

2005-2006 MINUTES  
Of The  
**JACK'S CREEK  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**  
For The 110th Session

Officers:

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

NEXT SESSION:

The next session will be at  
Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church  
In Elizabethton, Tennessee, on July 27-29, 2006  
(the last Thursday in July) at 10:30 A.M.  
Brother Stanley McMahan will preach the  
introductory message.  
Brother Jonas Revis will be his alternate.

## OFFICERS OF THE JACKS CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Moderator.....	Rev. Bobby Revis
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. Frank Cable
Clerk.....	Rev. Ulis Miller
Assistant Clerk.....	Rev. Blaine Whitson
Disabled Ministers Fund Treasurer.....	Rev. Jonas Revis
Assistant Treasurer.....	Rev. Stanley McMahan
Home Missions Treasurer.....	Rev. Frank Cable
Assistant Treasurer.....	Rev. Scotty Jenkins
Foreign Missions Treasurer.....	Rev. Marvin Hensley
Assistant Treasurer.....	Rev. Paul Bennett
Children's Home Treasurer.....	Rev. Bernie Jones
Assistant Treasurer.....	Rev. Randy Deyton
Burial Fund Treasurer.....	Rev. Bobby Revis
Assistant Treasurer.....	Rev. Junior Peterson

Association Investigating Committee: TN Chairman- Rev. Charlie Trivett, Rev. Rev. Bernie Jones, Jim Honeycutt, and Rev. Norman Loveless.

NC Chairman- Rev. Rev. Dean Murphy, Rev. J. C. Sheets, and Rev. Blaine Whitson, Allen Laws Alternate.

Investigating Committee for Disabled Minister's Fund: TN Chairman- Rev. Junior McKinney, Bernie Jones, Norman Loveless and Allen Laws Alternate.

NC Chairman- Rev. Clyde Thomason, Junior Peterson, Paul Bennett and Scotty Jenkins alternate.

Board of Directors for Disabled Ministers Fund: Chairman- Bro. William J Greer, Perry Moore, Bud Edwards, Bernie Jones, Carl Robinson and Ulis Miller.

### MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Clerk .....	Rev. Ulis Miller
Assistant Clerk .....	Rev. Blaine Whitson

Ordaining Council: Chairman Rev. Norman Loveless, Marvin Hensley, Terry Richardson, , Bernie Jones, Charlie Trivett and Clyde Thomason. Alternate.

Ministers Investigating Committee: TN Chairman Rev. Alex Carver, Lester Perkins, Darrell Edwards and Rodney Deaton alternate. NC Chairman Rev. Paul Bennett, Jimmy Arrowood, Dean Murphy and Scotty Jenkins, alternate

Rules Committee: Chairman: Carl Robinson 423-543-3885, Perry Moore, 828-738-3201, Rev. Blaine Whitson 828-682-6357, Marvin Hensley 828-688-6877 and Beaver Whitson 828-675-9614.

## THESE MINUTES ARE DEDICATED TO THE REV. LEONARD SHEHAN

Rev. Leonard Shehan, age 83, went to be with the Lord on December 4, 2004 at his residence. He was a member of the Jack's Creek Conference and Association for almost 50 years. He attended the Unaka Springs FWB church in Erwin, TN. He and his wife of 60 years, Elsie, pastored many churches throughout Northeast Tennessee and North Carolina. Not only was he a dedicated christian and minister but a dedicated husband and father. He and Elsie loved each church family where he pastored as their own. The week before his death he asked me to stand at his funeral and tell all his minister brethren and the conference how much he loved and appreciated each one. Sadly, I was unable due to my overwhelming grief. Words could not express our appreciation to each minister, every church represented, and each individual.



We were blessed to have had the privilege of being with him continually during his illness. He is deeply missed by his family; daughter Pat and husband Sam who loved him very much. Granddaughter, Susie and husband Greg. Grandchildren and great grandchildren.

His daily instruction was like his favorite song, *live each day so we will be able to stroll over Heaven together*. He prayed daily for his minister brethren, home and foreign missions in their untiring efforts and faithfulness. May God bless you and enrich your lives as you have ours throughout the years.

Pat McKinney  
Hampton, TN 37658

## PROCEEDINGS

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association met with the Liberty Chapel F.W.B Church in Micaville, N.C. July 28, 2005 at 10:30 A.M. This was its one hundred and tenth annual session.

The session began with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace" Pastor Bro. Scotty Jenkins welcomed the Association and made the necessary announcements. Devotions were given by Brother Clyde Thomason. Scripture reading James 5:16. Prayer was led by Brother Blaine Whitson. Brother Allen Laws preached the introductory message reading from Ezek. 2:8. His subject was, "Son of man, hear what I say unto thee". He preached a wonderful message that was a challenge to all. The service closed with prayer with an altar prayer.

## 1:30 P.M. BUSINESS SESSION

The session began with the congregation singing "Heaven's Jubilee." Devotions were given by Brother Stanley McMahan. Prayer was led by Brother Lee Thompson. The moderator,

Bobby Revis, called the session to order and read The Rules of Decorum. Church letters were read and delegates were seated. Ministers' Roll call was made. The call was made for any visiting churches or visiting ministers with no response.

## CHURCH LETTERS

Big Creek: Bro. Willis Adkins, Toney Byrd, Donny Honeycutt, and Jim Ayers.

Borings Chapel: No report.

Brummitts Creek: Bros. Paul Bennett, John Hazerik; Sisters Star Bennett, Billie June Hazerik, and Gale Phillips.

Burbank: By letter.

Colberts Creek: Bro. Rickey Autrey

Covey Rock: Bros. Buck Laws, Dale Laws, Tom Ayers, Russell Hughes; Sisters Marie Laws, Robbie Ayers and Margaret Hughes.

Crabtree: By Letter

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

Flat Rock: By Letter .

Higgins: Bro. John Phillips, Junior Ray Bradford; Sisters Michelle Phillips and Ethel Bradford.

Hillcrest: Bro. Odean Fender, Jimmy Johnson, Norman Loveless; Sisters Leona Fender and Jean Johnson.

Liberty Chapel: Bro. Kevin Huskins and Mike Robinson.

Low Gap: Bro. Stanley McMahan; Sister Betty McMahan, and Jeanne Whitehead.

Middle District: By Letter.

New Hope: By Letter.

Nix Creek: Bro. Jody Trantham and Sister Dimmerree Brooks.

North Bend: Bros. Miriam Ayers, Owen Barnett, Danny Ayers, Frank Briggs; Sisters Betty Renfroe, Eddie Tipton, Betty Briggs and Judy Barnett.

Pathway: Bros. Jerry Williams, Fred Gouge,

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

Peterson Chapel: Sister Wilma Laws and Cherish McHone.

Pilgrims Chapel: By Letter.

Piney Grove: Bro. B.F. McKinney, Kinnie McKinney; Sisters Charlotte Clark, Ailcen McKinney and Janice McKinney.

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

Sunset: Rev. Terry Richardson, Vearl Julian, Nathan Whitson and Danny Cox.

Unaka Springs: Bros. Gary Cutshall, Greg Saddler; Sisters June Cutshall and Blanche Foster.

Union Hill: Bros. Dean Murphy, George Riddle, Lester Miller, Johnny Miller; Sister Etta Murphy.

Vale: By Letter.

Valley Forge: Bros. Sam Harrison, Jim Honeycutt, Carl Roberson, and Bob Ray

Woodby Hill: Bro. Alex Carver, Matt Bryant; Sis Frances Guinn, and Lucy Bryant.

Young's Chapel: Bros. Bobby Revis, Lee Thompson, Jerry Wheeler; Sisters Billie Thompson, Nina Wheeler and Jennifer Bradford.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Association Investigating Committee: TN Chairman- Rev. Charlie Trivett, Rev. Bernie Jones, Jim Honeycutt, and Rev. Norman Loveless.

N.C. Chairman- Rev. Dean Murphy, Rev. J. C. Sheets, and Rev. Blaine Whitson, Rev. Allen Laws alternate.

Investigating Committee for Disabled Minister's Fund: TN Chairman- Rev. Junior McKinney, Bernie Jones, Norman Loveless Kevin Laws alternate.

Investigating committee for Disabled Minister's North Carolina Chairman: Rev. Clyde Thomason, Junior Peterson, Paul Bennett and Scotty Jenkins alternate.

Board of Directors for Disabled Ministers Fund: Chairman- Bro. William J Greer, Perry Moore, Bud Edwards, Bernie Jones, Carl Robinson and Ulis Miller.

### ASSOCIATIONAL COMMITTEES

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

CTS: Bro. Jim Honeycutt, Dale Laws and Bart Deaton.

Disabled Ministers Fund: Stanley McMahan, Bob Ray and Sam Harrison.

Education: Paul Bennett, Blaine Whitson, and Allen Laws.

Foreign Missions: Rev. Marvin Hensley, Owen Barnett Donnie Honeycutt.

Home Missions: Rev. Nathan Jennings, Bernie Jones and Frank Cable.

Ladies Auxiliary: Sis. Judy Barnett, Marie Laws, Wilma Laws, Judy Barnet and Betty Brigs.

Children's' Home: Revs. Junior Peterson, Rodney Deyton and Junior McKinney.

Sunday School: Sisters, Betty June Harzrik, Violet Moore and Ann Revis.

Sessions: Bros. Willis Adkins, Alex Carver, and Frank Brigs.

Resolutions: Bros J.C Sheets, John Phillips and Nathan Jennings.

Church Relief: Rev. Scotty Jenkins, Rodney Deyton and Frank Cable.

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

The service began with the choir singing "That Heavenly Home," "I Never Shall Forget The Day", "Old Ship Of Zion", "Beulah Land", and "God Delivers Again". Prayer was led by Bro. Kelly Pitman. Bro. Jim Ayers sang "I Am Drinking From The Saucer". Bro. and Sis. Terrell sang "The Lord Is My Life", "I'll Rise Again", and "Tomorrow". Brother Otis preached the message. His text was Luke 13:6-9 and Matthew 3:9. His Subject was "Is there any good fruit on the tree of your life" ? He preached a great message and we had a wonderful service.

#### **Friday 9:30 A.M.Business SESSION**

The session began with the congregation singing "Wont It Be Wonderful There." Pastor Scotty Jenkins welcomed the association and made the necessary announcements. Devotions were led by Rev. Bart Deyton. Prayer was led by Brother John L. Stockton. The session was called to order by the Moderator. Rules of Decorum were read. Church letters were read. Ministers' roll call was made. Call for visiting ministers was made. None were present. An announcement was made that Bro. Bud Edwards's Sister had passed away Thursday evening. Prayer was requested for the family.

#### **Association Committee Reports**

**Foreign Missions** – We, your Committee for Foreign Missions, would like to encourage each of our delegates and readers to remember the story of Jonah, in light of foreign missions. When Jonah received the commission to go preach to the Assyrians he was first disobedient because he didn't want God to be merciful to these heathen people. The Assyrians had often raided, plundered, and done many atrocities against the Hebrew villages. Jonah would rather God would rain fire and brimstone on Nineveh. But God loved these heathen people also, not willing that any would perish and wanted Jonah to preach to them. Could we ever have the same attitude as Jonah? Are we willing to pray for the Chinese, Koreans, Vietnamese, Iraqi people, terrorist and other peoples that, that past or present, are anti American? Do we want them to respond to the gospel? (We should. That would stop all wars. Editors note.) John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Mat. 28:19 Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. Mark 16:15 Jesus said unto them go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, want to encourage every church to fulfill our Scriptural duty by giving to these men who have answered this calling of God.

Rev. Marvin Hensley, Owen Barnett and Donnie Honeycutt.

**Churches Pastors and Deacons-** Is your Church thriving or sick and dying? Sampson, a man blessed of God, began dying when he became worldly and lost his focus, awakening one day and knowing not that the Lord had departed from him; such is a dying church. We must all be wary, and if needed, practice "back to basics" in our churches, reviewing covenants and the history of the first church. In Mathew 16:17-18 Jesus told Peter he was blessed because God had revealed who Jesus to him and that his church would be built upon this principle. The church is not for the world, but for those in whom the Holy Spirit indwells and leads. We are not a social club. Our members and leaders must be born-again, Spirit filled and time tested. The first Christian Churches gathered on the first day of the week to pray, to share their new found joy and to encourage one another. These should be important parts of our praise to God. At that time, there was really no religion, no schedule, no program, only sincere praise and thanksgiving to God for Salvation and Mercy. James 1:7 says true religion is to visit the fatherless and widows in time of affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world. God's people are involved in the welfare of the community. The people of your community should see God's house as a place of hope because we share blessings of prosperity, the hope Christ through the Gospel and God's love through our deeds and words. As concerning individuals, we must desire meat from our pastors and grow past our childish desires so we will be bold and strong in tribulations. Finally brethren, in patience and long suffering work together remembering Christ's words to the church at Sardis. Be watchful and strengthen the things that remain. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast and repent.

**Pastors:** Preaching is a great calling from God with great responsibility. Preachers need to be led of God in every thing, seeking God for every thought and word that God would have him speak and for the answers for every problem and need. Isaiah 61:1-3 and Romans 10:14-15.

**Deacons:** 1<sup>st</sup>. Timothy 3:8-9-10; Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double tongued, not given to much wine, nor greedy of filthy lucre. Holding the mystery of faith in a pure conscience, and let these also first be proved, then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blames. The relation of a deacon to the pastor will necessarily be a close one. These are the two divinely appointed offices in the church and were set up for the watch care of the membership. The church only progresses in the work of the Lord as these two offices harmonize their efforts. The board of deacons was never intended to supervise the pastor. Neither is the pastor a dictator over the board of deacons. The pastor is the elected leader of the church and is to act as moderator in all church meetings. The office of deacon was appointed to assist the pastor that he may have more time for the preaching of the gospel. There is an interrelation between the two offices. The pastor does not order the deacons; they are to be coworkers of God for the welfare of the church. As he confides in them and relies on them for services, they recognize his leadership and follow his council in the work of the church. There should be a perfect confidence existing between pastor and deacons and there will be love and harmony in the church and lost souls will be saved as the results.

Committee: Toney Byrd, Lee Thompson and Roger Laws

**Church Training Service-** Psalms 34:11 says "Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord".

Church Training Service is a valuable part of the churches ministry to families. C.T.S. is a wonderful study time that is dedicated to the teachings and principles of Godly living and how to be better servants of God. Both children and adults alike benefit from these studies. They learn

many principles and teachings that will help them grow as Christians and strengthen them through their daily walks of life. Children, especially, need this study time. Our children of today are faced with so many temptations of the devil. C.T.S. provides them with the "Godly tools" that they need to withstand the evil that comes against them. They are also taught how to be servants of our Lord. Proverbs 8:32 says "Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children, for blessed are they that keeps my ways". We all need to pray that God will teach us to be better servants of his. Pray that God will use the C.T.S. ministry to help families grow in the Lord.

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

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

The service began with the congregation singing "Father Along". Someone in the congregation began rejoicing and praising the Lord, from that many of the congregation started witnessing for the Lord, his goodness and what he had done for them. In my twenty some years as clerk I do not remember a service to compare. One man came out of the back of the house to altar and was gloriously saved while the congregation was singing "Amazing Grace" followed by "Oh how I love Jesus". The altar then was filled with the congregation in a prayer of praise. Brother and Sister Moore sang "I am a Child of the King". Brother Allen Laws sang "God has Been Good to Me". This was a service to be long remembered. It was closed with prayer and blessing of the food about 12:30.

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

The service began with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus". Devotions were led by Brother Toney Birchfield reading from II Timothy 4:1. Prayer was led by Brother Scotty Jenkins. The session was called to order by the Moderator. Association committee reports were to be completed, that finished the business of the association, to be followed with the regular youth service at 7:00 P.M.

### **Continuation of Committee Reports**

**Children's Home:** This is last year's report because one was not completed for this year yet. 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. Do you love your Pastor? Has he been blessing to you and your family and been with you in time of sickness and death. He has been a help to guide and tour children in living the Christian life. He will not always be young, he will not always be able to run and play with the children as he once did. He will not always be strong and able to work as he once did. So will you forget him then? We urge all Churches to support our Disabled Ministers' Fund. This is the way we show our love for those who have labored so hard to make our churches what they are today.

Rev. Stanley McMahan, Bob Ray and Sam Harrison.

**Ladies Auxiliary:** We, having been a part of the Ladies Auxiliary for many years know what a great blessing an auxiliary can be to a church. These ladies are willing to give a few hours of their time, ambition, energy, talents, faithfulness and dedication to the work of the Lord. Young Christian ladies can learn and grow a lot through interaction with older ladies in the church. God's word challenges us all to work to gather in harmony and love in order to go to Heaven

together, to live and reign with Christ for ever more. We praise God from whom all blessings flow. Read Titus 2: 3-5 and Prov. 31:10-31. It tells us what to do as Christian ladies, to be virtuous women as Christ our savior requires us to be, in love and harmony.

Marie Laws, Judy Barnett, Wilma Laws and Betty Brigs.

**Education:** Second Timothy 2:15 tells us "to study to shew thyself a workman that needed not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". Teaching and studying the word of God helps us to gain knowledge, understanding and wisdom in the Lord. Just as Solomon desired wisdom from God, we need to have a desire to know more about our Lord and his word every day. I Kings 3: 10 says, "And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing". From young to the old, being rooted and grounded in the word of God is important, so that we are not deceived by false teachers and false doctrine. I John 4 :1 says "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirit whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world". Let us know the word of God, and standup on it, for it is a solid foundation.

Revs. Paul Bennett, Blaine Whitson and Allen Laws.

**Home Missions:** Having been appointed to the Home Missions committee, we wish to consider the following scriptures. Matt. 25: 35-40 " For I was hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me". Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

God has called and our churches to be a help not only to those in our church but those in our local communities as well. We are to be a place of refuge during rough times, a place of safety during the storms, a hospital for the hurting and a place of love that reaches out to those that others will not love. We are called of God to fulfill Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come up on you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Everywhere we go to everyone we meet we should have a burning to tell them about our Lord. We should feel the urgency to tell about His wonderful Grace, Mercy and Saving Power. Too many people in our communities are hurting because they feel like no one loves them and no one cares for them. So let us show that we love them and Jesus loves them, and that we care for them and Jesus cares for them. The more we reach out to others the more blessings we will receive.

Revs. Nathan Jennings, Frank Cable and Bernie Jones.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School is usually the first place we hear about Jesus. As young children we begin to know that God is love. We need teachers that are rooted and grounded in God's Word, inspired by God's and excited about God's Word. Only then can they successfully teach a class of any age. Hopefully children are brought to church by their parents instead of being sent. Then parent's and children will both learn together the right way to go. Prov. 22-6 Says "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he gets old he will not depart from it." We never get to old to learn from God's word. Col. 3-16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Billie Hazrik, Ann Revis and Violet Moore.

**Sessions:** Meetings for Jacks Creek Conference and Association for 2005-2006

Conference- October 29, 2005 – Unaka Springs Free Will Baptist Church  
Preaching: Bro. Roy Calbough  
Alternate: Bro. Charlie Trivett

Conference- January 28, 2006 - Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church  
Preaching: Bro. Stanley McMahan  
Alternate: Bro. Alex Carver

Conference- April 29, 2006 - Woodby Hill Free Will Baptist Church

Preaching: Bro. Kevin Laws

Alternate: Bro. Allen Laws

Association-Thursday July 27, 2006- Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church

Preaching: 10:30 A.M. Bro. Stanley McMahan

Alternate: Bro. Jonas Revis

Thursday July 27 2006- Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church

Preaching: 7:00 P.M. Bro. Bill Greer

Alternate: Bro. Charlie Trivett

Friday 11:00 A.M. Preaching: Bro. Marvin Hensley

Alternate: Bro. Junior Peterson

Friday Night is Youth Night Service

Saturday July 29, 2006- Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church

Ministers Conference 9:30 A.M.

Preaching 11:A.M.

Rev. Alex Carver, Willis and Frank Briggs

**Resolutions:** Be it resolved that the Jacks Creek Ministers Conference and Association, it's Ministers, Delegates and Churches continue to meet the standards that we met the last 110 years. Living Godly Christian lives and setting an example for every one to meet. In the world which we live in today, it doesn't take us a long time to see that this is a Satan influenced society. 85% of Americas say they have had a born again experience, and that they are on their way to Heaven. What the world wants to see is a person who claims to be saved PROVE IT! Preachers who claim to preach the whole counsel of God and not add to or take away from God's precious word PROVE IT! Churches that are willing to take a stand against Homosexuality and same sex marriage, alcohol, drugs, etc., PROVE IT! Its time that we PROVE IT! We have let society and it's courts take Prayer out of our schools. The Ten Commandments are being taken out of our courthouses and other public buildings. We let Health Departments come to our schools, and hand out contraceptives to our youth and say its o.k. to have sex as long as it's safe. But a Gideon cannot stand on the corner of the street at a public school and hand out a Bible. It's time we PROVE IT! So we your committee on resolutions, resolve that we live be the Biblical standard of Romans 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, Holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may PROVE what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God" The Bible says in Romans 13:11" and that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

Preachers, Deacons, Delegates and Christian Brothers and Sisters it's time we wake up out of our sleep and PROVE we are who we say we are, and what we claim to be.

Rev. Nathan Jennings, J.C. Sheets and John Phillips.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

<i>Beginning Balance July 30, 2004</i>		<i>\$2,540.15</i>
<i>Received from Churches:</i>	<i>270.00</i>	
<i>Disbursements:</i>		
<i>Carlie Lloyd</i>	<i>\$ 60.00</i>	
<i>Vale F.W.B.Church</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>	
<i>Balance Ending July 29, 2005</i>		<i>\$ 2,630.15</i>

-Treasurer Brother Frank E Cable

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

<i>Beginning Balance 7-30-4</i>		<i><u>\$196,826.39</u></i>
	<i>Received</i>	
<i>Minister's Conference</i>	<i>4,501.00</i>	
<i>Burial Fund</i>	<i>1,740.00</i>	
<i>Association</i>	<i>2,965.00</i>	
<i>Interest Earned</i>	<i>8,938.83</i>	
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<i>18,144.83</i>	
<i>Total to account for</i>	<i>\$ 214,971.22</i>	
<i>Disbursements:</i>	<i>7,930.00</i>	
<i>Ending Balance 7-29-05</i>		<i>\$ 207,041.22</i>

*Rev. Jonas Revis*

### **Foreign Missions Financial Report:**

**Beginning Balance: 7-31-04** **\$ 7,035.95**

<b>Contributions:</b>	
<b>Big Creek</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>
<b>Burbank</b>	<b>450.00</b>
<b>Covey Rock</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Davistown</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Liberty Chapel</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Nix Creek</b>	<b>79.62</b>
<b>North Bend</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>
<b>Pathway</b>	<b>275.00</b>
<b>Pensacola</b>	<b>474.35</b>
<b>Southside</b>	<b>800.00</b>
<b>Unaka Springs</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Valley Forge</b>	<b>1,283.81</b>
<b>Woodby Hill Ladies aux.</b>	<b>120.00</b>

<b>Woodby Hill</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Youngs Chapel</b>	<b>1,830.00</b>
<b>Rev. Allen Laws</b>	<b>70.00</b>
<b>Rev. Dean Murphy</b>	<b>20.00</b>

*Total to account for:* **\$16,058.73**

*Disbursements:*

<i>Tim Thompson</i>	<i>4,800.00</i>
<i>Verlan Anderson</i>	<i>4,800.00</i>
<i>Postage</i>	<i>7.40</i>
<i>Service charges</i>	<i>45.00</i>

*Total Disbursements:* **\$ 9,652.40**

*Ending Balance 7-30-05*

**\$6,406.33**

*Rev. Marvin Hensley / Treasurer*

## OBITUARIES

Lorene P. Adkins



Lorene went to be with the Lord on November 23, 2004 at the age of 68. She was a member of Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church. She loved the Lord. In her last testimony for the Lord she talked about how beautiful heaven must be. She is greatly missed by friends and family who look forward to seeing her in her beautiful Heavenly home.

She is survived by her husband, Willis Adkins, one daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Sherrill Peterson, one grandson, Josh Peterson, three sisters, and one brother.

*"I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:25, 26*

Uyette Briston Davis, born March 24, 1917 departed this life Oct. 25, 2004. He was a faithful member of Davistown F.W.B Church as long as he was able and came many times when he wasn't able. He loved the Lord and his church. He served as a Sunday school superintendent, taught the men's class and rang the church bell for many years. He didn't say a lot, but when he did it was as Proverbs 25:11 say "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold and pictures of silver." He also served his country during W. W. II and received the Purple Heart. He is greatly missed by his family and his church.

Leonard Hyder a member of Sunset F.W.B. Church went to Heaven, Nov. 4, 2004. He is deeply missed, especially his Laughter. Soon after his death, his wife Lillian Hyder also a member of Sunset Church joined him in Heaven on Nov. 21, 2004. They were our longest married couple in the church of over 50 years.

Hensley Stevens, of Sunset F.W.B. Church went to heaven Dec. 3, 2004. He was a very friendly and faithful man. We miss his sweet smile and his faithfulness to our church.

Kenneth Carroll passed away May 22, 2005. He was a member of the Pensacola F.W.B. Church. Ken was a loving husband and father. He was a U.A Army Veteran, serving in the Viet Nam Conflict. He will be missed by his family and his many friends.

Lasky Morrow, departed this life March 31, 2005 at the age of 85, he was the son of the late Tom and Dolly Morrow. He was a W.W 2 veteran. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Pearl Morrow, a grandson, Harold Leslie Fox Jr. Five brothers and one sister. Surviving are his wife of 60 years; Mattie Morrow, a daughter Christine

Fox, a son Curtis Morrow, two grandchildren, Justina Kirk and Thomas Morrow two great grand children, Rhyann Williams and Jocasta Kirk. He was a faithful member of Higgins F.W.B. Church. We miss him very much; we feel our loss is Heavens gain.

Howard Dee Hensley was born Jan. 22, 1933 and went to be with the Lord Feb. 23, 2005 after a short illness. He is survived by his wife Frances, three sons Rev. Marvin Hensley, Rev. Tommy Hensley and Billy Hensley, a sister, Maude Boone and seven grandchildren. He was a faithful member of North Bend F.W.B. Church. He is sadly missed by his family, friends and church members. "Beyond that far horizon where someone dear has gone, is a place where life is eternal and love lives ever on."

We at Vale F.W.B Church will always cherish the memory of two of our Brothers in Christ, who went to be with the Lord in 2005.

Don Calhoun and Amos Cornett were charter members, joining the church when it was built and established at Vale N.C. in 1924. As long as they lived and were able they were at church at every service. They leave behind family and friends and go to meet many who have preceded them in death.

## MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church  
October 30, 2004

The Jacks Creek F.W.B Ministers Conference met with the Big Creek F.W.B Church Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M. The session began with the Pastor Bro. Marvin Hensley welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The session began with the congregation singing "He Set Me Free". Devotions were by Bro. Dennis Autry reading from Psalms 18. A call was made for prayer for our Nation and for every Minister to preach the word and stand firm by Bro Blaine Whitson. The altar was filled by the congregation for prayer.

The session was called to order by the moderator Bro. Junior McKinney' rules of decorum was read, minuets of last session was read. Ministers' roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers welcomed were: Brothers Frank Woods, Ralph Dingus and Bart Tryenton, Deacons and delegates were welcomed. Friendship F.W.B Church was represented by Brother Arney Foster. Call for anyone seeking licenses or ordination Brother Nathen Jennings licenses were renewed. Call for new business, there was a lengthy discussion in reference to article 11 concerning ministers' attendance in the conference. No decision was made. The committee was asked to bring a recommendation to the next conference. Call for old business was made with no response. Brother Ralph Dingus spoke of the work and progress at the Children's Home. Officers for next session will be: moderator Bro. Rodney Deyton, and Bro. Bud Edwards assistant. Devotions were given by Bro. Rick Burgner. The session adjourned for preaching at 11 O'clock.

### 11 AM Preaching Service

The service began with the church trio singing two songs that was an inspiration to all. Brother Randy Johnson preached a wonderful message reading from Heb. Ch. 11. His subject was "Heaven's Report Card". The Session closed with prayer by Brother Paul Bennett.

Cane Creek Free Will Baptist Church  
January 29, 2005

The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Cane Creek F.W.B. Church at 9:30 A.M. January 29, 2005. The session began with Pastor Bro. Jimmy Arrowood welcoming the conference to Cane Creek Church and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang, "I Have Somebody with Me". Devotions were by Brother Nathen Jennings and prayer by Brother Frank Cable.

The session was called to order by the Moderator Brother Bud Edwards, Rules of Decorum were read. Minutes of the last session were read and approved. Ministers' Roll Call was made with everyone standing in fellowship. Visiting ministers welcomed were: Bros. Henry Berry, Frank Woods, James Kilgore, Bart Deyton, and David Banks. Call for anyone seeking licenses, ordination or membership was made. Bro. Henry Berry asked for membership. Bros. Bart Deyton and David Banks asked for licenses to preach. They were referred to the Investigating Committees.

The congregation stood in silence and prayer in honor of Bro. Leonard Shehan who went home to be with the Lord. Brother Shehan was a wonderful man of God and will be sorely missed by the conference.

Bro. Marven Hensley presented two versions for changing Article 11 in The Ministers' By-laws. The one adopted and to be printed in the next minutes reads as follows: Each member is urged and expected to attend all regular meetings of the conference. Any minister being absent from two sessions of the conference in succession shall stand charged with delinquency and shall be deprived of his vote on any question until he offers a satisfactory reason for his absence. His delinquency charge may be removed by a majority vote of the conference. Any minister who does not report to the conference in any fashion for one year shall be dropped from the roll and his credentials called for.

The above requirements shall not apply to any minister who is rendered unable to attend by reason of a continued disability of himself or his family. The minister or his family may report such circumstances in a letter to the conference or by a phone call or e-mail to the clerk or assistant clerk.

A motion was passed stating if the Investigating Committee got a signed letter requesting an investigation of a preacher ten days or sooner before the next conference they have the authority to go ahead with the investigation. If it was within the ten days before the next conference they will wait for the conference approval.

Brother Kilgore spoke about the work that was going at the children's home. The session recessed for the 11:00 o'clock preaching service.

#### 11:00 O'clock Preaching Service

The service began with the congregation singing "Glory to His Name". Brother Kelly Pitman brought the message. He read from Revelations 2 and brought a good message. Brother Charlie Trivett was appointed moderator for the next conference. Brother Ronnie Peterson will have devotions. Brother Bill Greer is alternate. The session closed with prayer.

Clerk: Rev. Ulis Miller

#### Young's Chapel Free Will Chapel Church May 28, 2005

The Jacks Creek F.W.B Ministers Conference met with Young's Chapel F.W.B Church May 28, 2005 at 9:30 A.M. The session began with Pastor Bro. Bobby Revis welcoming the conference, and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "When We All Get to Heaven". Devotions were by Bro. Bill Greer reading from I Corinthians 1:18. Prayer was led by Bro. Bernie Jones. The session was called to order by the Moderator Bro. Charlie Trivett. Rules of Decorum were read. Minutes of the of last session were read and approved. Ministers' roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. The following visiting ministers were welcomed: Brothers Frank Woods, Bart Deyton, David Banks, Roger Thompson and Toney Birchfield. Brothers Bart Deyton and David Banks ask for licenses to preach. Brother Nathen Jennings asked to be ordained and was told his required time would not be up until next conference. Brother Henry Berry asked for membership and was approved. Visiting Churches were represented by Bro. Toney Birchfield from Keystone F.W.B Church.

The time for the new rules concerning ministers representing by letter was discussed and decided it would not be in effect until the next Association. Brother Frank Woods spoke about a number of young people that had accepted Christ at the home recently.

#### 11:00 A.M. Preaching

The session began with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus". Brother Russel Hughes preached an inspiring message he read from II Timothy 3. The Ordaining Council gave their report recommending Bros. Bart Deyton and David Banks to be licensed to preach. Business being finished, the session was closed with prayer by Bill Greer.

Clerk: Ulis Miller

## Friday 7:P.M. Youth Service

The service began with the congregation singing "With my Dear." Everyone was welcomed by Pastor Brother Scotty Jenkins. Prayer was led by Brother Frank Cable. Special singing was presented by Brother Nanney; a youth trio from church sang three songs. A trio from High Pastures sang three songs, Cindy and Terrell Naney sang a beautiful song and Brother Jim Ayers sang one. All of the singing was beautiful and witnessed by the Holy Spirit. Many young people gave their testimonies for the Lord. Two came to the altar to pray for a closer walk with the Lord. The Lord has blessed in the services throughout. We bless and praise the name of the Lord for his presence. The service closed with prayer by Brother Tony Byrd.

## Ministers Conference

### Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met with the Liberty F.W.B Church July 30, 2005 at 9:30 A.M. The session began with the congregation singing "Just A Little Talk with Jesus." Bro. Scotty Jenkins welcomed the conference to Liberty Chapel Church and made the necessary announcements. Devotions were by Brother Junior Peterson reading from Acts 2:10. Prayer was led by Brother Stanley McMahan. The session was called to order by the Moderator Brother Bobby Revis. Rules of Decorum were read. Ministers Roll Call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Minutes of the last session were read and approved; call for visiting Ministers. Bro. Greg Largent from United Frindship was welcomed. Call was made for visiting churches. Brother and Sister D.H.Garland from Unicoi F.W.B Church were welcomed by the moderator. Call was made for anyone seeking licenses or ordination. Bro. Greg Largent asked for license. Bro.Nathen Jennings asked to be ordained. Bro. Largent was referred to the Investigating Committee and Bro. Jennings to the Ordaining Council. Elected officers for the next year are: Clerk Rev. Ulis Miller and Assistant Clerk Rev. Blaine Whitson.

Ordaining Council: Chairman; Rev. Norman Loveless, Bernie Jones, Terry Richardson, Charlie Trivett, Marvin Hensley and Clyde Thomason alt.

Ministers Investigating Committee: North Carolina: Chairman; Rev. Paul Bennett, Jimmy Arrowood, Dean Murphy and Scotty Jenkins alt.

Tennessee: Chairman; Rev. Alex Carver, Lester Perkins, Rodney Deyton and Darrell Edwards alt.

After taking a 15 minute break the session was called to order by the moderator. A motion was made to give \$500.00 to Hill Crest Church. Bro's James Ledford and J.C. Sheets asked for prayer and to be anointed with oil. The Ordaining Council gave their report recommending Bro, Nathen Jennings for ordination. The charge was given by Rev. Norman Loveless and closed with prayer and a fellowship handshake.

Clerk Rev. Ulis miller

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church	Pastor	Clerk
Big Creek	Marvin Hensley	Cara Cox, Rt.1, Box 398, Green Mtn., NC 28740
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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	Dwayne Riddle	Virginia Wilson, Rt2, Box 369, Marion, NC 28752
Covey Rock	Russell Hughes	Fate Deyton, Rt. Green Mtn., NC 28740
Crabtree		Shirley Carver, 211 Blevins Rd., Johnson City, TN. 37601
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	Norman Loveless	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	David Anderson	Bernice Williams, 119 Gilmon McInturff Rd, Unicoi, TN 37692
Nix Creek	J.B. Cope	Gidget Harris,661 Elizabeth Loop, 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	Christy Runion, 3005 Unicoi Drive, Unicoi, TN 37657
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	Bobby Revis	Emogene Silvers, Rt. 8, Box 1114, Burnsville, NC 28714

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Calbough, Ray	126 Eldridge Dr., Elizabethton, TN 37643	423-474-6642
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Hedrick, Ralph	636 Hog Branch Rd., Burnsville, NC	828-682-7388
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Higgins, Roscoe	926 Prince St., Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-9635

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Hughes, Russell	60 Water Spring House Burnsville, NC	828-682-0193
Jennings, Nathan	236 Rockhouse Road, Johnson City TN 37601	423-743-4918
Jenkins, Scotty	141 Hughes Gap Road, 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
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Laws, Kevin	1313 Chestoa Pike Erwin Tennessee 37650	423-743-8532
Laws, Roger	Rt. 2, Box 332-D2, Bakersville, NC	828-688-2808
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McCurry, Troy	Box 68, Burnsville, NC	828-682-6439
McKinney, Junior	Rt. 1, Hampton, TN	423-725-3788
Miller, Adam	Burnsville, NC 28714	828-688-5912
Miller, Keith	1085 Beans Creek Road, Bakersville, NC 28705	828-688-2727
Miller, Stephen L.	Unicoi, TN	423-743-0340
Miller, Ullis	2160 Chestoa Pike, Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-4788
Murphy, Dean	Rt. 1, Green Mtn., NC	828-688-3795
Perkins, Lester	126 Big Sandy Rd., Elizabethton, TN	423-474-3791
Peterson, Junior	PO Box 712 Burnsville, NC 28714	828-682-4446
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
Sheets, JC	724 Greasy Creek Rd., Bakersville, NC 28705	828-688-3636
Sparks, Richard	Rt. 2, Box 59, Bakersville, NC	828-688-4311
Stockton, John L.	212 Willis Creek Rd, Bakersville, NC	828-688-3047
Styles, Billy	86 Meadow Brook Lane, Marion, NC 28752	828-738-4648
Thomason, Clyde	761 English Branch Rd. Burnsville, NC 28714	828-682-7512
Trivett, Charlie	157 Garrison Hollow Rd., Elizabethton, TN	423-543-2910
Whitson, Blaine	127 Hill Road, Green Mtn., NC 28740	828-682-6357
Williams, Orville	207 Sycamore St., Erwin, TN 37650	423-743-7953
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:

Ray Colbough	Liberty Chapel
Autrey, Dennis	Roans Chapel Church
Greer, William J.	Keystone FWB Church
Headrick, Ralph	First FWB Spruce Pine, NC
Price, Rick	Roan St. FWB Church
Revis, Jonas	Pearces Chapel
Whitson, Blaine	Hunt Dale Union Church

## **CHURCH COVENANT**

1. Having given ourselves to God by faith in Jesus Christ and adopted the Word of God; according to the original Free Will Baptist doctrine as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe the commandments implied by a confession of faith, and in the spirit of meekness rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray, and watch over each others' reputation and use our influence to the upbuilding of the church and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, and to confess our faults one to another, and to strengthen those that are weak.

3. We promise that by the help of God we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer, and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed word in the minds of those under our care.

4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel and to contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those that are afflicted and needy, and especially those of the household of faith.

5. We also agree to attend all regular meetings regularly if not providentially hindered and submit to all ordinances implied in a Profession of Faith.

6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements.

7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors and not to use it as a beverage, nor to aid or assist in the manufacture of such nor furnish it to others.

8. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath schools, good morals and everything that is to the glory of God and to the welfare of men. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, may ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

## **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

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

Article 2. - **HOLY SCRIPTURES.** We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. II Tim. 3:16.

Article 3. - **ORIGINAL APOSTASY.** We believe that Adam was created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. - And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eye, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit and did eat. Gen. 3:6.

Article 4. - **FREE GRACE.** We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings; that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation; that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord is rich unto all that call upon Him. Rom. 10:12.

Article 5. - **CHRISTIAN FAITH.** We believe that Christian faith is belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures, that faith comes by hearing the word of God. - He that believeth in the Son hath everlasting life, but he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36.

Article 6. - REPENTANCE. We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be effectual conviction of sin. - Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance; for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. II Cor. 7:9-10.

Article 7. - FREE AGENCY. We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation 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 persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men, who have been converted, to make shipwreck of the faith, turn again to sin and be lost. - And Jesus said unto him: No man having put his hands to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62.

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

Article 10. - CHRISTIAN BAPTISM. We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, 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 bread and fruit of the vine represent His body and blood; that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in service regardless of name of denominational distinction. - But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. I Cor. 11:28-29.

Article 12. - FEET WASHING. We believe that washing the saints' feet is a command of our Saviour, and that his followers ought to practice the same. - If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye ought to wash one another's feet. John 13: 14

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

Article 14. - JUDGMENT DAY. We believe in one general Judgment Day. Hebrews 9:27. "Because He hath appointed a day, in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained." Acts 17:31. "When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall 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 defraying expenses and charges that may accrue, and for replenishing such; each church may contribute at pleasure.

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

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

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

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

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

## **PERMANENT RESOLUTION**

**Passed 8/11/84**

We make a motion that the following resolution be accepted:

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

Rev. Stanley McMahan, Bill McPeters and Junior Street.

## **RULES OF DECORUM**

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

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

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

**Article 4.** No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

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

**Article 6.** Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

**Article 7.** No member shall speak more than three times on one subject. No member is to speak more than five minutes on one subject.

**Article 8.** Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by those who made it.

**Article 9.** No man shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of Moderator.

**Article 10.** On all motions when the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

**Article 11.** The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as another member, providing that chair is filled.

**Article 12.** Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.

We your committee on the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist treatise present the following resolutions, that have been adopted at various sessions, beginning in 1948 through 1980, and recommend that they be included in the new Treatise to be printed. The following articles were recommended and approved at the annual session August, 1983.

**53rd Session 1948** - When committees are chosen for the Association they are to have a minister as chairman. The remainder of the committee is to be chosen from the delegates.

**60th Session 1955** - A motion was passed not to license any woman to preach

**63rd Session 1958** - Any person teaching or holding a church office are to be members of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

**76th Session 1971** - Any person writing a letter to the investigating committee must sign the letter or the letter will be considered null and void.

**80th Session 1975** - Jack's Creek Ministers Conference is opposed to the so called Millennium or Millennial doctrine as preached today. Any of our ministers found to be preaching or teaching this said doctrine, shall have their license called for, and their names dropped from the ministers roll.

**83rd Session 1978** - The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association does not condone, or allow homosexuality among its people, that it is deemed to be a deadly sin. Lev. 20:13, Romans 1:26-32. Also we are opposed to abortion in any form. "Thou shalt not kill", the fifth commandment, Ex. 20:12.

We do not accept mixed color marriages, because it pleased God to make everything after its own kind, and to separate the people of the earth. Gen. 11:19.

Second coming of Jesus as written in minutes.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted by Reverends Blaine Whitson, Stanley McMahan, and Ronnie Peterson. August 1984.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Disabled Ministers Fund**

1. This organization shall be known as the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Disabled Minister's Fund. Therefore it is not to be considered as a retirement program.

2. The purpose of this fund shall be to render financial aid to any member in good standing. However, the need must be due to a physical disability.

3. This fund shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of five men, three of these will be ordained ministers and two church laymen. Board members will be appointed by the association and will serve for a five year term. Each member's term will expire in a rotating manner that will require one new member to be appointed each year. Each member will serve his last year on the board in the position of board chairman. It will be the responsibility of the board to manage this fund in such a way to provide the most return possible for the money we may have to invest. It will also be the responsibility of the board to budget the amount of money available to pay out each year. The amount to be used each year will be the amount of interest earned on the money invested.

4. Funding of this organization shall be done by requesting each member of the conference to voluntarily take at least five dollars per week from his regular church contributions, or, whatever amount God may direct him to give on a regular basis. This may be accomplished either by allowing the church the minister is pastoring to deduct the amount each week from 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. 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 providentially 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 II. Each member is urged and expected to attend all regular meetings of the conference. Any minister being absent from two sessions of the conference in succession shall stand charged with delinquency and shall be deprived of his vote on any question until he offers a satisfactory reason for his absence. His delinquency charge may be removed by a majority vote of the conference. Any minister who does not report to the conference in any fashion for one year shall be dropped from the roll and his credentials called for.

The above requirements shall not apply to any minister who is rendered unable to attend by reason of a continued disability of himself or his family. The minister or his family may report such circumstances in a letter to the conference or by phone call or e-mail to the clerk or assistant clerk.

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 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 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 Church at  
now in session, send the following named delegates to represent us in your  
body:

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### OUR STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS -

(1) Our Meeting Days	(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 \_\_\_\_\_

	# BAPTIZED	MEMBERS ADDED	# DISMISSED	DEATHS	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	AVERAGE IN S.S.	LADIES AUXILIARY	# IN CTS	MINUTE FUND	ASSOCIATION FUND	CLERK & MOD. FUND	PAID PASTOR	PAID FOR REVIVALS	CHILDREN'S HOME	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	DISABLED MINISTERS FUND	POOR & SICK	IMPROVEMENT ON CHURCH PROPERTY	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	PAID VISITING MINISTERS
BIG CREEK		1		2	69	65	15		60	50	50	20,475	1500	3200	5162	1200	1000	24000	360	408,981	975
BORINGS CHAPEL					36	17			10	40	40							1304		65,000	
BRUMMITT'S CREEK	1	1	1		56	35			40	50	10				931			5096	12791	293,000	50
BURBANK	2		1		252	130	12	67	50		25	23,400	1000	2000	6148	15535	260	10568		376,866	300
COLBERT'S CREEK					32	25			20	10	10	4,780	600					2100			134
COVEY ROCK	3			2	205	112			40	60	10	16,900	1000	3348	4262	11,462	300	9496		396,764	
CRABTREE			4		36	34	10		25	25	25	10,000	500	150			100	1517		117,238	255
DAVISTOWN		2		1	19	20	7		20	20	10	2,800		95		100		1013	788	220,000	450
FLAT ROCK				1	67	35	10		25	25	25	8,550	500		2405	2700	25	2485		150,000	1190
HIGGINS		1		1	163	108			40	20	5	21,833	1000				65	4731		549,479	285
HILLCREST					20	12			20	20	15	1300					50			250,000	1700
LIBERTY CHAPEL		1			62	56			20	20	20	10,369	521	40	20	20	20	4100		235,000	
LOW GAP	4	2	1		105	61			50	50	10	10,400		1200	2375	100	100	5044		307,023	1023
MIDDLE DISTRICT	1				77	78		28	40	60	25	13,710	400	1000		1250		4675	6000	350,000	265
NEW HOPE	1				50	35	8		20			5200						2300	1000	119,000	325
NIX CREEK	15	8			30	48			40	50	5	13,148	718	61	100	80	100	2842		92,113	
NORTH BEND				1	126	75		15	80	100	25	6,650	3198	1332	1755	1200	100	4325	6258	260,422	250
PATHWAY				1	28	40			40	20	20	7,800	250	600		300		556	1000	110,000	250
PENSACOLA	5	3		1	82	46	10	20	40	50	10	10,650		433	367	506	200	20672	5009	121,000	350
PETERSON'S CHAPEL	5	1	1		116	100			35	10	10	20,800	600		1800			8740		165,000	250
PILGRIM'S CHAPEL	3	4			43	27			20	20	20	7,225						500	11121	61,120	522
PINEY GROVE	5				128	64			60	25	5	16,900		3200	1200	3014	50	5600		165,000	450
SOUTHSIDE	10	6		3	272	114	33		50	15	25	23,100		3695	800	1235	260	4926	600,000	900,000	650
SUNSET				1	3	62	65		38	50	15	13,900	250	179	240	2750	25	11892		233,530	400
UNAKA SPRINGS	8	11		5	97	86	10		75	75	25		1400	250		300	50	14065		181,771	
UNION HILL				2	45	50			25	40	25		600	600	339		100	1507	13426	83,779	250
VALE				2	39	35			25	50	35	6,000	350	450	1200		50	2500	1500	125,000	
VALLEY FORGE	20	48		3	380	243	86	174	150	100	25	26,000		866	67,317	7154	300	22269	864	2,693,880	1664
WOODBURY HILL	5				47	40	21		25	25	5	11,910		770	120	420	25	1000	395	95,933	125
YOUNGS CHAPEL			2		121	56	10	7	50	50	20	18,738	1044	530	4786	6350	200	2309	766	125,000	150

