

Brad Higgins

**1996 - 1997 MINUTES
of the**

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

**One Hundred and Second Annual Session
Held At
Big Creek F.W.B. Church
Green Mountain, NC**

August 7 - 9, 1997

Officers:

Rev. Charlie Trivett, Moderator
Rev. Stanley McMahan, Assistant Moderator
Rev. Ulis Miller, Clerk
Rev. Blaine Whitson, Assistant Clerk

NEXT SESSION:

The next session will be at Pensacola F.W.B. Church in Burnsville, NC, on August 6 - 8, 1998. (Thursday before the second Sunday in August (at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Bobby Revis will preach the introductory message. Rev. Verno Davis will be his alternate.

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

MODERATOR..... Rev. Charlie Trivett
ASSISTANT MODERATOR..... Rev. J.C. Sheets
CLERK..... Rev. Ulis Miller
ASSISTANT CLERK..... Rev. Blaine Whitson
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. Randy Laws
TREASURER - Foreign Missions..... Rev. Marvin Hensley
ASST. TREASURER - Foreign Missions..... Rev. Paul Bennett
TREASURER - Children's Home..... Rev. Bernie Jones
ASST. TREASURER - Children's Home..... Rev. J.C. Sheets
TREASURER - Burial Fund..... Rev. Bobby Revis
ASST. TREASURER - Burial Fund..... Rev. Orphard Hensley

ASSOCIATIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: TN: Chairman, Rev. Jonas Revis, Bernie Jones, Michael Carver, Jr., and Charlie Trivett, Alt. NC: Chairman, Rev. Jack Silvers, Orphard Hensley, Howard Buchanan, and Danny Elliott, Alt.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE FOR DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND: TN: Chairman, Rev. Ulis Miller, Bernie Jones, Ray Tolley, and Russell Whitson, Alt. NC: Chairman, Rev. J.C. Sheets, Ronnie Peterson, James Ledford and Ralph Hedrick, Alt.

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

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

CLERK..... Rev. Ulis Miller
ASSISTANT CLERK..... Rev. Blaine Whitson
ORDAINING COUNCIL: Chairman, Rev. J.C. Sheets, Marvin Hensley, Bobby Revis, Ronnie Peterson, Troy McCourry, and Jimmy Arrowood, Alt.
INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: TN: Chairman, Bro. Terry Richardson, Norman Loveless, Junior McKinney and Bernie Jones, Alt. NC: Chairman, Rev. Tommy Hensley, Ross Grant, Roger Laws, and Jack Silvers, Alt.

PROCEEDINGS

The Jacks's Creek F.W. Baptist Association met with the Big Creek F.W.B. Church at Rt. 1, Green Mountain, NC on Aug. 7, 1997, at 10:30 a.m. for its one hundred and second annual session. The session began with the pastor Bro. Reid Bagby welcoming the association. The congregation sang "Heavens Jubilee." Bro. John Harrington, pastor of Marbelton F.W.B. Church sang a solo. Bro. Bernie Jones led in an altar prayer. Bro. Danny Elliott sang a solo and gave his testimony about God healing him from cancer.

Bro. Jonas Revis preached the introductory message, reading from Matt. Ch. 6:24 and 12:30. His text was "Who is on the Lord's side?" Bro. Revis preached a great message, closing with an altar prayer and calling for anyone that felt a special need of prayer. Several came to the altar for prayer, and two asked to be anointed with oil. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Buck Laws.

1:00 P.M. Business Session

The session began with the congregation singing a song. Devotions were led by Bro. Ronnie Peterson reading Romans 11:13, followed by a solo. Prayer by Bro. Marvin Hensley. The association was called to order by the moderator Bro. Charlie Trivett. Rules of decorum were read and explained. Church letters were read and delegates were seated as follows:

BIG CREEK: Bros. Willis Adkins, Richard Bryant, Danny Miller and Willie Murphy.

BORINGS CHAPEL: Sisters Wendy Woodby, Littee Hensley, and Maude Bradford.

BRUMMITTS CREEK: Bros. Paul Bennett, Kenneth Robinson and Sisters Star Bennett and Julia Renfro.

BURBANK: Bros. Jim Reece, Carl Keeyes and Sisters Mary Troutman, Martha Hughes, Florence Street, Betty Hughes and Mable Troutman.

COLBERTS CREEK: By Letter.

COVEY ROCK: Bros. Jack Silvers, Buck Laws, Al Brown and Sisters Jewell Silvers, Marie Laws and Mildred Miller.

CRABTREE: Sisters Virginia Honeycutt, Jennie Loveless, Shirley Peterson, Mary Bell Lyons and Bro. Michael Carver, Jr.

DAVISTOWN: Bros. Orphard Hensley, Hugh Dalton and Bill McPeters.

EASTERN GATE: Bro. Ernie France.

HIGGINS: Bros. Laskia Marrow, Austin Wilson and Sisters Susan Eilson, Maddie Marrow, April Wilson and Tina Bryant.

HILL CREST: Bros. Eugene Wilson, Jimmy Johnson, Bobby Revis and Sisters Imogene Johnson, Margaret Pack and Odean Fender.

LIBERTY: Bro. Marvin Oliva and Sisters Grace Allison and Dian Hollifield.

LIBERTY CHAPEL: Bro. Ralph Hedrick and Sister Susie Hedrick.

LOW GAP: By Letter.

MIDDLE DISTRICT: By Letter.

NEW HOPE: By Letter.

NIX CREEK: Bros. Danny Elliott, Marion Elliott, Lon Woodard, Max Boyd, Jimmy Arrowood and Sisters Margie Elliott and Lovella Arrowood.

NORTH BEND: Bros. S.C. Hughes, James Ledford, Howard Buchanan, T.J. Peterson, Eddie Tipton, Owen Barnett, and Sisters Nora Buchanan, Betty Renfro, Faye Peterson

and Nora Peterson.

PATHWAY: Bros. Norman Miller and Jimmy Quillen.

PENSACOLA: Bros. Ronald Fox, Keith Blankenship, Rose Miller, Rick Wilson, Junior Thomason, and Gene Blankenship.

PETERSON'S CHAPEL: Bro. Lloyd Laws and Sis. Wilma Laws.

PILGRIM'S CHAPEL: By Letter.

PINEY GROVE: Bros. Gary Van Davis, Earl Jones, Glen Hayes Woodby, George Stanley and Conley Woodby.

SOUTH SIDE: Bros. Ray Tolley, Dean Foster, Russell Whitson, Kenneth Higgins and Bob Whitson.

SUNSET: Bros. Gary Whitehead and Verl Julian.

UNAKA SPRINGS: Bros. Brad Higgins, Clifford Miller, Dewey Edwards and Gary Cutshall.

UNION HILL: Bro. Lester Miller.

VALE: Bro. George Willis and Sis. Wilma Willis.

VALLEY FORGE: Sisters Mildred Vaughan, Carol Vaughan Estep, Kim Stanley, Ruby Harmon, Jim Honeycutt and Bros. Carl Roberson and Bob Ray.

WOODBYS HILL: Bros. Carmon Simerly and Odell Guinn.

YOUNGS CHAPEL: Bros. Randy Laws, Lee Thompson, Clay Fender, Arnold Fortner, Vance Hughes, Sisters Lila Fender, Nell Fortner, Billie Thompson and Bro. Wayne Hall.

The clerk read a letter from Bro. Gerald Fender. Bro. Roger Hood was given the opportunity to speak for the Children's Home Committee and Dr. Thigpen for the Sunday School Committee since they could not attend the Friday session. Ministers' roll call was made. Visiting ministers were welcomed as following: Bro. Larry Shuffler, Bro. John Harrington, Bro. Roger Hood, and Dr. Thigpen.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Bro. Charlie Trivett
Assistant Moderator.....	Bro. J.C. Sheets
Clerk.....	Bro. Ulis Miller
Assistant Clerk.....	Bro. Blaine Whitson
Treasurer of Disabled Ministers Fund.....	Bro. Jonas Revis
Assistant Treasurer - Disabled Ministers Fund.....	Bro. Stanley McMahan
Treasurer - Home Missions.....	Bro. Frank Cable
Assistant Treasurer - Home Missions.....	Bro. Randy Laws
Treasurer - Foreign Missions.....	Bro. Marvin Hensley
Assistant Treasurer - Foreign Missions.....	Bro. Paul Bennett
Treasurer - Children's Home.....	Bro. Bernie Jones
Assistant Treasurer - Children's Home.....	Bro. J.C. Sheets
Treasurer - Burial Fund.....	Bro. Bobby Revis
Assistant Treasurer - Burial Fund.....	Bro. Orphard Hensley

Associational Investigating Committee: TN Chairman: Bro. Jonas Revis, Bernie Jones, Michael Carver, Jr., and Charlie Trivett, Alt. NC Chairman: Bro. Jack Silvers,

Orphard Hensley, Howard Buchanan, and Danny Elliott, Alt.

Investigating Committee for Disabled Ministers' Fund: TN: Chairman, Bro. Ulis Miller, Bernie Jones, Ray Tolley, and Russell Whitson, Alt. NC: Chairman: Bro. J.C. Sheets, Ronnie Peterson, James Ledford, and Ralph Hedrick, Alt.

Board of Directors for Home Missions: Chairman Bro. Jack Silvers, Ralph Hedrick, and Charlie Trivett.

Board of Directors for Disabled Ministers Fund: Chairman Bro. Perry Moore, Clay Fender, Marvin Hensley, Bill Greer, Orphard Hensley and Ulis Miller, Alt.

ASSOCIATIONAL COMMITTEES

Churches, Pastors and Deacons.....Sisters Marie Laws, Velta Fender, and
Bro. Bill McPeters

C.T.S.....Sisters Lila Fender, Star Bennett, and Shirley Peterson

Disabled Ministers Fund.....Bro. Jonas Revis

Education.....Bros. Marvin Hensley, Blaine Whitson and Paul Bennett

Foreign Missions.....Bro. Marvin Hensley

Home Missions.....Bro. Frank Cable

Ladies Auxiliary.....Sisters Mary Bell Lyons, Jean Cable and Gwen Wilson

Sessions.....Bros. T.J. Peterson, Bobby Revis and Gene Wilson

Resolutions.....Bros. Willie Murphy, Lee Thompson and Danny Elliott

The session closed with prayer by Bro. Ronnie Peterson.

7:00 P.M. Service

The service opened with the choir singing four songs with the Holy Spirit and rejoicing. Prayer by Bro. Jimmy Arrowood. The message was brought by Bro. Marvin Hensley. He read from Luke 10:38 and John 4:31 and John 11:3. His text was "What is Urgent and What is Important?" Bro. Marvin preached a wonderful message. Sister Peterson sang a beautiful solo. The service closed with prayer.

Friday 9:30 Business Session

The session opened with the congregation singing "Living By Faith." Brother Gary Whitehead presented devotions, reading from Romans 6:23. Prayer was led by Bro. John L. Stockton. The meeting was called to order by moderator Charlie Trivett. The rules of decorum were read. Church letters were read and delegates seated. Minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and ministers' roll call taken. Visiting ministers included Gary Whitehead and Hayroo Holloway.

11:00 A.M. Service

Bud Whitehead led the congregation in singing "Just a Little Talk With Jesus." Bro. Orphard Hensley gave the message, reading from I Peter 1:3. His text was "A Lively Hope." Bro. Ronnie Peterson led the closing prayer.

1:00 P.M. Business Session

The service opened with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace." Devotions were

given by Bro. Troy McCourry, reading from Hebrews 6. Prayer was led by Bro. Bobby Revis. The meeting was called to order by Assistant Moderator J.C. Sheets. Bro. Paul Bennett gave a committee report as requested considering the purchase of a building for Associational meetings. The idea was rejected.

ASSOCIATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Churches, Pastors and Deacons

We, your committee, believe the church is a place of love, where spirit-filled people gather to worship God. Psalms 31:23 says, "Oh, love the Lord all ye saints for the Lord preserveth the faithful and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer." The spirit in the hearts of the people will help through points of observations. We feel prayer, faith and charity are ways of reaching souls that might be saved and added to the church daily.

Pastors are God-called men filled with the Holy Ghost. It is a pastor's duty to study God's word. 2nd Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth, a Shepherd that will lead and feed his flock.

Deacons. We believe a man should desire the office of a deacon. 1st Timothy 3rd chapter tells how they are to be brave, serve the table, not double-minded, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre, holding the ministry of faith in a clear conscience. Let them be found blameless, even so much their wives also.

Veltie Fender, Marie Laws, Bill McPeters

Church Training Services

Matthew 5:1,2. *"On a mountain, by the sea, in a ship; He opened His mouth and taught them."*

Jesus took advantage of every opportunity to teach the people. As parents and teachers, we must do the same, as we have such a short time to work with young lives. In our homes, while hearts are tender and they are so eager to learn, teach, train, use this time wisely. As teachers, use those classes, tell them how to avoid, what Peter referred to as "The Devil as a roaring lion, walking about, seeking whom he may devour." Satan is there in the forms of abortion, cults, devil-worship, disobedient to parents, and fornication. It is your life, do your own thing. We must teach them God's Holy Word is truth, and will prepare them for this life, and for the life to come.

Shirley Peterson, Lila Fender, Star Bennett

Children's Home

The priorities of this child-care ministry are:

To maintain a Christian family atmosphere where each child can feel safe, loved and accepted.

To present the love of Christ in word and in deed, in hope that each child will accept Christ as Lord and Savior.

To counsel each child with their particular needs, including learning to put the past in it's proper perspective and gaining a new optimism for the future.

To teach the Word of God as the rule for a successful Christian life.

To make every administrative and household decision based on what is in the best interest of each individual child.

To encourage each child to fulfill God's will for his life concerning school, college, marriage, occupation, etc.

To teach each child the importance of becoming good citizens in their community.

To stress the fact that they will become role models for other children to follow.

Roger Hood

Ladies Auxiliary

A Ladies Auxiliary is a wonderful asset to the church. It not only helps financially but spiritually. The older ladies in the Auxiliary can be an example to the younger ones, teaching them to be about our Father's business. Devotions and fellowship bring all the ladies closer together so as to do God's work faithfully. Ecclesiastes 10:18 "By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through."

Gwen Wilson, Jean Cable, Mary Belle Lyons

Education

The process of acquiring knowledge, skills, habits, values, and attitudes - education involves both learning and teaching. Parents are a child's first teacher by teaching attitudes, habits and values that shape character.

Education is as old as humanity and teaches people how to act civilized in a society. Education helps people acquire skills to do every day activities and get more out of life.

Jesus told us we must be born again. To be a new creature requires knowledge of God's word. A strong effective Christian can only know the Lord as he grows in the Word. Study to show thyself approved unto God. II Tim. 2:15 and Thes. 4:11. Study and be quiet and do your own business, and work with your own hands.

Deut. 4:10. "Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days...and that they may teach their children."

Paul Bennett

Sunday School

The Sunday School has been called "the gold mine of the church." It is a school that has godly teachers and only one textbook, the Bible. After people become disciples (believers) they are to be taught the Word of God. Jesus said that we are to "teach them all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Matthew 28:20

Pastors should be reminded that Paul said to Timothy, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit then to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2. Pastors are to commit truths to faithful people so that they may become teachers. This is one of the tasks assigned

to pastors.

This teacher training ministry is a part of the work of the pastor. Pastors should establish times to teach teachers to become better teachers of God's Word. This is a part of feeding lambs and feeding sheep.

Sunday School teachers should love God, love the Bible, and love others. There is no organization in the church that can contribute more to the work of the church than the Sunday School.

Charles A. Thigpen

Rules Committee

Due to the number of legal and clerical requirements to change the individuals who are the treasurers of the Disabled Ministers Fund, we submit the following proposal for consideration:

The Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer of the Jack's Creek F.W.B. Disabled Ministers Fund will be elected by the Jack's Creek F.W.B. Association for an indefinite period of time. A new treasurer and /or Assistant Treasurer may be elected at the request of the current treasurer, at the decease or withdrawal from the association by the treasurer, or by a majority vote of this Association.

Bros. Frank Cable, Jim Johnson, Lee Thompson,

Willie Adkins, Blaine Whitson

Sessions Committee

We, your committee on sessions, report as follows: The first conference will be at Unaka Spring Free Will Baptist Church on November 29, 1997. Rev. Bobby Revis will preach, and Rev. John Stockton will Alternate.

The second conference will be at Crabtree F.W.B. Church on March 28, 1998. Rev. Marvin Hensley will preach. Rev. Jimmy Arrowood will be alternate.

The third conference will be at Nix Creek F.W.B. Baptist Church on May 30, 1998. Rev. Brad Higgins will preach, Rev. Ronnie Peterson, alt.

The Association and fourth conference will be with Pensacola F.W.B. Baptist Church on August 6, 7 and 8th, 1998. Rev. Bobby Revis will preach the introductory message. Rev. Verne Davis will be alternate. Rev. Ronnie Peterson will preach at the 7 p.m. service with Darrel Edwards as alternate. Rev. Frank Cable will preach at 11:00 a.m. Friday, and Jack Silver his alternate. Friday night at 7 p.m. will be the young people's night with Brad Higgins in charge.

Revs. Paul Bennett, Roger Laws, T.J. Peterson

Disabled Ministers' Fund Financial Report

Beginning Balance 8/9/96.....	\$141,992.21
Receipts	
Ministers Conference.....	2,642.00
Association.....	2,437.00
Burial Fund.....	1,755.00
Interest Earned.....	9,385.75
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	16,217.75
Disbursements.....	10,365.80
Ending Balance 8/8/97.....	\$147,844.96
Rev. Jonas Revis, Treasurer	

Home Missions

Matthew 5:14-26. "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

As Christians, we are to be missionaries to the world. Our heavenly Father has worked a miracle in our life, which is to be shown to someone else, that they might believe. We need to seek our calling, develop our skills, and be about our Father's business. There is a day of accountability for each of us. What will we have to show for the time we have spent here? Will our Father be pleased with our service? Pray, seek, give, go.

Brother Frank Cable

Financial Report - Home Missions

Beginning Balance 8/9/96.....	\$735.89
Donations.....	25.00
Treatise Sale.....	10.00
Association Receipts.....	300.00
Interest Earned.....	5.69
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$340.69
Balance.....	1,076.58
Disbursements	
Carlie Lloyd.....	60.00
Vale F.W.B. Church.....	500.00
Bank Service Charges.....	4.00
	564.00
Balance 8/8/97.....	\$512.58
Brother Frank Cable	

Children's Home - Financial Report

Liberty Chapel.....	\$40.00
Eastern Gate.....	20.00
Union Hill.....	300.00
Brummitts Creek.....	250.00
Crabtree.....	150.00
Covy Rock.....	225.00
Nix Creek.....	300.00
TOTAL	\$1,285.00

Brother Bernie Jones

Foreign Missions - Financial Report

Beginning Balance 8/9/96.....	\$656.24
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Receipts

Brummitts Creek.....	300.00
Burbank.....	450.00
Covy Rock.....	250.00
Davistown.....	100.00
Hillcrest.....	300.00
Liberty.....	150.00
Liberty Chapel.....	20.00
Low Gap.....	600.00
New Hope.....	262.00
Nix Creek.....	210.00
North Bend.....	900.00
Pensacola.....	310.06
Southside.....	800.00
Unaka Springs.....	300.00
Woodby Hill.....	375.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Aid.....	120.00
Youngs Chapel.....	1200.00
Rev. Verno Davis.....	25.00
Tape Sale.....	60.00
	7,332.06

TOTAL	7,988.30
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Disbursements:

Dr. Paul Gentuso.....	-7,200.30
Bank Service Charges.....	-72.00
Ending Balance 8/9/97.....	\$716.00

Brother Marvin Hensley

The Rules Committee reported and asked that the Board of Directors for the Disabled Ministers' Fund be elected indefinitely with replacements only as specified in their report.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Brother Marvin Hensley.

OBITUARIES

RAYMOND LEVI VESS was born January 22, 1914, and departed this life January 23, 1997. He was a member of Davistown F.W.B. Church in Old Fort, NC. He is survived by two daughters, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is sadly missed by family and friends.

VERDI OPAL ELLIOTT was born July 18, 1920, and departed this life April 17, 1997. She was a member of Davistown F.W.B. Church in Old Fort, NC. She is sadly missed by family and friends.

HALDER STREET of Bakersville, NC, was born March 6, 1931, and departed this life after an extended illness on August 16, 1996. He was a member of Middle District F.W.B. Church. He was the son of the late Charles and Frances Ingram Street. He was preceded in death by his wife Marie Frye Street and his son, David Wayne Street. He is survived by his son Donald Street, one grandson, one sister, six brothers, and a host of nephews, nieces and friends who loved and continue to miss him very much. We believe that when one dies in Christ, then "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." We have the assurance of seeing him again some day.

LENNIS HONEYCUTT MOFFITT was born June 4, 1923 and died June 15, 1997. She was the daughter of the late Chester and Lillie Mae Honeycutt. She was the loving wife of Brownlow Moffitt, darling mother of Janice McKinney and Jeannene Garland, and loving grandmother of Ryan McCann and Jessica Garland, all of Bakersville. Sisters are Mary Arrowood and Georgia Moffitt, both of Bakersville; one brother W.G. Honeycutt of Winston-Salem, and a half-sister, Vergie Hughes of Bakersville.

Mrs. Moffitt was a member of Middle District F.W.B. Church from early childhood til her death. She was a delegate to the Jacks Creek Association for several years and was very active in the Ladies Auxiliary. She retired from Mitchell County Home Health, and was a dedicated nurse who loved her work. Our loved one will surely be missed, but we know she is in God's care.

ANNIE ATKINS PATE, 92, passed away July 1, 1997, after a long illness. She was the wife of Sheridan Pate who died in 1989. She was also preceded in death by two sons Jim and Bill. A faithful member of the Pensacola F.W.B. Church as long as she was able. She is survived by two sons Ransom and Clarence, seven sisters, twelve grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

VANCE WEBB, age 81, departed this life March 9, 1997. He was the son of the late Hiram and Suckie Higgins Webb and the husband of Minnie Lou Webb who died in 1994. He was a member of Higgins F.W.B. Church, and faithful in attendance as long as he was able. Surviving are a daughter Vanetta Cooper, a son David Webb, a sister Rose Ann Shepherd, a brother Lewis Webb, three grandsons, Mike and Doug Cooper and Gregory Webb, and three great-grandsons. He is greatly missed by his family and church family.

The Vale F.W.B. Church submit the following names in memory of brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone to be with Him for ever:

Frank and Stella Calhoun

Ruth Vance

Maude Carnett

Arra Bell Calhoun

Clarence Benfield

Ray Coffey

Caye Calhoun

Hattie Stout

DAISY MILLER went home to be with the Lord on December 24, 1996. She was a member of Burbank F.W.B. Church. Her friendly smile and quiet ways made her special. She is survived by one daughter, two grandchildren, one sister and brother-in-law Robert and Cleo Greer and many friends. Her only son Barnes Miller passed away in May of this year. They both are greatly loved and missed by all.

THELMA MILLER went home to be with the Lord on February 12, 1997. She was a member of Burbank F.W.B. Church. Thelma was confined home for several years. She loved the church members to meet at her home for prayer meeting. She had a special love for children. She is survived by her husband Frank, two daughters, two sons, one sister, one brother and many friends. We know she is now resting with the Lord.

MARY BREWER went to her heavenly home on April 2, 1997. She was a faithful member of Burbank F.W.B. Church before she was so sick she had to live in a nursing home. She loved to sing in the choir when she was able. She is survived by one son, one daughter and many friends. Our loss is heaven's gain.

NORMAN STREET went home to be with the Lord on August 12, 1996. Norman was a faithful member of Burbank F.W.B. Church where he served as treasurer for over thirty years until his failing health would no longer permit. He is survived by his wife Florence, one daughter, and two sons. Norman was a quiet man who was sincere and firm in his love for his God, his church and his family.

We grieve the death of one we love.

We miss his company.

But he knew and loved the Lord.

Someday with him we'll be.

Our loss is heaven's gain.

MARTHA H. JENKINS was born February 13, 1921 and died January 16, 1997. She was the daughter of the late Chester and Lillie Mae Street Honeycutt and the wife of Robert Jenkins who preceded her in death. Surviving are five sons, one stepson, eleven grandsons, one granddaughter, two sisters, one half-sister and one brother. She was a member of the Middle District Church for many years. She was a loving mother and is greatly missed by her family and friends. There is comfort in knowing "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

BETTY H. GOUGE was born January 26, 1910 and departed from this life March 23, 1997 at the age of 87. She was the daughter of the late Chester and Lillie Mae Street Honeycutt and the wife of Fred Gouge, who preceded her in death. Surviving are two sisters, one half-sister and one brother. Having joined the church at an early age, she was a member of the Middle District Church for many years. She is truly missed by her family and friends, and will be remembered by many for her acts of kindness.

MARY JO FENDER departed this life April 24, 1997, at the age of 90. She was a charter member of Hillcrest F.W.B. Church. She was the wife of the late Toney E. Fender, who was also a charter member and Deacon of Hillcrest F.W.B. Church.

Mother's Gone To Be With Jesus!

*Mama we miss you so much,
Since you've gone to be with dad.
The old home place is still so empty and sad.
Since you've gone up to be with Jesus
That early Thursday morn.
We children feel so alone and bare
As we gave you up, as you went to be with Jesus.
We miss you as we still morn.
When we think of all those precious times together.
But then we stop and think of you and dad being together.
Since we can't hear you call our name.
Our lives here on earth will never be the same.
Mama you were always there when we needed you.
But I know our Lord will help us make it through.
Now mama you can walk, talk, see and smile.
The way things look down here.
This race will soon be over in a short while.
Our prayer is, we all be together on Beautiful Heavenly
Shore.
We love and miss you both, more and more.
We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. We love you.*

*Precious, Loving Memories
your son, Odean
In memories of your children and all their families.*

BESSIE M. TAYLOR, age 84, died December 26, 1996. She was a very active member of Sunset F.W.B. Church until a lengthy illness kept her from coming to the services. She is rejoicing in heaven now with her husband George M. Taylor, one daughter, two sons and ten brothers and sisters. What a reunion!

VESTER R. HITECHEW, age 79, died April 10, 1997. He was an outstanding member of Sunset F.W.B. Church and to our community. An extended illness kept him from our services but he always had a smile and a kind word to say when we visited with him.

LARNIE G. HITECHEW, age 83, died June 1, 1997 after a lengthy illness. When she was able she was an active member of Sunset F.W.B. Church. Our loss is Heaven's gain, for she was ready to go home.

EFFIE C. STREET, age 95, died June 21, 1997. A native of Carter County, she was a member of Sunset F.W.B. Church. An extended illness kept her from attending. She is missed very much by her family and friends.

EMMA BENNETT was born November 12, 1909, and died October 9, 1996. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Dan Miller and was preceded in death by her husband Jeff Bennett in 1994. She was a member of Woodby Hill Church for the past 24 years, and was a faithful member. She is survived by one son Elmer and six daughters: Nola, Lurley, Shirley, Pauline, Kaye and Faye; seventeen grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren. She is sadly missed by all her family, church people and many friends. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

MARY HOLTSCLAW was born on May 28, 1910, and went to be with the Lord on May 29, 1997. She has been a faithful member of the Piney Grove F.W.B. Church since the church was organized in 1953. Mrs. Holtsclaw lived in Johnson City, TN, for the past few years to be near her children. She came to church as often as her health permitted and her absence from church was always noted by everyone with concern and caring. She was a great asset to the church and community. Mrs. Holtsclaw is survived by one daughter and five sons. She is greatly missed by her family, friends, neighbors and especially the church. We have all lost a great Mother and Friend and are consoled by the fact we are assured she has gone to be with the Lord.

MAUDE HIGGINS HOLLIFIELD was a member of Big Creek Freewill Baptist Church, Green Mountain, North Carolina. She was a Yancey County native and had lived in Unicoi County since 1981. She departed this life on October 23, 1996 at Lake Bridge Health Care Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Hollifield in 1966, four brothers; Rev. Cecil Higgins, Bayard Higgins and Herman Higgins; one sister Rebia. Survivors include two brothers Dean Higgins of Green Mountain, NC and Briece Higgins of Oak Hill, FL and several nieces and nephews.

MINNIE ADKINS was born December 12, 1904 and departed this life September 8, 1996. She was the wife of Sam Adkins who preceded her in death. She was a faithful member of Big Creek Freewill Baptist Church until she moved to Erwin, TN. There Minnie attended Southside Freewill Baptist Church as long as her health permitted. She is survived by one daughter, two sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Pensacola

9/28/96

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with the Pensacola F.W.B. Church on October 28, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. The session began with the congregation singing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," and "When We All Get To Heaven." Pastor, Bro. Troy McCourry welcomed the conference to Pensacola Church. Devotions were given by Bro. Orphard Hensley, reading the last two verses of Romans 7 and first three verses of Chapter 8. Prayer was by Bro. Rickey Pate.

Session was called to order by the moderator Bro. Bobby Revis and the rules of decorum were read. Ministers roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were welcomed as follows: Dr. Paul Gentuso, Bros. Dennis Autrey, Mike Carver, Roger Thompson, Scotty Jenkins and Larry Shuffler. A call was made for anyone seeking licenses or ordination, Bros. Steve Cochran and Paul Bennett asked to be ordained, and were recommended to the ordaining council for questioning.

Rev. Blaine Whitson asked that all ministers give him their birth dates for the purpose of a study for a retirement program. Bro. Norman Loveless was appointed for moderator of the next conference and Bro. Terry Richardson alt., Bro. Russell Hughes for devotions and Bro. Ricky Pate alt. Recommendations from the rules committee were read and approved, making some changes in articles 9, 10, 11 and 13 of the constitution and by-laws of the ministers conference. Bro. John L. Stockton was appointed to speak to the young ministers at the next conference. Dr. Paul Gentuso, missionary to Africa, spoke about his work on the Ivory Coast. Session closed with prayer by Bro. John L. Stockton.

11:00 a.m. Service

Choir sang "Amazing Grace," a prayer by Bro. Bernie Jones. Bro. Troy McCourry introduced the speaker, Bro. J.C. Sheets, who read scripture from John 5, his text being "Troubling of the Water." He preached a wonderful message. The ordaining council gave their report recommending Bros. Paul Bennett and Steve Cochran for ordination. Bro. Marvin Hensley gave the charge reading from 1st Timothy 3 and 2nd Timothy 2. A prayer was given by Bro. Troy McCourry. An offering was taken for Bro. John Stockton in the amount of \$615. A motion was passed to give Vale F.W.B. Church \$500 for their new heating system. The session was dismissed with prayer.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

Youngs Chapel

12/23/96

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Ministers conference met with the Youngs Chapel F.W.B. Church on December 28, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Rev. Randy Laws welcomed the conference to Youngs Chapel. The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus." Devotions were by Bro. Steve Cochran, reading from Heb. 9:2 and Col. 1:14, prayer was by Bro. Verno Davis.

The business session was called to order by the moderator Bro. Norman Loveless,

rules of decorum were read. Ministers roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Minutes of last session were read and approved. Visiting ministers were welcomed as follows: Dr. Charles Thigpen, Bros. Scotty Jenkins, Roger Thompson, Mike Carver and Larry Shuffler. Call for anyone seeking licenses or ordination. Bro. Mike Carver asked to be licensed and was recommended to the ordaining council. Bro. Dean Murphy asked to be ordained and was recommended to the ordaining council.

Bro. Stanley McMahan was appointed moderator for the next conference, Bro. Ronnie Peterson his alternate, Bro. Russell Hughes for devotions, Bro. Steven Miller his alternate. A motion was passed to accept Bro. Roger Byrd's credentials at his request. Bro. John Stockton was appointed to speak to the young ministers. He did such a good job it pleased the conference to appoint him for next conference. Sister Ronnie Peterson and several the ministers spoke on the subject of needing more power with God. Closed with prayer by Bro. James Ledford.

11:00 a.m. Service

Began with Bro. Scotty Jenkins singing "Beulahland." Bro. Richard Bryant preached a very good message, reading from Ezek. 3: 7-8, and Isa 58:1-9.

The ordaining council gave their report recommending Bro. Mike Carver for license to preach and Bro. Dean Murphy for ordination. Bro. Bobby Revis conducted the ordination service, reading from 1st Timothy 3 and 2nd Timothy 4. A prayer was given by Bro. Marvin Hensley. Closed with a song and fellowship.

Rev. Ulis Miller, Clerk

North Bend

3/29/97

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. ministers' conference met with the North Bend F.W.B. Church on March 3, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. The conference was welcomed by the pastor Bro. Roger Laws. The congregation sang "Glory Land Way." Bro. John Stockton stood and expressed his appreciation for all the help the conference had given him during his wife's sickness. Devotions were by Bro. Russell Hughes reading from 2nd Cor. 6. Prayer was by Bro. Marvin Hensley.

The conference was called to order by the moderator Bro. Stanley McMahan, and the rules of decorum were read. Ministers' roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Minutes of last session were read and approved. The visiting ministers were welcomed as follows: Bros. R.J. Davis, Paul Ault, Rick Price, Scotty Jenkins, Roger Thompson and Dr. Paul Gentuso. The call for anyone seeking licenses or ordination was made. Bro. Scotty Jenkins asked to be licensed to preach and was referred to the investigating committee. Bro. Brad Higgins asked to be ordained and was referred to the investigating committee. Bro. Rickey Woods' license were renewed for one year. Bro. Charlie Trivett spoke concerning trying to work out a retirement program for the ministers. The moderator appointed a committee to do a study and report at the next conference: committee chairman Bro. Blaine Whitson, members Marvin Hensley, Charlie Trivett, Paul Bennett and Ulis Miller. Dr. Paul Gentuso spoke about his work on the Ivory Coast of Africa. Bro. Jonas Revis addressed the conference as a board member for the Children's Home, giving thanks for what has been done and asking for continued support

for both prayer and financial help. He asked that everyone especially remember Mothers Day love offering for the Home. Bro. Marvin Hensley spoke, asking that all pastors encourage the churches to keep up the pledges they have made in support of the foreign missions. He reminded us that he was behind with the pledged amount as far as sending it in a timely basis.

Bro. John Stockton spoke to the young ministers on the subject "Nothing Without Jesus." His message was not only a great lesson to the young but for everyone. Closed with prayer by Bro. Orphard Hensley.

11:00 A.M. Service

Began with the North Bend singers singing "New Buelah Land.: Bro. Jimmy Arrowood preached a great message, reading from 1st Cor. 13 on the subject "The Gifts and Callings of God." Closed with fellowship and prayer by Bro. Leonard Shehan.

Big Creek 8/9/97

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Ministers' Conference met with the Big Creek Baptist Church on August 9, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. The conference began with the congregation singing "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian." Welcome was given by pastor Bro. Reid Babby. Devotions were led by Br. James Ledford, reading from the book of Jude. Prayer was by Bro. Terry Richardson.

The conference was called to order by the moderator Bro. Charlie Trivett. Rules of decorum were read. Minutes of last conference were read and approved. Ministers roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were welcomed and seated as follows: Bros. Scotty Jenkins, Bill Evans, Roy Laws, Paul Ault, Sonny Thomas, Danny Osborn and Dexter Brummitt. Bro. Blaine Whitson reported on the study they had done for a retirement program, saying that it would not be feasible to have a private retirement program at this time. Bro. Bill Evans from the National Free Will Baptist retirement board gave a good explanation of their program and gave out literature for everyone to study until the next conference.

Election of Officers

Clerk: Bro. Ulis Miller

Assistant Clerk: Bro. Blaine Whitson

Ordaining Counsel: Chairman, Bro. J.C. Sheets, Ronnie Peterson, Troy McCourry, Bobby Revis, Marvin Hensley, and Jimmy Arrowood, Alt.

Investigating Committee: TN Chairman Bros. Terry Richardson, Norman Loveless, Junior McKinney and Bernie Jones, Alt. NC Chairman Bros. Tommy Hensley, Ross Grant, Roger Laws and Jack Silvers, Alt.

Moderator for Next Conference: Bro. Terry Richardson, Orphard Hensley, Alt.

Brother Rickey Price asked for a license and was turned over to the investigating committee. Bro. Jonas Revis gave his report on the Disabled Ministers Fund. Bro. Dexter Brummitt spoke for the Walkathon and encouraged every church to participate. An offering was taken for Bro. Jonas Revis to help finish paying his expenses for his trip to

Africa with a committee to visit our missionaries there.

The Ordaining Council gave their report, recommending licenses for Bro. Scotty Jenkins and ordination for Bro. Brad Higgins. The ordination service proceeded with Bro. Bobby Revis giving the charge to Bro. Higgins. Prayer by Bro. Marvin Hensley and welcoming Bro. Higgins with a fellowship handshake. Closing with prayer by Br. Paul Ault.

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Fleenor, Theodore.....	East Fairview F.W.B. Church
Greer, Bill.....	Keystone F.W.B. Church
Hensley, Marvin.....	Cane Creek F.W.B. Church
Hensley, Tommy.....	Mountain Dale
Higgins, Roscoe.....	Laurelton Chapel
Miller, Ulis.....	St. Paul F.W.B. Church
Pate, Ricky.....	Eastern Gat F.W.B. Church
Richardson, Terry.....	Fellowship F.W.B. Church, Erwin, TN
Sheets, J.C.....	Fellowship F.W.B. Church, Limestone, TN
Whitson, Blaine.....	Hunt Dale Union 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 man shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of 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.

We your committee on the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist treatise present the following resolutions, that have been adopted at various sessions, beginning in 1948 through 1980, and recommend that they be included in the new Treatise to be printed. The following articles were recommended and approved at the annual session August, 1983.

53rd Session 1948 - When committees are chosen for the Association they are to have a minister as chairman. The remainder of the committee is to be chosen from the delegates.

60th Session 1955 - A motion was passed not to allow any woman to preach.

63rd Session 1958 - Any person teaching or holding a church office are to be members of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

76th Session 1971 - Any person writing a letter to the investigating committee must sign the letter or the letter will be considered null and void.

79th Session 1974 - No moderator of the Jack's Creek Association shall serve more than a one year period, nor can he succeed himself. An assistant moderator shall be elected annually and shall be elevated to position of moderator after he has served his year as assistant. After two years have expired any previous moderator may be elected to assistant moderator again.

80th Session 1975 - Jack's Creek Ministers Conference is opposed to the so called Millennium or Millenial doctrine as preached today. Any of our ministers found to be preaching or teaching this said doctrine, shall have their license called for, and their names dropped from the ministers roll.

83rd Session 1978 - The Jack' Creek Free Will Baptist Association does not condone, or allow homosexuality among its people, that it is deemed to be a deadly sin. Lev. 20:13, Romans 1:26-32. Also we are opposed to abortion in any form. "Thou shalt not kill", the fifth commandment, Ex. 20:12.

We do not accept mixed color marriages, because it pleased God to make everything after its own kind, and to separate the people of the earth. Gen. 11:19

Second coming of Jesus as written in minutes

84th Session 1979 - No minister will be allowed to serve on more than one committee of investigation or ordaining council.

Jack's Creek Ministers Conference does not condone our ministers performing a wedding, and joining together in Holy Matrimony anyone who has been previously married and divorced.

Respectfully submitted by Reverends Blaine Whitson, Stanley McMahan, and Ronnie Peterson. August 1984.

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 men applying to this Conference for a license to preach, for ordination, or for membership, shall present a letter of recommendation from the Free Will Baptist Church of which he is a member. This letter shall be dated and signed by the pastor, the deacons and the clerk. Upon the majority approval of this Conference, the applicant will be received under our watchcare. The applicant shall sign a waiver permitting our Investigating Committee to check on his personal life. The Committee should submit their report at the next regularly scheduled conference. If the Committee recommends the applicant and the majority of the Conference approves, the applicant and his wife (if applicable) will be questioned by the Ordaining Council as to his divine calling, his qualifications, and his doctrinal beliefs. Upon the approval of the Ordaining Council and the majority approval of the Conference, the applicant will be licensed, ordained, or accepted as a member of this Conference.

ARTICLE 10: All applicants licensed by this Conference will be licensed to preach for a period of one year. Upon the majority approval of the Conference, the license may be renewed annually. This license does not permit the preacher to officiate at a marriage. A licensed preacher may baptize converts and administer the Communion and Feet-washing Service under the direct supervision of an ordained Free Will Baptist minister. Licensed preachers are expected to preach at least twenty-four sermons each year. If any preacher neglects to do so (unless providentially hindered), he will be entitled to a seat in this conference only as a visiting minister. All licensed preachers will be assigned a senior pastor for training for a period of one year. This assignment can be changed to accommodate any prevailing circumstances. Even though a licensed preacher is elected to

pastor a church, he is to continue this training on a schedule suitable to both parties.

ARTICLE 11: All applicants for ordination shall meet the following requirements in addition to those listed in Article 9. The applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from the senior pastor he trained under. The applicant must have been licensed to preach for two full years (exception: if a preacher has been elected to pastor a church, he can be ordained after he has been licensed for one full year and he submits a letter from the church he is pastoring). The applicant must have preached at least fifty sermons.

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.

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 13: Ordained ministers (men) from sister associations seeking membership with this conference, shall present a letter of recommendation from their conference dated and signed by the Moderator and the Clerk, in addition to the requirements of Article 9. If the applicant is accepted by this Conference, a new Certificate of Ordination will be issued with the name of his original Conference and the names of the Ordaining Council 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. All charges brought against a minister will be brought to the conference and a recommendation made by the conference before proceeding further.

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:

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 _____

