# 2004 - 2005 MINUTES Of The

# JACK'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

For The 109th Session

## Officers:

Rev. Bobby Revis, Moderator Rev. Frank Cable, Assistant Moderator Rev. Ulis Miller, Clerk

## **NEXT SESSION:**

The next session will be at

Liberty Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
in Michaville, North Carolina, on July 28-30, 2005
(the last thursday in July) at 10:30 A.M.

Brother Allen Laws will preach the
introductory message;
Brother Kevin Laws will be his altenate.

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Moderator	Rev. Bobby Revis
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Frank Cable
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## THESE MINUTES ARE DEDICATED TO REV. STANLEY B. PARKEY

Rev Stanley B. Parkey was a member of the Jacks Creek Ministers Conference. Rev. Parkey, 86, went home to be with the Lord on January 8, 2003. He was the founder of Trinity Free Will Baptist church and a member. He started Trinity when he was 30 years old. He was ordained November 28, 1942. He was very dedicated to his Lord's work, that was always first in



his life. His wife Pearl was always at his side. They were always as one.

Stanley was born in Hancock County in 1915. He is sorely missed by his wife Pearl, daughter Phyllis, sons Ronald and Donald Parkey, Bother Calloway Parkey, and sister Fern Johnson. Thanks from the family for all you've done.

The Parkey Family

#### PROCEEDINGS

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association met with the Covey Rock F.W.B Church in Green Mountain, N.C. July 29, 2004 at 10:30 A.M. This was its one hundred and ninth annual session.

The session began with the congregation singing "Heaven's Jubilee" Pastor Russell Hughes welcomed the Association and made the necessary announcements. Devotions by Brother Ralph Hedrick. Scripture reading from first Peter chapter one. Prayer by Brother Norman Loveless. Brother Blaine Whitson sang "Beulah Land." Brother Billy Styles preached the introductory message, reading from Psalms 119. His subject was "Something Worth Telling." He preached a wonderful message; the congregation sang "It's the Old Time Religion" with a fellowship handshake and the service closed with prayer.

#### 1:30 P.M. BUSINESS SESSION

The session began with the congregation singing "He Set Me Free." Devotions by Brother Ronnie Peterson, scripture reading Matthew chapter 25 and Revelations chapter 7. Prayer by Brother Marvin Hensley. The moderator Bro. Bobby Revis called session to order,. The moderator read rules of decorum. Church letters were read and delegates were seated, minister's Role call was made. The call was made for any visiting churches delegates was made with no response. Visiting ministers were welcomed as follows: Brother Eddie Payne, Roy Roach, and Manuel Biddex.

#### CHURCH LETTERS

Big Creek: Toney Byrd, and Willie Murphy

Borings Chapel: By Letter

Brummitts Creek: Bro's. Richard Sparks, Paul Bennett and Sister Star Bennett.

Burbank: S. D. Hughes, Draper Heaton, Reynard Calhoun, Betty Hughes, and Mary Troutman.

Colberts Creek: Otis Hudgins

Covey Rock: Bros. Buck Laws, Dale Laws, Jake Miller, Wade Dahlberg, and Sisters Tabitha

Renfro and Barbara Miller.

Crabtree: By Letter

Davistown: Rev. Frank Cable, Perry Moore, and Sister Violet Moore

Flat Rock: By Letter

Higgins: Bro. Clyde Thomason, and John Phillips

Hillcrest: By Letter

Liberty Chapel: Rev. Scotty Jenkins

Low Gap: Bro. John Allen, and Sisters, Betty MacMahan, Marjorie Allen, and Dana Dale.

Middle District: Bro. Jack Street and Sister Mary Ann Street

New Hope: Rev. Paul Ault

Nix Creek: Bros. Mike Lester, JB Cope, Ronnie Brooks, Jody Trantham. And Sisters Jennifer

Trantham, and Dimmerriee Brooks

North Bend: Bros. Herbert Hopson, T.J. Peterson, Frank Briggs, DeWayne Tipton, and Sis. Betty

Briggs.

Pathway: Bros. Jerry Williams, Gary Peterson, Fred Gouge, Howard Honeycutt, and Robert

Markland.

Pensacola: Bros. Keith Blankenship, Rose Miller, Rick Wilson, Ronald Fox, and Ralph Anglin.

Peterson Chapel: Sister Wilma Laws and Cherish McHone.

Pilgrims Chapel: By Letter.

Piney Grove: Bro. Van Davis, and Sisters Charlotte Clark, and Linda Lightsey.

Southside: Bros. Kevin Laws, Baldy Bennett, Scott Bradford, and Burnie Jones.

Sunset: By Letter

Unaka Springs: Bros. Gary Cutshall, and Sisters Mary Wilson, Jessica Martin, Edna Sheets, and June Cutshall

Union Hill: Bros. George Riddle, Lester Miller, Josh Miller, Willie Wilson, Donald Miller, and Johnny Miller

Vale: By Letter.

Valley Forge: Bros. Wayne Carr, Sam Harrison, Jim Honeycutt, Carl Roberson, and Rev. Rand-Johnson.

Woodby Hill: Bro. Harley Guinn Jr, Matthew Bryant, Sis Frances Guinn, and Lucy Bryant.

Young's Chapel: Bros. Vance Hughes, Bobby Revis, Lee Thompson, Jerry Wheeler, Tony Jone and Sisters Billie Thompson, Nina Wheeler, Pam Jones, and Megan Silvers.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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#### ASSOCIATIONAL COMMITTEES

Churches, Pastors, and Deacons: Rev. Allen Laws, Kevin Laws, and Lee Thompson.

CTS: Bro Junior Peterson, Tony Byrd, and Jim Honeycutt.

Disabled Ministers Fund: Stanley McMahan, Norman Loveless, and Jonas Revis.

Education: Paul Bennett, Blaine Whitson, and Randy Johnson.

Foreign Missions: Rev. Eddie Payne, Myron Stafford, and Marvin Hensley

Home Missions: Rev. Nathan Jennings, Beaver Whitson, and Frank Cable.

Ladies Auxillary: Sis. Judy Barnett, Violet Moore, Paula Peterson, and Nina Wheeler.

Children's' Home: Revs. Stanley McMahan and Roy Roach.

Sunday School: Scotty Jenkins, Charlie Trivett, and Frances Guinn.

Sessions: T.J. Peterson, Bill Laws, and Jimmy Arrowood.

Resolutions: John Phillips, Perry Moore, and Rodney Deyton

Bro. Eddie Payne spoke about the conditions in the Ivory Coast and introduced a lot of his literature used in his foreign mission work.

Bro. Myron Stafford spoke about and showed a lot of very interesting materials now being printed by Randall House. An offering was taken for the work of Foreign missions in the amount of \$600. The session closed with prayer.

#### THURSDAY 7 P.M. PREACHING SERVICE

Service opened with congregation singing two songs. Pastor Russell Hughes welcomed everyone. A special prayer request was made for several people with special needs, prayer by Bro. Bud Edwards The Covey Rock Choir sang four songs that were a blessing to all. Message by Rev. Ulis Miller. His subject was "The Books Were Open," he read from Galatians Chapter 3 and Revelations chapters 5 and 20. The service closed with fellowship handshake and prayer.

#### FRIDAY 9:30 A.M. BUSINESS SESSION

The session began with the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven." Pastor Russell Hughes welcomed the association and made the necessary announcements. Devotions by Rev. James Ledford reading Psalms 25. Prayer by Brother Norman Loveless. Called to order by the Moderator, Rules of Decorum were read. Minister's role call was made, visiting ministers were welcomed. Brother Roy Roach, Eddie Payne, Larry Laughlin, and Dr. Thigpin.

#### **Association Committee Reports**

Foreign Missions – I would like to encourage our churches to continue supporting foreign missions. This past year went really well as far as support goes. We met our monthly pledges on time which consists of \$400 monthly for Tim Thompson and \$400 monthly for Verlan Anderson These pledges amount to \$9600 given to foreign missions this past year. As always we should have these two families in prayer on a regular basis.

Thank you for allowing me to be your foreign missions treasurer. It is a pleasure to write these checks each month for such a worthy cause.

-Marvin Hensley.

Churches Pastors and Deacons- For churches pastors and deacons to be successful and reach their communities, Christ must be the head of all of them. Paul wrote in Ephesians chapter 1 verses 22 and 23 "and hath put all things under his feet and gave him to be the head over all things to the church. Which is his body the fullness of him that filleth all in all." If we put Christ first in our lives and churches we will have a witness to the world that we are a fitly joined body in Christ. We must work together in love and do our part for the lord because that is who we are representing to the lost world. They should never see division in out churches but rather love and harmony. Ephesians chapter 5 verses 29 and 30 "for no man ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourisheth it and cherisheth it, even as the lord the church: for we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones."

Pastors should never be led by what they think, but what thus saith the word of God. For a man to do this, he must first be called by God himself. Romans 10 verses 14 and 15 say "how then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and being glad tidings of good things." Our preachers need to depend on God and preach just what the word says no matter who may try to stand against it.

The office of a deacon should never be treated lightly, but a man that fills the spot should meet God's qualifications. These qualifications are located in chapter 3 of first timothy as are the ones for a bishop. First Timothy 3 verse 10 says "And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless." Acts 6 verse 3 says "wherefore brethren look ye out among you seven men of honest report full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom whom we may appoint over this business." I believe God will set his approval on a man that is proved to be a deacon and the Holy Ghost will show through in that man's life.

All members of the body of the church must work together to see the lost saved.

- Lee Thompson, Kevin Laws, Allen Laws

**Church Training Service-** 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."

Church training service is a very important part of the church for the whole family but it is especially helpful for young Christians who have accepted the lord. CTS teaches principles that help everyone to cope with stress and the problems of life. Children especially need to be taught God's holy word to learn that they have a heavenly father who cares and watches over his children. We need to have bible study groups and children's church for all age groups to learn how to be better servants for our lord.

Let us never forget it is our responsibility to teach God's word in our homes and to be examples we should be our family. Are we doing all we can to train people to serve the lord and to do his will?

Junior Peterson, Tony Byrd, Jim Honeycutt

#### Break for preaching at 11 AM with prayer by Bro. Blaine Whitson

#### FRIDAY 11 A.M. PREACHING SERVICE

Began with the congregation singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Brother Kevin Laws sang "He is My All in All." Brother Thomason preached the message reading from John chapter 21 verse 15. His subject was "Living Among the Sheep." Closed with Altar prayer.

#### FRIDAY 1:30 P.M. BUSINESS SESSION

Congregation sang "I Shall Not Forget the Day." Devotions by Brother Norman Loveless reading from Luke chapter 14. Prayer by Brother Carl Robinson. The session was called to order by the moderator.

#### Continuation of committee reports

Children's Home: We your committee on the Children's Home submit the following: nothing touches the heart as seeing children hurting, in need, wanting to be helped and wanting to be loved. Last year our churches responded to the need of the children's home by giving \$54,753.00, \$35,000.00 of which was for the FEMA project. We believe that this shows how our people will help when they believe there is a genuine need. We urge this support to continue.

- Rev. Stanley McMahan and Rev Roy Roach

**Disabled Ministers Fund:** We your committee on Disabled Ministers Fund submit the following: Last year 20 of 30 churches gave to the disabled minister's fund. The total given by our churches was \$3,425.00 we would urge that our churches support the disabled minister's fund. We suggest that at least once a year each church receive a special offering supporting our fund.

-Rev. Stanley McMahan, Rev. Jonas Revis, Rev. Norman Loveless

**Ladies Auxiliary:** Anytime a body of people is joined together in the name of the Lord, it is always a good growing and learning experience. To start and have a ladies auxiliary takes ambition, faithfulness, and dedicated women, who are willing to meet together and teach, learn, uplift and help one another.

As we read of the works of the women in the bible we realize that we are doing basically the same things today. We are all studying together for the kingdom of God.

- Violet Moore, Judy Barnette, Paula Peterson, Nina Wheeler

**Education:** Christian education is a key part to being a balanced Christian along with edifying or building up our fellow Christians. In order to be balanced in our walk with God we exalt him in out worship, encourage each other through fellowship, and carry out the great commission of evangelizing for Jesus Christ. However we cannot neglect Christian education. The bible warns about false teachers and without Christian education we become more susceptible to being led astray. The Bible also tells us not to be ignorant of Satan's devices... how can we know how to counter our enemy if we aren't trained and educated in God's word?

Education requires study and we are told in the scripture to study to show ourselves approved unto God. The church has a vast opportunity to educate through Sunday school, church training service, bible study, and worship services. People who are educated in church should be better equipped to live out practical Christianity outside the church.

The Holy Bible is our text book the gospel is our message and our teaching should be Holy Spirit led and filled. Like Jesus our mission should always be the same even though our teaching methods may vary. We live in an age where we are blessed and well equipped with various tools and resources which can be used to improve our methods. One good example includes the Free Will Baptist Curriculum by Randall House which was presented to us at the association.

Christian Education is especially critical to young people. Statistics show that most of what we learn in life is learned in the early years of youth. Proverbs 9:9-10 says "Give instruction to wise man, and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." Also the Bible teaches that older, more mature Christians are to use their talents and gifts to teach and educate those who are younger or new to the faith.

"Talk to a man about Jesus and you might feed for a day, but teach him about Jesus and he could be fed for a lifetime and saved for eternity."

-Rev. Blaine Whitson, Rev. Paul Bennett and Rev. Randy Johnson.

Home Missions: Having been appointed to the Home Missions committee by the Jack's Creek Association, I feel that Jesus didn't only call the disciples to fulfill the great commission, but called all people to do this great work of carrying the gospel. We are to go beyond the four walls of a church building to reach folks. It pleases the lord to see folks saved in the church but I believe he wants us to go find hand picked fruit. Go unto the highways and the hedges to seek the lost, give comfort to the sick and help those in need. The bible says in Matthew 9:37 "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." John 4:35 says "lift up your eyes, and look on the field for they are white already on the harvest." We can all do more to fulfill God's calling on our lives.

- Nathan Jennings, Beaver Whitson, Frank Cable

**Sunday School:** Sunday schools are vitally important to our entire church community. Once a believer comes to the lord, it becomes the duty of the church to teach the new convert in the specifics of a walk with the lord. This can be done most effectively in Sunday school. The organization of Sunday school can also be extremely beneficial. Having classes broken into similarly aged individuals gives the teacher a common frame of reference, and the members of the class are also likely to have a great deal in common as well.

Sunday school can and should be utilized to expound on the elements of Christianity and the Christian walk and way of life. This creates a wonderful opportunity for discipleship and grooming future leaders in the church and equipping soldiers for the cause of Christ. Sunday school assists in taking the believer from the basics of their belief into the most fulfilling aspects of their Christian life. It is through Sunday school that Christians move from the milk into the meat of the word (I Peter 2:2).

The challenges in regards to Sunday school are 2 fold. First we must continue to have committed individuals who are willing to take the time to prepare for the instruction of that God has placed under their care. All those who have been blessed by god should happily pass these blessings on to others in the form of instruction. Secondly those who serve as instructors must dedicate themselves to significant time in the word and in prayerful meditation, so that they might correctly follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit in terms of this all important type of instruction.

For a great many people Sunday school was the beginning of their journey that eventually led to a saving grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, but this cannot be its conclusion. This must be the starting place, the place of encouragement, the learning center. This is the highest calling of Sunday school.

Respectfully submitted

-Sister Frances Guinn, Rev. Charlie Trivett, Rev. Scott Jenkins

#### Sessions:

Meetings for Jacks Creek Conference and Association for 2004-2005

Conference- October 30, 2004 – Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church
Preaching: Randy Johnson
Alternate: Jimmy Arrowood

Conference- January 29, 2005- Cane Creek Free Will Baptist Church Preaching: Kelly Pitman

Alternate: Adam Miller
Conference- May 28, 2005- Young's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Preaching: Russell Hughes
Alternate: Stanley McMahan

Association-Thursday July 28, 2005- Liberty Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Preaching AM: Allen Laws
Alternate: Kevin Laws
Preaching PM: Odis Hudgins
Alternate: Mike Carver

Friday July 29, 2005- Liberty Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Preaching: Dennis Autrey
Alternate: Bud Edwards
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Saturday July 30, 2005- Liberty Chapel Free Will Baptist Church Preaching: Nathan Jennings Alternate: Burnie Jones

- T.J. Peterson, Bill Laws, and Jimmy Arrowood.

Resolutions: Before a person can live for God comfortably he must first resolve to do so. It has to be before what he wants to do. Before a church can be strong they have to become resolved to maintain the Holy Spirit above all other things that can take place.

If we as Christians resolve to let God control our lives. We have to be determined to make it all the way no matter what obstacles we might be confronted with. Consider what Joshua said about the determination he had about following God. Joshua 24: 14&15 says "Now therefore fear the lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth; and put always the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood and in Egypt and serve ye the Lord and if it seems evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood or the gods of the amorities. In whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord.'

Whereas the 83<sup>rd</sup> session of Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association in 1978 adopted into our treatise the following resolution:

"The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association does not condone or allow Homosexuality among its people, that it is deemed a deadly sin. Lev. 20:13, Romans 1:26-32."

Whereas the same session continued:

"We are opposed to abortion in any form. Exodus 20:12"

Therefore, be it now resolved that it is the duty of each member and minister to not support such sin in any form. Romans 1:32 forewarns us:

"That they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only who do the same, but Have pleasure in them that do them."

Additionally, be it resolved that our members and ministers encourage all under their charge never to support, encourage, nor vote for any candidate for public or Christian office who espouses such evil, lest we be guilty of denial of the word and warning of God and subject to his judgment.

John Phillips, Perry Moore, Rodney Deaton

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

#### **Home Missions Treasurers Report:**

Beginning Balance July 30, 2003 \$2,240.15

Received

 Woodby Hill
 240.00

 Liberty Chapel
 20.00

 Big Creek
 1000.00

 Nix Creek
 100.00

 1360.00

Disbursements

Carlie Lloyd \$60.00

Balance Ending July 30 2004

\$3,540.15

-Treasurer Brother Frank E Cable

#### Disabled Ministers Fund Treasurer's Report:

186,434.9	2

#### Received

Minister's Conference	4,483.24
Burial Fund	2,171.00
Association	2,780.00
Interest Earned	10,066.43
Total to Account For	\$205,935.59

Disbursements

- \$9,189.20

Ending Balance 07-30-2004

\$196,826.39

-Rev Jonas Revis

### Foreign Missions Financial Report:

Beginning Balance 7-31-02	<i>\$7,035.95</i>
Contributions	
Big Creek	1,200.00
Burbank	600.00
Covey Rock	500.00
Liberty Chapel	20.00
North Bend	1,200.00
Pathway	250.00
Pensacola	335.00
Southside	800.00
Unaka Springs	300.00
Valley Forge	536.57
Woodby Hill	300.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Aid	120.00
Youngs Chapel	2,178.50
Rev. David Anderson	80.00
Rev. Adam Miller	20.00
Rev. Alan Laws	40.00
Rev. Kevin Laws	20.00
Rev. Steve Miller	15.00
Rev. John Stockton	5.00
Association Special Offering	5,600.00
Interest Earned	10.80
Total to be accounted for	\$21,694.35
Disbursements	
Tim Thompson	-\$4,800.00
Verlan Anderson	-4,800.00
International Missions General Fund	- 5,600.00
Postage	-7.40
ding Balance 7-30-04	\$6,486.9

<sup>-</sup> Marvin Hensley

#### FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH NIGHT

The service opened with singing "I'd Rather Have Jesus" and "What a Day That Will Be" Pastor welcomed everyone. Prayer led by Bud Edwards. Special Music by Covey Rock Choir, one of their hymns was "Oh What a Savior Is Mine." The Service closed with a fellowship handshake and prayer.

#### OBITUARIES

Mary Isabelle "Izzie" Greene- Born March 18, 1924, departed this life October 3, 2003. She was a faithful member and supporter of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church for many years. A precious lady who is missed dearly by family and friends.

**Stanley M. Sims-** Born March 10, 1921 departed this life for a better home December 4, 2003. He was a devoted Christian and member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. He loved the church and God's people. He was an extremely well-read bible scholar. God took a pillar from us but our loss is certainly Heaven's gain. He leaves his wife, Edna Suess Sims, and a host of friends who miss him dearly. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of the one of His Saints."

Winfield Alexander "W.A." Suess- Born February 29, 1928, departed this life November 14, 2003. W.A. was a member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. He was the church's closest neighbor who always looked out for the Church's property. He made it possible for the church to obtain his house and property before he went home to be with the Lord. Without his property the church could not have built its' new Sanctuary. He loved the church and young people and was always encouraging to the work of the Lord. He leaves two daughters, and family and friends who miss him dearly.

Ruby Franklin Ollis- Born September 13, 1919, departed this life January 16, 2004. She was a true friend of the church. She is survived by a son, 2 daughters and many friends and family who miss her dearly.

Novella Estep Treadway- Born August 14, 1924- Left for Glory March 24, 2004. She was a faithful servant of the Lord with her husband Charles. She was a dedicated member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. She was an excellent cook and loved to sing in the church choir. Our hope is to meet her again and sing in that heavenly choir.

Sister Dora Rose- Born February 24, 1927-Departed for Glory and a better home on September 26, 2003. Although she was not a member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church, the church adopted her as its' own many years ago. Sister Rose was the widow of the later Rev. Lee Rose. She was bedridden and confined by illness to a sick bed for many long years. Yet in all her suffering she was always an inspiration and blessing to those who visited her. One of her sons, Ken Rose, who is one of our Deacons, is responsible for building our new church sanctuary. How proud she was of her sons and their families and how special it was to see them so lovingly and tenderly care for her all these years. How special it will be one day to see "Mom" and "Dad" and those gone on that we loved so much. "Oh what a reunion"-No more sick beds-No more pain-No sorrow- Eternal joy and happiness and peace forever and forever. What a Savior!

Virginia Ruth Honeycutt- Nov.1926- Feb. 2004. She was an active member of the Crabtree F.W.B. Church for 40 years. She was also active in our Ladies Aid, Bible School, and all our church functions. God, church and family were her great desire to be in church most of her days, even in her illness. She was the wife of Arland Honeycutt (1923-1980.) They had 5 children. God has taken her home for her eternal rest. We miss her greatly, but look forward to the day when we too will be home forever more with our Holy Father and our wonderful saviour Jesus Christ.

Mildred "Freeman" Stout- Born August 16, 1919, was a charter member of Crabtree F.W.B. Church. Her parents were Wilson and Elizabeth Freeman. She had 3 sisters and 1 brother and an adopted sister. She moved to Ohio in 1950, but she always attended her church when she was visiting at home. She always supported it with offerings. She lived a dedicated Christian life since she was in her teens. Just before she left this life she was singing "Amazing Grace". Our loss is Heaven's gain. Her sister, Mary Belle Lyons, is still a very active member of Crabtree F.W.B. Church.

Patricia Gale Russell McQueen- Went to be with our Savior March 7, 2004. She was a member of Sunset F.W.B. Church for 46 years. She was very active in the church and sang in the choir. Her family and friends long to meet her in heaven.

Grace Hazelwood Whitehead- Went to be with her Lord on March 29, 2004. She fought the battle of cancer. She was an active member of Sunset F.W.B. Church for 26 years. She loved to sing songs to the Lord. She is deeply missed by family and friends.

Willie Calhoun- Went to be with the Lord on November 3, 2003. He was a member of Burbank Freewill Baptist Church following a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband Reynard for 62 years, one sister, five nieces, one nephew, and many friends. God put his arms around her and whispered "Come to me."

Dorothy Silvers- Departed this life on Oct. 24, 2003 at the age of 93. She was the daughter of the late John and Dolly Watts and wife of the late Carmon Silvers who died July 6, 2003. She was also preceded in death by son, C.B. Silvers. She was a faithful attendant of Higgins F.W.B. Church for as long as her health permitted. Surviving are 2 daughters, 1 son, 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great grandchildren. She is missed greatly by family, church, and friends.

Marion Valls- Age 75 Burnsville, NC. Passed away Nov. 2, 2003. She was a faithful member of Middle District Church.



Harley "Odell" Guinn- Was born April 12, 1930 and went home to be with the Lord on April 8, 2004, after a lengthy illness. He was survived by his wife, Frances, four children; Lucy, Bryant, Doris Painter, Harley Guinn Jr., and Samuel Guinn, and two grandsons. He was a faithful and dedicated member of Woodby Hill Free Will Baptist Church where he served for many years as a Trustee and Sunday School Superintendent. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the Korean War. He is sadly missed by his family, friends and fellow church members, but we can take comfort in knowing he is at rest with the Lord.

Ethel Tipton- Departed this life on Feb. 1, 2004. She was the oldest member of the North Bend Free Will Baptist Church. She was the wife of the late Jake Tipton, who dies in 1998. She is survived by 2 daughters, 3 sons, 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Blessed be the name of the Lord.



Atlas Honeycutt Silvers- Atlas, age 97, went home to be with her Lord on August 26, 2003. She was known by "Aunt Ben" by family and friends. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Rome Honeycutt and Lona Price Honeycutt. She was preceded in death by her son, Rev. Jack Silver, a sister Ada Jones, and three brothers; Cecil, Garvel, and Daniel Honeycutt. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Bula and Howard England, a son and daughter-in-law, Arcemus and Jeanette Silver, and a daughter-in-law, Jewel Silver, 4 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 2 great great-grandchildren. She was a faithful lifelong member of Youngs Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. She loved her Lord, her family, her church, and her friends. She was truly a great Christian woman and will be missed by all.

#### MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Middle District-November 29, 2003- The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met with the Middle District Free Will Baptist Church November 29, 2003 at 9:30 AM. The session started with the pastor Bud Edwards welcoming the conference to Middle District. The congregation sang "When We All Get to Heaven." Devotions were given by Bro. Ralph Hedrick

The session was called to order by the moderator brother Ronnie Peterson and rules of decorum were read. Minister's role call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Minutes of the last conference were read and approved. All visiting ministers were welcomed to the conference. Call was make for everyone seeking license or ordination. Bro's Nathan Jennings and Allen Fender asked to be licensed to preach. Bro' Allen Laws; Kevin Laws, Adam Miller and Rick Burgner asked to be ordained and were referred to the ordaining council. Bro Norman Loyeless will be moderator for the next conference.

#### 11:00 AM Preaching

Service started with congregation singing "Amazing Grace." Bro. Scotty Jenkins preached a wonderful message. The session was then turned over to the ordaining council. The council recommended Nathan Jennings and Allen Fender be licensed to preach. Bro's Allen Laws, Kevin Laws, Adam Miller and Rick Burgner be ordained to preach. Bro Marvin Hensley gave the charge to the four with reading the qualifications of a preacher from the bible and with good advice that he had learned by experience. It was a wonderful time of rejoicing. This was the first time in my memory and I think for the conference to ordain four ministers at one time. The session closed with prayer and fellowship handshake

-Clerk, Ulis Miller

#### February 28, 2004 Free Will Baptist Children's Home

The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met with the Children's Home 2-28-04 at 9:30 AM. The session began with a welcome from Rev. Roy Roach. The Congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Devotions were given by Brother Charlie Trivett reading John 3:16. Prayer was given by Dr. Thigpen.

The session was called to order by the moderator brother Norman Loveless and rules of decorum were read. Minister's role call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Minutes of the last conference were read and approved. Old business was called for and there was none. All visiting ministers were welcomed to the conference. Call was make for everyone seeking license or ordination. Moderator read a letter from Kevin Colbough to the Tennessee investigating committee who was seeking a license to preach. Letter was turned over to the ordaining council.

Deacons and delegates were seated in our business session. Visiting ministers were: Ralph Dingus, Dr. Charles Thigpen, Harley Brown, Thermon Sullivan, James Kilgore, Tim Thompson, and Chris Hughes.

Dr. Charles Thigpen read from Psalms 34 and talked to us about God delivering us from fears, troubles and afflictions. He also encouraged us to meet with the Tennessee Association in Johnson City at Grace Chapel in November. He also announced that the National FWB Convention would be in Kansas City in July. Finally he encouraged us to join the minister's retirement system.

New Business: Rev. Wayne Carr talked about the Tennessee Walk a Thon. He reported that \$134,000 had been raised and that Jack's Creek association had raised \$10,000. He recognized the following churches for their contribution: Piney Grove, Keystone, Burbank, Sunset, Valley Forge, and gave certificates of appreciation to them. He also made available starter kits for all the churches for the next year.

Brother Stanley McMahan spoke about our relation with FWB Family ministries and the need for our support. He had a role call to see how much each church had pledged to help with the FEMA project. Approximately \$37,000 was either given or pledged.

Rev. Tim Thompson spoke about his work in Moscow and stated that his school had

finally received the operating license for the next three years.

Officers for the next conference: Moderator, Rev. Dean Murphy, Alt. J.C. Sheets, Devotions- Kevin Colbough, Alt. Ray Colbough. The next conference is at Higgins Chapel the last Saturday in May.

Eleven o'clock service began with "Amazing Grace" Message brought by Rev. James Kilgore preaching from Joshua 14:12. He spoke on Canaan Land. He called on men in America to stand up and take charge of their families and the need for revival in our homes. He preached an outstanding message. Closed in prayer.

Final Business: Rev Colbough granted a license to preach from the ordaining council

adjourned to time and place.

#### Higgins Free Will Baptist Church May 29, 2004

The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met with the Higgins Free Will Baptist Church May 29, 2004 The Congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Devotions were given by Brother Kevin Colbough reading Exodus 8:10 and Revelations 10. Prayer was given by brother Colbough. The session was called to order by the moderator brother Dean Murphy and rules of decorum were read. Minister's role call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Minutes of the last conference were read and approved. Brother J C Sheets spoke about ministers being absent. A motion was made and will be presented to the rules committee at the association to require all ministers that are still pasturing churches to attend the conference regardless of age. All visiting ministers were welcomed to the conference as follows: Roy Roach, Bill Holden, and Jody Trantham.

Brother Roy Roach spoke about the work at the children's home. Over 400 had been served in the past year. One hundred and fourteen accepted Christ as their savior during the year. An offering of \$1,771.00 was given for the children's home.

Call was made for everyone seeking license or ordination. Kelly Pitman asked to be licensed and was referred to the proper investigating committee.

The session closed for an 11 AM preaching service.

#### 11 AM Preaching Service

The service began with the choir singing several songs that were enjoyed by the congregation. Brother Junior Peterson preached readings from Genesis 1 and Ezekiel 24. His subject was "Should not the Shepherd Feed the Flock?" The session closed with prayer. All ministers were asked to stay for a special session

#### Minister's Discussion

Brother Marvin Hensley spoke about Brother Ricky Pate's situation. Brother Marvin said that he had fasted and prayed for 2 days and nights because of his concern for Brother Ricky Pate. After a brief discussion brother Marvin Hensley made a motion to call for Brother Ricky Pate's certificates of ordination and licenses. The motion was seconded by Brother Stanley McMahan. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. The Tennessee Investigating Committee was advised to contact Brother Ricky.

#### Covey Rock July 31, 2004

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. minister's conference met with the Covey Rock F.W.B. July 31, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. The service opened with the congregation singing "Heaven's Jubilee" and "Amazing Grace" Rev. Russell Hughes welcomed the conference and made the necessary announcements. Devotions were given by Bro. Kelly Pitman, he read from Chorinthians. Chapters 21. Prayer by Bro. Stanley McMahan.

Called to order by the Moderator Bro. Bobby Revis, rules of decorum were read. Minutes of the last session was read and approved. Ministers roll was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Deacons and delegates were welcomed and seated in the body. Visiting ministers were recognized and welcomed. Rev. Charlie Frazer, David Banks, Daniel Biddix, and J.D. Tranthaman. Call for anyone seeking licenses or ordination. Bro. Kelly Pitman was recommended to the ordination committee. Call for any visiting church or delegates United Friendship F.W.B. was recognized.

#### **Election of Officers**

Assistant Clerk:	Rev. Blaine Whitson
Ordaining Council; Chairman Rev. Norman Loveless, Marvin Hensley, Te	erry Richardson, Roger Laws, Richard
Sparks, and Charlie Trivett Alt.	The state of the s
Ministers Investigating Committee; Tenn.; Chairman Rev. Alex Carver, L	ester Perkins, Rodney Deaton, and Junior
McKinney Alt.	
Welkinney Att.	

North Carolina Chairman: Rev. Paul Bennett, Jimmy Arrowood, Dean Murphy, and Scotty Jenkins Alt. Moderates for next conference: Rev. Junior McKinney, assistant Steven Miller. Devotions by Bro. Rick Burgner.

Business being finished and waiting for the ordaining counsel report. Bro. Leonard Sheehan was ask to speak, he spoke of what the conference had been to him for many years and his appreciation for the support he had received from the conference. Bro's Kevin and Allen Laws were asked to sing "I Want to Stroll Over Heaven with You." The congregation sang two songs. Everyone spontaneously began shaking hands in fellowship and rejoicing.

Topic Committee was appointed: Chairman Rev. Ulis Miller, Bernie Jones and James Ledford.

Ordaining Council reported recommending Bro. Kelly Pitman to be licensed to preach for one year. Closed with prayer by Bro. Leonard Sheehan.

#### 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	Richard Sparks	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	Darrell Edwards	.Mary Belle Lyons, 124 Freeman Rd., Roan Mtn., TN 37667
Davistown	Frank Cable	Violet Moore, 1800 Old Neal Road, Marion, NC 28752
Flat Rock	Michael Jackson	Rebecca Carroll, Rt. 2, Box 261, Flat Rock, NC28731
Higgins	Keith Miller	Deborah Wheeler, Rt. 9, Box 362, Burnsville, NC 28714
Hillcrest	Earl Davis	Leona Fender 261 Fender Brook Drive, Nebo, NC 28761
Liberty Chapel	Scotty Jenkins	Mary Huskins, 1475 Blue Rock Rd. Burnsville, NC 28714
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		Bernice Williams, 119 Gilmon McInturff Rd, Unicoi, TN 37692
Nix Creek	J.B. Cope	Jennifer Trantham 122 Sixth C Street Marion, NC .28752
North Bend	Junior Peterson	Linda Cox, 238 Woodstock Rd., Burnsville, NC 28714
Pathway	Ulis Miller	Virginia Bailey, 205 Maple View Lane, Erwin, TN 37650
Pensacola	Troy McCurry	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	Roy Whitson	CJ Elkins, 64 Beverly Rd., Asheville, NC 28805
Piney Grove	B. F. McKinney, Jr.	Aileen McKinney, 580 Piney Grove Rd., Hampton TN 37658
Southside	Kevin Laws	Maurice Robinson, 114 Bradshaw Woods, Erwin, TN 37650
Sunset	Terry Richardson	Patty Whitson, 220 Laurels Rd., JC, TN 37601
Unaka Springs	JC Sheets	Clifford Miller, 2140 Chestoa Pike, Erwin, TN 37650
Union Hill	Dean Murphy	Mae Miller, 305 Harrell Hill Rd., Bakersville, NC
Vale	Gary Huffman	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	<b>Bobby Revis</b>	Emogene Silvers, Rt. 8, Box 1114, Burnsville, NC 28714

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Fleenor, Theodore	205 Brown Ave., JC, TN	423-282-1654
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Greer, William J.	901 Bert St., JC, TN	423-929-2828
Hedrick, Ralph	Burnsville, NC	828-682-7388
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Higgins, Roscoe	926 Prince St., Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-9635
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Miller, Keith	1085 Beans Creek Road, Bakersville, NC 28705	828-688-2727
Miller, Stephen L.	Unicoi, TN	423-743-0340
Miller, Ulis	2160 Chestoa Pike, Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-4788
Murphy, Dean	Rt. 1, Green Mtn., NC	828-688-3795
Perkins, Lester	126 Big Sandy Rd., Elizabethton, TN	423-474-3791
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Peterson, Ronnie	133 Boys-R-Us Lane, Burnsville, NC 28714	828-682-7440
Pitman, Kelly	Unicoi, TN	
Price, Rick	118 Eldridge Dr., Elizabethton, TN	423-474-6531
Revis, Bobby	3090 Fairview Rd., Marion, NC 28752	828-652-2153
Revis, Jonas	157 Wilbur Dam Road, Elizabethton, TN 37643	423-542-2309
Richardson, Terry	Rt. 1, Box 404, Hampton, TN	423-725-2196
Sheehan, Leonard	40 Old Stage Rd., Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-0727
Sheets, JC	724 Greasy Creek Rd., Bakersville, NC 28705	828-688-3636
Sparks, Richard	Rt. 2, Box 59, Bakersville, NC	828-688-4311
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Styles, Billy	86 Meadow Brook Lane, Marion, NC 28752	828-738-4648
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Trivett, Charlie	157 Garrison Hollow Rd., Elizabethton, TN	423-543-2910
Whitson, Blaine	127 Hill Road, Green Mtn., NC 28740	828-682-6357
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Wilson, Lonnie	Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-7001
Wood, Ricky	195 Miracle Drive., Marion, NC 28752	828-756-2230

The following ministers are pastoring churches in another association:

Autrey, Dennis Greer, William J. Headrick, Ralph Price, Rick Revis, Jonas Whitson, Blaine Roans Chapel Church Keystone FWB Church First FWB Spruce Pine, NC Roan St. FWB Church Pearces Chapel Huntdale 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 librally 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 assis 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 santify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, may ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. - THE TRUE GOD. We believe that there is one and only one living and true God who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. - "There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time." I Tim. 2:6.

Article 2. - HOLY SCRIPTURES. We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for reproff, 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 Hom. Rom. 10:12.

Article 5. - CHRISTIAN FAITH. We believe that Christian faith is belife 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 thehuman will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation 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. - PERSERVERANCE. We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life, unconditionally, but that those who by faith perserve 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 losr. - And Jesus said unto him: No man having put his hands to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62.

Article 9. - GOOD WORKS. We believe that good works are the result of faith, and not of necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God. - Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire: wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them. Matthew 7:19-20.

Article 10. - CHRISTIAN BAPTISM. We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, so 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 breat 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 Savious, and that his followers ought to practice the same. - If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye ought to wash one another's feet. John 13: 14

Article 13. - THE GOSPEL. We believe it is the duty of all churches to support the gospel. - Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. I Cor. 9:14.

Article 14. - JUDGMENT DAY. We believe in one general Judgment Day. Hebrews 9:27. "Because He hath appointed a day, in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained." Acts 17:31. "When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then slall he sit upon the throne of this glory. And before him shall be gathered all nations, and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." Matthew 25:31-32. We believe that the tribulation precedes the Judgment of both righteous and sinners. Matthew 24-21-31, 2 Peter 2:10-13, 2 Thes. 2:6-9, Rev. 21: 1-6, Rev. 19:6-9.

#### CONSTITUTION OF JACK'S CREEK F.W.B. ASSOCIATION

1. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each church.

2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended in a letter from the church to which they belong and shall include the minister and some of the ablest members belonging to the church.

3. The Association shall elect annually a moderator and a clerk. The moderator shall not serve more than four (4) consecutive terms at one time.

(Amended 8-9-1986)

4. The Rules of Decorum shall be read immediately after the body is organized.

5. The Association will encourage a sound ministry; such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour; having made salvation possible for every

human being on the terms of the gospel, which is freely offered to all.

6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberation, and have his name enrolled in our minutes.

7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary to the expedition of business, and every committee appointed to any particular business shall report their proceedings in writing to the Association while in session, and all reports may be adopted or rejected by the body.

8. The Association shall have a book in which shall be kept an accurate

account of all its proceedings.

- 9. Any church may become a member of the Association by making application by letter or by delegate and adopting our articles of faith and church covenant.
- 10. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented.
- 11. There shall be an associational fund for defaying expenses and charges that may accrue, and for replenishing such; each church may contribute at pleasure.

12. There shall be a treasurer appointed by the Association, whose duty it shall be to have care of and account for the money committed to his charge.

13. The Association shall use the Free Will Baptist Treatise in full.

14. Each church shall be allowed one vote for every ten members or fraction thereof.

15. The Association advises all its churches to commemorate the death and suffering of our Lord at least twice a year.

16. The Association shall pay its clerk at least \$5.00 for his services per annum.

#### PERMANENT RESOLUTION Passed 8/11/84

We make a motion that the following resolution be accepted:

This committee will be known as the "Rules Committee." It shall consist of five men: three deacons and two pastors. None on this committee shall belong to or attend the same church. All motions to make new, or change existing rules or by-laws, shall be given to said committee in writing and signed. The committee will consider the motion, then, upon its decision, bring the motion to the floor for explanation in detail. This body shall then vote on the motion as they may choose. However, if the committee cannot agree that the motion should be presented to the body, the motion will then be dead.

Rev. Stanley McMahan, Bill McPeters and Junior Street.

#### RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Article 2. There shall be no conversation by members, one with another so as to interrupt business. While in session.

Article 3. Every member wishing to speak shall first rise to his feet and address the moderator.

Article 4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

Article 5. We will admit of no other title but that of Brother, while in session.

Article 6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration. Article 7. No member shall speak more than three times on one subject. No member

is to speak more than fives 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 com-

mittee 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\(^1\)Council and the majority approval of the Conference, the applicant will be licensed, ordained, or accepted as a member of this Conference.

ARTICLE 10. Revised by a unanimous vote March 9, 2003. All applicants licensed by this conference will be licensed to preach for one year. Upon the majority approval of the conference, the licenses may be renewed annually. This license do not permit the licensed preacher to officiate at a marriage. A licensed preacher may baptize converts and administer the communion and foot washing under the direct supervision of an ordained Free Will Baptist minister. Licensed preachers are expected to preach at least

twenty four sermons a year. If any preacher neglects to do so, (unless prividentially hindered) he will be entitled to a seat in this conference only as a visiting minister.

All new licensed preachers will be assigned to some of our most able pastors for the period two (2) years. Only pastors that are willing to accept the responsibility to work with the licensed preachers will be asked to participate. The licensed preachers in this program are with the pastor to observe and learn and are not to interfere or hinder the work of that pastor. The licensed preacher will not be considered to be an associate pastor. The senior pastor that he has served under, will at the end of the two (2) years present a complete report to the ministers conference in a written letter.

Any new applicants on or after this date March 29, 2003, will be required to go through this program. The new applicants are asked to attend the senior pastors church when he is not preaching somewhere.

ARTICLE 11. 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 12. 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 13. 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 14. Seven members shall consistute a quorum at all regular meetings. No session of Conference will be considered legal if three or more ordained ministers are not present.

ARTICLE 15. 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 16. The moderator shall have the power to appoint any or all committees to carry on the work of the Conference.

ARTICLE 17. Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contributions or by assessment to the members.

ARTICLE 18. This constitution and by-laws or any article thereof, may be suspended or amended, by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

ARTICLE 19. 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 C	
body:	owing named delegates to represent us in your
body.	
OUR STATIS	STICS 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	

	Saptized	Members Addex	Members Dismi	Deaths	Total Vembership	Average in S.S.	# in Ladies Aux.	nCTS	Minute Fund	Associational Fu	Clerk & Mod. Fur	Paid Pastor	Paid for Revivals	Childrens Home	me Missions	Foreign Missions	Disabled Min. Fur	or and Sick	mprovements to Church Property	Value of Church Property	Paid Visiting Ministry
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Brummitts Creek	2	4			56	42			40	50	10			50	780	50		5,840	22,668	281,000	
Burbank	9		6	1	253	123	10	64	50	20	25	18,720	800	2,000	4,344	8,210	13,991	10 8/5	Popular.		200
Colberts Creek	1				32	27	20	10	10			3,862	300		Wales			1,225		314,055	
Covey Rock	8	11		2	207	115			40	60	10	14,300	1,000	3,430	6.933	10,352	300	16,909	90,000	396,764	
Crabtree	2	3		2	40	48	13		25	25	25	9,250		150			100	4,666		117,238	350
Davistown			6		18	20	7	le l	20	20	10	5.177		541				1.248		215,000	1.373
Flat Rock	2	2	2		68	40	7					7,950				3,850		1,250		150,000	600
Higgins	1		2		163	110			40	20	5	22,222	500	2430			65	3,920	20,455	549,479	604
Hillcrest		5			23	18			20	20	15	2,675					50			250,000	205
Liberty Chapel		9		1	60	54			20	20	20	13,732	500	40	20	20	20	3,100		235,000	
Low Gap	4	2	1		106	54			50	50	10	10,400	17.17	5,545	1,694	100	2,978			307,024	322
Middle District	1	1		1	77	68		29	40	60	25	13,370	840	4,400		2,370		4,120	7,867	350,000	250
New Hope	2	13			50	45	11		30			4,800	150					1,800	3,500	118,000	350
Nix Creek	10		12		22	34		15	40	50	5	6,990	464	456	100		100	6,321	410	92,113	440
North Bend	4	4		3	128	82		22	80	100	25	8,750	1,260	2,413	836	1,786	100	3,679	14,414	254,164	
Pathway	3			3	29	40			20	20	10	7,800		600	300		100	400		100,000	300
Pensacola		1			80	45	10	20	40	50	10	10,572		202	423	946	200	22,033	841	118,000	300
Peterson Chapel			4		128	85			35	10	10	21,300	1,000		420	737		5,986		165,000	600
Pilgrims Chapel		8			39	19			20	10	10	6,700	600				V-10-124	3,500	975	51,000	359
Piney Grove	5	4		2	130	74	8		60	25	5	16,900		3,200	1,200	3,182	50	5,349	10,000	165,000	550
Southside		3	1	1	269	112	33		50	15	25	18,800	1,730	1,000	800	1,100	260	4,485	200 Kg	300,000	1,752
Sunset		2		2	59	60		35	25	15	15	13,100		587	600	2,401	25	13,653	484	212,300	600
Unaka Springs	7	9		3	91	84	15		50	50	15		1,200	2,450	W.	300	50	1,600	1,771	81,771	
Union Hill					45	48			25	40	25			600	600	NO.	100	2,850	10,353	70,353	250
Vale	3	2		1	39	35			30	50	25	5,200	300	750				3,150	600	110,000	200
Valley Forge	9	11	20	6	335				100	100	25	26,000	1,350	2,673	36,356	11,280	300	23,414	661,031	1,148,016	4,206
Woodby Hill				1	47	40	21		25	25	5	11,910	N P Maj	1,100	120	420	25	2,100	2,885	95,933	100
Young's Chapel	2	4	5	1	123	57	10		75	75	20	15,600	1,000	1,600	6,076	7,279	200	4,601	36,608	125,000	250

