

**1998 - 1999 MINUTES**

**of the**

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

**One Hundred and Fourth Annual Session  
Held At  
Youngs Chapel F.W. B. Church  
July 29-31, 1999**

**Officers:**

Rev. Jonas Revis, Moderator  
Rev. Stanley McMahan, Assistant Moderator  
Rev. Ulis Miller, Clerk  
Rev. Blaine Whitson, Assistant Clerk

**NEXT SESSION:**

The next session will be at Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church in Unicoi, TN, on July 27-29, 2000 (The last Thursday in July) at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Jimmy Arrowood will preach the introductory message. Rev. Leonard Shehan will be his alternate.

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

<b>MODERATOR</b> .....	Rev. Jonas Revis
<b>ASSISTANT MODERATOR</b> .....	Stanley McMahan
<b>CLERK</b> .....	Rev. Ulis Miller
<b>ASSISTANT CLERK</b> .....	Rev. Rodney Deyton
<b>TREASURER - Disabled Minister's Fund</b> .....	Rev. Jonas Revis
<b>ASST. TREAS - Disabled Minister's Fund</b> ..	Rev. Stanley McMahan
<b>TREASURER - Home Missions</b> .....	Rev. Frank Cable
<b>ASST. TREASURER - Home Missions</b> .....	Rev. Randy Laws
<b>TREASURER - Foreign Missions</b> .....	Rev. Marvin Hensley
<b>ASST. TREASURER - Foreign Missions</b> ..	Rev. Paul Bennett
<b>TREASURER - Children's Home</b> .....	Rev. Scotty Jenkins
<b>ASST. TREASURER - Children's Home</b> ..	Rev. Ralph Hedrick
<b>TREASURER - Burial Fund</b> .....	Rev Bobby Revis
<b>ASST. TREASURER - Burial Fund</b> .....	Rev. Alex Carver

**ASSOCIATIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: TN:** Chairman Rev. Leonard Shehad, Bernie Jones, Rickey Pate, and Clyde Griffith Alt. **NC:** Chairman, Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Dean Murphy and J.C. Sheets, Alt.

**INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE FOR DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND: TN:** Chairman, Rev. Norman Loveless, Rick Price, Rickey Pate and J.D. Hill, Alt. **NC:** Chairman, Rev. J.C. Sheets, Bud Edwards, James Ledford and Stanley McMahan, Alt.

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

## MINISTERS CONFERENCE

**CLERK** .....

Rev. Ulis Miller

**ASSISTANT CLERK** .....

Rev. Blaine Whitson

**ORDAINING COUNCIL:** Chairman, Rev. J.C. Sheets, Ronnie Peterson, Troy McCourry, Bobby Revis, Marvin Hensley and Jimmy Arwood, Alt.

**INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: TN:** Chairman, Bro. Alex Carver, Howard Ray, Charlie Trivett and Bill Greer. **NC:** Chairman Rev. Roger Laws, John L. Stockton, Tommy Hensley, Ralph Hedrick, Alt.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association met with the Young's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Burnsville, NC, July 29, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. for its one hundred and fourth annual association. The session began with Bro. Randy Laws welcoming the association. The congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven". Prayer by Bro. Ralph Hedrick. Bro. Terry Richardson preached the introductory message reading Matthew chapter 6, verse 13. His subject was "God Will Deliver Again". He preached a great message, followed by the congregation singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder: and fellowship. Bro. Fred Warner spoke on behlf of the foregin missions work. He thanked the association for what they have done in support of missions both in prayer and financial support. He also asked that the association follow God's leadership in continuing the support. Bro. Gerald spoke of his progress in Home Missions in establishing a church in Knoxville, TN and thanked the association for their support. Bro. Melton Hollofield, pastor of Rocky Pass F.W.B. church spoke briefly about bringing Bro. Eddie Paine here for his first visit to this association as a missionary to Africa. Bro. Troy McCourry spoke reflecting back to the first missionary the Association helped to sponsor and some of his experiences since that time. The service closed with prayer by Bro. Bobby Revis.

### *Thursday 1:00 P.M. Session*

The session began with congregation singing "Glad Reunion Day", devotions by Br. Rick Price reading Isiahchapter 64 verse 6 and 1st Corinthians chapter 4 verse 1. Prayer by Ralph Dingus. The business session uas call to order by the moderator Bro. Jonas Revis. Rules of decorum were read, church letters were read and the delegates seated. Ministers roll call was made. visiting ministers were welcomed as following: Bro. Gerald Fender, Ralph Dingus, James, Kilgore, Tim Thompson and Fred Warner.

## CHURCH LETTERS

Big Creek: Willis Adkins, Ruth Adkins, Tony Byrd, Willie Murphy, Thelma Whitson

Borings Chapel: Frank Cable

Brummitts Creek: Phillip Wilson, Bernie Renfro, Julie Renfro, George Bennett, Ann Bennett, Star Bennett

Burbank: By Letter

Colberts Creek: Mike Wilson, Louise Buyin

Covey Rock: Buck Laws, Marie Laws, Jess Fox, Joyce Fox, Tom Ayers

Crabtree: Mike Carver, Shirley Carver, Shirley Peterson

Davistown: Perry Moore

Eastern Gate: Steve Cochran Walter France, J.D. Hill, Sr., Jim Gilbert

Higgins: Laskie Morow, Clyde Thomason

Hill Crest: Bobby Revis, Jimmy Johnson, Imogene Johnson, Eugene Wilson, Betty Wilson

Liberty: By Letter

Liberty Chapel: Ralph Hendrick, susie Hendrick, Morris Huskins, Johnny McNeil

Low Gap: Stanley McMahan

Middle District: Bud Edwards, Scotty Jenkins

New Hope: Paul Ault, Steven Miller

Nix Creek: Ronnie Brooks, Demmirree Brooks, J.B. Cope, Dixie Cope, Lester McClure, Lou Vella Arrowood

North Bend: James Ledford, Mike Hopson, Charles Hopson, Herbert Hopson, T.J. Peterson, Norman Loveless, Bonnie Loveless

Pathway: Jerry Williams, Danny Loveless

Pensacola: Rose Miller, Teresa Ponder, Ronald Fox, Keith Blankenship Rick Wilson

Peterson Chapel: Wilma Lewis, Kellie Tipton

Pilgrims Chapel: By Letter

Piney Grove: Conley Woodby, Glen H. Woodby, Earl Jones, Gary Van Davis

Southside: Ray Tolley, Clyde Griffith, Kenneth Higgins, Scott Bradford, Steve Willis

Sunset: By Letter

Unaka Springs: By Letter

Union Hill: Lester Miller, Johnny Miller

Vale: L.D. Vance, George Willis

Valley Forge: Bob Ray, Jim Honeycutt, Carl Roberson

Woodby Hill: By Letter

Youngs Chapel: Pat Hughes, Tonya Ledford, Linda Hall, Randy Laws, Michelle Laws, Vance Hughes, Todd Robinson, Lee Thompson.



### *Election of Officers*

Moderator .....	Rev. Jonas Revis
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. Stanley McMahan
Clerk .....	Rev. Ulis Miller
Assistant Clerk .....	Rev. Rodney Deyton
Treasurer -Disabled Ministers Fund .....	Rev. Jonas Revis
Asst. Treasurer - Disabled Ministers Fund .....	Rev. Stanley McMahan
Tresurer - 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 - Childrens Home .....	Rev. Scotty Jenkins
Asst. Treasurer - Childrens Home .....	Rev. Ralph Hedrick
Treasurer - Burial Fund.....	Rev. Bobby Revis
Asst. Treasurer - Burial Fund .....	Rev. Alex Carver

Associational Investigating Committee: TN Chairman Rev. Leonard Shehan, Bernie Jones, Rickey Pate and Clyde Griffith. NC Chairman Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Dean Murphy and J.C. Sheets.

Investigating Committee for Disabled Ministers: TN Chairman Norman Lovesess, Rick Price, Rickey Pate and J. D. Hill alt. NC Chairman Rev. J.C. Sheets, Bud Edwards, James Ledford and Stanley McMahan.

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

Rules Committee: Rev. Charlie Trivett, Troy McCourry, Lee Thompson, Willis Adkins, Jimmy Johnson, George Bennett and Leonard Shehan.

Board of Directors for Home Missions: Chairman Rev. Frank Cable, Ralph Hedrick and Charlie Trivette.

### *Associational Committees*

Churches Pastors and Deacons: Rev. Stanley McMahan, Bernie Renfro and Alex Carver

C.T.S.: sisters Star Bennett, Sondra Price and Dimmerriee Brooks.

Childrens Home: Bros. Ralph Dingus and James Kilgore.

Sunday School: Rev. Rickey Pate, Perry Moore and Rose Miller

Sessions: Rev. J.C. Sheets, Phillip Wilson and T.J. Peterson

Resolutions: Rev. Terry Richardson, Danny Loveless, and Vance Hughes.

Education: Rev. Scotty Jenkins, Marvin Hensley and Rodney Deyton.

Foreign Missions: Rev Tim Thompson and Fred Warner.

Home Missions: Rev Frank Cable and Clay Fender.

Ladies Auxiliary: Sisters Bonnie Loveless, Dee Shehan and Wanda Jones.

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

Service began with congregation singing three songs. Prayer by Bro. Scotty Jenkins. Nix Creek Trio sung three songs that were a blessing to everyone. Bro. Russell Hughes preached a wonderful message reading first from Job 19:25 and other selected scriptures. His subject was "I Know My Redeemer Liveth". The congregation sung "I Know My Name Is There: as they fellowshiped together. Sister Loveless asked to be anointed and prayed for, the pastor anointed her with all gathered in the altar for prayer. Closed with prayer.

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

Began with congregation singing "The Old Account Was Settled". Welcomed by pastor Bro. Randy Laws. Devotions Bro. Blaine Whitson reading 2nd Corinthians 5: 1-10. Prayer by Bro. Stanley McMahan. Call to order by the moderator Bro. Jonas Revis. rules of decorum were read, minutes of Thursday's session was read and approved. Ministers roll call was made. Visiting ministers were welcomed as following, Bro's Charles Thigpen, Shawne Bronner, Fred Warner. Call for new business: Bro. Marvin Hensley gave the report of the committee that had been appointed to make a decision on how to support the foreign missions. The decision was to support Bro. Tim Thompson and Bro. Verlin Anderson with \$250.00 each per month. The committee also asked that all churches be concerned with foreign missions and support them with their contributions and prayers. You are asked to send regular contributions to the treasurer. Rev. Marvin Hensley, 646 Church Road, Bakersville, N.C. 28705. Bro. Thigpen gave a wonderful testimony for the Lord that was enjoyed by everyone. He also announced the Tennessee State Association to be held at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Greeneville, TN November 8th - 10th, 1999. He also explained the working of the State and National Association. Adjourned for the 11:00 A.M. preaching service with prayer by Bro. Howard Ray.

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

Bro. Marvin Hensley sung a beautiful song. Bro. Dean Murphy preached a good message reading from Isaiah 5: 1-15. His subject was "Behold The Cry". Service closed with prayer by Bro. Bud Edwards.

#### *1:00 P.M. Business Session*

Called to order by the moderator Bro. Jonas Revis. Devotions by Bro. Troy McCourry. Call for old business, a motion was passed to reprint and use the Treatise that was written by the committee appointed in 1985.

## **Association Committee Reports**

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

We the committee on this subject would like to submit the following scripture and thoughts on the great responsibility of the call of the pastor. The scripture in "John 21: 15-17 tells us as pastors to feed the lambs and to feed the sheep. A pastor cannot feed the flock unless there is a true devotion, love and dedication to the flock. We as pastors need to be leaders not abusers or strikers. Also the following scriptures would apply to all in the work of the Lord 1st Corinthians 12: 1-31. Verse 14 of that passage of scripture says "for the body is not one member, but many" The scripture also calls on us "all" to put on the whole armour of God as is found in Ephesians 6: 10-24. Furthermore in Romans 12: 1-21 we see the need for "presenting our bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to God and perfect which is your reasonable service". In closing, we find in the scriptures in 1st Thessalonians 5: 12-23 seven things from verse 16 to verse 23 to do while we "wait on the return of the Lord".

Submitted by Rev. Alex Carver, Rev. Stanley McMahan and Bernie Renfro.

### **Church Training Service**

The word of God commands us to teach our children. "And these words which I command you this day shall be in thine ears; And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Then beware lest thou forget the Lord, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage (Deut. 6: 6, 7, 12). Teaching is not only "talking the talk" but "walking the walk". It takes both.

Submitted by Dimmerrie Brooks

(Deuteronomy 10: 12 & 13) 12. - And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul. 13. - To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good.

In these verses Moses gives a summary that is simple in form and easy to remember. Here are the 3 essentials: (1) Fear God (have reverence for Him).

(2) Walk in His ways. (3) Love Him with all your heart. Respect, follow and love.

Suppose thousands of young people became completely dedicated and sold out to Christ. You could change our world!! Church Training Service is an important part of our church. CTS gives us purpose and motivation. Growing up is tough. It's not easy to be a young person and go against all you face today. Peer pressure is tremendous. If you let Christ dominate your life you can say no to the evil in the world. CTS can help you achieve this goal.

Submitted by Sandra Price.

### **Childrens Home**

Was spoken on by Bros. Ralph Dingus and James Kilgore in the Thursday's session because they could not be present on Friday. (No written report, financial report will be printed with financial reports.)

## **Ladies Auxiliary**

Acts 6:2 says - "Then the twelve call the multitude of the disciples unto them and said, 'It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God and serve tables' ". We are the body of the church. Each has individual jobs to do. It's the same with our Jack's Creek Association. We have people to look over our money, to see that it is handled in a Godly manner. We have committees to help with the problems that may arise and many other positions that have to be filled. No one person can do it all. So that's the reason for the Ladies Auxiliary, it helps to fill the position or job that is impossible for the preacher whose job is to preach unto us the Word of the Lord. We the committee recommend that each church have an Auxiliary and that the pastors of each church support and encourage this work. We fill that missions along with the work of the local church is one of the main purposes of the Ladies Auxiliary. "Therefore my beloved brethern, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Committee members: Bonnie Loveless, Dee Shehan, Wanda Jones

## **Education**

No greater calling can there be than that of Christian education, and it has never been more needful than in this day of humanistic, pluralistic, anti-God thought. In considering the most effective forms of Christian education, we believe the foundations are as follows:

1. Christian education should, under the ordances of God, begin at home. Parents are granted a wonderful gift of God when they are blessed with children, and with that gift comes an awesome responsibility, the responsibility to, as Proverbs so clearly states "train up a child in the way he should go". This is not an option, it is a requirement of God, and if it is adhered to properly, it will eliminate many future problems.

2. Christian education is the responsbilty of the entire body of believers, with the emphasis on the local church. Many times we, as Christians, make the mistake of believing that just becuae our young people grow up in our churches, that they have a complete understanding of the ways of a Christian. This is most often not the case at all. Our young people, like literal babies, must be taught. We cannot simply expect them to come to know and understand terms like grace, faith, mercy, and justification if we do not take the time to instruct them. If the Apostle Paul was required to spend three years in Arabia being instructed by God in the Gospel, then how much time should we spend in the careful and thoughtful instruction of our young people. Many young people drift from the faith simply because they have yet to come to a personal relationship with Christ. To educate then in His ways should occupy a great deal of our time and effort.

3. Christian education is the specific calling of all ministers. We are all, in a very real fashion, teachers. Just as our Lord was the greatest of all teachers, we are to humbly follow his example and seek to instruct others through the guidance of His Holy Word the Bible and the leadership of the precious Holy Spirit that dwells within all believers. As ministers, we should be very careful not to, through negligence, exclude any in our respective congregations, including our young people. Many young people are of the opinion that church is not for them, that it is geared for adults We must make a more concetrated effort to change this opinion. We are reminded of the words of Jesus when he said in

Luke 18:16 "suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God". Many of our youth are spiritually starving while sitting in our pews, and we must renew our dedication to all of them as equal members of the church of the living God. If we do not prepare our youth, through considerable Christian education, then who do we really expect will take the reins of leadership when God calls us home to be with Him?

We believe that these three principles are the foundations of our Christian educational experiences, we will be found to be faithful stewards of the great commission God has given us. May God lead us as we strive for these goals.  
Education Committee: Marvin Hensley, Rodney Deyton, Scott Jenkins

### **Sunday Schools**

We your committee on Sunday School recommend to adopt the same report that was offered last year, plus we recommend scripture found in 2nd Timothy 2: 15 and to bring to our minds the need of teachers being committed to the church because the teachers help to set the trend for the rest of the service.  
Submitted by Rev. Ricky Pate, Perry Moore, Rod O. Miller.

### **Rules Committee**

Was given verbally in the form of a motion as described under the title old business.

### **Foreign Missions**

When God loved, He loved the whole world (John 3:16). When Christ died, He died for the whole world (1st Timothy 2:6). And when the great commission was given, it was for the whole world (Mark 16:15). In light of these wonderful truths and the fact that the great commission remains yet unfulfilled, let us recommit ourselves to the task of world evangelism. After all, why should some hear the gospel twice when others haven't heard it once? Our goal must be to involve every believe in the greatest business on earth - that of making christ known to the nations. God help us to first be willing to go ourselves and if it is not God's will for us to go personally, to help send other He has called. The need for a sending church is an absolute necessity - for "how shall they preach except they be sent?" May our motto be: "To the ends of the earth till the end of time."

Respectfully submitted by Tim Thompson & Fred Warner

### **Home Missions**

The term "missionary" is used to refer to an individual who is commissioned and sent out by a body of believers to carry the Gospel to people who have not heard. We know from our Lord's words in Acts 1:8 that this "witnessing" may be done in our own town, on the other side of the world, or anywhere. There is very little growth in the number of Christians in America today. The church growth that we do see is mostly people moving from one church to another. Church planting is God's way of increasing His kingdom When a missionary goes out to start a new church, he is forced to win lost people in order to build a congregation. May we all be encouraged in these last days to do all we can to help win souls in America.

Submitted by Bro. Gerald Fender, Bro. Frank Cable, Bro Clay Fender.

## **Disabled Ministers Fund**

Scripture Romans 10:15 and 1 John 3:17. The Disabled Ministers Fund is a added bonus to the home missions. It is a way we as ministers and churches can show our love to the ministers when they come to a place where they are in need or disabled.

Submitted by J.C. Sheets, Bud Edwards, Bernie Jones

## **Resolutions**

We your committee on resolutions concluded that the pastors and delegates must become more concerned about the attendance and dedication to the association. We the pastors are the examples, what kind of examples are we setting?

Submitted by Danny Loveless, Terry Richardson, Vance Hughes

## **Sessions Report**

Conferences: October 30 - Liberty Chapel - John Stockton, January 29 - Unaka Springs - Charlie Trivett, April 29 - Piney Grove - Marvin Hensley, Association - Woodby Hill - Jimmy Arrowood. Note: all conferences start at 9:30 a.m. with the exception of Association which will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Rick Price will preach Thursday night, Rev. Charlie Trivett to Preach Friday 11 a.m. Friday night is youth night service. Rev. Stanley McMahan will preach Saturday at 11 a.m.

## **Financial Reports**

### *Disabled Ministers Fund - Rev. Jonas Revis, Treasurer*

Beginning Balance 8-7-98.....	\$153,835.34
Minister's Conference.....	4,358.00
Association .....	2,185.00
Burial Fund.....	1,905.00
Interest Earned .....	10,939.84
Total Receipts .....	<u>19,387.84</u>
 Total To Account For.....	 <u>\$173,223.18</u>
 Disbursements.....	 \$9,905.00
 Ending Balance 7-30-1999.....	 <u><u>\$163,318.18</u></u>



*Home Missions - Bro. Frank Cable, Treasurer*

Beginning Balance 8-8-98 .....	\$1,375.24
Interest .....	11.05
Donations .....	15.00
Churches.....	<u>590.00</u>
Total.....	<u>616.05</u>
Disbursements	
Carlie Lloyd .....	60.00
Gerald Fender.....	500.00
Christian Flags .....	94.53
Ending Balance 7-30-1999 .....	<u><u>\$1,336.76</u></u>

*Foreign Missions - Marvin Hensley, Treasurer*

Beginning Balance 8-12-98.....	\$3,003.30
Brummitts Creek .....	550.00
Burbank .....	450.00
Covy Rock.....	500.00
Davistown.....	100.00
Eastern Gate.....	10.00
Liberty Chapel.....	20.00
Middle District.....	250.00
North Bend.....	900.00
Pensacola .....	239.00
Southside .....	800.00
Unaka Springs .....	200.00
Woodby Hill .....	300.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Aid .....	120.00
Valley Forge C.T.S. ....	746.33
Rev. Jim Arrowood.....	20.00
Rev. Roger Laws .....	55.00
Rev. Verno Davis .....	5.00
History Book Sales, etc. ....	267.47
Interest from Money Market acct.....	32.99
Liberty .....	<u>150.00</u>
Total.....	<u><u>\$5,716.29</u></u>
New Balance .....	8,719.59
Disbursements	
Tim Thompson .....	2,783.15
Verlin Anderson .....	2,783.15
Direct To Missions .....	150.00
Ending Balance 7-31-99.....	\$3,003.29

*Childrens Home - Scott Jenkins, Treasurer*

Church	Amount
Eastern Gate FWB Church .....	\$20.00
Woodby Hill FWB Church.....	5.00
Liberty Chapel FWB Church.....	40.00
Covey Rock FWB Church .....	\$450.00
Nix Creek FWB Church .....	300.00
Crabtree FWB Church .....	\$150.00
Union Hill FWB Church .....	500.00
Total.....	<u>\$1465.00</u>

With all business finished the association closed with prayer by Bro. Charlie Trivette until 7 p.m. for the youth night service.

**Friday Night Service - Youth Night**

**7:00 p.m. Young's Chapel FWB Church - Burnsville, NC**

The congregation was welcomed by Rev. Randy Laws, Pastor of Young's Chapel FWB church. A congregational song, "Just Over In The Gloryland" was led by Brother Dean Branton. The youth choice from Young's Chapel sang several beautiful songs. Brittany Lovelace from Pathway FWB church sang, "Thank You Lord for Your Blessings on Me". Tiffany McCurry from North Bend FWB sang "He's All I Need". The congregation gathered in the alter for prayer. Several spirit-filled testimonies were heard from the congregation throughout the service. The youth choir from Higgins FWB church sang several songs. The songs were spirit-filled with wonderful messages. A host of young people gathered into the alter to pray for God's help during the next school year. A hedge of prayer was formed around the young people as they prayed. There was a special blessing when the young boys of Higgins choir performed a stringed instrumental. They were then joined by others to sing several other songs. The young people of Young's Chapel presented an honor to the elders. They told how each letter in the word "Elder" represents something special from God. Jessica Dale from Young's Chapel FWB sang "Thank You for Giving to the Lord". The people of the congregation expressed how they appreciated the gift the elders had given of themselves to the Lord. More spirit-filled testimonies followed and Sister Jessica Dale, Rev. Roger Laws, and Rev. Bud Edwards were anointed. The Lord truly blessed in a great and mighty way. The congregation dismissed with hallelujah and praise to the Lord.

## Obituaries

**CARSIE BERL CLARK FERGUSON** age 74 passed away Wednesday, July 14, 1999. Mrs. Ferguson was a native of Carter County. During her working career she had been employed at the former Johnson city Memorial Hospital and later retired from the Unicoi County School System. Mrs. Ferguson was a member of New Hop Freewill Baptist Church, Unicoi. Survivors include: one son, Harlan Clark, Unicoi; one sister, Betty Trent, Johnson city; one brother, Ralph Clark, Chattanooga; two grandchildren, Anthony Clark, Unicoi, and Angel Dixon, Afton; two great grandchildren, Tyler and Brandon Dison, Afton, and several nieces and nephews.

**BERTHA BYRD** age 85 was a faith member of Brummitts Creek FWB Church for 38 years. She was an inspiration and role model for all our ladies. She was loyal and true to her church, her husband and family. She went home Sept. 7, 1998. she is missed by all, but here life is remembered by a host of friends. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

**WILMA BENNETT** age 60 went to be with our Lord on June 30, 1999. Her life and testimony was that she loved her Lord, her church family, her husband and her children. She was a member of Brummitts Creek FWB Church for 35 years. She was Secretary & Treasurer, doing a great job. She was faithful in attendance until sickness prevented her going to church. Our loss is Heavens gain as the Holy Spirit witnessed at her service.

**PEARL STANLEY** went home to be with the Lord December 12, 1998. She was a member of Burbank Freewill Baptist Church. She is survived by three daughters, three sons, several grandchildren and many friends. Pearl was not able to attend church for some time because of her illness. She is sadly missed by family and friends.

**WILLIAM ANDERSON STREET** went home to be with the Lord October 5, 1998. He was a faithful and devoted member of Burbank Free Will Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife Edith, two daughters, two sons, seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren and many friends. William's kindness and devotion to his family sowed true Christian love. We miss him and his place is vacant in the home and church but he moved up to that city where cometh no sorrow, sickness or death - where one by one God's children are gathering home - so I'll be waiting at the river for you. "The time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight and I have finished my course and I have kept the faith.

**CRAWFORD BARNETT** moved home to Beulah Land on April 29, 1999. He was a devoted member of Burbank Free Will baptist Church and had served in several differend capacities. At the time of his illness, he played bass guitar for the choir and the Burbank Quartet. He is survived ny his wife Marie, two sons, four grandchildren and many friends. Crawford was glad to move his new home after much sickness. "I've lived my life and done my best, and example tried to be. but something draws me now and I really want to go you see. Just look for me at Jesus feet."

**DAVID DOUG McKINNEY** went home to be with the Lord August 31, 1998. Doug was a faithful member of Burbank Free Will Baptist Church where he served as assistant teacher of the Adult Sunday School Class. He is survived by his wife Thelma, one daughter, one son, three grandchildren and may friends. Doug's quietness, kindness and devotion were true examples of what a Christian should be. "Miss me a little while, but

not too long. Remember the love we shared. Miss me but let me go - For I'll be in heaven you know."

**BETTY HUGHES REECE** went to be with the Lord March 20, 1999. She was a member of Burbank Freewill Baptist Church. She is survived by one daughter, two grandchildren and many friends. Betty suffered much illness in her life. She moved to a place where she is free from pain. Betty is sadly missed by her family and friends. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

**CONLEY HOLTSCLAW** departed this life February 22, 1999. He attended Burbank Free Will Baptist Church. Con was very faithful to the church until his illness. He told us "I have a better place to go". We are consoled by the fact he is now resting with the Lord.

**LILLIAN BLANKENSHIP BURLESON**, 86, of the Pensacola F.W.B. Church where she enjoyed going so much. Lillian was the daughter of Mills Blankenship and Salley McMahan Blankenship of Pensacola and the wife of Audry Burleson who died in 1973. She had 2 sisters and 1 brother. Surviving are 4 daughters, 9 grandchildren, 1 step-grandchild and 13 great-grandchildren & 1 step great-grandchild. Lillian spent most of her life in Pensacola where she was a faithful wife, mother and friend. She is buried in the family cemetery of the "home place" she treasured deeply. 1912 - 1999

**THEODORA INGRAM** (April 17, 1911 - June 17, 1999) passed from this life to life eternally with the Lord at 88 years of age after a lengthy illness. Theodora was a long time member of Middle District Free Will Baptist church in Buladean, where she attended faithfully until her illness prevented her from doing so. Theodora was preceded in death by her husband Halder Ingram, a son, Donald Ingram, and her youngest daughter Biddie Hope Ingram Stockton. She is survived by four daughters, several grandchildren, and a host of friends and neighbors. "Gran", as she was known to many, suffered a great deal during the last several years of her life, but the family is comforted to know that she is, at last, at peace with her Lord and Savior. While she is greatly missed, we have the hope of seeing her again when all God's people reunite in heaven.

**CALLIE RANDOLPH** departed this life November 18, 1998. She was the daughter of Opha Morrow of Burnsville, N.C. and the late John Morrow. She was a science teacher at Cane River Middle School. She was a member of Higgins F.W.B. Church. Surviving, in addition to her mother are her husband J.T. Randolph, 5 sons, 5 grandchildren, 4 sisters and 3 brothers. She is missed very much by her family and church family.

*God saw she was getting tired, and a cure was not to be;*

*So he put His arms around her, and whispered "Come with me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched her suffer, and saw her fade away;*

*Although we loved her dearly, We could not make her stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands to rest;*

*God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the Best!*

**LEWIS WEBB**, 79, departed this life February 18, 1999. He was the son of the late Hiram and susanna Webb. He was a World War II Army Veteran. He was a member of Higgins F.W.B. Church. He was a deacon of this church for thirty years. He is survived by his wife, Mozell Webb, a son, Bobby Webb, a daughter Elizabeth Butler, one sister, 4 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. His family and church family misses him very much.

**ALICE ROSE**, age 90, departed this life Aug. 9, 1998. She was a faithful member of Crabtree FWB Church as long as her health permitted. She was a kind and loving lady. A great example of what a Christian should be. She was always joyful and had a smile for everyone. It was so easy to see the love of God in her life. She is survived by 3 sons, four daughters and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband James rose, two sons and two daughters. Her family and friends miss her so much but we sincerely believe she is resting in peace with our Lord.

**LLOYD LAWS**, age 80 - born January 23, 1919, died March 20 1999 at his home. A member of Peterson Chapel Church he was chairman of the deacon board, sunday school teacher and former superintendent. Surviving are his wife, 2 sons, a daughter-in-law, 3 granddaughters, 3 grandsons, a great grand daughter, 2 great grandsons, 5 brothers, 1 sister, a host of friends. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

**HUGH DALTON** was born October 28, 1918 and departed this life January 12, 1999. He was a dedicated member and deacon of Davistown FWB Church. He is survived by his wife, Jean Dalton, and a son Leonard Dalton and 3 grandchildren - Alex, Derrick, and Jessica. He is also survived by 2 sisters - Nell Thomas and Ruby Long. He is sadly missed by family and friends. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

**J.M. WHITEHEAD**, age 53, was a faithful member of Low Gap Free Will Baptist Church until his death on April 30, 1998. J.M. is survived by his wife, Kathleen, his sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Kim and Jamie and Tina, his brother and half-sister, Hubert and Debbie, his mother, Nadine, and his grandchildren Megan, Nicole, little J.M. and Dakota. J.M. was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and is greatly missed by both his immediate family and his church family.

## **MINISTERS CONFERENCE**

### **Middle District F.W.B. Church**

**November 28, 1998**

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with the Middle District F.W.B. Church November 28, 1998 at 9:30 A.M. The session began with the congregation singing "I'm In The Glory Land Way". Pastor Bro. Bud Edwards welcomed the conference to Middle District Church. Devotions were by Bro. Marvin Hensley, reading from Revelation chapter 2, prayer by Bro. John L. Stockton.

The conference was called to order by the moderator Bro. Leonard Shehan, rules of decorum were read, Minutes of last sessions were read and approved. Ministers roll call was made and call for fellowship, everyone stood in full fellowship. Bro. Bobby Revis announced that Bro. Clyde Fender was in the Oaks Nursing Home in Marion, N.C. and requested prayer for him. Visiting Ministers were welcomed to a seat in body as following: Bros. Dennis Autry, Otis Hudgins, Verlin Anderson and Eddie Payne. Deacons and delegates were welcomed to a seat in the body. A call was made for anyone seeking licenses or ordination. Bro. Dennis Autry asked for license and was referred to the investigating committee. Bro. Rick Woods asked for ordination but was held over until next conference because he did not have the required letter from his home church. Bro. Jonas Revis spoke about the Children's Home, and also supporting Bro. Tim Thompson and Verlin Anderson on a monthly basis since they both are going into the Foreign Missions work. No action was taken on their support because it is the business of the association. (However, I am making this suggestion as I write the minutes that every Church pray for these two families as they answer God's call to the mission fields and support each one as God would direct you.) Bro. Verlin Anderson spoke briefly about his going to Africa as a Missionary. Bro. Eddie Payne spoke, Thanking the conference and association for their support both financially and in their prayers for him and his wife Sandra during their tenure as missionaries to Africa. Bro. Tim Thompson could not be present, but did call Bro. Jonas Revis to tell him that he could not attend this session.

New business: Bro. Charlie Trivett spoke concerning article 14 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference. A motion was passed that anyone bringing a charge against a minister in the conference would be subject to being investigated by the same investigating committee as the minister, before the charge would be brought before the conference. Session closed for preaching at 11:00 A.M.

#### **11 A.M. Service**

The service began with Sis. Moffit singing "Just Want To Thank You Lord" and "There Will Be Joy On The Other Side Of Jordan". A trio from Nicks Creek also sang two beautiful songs. Bro. Leonard Shehan preached reading from Luke chapter 10 and Revelation chapter 14. His text was "Whoever sows a seed and sows well shall also reap." Bro. Leonard preached a wonderful message. The conference was called to order to finish its work. Bro. Orphard Hensley was appointed as moderator for next conference, Bro. Stanley McMahan alt. The Ordaining Counsel gave its report recommending Bro. Scotty Jenkins for ordination. Bro. J.C. Sheets gave the charge and prayer was by Bro. Marvin Hensley, closed with everyone giving Bro. Scotty Jenkins the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. Ullis Miller/Clerk

### **Huntsdale Union Church**

**January 30, 1999**

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met with the Huntsdale Union Church January 30, 1999 at 9:30 A.M. The session began with the congregation singing "Victory In Jesus". Pastor Bro. Blaine Whitson welcomed the conference to Huntsdale Church. Prayer was by Bro. Bobby Revis. The conference was called to order by the moderator Bro. Stanley McMahan. Rules of decorum were read and approved. Ministers



roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Deacons and delegates were welcomed. Bro. Clark Ryman and Jeff McKinney were welcomed as visiting ministers.

Bro. J.C. Sheets and Charlie Trivett spoke requesting that no other means of communication be accepted for proper absence of a minister except a written letter. A motion was passed to accept written letters only as an excused absence. Call for anyone seeking license ordination. Bro. Rickey Wood asked to be ordained and was referred to the ordaining counsel. Bro. Wayne Carr for license and was referred to the investigating committee. Bro. Dennis Autry for license was referred to ordaining counsel.

Bro. Clark Ryman spoke for the children's home and announced they were opening a small home for children in Norton, VA in a home that had been given to the F.W. B. Association for that purpose. He discussed the many ways they are working to help children in need. Bro. Tim Thompson spoke of his plans in motion now to go to Russia to work with the foreign missions there. Bro. Ronnie Peterson was appointed for moderator at the next conference. Bro. Roger Laws as alternate. Bro. Dean Murphy for devotions. Bro. Charlie Trivett and others spoke for the disabled minister fund. Bro. Blaine Whitson asked that more churches consider paying the insurance for their pastors and sending it to the conference.

#### 11 A.M. Service

Began with a duet from the church singing two songs. Bro. J.C. Sheets preached, reading from Jonah 1:8. His subject "Are We Willing To Accept Responsibility For Our Actions?". The ordaining counsel reported recommending Bros Rickey Wood for ordination and Dennis Autry for license. Bro. Marvin Helsley conducted to ordination of Bro. Woods with prayer by Bro. Ronnie Peterson. Closed with giving Bro. Woods the right hand of fellowship.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

### COVEY ROCK

**MAY 29, 1999**

The Jacks Creek Ministers Conference met with the Covey Rock F.W.B. church May 29, 1999 at 9:30 A.M. The session began with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace". Bro Russell Hughes welcomed the conference to Covey Rock Church. devotions were by Bro. Dean Murphy from John 14:5. Prayer by Bro. Orphard Hensley.

Session was called to order by moderator Rev. Ronnie Peterson. Rules of decorum were read. Minutes of last session were read and approved as read. Ministers roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Deacons and delegates were seated. Visiting ministers were welcomed as follows: Bro. Odis Hudgins, Raymond Clark and James Gilbert. Call for anyone seeking licenses or ordination. Bros. Odis Hudgins and James Gilbert asked to be licensed to preach and were presented to the investigating counsel for questioning for licenses. Bro Danny Loveless asked to be ordained and was referred to the investigating committee.

Bro. Clark Ryman spoke for the Childrens Home. He said they had a total of 57 children at that date and were in need of two more sets of house parents.

Dismissed for 11:00 preaching with prayer by Bro. Howard Ray.

#### 11 A.M. Service

Service began with the congregation singing "I Shall Not Be Moved". Bro. John L. Stockton preached. His scripture text was Revelation 22:1-11. He preached a wonderful message that was enjoyed by all.

The ordaining counsel gave their report, recommending Bro. Wayne Carr for license.

Scotty Jenkins spoke recommending an offering for Bro. Thompson. An offering was received in the amount of \$375.00. Closed with prayer by Bro. Marvin Hensley.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

### **Youngs Chapel**

**July 31, 1999**

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met with Youngs Chapel F.W.B. Church July 31, 1999 at 9:30 A.M. The session began with congregation singing "Let My Life Be A Light" Devotions were by Bro. Bernie Jones, prayer by Bro. Russell Hughes.

Session called to order by moderator Bro. Jonas Revis. rules of decorum were read and explained. Minutes of last session were read and approved. Ministers roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. visiting ministers were selcomed as following: Bros. James Gilbert and John Hicks.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Clerk Ulis Miller

Assistant Blaine Whitson

Ordaining Counsel: Chairman - Rev. J.C. Sheets, ronnie Peterson, Troy McCourry, Bobby Revis, Marvin Hensley and Jimmy Arrowood.

Investigating Committee TN Chairman - Rev. Alex Carver, Howard Ray, Charlie Trivett, Bill Greer. NC Chairman - Rev. Roger Laws, Tommy Hensley, Ralph Hedrick, Russell Hughes

Call for anyone seeking licenses or ordination. Bro. James Gilbert asked for license to preach and was referred to the investigating committee. Bro. Otis Hudgins had been investigated by the committee and was recommended to the ordaining counsel. Bro. Danny Ray Loveless was recommended for ordination. Rev. Randy Laws was appointed moderator for next session, Rev. Randy Johnson his alternate. Ray Colbaugh for devotions.

### **11 A.M. Service**

The service began with Bro. Keith Miller singing "I Can't Do Anything Without Jesus". The Holy Spirit began to move in the congregation. Bro. Jonas Revis starting singing "Oh How I Love Jesus: and the congregation all followed with him. The power of God came and filled the room, almost everyone was preaching and or shouting praise to God. It would remind you of many years ago and the day of pentecost.

The ordaining counsel gave their report recommending Bro. Otis Hudgins for license and Bro. Danny Loveless for ordination. Bro. J.C. Sheets gave charge for the ordination of Bro. Loveless with prayer by Bro. Norman Loveless. Bro. Gilbert was held over until next conference for a letter from his church.

Ulis Miller, Clerk

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Greer, Bill .....	Keystone F.W.B. Church
Hensley, Marvin .....	Cane Creek F.W.B. Church
Hensley, Tommy .....	Mountain Dale
Richardson, Terry .....	Fellowship F.W.B. Church
Sheets, J.C. ....	Fellowship F.W.B. Church
Whitson, Blaine .....	Hunt Dale Union Church

## 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.

## 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

## **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 too 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 license 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.

**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.

**87th Session 1982** - Southside Church. A motion was passed to change the length of time a moderator could serve. The motion read the moderator could serve for four years in succession if the association elected him each year.

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.

# CHURCH LETTER

## To The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association

At \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_  
 Greetings in Christ:

We, the Free Will Baptist Church at \_\_\_\_\_  
 now in session, send the following named delegates to represent us in  
 your body:

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### OUR STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS—

(1) Our Meeting Days	(14) Paid For Revivals
(2) Number Baptized	(15) Children's Home
(3) Members Added	(16) Home Missions
(4) Members Dismissed	(17) Foreign Missions
(5) Deaths	(18) Disabled Min. Fund
(6) Total Membership	(19) Poor and Sick
(7) Average in S. S.	(20) Improve Church Property
(8) No. in Ladies' Aux.	(21) Value Church Property
(9) No. in C. T. S.	(22) Paid Visiting Minister
(10) Minute Fund	(23) Communion Services
(11) Associational Fund	(24) Church Location
(12) Clerk & Mod. Fund	
(13) Paid Pastor	

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

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

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

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCHES (all full time unless indicated otherwise)	# Baptized	Members Added	Dismissed Etc.	Deaths	Total Members	Average in S.S.	# in Ladies Aux.	# in C.T.S.	Minute Fund	Associational Fur	Clerk & Mod. Fun	Paid Pastor	Paid for Revivals	Childrens Home	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Disabled Min. Fur	Poor and Sick	Improvements to Church Property	Value of Church Property	Paid Visiting Ministers	Communs	
Big Creek	10	1			145	85			\$50	\$40	\$20	\$10,900	\$500	\$2,500	\$2,040	\$	\$400	\$7,565	\$1,646	\$329,810	\$1,317	2	
Borings Chapel					40	26			40	40	10							2,690		60,000		1	
Brummitts Creek	2	2		2	57	37			40	50	10	8,000	480	700	497	600	160	2,859	4,026	264,026	40	3	
Burbank	1	10	1	6	258	141		74	50	20	20	16,070	900	2,000	3,875	6,300	260	6,916	4,106	280,316	698	4	
Colberts Creek	7				24	31			20	10	10	6,392						800				1	
Covey Rock					196	106			40	60	10	11,960	1,585	2,553	1,893	8,536	300	14,289	539	226,565		3	
Crabtree	2	3		1	48	49	17		25	25	25	9,275		150				923	1,239	101,238	525	4	
Davistown				1	26	25	5		20	20	10	7,236				100		1,100		195,000	475	4	
Eastern Gate	7	7		2	55	35	8		20	15	10	2,700	863	20	10	10	10	895	4,000	200,000	546	2	
Higgins	3	11	2	2	156	109			40	20	5	15,004	1,068				65	5,282		49,000	331	4	
Hillcrest	1		1		47	15			20	50	15	6,500	250			125	50	2,515		250,000	275		
Liberty	2	2	1	2	134	80			50	50	50	28,340	600	926	8,850	7,200	200	10,008	6,000	450,000	500	2	
Liberty Chapel	4	2		1	69	55			20	20	20	9,141	1,004	40	20	20	20	1,100	16,000	230,000		3	
Low Gap	4		1	1	107	53			50	50	10	10,400	600		235		100	1,366		306,324		1	
Middle District	2	2		1	71	76		26	40	35	25	10,900	300	1,300	1,050	1,100		1,200	27,500	250,000	75	4	
New Hope	21			1	14	54	8		20				550				1,700		1,550	11,000	124,000		4
Nix Creek			15		38	39			40	50	5	17,685	500	300	500			2,216	5,931	80,984	1,100	4	
North Bend	1	1	1		114	75			80	50	25	5,800	1,531	710	762	900	100			254,164	425	2	
Pathway	1		9		68	39			40	20	10	3,450	750					440		100,000	800	3	
Pensacola	4	6	1	1	77	48	15	30	60	50	10	10,158				240	200	17,170	6,250	118,000	200		
Peterson's Chapel		1	1	1	132	80	10		35	10	10	5,100				396		3,500	1,349	162,775	1,550	4	
Pilgram's Chapel					36	15			10	10	10	6,700								50,000	199	1	
Piney Grove	4	2	1	2	141	78	14		60	25	5	16,900		357	498	2,723	50	5,485	4,486	155,000	200	2	
Southside	6	3	2	4	240	200			50	15	25	14,280		924	800	800	260	5,219		300,000	797	4	
Sunset			1		60	70			25	15	15	8,963			2,345	3,200	25	6,358	6,018	155,000	250	4	
Unaka Springs	5	9		1	70	75	15		40	40	10	6,500	900	150	1,451	300	30	314	4,000	150,000	75	2	
Union Hill						25			15	25	25	3,548	250	500			50	1,581	467	60,000	70		
Vale 2nd & 4th					35	22			20	20	10	300	500				25			65,000	490	1	
Valley Forge	9	6	1	9	291	200	30	88	100	100	25	21,140	1,073	2,971	31,957	13,566	300	14,022	5,216	550,342	3,269	4	
Woodby Hill			2		48	38	15		25	20	5	10,400		241	848	420	25	652	12,769	95,933	50	1	
Youngs Chapel	3				135	80			50	75	20	15,700	1,309	480	6,952	5,586	300	5,479	16,204	125,000	225	4	



