

*J. C. Sheets*

# 1993-94 MINUTES

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## JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT

YOUNGS CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH

BURNSVILLE, N. C.

AUGUST 5-7, 1993

### OFFICERS

Rev. Bobby Revis . . . . . Moderator

Rev. Marvin Hensley . . . . . Assistant Moderator

Rev. Ullis Miller . . . . . Clerk

Rev. Jonas Revis . . . . . Assistant Clerk

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### NEXT SESSION

The next session will be at Valley Forge F.W.B. Church in Elizabethton, TN, August 11-13, 1994 (Thursday before the second Sunday in August) at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Randy Johnson will preach the introductory message. Rev. Bobby Revis 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
ASSISTANT CLERK .....	Rev. Jonas Revis
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. Rodney Deyton
ASST. TREASURER—Children's Home .....	Rev. Ricky Pate
TREASURER—Burial Fund .....	Rev. Bobby Revis
ASST. TREASURER—Burial Fund .....	Rev. J. C. Sheets
ASSOCIATIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: Tenn. Chairman: Rev. Charlie Trivett, Darrell Dugger and Bob Ray. N. C.: Chairman, Rev. Jack Silvers, Ophard Hensley and Howard Buchanan.	
INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE FOR DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND: Tenn.: Chairman, Rev. Ricky Pate, Bros. Fred Davis, George Stanley, and Clifford Miller, alternate. North Carolina: Chairman, Rev. J. C. Sheets, Bros. Buck Laws, Danny Elliott, and Acres Ledford alternate.	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS—DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND: Chairman: Bro. Clay Fender, Rev. Marvin Hensley, Bill Greer, Ophard Hensley, Perry Moore, and Rev. Ulis Miller, Adv.	

## MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

CLERK .....	Rev. Ulis Miller
ASSISTANT CLERK .....	Rev. Stanley McMahan
ORDAINING COUNCIL: Chairman, Rev. Charlie Trivett; Jerome Honeycutt, J. D. Price, Norman Loveless, Marvin Hensley, J. C. Sheets alt.	
INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: Tennessee: Chairman, Rev. Roscoe Higgins, Ronda Street, Terry Richardson, and Junior McKinney alternate. North Carolina: Chairman, Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Ross Grant, Blane Whitson, and Roger Laws.	

## PROCEEDINGS

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Association met with the Youngs Chapel F.W.B. Church at Burnsville, N.C. August 5, 1993 at 10:30 a.m. for its Ninety-Eighth Annual Session. The session began with the congregation singing "An Old Account Was Settled." Pastor Bobby Revis welcomed the Association to Youngs Chapel. Prayer by Bro. Troy McCourry. Davistown Quartet sang two songs. Bro. Ophard Hensley preached the introductory message. His scripture reading was Deut. 32:9 and 33:29. His subject was "The People of the Lord." Bro. Hensley preached a wonderful message. The service closed with fellowship and prayer by Bro. Jerome Honeycutt.

### Thursday Afternoon Session

Devotions by Bro. David Jones reading Isaiah 8:6 and 44:10. Bro. Harold Webb sang a solo. The Association was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Bobby Revis. Rules of Decorum were read. Church letters were read and delegates seated as follows:

BEANS CREEK: By letter

BIG CREEK: Ricky Wilson and Teddy Adkins

BORINGS CHAPEL: Fred Woodby, Denise Woodby and Frank Cable

BRUMMITTS CREEK: Paul Bennett, Burnie Renfro and Sis. Star Bennett

BURBANK: Richard Blevins, Marshall tSockton, Carl Keys, Crawford Barnett and Joe Winters

COLBERTS CREEK: Cecil Burgin, Clifton McCurry, Sis. Trudy McCurry and Louise Burgin

COVEY ROCK: Buck Laws, Jerry Ayers, Rev. Leonard Shehan, Elsie Shehan, Jess and Joyce Fox

CRABTREE: Virginia Honeycutt, Jennie Loveless, Mary Bell Lyons and Marie Powell

DAVISTOWN: Hugh Dalton, Addren Robinson, Perry Moore, Ophard Hensley, Sis. Florence Hensley, Violet Moore, Dena Peterson, Diantha McPeters and Irene Robinson

HIGGINS: Lasky Marrow and Mattie Marrow

HILLCREST: Odean Fender, Leona Fender and Todd Revis

LIBERTY: Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hollifield, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Volivia, and Mrs. Grace Allison

LIBERTY CHAPEL: By letter.

LOW GAP: Ada Young and Ann Fender

MIDDLE DISTRICT: Larry and Linda Shuffler, Jess and Doris Frye, Rose Anne Ledford and Akres Ledford

NEW HOPE: By letter

NIX CREEK: Marion Elliott, Max Boyd, Danny Elliott, Jerome Honeycutt, Sis. Margie Elliott and Brenda Honeycutt

NORTH BEND: Howard Buchanan, Ernest Hughes, S. C. Hughes, Ronnie Cox, Juanita Hughes, Nora Buchanan, Linda Cox, Diane Holder, Lora Petearson and Betty Renfro

PATHWAY: By letter

PENSACOLA: Clyde Thomason, Rose Miller and Ronald Fox

PETERSON CHAPEL: Lloyd Laws, Marvin Silvers

PILGRIMS CHAPEL: Clyde Dulaney, Lloyd Dulaney and Tom Dulaney

PINEY GROVE: By letter

PINEY HILL: No report

SOUTHSIDE: Fred Davis, Russell Whitson, Scott and Wilma Bradford,  
Clyde Griffith, Pauline Engle, Johnnie Hatcher and Junior Bennett

SUNSET: By letter.

UNAKA SPRINGS: Clifford Miller, George Stanley, Dewey Edwards and  
Anna Bell Stanley

UNION HILL: Lester Miller, Brenda Miller and Melonie Miller

VALE: Rodney Deyton

VALLEY FORGE: Darrell Dugger, Bob Ray, Ruby Harmon, Ann Revis,  
Lillie Johnson and Mildred Vaughn

WOODBY HILL: Carman Simerly, Odell Guinn and Harley Guinn

YOUNGS CHAPEL: Clay Fender, Ornell Fortner, Vance Hughes, Lee  
Lee Thompson, Charles Fortner, Jack Silvers and Bobby Revis

Ministers roll call was made. The following ministers were welcomed:  
Dr. Charles Thigpen, Rev. Roger Hood and Rev. Harold Webb. Cane Creek  
F.W.B. deacon Clarence Green was made welcome.

### ELECTED OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Rev. Bobby Revis
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Rev. Marvin Hensley
CLERK	Rev. Ulis Miller
ASSISTANT CLERK	Rev. Jonas Revis
TREASURER DISABLED MINISTERS FUND	Rev. Jonas Revis
ASST. TREAS. DISABLED MINISTERS FUND	Rev. Stanley McMahan
HOME MISSIONS	Rev. Frank Cable
ASST. HOME MISSIONS	Rev. Roger Laws
CHILDRENS HOME	Rev. Rodney Deyton
ASST. CHILDRENS HOME	Rev. Rickey Pate
FOREIGN MISSIONS	Rev. Jerome Honeycutt
ASST. FOREIGN MISSIONS	Rev. Marvin Hensley
BURIAL FUND	Rev. Bobby Revis
ASST. BURIAL FUND	Rev. J. C. Sheets
RULES COMMITTEE:	Rev. Blane Whitson, Troy McCourry, Buck Laws, Lloyd Laws and Bob Ray
ASSOCIATIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:	Tenn.: Rev. Charlie Trivett, Darrell Dugger and Bob Ray. N.C.: Rev. Jack Silvers, Ophard Hensley and Howard Buchanan.
DISABLED MINISTERS INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:	Tenn.: Rev. Ricky Pate, Bro. Fred Davis, George Stanley, and Clifford Miller alt. N.C.: Rev. J. C. Sheets, Bros. Buck Laws, Danny Elliott and Akers Ledford
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DISABLED MINISTERS FUND:	Chairman, Bro. Clay Fender, Marvin Hensley, Bill Greer, Ophard Hensley and Perry Moore. Rev. Ulis Miller adv.

### ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

CHURCHES, PASTORS & DEACONS: Bros. Russell Whitson, Todd Revis  
and James Ledford

C.T.S.: Sis. Lila Fender, Elsie Shehan and Rev. Rodney Deyton

TOPIC COMMITTEE DISABLED MINISTERS FUND: Rev. Jonas Revis,  
Clay Fender and Danny Elliott



**EDUCATION:** Rev. Blaine Whitson, Paul Bennett and Scott Hollifield  
**FOREIGN MISSIONS:** Rev. Jerome Honeycutt, Leonard Shehan and Burnie Jones

**HOME MISSIONS:** Bros. Marvin Volivia and Perry Moore

**LADIES AUXILIARY:** Sis. Violet Moore, Nora Buchanan and Pauline Engle

**CHILDRENS HOME:** Rev. Roger Hood, Darrell Dugger, Ricky Pate and Sis. Ada Ray

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS:** Sis. Naomi Revis, Ruby Harmon and Bro. Dewey Edwards

**SESSIONS COMMITTEE:** Rev. Jack Silvers, J. C. Sheets, Marvin Hensley

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:** Bros. Arnold Fortner, Bobby Revis and Uli Miller

Dr. Charles Thigpen spoke explaining the work of the state association. The following delegation was appointed to attend the state association in Memphis, TN November 8-10, 1993: Rev. Charlie Trivett, Paul Bennett, Darrell Dugger, Blaine Whitson, Stanley Parkey and Marvin Hensley. Rev. Roger Hood spoke concerning the Childrens Home. He received an offering of \$1,439 from the association. Rev. Jonas Revis read a letter from Bro. and Sis. Don Sexton thanking the association. The session closed with prayer.

### **Thursday 7.00 p.m. Worship Service**

The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus" and "Leaning on Jesus." Prayer by Bro. Russell Hughes. Bro. Todd Revis sang a solo, Bro. and Sis. Moore sang two songs. Bro. Charlie Trivett preached reading 1 Corinthians 1:18. His subject was "Looking at the Cross." Closed with altar prayer by Bro. James Ledford.

### **Friday Morning Business Session**

9:30 a.m. session began with the congregation singing "When the Roll is Called Uu Yonder." Devotions by Bro. Leonard Shehan reading 1 Cor. 13. The session was called to order by the moderator and the rules of decorum were read. Minutes of Thursday's session were read and approved. Poney Grove and Beans Creek church letters were read and accepted. Ministers roll call was made. Visiting ministers were welcomed as follows: Rev. Gerald Fender. A delegation from the Eastern Gate F.W.B. Church of Johnson City, TN, Bros. J. D. Hill, Michael Mosier and George Woodby came seeking membership and were turned over to the Association Investigating Committee.

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

The congregation sang "I'll Fly Away." Prayer by Bro. Randy Laws. Bro. Marvin Hensley preached, reading 1 Cor. 29:23. His subject was "Let Every Soul be Subject Unto the Higher Power." He preached a wonderful message and closed with prayer.

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

The congregation sang "I Have Somebody With Me." Devotions by Bro. Jerome Honeycutt, reading Prov. 29:18, prayer by Bro. Mack Boyd. Call to order by moderator. Association committee reports were given as follows-

## **ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

By Bros. Todd Revis and James Ledford: A church is made up of three parts. A pastor, deacons, and lay people. The pastor's duty is to feed the flock of Christ. Jeremiah 3:15 He should be blameless, vigilant, sober, given to hospitality and apt to preach. He should also support his church with his presence, prayers and tithes.

Deacons are to look after the needs of the church and its members. They are to be honest, humble, "Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. Deacons should love the church and support it with their prayers, time and tithes. Acts 6:3.

Lay persons are to support the church with prayers and attendance. They are also to support the church financially. They should joyfully accept responsibilities in the church. But as directed in 1 Thes. 5:21 they should "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

## **Church Training Services**

James gives us one of the best descriptions of a mature Christian. "Perfect and entire wanting nothing." James 1:4. To be perfect is to be mature. To be entire is to be complete in all parts. To be a well-rounded, fully developed Christian we will need good Christian training. First in the home and in the church. Deut. 6:4-7. If we neglect our young people God will hold us responsible. Mat. 18:6. Our first duty is to train them in a Christian home, then take them to church where the gospel is preached. Prov. 22:6. This is a goal worthwhile. It is a great blessing to watch your children reach Christian maturity.

Committee: Sis. Lila Fender, Elsie Shehan, Bro. Randy Laws.

## **Disabled Ministers Fund**

We your committee recommend the following: 1. Pray for disabled ministers. James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. 2. Visit the disabled ministers. James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. 3. Support disabled ministers. 1 Cor. 9:14. Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. 4. Continually support and not hinder the work of the disabled ministers fund. Eph. 4:24. Let no corrupt communication procede out of your mouths but that which is good to the use of edifying that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Bros. Jonas Revis, Clay Fender and Danny Elliott

## **Education**

The light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ has shined on us (II Cor. 4:3-5). The world continues in the darkness of sin. The law of God is forever (II Tim. 2:19) and if we do not abide in his love and grace and receive mercy through his salvation plan, we shall all perish (Hosea 4:6).

Every person needs as much education as he can attain (Matt. 28:19-20). What we believe or think can only be what we have seen or heard (Acts 4:20 and II Tim. 2:15).

Bros. Blaine Whitson, Scott Hollifield and Paul Bennett

## **Foreign Missions**

We the Topic Committee on Foreign Missions would like to present the following scriptures: Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost." Matthew 28:20 "Teaching them to observe all thing whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mk. 13:34

Rev. Jerome Honeycutt and Rev. Leonard Shehan

## **Home Missions**

The definition for Home Missions is being sent out with authority to perform a special duty. Notice the word authority. Just as Christ had author-

ity, He also gives us the authority to go and preach the gospel.

In Acts 26:22 we find Paul saying "Having therefore obtained help of God I continue unto this day witnessing both to small and great." Also in Luke 24:46-48 we find Jesus saying "He said unto them thus it is written and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things." Acts 22:15 "For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard." We as churches, pastors, deacons and lay members should earnestly pray and financially support Home Missions. Not only on foreign fields, but the Word of God needs to be preached here on home fields as well. We need Home Missions here in America. 4000 babies are killed by abortion every day, 1.5 million a year. A teenager will commit suicide in America every 90 minutes. More people will die of drunk driving accidents in one year than the Vietnam war took in ten years. A child will watch over 70,000 murders on TV by the time they graduate from high school. Ten percent of Americans are gay. God is our only hope.

Bros. Gerald Fender and Alex Carver

### **Ladies' Auxiliary**

Through the Bible we find examples of women ministering to the needs of others; The prophet in 2 Kings 4:10, Christ, Luke 10:40, the disciples, Romans 16:1-12. The ladies auxiliary is a group of women bonded together to minister to the needs of the church and community. Not only do they organize and prepare food for special dinners, associations and conferences. The women of Youngs Chapel and other churches which host these meetings are to be greatly commended for all the hard work they have put forth.

Sis. Violet Moore and Sis. Pauline Engle

### **Children's Home**

We recommend that churches get together and have a harvest festival. Contact Bro. Hood and have him speak to the churches and let them know the needs from the childrens home. He will make arrangements to pick up all food, clothing, etc.

Rev. Darrell Dugger

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School was established to provide instruction in God's Word. The superintendent oversees the Sunday School, welcomes the congregation, directs visitors to appropriate classes. Superintendent needs to be a dedicated Christian, faithful to God and the church with a great desire to see the Sunday School grow spiritually and in number. Proverbs 25:11. Teachers are to impart the Word of God. To be effective teachers must be faithful established Christians that study God's Word and love their students. (II Tim. 2:15, Prov. 22:6). We must with God's help and to the best of our ability teach and train our students in the Word of God.

Church members need always to be fed by the Holy Spirit as we prayerfully select the officers in our Sunday Schools. That our churches may be established, strong, and rooted deep in the Word of God. (Ps. 119:11, 105).

Sis. Naomi Revis, Sis. Ruby Harmon and Bro. Dewey Edwards

### **Resolutions**

Let us resolve in the coming year to all strive to keep our hearts and minds more in tune to the will of the Lord and less in tune with our own selfish, petty desires. James 4:1-3, Romans 15:1-6, Galatians 5:19-26, and James 3:13-18.

Bro. Arnold Fortner, Bro. Ulis Miller and Bro. Bobby Revis

## Sessions

First conference October 30, 1993 at Covey Rock F.W.B. Church at 9:30 a.m. Bro. Rodney Deyton will preach, Bro. Marvin Hensley alternate.

Second conference January 29, 1994 at Unaka Springs F.W.B. Church at 9:30 a.m. Bro. Jerome Honeycutt will preach, Bro. Stanley McMahan alt.

Third conference May 28, 1994 at Southside F.W.B. Church at 9:30 a.m. Bro. Norman Loveless will preach, Bro. Paul Bennett alternate.

Association and fourth conference will be at Valley Forge F.W.B. Church August 11-13, 1994 at 10:30 a.m. (Thursday before the second Sunday in August) in Elizabethton, Tenn. Bro. Randy Johnson will preach the introductory message, Bro. Bobby Revis will be his alternate. Thursday night 7:00 p.m. Bro. Stanley McMahan will preach, Bro. Rodney Deyton will be his alternate. Friday morning 11:00 a.m. Bro. Darrell Dugger will preach, Bro. Ulis Miller will be his alternate. FRIDAY NIGHT WILL BE YOUTH NIGHT AT 7:00 P.M.

Bro. Jack Silvers, Bro. J. C. Sheets, Bro. Marvin Hensley

## Friday 7:00 P.M. Service

Service began with congregation singing "Amazing Grace." Bro. Bobby Revis welcomed everyone to the youth night service. Youth groups from Youngs Chapel, Higgins, Peterson Chapel, Liberty Chapel, Gloryland Quartet and Bro. Todd Revis took part. The song service was enjoyed by all. Several personal testimonies were given by both the youth and older Christians. Closed with prayer.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Disabled Ministers Fund

Beginning balance 8-7-92 .....	\$114,407.50
Receipts:	
Ministers conference .....	\$5,413.00
Association .....	2,683.00
Burial Fund .....	2,130.00
Interest earned .....	7,047.64
Total Receipts .....	17,273.64
Total to account for .....	<u>\$131,681.14</u>
Disbursements:	
Disabled Ministers .....	9,616.04
Ending balance 8-6-1993 .....	<u>\$122,065.10</u>

Rev. Jonas Revis, Treasurer

### Home Missions

Beginning balance 8-7-92 .....	\$1,615.77
Receipts:	
Sale of treatise .....	\$ 27.50
Donations .....	300.00
Interest earned .....	35.97
Total receipts .....	\$363.47
Disbursements:	
Carlie Lloyd .....	60.00
Jamaican Church .....	500.00
Total disbursements .....	560.00
Ending balance 8-6-93 .....	<u>\$1,419.24</u>

Rev. Frank Cable, Treasurer

## Foreign Missions

Beginning balance 8-8-92 .....	\$3,070.91
Receipts:	
Big Creek .....	\$500.00
Burbank .....	600.00
Covey Rock .....	250.00
Davistown .....	100.00
Liberty Chapel .....	70.00
Low Gap .....	600.00
Middle District .....	600.00
Nix Creek .....	210.00
Pensacola .....	82.00
Southside .....	1000.00
Unaka Springs .....	475.00
Vale .....	60.00
Woodby Hill Auxiliary .....	90.00
Woodby Hill Church .....	225.00
Youngs Chapel .....	700.00
From Ministers .....	19.00
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$5,581.00</u>
Total to account for .....	<u>\$8,651.91</u>
Disbursements to Rev. Paul Gentuso .....	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
Ending balance 8-5-93 .....	<u><u>\$2,651.91</u></u>

Rev. Jerome Honeycutt, Treasurer

## — OBITUARIES —

**LOYD WHEELER** — Born Nov. 24, 1927, departed this life July 30, 1993. He was the son of the late John and Rosa Wheeler. Surviving are his wife Belle Silvers Wheeler, one daughter Margie Arrowood, two sons, Ken and Gene Wheeler, three grandchildren Curtis, Missy and Terry. Also three sisters Veo Bird, Mozelle Webb and Alene Silvers, three brothers Boyd, Edgar and Floyd Wheeler. He was a member of Higgins F.W.B. Church. He leaves behind a host of friends and loved ones who miss him very much.

**ISAAC RANDOLPH** — Born Sept. 14, 1902, departed this life May 22, 1993 at age 90. He was a member and deacon of Higgins F.W.B. Church. He was the son of the late Tucker and Louisa Randolph and the husband of the late Madge Randolph who died in 1981. He was preceded in death by his son Buck Randolph who died in 1985. He is survived by one daughter Lillian Silvers, two sons J. T. and Dexter Randolph, one brother Olen Randolps, 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. He is missed by loved ones and friends. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

**HAROLD HIGGINS** — Born April 26, 1942, departed this life April 29, 1993. He was a member of Higgins F.W.B. Church. He is survived by one son, David Higgins, his mother Olivia Higgins, six sisters, Mattie Morrow, Nell Winsey, Mildred Tipton, Ora Lee Tipton, Jessie Mae Brown and Thelma Goldsmith, two brothers, Bergis and Carl Higgins. He is missed by his family and friends. We feel he is resting in a better land.

**MOLLY BELLE RIDDLE DEYTON** — Age 100. Born Jan. 31, 1893, departed this life July 18, 1993. She was the daughter of the late Backus and Anna Hughes Riddle and wife of Charlie Mack Deyton. She is survived by five daughters, Anna Laws, Irene McKinney, Ruby Jones, Buna Edwards, Zelda McKinney, three sons, Fate, Charles and Frank, 44 grandchildren, 94 great grandchildren. She was a member of Covey Rock F.W.B. Church over 60 yrs. Molly is missed by family whom she loved so dearly.

**ETHEL HOPSON MILLER** — Age 38. Died March 6, 1992. She was a native of Yancey County and a member of Covey Rock F.W.B. Church. She is survived by her husband Jerry Miller, a son Brian, and two sisters, Pauline McKinney, Louise Bryant, two brothers, Richard and Boyd Hopson.

**JIM PATE** — Born Feb. 27, 1936, departed this life March 13, 1993. He was a member of Peterson Chapel F.W.B. Church. He was the son of Annie Pate and the late Sheridan Pate. He is also survived by his wife, Joyce Pate, a daughter, Kathy McHone, a son, David Pate, two step-daughters, Ramona Whitson and Connie Atkins, a step-son, Bobby Angel and 10 grandchildren. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

**CECIL DEYTON** — Age 80. Died Sept. 23, 1992. He was a native of Yancey County and a member of Covey Rock F.W.B. Church for many years. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and eight sons. He was a deacon and Sunday School teacher at the church.

**R. B. DEYTON** — 71. Born Jan. 12, 1922, departed this life July 28, 1993. He was the son of the late Charlie Mack and Molly Belle Riddle Deyton. He is survived by his wife Vaughtie Mae Gardner Deyton, four daughters, Stella McKinney, Marie Styles, Lynn Doyle and Peggy Hartin, a son, Gary Deyton, five sisters and three brothers, nine grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. He was a lifelong member of Covey Rock F.W.B. Church and a trustee for 30 years. He is greatly missed by his family and friends, but we know we'll be together again.

**FONZER MILLER** — Age 92. Passed away March 21, 1993. He was a member of Brummitts Creek F.W.B. Church. He was a bachelor and is survived by one brother, Harvey J. Miller. He is missed by his family and friends.

**FRANK E. PETERSON** — Passed away Dec. 20, 1992. He was a faithful member of Brummitts Creek F.W.B. Church. He is survived by his wife, Irene, one daughter and three sons and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son. He is missed by his family, his church, and friends. We feel he is at rest.

**ANGELA WHITEHEAD MONTGOMERY** — Departed this life June 15, 1993 at age 34. She was a member of Crabtree F.W.B. Church. Angie always had a smile for everyone. She was dearly loved by family and friends. We miss her but we know she is present with the Lord.

Your earthly life to Heaven did soar,  
Where you will be given so much more.  
Of love so boundless, pure and true,  
Stored up by God, and returned to you.

**GARRETT WOOD FENDER** — Born June 29, 1902 to George Allen and Milisia Hughes Fender June 29, 1902. He moved to Marion, N. C. in 1920 and was married to Delia Norman Fender. They moved to Nebo, N. C. where he made a profession of faith and was baptized by the Harmony Grove minister. He joined Fairview F.W.B. Church when it was organized and was a charter deacon. He had seven children and was guardian for two nephews whose parents died while they were young. He moved his membership to Hillcrest and helped organize the church there in February 1964. He was chairman of the deacons and a charter member. He and his wife, Delia, were faithful there until disabled. He prayed regularly for the lost and handicapped and his heart went out to them and he prayed for them regularly. He was loved dearly by friends and family and we miss him greatly since he passed away on December 28, 1992.

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard Him call.  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, and to work or play.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, and my loved one's touch.





**REV. CHARLES HILL, JR.** — Age 64 Born June 20, 1928, died April 9, 1993. He was a native of Carter County and a member of the Jacks Creek Ministers Conference. During his 31 years of preaching he pastored churches in TN, and North Carolina. He established Fork Mountain F.W.B. Church in 1976 and was pastor at time of his death. He also conducted a radio broadcast for 26 years. He is survived by his wife, Ruby, two daughters, Brenda and Tina, and his son, Grady, and four grandchildren, a sister and a brother. Without a shadow of doubt, he arrived safely home to be with Jesus where he joined many loved ones. To know him was to love him.

*Note of Thanks:* The family of Rev. Charles Hill, Jr. wishes to thank the churches of Jacks Creek F.W.B. and the Ministers Conference for their financial help during the sickness and death of our precious husband and father.

**DOYLE M. VAUGHN** — Born Oct. 2, 1915, went home to be with the Lord Jan. 6, 1993. He was a deacon and member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church for many years. He loved the Lord and looked forward to going home to be with the Lord. He is not only missed by his family but by those who knew him. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

**DORTHY KEMP JENKINS** — Born March 12, 1909, went home to be with the Lord Jan. 16, 1993 after being in a nursing home for many years. She was a member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church. Family and friends miss her so much.

**ANDREW "JACK" PERRY** — Born June 8, 1916, went home to be with the Lord April 21, 1993. He was a member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church. He leaves his wife, two daughters, and a host of friends who mourn his passing. Some day we can be reunited in Heaven.



**FAYE COOPER** — Born May 5, 1913, Departed this life March 14, 1993 at age 79. She was a member of New Hope F.W.B. Church, Unicoi, TN. She has been sick for some time. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hobart Cooper, and a son. She has 12 surviving children. She left a great testimony: She wants her 12 children to meet her in Heaven.

**W. M. FORBES** — Born Jan. 9, 1909, went home to be with the Lord March 28, 1993. He was a member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church and was one of the original members who helped build the first church building by furnishing the lumber. He leaves his wife, Florence, his children, and a host of friends who miss him and look forward to the day God's children can be reunited.

**CARROLL GARLAND** — Departed this life Oct. 9, 1992. He was a faithful member of Burbank F.W.B. Church until he moved away. He is survived by his wife, Aldona. Carroll was a gentle, kind Christian who is missed by his family and friends.

**TOM HUGHES** — A member of Burbank F.W.B. Church, he departed this life Aug. 1, 1993. He is survived by his wife, Verna, and one son. Tom had been in ill health for several years and unable to attend church. We will meet again where sickness will be no more.

**COYE CALHOUN** — A longtime song leader and clerk at Vale FWB Church and lead singer in the Fork Mountain Quartet died in Feb. 1993 after a lingering illness. Coye was faithful in attendance and spirit until his death. He will be greatly missed by the family, the church and the community.

**VALERIE MILLER DAVIS** — Born Nov. 14, 1953, departed this life Sept. 25, 1992. She was a member of Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church. She is survived by a daughter, Melissa Davis, her mother, Barbara Miller, one sister, Catherine, two brothers, Herman and Charles Ray Miller. She is greatly missed by all her many friends.

**CARMEN PETERSON** — Age 74. Departed this life Sept. 3, 1992 after several years of declining health. He is survived by his wife, Lora, two sons and two grandchildren. He was a member of North Bend Church. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

**TRUMAN GREENE** — Age 88. Born June 27, 1905, passed away in March 1993. A member of Burbank F.W.B. Church, he is survived by his wife, Rowena and a son and two daughters. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Wilma Wantz in 1987. He is greatly missed by family and friends.

**ROBERT LEONARD** — Born Dec. 29, 1908, went home to be with the Lord Feb. 27, 1993 after a short illness. Brother Bob was a faithful member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church and a member of the Men's Fellowship of the church and very seldom missed a meeting of the church and his class. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Hebrews 4:9

**REECE (PET) EDWARDS** — Born Oct. 25, 1914, died May 30, 1993. He was a member of Peterson Chapel Church and a deacon. He was married to the late Pansy Lewis Edwards. He is survived by one daughter, Gail Edwards, two sons, Rev. Bud Edwards and Ronald Edwards, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren and a host of friends. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

**ESSIE MORTON** — Born Aug. 31, 1898, departed this life June 17, 1993 at age 93. The wife of the late Will Morton, she is survived by six children and 16 grandchildren. She was a member of Piney Grove F.W.B. Church. She will be missed by family and friends but we know our loss is heaven's gain. She will live in our hearts forever because of the beautiful testimonies she leaves us. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith.

**ROBERT BASCOM GOUGE** — Born May 12, 1911, departed this life July 30, 1992 at age 81. He is survived by his wife, Edith Davis Gouge, seven children, nine grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. He was a faithful member of Piney Grove F.W.B. Church. His passing is a great loss for his family and friends. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of one of his saints.

## **MINISTERS CONFERENCE**

### **Middle District**

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with Middle District F.W.B. Church Nov. 29, 1992 at 9:30 a.m. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Bro. Randy Laws, the pastor, welcomed the conference to Middle District Church. Devotions by Bro. Alex Carver reading II Chronicles 7:14-15, prayer by Bro. Roger Laws.

The conference was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. J. C. Sheets. Rules of decorum were read. Minutes of the last session were read and approved. Ministers roll call was made and for fellowship with all ministers standing. Deacons and delegates were seated. The following visiting ministers were welcomed: Bros. David Anderson and Gary Blunt. Call for anyone seeking licenses ordination was made. Bro. David Anderson asked for licenses and was recommended to the Investigating Committee. Bros. Paul Bennett and Ralph Hedrick were granted licenses to preach. Bros. Ricky Woods, Bud Edwards and Richard Bryant were renewed for one year. Bro. Gary Blunt spoke about his prison ministry's accomplishments and needs. Bro. Tommy Hensley spoke concerning he and Bro. Ronnie Carroll going with a group of men to Jamaica to build a church. A motion by Bro. Carmi Price was passed to give them \$500 of Home Missions money to buy materials for the building. Bro. Jonas Revis read a letter from Don Sexton. A letter from the Childrens Home was read by the clerk. Bro. Jack Silvers was appointed moderator for next conference. Bro. Richard Bryant was appointed alternate. Other appointments include: Ophard Hensley, devotions; Bros. Bud Edwards, Rodney Deyton and Lester Perkins, Topic Committee. The topic "Luke Warm" was discussed by Bros. Ronda Street and Paul Bennett.

Bro. Tommy Hensley's family sang three songs before preaching at 11:00 o'clock. Bro. Blain Whitson preached using Isaiah 40:26 and II Corinthians 12:6-10 for his scripture. After the preaching service a motion was passed to change Article 9 to read: All applicants for license and ministers from sister Free Will Baptist Conferences shall be received under watchcare until the next conference. The session was closed with prayer.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

### **Low Gap**

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with Low Gap F.W.B. Church Jan. 30, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. Welcome was presented by Pastor Stanley McMahan. Devotions were led by Bro. Ophard Hensley reading Philippians 4:1-8. Troy McCourry led the prayer. Conference was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Jack Silvers. Rules of decorum were read. Minutes of last session were read and approved. Bro. Jerome Honeycutt spoke as treasurer of Foreign Missions thanking the churches for responding to letters from the association. Deacons and delegates were seated. The following ministers were welcomed: Bros. Gregg Garland and Criss York. The following visiting churches were represented and welcomed: Keystone F.W.B., Riverview F.W.B., and Cane Creek F.W.B.

Bro. J. D. Price nominated moderator for next session. Bro. Frank Cable was appointed assistant. Topic Committee members included: Bros. John Stockton, Darrell Dugger, Darrell Edwards, and Burnie Jones. The Topic Report was given by Bros. Perkins and Honeycutt. It was announced that Bro. Marvin Hensley would be preaching Friday at the association. Bro. Hood reported on the Childrens Home. Rev. Ulis Miller preached at the 11:00 service. His text was "A Sick Nation." He closed with prayer.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

### **Big Creek**

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with the Big Creek F.W.B. Church at 9:30 a.m. May 29, 1993. The Conference began with the congregation standing in silent prayer in honor of Rev. Bruce Fender and

Charles Hill, Jr., who passed away since last Conference. Pastor Terry Richardson welcomed the Conference to Big Creek Church. Devotions were led by Bro. Marvin Hensley reading II Corinthians 6:1 and prayer by Bro. Ronnie Peterson. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. J. D. Price. Rules of decorum were read. Roll call was made with all ministers standing in full fellowship. The following ministers were welcomed: Revs. Richard Blevins, Joe Winters, Thomas Beneger, Randy Johnson, Tony Vest, and Eugene Webb. Minutes of last session were read and corrected. Rev. Marvin Hensley will preach the 11 a.m. service of the Aug. 7, 1993 Association.

Call was made for anyone seeking membership, licenses, or ordination. Bro. Randy Johnson came for licenses. Bro. Alex Carver was approved for ordination. Licenses were renewed for Bros. Lester Perkins, Larry Barr, and Steve Cochran. Eastern Gate F.W.B. Church was welcomed as a visiting church. Deacons and delegates were welcomed to a seat in the Conference. Bro. J. D. Price read the Church Covenant and spoke on it. Bro. Parkey moved to have Rule 6 reaffirmed. Bro. Webb spoke representing the F.W.B. Childrens Home. Topic Committee was postponed due to time.

At the 11 a.m. service The Heavenly Echoes sang "In Times Like These" and "I Have a Father Who Cares." Rev. Bill Greer preached from Deut. 32:9 and Isaiah 40:29. His subject was "Be Thou as an Eagle." He preached a very inspiring message.

Ordination service for Bro. Alex Carver was conducted by Bro. Charlie Trivette. Closing prayer was led by Bro. J. D. Price.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

## **Youngs Chapel**

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with Youngs Chapel F.W.B. Church Aug. 7, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. The congregation sang "Let My Life be a Light." Devotions were led by Rev. Stanley McMahan reading Psalms 37. Prayer was led by Bro. Bud Edwards. Moderator Bro. Bobby Revis called the meeting to order. Rules of decorum were read. Deacons and delegates were seated. Visiting Ministers were welcomed as follows: Revs. Larry Shuffler and Dean Murphy.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Clerk, Rev. Ulis Miller; Assistant Clerk, Stanley McMahan; Ordaining Council, Chairman, Rev. Charlie Trivette, Jerome Honeycutt, J. D. Price, Norman Loveless, Marvin Hensley, J. C. Sheets alternate. Investigating Committee for Tennessee: Chairman, Roscoe Higgins, Ronda Street, Terry Richardson, Junior McKinney alternate. North Carolina: Chairman, Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Ross Grant, Blaine Whitson, Roger Laws alternate.

Bro. Randy Johnson was presented to the Ordaining Council for investigation prior to licensing. Call was made for anyone seeking licenses. Bro. Dean Murphy and Marvin Silvers asked for licenses and were presented to the North Carolina Investigating Committee. Bro. Tommy Hensley asked for ordination and was presented to the Investigating Committee.

Moderator for the next conference will be Rev. Randy Laws. Rev. Burnie Jones will be the alternate. Bro. Dean Murphy will present devotions.

Topic Committee report was presented by Bros. Jack Silvers, Stanley McMahan and Verno Davis. The topic was "In Times Like These You Need a Saviour." II Timothy 2:3. Topic Committee for next Conference: Darrell Dugger and Darrell Edwards.

Jonas Revis read a letter from Bro. and Sis. Don Sexton and discussed the Walk-a-Thon for Foreign Missions. Rev. Bobby Revis spoke on the benefits of younger ministers joining the Ministers Burial Fund.

The meeting adjourned with special prayer at the altar and special recognition of our elder ministers.

Ulis Miller, Clerk



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The following ministers are pastoring churches in another association:

Bill Greer .....	Keystone FWB Church
Theodore Fleenor .....	East Fairview FWB Church
J. D. Price .....	Coxes Creek F.W.B. Church
Marvin Hensley .....	Cane Creek F.W.B. Church
Rickey Pate .....	Eastern Gate F.W.B. 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.

# 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	(24) Church Location
(12) Clerk & Mod. Fund	
(13) Paid Pastor	

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

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

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

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



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 .....	9	9			44	35	12		4			\$10							\$2,488		\$ 93,000	
Big Creek .....	1	2	2	1	142	80	25			\$40	\$30	20	\$10,821				\$1,000	\$ 300	3,600	\$ 500	226,854	\$1,750
Borings Chapel .....				1	43	29			2	40	40	10			\$500				6,760		60,000	
Brummitts Creek .....				2	70	46				25	50	10	4,950						1,605	1,600	250,000	440
Burbank .....	8	7		3	251	130		69	4	25	20	15	13,050	\$1500	305	\$1,580	5,100	260	7,700	400	225,374	580
Colberts Creek .....	1				33	35			1	20	20	5	5,178	1,214					2,580	15,732	100,000	
Covey Rock .....		8	2	3	187	115			3	40	60	10	11,960		225	872	2,547	200	4,525	42,761	204,187	
Crabtree .....	2		2	1	82	42	20		4	20	25	10	5,750	625				150	1,974	165	66,000	25
Davistown .....		4			34	30	7		4	20	20	10	4,534	200			100		325	563	186,000	84
Higgins .....	26	12		3	121	87			4	25	20	5	5,506	500				65	9,014		49,000	111
Hillcrest .....	1			1	37	28			1	20	20	15	4,225	200		188	212	50	1,234	2,402	250,000	114
Liberty .....	1	4			129	75		35	1	20	20		18,200	1,223	476	870	4,479	200	3,812	222	250,000	205
Liberty Chapel .....				1	60	55			3	20	20	20	5,331		40	20	20	35	1,614		94,245	
Low Gap .....	2	1			109	63	15		2	50	30	10	10,400			2,148	1,841	100	6,248		75,000	427
Middle District .....		2		1	89	72	12	27	4	40	35	25	8,510	300	600	693	650	400	1,152	2,271	192,000	200
New Hope .....	1			1	21	32	12						2,600	238							100,000	60
Nix Creek .....	15	10	16	0	68	40			3	40	30	5	10,324		150	210	210	200	4,984	1,500	52,500	
North Bend .....	3	5		1	109	97			2	80	50	25	5,350	370		1,700	500		2,348	1,937	184,782	357
Pathway .....	1	4	1	3	83	71			4	25	20	10	5,980	600		50		50	3,051		94,500	675
Pensacola .....	6	6			76	47	20	13		25	25	10	7,440	367		243	82	50	8,822	1,075	83,075	100
Peterson Chapel .....	3	1		2	126	105	10		4	40	15	10	5,200						3,137	12,480	161,426	314
Pilgrims Chapel .....		3			35	28			2	15	10	10	4,900	738					2,150	4,647	50,000	395
Piney Grove .....		1	1		145	98			1	60	25	5	16,900	640	1,254		2,739	50	9,292	4,985	155,000	200
Southside .....	2		1	6	227	201			4	50	15	25	14,280			800	3,503	260	5,896	4,663	300,000	367
Sunset .....	6	7	1		61	61		25	4	25	15	15	7,875				2,910	25	5,130	2,978	136,000	75
Unaka Springs .....	8	15	7		115	60	20			40	25	5		400			575		900		85,000	
Union Hill .....						30				10	25	5	2,862	260	125				1,366	220	60,000	365
Vale—2nd & 4th .....	6	8		3	35	27				20	10	10	4,242		157	120	68	50		867	60,000	200
Valley Forge .....	18	20		6	258	166	30	64	5	75	75	20	19,839		2,224	11,666	8,753	260	18,591	35,015	358,702	350
Woody Hill .....	2		5	1	86	55	16		2	30	20	5	5,200	700		1,617	798	25	2,890	3,523	55,000	400
Youngs Chapel .....	6	3	7		115	78	12		2	50		20	9,870	1,000	600	3,245	999	661	1,619	2,269	65,000	
Piney Hill .....	No Report																					
Locust Gap .....	Dismissed by Letter of Request																					

