to attend church but was a blessing to everyone that knew her. Her motto was "Love thy neighbor as thyself." She is survived by two daughters, a son, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is dearly missed by her friends and family.

**NORMA GUINN** — Departed this life June 20, 1991. She was born Oct. 23, 1917 and was a member of Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church. Because of ill health she was unable to attend church for many years. She is survived by four

sons, three daughters and six step-children, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is sadly missed by her family and friends.

**ARTHUR EDWARDS** — Age 91. Departed this life April 16, 1991. He was a member of Unaka Springs F.W.B. Church. He is survived by his wife, ten children, 26 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. He left a wonderful testimony, "I'm ready to go." He is greatly missed by the church and loved ones.

**MRS. GLADYS G. SHELL** — Age 74. Departed this life Sept. 7, 1990. She became an active member of Sunset F.W.B. Church in August, 1976. She was a Carter County native and a daughter of the late Cassie Roark. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Floyd McClurg, her second husband, Ford Shell, and one brother. Survivors include one son, one step-daughter, three step-sons, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She is deeply missed by our church but we know she is rejoicing in heaven.

## **MINISTERS CONFERENCE**

### **Beans Creek**

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with the Beans Creek F.W.B. Church Sept. 29, 1990 at 9:30 a.m. The church youth choir sang "Thank You Lord" and "Footprints in the Sand." Pastor Richard Sparks welcomed the Conference. Devotions by Bro. Verno Davis, prayer by Bro. Orphard Hensley.

Called to order by Moderator Bro. Richmond Barnett. Rules of Decorum were read, Minutes of last session were read and approved. Ministers roll call was made with everyone standing in fellowship. The following visiting ministers were welcomed: Revs. Garry Blunt, Joe Winters, Bud Edwards, Ricky Wood and Gregg Grant.

Officers elected as follows for next session: Bros. J. C. Sheets, Moderator, Ronnie Carroll alternate. Topic Committee, Bros. Richard Sparks, Russell Hughes, Darrell Edwards. Devotions, Bro. Alex Carver. Topic Committee report, "The Blood" spoken on by Bros. Marvin Hensley, Darrell Edwards and Roger Laws.

11:00 a.m. Service: Congregation sang "Nothing But the Blood." Prayer by Bro. Richard Bryant. Message by Bro. J. C. Sheets, reading I Cor. 15:10, his text "By the Grace of God I Am What I Am." Closed with fellowship handshake and prayer.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

### **Borings Chapel**

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with the Borings Chapel F.W.B. Church Dec. 29, 1990 at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Bro. Frank Cable welcomed the Conference. Devotions were by Bro. Alex Carver reading Gal. 6:7. Prayer by Bro. Terry Richardson. The Conference was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. J. C. Sheets. Rules of Decorum were read, Minutes of last session were read and approved. Roll call was made with all but one standing in fellowship.

Bros. Don Sexton and Garry Blount were welcomed and seated as visiting ministers. Deacons and delegates were recognized and seated in the body. Call for anyone seeking licenses; Bro. Tom Tittle asked to be reinstated and was presented to the Investigating Committee. Bro. Larry Barr's licenses were renewed, Bro. Kenneth Shults asked to be forgiven by the Conference for being absent. Bro. Jerome Honeycutt spoke, thanking the Conference for their support during his illness. Bro. Don Sexton thanked the Conference and churches for their support in their Walk A Thon for Foreign Missions, reporting a good success.

Call for New Business. Bro. Bruce Fender asked to meet with both last year's and present Association Investigating Committee and Ordaining Council; they were excused to meet as requested. Appointments made for next Conference: Bro. Frank Cable, Moderator, Bro. Bernie Jones alternate; Bros. Junior McKinney and Jack Silvers for devotions; Topic Committee continued from last Conference.

11:00 a.m. Service: Congregation sang "Keep On the Firing Line." Message by Bro. Randy Laws, reading Psalms 92:8, his subject "Having the Fresh Oil." He preached a good message, closing with fellowship and prayer.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

## **Youngs Chapel**

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with the Youngs Chapel F.W.B. Church March 30, 1991, at 9:30 a.m. The congregation sang "Victory In Jesus." Pastor Bobby Revis welcomed the Conference to Youngs Chapel Church. Devotions were by Bro. Junior McKinney, reading Luke 10:17. Prayer by Bro. Jerome Honeycutt.

The Conference was called to order by Moderator Bro. Frank Cable. Rules of Decorum were read, roll call was made with everyone standing in fellowship. Minutes of last session were read and approved. Visiting Ministers were welcomed as follows: Bros. Don Sexton, Garry Blount, Lester Perkins, Joe Winters, Terry Eagleton, Ronny Whitson and Mark Hogan. Mountain Dale F.W.B. Church deacons were welcomed.

Requesting licenses to preach were Bros. Ricky Wood and Tom Tittle. They were forwarded to the Investigating Committee. Bro. Alex Carver was recommended for licenses. The Conference voted to give Bro. Gerald Fender \$500.00 for Home Missions. Topic report was given by Bros. Richard Sparks, Russell Hughes and Darrell Edwards. A love offering of \$447.00 was received for Bro. Don Sexton.

11:00 a.m. Service: Youth choir sang two songs that were enjoyed by all. Message by Bro. Jimmy Arrowood, reading Acts 3:1; he preached a good message. Closed with prayer.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

## **Hillcrest**

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with the Hillcrest F.W.B. Church Aug. 11, 1991, at 9:30 a.m. The Conference was welcomed by the Pastor, Rev. Ronnie Peterson. Congregation sang "I'm In the Gloryland Way." Devotions were by Bro. Bud Edwards, his scripture was John 15:13; he then led the congregation in prayer.

Call to order by Moderator Bobby Revis. Rules of Decorum were read. Minutes of last session were read and approved. Roll call was made with everyone standing in fellowship. Deacons and delegates were seated. Rev. Mike Wilson and Rev. Allen Whitehead were seated as visiting ministers.

Officers were elected as follows: Ulis Miller Clerk, Marvin Hensley, Alternate; Ordaining Council: J. D. Price, Chairman, Leonard Shehan, Richmond Barnett, J. C. Sheets, Ronnie Peterson and Jerome Honeycutt, Alt.

Investigating Committee for Tenn.: Junior McKinney, Chairman, Norman Loveless, Roy Cooper and Terry Richardson, Alternate. North Carolina: Jack Silvers, Chairman, John Stockton, Russell Hughes and Billy Styles, Alt.

Bro. Ricky Woods was recommended for licenses. Bro. Steve Cochran and Bud Edwards requested licenses and were forwarded to Investigating Committee. Bros. Darrell Edwards and Alex Carver were passed to Investigating Committee and Ordaining Council seeking ordination.

Bro. Norman Loveless Moderator, Russell Hughes Alternate. Next Conference: Devotions, Darrell Edwards; Topic Committee, Bros. James Ledford, Alex Carver and Larry Barr.

The Cooper family sang three songs resulting in much rejoicing and praise to God, enjoyed by all. Closed with prayer by Bro. Billy Styles.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
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Higgins -----	Keith Miller	Deborah Wheeler ----- Rt. 4, Burnsville, N. C.
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North Bend -----	Howard Ray	Nora Buchanan --- Rt. 2, Box 72, Green Mtn., N. C.
Pathway -----	Burnie Jones	Virginia Bailey ----- Rt. 1, Box 90-A, Erwin, Tenn.
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Piney Hill -----		Nell Bradford ----- Burnsville, N. C.
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Unaka Springs --	Terry Richardson	June Foster ----- Rt. 2, Erwin, Tenn.
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Vale -----	Rodney Deyton	Coye Calhoun ----- Rt. 1, Box 49, Newland, N. C.
Valley Forge -----	Jonas Revis	Viola Stevens ----- Rt. 8, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Woodby Hill -----	Darrell Edwards	June McKinney ---- Rt. 11, Box 612, Hampton, Tenn.
Youngs Chapel -----	Bobby Revis	Clayton Fender ----- Burnsville, N. C.

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Schultz, Kenneth .....	
Shehan, Leonard, P. O. Box 552, Erwin, Tenn. ....	615-743-8076
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Street, Ronda, Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn. ....	615-725-3378
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The following ministers are pastoring churches in another association:

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
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 fruit of the vine 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.

CHURCHES (All Full Time unless indicated otherwise)	No. Baptized	Members Added	Dismissed By Letter	Deaths	Total Membership	Average in Sunday School	No. in Ladies Auxiliary	No. in C. T. S	Communion	Minute Fund	Associational Fund	Clerk and Mod. Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid for Revivals	Children's Home	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Disabled Ministers Fund	Poor & Sick	Improvement To Church Property	Value of Church Property	Paid Visiting Minister
Beans Creek .....	6	8	8		39	37			2	\$30	\$20	\$10	\$ 750	\$ 498	\$100			\$ 25	\$5,100	\$ 810	\$ 93,000	\$ 650
Big Creek .....			2	3	146	80	25		2	40	30	20	4,516	1000		\$ 500	\$ 650	600	6,000	2,844	224,201	50
Borings Chapel .....	5	4			65	30			1	40	40			600					7,915	2,535	50,000	
Brummitts Creek .....	1	1		1	73	60				35	50	10	4,500	1000						2,417	250,000	1,408
Burbank .....	4	2	4	2	246	132	92	4	4	20	20	10	16,900	1200		2,037	4,713	260	2,537		224,732	1,637
Colberts Creek .....	3	5			31	40			1	10	20	5	5,267	365					2,683	3,000	80,000	
Covey Rock .....	6	15	3		193	122			4	40	60	10	7,416	600	200	1,025	2,161	200	4,268	4,274	151,731	
Crabtree .....	1	2		1	83	45	17		4	20	25	10	5,200	800		75	75	125	1,401	3,052	54,000	370
Davistown .....			3		36	35	6		4	20	20	10	8,578	331			100		633	4,686	184,000	112
Higgins .....	16	6			112	76			4	25	20	5	4,400	2163				65	2,979		49,000	70
Hillcrest .....	8	6		1	68	50			1	30	40	15	7,800	250		1,068	780	50	1,245	2,000	250,000	75
Liberty .....		3	2	2	120	59	35	2	2	20	20		16,900	1797	602	700	1,378	200	2,398	8,908	250,000	375
Liberty Chapel .....	8	5		2	61	60				20	20	20	6,969	376	40	20	20	35	1,343		89,971	
Locust Gap .....	1	5	10		69	50	18	1	1	10	15	10	5,350	568				50	100		200,000	55
Low Gap .....	7	8	2	1	103	63	15	20	3	50	30	10	9,700	300		6,194	600	106	1,291		130,271	
Middle District .....					90	79	15	26	4	35	25	25	8,350	300	860	1,068	1,065	260	900	7,200	190,000	100
New Hope .....	6	7		1	25	26			1	20	40		3,120			375			84	254	100,000	110
Nix Creek .....	1	9	1	2	101	58			4	40	30	5	11,374	550	150	210	210	200	6,714	410	51,000	
North Bend .....	6	1	1		112	100			2	80	50	25	6,000	668			300		1,200	14,393	162,292	175
Pathway .....	8			1	59	53			4	20	20	10	8,283	200				50	893	1,500	85,000	350
Pensacola .....	5	5	1		71	43				25	25	10	6,662	334		223	190	50	5,541	2,634	80,000	100
Peterson Chapel .....	14	13	2		127	100			2	40	15	10	5,200				320		1,282	48,701	114,726	528
Pilgrims Chapel .....	1		1		28	20				15	10	10	3,000	466					2,700		20,000	25
Piney Grove .....		2	2		141	110			2	60	25	5	16,900	600	100	321	2,230	50	4,820	19,957	150,000	200
Piney Hill .....	No Report																					
Southside .....	3	8	1	1	240	202			4	50	15	25	14,280			300	2,300	240	1,500		270,938	979
Sunset .....	2			1	55	65	25		4	15	15	15	8,250	500		250	3,238	25	8,459	4,106	118,650	
Unaka Springs .....	11	28	2	1	133	75	30		3	50	25	5	4,673	800			300		1,599	2,000	77,000	171
Union Hill .....			4	1	90	31			1	10	25	5	1,915	510	100				334	219	70,000	243
Vale-2nd & 4th .....					30	25			1	25	10	10	2,600	300		150	800			2,308	51,000	
Valley Forge .....	2	5	1	1	237	147	12	53	4	75	50	20	14,927	505	1,377	5,139	8,491	100	8,032	21,566	314,089	900
Woodby Hill .....			2	3	101	58	27		1	30	20	5	5,200	300	300	1,103	420	25	1,950	1,573	55,000	370
Youngs Chapel .....	1	3	1		123	79	11		3	50	75	20	9,100	530		4,148	1,722	400	1,044	5,895	65,000	

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

