

2002 - 2003 MINUTES

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 North Bend Free Will
Baptist Church in

Green Mountain, NC, on July 25-27, 2003
(The last Thursday in July) at 10:30 a.m.

Brother Jimmy Arrowood will preach the
introductory message. Brother Bud Edwards
will be his alternate.

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

Moderator.....	Rev. Stanley McMahan
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. Randy Johnson
Clerk.....	Rev. Ulis Miller
Assistant Clerk.....	Rev. Blaine Whitson
Disable Ministers' Fund Treasurer.....	Rev. Jonas Revis
Assistant Treasurer.....	Rev. Stanley McMahan
Home Missions Treasurer.....	Rev. Frank Cable
Assistant Treasurer.....	Rev. Leonard Shehan
Foreign Missions Treasurer.....	Rev. Marvin Hensley
Assistant Treasurer.....	Rev. Paul Bennett
Children's Home Treasurer.....	Rev. Bernie Jones
Assistant Treasurer.....	Rev. Ralph Hedrick
Burial Fund Treasurer.....	Rev. Bobby Revis
Assistant Treasurer.....	Rev. Randy Johnson

Association Investigating Committee: TN Chairman Rev. Charlie Trivett, Rev. Bernie Jones, Rev. Ricky Pate, and Rev. Norman Loveless. NC Chairman Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Rev. Dean Murphy, Rev. J.C. Sheets, and Rev. Blaine Whitson, alternate

Investigating Committee for Disabled Ministers' Fund: TN Chairman Rev. Ricky Pate, Rev. Randy Johnson, Rev. Rodney Dayton, and Rev. Charlie Trivett, alternate. NC Chairman Rev. J.C. Sheets, Rev. Billy Styles, Rev. Marvin Hensley, and Rev. Stanley McMahan, alternate.

Board of Directors - Disabled Ministers' Fund: Chairman Bro. Perry Moore, Rev. Marvin Hensley, Rev. Bernie Jones, Bro. Carl Robinson, Rev. William J. Greer and Rev. Ulis Miller

Ministers Conference

Clerk	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

PROCEEDINGS

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association met with the Low Gap F.W.B Church in Burnsville N.C. July 25,2002 at 11: A.M. This was its one hundred and seventh annual session. The session began with the Pastor Brother Stanley McMahan welcoming the Association and making the necessary announcements. The Faithful Hearts quartet sung five beautiful songs. Rev. Dean Murphy preached the message, reading from Mark chapter 2. His message was how all the church should work together to get the lost saved. The service closed with prayer by Bro. Junior Peterson.

1 P.M. Business session

The moderator called session to order. Devotions were given Bro. Marven Hensley, prayer by Bro. Frank Cable. The moderator read rules of decorum. Church letters were read
Delegates seated as following.

Church Letters

Big Creek: Rev. Marvin Hensley, Willis Adkins, David Edwards, Toney Byrd, David Edwards and Sister Gwendylon Wilson.

Borings Chapel: Sisters Donna Woodby and Maude Bradford

Brummitts Creek: Bro's. Rodney Deyton, Phillip Wilson, Paul Bennett and Sister Star Bennett.

Burbank: By letter

Colberts Creek: Bro. Mike Wilson.

Covey Rock: Bros. Buck Laws, Tom Ayers and Sisters Marie Laws, Robbie Ayers, and Barbara Miller.

Crabtree: Bros. Brad Benfield, Mike Carver and Denise Vines.

Davistown: Bros. Bill McPeters, Perry Moore and Sister Violet Moore:

Eastern Gate. Withdrew From Association.

Flat Rock: By Letter.

Higgins: Bro. Gary Cooper and Sister Vanetta Cooper

Hillcrest: Bro. Carl Pack and Sisters Faye Pack and Margaret Pack.

Liberty Chapel: Bro. Scotty Jenkins

Low Gap: Bros. Sam Riddle, John Allen, Bobby Riddle. And Sisters Marjorie Allen, Betty McMahan, Tonya Ray, Dana Dale and Opal Jones,

Middle District: By Letter

New Hope: Rev. Paul Ault and Rev. Stephen Miller.

Nix Creek: Bros. Mike Lister, Jody Trantham, and Sisters Jennifer Brooks and Dimmerice Brooks.

North Bend: Bros. Herbert Hopson, T.J. Peterson, Howard Buchanan, Dewayne Tipton, and Sis. Nora Buchanan.

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

Pensacola: Bros. Keith Blankenship, Ralph Anglin, Jeffery Robertson, and Rick Wilson
Ronald Fox, Sisters Jackie Fox, Rose Miller, and Beth Hughes.

Peterson Chapel: Sister Wilma Laws.

Pilgrims Chapel: By Letter.

Piney Grove: Bros. Haynes Woodby, Earl Jones, Van Davis, Jim Woodby, and Sisters Charlotte Clark, and Angel Jones

Southside: Bros. Scott Bradford, Kenneth Higgins and Clyde Griffith.

Sunset: Rev. Gary Whitehead,

Unaka Springs: Bros. Lonnie Wilson, Gary Cutshall, and Sisters Mary Wilson and June Cutshall

Union Hill: Bros. Donald Miller, George Riddle, Lester Miller, Beaver Whitson, Dean Murphy, Johnny Miller and Sisters Linda Miller, Brandi Miller:

Vale: Bros. L.D. Vance and George Willis.

Valley Forge: Bros. Bob Ray, Jim Honeycutt, Wayne Carr and Randy Johnson.

Woodby Hill: By Letter.

Young's Chapel: Bros. Vance Hughes, Dennis Jones, Chris Hughes, Bobby Revis, Lee Thompson, Roger Thompson, Jon Dale, Jeremy Hughes, and Sisters Jewel Silvers, and Dara Jones

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Stanley McMahan
Assistant.....	Bobby Revis
Clerk.....	Ulis Miller
Assistant.....	Blaine Whitson
Disabled Ministers Fund Trea.....	Jonas Revis
Assistant	Stanley McMahan
Home Missions.Trea.....	Frank Cable
Assistant.....	Scotty Jenkins
Foreign Missions.Trea.....	Marvin Hensley
Assistant.....	Paul Bennett
Children Home. Trea	Bernie Jones
Assistant.....	Ralph Hedrick
Burial Fund.....	Bobby Revis
Assistant.....	Junior Peterson

Association Investigating Committee, Tenn. Ch. Rev. Charlie Trivett, Bernie Jones, Norman Loveless and Bob Ray.

N.C.: Ch. Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Dean Murphy, J.C. Sheets and Blain Whitson, alt,

Investigating Committee for Disabled Ministers Fund: Tenn. Ch. Rev. Charlie Trivett, Bernie Jones, Roscoe Higgins and Loney Wilson alt.

N.C. Ch. Rev. J.C. Sheets, Billy Styles, Marvin Hensley and Stanley McMahan, Alt.

Board of Directors-Disabled Ministers Fund: Ch. Rev. Marvin Hensley, Bernie Jones, Carl Robinson, Perry Moore and Ulis Miller.

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

ASSOCIATIONAL COMMITTEES

Churches, Pastors, and Deacons: Willis Adkins, Dennis Jones, Norman Loveless, and Phillip Wilson

CTS: Bro Bob Ray, Jim Honeycutt, Allen Laws

Sunday School: Beth Hughes, Dimmerree Brooks, and Ricky Wilson

Sessions: Paul Bennett, T.J. Peterson, Howard Buchanan, Bernie Jones

Resolutions: Troy McCurry, Frank Cable, and Blaine Whitson

Education: Tony Byrd, Scotty Jenkins, and Allen Laws

Foreign Missions: Carl Robinson, Rose Miller, and Marvin Hensley

Home Missions: Frank Cable, Billy Styles, and Jimmy Arrowood

Children's Home: Judy Barnett, Paula Peterson, and Clyde Thomason

Ladies Auxillary: Star Bennett, Barbara Miller, Remona Thomason

Rules Committee: Troy McCurry, Marvin Hensley, Charley Trivette, and Scotty Jenkins

Closed with prayer by Bro. Troy McCurry

THURSDAY 7 P.M. PREACHING SERVICE

Service opened with congregation singing "Thank God I Am Free" and "What Sins Are You Talking About". Danny and Tonya Ray sang, "He's in the Mist" and "He is here". Tammy Fender sang "I Believe". The Faithful Hearts sang "You Can't Ask Too Much", "Canaan Land is Just In Sight", "Stand Still Let God Move", and "Blessing Me Again".

Rev. Blaine Whitson brought the message "Divine Love". He read from St. John: chapter 15, verse 9 and Genesis chapter 39 and verse 45. The service closed with fellowship, handshake, and prayer by Rev. Stanley McMahan.

FRIDAY 9:30 A.M. BUSINESS SESSION

The meeting opened with devotions by Bro. Junior Peterson reading Isaiah 6:8. The prayer was led by Bro. Willis Adkins. Called to order by Moderator. The rules of decorum were read. Minutes of yesterday's meeting was read and approved with some corrections. Ministers' roll call was made and the following visiting ministers were recognized: Rev. Roy Roach, Rev. Kelly Pittman, Rev. Jody Trantham, Rev. Roger Thompson, Rev. Chris Hughes, and Rev. Gary Whitehead.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Churches, Pastors, and Deacons:

John 3:4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

Philippians 1:27 "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ. That whether I come and see you or else be absent I may hear of your affairs that ye stand fast in one spirit with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

I Corinthians 1:11 "For other can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ."

Reported By: Rev. Norman Loveless, Bro. Willis Adkins, and Bro. Dennis Jones.

Children's Home:

In representation of the Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Children's Home in Greeneville Tennessee, we would like to take a brief moment to update you on why and how was as an association are required to support the children's home.

Why Help? Because of love. If we have God in our hearts then we truly have love. I John 4:8

Why Help Children? Because they are a blessing from God. Matthew 19:14

Why Help These Children? Because they have a need. I John 3:17 & 18

Why Help These Children Now? Because we are required to do so. Proverbs 22:6

Now ask yourself why not and if you can sit and do nothing and feel good about it, then so be it.

As of yesterday the home has 68 children in their care and 4 in foster homes. Most of these children come from tragic circumstances. They have been mentally and physically abused. Some of these children are brought and abandoned because their family does not want them. Many have never been taken to church and they have never owned or even read a Bible.

Now How We Can Help Them:

First by praying:

Pray, pray, and pray some more. For the children, the house parents, the staff and last but for sure not least how God would have you to help.

Second Financially:

Love offerings, monthly commitments, Ladies Auxillary could do a pounding, CTS could get a home's Christmas Wish List and buy all the Children of that home presents. Sunday School classes could get each child's birthday in a home and buy them presents. Or we could just do without one time and send these precious gifts from God a love gift.

Third Stay Informed:

By signing up for the news letter that comes bimonthly or by calling for an appointment for Coordinator Roy Roach to speak at your church.

Phone numbers are 1-423-639-9449 and 1-423-639-9115

Fourth collect Campbells Soup labels:

Their goal is 1,300,000 labels, which will earn them a 15-passenger van.

Fifth go visit:

Anytime, but preferably when you are available to work around the properties.

Now each of you are looking at your last year's minutes and saying 'well we gave \$16,000 in support last year' and yes I know that was very much appreciated but, do you know that if we divide that by the 31 churches in our conference that it is only \$516.21 for each church? How many of us with only one child in our families could live on that much money? Sure they have other organizations to contribute to them but the question, are we doing to our potential?

In the year 2000 many children were turned away because they had no more room. Do we care where those children are today? Or are we as the ones that turned Mary and Joseph away. More support would mean more housing.

Now all we are asking is for each of us to search our hearts and take the guidance of God and do, as he would have us do.

In closing let us say that if we were the children in the home, how would we feel towards the people that truly loved God enough to help us in the time of need?

Remember: It is easier to build a child than to repair an adult.

Reported By: Rev. Clyde Thomason, Judy Barnett, and Paula Peterson

Break for 11 A.M. Preaching Service

11 A.M. Preaching Service

Congregation sang "Victory in Jesus", and "Jesus Saves". Message by Bro. Randy Johnson Philippians 3:12, entitled "Give All We Have. We're On the Home Stretch". The message encouraged everyone to press forward to the finish line, for the mark and the prize of the high calling. Closing prayer was led by Bro. Stanley McMahan.

Opening prayer led by Roger Thompson. Session called to order by moderator.
Association Committee reports continued as follows:

CTS:

In Acts 8:30-31 it says, "And Phillip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet E-sa'-ias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, how can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him."

CTS can witness to those that are lost through the teaching of the word, and it is needful for a child of God to grow by studying more. As a child of the King, we should never take for granted the teaching of the word. CTS can affect young and old lives through God's word. Church members, who are born again, should not take CTS lightly but be faithful to it. I Corinthians 4:2 says, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." By Philip being faithful and obedient to the angel of the Lord in the eighth chapter of the book of Acts, he was able to be used of God to witness and see the eunuch receive Christ as his Savior and be baptized.

By our faithfulness and obedience toward CTS, we can enjoy seeing the children and adults learn about a Savior that is alive and still in the saving business.

Reported by: Bros. Jim Honeycutt, Bob Ray, and Allen Laws

Sunday School:

God's way is simple and pure. As Sunday school teachers, let's teach, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Psalm 111:10. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim 2:15. "Ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein." Jeremiah 6:16. "The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this: Isaiah 9:7. We have instructions from God. "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." Deuteronomy 6:7 Let's just teach the Bible with much prayer and love.

I, also, feel that teens, young adults, and older adults need that same small group environment with other people in their age range to study and discuss the Bible with. Young Christians as well as old need schooling in God's Word. A good God-sent teacher can touch lives and instruct a Christian in ways that will not be forgotten. We need to pray constantly for our Sunday school teachers, that God will guide their teaching. As a teacher of children, I feel that Sunday school is the foundation for a child's life. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." In Sunday School the Bible can be taught on a level children can understand and a teacher can have that one on one relationship to understand a child's needs and questions that might not be asked during worship services.

Reported by: Sisters Dimmerree Brooks and Beth Hughes, and Brother Ricky Wilson

Sessions:

First conference will be at Liberty Free Will Baptist Church. September 28, 2002.
Moderator will be Rev. Ronnie Peterson. Rev. Adam Miller will bring the message.

Second Conference will be at Hunt Dale Union Church. December 28, 2002. Rev. Alan Laws will bring the message. Rev. Bernie Jones Alternate.

Third Conference will be at Covey Rock Free Will Baptist Church. March 29, 2003.
Minister not named.

The Association will be at North Bend Free Will Baptist Church. July 24 - 26, 2003.
Rev. Jimmy Arrowood will bring the introductory message. Rev. Bud Edwards Alternate.

Reported by: Bros. Paul Bennett, T.J. Peterson, Howard Buchanan, and Bernie Jones

Resolutions:

I Tim. 6:20. "O Timothy keep that which is committed to thy trust". We have seen a decline in attendance to the Associational meetings over the past several years. We need to pray earnestly about this situation. We need to purpose in our hearts to support and attend the association. We have experienced very wonderful fellowship and great spiritual services the last few years. All of the preachers and delegates from each of our churches need to attend every session of the Association.

Reported by: Bros. Frank E. Cable, Troy McCurry, and Blaine Whitson

Education:

One might ask the question; just what is "Christian education"? Christian education is quite simply, education from a Christian perspective, which is, viewing education as a Christian might view it, and since we are to have the mind of Christ, as Christ would view it. Though this may sound simple, many miss the mark in this regard.

Perhaps the one of the greatest misunderstandings of many Christian people surrounds this topic of Christian education. Many, well-meaning, devout believers are operating under the mistaken impression that once a sinner comes to salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, their work, that is, the work of the church, is complete. Not only is this not the case, but it is the exact opposite, and it is time we, as the body of Christ, challenged ourselves to respond to our holy calling.

Most of us are quick to quote Proverbs 22:6

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it".

We often us this in regard to the education of our young people, but could we also apply this verse to "spiritual children"? When new believers enter our churches, after being gloriously saved by Christ, we, the church, those called to evangelize the world, often come to believe that our jobs are completed. We must think that God will now instruct these "spiritual babes" in all of our doctrines and beliefs. We presuppose that issues like faith perseverance, endurance, temptation, sanctification, and many others, will be divinely granted them by God. Now while we know God can most certainly send revelation in this way, isn't this the exact job of the church? Often, those new to the faith have little understanding of many of our most common issues, and they are seeking a greater understanding by coming to our churches for that precise reason, to be taught. God graciously grants each of us an understanding, that "spiritual revelation", not to hoard like a water bucket that will never be replenished, but so that we might share with others the "deep things of God", things each believer will need during their walk with Christ. Christ often "speaks" to others through us, and that is the most effective form of education.

God specifically instructs us to share the things of God, which we have received. Paul puts it so very eloquently in I Corinthians 2:12 -13 when he says:

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

You see, when we receive, we are to speak, to pass it along to others, so that we not only receive a blessing, but so that we may be a blessing to others. This is the key to education in our churches, and it is a calling each of us must follow.

Reported by: Bros. Alan Laws, Tony Byrd, and Scott Jenkins

Foreign Missions Report:

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, want to encourage every church to be involved in giving to foreign missions in any way possible, no matter how small it may seem. Somewhere today in this big world, somebody will be saved and a lot of the time a missionary is

involved in that decision. The money and prayer that you invest in foreign missions pays big dividends, unlike our present-day stock market!!!

We are thankful for our churches that faithfully support our own Jacks Creek Association Foreign Mission Fund. May the Lord bless you, as I know he will.

We are now supporting two mission families. I'm sure we all know our own Tim Thompson from right here in Yancey County. We also support the Verlin Anderson family in the Ivory Coast in West Africa. He is Bro. Eddie Payne's son-in-law.

Right now, we have a little over \$3,000.00 in the Foreign Mission Fund.

Reported by: Bros. Carl Robinson, Marvin Hensley, and sister Rose Miller.

Home Missions:

"Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his approach." Hebrews 13:13. The greatest mission of our local churches does not sit in our pews each Sunday or sing in the choir. Our challenge oftentimes is in a small wood frame house at the end of a graveled lane with toys decorating the landscape.

The youth within our own church community hold the key of tomorrow. I strongly support and encourage VBS. Entire families can be spiritually reached through the heart of one child.

The annual youth retreat held at High Pastures in Burnsville, NC is a wonderful motivator for both children and counselors. I urge our conference churches to become more involved.

Home Missions Treasurer's Report

<i>Beginning balance</i>	<i>July 28, 01</i>	<i>\$1,027.98</i>
<i>Interest earned</i>	<i>\$ 5.17</i>	
<i>Donations</i>	<i>20.00</i>	
<i>Church Donations</i>	<i><u>365.00</u></i>	
	<i>390.17</i>	
<i>Disbursements</i>		
<i>Carlie Lloyd</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>	
<i>Total balance as of July 26, 02</i>		<i>\$1,358.15</i>

Reported by: Bros. Frank Cable, Billy Styles, and Jimmy Arrowood

Ladies' Auxillary:

"Who can find a righteous woman? For her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10-20-25-26. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor: yea she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She openeth her mouth with wisdom: and in her tongue is the law of kindness... Strength and honor are her clothing and she shall rejoice in time to come..

The Jacks Creek Associations Ladies Auxiliaries open their hearts to any need of the church and community. Always showing the love of God by ministering to the sick, and helping to build up the church by much prayer and dedication for the betterment of the churches. And in doing so they would be.. "Well reported of for good works, if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work". Timothy 5:10.

Reported By: Sisters Star Bennett, Barbara Miller, Remona Thomason

Rules Committee:

Praise the Lord that no one has approached us with a request for a new rule of some kind!!! We want to encourage our delegates to be familiar with the rules of the association before coming to the annual meeting. This will keep you out of the dark sometimes as to what is going on at the meeting.

We want to encourage our preachers and pastors to study and remember the by-laws of the minister conference. Too many times we waste valuable time re-educating our preacher at every conference about things we should have mastered a long time ago!!!

Last of all, let's all get more acquainted with The Book (Bible) and our rules defining will get clearer.

Reported By: Bros. Marvin Hensley, Charley Trivett, Scotty Jenkins, and Troy McCurry

FOREIGN MISSIONS FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning balance; 7-31-01.....	\$5,533.11
CONTRIBUTIONS	
Big Creek.....	\$1,200.00
Brummitts Creek	600.00
Burbank.....	600.00
Covey Rock.....	500.00
Davis Town.....	100.00
Hillcrest.....	125.00
Liberty Chapel.....	20.00
Nix Creek.....	9.50
North Bend.....	1,200.00
Pathway.....	575.00
Pensacola.....	699.00
Southside.....	800.00
Unaka Springs.....	150.00
Valley Forge CTS.....	635.64
Woodby Hill.....	300.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Aux.....	120.00
Youngs Chapel.....	1,050.00
Allen Laws.....	10.00
Interest Earned.....	8.70
Total to be accounted for.....	<u>\$14,235.95</u>
Disbursements:	
Tim Thompson	3,600.00
Verlin Anderson.....	3,600.00
Ending Balance: 7-31-02.....	<u>\$7,035.95</u>

Reported By: Rev. Marvin Hensley, Treasurer.

DISABLED MINISTER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance: 7-27-01.....\$178,253.95

Receipts:

Minister's Conference.....4,855.83

Association.....2,303.00

Burial Fund.....1,935.00

Interest Earned.....6,878.78

Total Receipts.....15,972.61

Total to account for.....\$194,227.56

Disbursements:.....14,027.62

Ending Balance 07-26-02.....\$180,199.94

Reported by: Rev. Jonas Revis, Treasurer.

FRIDAY 7 P.M. SERVICE

Service opened with congregation singing two songs. Special singing by Low Gap Children's choir. Special prayer with Bro. Kevin Laws. Special Singing by Danny Miller and Family. Special Songs and testimony by Beaver Whitson. Special Songs by Tammy Fender. Special Songs by "Sons of the Father". This was the Youth Night Service. Many testimonies were given by the youth. Service ended with fellowship handshake and prayer by Carson Jones.

In Loving Memory



*Cora McIntosh
Honeycutt*



*Roger Dale
Riddle*

OBITUARIES

Cora McIntosh Honeycutt (Granny to Everyone)-

Age 89. She was born on August 18, 1912. She went home to be with the lord on June 11, 2002. Cora was no doubt welcomed home by her husband, the late Garvel Honeycutt, her two sons Rev. Jerome Honeycutt, and B.B. Honeycutt, and one sister, Edith Thomas.

Her four daughters survive her: Joyce Vanpatton, Norma Branton, Nina Honeycutt, and Mary H. Burnett. One Brother Clarence McIntosh, Fifteen Grandchildren, Twenty-Six great-grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

She was a devoted Christian and a deacon's wife for 52 years at Youngs Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Her prayers will be greatly missed by all.

Wilma Stockton-

Wilma Stockton, Age 72, went to be with the lord on February 1, 2002. She was a faithful member of Southside Free Will Baptist Church. She was dedicated to her church family and friends.

Survivors include: her husband - Blaine Stockton; 2 daughters- Elizabeth Willis and Debbie Woods. She is also survived by her mother, Belle Hensley, 1 grandson - Lyle Willis, and 1 brother- RH Hensley.

She is preceded in death by 2 sisters; Charlene Padgett and Ramona Riddle.

Wilma will be greatly missed by all.

Roger Dale Riddle-

Roger was born on December 15, 1944. He departed this life on January 18, 2002. He was a member of the Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church. Family and friends sadly miss him. He is the son of Maxcine Hughes Riddle of Green Mountain, North Carolina and the late Robert Lee Riddle.

Elzie Jean Dalton-

Elzie was born on November 3, 1921 and departed from this life on October 5, 2001. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Dalton. She was a faithful member of Davistown Free Will Baptist Church. She is survived by her son, Leonard Dalton and 3 grandchildren, Alex, Jessica, and Derrick, also by 1 great grandchild. She is sadly missed by her family and friends. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Rueben Higgins-

Rueben departed this life on February 24, 2002. He was a faithful member of Peterson Chapel Free Will Baptist Church for 30 years. He was an employee of Glen Raven Mills for 42 years and a World War II veteran. He loved his church, his family and his country.

He is survived by his wife Louise, 1 son and daughter in law, 2 daughters, 1 son in law, 2 grandsons, 1 granddaughter, and 1 sister. All who knew him will miss him.

Ella C Cornett-

Ella died unexpectedly in August 2001. She was a long time member of Vale Free Will Baptist Church, and a faithful servant of the lord.

Survivors include: her husband Amas Cornett, one daughter Joyce and her husband Larry Burleson, 2 granddaughters Cathy Hair and Jennifer Mac Kay.

Ella was preceded in death by her parents Burnie and Bonnie Calhoun.

Blessed be the name of the lord.

Margie B. Lewis-

Margie died in April 2002 after a lingering illness.

She attended the Vale Free Will Baptist Church as long as she was able to attend, she was a great worker in the church and we miss her greatly.

Margie was preceded in death by her parents Finley J. and Emma Brewer and one brother Jimmy.

She is survived by her husband Cecil Lewis, four daughters, one son, nine grandchildren, several sisters and brothers, and nieces and nephews.

Blessed be the name of the lord.

Edith Ledford-

Edith Ledford, age 94, went to be with the lord on October 25, 2001.

She was a lifelong member of Middle District Free Will Baptist Church at which she was a Sunday school teacher of years past.

She was preceded in death by her husband Fonger Ledford, one son RZ Ledford, and one daughter Leona Ledford.

Survivors include three sons Charles, George ("Dewey"), and Joe. Nine grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren.

She is greatly missed by friends and family who look forward to being re united with her someday in glory.

Jake B. Townson-

Jake B Townson was a member of Sunset Free Will Baptist Church since 1962. He died at age 82 on November 21, 2001. He was a wonderful and faithful member until his death. He served as trustee from May 1980 until December 1988. He is truly missed by family and church family. He was a US Army veteran of World War II. He loved his country, family, friends, and especially the lord.

James B. Vanover-

Died at age 68 on March 27, 2002. He was a member of Sunset Free Will Baptist Church since 1994. He was a faithful member as long as his health prevailed. He would always praise the lord by raising his hands. He is truly missed by his church family

Ethel Crain-

Ethel departed this life April 3, 2002 at the age of 90. She was a member of Burbank Church but had been in a nursing home for a number of years. Ethel was a kind person that everyone loved. She is survived by 2 sons and 2 daughters. She is sadly missed by her family and friends, but we'll look forward to a glad reunion day.

Jake Hughes-

Jake went to be with the lord on May 11, 2002 at the age of 82. He was a faithful member of Burbank Church. He was a quiet, kind man that loved his family, his church, and the lord. He is survived by his wife, Beulah, of 62 years, 2 sons, 1 daughter, and many friends. We'll all meet again where we'll part no more.

Pauline Tipton Hughes-

Pauline went home to be with the lord on January 25, 2002. She was a member of Burbank Church. Pauline spent many years in a nursing home where she blessed many people by playing the piano and singing. Before her illness, she was pianist for the church. She is survived by one son, one granddaughter, 2 great granddaughters, 2 sister in laws, and one brother in law.

Etta Hughes-

Etta went to her eternal home on August 25, 2001 at the age of 88. She was a precious mother of 8 children. Having spent her last years in a nursing home, she is sadly missed by her family and friends. We all take comfort to know she is at rest with the lord.

Covey Rock
September 29, 2001

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met with Covey Rock Free Will Baptist Church on September 29, 2001 at 9:30 AM. The session began with the congregation singing "Heaven's Jubilee" and "Amazing Grace." Bro. Russell Hughes welcomed the conference to Covey Rock Church and made the necessary announcements. Devotions were led by Bro. Ottis Hudgins who read from first John Chapter 5, then prayer by Keith Miller. The session was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Marvin Hensley, rules of decorum were read, minutes of last session were read and approved. Minister's role call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Deacons and delegates were seated. Visiting ministers were welcomed as follows: Brothers; Allen Laws, Roy Roach, Junior Peterson, Rick Burgner, and Lonnie Wilson.

Call for anyone seeking licenses or ordination: Bro. Allen Laws asked to be licensed to preach, he was referred to the investigating committee. Bro. Lonnie Wilson was referred to the ordaining council for questioning for licensing. Bro. Roy Roach spoke about the conditions at the children's home following the October 6 flood. Bro. Terry Richardson was appointed moderator of next conference with Bro. Bernie Jones being his alternate. Bro. Randy Laws will give devotions.

A decision was made that when a conference was called after inclement weather, it would be a standing rule that it would convene the next Saturday. Bro. Jonas Revis thanked everyone for their support during his recent illness and dismissed for the 11 A.M. preaching.

11:00 A.M. Preaching Service

Service began with the church group singing "Greatest of All Miracles," "Till the Storm Passes Over," and "He Touched Me." Bro. Roger Laws preached a beautiful message reading from second chronicles 7:14. Bro. Stanley McMahan and Bro. Clyde Thomason gave a brief testimony. Bro. Roger Laws and his two sons sang an inspiring song: "He's Alive." Bro. Ottis Hudgins and J.C. Sheets asked to be anointed and prayed for healing. The prayer was lead by Bro. Charlie Trivett. The ordaining council gave their report recommending Bro. Lonnie Wilson for licensing. An offering was taken for the children's home \$552.00 was received. Closing Prayer lead by Bro. Buck Laws.

Rev. Ulis Miller/ Clerk

North Bend
December 29, 2001

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Minister's Conference met with North Bend Free Will Baptist Church December 29, 2001 at 9:30 A.M. Bro. Norman Loveless welcomed the conference to North Bend. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Devotions were lead by Bro. Danny Loveless, reading Proverbs chapter 15. Prayer was lead by Bro. Bill Greer. Sister Mary Ann Stout just couldn't keep from telling how God healed a blocked artery for her as she rejoiced in the lord. This lead to Bro. Leonard Shehan, Bro. Roscoe Higgins, and Bro. Randy Laws witnessing for God. Bro. Clyde Thomason sang "I am Going to Die on the Battlefield."

The session was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Terry Richardson. Rules of Decorum were read; minutes of last session were read and approved. Bro. Bobby Revis read an appreciation card from the family of the deceased Bro. Ronda Street. Visiting ministers were welcomed as following: Bro's; Roy Roach, Chad Wiseman, Albert Jarnigen, and Gary Huffman.

Call for anyone seeking license or ordination: Bro. Gary Huffman asked for license and was referred to the investigating committee. Bro's Junior Peterson, Allen Laws, and Rick Burgner were referred to the ordaining council. Bro Ricky Pate addressed the conference about his automobile accident and driving while under the influence of prescription drugs that lead to an arrest by the law.

Bro. Roy Roach spoke for the children's home and thanked everyone for their help in cleaning up after the flood in that area. Officers were appointed for next conference: Bro Jonas Revis - moderator, Bro Alex Carver - alternate, Bro. Lester Perkins - devotions, and Bro. Bernie Jones - alternate.

11:00 A.M. Service

The 11 A.M. service began with the church group singing "Victory in Jesus." The message was brought by Bro. James Ledford who read from second Thessalonians chapter 2. His subject was "Be Not Worried In Well Doing." After the message Bro. Jonas Revis said he felt that God wanted every minister that would like to renew their covenant with God to preach his word to come and lay their hands on the bible again. An offering was taken for Bro. James Ledford in the amount of \$921.17 followed with prayer by Bro. Blaine Whitson. The Ordaining Council gave their reports recommending Bro's; Rick Burgner, Allen Laws, and Junior Peterson for licenses to preach. Business being finished the session closed with prayer by Bro. Alex Carver.

Clerk: Rev. Ulis Miller

Unaka Springs
March 30, 2002

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met with the Unaka Springs Free Will Baptist Church March 30, 2002 at 9:30 A.M. The session started with welcome by Bro. J.C. Sheets. The congregation sang "Victory In Jesus" and "Amazing Grace." Devotions were led by Bro. Lester Perkins reading Matthew 26:36. Prayer was led by Bro. Terry Richardson.

The session was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Jonas Revis. Rules of Decorum were read; minutes of last session were read and approved. Minister's role call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were welcomed as following: Bro's; David Anderson, Kelly Pittman, Albert Jarnigan, Rex Johnson, Rusty Shanks, Arnold Foster and Larry Strump. Call for anyone seeking license or ordination: Bro. Wayne Carr was presented to the ordaining council by the investigating committee. Bro Gary Huffman, Albert Jarnigan, and David Anderson asked to be licensed to preach and were turned over to the investigating committee. Danny Ray Loveless turned in his license. They were accepted by the conference.

Bro. Randy Johnson announced that \$182,652.00 was received in the walkathon. Awards went to Sunset, Piney Grove, and Valley Forge.

11 A.M. Service

The service began with the Katy and Carr Family from Valley Forge singing several selections. Bro. Randy Johnson reading from Deuteronomy 1:6 preached a wonderful message. Moderator Jonas Revis asked for handshake to show our love. Bro. Leonard Shehan witnessed. Bro. Steve Cochran read the song "Jesus Loves Me." Bro. Wilson spoke then sang "Just Want to Thank You Lord." Bro. Randy Johnson's trio sang "I Just Can't Walk Without You Holding My Hand." Special prayer was held for an individual that is lost.

Ordaining Council Report: Bro. Albert Jarnigan was not accepted for license. Bro. Ricky Pate was counseled was counseled and will not be allowed to serve on any committee for three years. There were 30 yes votes and 3 no votes to accept the report. Bro Gary Huffman was accepted for license. Bro. Wayne Carr was ordained to preach by Bro. J.C. Sheets. Prayer was led by Bro. Jonas Revis.

Low Gap
July 27, 2002

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met with Low Gap Free Will Baptist Church July 27, 2002 at 9:30 A.M. Service began with the pastor, Rev. Stanley McMahan welcoming the conference to Low Gap and making the necessary announcements. Session was called to order and rules of decorum were read. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Minister's role call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were welcomed as following: Bro's; Dr. Thigpen, Roy Roach, Tim Roch, Jody Trantham, Kelly Pittman, and Chris Hughes. Bro Jonas Revis read the disabled minister's financial report.

Elected officials and committees for the coming year:

Clerk: Rev. Ulis Miller

Assistant Clerk: Rev. Blaine Whitson

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

Investigating Committee: Tennessee Chairman - Rev. Alex Carver, Norman Loveless, Junior McKinney, and Steve Miller North Carolina: Chairman- Rev. Roger Laws, Keith Miller, Ralph Hendricks, and Stanley McMahan, Alternate.

Bro. Leonard Sheehan spoke in appreciation of the conference and above all for the lord. Bro Randy Johnson spoke on behalf of the walkathon in Elizabethton date. Roger Laws and sons sang "In the Light."

Ordaining Council Report: Recommended Bro's David Anderson, Marvin Silvers, and J.B. Cope for license. Bro Randy Laws recommended to be seated as a visiting minister. The conference gave the ordaining council their full support in their decision concerning Bro. Albert Jarnigan at the last conference.

Dr. Thigpen spoke of his experience that led him in becoming a Free Will Baptist minister. He also announced the site for next year's national association to be in Florida and the next state meeting to be in Church Hill, Tennessee November 11- 13. Bro. Roy Roach spoke about the work at the children's home and it's plans for having camp next year.

Bro. Jonas Revis asked for prayer and anointing for his back problems. The altar was filled with ministers and others with the prayer being led by Bro. Troy McCurry.

Bro. Randy Johnson spoke on behalf of the walkathon in Elizabethton and the great work accomplished in raising money for the missionaries. Bro Roger Laws and his 2 sons sang a beautiful song "He is the Light." Bro. Ronnie Peterson was appointed Moderator for the next meeting with Russell Hughes alternate. Session closed with prayer.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church	Pastor	Clerk
Big Creek.....	Marvin Hensley.....	Cara Cox Rt 1 Box 395 Green Mountain, NC 28740
Borings Chapel.....	Dale Laws.....	Donna Woodby 1765 Byrd Branch Burnsville, NC 28714
Brummitts Creek.....	Rodney Deyton.....	Star Bennett 145 Ridgeview Lane Bakersville, NC 28405
Burbank.....	Richard Blevins.....	Tommy Jarrett 258 Burbank Road Roan Mtn., TN 37667
Colbert Creek.....	Roger Whitson.....	Virginia Wilson 50 Laken Drive Marion, NC 28752
Covey Rock.....	Russell Hughes.....	Faye Deyton Box 121A Boone Ridge Dr. Burnsville, NC 28714
Crabtree.....	Ronnie Peteson.....	
Davistown.....	Ricky Pate.....	Diantha McPeters 5335 Rain Hill Church Rd Morganton, NC 28665
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.....	No Pastor.....	Margaret Pack 44 East Forest Drive Nebo, NC 28761
Liberty Chapel.....	Scott Jenkins.....	Mary Huskins 1475 Blue Rock Rd Burnsville, NC 28714
Low Gap.....	Stanley McMahan.....	Tonya Ray 618 Bee Branch Burnsville, NC 28714
Middle District.....	Bud Edwards.....	James Street 232 Pine Root Creek Rd Bakersville, NC 28705
New Hope.....	Paul Ault.....	Gail Honeycutt 223 Gilmon McInturff Rd Unicoi, TN 37692
Nix Creek.....	Clyde Thomason.....	Dimmerree Brooks 124 Nix Creek Church Rd Marion, NC 28752
North Bend.....	Junior Peterson.....	Linda Cox 230 Woodstock Dr. Burnsville, NC 28714
Pathway.....	Ulis Miller.....	Virginia Bailey 205 Maple View Lane Erwin, TN 37650
Pensacola.....	Troy McCurry.....	Patricia Silvers 305 Ewart Wilson Rd Burnsville, NC 28714
Petersons Chapel.....	Donald Whitson.....	Frances Webb Rt 1 Box 126 Burnsville, NC 28714
Pilgrims Chapel.....	No Pastor.....	C.J. Elkins 105 Pleasant Valley Rd 126 Burnsville, NC 28714
Piney Grove.....	Dexter Brummitt.....	Aileen McKinney 580 Piney Grove Rd Hampton, TN 37658
Southside.....	Rex Johnson.....	Maurice Robinson 114 Bradshaw Woods Erwin, TN 37650
Sunset.....	Gary Whitehead.....	Patti Whitson 22 Laurels Rd Johnson City, TN 37601
Unaka Springs.....	J.C. Sheets.....	Clifford Miller 2140 Chestoa Pike Erwin, TN 37650
Union Hill.....	Dean Murphy.....	Mae Miller 305 Harrell Hill Rd Bakersville, NC 28705
Vale.....	Gary Huffman.....	Wilma Willis 1290 Trice Fork Rd Newland, NC 28657
Valley Forge.....	Randy Johnson.....	Robin Montgomery 141 Stonebrook Loop Elizabethton, TN 37643
Woodby Hill.....	Alex Carver.....	Teresa Simerly 1211 Old Iron Mtn Rd Unicoi, TN 37692
Youngs Chapel.....	Bobby Revis.....	Emogene Silvers 164 Top of the Hill Dr. Burnsville, NC 28714

MINISTER'S ROLL

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Ault, Paul.....	220 Mohawk Dr. Erwin, TN 37650.....	423-743-9871
Autrey, Dennis.....	79 Sam Jones Rd Burnsville, NC 28714.....	828-675-4416
Bennett, Paul.....	Rt 2 Box 465-B Bakersville, NC 28705.....	828-688-3952
Bryant, Richard.....	Burnsville, NC 28714.....	828-682-6990
Burgner, Rick.....	370 Pleasant Hill Rd Chucky, TN 37641.....	423-257-4127
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 37692.....	423-743-0805
Carver, Mike.....	211 Blevins Rd Johnson City, TN 37601.....	423-542-4053
Cochran, Steve.....	Rt 1 Box 398 Unicoi, TN 37692.....	423-743-8006
Cooper, Roy.....	2403 E Lakeview Dr Johnson City, TN 37601.....	423-282-1508

MINISTER'S ROLL (CONT.)

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Deyton, Rodney.....	323 Cook Hollow Rd Bristol, TN	423-989-3294
Edwards, Bud.....	Ramsey St. Burnsville, NC 28714.....	828-682-6966
Edwards, Darrell.....	Rt 3 Erwin, TN 37650.....	423-743-9601
Fender, Clyde.....	828-652-2167
Fleenor, Theodore.....	101 Hill Road, Johnson City, TN 37601.....	(423) 547-9099
Grant, Ross.....	82 Stockton Rd Marion, NC 28752.....	828-756-7396
Greer, William J.....	908 Bert St Johnson City, TN 37601.....	423-929-2828
Hendrick, Ralph.....	Burnsville, NC.....	828-682-7388
Hensley, Marvin	9798 Hwy 226 N Bakersville, NC 28705.....	828-688-6877
Higgins, Brad.....	Bakersville, NC 28705.....	828-675-1655
Higgins, Roscoe.....	926 Prince Street Erwin, TN 37650.....	423-743-9635
Hudgens, Otis.....	Burnsville, NC 28714.....	828-675-5508
Huffman, Gary.....
Hughes, Noah.....	Rt 2 Box 289-1A Green Mtn, NC
Hughes, Russell.....	Rt 2 Box 268-B Burnsville, NC 28714.....
Jenkins, Scott.....	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, Allen.....	Rt 2 Box 332-D2 Bakersville, NC 28705.....	828-688-2808
Laws, Keven.....	Rt 2 Box 332-D2 Bakersville, NC 28705.....	828-688-2808
Laws, Randy.....	Rt 2 Box 254 Burnsville, NC 28714.....	828-675-4071
Laws, Roger.....	Rt 2 Box 332-D2 Bakersville, NC 28705.....	828-688-2808
Ledford, James.....	50 Woodland Hills Apt 106.....	828-682-2003
Loveless, Danny.....	436 River Rd Bluff City, TN 37618.....	423-538-8258
Loveless, Norman.....	207 E Cottage Ave Elizabethton, TN 37643.....	423-547-9256
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McCurry, Troy.....	Box 68 Burnsville, NC 28714.....	828-682-6439
McKinney, Junior.....	Rt 1 Hampton, TN.....	423-725-3788
Miller, Adam.....	Burnsville, NC 28714.....
Miller, Keith.....	Rt 1 Box 353 Bakersville, NC 28705.....	828-688-2727
Miller, Stephen L.....	Unicoi, TN 37692.....	423-743-0340
Miller, Ulis.....	2160 Chestoa Pike Erwin, TN 37650.....	423-743-4788
Murphy, Dean.....	Rt 1 Green Mountain, NC	828-688-3795
Pate, Ricky.....	630 Laurels Road Johnson City, TN 37601.....	423-929-9640
Parkey, Stanley.....	1202 Asheville Hwy Erwin, TN 37650.....	423-743-4955
Perkins, Lester.....	126 Big Sandy Road Elizabethton, TN 37643.....	423-474-3791
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Price, Rick.....	118 Eldridge Dr Elizabethton, TN 37643.....	423-474-6235
Reis, Bobby.....	3090 Fairview Rd Marion, NC 28752.....	828-652-2153
Reis, Jonas.....	2640 Kingsport Hwy, Greenville 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
Sheets, J.C.	724 Greasy Creek Rd Bakersville, NC 28705.....	828-688-3636
Sparks, Richard.....	Rt 2 Box 59 Bakersville, NC 28705.....	828-688-4311
Stockton, John L.....	Rt 2 Bakersville, NC 28705.....	828-688-3047
Styles, Billy.....	86 Meadow Brook Lane Marion, NC 28752.....	828-738-4648

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Trivett, Charlie.....	157 Garrison Hollow Rd Elizabethton, TN 37643.....	423-542-0649
Whitson, Blaine.....	Rt 2 Green Mtn NC.....	828-682-6357
Williams, Orville.....	207 Sycamore St. Erwin, TN 37650.....	423-743-7953
Wilson, Lonnie.....	Erwin, TN 37650.....	423-743-7001
Wood, Ricky.....	515 Coxes Creek Rd Marion, NC 28752.....	828-688-4299

The Following Ministers are pasturing churches in another association:

Autrey, Dennis.....	Roans Chapel Church
Greer, William J.....	Keystone Free Will Baptist Church
Revis, Jonas.....	East Green First Free Will Baptist Church
Richardson, Terry.....	Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church
Whitson, Blaine.....	Hunt Dale Union Church

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IN THE BACK OF MINUTES BOOK***

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

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 its own kind, and to separate the people of the earth. Gen. 11:19.

Second coming of Jesus as written in minutes.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted by Reverends Blaine Whitson, Stanley McMahan, and Ronnie

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 to the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) without consulting the board of directors, providing an application has been completed for a record to be reviewed by the board of directors. Otherwise the board of directors will be consulted and said board will determine the amount and method of financial help to be given. The board may direct the amount to be paid in lump sum or monthly for the duration of the need.

6. A standard form application will be furnished by the organization. This application is to be properly completed by the investigating committee while the investigation is being conducted. Application for financial help may be requested by the individual in need, or by the church to which he belongs or may be pastoring.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as The 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

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 at:

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) Church Location
(12) Clerk & Mod. Fund	

Present pastor _____

Pastor elect _____

Revival conducted by _____

Treasurer _____

Address _____

Clerk _____

Address _____

Phone _____

CHURCHES (all full time unless indicated otherwise)	# Baptized	Members Added	Dismissed Etc.	Deaths	Total 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	Communion
Big Creek		2	1	1	153	76	20		\$80	\$40	\$50	\$16,547	\$500	\$1,870	\$2,568	\$1,200	\$500	\$6,524	\$43,689	\$394,895	\$300	2
Borings Chapel					40	23			40	40	10							6,624		65,000		1
Brummitts Creek					55	38			40	50	10	8,000		1,325	892	600		2,866	7,987	300,000	50	2
Burbank	3	5	1	4	262	139		76	50		20	18,720	600	3,000	2,992	4,800	260	9,891	40,000	382,815	250	3
Crabtree	4				48	40	14		25	25	25	7,850	500	150				12,037		117,238	769	4
Colberts Creek	1				32	32			20	10	10	5,645	300					3,544	1,076			
Covey Rock	5	4	1	3	196	111			40	60	10	14,300	1,000	4,240	3,250	8,892	300	24,797	45,574	298,130		3
Davistown				1	24	30	5		20	20	10	7,297				100		1,330		206,000	164	4
Fiat Rock																						
Higgins	6	5			162	132			40	20	5	23,108	900	304			65	7,911		400,000	1,075	4
Hillcrest	1	10	1		49	23			20	50	15	4,300	296		125	125	50	306		250,000	200	
Liberty Chapel	1	2		1	57	45			20	20	20	10,747	400	40	20	20	20	3,600		235,000		2
Low Gap	5	3	1		109	56			50		10	10,400		350	1,750		100	4,632	1,400	306,324	600	
Middle District	1	1		2	82	81		30	40	40	25	12,950	600	2,250	300	900		2,530	100,000	350,000	350	4
New Hope	2				36	46	12		20			4,800	300					1,100		14,500	60	3
Nix Creek	4	5			36	40			40	50	5	15,252	400	300	200	214	248	700		88,743	846	2
North Bend	1				121	69			80	100	25	2,100	2,304	496	1,728	900	100	7,303		254,164	1,350	
Pathway		2			30	40			40	20	10	7,800		600	300	300		450		85,000	125	3
Pensacola	5	6	2		91	60	18	15	60	50	10	12,597			855	675	200	22,232	2,895	118,000		1
Peterson's Chapel		3		2	89	90	6		35	10	10	20,800	1,000		757			5,370	139	163,139	400	1
Pilgram's Chapel					35	18			10	10	10	6,700						1,000		50,000	350	
Piney Grove	4	2		1	138	85	9		60	25	5	16,900	300	275	1,900	4,279	797	4,050		155,000	450	1
Southside	22	8	1	3	261	163	33		50	15	25	11,555	1,000	1,070	800	1,300	195	3,443		300,000	482	4
Sunset		1		2	65	70		38	25	15	15	13,100			600	3,305	25	21,869	7,452	176,000	550	4
Unaka Springs	3	4		2	81	65	10		40	45	10		500	301	235	300	30	1,187	3,000	73,000	150	1
Union Hill			1		45				25	40	25	2,800		600	1,095		50	6,798		60,000	40	
Vale	3	1		2	37	39			20	20	15	3,700	300		400		30		13,400	100,000	50	1
Valley Forge	10	8	2	2	323	227	75	120	100	100	25	24,596	100	904	53,757	10,424	300	10,406	55,119	671,209	825	4
Woodby Hill					49	43	21		25	25	5	11,531		500	120	420	25	1,595	885	95,933	325	1
Youngs Chapel	6	4	3	1	127	70			75	75	20	15,900		2,350	8,155	5,590	200	2,484	2,010	125,000	225	4

