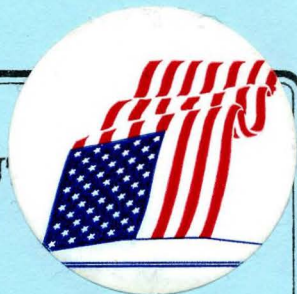


J.C. Sheets

2000 - 2001 MINUTE

of the



JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Officers:

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

NEXT SESSION:

The next session will be at Hillcrest Church in
Nebo, NC, on July 25-27, 2002 (The last
Thursday in July) at 10:30 a.m.

Brother Dean Murphy will preach the
introductory message. Brother Norman Loveless
will be his alternate.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association met with Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church in Hampton, TN July 26, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. for its one hundred and sixth annual association. The association began with Pastor Randy Johnson welcoming the association and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "He Touched Me" and "Victory in Jesus". Sister Jennifer Martin blessed the congregation with two beautiful songs. Sister Mildred Vaughn sang the inspiring song, "Come Morning" that was a blessing to all. Brother Leonard Shehan spoke briefly glorifying God. Brother Ricky Pate preached the introductory message. He read Revelations ch. 2 verses 1-6. His subject was "The Condition of our Churches". The service closed with prayer by Brother Junior McKinney.

Thursday 1:00P.M. Business Session

Devotions were by Bro. Jonas Revis reading Psalms chapter 23. Prayer was led by Bro. Troy McCourry. The session was called to order by the moderator. Rules of decorum were read. Church letters were read and delegates seated in the association as follows:

CHURCH LETTERS

Big Creek: Willis Adkins, Willie Murphy, Tony Byrd, Ruth Adkins, and David Edwards.

Borings Chapel: Frank Cable

Brummits Creek: Star Bennett, Paul Bennett, and Rodney Deyton

Burbank: S.D. Hughes and Betty Hughes

Colberts Creek: By letter

Covey Rock: Buck Laws, Marie Laws, Tom Ayers, Robbie Ayers, Bart Deyton, Russell Hughes, and Margaret Hughes.

Crabtree: Virginia Honeycutt, Marie Powell, Ruby Whitehead, and Denise Vines

Davistown: Bill McPeters, Perry Moore, Violet Moore, and Dean Peterson

Eastern Gate: J.D. Hill

Flat Rock: By letter

Higgins: John Phillips, Tammy Miller, and Connie Pittman

Hillcrest: Rev. Billy Styles, Gail Styles, Jimmy Johnson, Betty C. Wilson, Eugene Wilson, and Imogene Johnson

Liberty Chapel: By letter

Low Gap: Rev. Stanley McMahan, Betty McMahan, Shelly Thompson, Dana Dale, Tabitha Thompson, and Carson Jones

Middle District: J.G. Yelton, Bud Edwards

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

Nix Creek: Ronnie Brooks, Dimmerree Brooks, Mike Lister, Chris Brooks, Makesha Brooks, and Wayne Durkee

North Bend: Norman Loveless, Herbert Hopson, John Tipton, Clay Barnett, Ralph Tipton, Virginia Tipton, Dwayne Tipton, and T.J. Peterson

Pathway: Robert Marklan, Jerry Williams, J.W. Tipton, Gary Peterson, and Howard Honeycutt

Pensacola: Rose Miller, Ronald Fox, Ricky Wilson, Keith Blankenship, Ralph Anglin, and David Ledford

Peterson Chapel: By letter

Pilgrims Chapel: By Letter

Piney Grove: Glen H. Woodby, Earl Jones, Charlotte Clark, and Angel Jones

Southside: Clyde Griffith, Scott Bradford, Kenneth Higgins, Dean Foster, Rex Johnson, Garrett Johnson, Ray Tolley, Jordan Briggs, Ray Cooper, and Pansy Bennett

Sunset: Vearl Julian and Harry Crow

Unaka Springs: Gary Cutshall, June Cutshall, Clifford Miller, Hazel Miller, Dewy Edwards, and Bob Kaywood

Union Hill: James Miller, Johnny Miller

Vale: L.D. Vance

Young's Chapel: Rev. Bobby Revis, Vance Hughes, Lee Thompson, Tony Jones, Pat Hughes, Billie Thompson, Dennis Jones, Billie Thompson, and Jewell Silvers

Valley Forge: Carl Roberson, Bob Ray, Jimmy Honeycutt and Rev. Wayne Carr, Sisters Debbie Elijah, Mittie Belle Johnson, and Gina Johnson

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

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

Associational Committees

Churches, Pastors, and Deacons: Bro. Frank Cable, Jimmy Honeycutt, and Dana Dale

C.T.S.: Brothers Bob Ray, Blaine Whitson, and Carl Robinson

Children's Home: Brother Roy Roach

Sunday School: Troy McCourry, Jay Walsh, and Lee Thompson

Sessions: Brothers Ricky Pate, Carson Jones, Norman Loveless, and David Ledford

Resolutions: Brothers Paul Bennett, Dean Murphy, and Rodney Deyton

Education: Reverends Randy Johnson, Dimmerree Brooks, and Tony Byrd

Foreign Missions: Brother Jonas Revis

Home Missions: Chris Fannin

Ladies Auxiliary: Sisters Violet Moore, Star Bennett, and Tammie Miller

Rules Committee: Bro. Charlie Trivett, Marvin Hensley, Troy McCourry, Chris Hughes, and Willis Adkins

Business session closed with prayer.

Thursday 7p.m. Service

The service began with welcoming by Pastor Randy Johnson. The church choir sang three songs. The Carr Family presented special singing. Prayer was led by Bro. Carl Robinson. Bro. Marvin Hensley preached a good message reading from Micah ch 7 verses 1-6. The service closed with prayer.

Friday 9:30 a.m. Business Session

The session began with devotions by Bro. Norman Loveless reading from 1 John ch 2 verse 13. Prayer was led by Bro. Charlie Trivett. The session was called to order by the moderator. The rules of decorum were read. The minutes of Thursday's session were read and approved. Roll call of the church delegates was made. Ministers' roll call was taken. Visiting ministers were welcomed as follows: Dr. Charles Thigpen, Reverends Dexter Brummitt, Roy Roach, and Chris Fannin. The Flat Rock Free Will Baptist Church of NC was received into the association in full fellowship.

Friday 11a.m. Preaching Service

The session began with Sister Shennen Perry singing "Alshidine". Prayer was led by Dr. Charles Thigpen. Brother Clyde Thomason asked for a handkerchief to be anointed and prayed over for his wife, that she may be able to come to the Ministers' Conference tomorrow. There were others that came to the altar to be anointed and prayed for. The altar was full of people praying. Bro. Charlie Trivett stated the prayer. After prayer the church trio sang a beautiful song, "It's Still the Blood". Sister Mittie Vaughn gave her testimony as being one of the oldest members in the church, and how God had blessed them from the start of the first small building when the church started. Some of the young boys she had taught in Sunday School became ministers. There was no preaching. There were several that gave their testimonies for Christ and rejoiced in the Holy Spirit. The service closed with prayer and blessing for the food for lunch.

Friday 1p.m. Session

The session began with Brother and Sister Perry Moore singing "The King and I" and "Home". Prayer was led by Bro. Stanley McMahan. The session was called to order by Moderator Brother Stanley McMahan. Associational committee reports continued as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Churches, Pastors, and Deacons

We, your committee on Churches, Pastors, and Deacons, submit the following:

Church, glorify God together, and uphold each other in sorrow and in praise. "Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God." Romans 15:7. Church pay tribute to your pastor, for he is God's minister. Romans 13:6 and I Timothy 6:1.

Pastors, keep God first in all things to become good ministers of Jesus Christ. "...thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ." I Timothy 4:6. Pastors, be righteous men, not of worldly pleasures, keeping your mind set on God. "...be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..." Romans 12:2. Preach only the true word of God so that every man that heareth may come to know salvation as found in Colosians 1:28.

Deacons should be proven men of God, as found in I Timothy 3:10, and they should have a righteous name among all who know them. "Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without..." I Timothy 3:7.

Read Ephesians 4:11-16. Paul recognized that God give a variety of gifts (talents or abilities) unto Christian believers to be used jointly to perform His work. Verse one of this chapter urges to live righteously and prepare to do our best with the talent we have been given.

Verse 12 describes three primary functions of the church.. First, the Christian believers need instruction for daily living and a greater knowledge of God. Second Christians need training and leadership in community service. Service to the community opens doors to reach the unsaved with the Gospel. Third, this verse talks of the edifying of the body of Christ. Through the sharing of the responsibilities a great work can be accomplished for the Glory of God and the church will grow.

Verses 13-16 tell us to continue this work and there will be great things accomplished. We are not striving to magnify one member of the body, but rather the whole body in Christ through love.

Sister Dana Dale, Bro. Jim Honeycutt, Bro. Frank Cable

Church Training Service

Paul said in II Timothy 1:5, "'When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois and thy mother Eunice: and I am persuaded that in thee also."

CTS can be a vital part of any church. There are three institution of learning; the home, the church, and the school. Home should be number one. Parents should provide Christian training for their children, but not all parents do. Schools in today's society are limited to what they can say concerning God. This is why CTS is so vital for us today. It can provide the training that molds young lives, especially for children who do not have Christian parents. CTS can teach and provide materials on how to pray, how to study God's word, how to witness to their friends, how to conduct themselves, how to talk, and even how to dress. It also teaches the importance of regular church attendance.

Paul says in II Timothy 3:15: "And that from a child thou hast know the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation." Could there be a greater accomplishment than to help a young person find salvation?

Young people need to use their abundant energies in Christian activities after they are saved. They also need opportunities to grow in Christian fellowship. These can be provided through CTS attendance.

Bob Ray, Blaine Whitson, and Carl Roberson

Sunday School

We, the Sunday School Committee, recommend that the election of Sunday School teachers be conducted only after earnest prayer. And that following their election, prayer continues that those elected

may live the example God desires for the leaders of His people. Titus 2:1-15.

Sunday School is a church activity where each person is involved in study, teaching, and learning about God's word and learning how to live a Christian life.

We believe that much prayer and seeking God's direction should go into electing our Sunday School teachers.

We believe that having a spiritual Sunday School is the beginning of having a spiritual church that can reach the lost.

Lee Thompson, Jay Walsh, Troy McCourry

Ladies Auxillary

We have several examples in the Bible how women ministered to the prophets, to Jesus, and the apostles. II Kings 4:10, Luke 7:37-38, Romans 16:1-3,6,12.

Our ladies auxiliaries fill many needs in our churches and surrounding communities. They work to make our churches a beautiful place to worship. They minister to the sick and bereaved preparing meals and doing all they can to relieve suffering.

The ladies of the host churches prepare and serve meals for the association and conference. We really appreciate all they do and we know God is well pleased.

Violet Moore and Star Bennett

Home Missions

What a privilege it is to serve the Lord. As a Home Missionary, we get to see first hand the birth of the new Free Will Baptist Church. We see people transformed before our eyes through the washing of the blood of Jesus Christ. They are taught fundamental Christian doctrine, encouraged, admonished. In Puerto Rico, we have seen an amazing amount of people who accept Christ. In one month we saw 36 people come to Christ. It was amazing. It was hard to imagine that we would ever see that record broke. Then this past June, 43 children were saved in our Vacation Bible School alone. However, there are times of discouragement. At times we feel that we are all alone; we become so homesick. Even when we see great things of God taking place, we realize our humanity. One of the most encouraging things to us is to hear from our brothers and sisters back home. To receive a card in the mail or a phone call can give us the spiritual lift we need to go on. (All missionaries' phone numbers and addresses can be obtained by calling the Home Missions' Department in Nashville, TN) Remember that even Moses could not hold up his arms without help. It really encourages us to see churches take time out for our kids. We, also, have several projects. We need a piano for the church. We still have to finish raising money for our P.A. system. We are looking to buy our building. \$1,000.00 per month in pledges would do it. There are many more projects that we have that a Sunday School Class, Ladies' Auxillary, or Youth Group could be part of. Remember that we are an extension of the Free Will Baptist people sent to tell people about Jesus. We are your Missionary and we are proud to and thankful to serve our Lord in Puerto Rico. We are thankful you had the faith to send us.

Lovingly submitted: Chris Fannin/ Liqillo, Puerto Rico

Education

Proverbs 4:5-7 Get wisdom, get understanding; forget it not; neither decline from the words of thy mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom, and with all they getting, get understanding.

We should think to observe Duet. 6:7...And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Children and most people learn best from the observation of others, not from being told how to do it. Our lives instruct others as we walk in the Lord and the Spirit. Also we must have the "Mind of Christ", Our thoughts are important, for from the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh! Philippians 4:8...Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of a good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise. **THINK ON THESE THINGS!**

Randy Johnson, Tony Byrd, Dimmerrie Brooks

Resolutions

Resolution: The act of solving; answer or solution to a problem.

Often times in life we have problems to deal with, the way we handle the problem can determine the size of the problem.

A righteous response to testing requires that one be "Swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath". James 1:19-20.

A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger.

The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. Proverbs 15:1-2.

Dean Murphy, Rodney Deyton, and Paul Bennett

Sessions

September 29, 2001 at Covey Rock Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Roger Laws to preach.

Rev. Dean Murphy to be his alternate.

December 29, 2001 at North Bend Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Brad Higgins to preach.

Rev. Charlie Trivett to be his alternate.

March 30, 2002 at Unaka Springs Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Randy Johnson to preach.

Rev. Ulis Miller to be his alternate.

July 25, 26, 27, 2002 at Hillcrest Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Dean Murphy to preach introductory message.

Rev. Norman Loveless to be his alternate.

Rev. Rick Pate, Carsen Jones, and Norman Loveless

Children's Home Report

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries would like to thank you for all your support for our ministry. It is our goal to create a Christian family type atmosphere for each child who comes through our home. We teach the word of God as a rule of life. Every child receives a clear presentation of how to become a born again Christian.

Because of the tragic circumstances out of which these children have come to us, for the most part, many of them have never been taken to church, owned a Bible, or heard the gospel of Christ explained to them. But thank God in the year 2000 we saw around 200 teens find God as their personal Savior and this year thus far about 100 more have given their hearts to the Lord.

Between July of 2000 to July of 2001 you have given the home almost \$16,000 in support. We want to say thank you for your generosity to this very important ministry.

In the year 2000 alone we had 468 youth come through our home, but because of shortage of room had to turn many others away. We saw 173 young girls come through our Hope Center. We are so pleased that all of these ladies chose to give their babies life.

We usually have between 90 to 100 children in our care at all times.

How can you help Free Will Baptist Family Ministries?

1. PRAYER--for our children, house parents, and staff
2. FINANCIALLY--with love offerings, including us in your budget, individually, Sunday School classes, ladies auxiliaries (all gifts are tax deductible).
 - A. We have a special offering each year on Mother's Day to help with our general fund.
 - B. Christmas gifts to help make this a special time for our children.
 - C. Poundings, showers for our Hope Center and our homes.

D. Donating your time working around the property.

E. Singing

3. STAY INFORMED--sign up for our newsletter.

4. COLLECT SOUP LABELS--We are aiming for 1,300,000 Campbell Soup labels to receive a new 15 passenger van.

5. VISIT US--and see how God is blessing our ministry. We will be having our annual Homecoming on October 13th and we would like to invite everyone to attend.

Roy Roach, Public Relations Coordinator, (423)639-9449

Foreign Missions

The foreign mission fund is in better shape than it has been in several years. We haven't fallen behind in our pledges in over a year and a half. We appreciate the support of our churches in the Jack's Creek Association. Keep the money coming because we are winning souls around the world.

Financial Reports

Foreign Missions - Rev. Marvin Hensley, Treasurer

Beginning Balance 7/31/00.....	\$5,319.76
Contributions	
Big Creek.....	1,200.00
Brummitts Creek.....	600.00
Borings Chapel.....	40.00
Burbank.....	600.00
Covey Rock.....	500.00
Davistown.....	100.00
Eastern Gate.....	20.00
Higgins.....	150.00
Hillcrest.....	125.00
Liberty Chapel.....	20.00
Nix Creek.....	248.65
North Bend.....	1200.00
Pathway.....	150.00
Pensecola.....	112.00
Southside.....	800.00
Unaka Springs.....	325.00
Valley Forge.....	562.53
Woodby Hill.....	150.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Aid.....	120.00
Marvin Hensley.....	300.00
Sales of History Books.....	110.00
Total contributions.....	\$7,433.20
Interest earned.....	25.95
Total to be accounted for.....	\$12,778.91
Disbursements.....	
Missionaries.....	7,200.00
Stamps, service charge, etc.....	45.80
Ending Balance...7/31/01.....	5,533.11

Disabled Ministers' Fund--Rev. Jonas Revis, Treasurer

Beginning Balance.....7/28/00.....	\$171,874.36
Receipts:	
Ministers' Conference.....	4,240.00
Association.....	2,075.00
Burial Fund.....	1,860.00
Interest Earned.....	11,716.49

Total Receipts.....	19,891.49
Total to Account for.....	191,765.85
Disbursements.....	13,510.90
Ending Balance.....7/27/2001.....	178,254.95

Home Missions--Frank E. Cable, Treasurer

Beginning Balance.....7/28/01.....	\$1,573.00
Interest Earned.....	9.98
Treatise.....	20.00
Church Donations.....	485.00
Total.....	2,087.98
Disbursements:	
Carlie Lloyd.....	60.00
Piney Hill Church.....	500.00
Ricky Price.....	500.00
Ending Balance.....	\$1,027.98

Friday Evening Worship Service 7 p.m.

Friday night service was conducted by the youth as is the tradition of the association. The service began with the pastor, Bro. Randy Johnson, welcoming all youth. Singers included the church's children's choir, junior choir, the praise choir, and other visiting youth groups. Many of the young people gave their testimonies for Christ. It was a blessing to see so many young people participate in the worship service. The service was closed with prayer.

OBITUARIES

JAMES ROSE, 537 Jonesborough Rd., Piney Flats, TN 37686. Mr. Rose was a member of Crabtree Free Will Baptist Church. He was faithful in attendance and loved his church.

RALPH E. WHITEHEAD, was a member of Crabtree Free Will Baptist Church. He loved going to church and he loved the Lord. He was a loving husband and the father of three girls and four grandchildren. We miss him.

ETHEL NAOMI ROBINSON, 91, died March 22, 2000 at the home of her daughter in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was a lifelong resident of Yancey County. She was the daughter of Charles and Rosa Parrott Brinkley and the wife of Lawrence Robinson who died in 1997.

She was a homemaker and farmer. She and her husband were good neighbors. They visited the sick and helped others in the Georges Fork Community. They were members of Youngs Chapel FWB Church in Windom.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Wyman and Clifford Brinkley, and a sister Dorothy Kardulis.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Wittkoof, and sons, Kermit and Harold Lee Robinson of Fort Wayne, Indiana and Charles Robinson of Greensboro, NC. She, also, had seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

CECIL HONEYCUTT, 92 went to be with the Lord Jan. 30, 2001. He was a member of Youngs Chapel FWB Church. He was a native of Yancey County.

He was a son of the late Rev. Jerome and Lona Price Honeycutt and the husband of Ada Carroll who died in 1992. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Ella Blalock, grandson, Eddie Edwards, and brothers Garvel and Daniel Honeycutt.

Survivors are two daughters, Marjorie Edwards and Clara Cassida, two sisters, Ada Jones and Atlas Silver of Burnsville, six grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and a great grandchild.

My father got old and worn out in body. He talked about how he longed to go home to see Jesus and his loved ones. I didn't like the idea that he wanted to die. God gave me some thoughts that I would

like to share.

God's eldest have always been among his choicest. As we get older, our vision should improve--not our vision of earth, but our vision of Heaven. It is hard to be content in a strange land. We are not happy here because we are not supposed to be happy here. We are like foreigners and strangers in this world (Peter 2:11). Our citizenship is in Heaven. There will be moments or days of peace, but they simply do not compare with the happiness that lies ahead.

For Dad there's no darkness, only light, joy, peace, and happiness. He's not dead. He's more alive than he's ever been. He just beat us home.

His daughter, Clara Cassida

Rev. OPHARD D. HENSLEY, 71 went to be with the Lord Sept. 1, 2000. He was a faithful member of Davistown FWB Church and the Jack's Creek Association. He was a veteran of the US Army serving in Germany. He was ordained in 1960 and spent 42 years as a minister of the gospel. He pastured Salem, Laurelton Chapel, Nix Creek, Hillcrest, North Bend, Ridgeway, and Davistown, Free Will Baptist Churches. In the last few years he was unable to pastor churches, but he taught the Men's Sunday School Class and occasionally preached at Davistown and other churches when he was called. He never refused to do anything for the Lord. He always said, "I'll do my best," and his best was a great help and inspiration to all who knew him. He testified on Wednesday night before he went to his eternal home that he wanted to be able to say that, "he had fought a good fight and kept the faith," and we're sure the Lord said, "Well done, my son."

He is sorely missed by his wife of 46 years, Florence Hensley, his sons David and Roy, daughters Kathy and Susan and their families, and his church family.

The family of Rev. Ophard Hensley request any stories about your memories of their dad. They are wanting to write a book while these memories are still fresh. Please send stories to Susan Yelton, 26 Ophard Hensley Drive, Old Fort, NC 28762.

REBECCA ANN PARKER BARTLETT, age 94, went to be with the Lord May 18, 2001. She was a faithful member of Davistown FWB Church. She was dedicated to her church, family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Garland T. Bartlett, and three sons, Bruce, Buford, and Virgil.

Survivors include one son, Burlon Bartlett; three daughter, Frances Davis, Beulah Davis, and Violet Moore; one sister, Effie Nelson; 23 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 34 great-great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Our loss is heaven's gain.

ARNOLD FORTNER, was born on March 10, 1929 and departed this life June 29, 2000 to be with his Savior. Bro. Arnold was a native of Yancey County and the son of the late Bill and Lena Fortner. He was the husband of the late Sister Nell Fortner. Surviving are one daughter Lila Bailey, two sons Larry and Wade Fortner. Bro. Arnold was a wonder Papaw of nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was a member of Youngs Chapel FWB Church at which he faithfully served as deacon, Adult Men's Sunday School teacher and choir director for many years. Bro. Arnold loved his church and family very much. He is greatly missed by all his family and friends very much. Bro. Arnold was a great example of what a good steward should be. Heaven received one of the greatest when he departed this life.

LILA FENDER, On February 15, 2001, a very dear mother, wife, and sister in Christ, Lila Fender, went to be with her Savior following a very long struggle with cancer. She has left a large void in our family and her church--Young's Chapel--but we can't help but rejoice with her. She now has healing and happiness none of us can imagine as she strolls the streets of gold with Jesus and her family and friends who went before her.

She loved and cared for her family very unselfishly and with all the energy she had. She loved the Jack's Creek Conference and the church and served as a teacher, treasurer, and probably most important to her as director of the Women's Auxiliary and the youth group Christmas plays for many years. She love the kids and teens. She had a heartbeat for missions around the world and did all she could to help those who gave their lives to spread the Gospel to America as well as many other countries.

She left her husband, Clay, three children, Garry, Gerald, and Sandra, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren to join her later. We will miss her, but may all of us who will follow her be found faithful.

OSBOURNE "OTT" AYERS, 70, went home to be with the Lord on July 17, 2001. He was a son of Crawford and Lou Mae Bailey. He is survived by his wife Joann Higgins Ayers; two daughter, Diane Laws and husband Lewis and Annette Ayers; three sons, Danny and wife Miriam, David and wife Beckie, and Darrell Ayers; five grandchildren, Donna and Shelly Laws, Stephen, Kandias and Tony Ayers. He was a loving and faithful servant of the Lord and the church. A friend to all that knew him.

DON ALLEN ARWOOD went to be with the Lord May 1, 2001 at the age of 44. He was a member of Burbank Church. He is survived by his father, his wife Lori, one son, three step-sons, and a step-daughter. His time on earth was brief but Don truly loved the Lord. He is greatly missed by his family and his church family. We believe we'll meet again where we'll part no more. Our loss is heaven's gain.

MARY JANE STREET went home to be with the Lord April 11, 2001 following a lengthy illness. She was a member of Burbank Church. She is survived by two sons and two daughters. There is a vacancy in her home and church, but we'll meet again to part no more. Our loss in heaven's gain.

JOHN FRANK MILLER went home to be with the Lord August 13, 2000. He was a member of Burbank Free Will Baptist Church. He is survived by two daughters, two sons, and two sisters. Frank was ill for a long time and confined to his home and then in a nursing home. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

ADALENE ATKINS ROLAND went home to be with the Lord at the age of 90. She was a member in good standing of Pensacola Free Will Baptist Church. She was a very special person and will be missed.

SHURL WHITSON born September 16, 1916, age 84, passed away April 10, 2001. He was a member of Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church for 20 years which he attended as long as he was able. Surviving are his wife of 60 years Thelma, a son Gary and wife Pat, three brothers, and two sisters. He is sadly missed by his family.

LEWIS A. LISTER was born on May 2, 1920 and departed this life on July 30, 2000. He was a faithful member to Nix Creek FWB Church. He is survived by his wife Alma Carroll Lister, and four children, Judy Lowe, Michael Lister, Debra Laney, and David Lister, also, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is sadly missed by family and friends, but we can take comfort in knowing he is now with the Lord.

MAMIE HENSLEY departed this life July 17, 2001 at the age of 83. She was the daughter of the late Charlie and Addie Phillips Higgins and the wife of Grant Hensley who died in 1998. She was a member of Higgins Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters Adeline Una of Idaho and Phyllis Tolley of Mars Hill; five grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. She is greatly missed by her family and friends.

HOWARD FENDER departed this life February 22, 2001 at the age of 82. He was the son of the late Fieldon and Sally Lewis Fender. He was, also, preceded in death by his step-mother Annie Phillips Fender. He was a member and a deacon of Higgins FWB Church.

Surviving are two daughters; Ethel Lou of Burnsville and Norma Ramsey of Marion; three sons; Ezra and Darius Fender of Burnsville and Larry Fender of Marion; a sister Ruth Edwards of Salisbury; ten grandchildren; 11 grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. His family, friends, and church family miss him very much.

ANNIE BELLE FENDER departed this life on February 7, 2001. She was survived by her husband T.B. Fender, two sons, three daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was a faithful member of Low Gap Free Will Baptist Church. She loved God, her church family, and friends. She is so missed by friends and family who look forward to that glad reunion day.

ADA HENSLEY RAY, 93, went to be with the Lord November 9, 2000. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and a friend to all. Mrs. Ray was preceded in death by her husband Horace Daniel Ray, Sr. and a son Horace Daniel Ray, Jr. She was survived by her son Charles Elbert Ray, her daughter Louise Roberts, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was a faithful member of Low Gap Free Will Baptist Church. She is greatly missed and her love for God and family will always be remembered.

JOHN LESTER BOWLING was born June 2, 1930. He passed away November 2, 2000. He was a member of Sunset Free Will Baptist Church. We will meet again someday.

*In
Loving
Memory*



Ethel Robinson



Lila Fender



Arnold Fortner



Cecil Honeycutt



Ophard Hensley

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Jacks Creek F.W.B. Minister's Conference
Nebo F.W.B. Church
October 28, 2000

Jacks Creek conference met at Hillcrest, Nebo, NC, October 28, 2000 at 9:30. The congregation was welcomed by Pastor Billy Styles. We sang "I'll be Satisfied". A moment of silence was called for in memory of Rev. Ophard Hensley and Rev. Darrell Dugger who recently went on to be with the Lord. A poem was read in honor of Rev. Hensley. Pastor Styles presented a plaque to Rev. Hensley's wife, Florance. Devotions were led by Rev. Clyde Thomason who read from Revelations 2:1.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Bud Edwards. Rules of decorum were read. The roll was called. Letter for absences were read and approved. Everyone stood in fellowship at the call. Deacons and delegates were enrolled. Visiting ministers were: Eric Shell-Freedom Baptist Church, Ralph Dinges-Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, and Billy Styles-Hillcrest Free Will Baptist Church. Call was made for anyone seeking license or ordination. None came forth. Call was made for any church seeking membership. There was none. Call was made for NC Investigating Committee. There was no report. Bro. Ricky Pate said the TN Investigating Committee was working on something, but would report in December at North Bend.

Brother Frank Cable will moderate the next conference. Brother Scotty Jenkins will be his alternate. Bro. Charlie Trivett spoke on the flags to be presented at funerals of deceased ministers. Bro. Trivett made a motion that the presiding minister call in advance to find out the wishes of the family. The motion was approved. Bro Bobby Revis was appointed to present flags in North Carolina as part of the committee.

Rev. Dengis spoke concerning F.W.B. Family Ministries in Greeneville, Tennessee. The home is looking toward expanding children services into other states and some of the progress being made at the children's home. He gave a very encouraging report. He expressed the idea of the home expanding its ministry to taking care of the aged in the future.

Bro. Frank Cable spoke on the need to use Home Mission funds to help Bro. James Ledford make needed improvements at Piney Hill Church, which he has reopened. Bro. Charlie Trivett spoke about the need to help Rev. Rick Price's son who is unable to attend public school because of health problems. They need books and supplies. Bro. Terry Richardson made motion to give both causes \$500.00. The motion was approved.

Bro. Billy Styles asked to be reinstated as a minister in Jacks Creek Conference. He presented a letter from Hillcrest Church where he is now pastor. The letter was turned over to NC Investigating Committee.

Bro. Clyde Fender, an older member of our conference, was recognized.

11 A.M. Service

Bro. Leonard Shehan preached reading from Matthew 26:31-46. The message was entitled "Being in the Will of God." There was much rejoicing. He preached a very thoughtful message. The meeting adjourned to time and place.

Blaine Whitson, assistant clerk

Big Creek
Free Will Baptist Church
April 23, 2001

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church April 23, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. Service began with the congregation singing, "Heaven's Jubilee" and "Amazing Grace". Pastor Marvin Hensley welcomed the conference to Big Creek Church. Devotions were led by Bro. Alex carver reading from Psalms 124. Prayer was led by Bro. Bernie Jones.

The meeting was called to order by moderator Bro. Frank Cable. Rules of decorum were read. Minutes of the last session were read and approved. Ministers' roll call was made with every minister standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were welcomed as follows: Brothers Rex Johnson, Mike Montgomery, Adam Miller, Billy Styles, Larry Shuffler, Keven Laws, and Chris Hughes. Visiting church was Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church from Erwin, TN. Call was made for anyone seeking licenses or ordination. Brother Keven Laws and Adam miller asked for licenses and were referred to the NC Investigating Committee. Bro. Clyde Thomason asked to be ordained and was referred to the Investigating Committee. Bro. Billy Styles asked for membership and was referred to the Ordaining Council. Bro. Tommy Hensley asked for a letter of recommendation. His letter was received from Flat Rock F.W.B. Church asking for membership and was turned over to the Association Investigating Committee until next association.

11 A.M. Service

The service began with singing by the Big Creek Quartet with prayer by Bro. Leonard Shehan. Bro. Clyde Thomason preached a wonderful message reading from Matthew 16. His subject was "Do We Know Who We Are?".

The Ordaining Council gave their report recommending Bro. Otts Hudgins for ordination and Bro. Billy Styles for membership as an ordained minister. Bro. J. C. Sheets conducted the ordination of Bro. Otts Hudgins. Prayer was led by Bro. Bobby Revis.

Jacks Creek
Free Will Baptist Church
July 11, 2001

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met with the Valley Forge FWB Church in Hampton, TN July 11, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. in conjunction with the annual association.

The session began with the church trio singing, "There is Something in the Power of God", "When I Get to that City", and "I Will Make a Way Somehow". devotions were led by Bro. Wayne Carr reading from Genesis 2:1-3.. Prayer was led by Bro. Bill Greer. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Bro. Stanley McMahan. 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. Visiting ministers were welcomed as follows: Rev. Dexter Brummitt, Lonnie Wilson, Adam Miller, Rick Burgner, Albert Jarnagin, Keven Laws, Roger Thompson, and Chris Hughes. Call for anyone seeking licenses or ordination was made. Bro. Clyde Thomason asked to be ordained. Brothers Keven Laws and Adam miller asked for licenses. They were all presented to the Ordaining Council for approval. Brother Lonnie Wilson asked for license and was recommended to the TN Investigating Committee. Brother Wayne Carr's licenses were renewed for one year.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Election of officers and committees for the coming year was the next order of business. The

following officers were selected:

Clerk: Rev. Ulis Miller
 Assistant Clerk: Blaine Whitson

Ordaining Council: Chairman -Rev. J. C. Sheets, Charlie Trivett, Troy Mc Courry, Bobby Revis, Marvin Hensley, and Jimmy Arrowood-alternate

Investigating Committee: TN Chairman- Terry Richardson, Alex Carver, Norman Loveless, and Junior Mc Kinney; NC Chairman- Roger Laws, Bud Edwards, Keith Miller, and Ralph Hedrick

Business being finished, Sister Gayle Styles sang "Sit Down and Rest a Little While" with great inspiration. Some people testified for Christ. Four or five came to the altar and asked to be anointed and prayed for healing. It was a time of rejoicing!

The Ordaining Council gave their report recommending Brothers Keven Laws and Adam Miller for licenses and Brother Clyde Thomason for ordination. The ordination was conducted by Bro. J. C. Sheets. The Closing prayer by Bro. Stanley McMahan.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church	Pastor	Clerk
Big Creek.....	Marvin Hensley.....	Cara Cox, Rt.1, Box 398, Green Mtn., NC 28740
Borings Chapel....	Dale Laws.....	Donna Woodby, Rt. 1, Box 513, Burnsville, NC 28714
Brummitts Creek. Rodney Deyton.....	Star Bennett, 145 Ridgeview Lane, Bakersville, NC 28405	
Burbank	Richard Blevins.....	Tommy Jarrett, 258 Burbank Rd...Roan Mtn., TN... 37667
Colbert Creek	Roger Whitson.....	Virginia Wilson, Rt2, Box 369, Marion, NC.....28752
Covey Rock.....	Russell Hughes.....	Faye Deyton, Rt. Green Mtn., NC.....28740
Crabtree.....		Mary Belle Lyons, 124 Freeman Rd., Roan Mtn., TN....37667
Davistown.....	Ricky Pate.....	Diantha McPeters, 5335 Rain Hill, Church Rd, Morganton, NC...28655
Eastern Gate.....	Lester Perkins.....	Brenda Brewer, 929 Pine Grove Ave., JC, TN.....
Flat Rock.....	Michael Jackson.....	Rebecca Carroll, Rt. 2, Box 261, Flat Rock, NC.....28731
Higgins.....	Keith Miller.....	Deborah Wheeler, Rt. 9, Box 362, Burnsville, NC...28714
Hillcrest.....	Billy Styles.....	Imogene Johnson, Rt 3, Box 253-E, Nebo, NC.....28761
Liberty Chapel. Scotty Jenkins.....		Mary Huskins, 1475 Blue Rock Rd. Burnsville, NC.....
Low Gap.....	Stanley McMahan.....	Tonya Ray, Rt.6, Box 868, Burnsville, NC.....28714
Middle District....	Bud Edwards.....	Henry Street, 232 Pine Root Creek Rd., Bakersville, NC...28705
New Hope.....	Paul Ault.....	Gail Honeycutt, 119 McInturf Rd, Unicoi, TN.....37692
Nix Creek.....	Clyde Thomason.....	Makesha Brooks, 4595 Nix Creek Rd., Marion, NC....28752
North Bend.....	Norman Loveless.....	Linda Cox, 238 Woodstock Rd., Burnsville, NC...28714
Pathway.....	Ulis Miller.....	Virgina Bailey, 205 Maple View Lane, Erwin, TN....37650
Pensacola.....	Troy McCourry.....	Patricia Silvers, Rt. 6, Box 810, Burnsville, NC.....28714
Peterson's Chapel..	Donald Whitson.....	Frances Webb, Rt. 1, Box 126, Burnsville, NC.....28714
Pilgrim's Chapel..	Richard Bryant.....	CJ Elkins, 64 Beverly Rd., Asheville, NC.....28805
Piney Grove.....	Dexter Brummitt.....	Alien McKinney, 580 Piney Grove Rd., Hampton TN.....37658
Southside.....	Rex Johnson.....	Maurice Robinson, 114 Bradshaw Woods, Erwin, TN.....37650
Sunset.....	Gary Whitehead.....	Patty Whitson, 220 Laurels Rd., JC, TN.....37601
Unaka Springs..JC Sheets.....		Clifford Miller, 2140 Chestoa Pike, Erwin, TN.....37650
Union Hill.....	Roy Whitson.....	Mae Miller, 305 Harrell Hill Rd., Bakersville, NC.....
Vale.....		Wilma C. Willis, 1290 Trice Fork Mtn. Rd., Newland, NC.....28657
Valley Forge....	Randy Johnson.....	Robin Montgomery, Rt. 3, Box 1382, Elizabethton, TN.....37643
Woodby Hill....	Alex Carver.....	Teresa Simerly, 1145 Simerly Creek Rd., Hampton, TN.....37658
Youngs Chapel....	Bobby Revis.....	Emogene Silvers, Rt. 8, Box 1114, Burnsville, NC. 28714

MINISTERS' ROLL

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Ault, Paul	220 Mohawk Dr., Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-9871
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Bennett, Paul	Rt. 2, Box 465-B, Bakersville, NC	828-688-3952
Bryant, Richard	Burnsville, NC	828-682-6990
Cable, E. Frank	215 Bull Creek Rd., Asheville, NC	828-298-4702
Calbough, Ray	126 Eldridge Dr., Elizabethton, TN 37643	423-474-6642
Carr, Wayne	1424 Charity Hill Rd., Elizabethton, TN 37643	423-547-3743
Carver, Alex	508 Tipton Drive, Unicoi, TN 37962	423-743-0805
Carver, Mike	211 Blevins Rd., JC, TN 37601	423-542-4053
Cochran, Steve	Rt. 1, Box 398, Unicoi, TN	423-743-8006
Cooper, Roy	2403 E. Lakeview Dr., JC	423-282-1508
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Davis, Verno	470 Bald Creek Rd., Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-7377
Deyton, Rodney	323 Cook Hollow Rd., Bristol, TN	423-989-3294
Edwards, Bud	Ramsey St., Burnsville, NC	828-682-6966
Edwards, Darrell	Rt. 3, Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-9601
Fender, Clyde	Rt. 3, Box 209, Nebo, NC	828-652-2167
Fleenor, Theodore	205 Brown Ave., JC, TN	423-282-1654
Grant, Ross	82 Stockton Rd., Marion, NC	828-756-7396
Greer, William J.	901 Bert St., JC, TN	423-929-2828
Hedrick, Ralph	Burnsville, NC	828-682-7388
Hensley, Marvin	9798 Hwy., 226 N., Bakersville, NC	828-688-6877
Higgins, Brad	449 Bakersville, NC 28075	828-675-1655
Higgins, Roscoe	926 Prince St., Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-9635
Hudgens, Otis		
Hughes, Noah	Rt. 2, Box 289-1A, Green Mtn., NC	
Hughes, Russell	Rt. 2, Box 268-B, Burnsville, NC	
Jenkins, Scotty	Rt. 2, Box 278, Buladean, NC	828-688-4958
Johnson, Randy	155 Liberty Hollow Rd., Elizabethton, Tn 37643	423-474-3600
Jones, Bernie	106 Parsley St., Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-8078
Laws, Keven	Rt. 2, Box 332-D2, Bakersville, NC	828-688-2808
Laws, Randy	Rt. 2, Box 254, Burnsville, NC	828-675-4071
Laws, Roger	Rt. 2, Box 332-D2, Bakersville, NC	828-688-2808
Ledford, James	50 Woodland Hills Apt. 106	828-682-9003
Loveless, Danny	436 River Rd., Bluff City, TN 37618	423-538-8258
Loveless, Norman	207 E. Cottage Ave., Elizabethton, TN	423-547-9526
McMahan, Stanley	Rt. 2, Burnsville, NC	828-675-5280
McCourry, Troy	Box 68, Burnsville, NC	828-682-6439
McKinney, Junior	Rt. 1, Hampton, TN	423-725-3788
Miller, Adam	Burnsville, NC	
Miller, Keith	Rt. 1, Box 353, Bakersville, NC	828-688-2727
Miller, Stephen L.	Unicoi, TN	423-743-0340
Miller, Ullis	2160 Chestoa Pike, Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-4788
Murphy, Dean	Rt. 1, Green Mtn., NC	828-688-3795
Pate, Ricky	630 Laurels Rd., JC, TN 37601	423-929-9640
Parkey, Stanley	1202 Asheville Hwy., Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-4955
Perkins, Lester	126 Big Sandy Rd., Elizabethton, TN	423-474-3791
Peterson, Ronnie	Rt. 1, Box 230, Burnsville, NC	828-682-7440
Price, Rick	118 Eldridge Dr., Elizabethton, TN	423-474-6235
Revis, Bobby	3090 Fairview Rd., Marion, NC 28752	828-652-2153

Revis, Jonas	2640 Kingsport Hwy., Greeneville, TN 37745	423-638-7019
Richardson, Terry	Rt. 1, Box 404, Hampton, TN	423-725-2196
Shehan, Leonard	40 Old Stage Rd., Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-0727
Silvers, Marvin	Rt. 3, Burnsville, NC 28714	828-682-7795
Sheets, JC	724 Greasy Creek Rd., Bakersville, NC 28705	828-688-3636
Sparks, Richard	Rt. 2, Box 59, Bakersville, NC	828-688-4311
Stockton, John L.	Rt. 2, Bakersville, NC	828-688-3047
Street, Ronda	Rt. 1, Hampton, NC	423-725-2278
Styles, Billy	86 Meadow Brook Lane, Marion, NC 28752	828-738-4648
Thomason, Clyde	Roans Chapel Church, Burnsville, NC	
Trivett, Charlie	157 Garrison Hollow Rd., Elizabethton, TN	423-542-0649
Whitson, Blaine	Rt. 2, Green Mtn., NC	828-682-6357
Williams, Orville	207 Sycamore St., Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-7953
Wood, Ricky	515 Coxes Creek Rd., Marion, NC 28752	828-668-4299

The following ministers are pasturing churches in another association:

Autrey, Dennis	Roans Chapel Church
Greer, William J.	Keystone FWB Church
Revis, Jonas	East Green First FWB Church
Richardson, Terry	Fellowship FWB 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 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'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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CHURCHES (all full time unless indicated otherwise)	# Baptized	Members Added	Dismissed Etc.	Deaths	Total Membership	Average in S.S.	# in Ladies Aux.	# in C.T.S.	Minute Fund	Associational Fund	Clerk & Mod. Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid for Revivals	Childrens Home	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Disabled Min. Fund	Poor and Sick	Improvements to Church Property	Value of Church Property	Paid Visiting Ministers	Communions
Big Creek			2	1	154	80			60	40	50	\$17,500	\$1,000	\$1,761	\$500	\$1,000	\$400	\$7,860	\$1,396	\$331,206	100	1
Borings Chapel					40	23			40	40	10							3,196		6,000		
Brummitts Creek		1		1	55	38			40	50	10	8,000	400	763	1,075	600		2,426	11,167	290,000		1
Burbank	4	9		3	262	139		79	50	20	20	18,720	750	1,000	3084	8,400	260	1,217	12,213	327,480	400	4
Crabtree	1	2		2	48	40	14		25	25	25	7,700		150				3,730	604	117,238	675	4
Colberts Creek		2			32	30			20	10	10	5,586						3,300			328	
Covey Rock				1	195	110			40	60	10	14,289	500	3,141	3,933	7,634	300	15,022	1,568	252,556		4
Davistown		2		2	25	30	5		20	20	10	8,124				100		1,459		205,000	175	4
Eastern Gate		3		1	45	32	8		20	15	10	2,400		20	10	10	10	928		225,000	160	2
Flat Rock					68	25			20	20	10	6,950	400		1,000	600		2,700		97,800	200	3
Higgins	3	4		3	157	124			40	20	5	19,008	1,200				65	5,131		400,000	875	3
Hillcrest	1	1	2		49	23			20	50	15	5,200	500		125	125	50	1,590		250,000	225	
Liberty Chapel		1		1	55	40			20	20	20	6,646	400	40	20	20	20	2,391		235,000		2
Low Gap	4			2	106	61			50	50	10	10,400			1,273	1,000	100	1,000		306,324		
Middle District	1	6		1	83	82		32	40	35	25	12,530	300	700	1,274	900		12,364		250,000	190	4
New Hope		16	2		36	46	11		20			4,350	550				50	3,084	9,050	144,050	80	3
Nix Creek	9	1		1	31	40			40	50	5	13,500		300	200	248		2,075	3,550	88,743	1,143	1
North Bend	4	9	2	1	121	67			80	100	25	8,400	1,640	698	3,766	1,371	100	911		254,164	325	2
Pathway					69	40			40	20	10	7,200	500	700		400		4,188		85,000	200	2
Pensacola	11	11		1	88	55	18		60	50	10	11,810	840		270	112	200	17,456	1,412	118,000	300	1
Peterson's Chapel	1	6		1	131	85	10		35	10	10	17,000	1,000	100	247			1,960	1,107	163,139	350	
Pilgram's Chapel					35	18			10	10	10	6,700						3,000		50,000	190	1
Piney Grove	3			1	137	86	7		60	25	5	16,900		100	700	2,457	50	5,600		155,000	275	1
Southside	8	9		2	254	176			50	15	25	11,555	1700	909	800	1,484	130	4,944	63,500	300,000	300	4
Sunset		2	3	1	66	70		38	25	15	15	13,100	600		286	3,266	25	14,033	5,470	160,000	450	4
Vale					35	25			20	20	15				200		30		8,000	70,000		1
Unaka Springs		5			77	65	10		40	40	10	6,500	500	240	343	300	30	619	47,000	200,000	180	1
Union Hill					80	36			15	25	25	5,200	300	600			50	1,192	289	60,000	100	2
Valley Forge	10	8		5	319	210	30	120	100		25	23,400		1503	51,312	14,129	300	17,619	29,807	616,090	879	4
Woody Hill	6				49	40	20		25	25	5	10,400		50	120	540	25	1,400		95,933	50	1
Youngs Chapel		2	6	2	127	63			25	75	20	15,800		1,624	4,167	7,311	200	5,680	12,744	125,000	675	3

