

1999 - 2000 MINUTES

of the

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

**One Hundred and Fifth Annual Session
Held At
Woodby Hill F.W. B. Church
July 27 - 29, 2000**

Officers:

Rev. Stanley McMahan, Moderator
Rev. Randy Johnson, Assistant Moderator
Rev. Ulis Miller, Clerk
Rev. Rodney Deyton, Assistant Clerk

NEXT SESSION:

The next session will be at Valley Forge F.W.B. Church in Elizabethton, TN, on July 26-28, 2001 (The last Thursday in July) at 10:30 a.m.

Brother Ricky Pate will preach the introductory message. Brother Jonas Revis will be his alternate.

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

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Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. Randy Johnson
Clerk.....	Rev. Ullis Miller
Assistant Clerk.....	Rev. Rodney Deyton
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Assistant Treasurer.....	Rev. Stanley McMahan
Home Missions-Treasurer.....	Rev. Frank Cable
Assistant Treasurer.....	Rev. Leonard Shehan
Foreign Missions-Treasurer.....	Rev. Marvin Hensley
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Board of Directors-Home Missions: Chairman Rev. Frank Cable, Rev. Ralph Hedrick, and Rev. Charlie Trivette.

Ministers Conference

Clerk..... Ullis Miller
 Assistant Clerk..... Blaine Whitson
 Ordaining Council. . J.C. Sheets, Chairman Ronnie Peterson, Troy McCourry, Bobby Revis, Marvin Hensley, and Jimmy Arrowood, alternate.
 Investigating Committee. . Tennessee: Alex Carver, chairman; Norman Loveless, Ricky Pate, and Rodney Deyton. North Carolina: Roger Laws, chairman; John L. Stockton, Keith Miller, and Ralph Hedrick.

PROCEEDINGS

The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association met with Woodby Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Unicoi, TN. July 27, 2000 at 10:30 a.m. for its one hundred and fifth annual association. The association began with Pastor Alex Carver welcoming the association and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus". Sister Tryphena Denton sang two beautiful songs. Brother Dean Murphy led the prayer. Brother Jimmy Arrowood preached the introductory message. He read I Corinthians 10:1-12 and delivered a powerful message. The service closed with prayer by Brother Bobby Revis.

Thursday 1:00 P.M. Business Session

The congregation sang "Just a Little Talk With Jesus". Devotions were by Brother Stanley McMahan. He read Psalms 103:13 following his prayer.

The session was called to order by Moderator brother Jonas Revis. Rules of Decorum were read. Time was then given to Dr. Charles Thigpen from the National Association in Nashville. Brother Tim Thompson spoke about his work in Moscow, Russia. It was very interesting to hear about his work and how God had a hand in working things out for him in a Communist country.

CHURCH LETTERS

Church letters were read and delegates seated in the association as follows:

Big Creek: Willis Adkins, Willie Murphy, Tony Byrd

Borings Chapel:

Brummits Creek: Burnie Renfro, Elouise Renfro, George Bennett, Rev. Rodney Deyton, Star Bennett

Burbank: S.D. Hughes, Betty Hughes, Mary Troutman, Terry Denton, Tryphena Denton, Joyce Denton

Colberts Creek: By Letter

Covey Rock: Buck Laws, Marie Laws, Tom Ayers, Robbie Ayers

Crabtree: Scotty Honeycutt, Mary Bell Lyons, Jennie Loveless, Ronnie Peterson

Davistown: Bill McPeters, Rev. Ophard Hensley, Perry Moore, Violet Moore

Eastern Gate:

Higgins: Clyde Thomason, John Phillips, Remona Thomason

Hillcrest: Rev. Billy Styles, Gail Styles, Odean Fender, Leona Fender, Margaret Pack, Bobby Revis, Jimmy Johnson, Imogene Johnson

Liberty: A letter was read by the clerk stating that they were withdrawing from the Jacks Creek Association.

Liberty Chapel: By Letter

Low Gap: Rev. Stanley McMahan

Middle District: Earl Troutman, JG, Yelton, Scottie Jenkins, Bud Edwards

New Hope: Rev. Paul Ault, Daniel Honeycutt, Sam Williams

Nix Creek: Lester McClure, Shelby McClure, Ronnie Brooks, Dimmerree Brooks, Mike Lister, Pat Lister

North Bend: Norman Loveless, T.J. Peterson Faye Peterson, John Tipton, Glenda Tipton, Ralph Tipton, Virginia Tipton, Dwayne Tipton

Pathway: Fred Gouge, Robert Marklan, Jerry Williams, Wayne Higgins

Pensacola: Rose Miller, Ronald Fox, Rick Wilson, Keith Blankenship, Gene Blankenship.

Peterson Chapel: By Letter

Pilgrims Chapel: By Letter

Piney Grove: Hayes Woodby, Van Davis, Earl Jones

Southside: Clyde Griffith, Scott Bradford, Kenneth Higgins, David Pauley, Rex Johnson, Garrett Johnson

Sunset: Rev. Gary Whitehead, Vearl Julian

Unaka Springs: Gary Cutshaw, Clifford Miller, Rev. Brad Higgins

Union Hill: Rev. Roy Whitson, Lester Miller

Vale: L.D. Vance

Valley Forge: Bob Ray, Carl Roberson, Jim Honeycutt, Mildred Vaughan, Ruby Harmon, Gina Johnson, Sharon Dykes

Woodby Hill: Carmon Simerly, Nathan Woodby, Harley "O'Dell" Guinn

Youngs Chapel: Rev. Randy Laws, Vance Hughes, Lee Thompson, Tony Jones, Pat Hughes, Billie Thompson, Pam Jones

Election of Officers

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Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. Randy Johnson
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Associational Committees

Churches, Pastors, and Deacons: Bro. Toney Byrd, Perry Moore, and O'Dell Guinn.

C.T.S.: Brothers Bob Ray, and Randy Johnson, and Sister Dimmerice Brooks.

Children's Home: Brother Jonas Revis

Sunday School: Brothers Willis Adkins, Rick Wilson, and Sister Remona Thomas.

Sessions: Brothers Blaine Whitson, Ricky Pate, Dean Murphy, and Willie Murphy.

Resolutions: Bothers Frank Cable, Clyde Thomason, and Alex Carver.

Education: Reverends Paul Bennett, J.C. Sheets, and Troy McCourry.

Foreign Missions: Brother Eddie Payne

Home Missions: Brothers Doug Carver and Nathan Woodby.

Ladies Auxiliary: Sisters Violet Moore, Louella Arrowood, and Mary Bell Lyons.

The session closed with prayer by Rodney Deyton.

Thursday 7 P.M. Services

Pastor Alex Carver welcomed the congregation. An altar prayer was led by Bro. Bud Edwards. The congregation sang three songs. Bro. Rick Price preached a wonderful message of encouragement. He read from Psalms 84, taking his text from verse 6. His sermon was titled "Passing Through the Valley of Boca". Several wonderful testimonies were given. Service closed with prayer by Bro. Dudley Price.

Friday 9:30 A.M. Service

Pastor Alex Carver welcomed the congregation. The congregation sang "I'd Rather be an Old Time Christian". Devotions were given by Brother Bobby Revis reading John 3:16. Prayer was led by Brother Dexter Brummett.

The session was called to order by Moderator Brother Stanley McMahan. Rules of Decorum were read. Ministers roll call was made. Visiting ministers were welcomed as follows: Rev. Billy Styles, Rev. Garry Whitehead, Rev. Roy Whitson, and Rev. Dexter Brummitt.

Associational committee reports were given until 10:45 as follows:

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Churches, Pastors, and Deacons

We, the committee on Churches, Pastors, and Deacons, would submit That as with all the people of God, we would as the Apostle Peter says, "have our pure minds stirred up by putting you in remembrance." II Peter 1:13.

As concerning churches, to remember pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from he world; to remember the great commission"...go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature;)James 1:27 and Mark 16:15) and that we read our covenant and articles of faith publicly in our churches regularly.

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".

As concerning deacons, to keep the primary focus of a servant, humbly before God.

Tony Byrd, Perry Moore, O'Dell Guinn

Church Training Service

C.T.S. is a vital ministry in educating, training, and equipping Christians to better serve as Christ's Disciples both in and outside of the local church. In addition to the Bible teaching and small group setting from Sunday School, this one hour a week can be used by the local church to train young Christians concerning church ordinances, sound doctrine, and practical application on how to live outside of the church. The Biblical Principles from Sunday School can be supplemented and built upon by C.T.S.

Many of today's church leader learned about the functions of a church through discipleship and training programs such as C.T.S. A vast amount of scripture memorization and Biblical Principles can be "hidden in our hearts" when we take just one hour a week and devote it to C.T.S.

C.T.S. is critical to young Christians. Statistics show that the odds of being save decrease with age and most of what we learn in life is learned in the early years of youth. Proverbs 22:6 tells us to "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

C.T.S. is also critical to the Seasoned Christian...Proverbs 9:9-10 says, "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." Also it is a great time for older Christians to use their talents and gifts by teaching and sharing experiences to their students.

Dimmerree Brooks, Bob Ray, Rev. Randy Johnson

Sunday Schools

We, your committee on Sunday School, recommend that there should be as much prayer and dedication go into choosing our teachers as goes into selecting any elected official in our churches. This should be as important as electing deacons, treasurers, etc.

We feel that the pastor and deacons should first meet, pray, and seek God's direction in the matter.

We recommend that the older women teach the younger one, older men teach young boys. Titus 2:1-5. Also anyone seeking a position as teacher should be an established Christian, proven by the church, a member for at least one year. A person who rules well their own household and whose children in subjection. I Timothy 3:4.

Our young people are not only the church of tomorrow, but they are the church of today and anything being taught should line up with the word of God from the pulpit and that being in line with the 1611 King James Version of the Bible we will all be in submission to God's will. I Thessalonians 5:12-13, I Thessalonians 5:21-Prove all Things: Hold Fast That Which is Good.

Reamona Thomason, Willis Adkins, Rick Wilson

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Jacks Creek Association give of ourselves to assist in the needs of the church and carry out the duties of God concerning us, as women. We aid to the growth of the church by committing our hearts and opening our hands to those in the community, to the visitation of the lost, to faithful prayer meetings, and in support of our church family. Through our sister in Christ, we pray that the church may be honored.

"She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy." Proverbs 31:20.

"Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged stranger, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work." I Timothy 5:10.

Louvella Arrowood, Violet Moore

The session was dismissed with prayer for 11:00 preaching.

Friday 11 A.M. Preaching Service

Singers from First Free Will Baptist Church sang four songs. Brother and Sister Perry Moore sang two beautiful songs. Brother Charlie Trivette preached the message reading I Samuel 30:1-8. His subject was "Go get Your Stuff". His theme was go get back what the devil has taken from you. He closed his message with an altar prayer for all those that wanted to regain the power and joy they once had. After prayer a number of people gave witness to the fact of wanting more power with God. Brother Orphard Hensley led the closing prayer.

Friday 1 P.M. Session

The session began with the congregation singing "When We all get to Heaven." Prayer was led by Rev. Leonard Shehan. The session was called to order by Moderator Brother Stanley McMahan. Associational committee reports continued as follows:

Home Missions

We often think when the subject of missions comes up in activity of the churches that we are merely speaking of the great evangelistic work that occurs on a foreign continent or soil. How true that we need to be deeply concerned and moved by the gospel reaching people around the world, but there also lies a great need for spiritual works to be done here in this great, vast land of America. The Bible says in John 4:35-36, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." By these two verses of scripture, we see the need to work in the harvest for God by witnessing, preaching, teaching, and other various works that will directly affect people in home missions work.

We also feel that another way for us to work indirectly in home missions is by encouraging our pastors to encourage the congregations of churches they pastor the importance of tithing in order to increase the needed funds available for home missions' projects and works. For example:

1. Let us look at our financial report in the minutes. For the beginning balance as of 8-8-99 and ending on 7-30-99, we had \$1,336.76. No doubt, this is greatly appreciated. With further commitment by our churches in our association, we could see this fund increase and not take away from foreign missions. We need both.
2. Let us look at the Carlie Lloyd Ministry which was, and is, helped by our association. Mr. Lloyd, several years back by God's help, started the only Free Will Baptist Church in the state of Wisconsin at that point in history.

So, by increasing our funds to home missions other ministers, such as Mr. Lloyd, can flourish in this great, white harvest field of America. Let us not forget to pray and support our home missions' work here in the nation that was founded under God.

Nathan Woodby and Doug Carver

Education

The process of teaching or training. It should begin when our children are young. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:16 This is why a good spiritual Sunday School is important. We should have good Christian teachers to plant the gospel in minds and hearts.

The best way to teach is by example--living the gospel in front of children.

Peter and some of the Apostles had no formal education. The people saw that they were ignorant and unlearned men, but they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus. They had one of the greatest educations anyone could have. They had been sitting at the feet of Jesus for 3 1/2 years.

Church leaders and ministers need a good knowledge of the word of God. "Study to show thyself approved unto God rightly dividing the word of truth." How can they believe in whom they have not heard? How can they hear without a preacher and how can he preach except he be God called?

We need God-saved, God-called, and God-sent preachers in our pulpits.

We, your committee for education, encourage everyone of you to study the Bible. The Proverbs stress getting wisdom and knowledge. Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge."

Troy McCourry, Paul Bennett, J.C. Sheets

Resolutions

Resolution: a firm decision to do something. Let us resolve to make ourselves, our churches and our association what God wants us to be.

1. James 4:7-12

2. Listen: Listen to the Holy Spirit, listen to the church member, listen to each other.

3. Seek-Matthew 7:7-8. Seek the best answers, or solutions, to each question, problem, or suggestion.

4. Implement-Be bold, exercise faith, do what needs to be done.

Acts 15:1-32. Suggestions: Vary topics, new topics, promotional committee, open forum time.

Frank Cable, Clyde Thomason, Alex Carver

Sessions

First conference: Hillcrest, October 28, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. Brother Leonard Shehan to preach, Brother Marvin Hensley, alternate.

Second conference: North Bend, December 30, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. Brother James Ledford to preach, Brother Troy McCourry, alternate.

Third conference: Big Creek, April 28, at 9:30 a.m. Brother Clyde Thomason to preach, Brother Leonard Shehan, alternate.

Association and conference will be at Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabethton, TN. July 26-28, 2001 starting at 10:30 a.m. Brother Ricky Pate will preach the introductory message, Bro. Jonas Revis, alternate. Thursday night 7:00 p.m. service Brother Marvin Hensley to preach, Bro. Orphard Hensley, alternate. Friday 11:00 a.m. service Brother Stanley McMahan to preach Bro. Leonard Shehan, alternate. Friday night 7:00 p.m. service will be Youth Night.

Ricky Pate, Blaine Whitson, Willie Murphy.

Foreign Missions

Brother Eddie Payne spoke on the foreign mission subject but did not give a written report.

Financial Reports

Foreign Missions - Rev. Marvin Hensley, Treasurer

Beginning Balance 7-31-99.....	\$3,003.29
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Contributions

Brummitts Creek.....	\$ 600.00
Burbank.....	600.00
Covey Rock.....	500.00
Davistown.....	100.00
Hillcrest.....	425.00
Liberty Chapel.....	20.00
Nix Creek.....	437.00
North Bend.....	1,200.00
Pathway.....	450.00
Pensacola.....	261.37
Piney Grove.....	195.00
Southside.....	800.00
Unaka Springs.....	295.00
Valley Forge C.T.S.....	516.65
Woodby Hill.....	300.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Aid.....	120.00
Rev. Frank Cable.....	1,400.00
Rev. Bernie Jones.....	20.00
Miscellaneous Cash.....	30.00

Total Contributions.....	8,270.02
Interest Earned.....	46.45
Paid to Tim Thompson.....	3,000.00
Paid to Verlin Anderson.....	3,000.00
Ending Balance 7-31-00.....	\$5,319.76

Disabled Ministers' Fund - Rev. Jonas Revis, Treasurer

Beginning Balance 7-30-99.....	\$163,318.18
Receipts:	

Surviving are her husband, Ezra Fender; two daughters and sons-in-laws, Lisa and Joey Miller, and Sherri and Steve Peterson; a son and daughter-in-law, Randall and Melanie Fender; three granddaughters, two step-grandchildren, one great-grandson, and one step-great-grandson, one brother, three half-brothers, one half-sister, and her stepfather, Coy Wilson.

She is missed very much by her family and friends.

Bernice Silvers departed this life on October 26, 1999. She was the daughter of the late Sam and Ida Higgins. She was a member of Higgins Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Baxter Silvers; daughters and sons-in-laws, Inas Jean and Bronas Pate and Betty and Danny Franklin; sons and daughter-in-laws, Ronnie and Ruth Silvers, Gary and Debra silvers, and Marvin and Nancey Silvers; a sister, Margaret Proffit; two brothers, Loyd Higgins and Fred Higgins; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. She is greatly missed by her family and friends.

Zula Hughes McCourry departed this life July 7, 2000. She was a member of the North Bend Free Will Baptist Church for many years.

She was the daughter of the late Noah and Rebecca Hughes. She believed in God and appreciated the prayers of the people. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends, but we hope to meet her again.

The family and friends of Zula Hughes McCourry

Albert Parker was born April 12, 1926 and departed this life September 30, 1999. He was a dedicated member of Davistown Free Will Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Frances Parker, children, and grandchildren, and one great-grandson. He is sadly missed by his church family and friends.

Fannie Mae Davis, age 76, departed this life January 4, 2000. She was a faithful member of Davistown Free Will Baptist Church until declining health kept her from attending. She is survived by four sons and three daughters Also, surviving are two sisters. She is sadly missed by family and friends.

Clyde Dulaney, age 77, passed away May 24, 2000. He was a charter member, deacon, and Sunday School teacher of Pilgrims' Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He was a former employee at Glen Raven Mills and a World War II veteran. He is survived by his wife, Alma, and two daughters, two sons, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Clela Laws, age 76, born November 7, 1923 died March 17, 2000. A lifetime member of Peterson Chapel Church. She was the treasurer for over 50 years and a prayer warrior for the church.

Surviving are two sons and their wives, a daughter-in-law, three granddaughters, three grandsons, a great-granddaughter, two great-grandsons, three brothers, and two sisters. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Laws, a son, and three brothers.

Carl Keys departed this life September 10, 1999. He was a devoted and faithful member of Burbank Free Will Baptist Church. Carl was a kind and generous person. The church was dear to him.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillie, in 1992. He is survived by four nieces, six nephew, two sisters-in-laws, and one brother-in-law that was his dear family. Carl had many friends and our loss is heaven's gain.

Mack Roberts passed away March 1, 2000. He had been ill for a long time and moved to a place where there is no illness. He is survived by his wife, Betty, one daughter and son-in-law. He is sadly missed by his family and friends.

Jesse Jarrett departed this life January 26, 2000. He was a dedicated member of Burbank Free Will Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and a former teacher of the adult class. He is survived by his wife, Carrie, three daughters, one son, five grandsons, three granddaughters, and many friends. His place is vacant at home and at the church, but we'll meet again to part no more. We feel sad for one we lost, but we feel peace for we know it's not forever.

Bonnie Belle Thomas Wilson left her family and friends on this side of Jordan Aug. 22, 1999 at age 94. She was born May 4, 1905. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Arnold Wilson and is survived by five children, 14 grandchildren, and a host of great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. A member of Nix Creek Free Will Baptist Church, she will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalms 116:15

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers' Conference Liberty F.W.B. Church October 30, 1999

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference met with the Liberty F.W.B. Church October 30, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. The pastor, Brother Ralph Hedrick, welcomed the conference and made the necessary announcements. The church trio sang "I Could Not Walk Without Him Holding My Hand" and "He is the Rock I Am Leaning On". Devotions were given by Brother Ray Calbough, reading from John 15. Leonard Shehan led prayer.

Session was called to order by the moderator, Brother Randy Laws. Rules of Decorum were read. Ministers' roll call was made with all ministers standing in full fellowship. Deacons and delegates were welcomed to a seat in the body. Visiting ministers were welcomed as follows: Revs. Jamey Honeycutt, Ted Robinson, Clyde Thompson, and Otis Hudgens. Call for anyone seeking licenses or ordination was made. Brother Clyde Thompson asked to be licensed and was referred to the NC Investigating Committee.

Officers were appointed for the next conference as follows: Moderator-Brother Junior McKinney, Alternate-Brother Norman Loveless; Devotions-Brother Darrell Edwards; Instruction to young pastors-Brother Blaine Whitson. Call for old business (none), call for old business (none). Brother J.C. Sheets thanked the conference for their kindness during the death of his brother. An offering of \$322.00 was received for Brother Ralph Hedrick's mother because of her illness and stay in the hospital.

The business session was short and gave time for individuals to give their testimonies as to something God had done for them or some of their family. This turned into a time of rejoicing as many testified to the goodness and power of God. I would like to record it just as it happened as much as possible, with the hope that in some future time a younger generation may be able to read how God blessed his people in the year 1999. It began with Brother Paul Bennett witnessing how God healed his daughter followed by Brother John L. Stockton, Brother Ronnie Peterson, Brother Bill Greer, Brother Norman Loveless, Brother Scotty Jenkins, and Brother Kevin Laws sang a song entitled, "I Will Take the Road I Know." Brother Tommy Hensley sang "There is a God Who Can". Brother Bud Edwards and Sister Marcia Huskins asked to be anointed with oil and prayer. Prayer was led by Brother John L. Stockton. Brother Ronnie Peterson sang "Most Any Day Now, There Will be a Sound, Eternity has Just Began". Brother Jamey Honeycutt sang "I Need Your Nail Scarred Hands". Brother Steven Miller sang "I Will Never Walk in the Valley Alone". The Joy Trio sang "I Have So Much To Thank Him For". It is now nearly one o'clock and the house is still full, lunch was forgotten and the congregation was feasting on spiritual food. The session finally closed with prayer by Brother Russell Hughes.

Brother Ulis Miller, Clerk

**Piney Grove
Free Will Baptist Church
April 29, 2000**

Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church April 29, 2000. The session began with pastor, Brother Dexter Brummitt, welcoming the conference. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross". Devotions were given by Brother Darrell Edwards reading from Romans 1. Prayer was led by Brother Ronnie Peterson. The Meeting was called to order by Moderator Brother Junior McKinney. Rules of Decorum were read. Minutes of the last session were read and approved. Ministers' roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Deacons and delegates were seated. Visiting ministers Reverend George Woodby and Reverend Dexter Brummitt were welcomed.

Call was made for anyone seeking licenses. Brother Thompson was referred to the Ordaining Council since the Investigating Committee had already made their report. J.B. Cope and Rick Price were referred to the Investigating Committee for ordination. Brother Dennis Auttry was referred to the Ordaining Council for ordination.

The next conference will be held in conjunction with the association July 27-29 at Woodby Hill Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Mike Taylor from the Children's Home gave his report. Brother Roy Cooper thanked the conference for their financial help. Brother Ricky Pate spoke concerning the Disabled Ministers' Fund. An offering of \$464.00 was received for Tom Smith, a lung transplant recipient.

11 A.M. Service

The service began with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace". Sister Charlotte Clark sang two songs, "God Leads Us Along" and "Make the Lord a Good Soldier". Brother Marvin Hensley brought the message reading from I Kings 2 and I Corinthians 10. His subject was "Let's be Men of God." He did a wonderful job.

The Ordaining Council gave their report approving Brother Thompson and Brother Cope to be licensed and Brother Auttry for ordination. Brother J.C. Sheets gave the Ordination Charge. Prayer was led by Brother Bobby Revis. A fellowship handshake followed with the dismissal prayer led by Brother Bill Greer.

**Woodby Hill
Free Will Baptist Church
July 29, 2000**

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Woodby Hill Free Will Baptist Church in conjunction with the association July 29, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. Session began with Pastor Alex Carver welcoming the conference and the congregation singing "I Never Shall Forget The Day". Devotions were led by Brother Scotty Jenkins reading John 3:16. Prayer was led by Brother Norman Loveless.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Brother Stanley McMahan. Rules of Decorum were read. Minutes of last session were read and approved. Ministers' roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. The following visiting ministers were welcomed: Revs. Billy Styles, Dexter Brummitt, and Larry Shuffler.

Election of Officers for the Coming Year:

Clerk.....Ulis Miller
Assistant Clerk.....Blaine Whitson
Ordaining Council.....J.C. Sheets, Chairman, Ronnie Peterson, Troy McCourry, Bobby Revis, Marvin Hensley, and Jimmy Arrowood, alternate.

Investigating Committee:

Tennessee: Alex Carver, chairman: Norman Loveless, Ricky Pate, and Rodney Deyton
North Carolina: Roger Laws, chairman, John L. Stockton, Keith Miller, and Ralph Hedrick.

Call was made for licenses or ordination. Brother Otis Hudgens and Wayne Carr's licenses were renewed for one year. Brother J.B. Cope and Rick Pate were presented to the Ordaining Council for questioning.

Brother Bud Edwards was appointed moderator for next conference. Brother Scotty Jenkins was appointed alternate. Brother Randy Johnson spoke reminding everyone about the Don and Billy Annual Walkathon. Brother Jonas Revis spoke for the Children's Home. Brother Leonard Shehan asked to be replaced by Brother Roscoe Higgins as the one to present the Christian Flag to next of kin when one of our minister pass away.

Ordaining Council gave their report recommending Brothers J.B. Cope and Rick Price to be ordained. Brother Danny Loveless had requested the Investigating Committee to investigate his situation. Brother J.C. Sheets gave the Ordination Charge to Brother Cope and Price. Prayer was led by Brother Marvin Hensley. The closing prayer was led by Brother Ronnie Peterson.

Brother Ulis Miller, Clerk

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church	Pastor	Clerk
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Burbank.....Richard Blevins.....	Tommy Jarrett, 258 Burbank Rd..., Roan Mtn..., TN 37667	
Colbert Creek.....Roger Whitson.....	Virginia Wilson, Rt... 2, Box 369, Marion, NC 28752	
Covey Rock.....Russell Hughes.....	Faye Deyton, Rt... 2, Green Mtn..., NC 28740	
Crabtree.....Ronnie Peterson.....	Mary B. Lyons, 124 Freeman Rd..., Roan Mtn..., TN 37667	
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New Hope.....Paul Ault.....	Gail Honeycutt, 119 McInturff Rd..., Unicoi, TN 37692	
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North Bend.....Norman Loveless.....	Linda Cox, 238 Woodstock Rd., Burnsville, NC 28714	
Pathway.....Ulis Miller.....	Virginia Bailey, 205 Maple View Lane, Erwin, TN 37650	
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Pilgrims' Chapel..Richard Bryant.....	CJ Elkins, 64 Beverly Rd., Asheville, NC 28805	
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Southside.....Rex Johnson.....	Maurice Robinson, 114 Bradshaw Woods, Erwin, TN 37650	
Sunset.....Gary Whitehead.....	Pattie Whitson, 220 Laurels Rd., JC, TN 37601	
Unaka Springs....Brad Higgins.....	Clifford Miller, 2140 Chestoa Pike, Erwin, TN 37650	
Union Hill.....Roy Whitson.....	Mae Miller, 305 Harrell Hill Rd., Bakersville, NC	
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Youngs Chapel..Randy Laws.....	Emogene Silvers, Rt... 8, Box 1114, Burnsville, NC	

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The following ministers are pastoring churches in another association

Autrey, Dennis.....	Roans Chapel Church
Greer, Bill.....	Keystone F.W.B. Church
Hensley, Tommy.....	Mountain Dale F.W.B. Church
Richardson, Terry.....	Fellowship F.W.B. Church
Sheets, JC.....	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 and 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. - PERSERVANCE. We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith perservere 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 7:10-20.

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. - JUDGEMENT 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 Judgement 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 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 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 another member, providing that 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 Millennial 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's 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 it 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 the 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 the 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 Ministers 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 discussion. 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 wiver 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 neglect 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 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 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.

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 the 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, TN, August 9, 1975.

CHURCH LETTER
To The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association

At _____ Date _____ 20 _____

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

Present pastor _____

Pastor elect _____

Revival conducted by _____

Treasurer _____

Address _____

Clerk _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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