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JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NINETY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT VALLEY FORGE F.W.B. CHURCH ELIZABETHTON, TN

AUGUST 11 - 13, 1994

OFFICERS

Rev. Charlie Trivett	Moderator
Rev. Stanley McMahan	Assistant Moderator
Rev. Ulis Miller	Clerk
Rev. Jonas Revis	Assistant Clerk

NEXT SESSION

The next session will be at North Bend F.W.B. Church in Burnsville, NC on August 10 - 12, 1995. (Thursday before the second Sunday in August) at 10: 30 a.m.

Rev. Troy McCourry will preach the introductory message. Rev. Blaine Whitson will be his alternate.

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

MODERATOR	Rev. Charlie Trivett
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Rev. Stanley McMahan
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. Burnie Jones
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: TN Chairman, Rev. Darrell Dugger, Randy Johnson and Bobby Ray. NC Chairman, Rev. Jack Silvers, Orphard Hensley and Howard Buchanan.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE FOR DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND: TN Chairman, Rev. Ricky Pate, Fred Davis, Dewey Edwards and Roscoe Higgins. Alternate NC Chairman, Rev. J.C. Sheets, Buck Laws, Danny Elliott and Charles Street, Alternate.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND: Chairman, Rev. Marvin Hensley, Bill Greer, Orphard Hensley, Perry Moore, Clay Fender and Rev. Ulis Miller, Advisory Capacity.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

CLERK	Rev. Ulis Miller
ASSISTANT CLERK	Rev. BlaineWhitson

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Chairman, Rev. Bobby Revis, Ronnie Peterson, Russel Hughes, Bill Greer, J.C. Sheets, and Orphard Hensley, Alternate.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: TN Chairman, Rev. Bernie Jones, Darrell Edwards, Norman Loveless and Alex Carver, Alternate. NC Chairman, Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Ross Grant, Blaine Whitson and Roger Laws.

SOUTHSIDE: Russell Whitson, Fred Davis, Johnny Hatcher, Ray and Maud Tolley, Amalie Garland and Daisy Chandler.

SUNSET: Bill Jaynes, Harry Crout, Flo Hughes, Kenneth Stevens, Vearl Julian, Florence Stevens, Glen Gouge, Arnold Hughes, Gail McQueen and Vanessa Stevens.

UNAKA SPRINGS: Dewey Edwards, Grady Edwards, Gary Cutshall, June Cutshall, Pansy Smith and Al Smith.

UNION HILL: By letter.

VALE: L.D. Vance, Amos Cornett and Geroge Willis.

VALLEY FORGE: Carl Roberson, Bob Ray, Jimmy Honeycutt, Randy Johnson, Darrell Dugger, Jonas Revis and Mittie Belle Johnson.

YOUNGS CHAPEL: Lee Thompson, Jack Silvers, Clay Fender, Billie Thompson, Jewel Silvers, Nell Fortner and Lila Fender.

Ministers roll call was made. It was asked if there were any churches seeking membership. Eastern Gate F.W.B. was recommended by the Investigating Committee and received in full fellowship. Visiting Ministers were welcomed as follows: Revs. Roger Hood, Allen Jackson, Gerald Fender, Harold Webb and Dr. Charles Thigpin.

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CLERK	Rev. Ulis Miller
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TREASURER - Disabled Minister's Fund	Rev. Jonas Revis
ASSISTANT TREASURER - Disabled Minister's Fund	Rev. Stanley McMahan
HOME MISSIONS	Rev. Frank Cable
ASSISTANT HOME MISSIONS	Rev. Roger Laws
CHILDREN'S HOME	Rev. Bernie Jones
ASSISTANT CHILDREN'S HOME	Rev. Ricky Pate
FOREIGN MISSIONS	Rev. Jerome Honeycutt
ASSISTANT FOREIGN MISSIONS	Rev. Marvin Hensley
BURIAL FUND	Rev. Bobby Revis
ASSISTANT BURIAL FUND	
RULES: Rev. Blaine Whitson, Randy Laws, Deacons How	

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISABLED MINISTERS FUND: Chairman, Rev. Marvin Hensley, Bill Greer, Orphard Hensley, Perry Moore, Clay Fender and Rev. Ulis Miller, Advisory Capacity.

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

Churches, Pastors & Deacons: Mike Wilson, Perry Moore and J.D. Hill. C.T.S. Lila Fender. Carl Robinson and Elsie Shehan.

DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND: Rev. Jonas Revis, Clay Fender and Danny Elliott.

EDUCATION: Rev. Randy Johnson, Tod Revis and Blaine Whitson. FOREIGN MISSIONS: Rev. Jerome Honeycutt, Willie Murphy and Bobby Revis.

HOME MISSIONS: Rev. Gerald Fender and Frank Cable

LADIES AUXILIARY: Bill Lyons, Nora Buchanan and Shirley Peterson.

CHILDREN'S HOME: Rev. Roger Hood.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. Paul Bennett, Stanley McMahan and Danny Elliott. SESSIONS: Rev. Jack Silvers, Howard Buchanan, Sam Riddle and Ray Tolby. RESOLUTIONS: Ricky Pate, Buck Laws, Jay Walsh and Clifford Silvers.

Brother Gerald Fender spoke on Home Missions since he could not be present on Friday. A motion was passed to give him \$500 from the Home Missions Fund. Rev. Roger Hood spoke on the Chldren's Home since he could not be present on Friday.

Brother Frank Cable reported on the Committee's recommendation concerning the North Carolina orphanage fund. A motion was passes to accept the Committee's report and transfer the funds to the Greenville Children's Home after a ninety-day holding period to see if any church from NC objected. A motion was passed to terminate the plans to try to establish an orphanage in NC. Rev. Gerald Fender spoke on Foreign Missions Walkathon. Were adjourned with a prayer by Brother Bill Greer.

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

The welcome was given by Pastor Jonas Revis. The church choir sang three beautiful songs. The altar prayer was given by Brother Orphard Hensley. A church duet sang "From The Depth Of My Heart." Brother Perry Moore's trio sang two songs. Brother Stanley McMahan preached reading Luke 23:33, his subject being "Let's go back to Calvary." Closed with an altar call and prayer by Brother Jonas Revis.

Friday Morning Business Session

The session began at 9:30 a.m. with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus." Devotions were by Brother Jim Honeycutt reading John 14:1. Prayer was given by Brother Bob Ray. Called to order by the Moderator Brother Charlie Trivett. Rules of Decorum were read with some additional comments by the Moderator. Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church and New Hope F.W.B. Church letters were read and accepted by the body. Beans Creek F.W.B. Church was dropped from the Association per their letter of request. Dr. Charles Thigpin was welcomed to a seat in our body as a Visiting Minister.

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

A committee appointed at the last association to attend the National Association in Memphis, TN for the purpose of making a recommendation for the Jack's Creek F.W.B. Association to join the state association or not. Rev. Jonas Revis, Rev. Bill Greer and Rev. Charlie Trivett were the three committee men. Their report was as follows:

To the Jack's Creek F.W.B. Association and Ministers Conference:

We the committee representing Jack's Creek F.W.B. Association attending the Tennessee State Association of Freewill Baptist convening in Memphis, Tennessee on November 8 - 10, 1993, submit the following report:

First, we want to say that we were given a very warm welcome and were treated with the best of hospitality by the Association.

We found the State Associational meeting to be carried out very orderly in every way, the messages each minister brought were biblically expounded and the executive committee very willingly and informatively answered all our questions concerning the State Association's work and our Association becoming a part of the Tennessee State Association.

We, the committee, feel it would be a great asset to the Jack's Creek F.W.B. Association if we made a move in the direction of becoming a part of the Tennessee State Association of Freewill Baptists. If we voted to do this we would consequently become a member of the National Association of Freewill Baptist.

Rev. Jonas Revis, Chairman Rev. Bill Greer Rev. Charlie Trivette

Dr. Charles Thigpin, promotional director of the State Association, spoke concerning the benefits of belonging to the State Association. The floor was then open for questions. Dr. Thigpin answered many questions from the audience. The subject then became an open discussion as to the pros and cons. Several of the ministers and delegates spoke on the subject. Brother Darrell Dugger made a motion to join the State Association, which was seconded by Brother Bobby Revis. Brother Jerome Honeycutt made a motion to table the first motion, which was seconded by Brother J.D. Price. After more discussion Brother Darrell Dugger withdrew his motion to join the State Association. Brother Jerome asked that his motion be voted on. A vote was taken and the motion to table the first motion until next year was passed by a 43 to 13 margin. The discussion was allowed to be extended through the 11:00 a.m. service time. Brother Darrell Dugger was supposed to preach at 11:00 but relinquished his time for the discussion.

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Churches, Pastors and Deacons

Last year's report from Churches, Pastors and Deacons was well written and thought-fully compiled. However, where it says that "He should be blameless, vigilant, sober and given to hospitality and apt to preach," I think he was referring to I Timothy 3-2, which reads, "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach." I've had some experience with preachers who could no doubt preach but when they were through never taught anyone anything. I feel that as important as preaching is, it has got to also carry a certain amount of knowledge transferring to the congregation. We need to have a clear purpose and vision of the task to be accomplished.

I recommend we keep the last year's report with only the change of preach to teach, or if you would prefer, insert the phrase preach and teach.

Perry Moore, Deacon Davistown F.W.B. Church

Church Training Services

We, the committee for Church Training Services, would like for someone in every Jack's Creek Church who does not have a church training to ask God to give him or her a burden to teach and train young people in the service for the Lord.

Proverbs 4: 3-4 says, "For I was my Father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my Mother. He taught me also, and said unto me, let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments and live."

Fathers and mothers are not taking time to teach and train their children in the way of the Lord. A Church Training Service can provide needed teaching and training that a child may never receive otherwise.

Paul told Timothy, by knowing the Holy Scriptures which are able to make the wise unto Salvation through faith which is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lila Fender

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 afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. 3. Support disabled ministers. I 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 proceed out of your mouth but that which is good to the use of edifying that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Brothers Jonas Revis, Clay Fender and Danny Elliott

Education

We need to stress Christian education in our homes. Children learn from mimicking the acts of others. We therefore need to be examples, so they can see Christ in us. (Proverbs 22:6, II Timothy 3:14 - 17)

We educate our children in Church through Sunday School, CTS, Bible School, and other activities which teach not only children but also adults. (Matthew 28: 19,20) Our education is an ongoing process; it continues not only during childhood but throughout the rest of our lives. (Proverbs 1: 2-6) When we no longer strive to learn we begin to forget what we have learned. (2 Peter 3:17-18)

We also need to stress the importance of high school and college education to our

children. By doing this they can further their personal lives, and more importantly they will be able to use their education as Paul and Timothy did to further the cause of Christ!

Rev. Randy Johnson, Tod Revis and Blaine Whitson

Foreign Missions

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, wish to encourage our churches to prayerfully consider the command of Christ concerning sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth. (Matthew 28: 19-20)

We note that according to St. John 3:16 God's love is for the entire world and for the world Christ died.

We feel that we should support our missionaries Dr. Paul and Sister Tammy Gentuso.

Rev. Jerome Honeycutt, Bobby Revis and Willie Mwyzz

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 authority, 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. 4,000 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 he graduates from high school. Ten percent of Americans are gay. God is our only hope.

Brothers Gerald Fender and Alex Carver

Ladies' Auxiliary

Ladies' Auxiliary is one of the greatest helps a church can have. It not only helps the church financially, but it gives spiritual help to each member. We always have prayer, devotions and sometimes singing at our meetings.

It promotes good Christian fellowship and it is a good example to young Christian ladies. Lasting friendships develop from Ladies Auxiliary meetings. Dorcas was a good example of good works and alms deeds in the early church and one we can still follow today. (Acts 9:36)

Shirley Peterson and Mary Belle Lyons

Children's Home

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

Rev. Darrell Dugger

Sunday School

Sunday School, as the name defines, is a church activity where each member is involved in study, discussion, teaching and learning about God's word. (Romans 12:4-8) Just as Christ is the head of the whole church, we should follow his spirit in Sunday School and all other functions of a worship service. He is the Saviour of the whole body. (Eph. 5:23)

Brothers Stanley McMahan, Paul Bennett and Danny Elliott

Resolutions

We, your committee on Resolutions, recommend that the Association work harder to give young preachers and young lay members more jobs to do in the work of the Lord, so as to prepare and strengthen them for the last days ahead. The older ones should teach them and lead them in any way that the Lord allows.

We also recommend that every one in the Association rise to the occasion and use the full God given potential that God has blessed you with. There are many areas that we feel we can advance in. Work while it is day, for when night cometh, no man can work.

Rev. Ricky Pate, Buck Laws, Jay Wash and Clifford Silvers

SESSIONS

First Ministers Conference will be at Middle District F.W.B. Church on October 29, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Bernie Jones will preach. Rev. Norman Loveless will be alternate. Rev. Ricky Pate will be Moderator and Rev. Bernie Jones, Assistant Moderator.

The second Ministers Conference will be at Youngs Chapel F.W.B. Church at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Norman Loveless will preach and Rev. Paul Bennett will be Alternate.

The third Ministers Conference will be at Low Gap F.W.B. Church on April 29, 1995 at 9:30 a.m. Rev. J.D. Price will preach, with Jack Schurs Alternate.

The 100th session of the Association and the 4th Ministers Conference will be at North Bend F.W.B. Church on August 10 - 12, 1995 at 10:30 a.m. (Thursday before the second Sunday in August) near Burnsville, NC. Rev. Troy McCourry will preach the introductory message, with Blaine Whitson alternate. Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Leonard Shehan will preach and Rev. Rodney Deyton alternate. Friday morning at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Orphard Hensley will preach, with Rev. Tommy Hensley alternate. Friday night will be youth night at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Report On NC Orphanage Fund

HISTORY

We have researched the "History of the Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association" and the annual "Minutes of the Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association." We were able to find the following items that pertain to the establishment of a fund to build or support a new orphanage in Western North Carolina.

Until the annual meeting in 1961, there are references of support being given to the orphanage located in Middlesex, NC.

At the annual meeting of August 24-26, 1961, on page 7 of the Minutes, the following excerpt is taken: "An Associational committee was appointed to visit our orphanages and make a report concerning them. Rev. Troy McCourry, Brothers Jess Clark and Vernal Jones were selected." We could not find any records of their report.

At the annual meeting of August 23 - 25, 1962, on page 9 of the Minutes, the following excerpt is taken: "We, your Committee on Orphanage, recommend that the churches in the Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association support the New State Orphanage that is now in the process of being organized and we also recommend that we elect a treasurer permanently to handle the funds from our churches. We also recommend that the Association elect an Orphanage board to work with the state board in organizing an orphanage in Western North Carolina and that this board have the authority to turn this money over to the state board when funds are needed." Apparently in response to this committee report the following actions as recorded on page 6 of the same Minutes were taken: "A call was made by Moderator for treasurer for Orphanage Fund. Rev. Troy McCourry, Burnsville, NC was selected. Also "Board members were selected from our Association to help plan for a new children's home in our vicinity."

At the annual meeting of August 22 - 24, 1963, on page 10 of the Minutes, the following excerpt is taken: "We recommend that each church work out its own system for supporting the NC State Home for Children..."

At the annual meeting of August 20 - 22, 1964, on page 11 of the Minutes, the following excerpt is taken: "We think each pastor should take a greater interest in the orphanage work and that we appoint a committee in our North Carolina Orphanage work to decide and act on behalf of the churches concerning the distribution of orphanage money. We recommend that the Moderator and Clerk and the Investigating Committee and Rev. Clyde Fender and Rev. Orphard Hensley be appointed on this committee." This indicates there must be some money accumulating in a Fund.

At the annual meeting of August 24 - 26, 1967, on page 10 of the Minutes, the following excerpt is taken: "We also recommend that the churches in North Carolina contribute to the fund for NC and a committee be appointed to push this until the next association with the possibility of beginning a foster home for children in North Carolina"

At the annual meeting of August 22 - 24, 1968, on page 12 of the Minutes, we have the first record of the Orphanage Fund. "Balance in Treasury last year (1967) \$1,942.77" The total amount added from August 1967 to August 1968 was \$288.14.

At the annual meeting of August 5-, 1993, the Orphanage Fund (Children's Home Fund)

had a balance of about \$11,400. This committee was appointed to prepare and present a recommendation for the appropriate use of this money. Based upon our research, we make the following recommendations to be considered and acted upon by the delegates of the NC churches.

These contributions were made and have been held in reserve to minister to the needs of NC orphanages. Since it is obvious that we do not have the ability to open and operate an orphanage at this time, we recommend the following:

- 1) That the NC churches find an appropriate Children's Home in North Carolina and contribute all of these accumulated funds to their work. If there is not a known Children's Home that can be agreed upon, then we recommend that the funds be given to the Children's Home at Greenville, TN. If this is not acceptable, the NC churches will have to decide on the use of the money. Please be advised, that any use of this money, except to help orphaned children, could open the door for some legal action.
- 2) We offer the following resolution to be acted upon by the NC churches. "Be it resolved by the majority vote of the North Carolina churches of the Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association, that any former rules, resolutions, or recommendations concerning the establishment of a North Carolina Orphanage Fund for the purpose of building or supporting an Orphanage (or Children's Home or Foster Home) in North Carolina, is hereby, terminated. This resolution is not to be interpreted as a termination of support for any Orphanage nor to prevent any future actions (if it becomes feasible) of building a Children's Home. Further, let us resolve, to work together as the Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association, and not as North Carolina Churches and Tennessee Churches, to increase our support for any Children's Home that is doing a "good work" as we can best determine.

Brothers Frank E. Cable, Danny Elliott and Rodney Deyton.

Rules Committee

We, your Rules Committee, do respectfully charge the Jacks Creek Freewill Baptist Association, its delegates, Deacons, and Preachers, to read and learn the constitution, By-Laws, and treatise of this association. It is our feeling that these rules and treatise have been prayerfully put into our association by the leadership of the Holy Spirit and guidance of the Holy Word. Therefore, having given ourselves to this body, let us know on what we stand, and take that stand boldly with the Spirit of God. We also make the following motion; No one is to be nominated for any office or committee unless present at the meeting in which the nomination occurs, unless the nominee has been informed and agrees prior to the nomination to accept the position if elected.

Rev. Randy Laws, Danny Elliott and Robert Ray

Friday 7:00 P.M. Service

Services began with Pastor Jonas Revis welcoming everyone to the youth service. The children's choir of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church sang first, then Rev. Bill Greer lead us in prayer. The Valley Forge youth choir sang several beautiful songs. Everyone enjoyed the singing. As the singing ended, everyone joined in with a fellowship handshake and praising the Lord.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Disabled Ministers Fund

Beginning balance 8/16/93	\$122,065.10
Receipts:	64.055.21
Ministers Conference	
Association Burial Fund	
Interest Fund	
Total Receipts TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$120 022 22
Disbursements:	
Disabled Ministers	6,998.00
Ending Balance 8/12/94	
	Rev. Jonas Revis, Treasurer
Home Missio	ns
Beginning Balance 8/6/93	\$1,419.24
Receipts:	
Sale of Treatise	
Donations	
Interest Earned	
	<u>509.07</u>
Total To Account For	\$1,928.31
Disbursements:	
Carlie Lloyd	
Eastern Gate F.W.B. Church	
Comm. to State Assoc	
Gerald Fender	
	\$1650.00
Ending Balance 8/12/94	\$278.31
	Rev. Frank Cable, Treasurer
Children's Ho	me
Beginning Balance 8/6/93	\$11,747.85
Receipts:	
Interest Fund	\$535.19
Association	1.325.00
	\$1,860.19
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$13,608.04
Disbursements:	
Paid to Children's Home	\$1.825.00
Ending Balance 8/12/94	
	Rev. Bernie Jones, Treasurer

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Beginning Balance 8/6/93	•••••	\$2,651.91
Receipts:		
Burbank	\$600.00	
Covey Rock	250.00	
Davistown		
Eastern Gate	10.00	
Liberty Chapel	20.00	
Low Gap	500.00	
Middle District		
Nix Church		
Pensacola	62.00	
Southside	500.00	
Unaka Springs	275.00	
Vale		
Woodby Hill Aux		
Woodby Hill		
Youngs Chapel	700.00	
Ministers	12.00	
Total Receipts	***************************************	4,364.00
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		\$7,015.91
Disbursements:		
Dr. Paul Gentuso		<u>6.000.00</u>
Ending Balance 8/11/94		\$1,015.91

- OBITUARIES -



Bonnie Bennett Adkins of the Big Creek Community, Rt. 1, Green Mountain, NC, departed this life September 24, 1993 at the age of 96 years. A native of Yancey County, she was the daughter of William Lewis and Jane Bailey Bennett of Burnsville, NC. She was the wife of Clayton Adkins, who died in 1962. She was preceded in death by three sons. Surviving are 2 daughters; Thelma Whitson and Edith Wilson, 11 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. She was a member of Big Creek Church for 78 years and served as Secretary for several years. She enjoyed going to church. We miss her.

Carrie Bailey was born February 24, 1905, and departed this life December 22, 1993. She was a member of Unaka Springs F.W.B. Church. She is survived by a husband Chester Bailey, and two daughters. We miss her very much but we have great hope of seeing her again where there will be no more sickness or death.

Althea Bryant was born June 17, 1904 and departed this life April 17, 1994. She was a member of the Sunday School of Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church for a number of years, until health became a problem. She is survived by her children, grand children, and a host of friends. She is sadly missed by her loved ones.

Linda Cooper, a member of Burbank F.W.B. Church, departed this life November 30, 1993. She is survived by three precious children - two daughters and one son. Linda was a devoted mother and leaves not only her children, but many friends. We all miss her but know she is in a better place where there is no pain.

Tonie Edgar Fender, born September 19, 1906, departed this life May 31, 1994. He was the husband of Mary Joe Williams Fender and the son of the late Levi and Liza Blankenship Fender. He was a native of Madison County. He had seven children, preceding a son in December of 1993 in death. He was a charter member, Deacon, and Sunday School teacher of Hillcrest F.W.B. Church, in which he helped organize in his father's home place until the new church could be built. His labor still can be seen in the wood work finish and around the church. He was a retired employee of Drexel Heritage Furniture Co. of Marion, NC. His life was fully based on the Lord's work. He always stood for what was right. His testimony was "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteous shall be added to you." His seat is vacant down here, we feel it is filled up there. He is missed so much by his family and friends.

Billie Jean Frost was born December 7, 1954 and departed this life July 18, 1994. She was a member of Unaka Springs F.W.B. Church. She is survived by one brother, one sister, one son and two daughters. She is missed by family and many friends.

Olivia Byrd Higgins was born July 25, 1896, and departed this life April 3, 1994, at the age of 97. She was the daughter of the late Waitsel and Rosanna Morrow Byrd. She was the wife of Vince Higgins who died in 1978. She was preceded in death by two sons, Lawrence Higgins and Harold Higgins. Surviving are six daughters: Mildred Tipton, Mattie Morrow, Ora Lee Tipton, Nell Winsey, Thelma Goldsmith and Jessie Mae Brown; two sons: Carl Higgins and Burgus Higgins; 27 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She was a member of Higgins F.W.B. Church, and is loved and missed by family and friends.

Mamie Lee Ledbetter Buckner, age 74, was born July 17, 1919, and departed this life March 7, 1994. She was a member of Nix Creek F.W.B. Church for more than 35 years. She is greatly missed by her family and her brothers and sisters in Christ. A crown of life awaits them that are faithful unto death.

Fonzer Ledford was born July 25, 1904 and departed this life on May 2, 1994. He was a life-long member of Middle District F.W.B. Church, went home to be with the Lord after a life of almost 90 years. Mr. Ledford is remembered for his generosity and kindness to those around him. For many years he regularly attended Middle District until illness forced him to move closer to relatives. Even while sick however, he remained a dedicated prayer warrior to the church and a friend to its members. Mr. Ledford is survived by his wife, three sons, and a great many grandchildren, loved ones, and friends. He was always willing to give his testimony and speak of his blessings, and in so doing, he was often a blessing to others. Those who knew him are comforted by knowing that "there remaineth a rest for the people of God," and by believing that a great reunion day for all the saints of God is in the near future.

Akers Ledford was born January 28, 1933 and died July 3, 1994. He passed from death into life eternal after an abrupt heart attack. Mr. Ledford was a dedicated member and leader at Middle District F.W.B. Church, serving at various times as Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teacher, Church Trustee, and most recently, Deacon. In addition, Mr. Ledford assisted in annual Bible School programs and in whatever duties he believed necessary for the furtherance of the Kingdom of Christ. Though plagued by much sickness during his life-time, Mr. Ledford never used his illness as an excuse. Rather, his dedication served as an inspiration to his church family. Mr. Ledford is survived by his wife, two children, five grandchildren, three brothers, and a host of relatives and friends. While there can be no replacing someone such as Mr. Ledford, the church members continue to be motivated by his example and rejoice in the fact that while he is now absent from the body, he is in the presence of the Lord.

Roy Phillips, age 64, departed this life May 11, 1994. He was a faithful member and Deacon of Brummitts Creek F.W.B. Church until declining health kept him from attending. He is survived by his wife Gayle, two sons; Kenyon and Kent, and their wives and four grandchildren. He is greatly missed by his family, his church, and his community. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:4.

Mary Earlina Royal departed this life March 9, 1994. She was the daughter of Sherdain Silvers and the late Chetty Higgins Silvers. Surviving, in addition to her father, are her husband Donald Royal; a daughter, Tammy Weekly; a son Ricky Royal, three sisters: Juanita Goldsmith, Loucille Edwards and Mary Ann Sparks; four brothers: R.L. Silvers, Reece Silvers, Glen Silvers and Leslie Silvers; and a granddaughter Ashley Weekly. She was a member of Higgins F.W.B. Church. Her family and friends miss her very much.

Dexter Street, a member of Burbank F.W.B. Church, departed this life March 7, 1994, after several years of declining health. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, two sons, and many friends. We feel we will all meet again in a better land where death and sorrow will be no more.

Frances N. Townson was born December 11, 1928 and departed this life June 22, 1994, at age 65. While her health permitted she was a faithful member of Sunset F.W.B. Church. She was the daughter of the late Aaron and Niagra Sizemore Barnett. Also, she was preceded in death by a son, Terry Townson, in August 1989. She is survived by her husband Jake Townson; three sons: Ronnie, Randy and Larry; a daughter Donna Silvers; two sisters, Bessie Taylor and Agnes Swatzelll; 12 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and also several nieces and nephews. Praise the Lord - she has a new body. Our loss is Heaven's gain!

Minnie Loe Webb, age 77, departed this life February 8, 1994. She was the daughter of Martha Jane Adkins Higgins and the late Bob Higgins. Surviving, in addition to her mother, are her husband Vance Webb, a daughter Vanetta Cooper, a son David Webb; three grandchildren: Mike, Doug, and Greg; a step-grandson Jordan; three sisters: Allie Grace Renfro, Hettie Price, and Betty Fox; one brother Robert Higgins Jr. She was a member of Higgins F.W.B. Church. She is greatly missed by her family, friends and church family.

Reverend Howard Whitson was born September 15, 1926, and departed this life August 7, 1994. A native of Big Creek Community, Yancey County, he was the son of the late Hobert and Cornelia Adkins Whitson. He was a former pastor of Higgins F.W.B. Church and Covey Rock F.W.B. Church in Yancey County, and Memorial Union Church in Unicoi, TN. He is survived by his wife, June Ledford Whitson; daughter, Sherri Whitson of Johnson City, TN; granddaughter, Vanessa Whitson of Green Mountain, NC; sister, Faye Fox of Burnsville, NC; five brothers: Max and Raymond Whitson of Burnsville; Lawrence and Hugh Whitson of Erwin, TN; and Niram Whitson of Johnson City, TN. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Carrie Lee Yelton was born April 27, 1930 and departed this life September 4, 1992. Mrs. Yelton was a faithful member of Middle District F.W.B. Church for many years until her illness prevented her from attending. Mrs. Yelton is remembered as possessing a great degree of faith in spite of her situation, clinging to the promise that the grace of God is sufficient for each of us. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, one son, five grandchildren, two brothers, one sister, and a host of family and friends. While she is greatly missed by her church family, we are comforted by the fact that the suffering she endured during the latter part of her life as been exchanged for the sweet peace awaiting all God's children when they enter His presence.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE Covey Rock F.W.B. Church

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with the Covey Rock F.W.B. Church October 30, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. The congregation sang "Victory In Jesus." Pastor Rev. Leonard Shehan welcomed the conference. Devotions were read by Brother Dean Murphy, reading John 6:51. A prayer was given by Brother Ronnie Peterson.

The conference was called to order by the Moderator Brother Randy Laws. Rules of drcorum were read. Ministers roll call was made with all ministers standing in full fellowship. The following visiting ministers were welcomed to the conference: Rev. Richard Blevins and Rev. Larry Shuffler. There was no response to the call for anyone seeking membership. Brothers Paul Bennett and Richard Bryant's licenses were renewed. Officers were appointed for next conference: Brother Orphard Hensley, Moderator; Brother Verno Davis, Assistant; Topic Committee: Brother Jerome Honeycutt, Junior McKinney and J.D. Price; Devotions, Ulis Miller and Brother Terry Richardson, Assistant.

The Topic Committee report was given by Brothers Verno Davis, Jack Silvers and Stanley McMahan. The topic was "hold fast that which is good," scripture 2 Tim. 2:13 and Titua 1:9.

In the 11:00 a.m. service there was singing by Brother and Sister Tommy Hensley. The message was given by Brother Rodney Deyton, his scripture reading Romans 6:4 and Gal. 5:1. We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Brother Bobby Revis.

In the 1:00 p.m. business session of the conference began with singing by Brother Tommy Hensley's family; called to order by the Moderator, prayer by Brother James

Ledford. The Ordaining Council gave their report recommending Brother Dean Murphy and Marvin Silvers for licenses and Brother Tommy Hensley for Ordination. Brother Ralph Hedrick's licenses were renewed for 12 months. Brother J.D. Price gave the charge for the Ordination of Brother Tommy Hensley and a prayer was said by Brother Jerome Honeycutt.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

Unaka Springs

Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with the Unaka Springs F.W.B. Church on January 29, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. Brother Orville Williams led the congregation in singing "I Will Live In Glory," Brother J.C. Sheets welcomed the conference to Unaka Springs. Devotions were by Brother Ulis Miller, reading 1st Corinthians 2:1 and Gal. 5. Prayer was given by Brother Bobby Revis.

Called to order by the Moderator, Brother Orphard Hensley. Rules of decorum were read, minutes of last session read and approved. Ministers roll call was made with everyone standing in fellowship. Deacons and delegates were seated. Brother Marvin Shutt was welcomed as a visiting minister. Brother Ralph Hedrick asked to be ordained and was referred to the Investigating Committee. Brother Noah Hughes apologized to the conference for being absent, and it was voted to accept his report.

Brother Jonas Revis read a letter from the committee that visited the State Association, recommending that we join that Association. Brother Stanley Parky submitted the topic report, reading from Psalms 119, Gen. 1, Cor. 11 and Romans 16. Time was called for preaching at 11:15.

At 11:20 the congregation sang "Heavens Jubilee". Brother Jerome Honeycutt delivered the message reading from James 5:16. Brother Ronnie Peterson was appointed Moderator for next conference with Brother Richard Sparks Alternate. Topics Committee appointed: Brothers Bobby Revis, Bill Greer and Charlie Trivett. Session was closed with prayer. - Ulis Miller, Clerk

Southside

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with Southside F.W.B. Church in Erwin, TN on May 28, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Charlie Trivett welcomed the ministers conference. The congregation joined in singing "Just A Little Talk With Jesus." Devotions were by Brother Blain Whitson, reading Romans 11:33 - 35. Prayer was by Brother Richard Bryant.

Called to order by the Moderator Brother Ronnie Peterson. Rules of decorum were read. Roll call was made with all ministers standing in full fellowship. The minutes of last session were read and approved with one correction. Brother Joe Winters was welcomed and seated as a visiting minister. Deacons and delagates were recognized and seated in the body.

Call was made for anyone seeking license or ordination. Rev. Ralph Hedrick asked for ordination and was submitted to the Ordaining Council. Brother David Jones and Bud Edward's licenses were renewed. Brother Larry Barr made an effort to turn in his license due to ill health, but was advised by many of the ministers to keep his license. The

question was raised concerning ordaining new ministers who had been called to pastor churches of another denomination. It was decided it had not been done before and some had been refused ordination in the situation. Brothers Blaine Whitson and Stanley McMahan were appointed to fill the place for Brothers Norman Loveless and Jerome Honeycutt on the ordaining council.

The Topic Committee report was given by Brother Bobby Revis, reading John 10: 1-10. His topic was "Abiding in Christ." Brothers Bill Greer, Ronnie Peterson, Carmi Price and Leonard Shehan spoke on the topic.

In the 11:00 service, the congregation sang "Victory In Jesus." Brother Norman Loveless preached the message from Acts 10:34. His subject was "Being led by the Holy Spirit." The Ordaining Council gave their report recommending Brother Ralph Hedrick for ordination. The charge was given by Brother Charlie Trivett, prayer by Brother J.D. Price, and was closed with a fellowship handshake and prayer by Brother Bobby Revis.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

Valley Forge

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with the Valley Forge F.W.B. Church on August 13, 1994, at 9:30 a.m. The session began with the congregation singing "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus." Devotions by Brother Darrell Dugger using Psalms 133, and a prayer by Brother Roy Cooper.

Conference was called to order by the Moderator, Brother Charlie Trivett. Rules of decorum were read. Minister's roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. It was noted that Brother David Anderson had not reported for the last three conferences. The Investigating Committee was asked to check on him. A check for \$25 from Roger Honeycutt was recognized in honor of his father, the late Reverend Joe Honeycutt, and was put in the offering to pay for the Burial insurance for ministers' widows. Church letters from Higgins and New Hope F.W.E. churches were read and recorded on behalf of the Association. Deacons and delegates were seated in the body. The following visiting ministers were welcomed: Revs. Henry Berry, Allen Whitehead, Pat Galloway, Garry Blunt, Dexter Brummitt, Jeff McKinney, and Bill Jaynes.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

CLERK - Rev. Ulis Miller

ASST. CLERK - Rev. Blaine Whitson

Officers for the next conference:

MODERATOR - Rev. Ricky Pate

ALTERNATE - Rev. Bernie Jones

DEVOTIONS - Rev. Ralph Headrick

ORDAINING COUNCIL - Chairman, Rev. Bobby Revis, Ronnie Peterson, Russell Hughes, Bill Greer, J.C. Sheets, and Orphard Hensley, Alternate.

TENNESSEE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE - Rev. Bernie Jones, Chairman; Darrell Edwards, Norman Loveless, and Alex Carver, Aleternate

NORTH CAROLINA INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE - Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Chairman; Ross Grant, Blaine Whitson, and Roger Laws, Alternate.

The following licenses were renewed for one year: Revs. Laster Perkins, Randy Johnson, Ricky Wood, and Paul Bennett.

Letters were received from Middle District and Covey Rock receommending Brother Bud Edwards for ordination, he was submitted to the Investigating Committee. The Cooper family sang three songs that were a blessing to all.

It was decided for the next year that the Topic Committee would be replaced and their time given to an older minister. He will instruct the younger ministers on becoming pastors.

Rev. Ulis Miller was appointed for the next conference. An offering of \$265 was taken for Liberty Chapel Church Building Fund. The meeting closed with prayer.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR
Big Creek	Russell Hughes
Borings Chapel	Frank Cable
Brummitts Creek.	Alex Carver
Burbank	Richard Blevins
Colberts Creek	Clifton McCurry
Covey Rock	Leonard Shehan
Crabtreel	Ronnie Peterson
DavistownC	Orphard Hensley
Eastern Gate	Ricky Pate
Higgins	Keith Miller
Hillcrest	Allen Jackson
Liberty	Harold Webb
Liberty Chapel	Ralph Hedrick
Low GapSta	
Middle District	Bud Edwards
New Hope	
Nix Creek	
North Bend	
Pathway	Bernie Jones
Pensacola	
Peterson Chapel	Tommy Hensley
Pilgrims ChapelI	
Piney Grove	
Southside	Charlie Trivett
Sunset	
Unaka Springs	J.C. Sheets
Union Hill:	
Vale	Rodney Deyton
Valley Forge	
Woodby Hill	
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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
Ulis Miller

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 lease \$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. Readopted 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

Greetings in Christ: We, the Free Will Baptist now in session, send the fo your body:	Church at llowing named delegates to represent us in
OUR STATIS	STICS 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	
Revival conducted by	
Treasurer	
Address	
Clerk	
Address	
Phone	
Is your church in favor of joini	ng the State Association? Yes No

CHURCHES (All Full Time unless indicated otherwise)	No. Baptized	Members Added	Dismissed by Letter Ect.	Deaths	Total Membership	Average in Sunday School	No. in Ladies Auxiliary	No. in C.T.S.	Communions	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 Ministers
Big Creek	3	3	2	2	140	80	25		3	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$7,350	\$2,396	\$	\$ 423	\$	\$200	\$2,800	\$2,956	\$229,810	\$
Borings Chapel		10	2		43	29			2	40	40	10			500				3,262	3,790	60,000	
Brummitts Creek				1	68	47				25	50	10	7,800						969	4,335	254,335	
Burbank	4	8		2	250	135		69	4	50	20	20	15,100	1,200	1,462	2,200	4,650	260	4,400	1,500	226,874	100
Colberts Creek			39		43	34			1	20	20	5	5,388	731					2,292			
Covey Rock		12	1		187	112			2	40	60	10	11,960	400	225	495	3,170	200	2,038	3,046	207,233	100
Crabtree	4	9			46	37	18		4	20	25	10	6,375						2,178		66,000	140
Davistown		9			33	30	7		4	20	20	10	3,276	198			100		500	4,231	190,000	80
Eastern Gate	8				58	50	12		1	20	15	10	3,000	400	10	10	10	10	1,000	15,000	100,000	150
Higgins		3		3	130	79			4	20	20	5	6,877	743	1,023			65	3,563		49,000	
Hillcrest			3	2	43	34				20	20	15	5,700			81	385	50	1,822		250,000	200
Liberty		4	1		129	77	20	35	1	20	20		20,800	725	769	4,078	4,417	200	4,800	20,000	250,000	550
Liberty Chapel	6	2		2	55	47	11		4	20	20	20	6,150	394	40	20	20	35	1,006		94,235	
Low Gap	2	3			110	65	15		1	50	30	10	10,400			4,244	958	112	1,427		75,000	
Middle District	4	5	7	2	86	68	21		4	40	33	25	8,750	300	750	410	1,321		1,383	450	192,000	250
New Hope	1		6		14	22	6						1,800	200							100,000	120
Nix Creek	11	2	2	1	62	43			4	40	30	5	11,464	1,031	300	210	210	200	7,534	1,000	53,500	
North Bend	3	3	2		112	93				80	50	25	5,700		200	8,101	1,176	2	1,004	2,948	187,729	306
Pathway	10	1	1		86	67	10		4	25	25	10	6,980	300	378			50	2,535	5,400	100,000	575
Pensacola		4			74	46	19			25	25	10	8,266			141	62	50	6,774	1,460	84,535	110
Peterson's Chape	1 5	10	7		94	110	10		4	40	15	10	6,125	748	150				2,419	4,594	161,426	
Pilgrim's Chapel	3	12			38	20				10	10	10	6,120	725					2,785		50,000	150
Pine Grove	1		4	2	137	77			3	60	25	5	17,225	400	100		1,557	50	4,789		155,000	325
Southside	5		3		231	193			4	50	15	25	14,280		429	800	1,700	260	3,361	47,000	300,000	582
Sunset		16		1	66	72		35	4	25	15	15	8,425		150	600	2,447	25	8,635	3,809	136,000	50
Unaka Springs	3			2	124	60	15		4	40	25	5		851			300	50	970	6,500	85,000	521
Union Hill	1	1	4			33				10	25	10	2,650	318	150				918	334	60,000	480
Vale 2nd & 4th					35	23			1	20	10	10	3,350		370		245	50			60,000	150
Valley Forge	6		2	2	268	168	30	63	4	75	75	20	19,839	825	2,044	10,873	10,354	260	12,392	10,944	369,647	350
Woodby Hill				1	86	49	15		2	30	20	5	5,200	150	652	1,149	798	25	1,100	830	55,000	575
Young's Chapel	2				114	72				50	75	20	8,725	460		2,637	1,200	340	3,535		65,000	50