

2008 - 2009 Minutes
of The
JACK'S CREEK
FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

For the 114th Session

Officers:

Rev. Marvin Hensley, Moderator
Rev. Bobby Revis, Assistant Moderator
Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk
Rev. Frank Cable, Assistant Clerk

Next Session:

The next session will be at
Pensacola Free Will Baptist Church
In Pensacola, North Carolina, July 29-31, 2010
(The last Thursday in July) at 10:30 A.M.

Brother JC Sheets will preach the introductory
message.

Brother Russell Hughes will be the alternate.

2009 – 2010 Sessions

First Conference: November 28, 2009 - To be held at North Bend Free Will Baptist Church. Preaching will be Rev. Ronnie Peterson with Rev. Marvin Hensley as alternate.

Second Conference: January 30, 2010 - To be held at Pathway Free Will Baptist Church. Preaching will be Brother Keith Tipton with Rev. Kelly Pittman as alternate.

Third Conference: May 29, 2010 - To be held at Free Will Baptist Ministries in Greenville, TN. Preaching will be Rev. Bill Greer with JC Sheets as alternate.

Association and Ministers' Conference: Our annual meeting will be held July 29-31, 2010 at Pensacola Freewill Baptist Church. Rev. JC Sheets will preach the introductory message on Thursday morning with Rev. Russell Hughes as his alternate.

On Thursday night, Rev. B.F. McKinney, Jr., will be preaching with Rev. Ulis Miller as his alternate.

On Friday Morning Rev. Charlie Trivett will be preaching with Rev. Roscoe Higgins as his alternate.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. JC Sheets, Eddie Tipton, and Lee Thompson

Note: I am trying to assemble a complete set of the Minutes of the Jack's Creek Association to be maintained by the Clerk for future reference. I need all the Minutes prior to 1953 and the following: 1959, 1964, and 1966. If you can help with this project, please contact Frank Cable at 828-298-4702.



Rev. James Roy Ledford

Oct. 31, 1945 - Feb. 26, 2009

**Licensed to preach
October 30, 1971**

**Ordained Minister
March 29, 1980**

James was the son of Rev. Gus and Sylvia Ledford and is survived by his wife of 29 years, Wanda Boings Ledford, five sisters, and four brothers.

James was a faithful minister of the Gospel from the time he accepted the call of the Lord to preach His word. He visited and preached in many churches in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee. He was the pastor of Piney Hill Free Will Baptist Church at different times, he maintained a radio ministry for several years, he started a prayer service at the apartment complex where he lived, and he helped in many revivals. He was a great asset to the Jack's Creek Association and Ministers Conference, as well as, a great citizen of this world. Another Saint has finished his race and gone to receive his reward.

James not only ministered to countless people through preaching, but he also demonstrated his love for all people. This was evident by his interaction with children, the elderly, and with unbelievers. Although, he never had much in the way of possessions, he had a generous heart to give, sometimes all that he had, to someone who was in need.

The family of Rev. James Ledford is very grateful for the tombstone that was purchased by donations from many of his friends.



Rev. Troy McCourry

July 21, 1920 - April 8, 2009

**Licensed to preach
March 28, 1941**

**Ordained Minister
1942**

**Married August 17, 1956
Hattie Wilcox**

Troy grew up under the Christian influence of his parents and his grandmother, Ruetta McCourry. In June, 1940, as he was walking along Jack's Creek Road in the Clearmont Community, he came upon four men sitting on the bank of the road. The Lord impressed him to read them some Scripture from the little testament in his pocket. He preached his first message to them as he stood in the ditch beside the road. Three of those four men later responded to the call of the Lord to preach. This was the beginning of his many years of service as a minister in this world. He never entertained the thought of retiring or quitting, even when his body began to weaken. His accomplishments and experiences would fill a book. He never forgot his roots nor let pride direct his life. When he started in the Lord's work, he determined to complete his life doing the same.

He served the Jack's Creek Association and Ministers Conference in many different capacities as long as he was able. As his strength began to fade, he continued to remain aware of the work of the Association and Conference. He is one of the great heroes of this Association and this world. Troy served as the pastor of many churches during the 68 years of his ministry, and was the pastor of Pensacola Free Will Baptist Church when his discharge from service came. His love for the Lord and all people was evident in every part of his life. He helped in many revivals, conducted countless weddings, and led hundreds to the Lord. He had friends everywhere, and he proved his friendship every day.

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 member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of the 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 the Chair is filled.

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

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

Moderator	Rev. Marvin Hensley
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Bobby Revis
Clerk	Rev. Blaine Whitson
Assistant Clerk	Rev. Frank Cable
Disabled Ministers Fund Treasurer	Rev. Jonas Revis
Assistant Treasurer	Rev. Stanley McMahan
Home Missions Treasurer	Rev. Ronnie Peterson
Assistant Treasurer	Rev. Frank Cable
Foreign Missions Treasurer	Rev. Marvin Hensley
Assistant Treasurer	Rev. Scotty Jenkins
Children's Home Treasurer	Rev. Rodney Deyton
Assistant	Rev. Bernie Jones
Burial Fund Treasurer	Rev. Bobby Revis
Assistant Treasurer	Rev. J.C. Sheets

Association Investigating Committee:

Tennessee: Chairman: Rev. Charlie Trivette, Rev. Bernie Jones, and Rev. Norman Loveless, alternate – Rev. Junior McKinney

North Carolina: Chairman: Rev. Dean Murphy, Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, and Rev. Stanley McMahan, alternate – Rev. Kelly Pittman

Disabled Ministers Fund Investigating Committee:

Tennessee: Chairman: Rev. Norman Loveless, Rev. Rodney Deyton, and Rev. Bernie Jones, alternate - Rev. Kevin Laws.

North Carolina: Chairman: Rev. Ronnie Peterson, Rev. Clyde Thomason, and alternate – Rev. Roger Thompson.

Board of Directors for Disabled Ministers Fund:

Chairman: Rev. Charlie Trivett, Carl Robinson, Perry Moore, Rev. Ullis Miller, and Herbert Hopson

Rules Committee:

Chairman: Rev. Rodney Deyton – 423-989-3294, Rev. Norman Loveless- 423-547-9526, Perry Moore - 828-738-3201, Lee Thompson – 828-682-2528, Rev. Ulis Miller- 423-743-4788

Ministers' Conference:

Clerk Rev. Blaine Whitson

Assistant Clerk Rev. Frank Cable

Ordaining Council: Chairman: Rev. Jonas Revis, Rev. Ronnie Peterson, Rev. Bill Greer, Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Rev. Terry Richardson, alternate - Rev. Ulis Miller

Ministers' Investigating Committee:

Tennessee: Chairman: Rev. Norman Loveless, Rev. Bernie Jones, Rev. Alex Carver, alternate - Rev. Lester Perkins

North Carolina: Chairman: Rev. Russell Hughes, Rev. Keith Miller, Rev. Kelly Pittman, alternate- Rev. Rickey Hollifield

PROCEEDINGS

The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association met with the Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church, July 30, 2009, in its one hundred and fourteenth annual session. The session began with Reverend Marvin Hensley welcoming the congregation and making the necessary announcements. Congregation singing was "Heaven's Jubilee". Big Creek Church quartet sang "It's a Holy Way", "I Have a Father", and "I'm a Royal Descendant". Prayer was by Brother Bernie Jones.

The message was by Bro. Jimmy Arrowood reading from Matthew 23: 1-8 entitled "Hypocrisy and How Not to be a Hypocrite." It was a very spiritual and challenging message. Prayer was by Bro. Dean Murphy who blessed the food.

1:30 P.M. BUSINESS SESSION

The session began with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace". Devotions were by Bro. Stephen Miller reading Ecl. 4:1 and I Cor. 13:1, and the topic was "Power of God in Our Churches". Prayer was by Bro. Ronnie Peterson. Rules of decorum read by moderator, Bro. Marvin Hensley. Church letters were read and delegates seated. Minister's roll call was made. Visiting ministers were welcomed as following: Rev. Barry Simpson, Free Will Baptist International Missions; Rev. Randy English, Woodby Hill Free Will Baptist Church; Rev. Frank Wood, Free Will Baptist Children's Ministries.

CHURCH LETTERS

Big Creek: Bros. Tony Byrd, Teddy Adkins, and Alvin Murphy

Borings Chapel: No Report

Brummitts Creek: Sisters Billie June Hazerik, Star Bennett, and Gail Phillips

Burbank: By letter

Colberts Creek: By letter

Covey Rock: Bros. Rickey Hollifield, Mark Whitehead, Matthew Whitehead, Sisters Barbara Miller, and Marie Laws

Crabtree: By letter

Davistown: Rev. Frank Cable and Bro. Perry Moore.

Flat Rock: By Letter

Higgins: Sister Margaret Miller

Hillcrest: Brother Jimmy Johnson and Sister Imogene Johnson

Liberty Chapel: No Report

Low Gap: Bros. Carson Jones, Richard Tipton, Sisters Tonya Ray, and Marjorie Allen

Middle District: Rev. Stephen Miller, Rev. Scotty Jenkins, and Rev. Jimmy Arrowood

New Hope: By letter

Nix Creek: Rev. Jody Trantham, Bros. Danny Johnson, Eddie McKinney, Michael Devore, Paul McKinney, Daniel Snelson, Gary Snelson, Mike Lister, Sisters Dixie Cope, Emily McKinney, and Dimmerrie Brooks.

North Bend: Bros. Owen Barnett, Eddie Tipton, Frank Briggs, Rev. Dean Murphy, Sisters Betty Renfro, Etta Murphy, and Betty Briggs.

Pathway: Bros. Jerry Williams, Gary Peterson, JW Tipton, and Julian Crus.

Pensacola: Bros. Chris Fender, Duane Allen, Rose Miller, Rick Wilson, Doug Higgins, Sisters Sherri Fender, Cindy Allen, Jackie Fox, Theresa Ponder, and Sebreena Ponder.

Peterson Chapel: Bros. CC Canipe, Clifford Silvers, Sisters Ora Lee Canipe, Betty Silvers, and Wilma Laws.

Pilgrims Chapel: Rev. Russell Hughes and Sister Margaret Hughes.

Piney Grove: Bro. Earl Jones, Dennis Clark, Sisters Aileen McKinney, Charlotte Clark, and Janice McKinney.

Southside: Rev. Kevin Laws and Bro. Scott Bradford.

Sunset: Rev. Terry Richardson.

Union Hill: Bros. Ron Bailey, Johnny Miller, Mike Peterson, JD Pendley, and Josh Miller.

Vale: Rev. Gary Huffman.

Valley Forge: Bros. Sam Harrison and Jim Honeycutt.

Woodby Hill: Rev. Randy English, Bros. Harley Guinn, Sam Guinn, Sisters Francis Guinn, Lucy Bryant.

Young's Chapel: Rev. Roger Thompson, Bros. Lee Thompson, Dean Branton, Stanley Silvers, Sisters Billie Thompson, Emogene Silver, Kay Branton, Norma Silvers, Ruth Laws, Jewel Silvers, and Thula Hughes.

ASSOCIATION TOPIC COMMITTEES

Churches, Pastors, and Deacons: Rev. Ulis Miller, Rev. Jonas Revis, and Bro. Willie Murphy

CTS: Bro. Dean Branton, Sisters Betty Briggs, and Dimmerree Brooks

Disabled Ministers Fund: Rev. Frank Cable, Sister Shirley Peterson, and Bro. Ronnie Bailey

Education: Bros. Tony Byrd, Alvin Dean Murphy, and Rev. Kevin Laws

Foreign Missions: Rev. Barry Simpson and Rev. Marvin Hensley

Home Missions: Rev. Keith Tipton, Bro. Mark Whitehead, and Rev. David Banks

Ladies Auxiliary: Sisters Marjorie Allen, Star Bennett, and Bonnie Loveless

Children's Home: Rev. Frank Woods and Bro. Mike Allison

Sunday School: Bros. Tommy Hopson, Johnny Miller, and Owen Barnett

Sessions: Rev. JC Sheets, Bros. Eddie Tipton, and Lee Thompson

Resolutions: Rev. Ralph Hedrick, Rev. Junior Peterson, Rev. Dean Murphy

Also, in the Thursday afternoon session we heard from Rev. Barry Simpson from the International Free Will Baptist Ministries. Rev. Simpson reminded us of our commitment to our Missionaries on foreign fields. He also informed us that this next year we will be celebrating seventy-five years of mission work in the world. In 2010, Oklahoma City will host all our missionaries who will be called home so all Free Will Baptists can say "Thank you" for their services.

Rev. Simpson also talked to us of a book of the history of Free Will Mission work with five hundred copies of the book being bound with leather. The cost will be \$500.00 per copy with the proceeds going to the general fund of Free Will Baptist Missions.

Rev. Simpson also informed us that they are in the process of changing how the accounts for each individual Missionary is handled and that these missionaries will no longer have to work from a deficit account while they are in the field.

Rev. Frank Woods from Free Will Baptist Children's Ministries spoke to us about how things were going and gave a report on the seventieth anniversary of the children's home. He also announced two singings to be held in Marion N.C. and Mountain City, Tennessee, with proceeds going to the home. Rev. Woods then gave out plaques for the churches who participated in the Mother's Day program and the gifts given from the individual churches. Finally, Rev. Woods says, "I want to thank the members of the Jacks Creek Conference for your prayers and support for the FWB Family Ministries. All of you are such an important part of this ministry. From July 2008 thru June 2009, you have contributed over \$37,000 to our ministry. We have seen 184 young people accept Christ. Since January 2009, 74 young people have made decisions for Christ. The total love offering for the Mother's Day Fund was around \$62,000." He also encouraged churches to have a baby shower for mothers who have babies at the home. The Hope Center saw 96 babies born in 2008 and in the first six months of 2009, 52 babies were born.

Randy English who represents the Mission Board for the state of Tennessee spoke about the Walk-a-thon and told us that this year the

Walk-a-thon will be held this year the second Saturday in September at Harmony Freewill Baptist Church in Hampton, Tennessee.

We then heard from the rules committee (Rev. Rodney Deyton) on the procedure to add to or change a rule in our conference and that they request the information on the burial fund to be included in our minutes so that everyone has access to that information.

In other business, Bro. Frank Cable talked about a thank you card he had received from the family of Rev. James Ledford. He also gave us information on the headstone for Rev. Ledford and the burial insurance for the widow of Rev. Ledford. He then recommended that the obituary and a picture of Rev. Ledford and Rev. Troy McCourry be given a special place in our minutes.

Thursday 7 PM Preaching Service

The service began with congregational singing "He Set Me Free". Brother Marvin Hensley welcomed everyone. Prayer was by Rev. Ullis Miller. The Big Creek Church Quartet sang "What a Meeting in the Air", "Rock of My Soul", and "I Need Jesus". The message was by Reverend Dean Murphy, reading from Haggai 1:2, I Corinthians 15:58. The title of the message was "Consider Your Way". He preached a very inspiring message. Song by Danny Miller, "Just As I Am". Rev. Marvin Hensley dismissed with prayer.

Friday 9:30 A.M. Business Session

The session began with the congregation singing "I Never Shall Forget the Day". Rev. Marvin Hensley welcomed the conference back. Devotions were given by Rev. Norman Loveless, reading from St. John 9:1. Prayer was by Rev. Junior McKinney. The session was called to order by the Moderator. Rules of Decorum was read by the clerk. Ministers' roll call was made. Additionally church letters were read. Visiting ministers were called for; none noted. Visiting churches were called for; none noted. Moderator then called for the committee reports to be given.

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Churches, Pastors, and Deacons: Rev. Ullis Miller spoke on a previous report given by last year's committee. He stressed the importance of the

deacons and pastors working together for the benefit of the Church . He also talked about the responsibility of both offices and how important it is for them to visit the sick and lost and to see to the needs of the widows.

Respectfully: Rev. Ulis Miller, Jonas Revis, and Willie Murphy

Foreign Missions: Rev. Marvin Hensley made reference to the change of name of foreign missions to Free Will Baptist International Ministries. This was done recently by the Missions Board in Nashville. Rev. Bobby Revis talked about the account set up for each missionary and reported that only \$15,000 could be held in one individual account. If they receive more, then that money would be rolled over into a general missions fund out of that Missionary's name.

Disabled Ministers Fund: At present, the oldest living minister in our conference is Theodore Fleenor. The longest serving minister in the Jacks Creek Conference is Verno Davis. We now have a fund established to financially assist any disabled minister in our conference 2 Cor.9:7, Gal.6:10. If you know of a need from our ministers, talk to someone on the Investigating Committee. Pray for those who are in need. Acts: 12:1-11. A phone call, a personal visit, a card or a letter, a fruit basket, or a flower or some thoughtful deed can be so wonderful. Often, their disability or sickness isolates them from the fellowship they have enjoyed through the years of their ministry. A friendly conversation, a Biblical discussion and a few minutes of Godly fellowship can be very encouraging and uplifting.

These ministers have given so much of their lives to minister to us, especially during the times we have had great need. So give a part of yourself during their time of need; thus doing good to the household of faith. Philippians 2:25-30. Respectfully: Rev. Frank Cable, Bro. Ronnie Bailey, and Sister Shirley Peterson

Education: Education in its broadest sense is any act or experience that has a formative effect on the mind, character, or physical ability of an individual. 2 Timothy 3:7 describes worldly education as; "ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." A profitable education is the learning of the Lords' plan for us. Proverbs 1:7 says "fools despise wisdom and instruction." Jesus instructs us to "be wise as

serpents, and harmless as doves.” We must not fall into the worldly trap of knowledge for pride's sake, but that truth and knowledge with Godly wisdom will completely humble us and make us useful and successful in the Lord's work while here on earth. Education is a wonderful gift God has given us. What would it be like if every generation had to start from scratch? What would it be like if we had to reinvent the wheel? The ability to pass down our experiences to our children is a wonderful gift, both naturally and spiritually.

For a person to be established in faith, one needs to be rooted and grounded in God's word. As

2 Timothy 2:15 says, “study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”. It is important to know what you believe and why you believe it. We, as the body of Christ, need a greater knowledge and understanding of the word of God. The root of many problems in our homes, marriages, families and churches stem from a lack of knowledge. Hosea 4:6 tells us, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee..” The solution to this problem is education. The technique is to study that we may show ourselves approved.

Respectfully submitted: Bros. Tony Byrd, Alvin Murphy, and Rev. Kevin Laws

Home Missions: A mission is a commanded or requested journey, a group sent to a place, or a duty or purpose. Scripture reading is Matthew 28:19. It is making sure God's word is being taught. Bro. Mark Whitehead read from Mark 5. He talked about how Legion was affected by Home Missions. Bro. Whitehead also talked about how he had been affected by someone preaching to him. He also stressed the point that Home Missions starts in the home. We are so blessed in America and are able to serve the Lord as we do. There are many countries that are unable to worship freely. This is why we need to support our home missions and preachers. Matthew 28:19-20. This should be our duty and purpose. Respectfully- Revs. Keith Tipton, David Banks, and Bro. Mark Whitehead

Friday 11:00 A.M. Preaching Service

Service opened with a song by the Nix Creek quartet entitled “I'm on

the Winning Side". Prayer by Rev. Blaine Whitson. The sermon was given by Rev. Russell Hughes. His scripture was from Matthew 13:18-22. His message was entitled "Hearing the Word of God". He spoke about having confidence in the word, and how we can trust the word, and how sometimes we can choke the word out. There were several testimonies and the spirit of the Lord was present. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Tony Byrd.

Friday P.M Service

A song was given by Sister Shirley Peterson entitled "I Want to Thank Him". Devotions were given by Rev. J.C. Sheets reading Romans 12:1-2. Prayer was given by Rev. Ulis Miller. The reports continued.

Disabled Ministers Fund: Rev. Jonas Revis gave the Disabled Ministers Fund current report stating that we started with \$249,684. We received \$1,780 today, and we had taken in \$3,205 in our Ministers Conferences, received \$1,840 for the burial fund, \$1,100 for minutes and as of this Friday, we have \$257,660.99.

Ladies Auxiliary: The ladies auxiliary of Low Gap Freewill Baptist Church has been established, and we encourage others to be part of this spiritual and physical support that it has given to the women of the church. As Christians, all women should be willing to help when needed. This special time together has given young and older women the support they have needed. The study of God's word is greatly needed and when it is done with others, it helps build a prayerful group of women that come together for Christ. "Lend a helping hand and share a word of kindness". This is God's way. Respectfully submitted: Sisters Marjorie Allen, Star Bennett, Bonnie Loveless, Rev. Stanley McMahan.

Children's Family Ministry: Bro. Mike Allison spoke to us about the upcoming benefit singings with the Inspirations and the Good Shepherd quartets. He talked about the mothers who are being helped with their newborn babies and how God is touching and saving many lost souls. He thanked the churches for their gift of \$3,441 from this association and conference. He stated that they offered love, hope, and opportunity through their ministry which we are helping fund.

Sunday School: We strongly believe that Sunday school is the backbone of any church. A Sunday school teacher needs to be spirit filled as well as an example of a Christian in the way they dress and conduct their lives before children. We feel that Sunday school is the foundation for the child's life. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it", Proverbs 22:6. It provides an opportunity for each individual age group to express their thoughts and feelings with people their own age. Children and adults alike are usually more willing to talk about things in a small group of people than they are to get up in front of the whole church to speak or ask a question. Sometimes it is hard for children to focus on what is going on in a large congregation, but a small Sunday school class offers them the chance to learn because the focus is on them. Sunday school is not only for children but for all of us, to help us grow in wisdom and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted: Bro. Owen Barnett, Bro. Johnny Miller, Bro. Tommy Hopson.

Sessions: See inside cover

C.T.S. Throughout the word of God, there are examples of the elder teaching the younger: Moses and Joshua, Elijah and Elisha, Ruth and Naomi, Jesus and his disciples, also Paul and Timothy. God's way is to be followed, and we should continue this education of our younger ones in the word and how to live Godly and Christ like in this present world. Teach them to be obedient to the Lord first and foremost. This is an urgent matter. Let us teach them Jesus every day and in all the ways we can think of. We, as Christians, cannot allow the world to pull away any more of our young people.

Respectfully: Sisters Dimmerrie Brooks, Betty Briggs, and Bro. Dean Branton

Resolutions: Resolutions means to resolve or settle an unsettled mind. When facing a resolution, we need to know how to answer by the word of God, and to be led by the Holy Spirit. 2 Timothy 3:16-17: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

1 Samuel 3:1 says: "And the word of the Lord was precious in those

days.” We believe the word is still precious in these days. We believe the resolution to our problems, both in our churches and conference, all the battles we face, all our slackness and our fears are still found in the word of the Lord. Hebrews 10:7: “Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will, O God.” We, as children of God, must do as Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 6:17-18, “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” Let us widen the gap between the world and Christianity. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching there unto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. The final piece is to complete the whole armour of God.

Respectfully: Revs. Junior Peterson , Dean Murphy, and Ralph Hedrick.

Friday 7:00 PM Youth Service July 30

The service began with the congregation singing “ Heaven’s Jubilee”, and “Just a Little Talk with Jesus.” Welcome was given by Pastor Marvin Hensley with prayer by Rev. Ralph Hedrick. Higgins youth choir sang several beautiful songs including “Somebody Touched Me”. Then, the Pensacola youth group sang several songs including “By Your Stripes We Are Healed”. Alecia Silvers then gave a beautiful rendition of “The God on the Mountain”. Next, from Low Gap, Jade Robinson sang “I Can Trust Jesus”, and “Are You Washed in the Blood?”. Bros. Lyndon Holliway and Nathan Holliway from Big Creek sang and played songs including “Me and God”. The Steve Cochran Family sang “Amazing Grace” with the Big Creek then singing several songs. After this there were several testimonies and rejoicing. This was a spirit filled service. We then had an anointing service. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Teddy Adkins.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Home Mission Report

Beginning Balance: August 1, 2008	\$3680.15
Cost of new Checks	\$21.00
Received James Ledford Fund	\$3177.00
Paid on James Ledford Tombstone	\$600.00
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Balance	\$6,236.15

Treasurer: Rev. Ronnie Peterson

International Missions Report

Beginning Balance 07-28-08	\$12,746.79
Contributions:	
Big Creek	\$900.00
Burbank	\$750.00
Covy Rock	\$500.00
Crabtree	\$25.00
Liberty Chapel	\$20.00
Low Gap	\$300.00
North Bend	\$1200.00
Pathway	\$325.00
Pensacola	\$1565.68
Southside	\$800.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Aux.	\$120.00
Woodby Hill	\$300.00
Youngs Chapel	\$3215.76
Interest Earned	\$6.80
Stamps Purchased	-\$8.40
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Total to account for 08-06-09 \$11,836.86
Rev. Marvin Hensley - Treasurer

Disabled Minister's Fund

Beginning Balance 07-25-08	\$249,693.84
Receipts:	
Minister's Conference	\$1,780.00
Association	\$3,320.00
Burial Fund	\$1,840.00
Interest Earned	\$13,634.25
Minute Fund	\$1,190.00
Total Receipts	\$21,664.25
Total to Account for:	\$271,358.09
Disbursements	\$13,492.10

Total in Treasure	\$257,865.99
Rev. Jonas Revis Treasurer	

Free Will Baptist Children's Ministries Fund - \$37,000.00

Clerk and Moderator Fund - \$485.00

Associational Funds - \$1145.00

Minute Fund - \$1290.00

OBITUARIES 08-09

Reynard Q. Calhoun, a member of Burbank Church went home to be with the Lord on February 17, 2009. Reynard was a faithful member to his church and sang with the Church quartet as long as his health permitted. He is survived by one brother, two sisters and several nieces, nephews and many friends. Reynard longed to be with the Lord and now he is safely home singing in that heavenly choir

Robert Greer of Burbank Church ended his earthly journey on April 6, 2009, to move to his heavenly home to be with his heavenly Father who he loved and served. He was faithful to his church as long as his health permitted. By his kindness and Christian love he touched the lives of many people. He was truly a good Samaritan. Rob is survived by his

wife, Cleo, of 72 years, one son, three grandchildren, two brothers, many nieces, nephews and friends. "Remember me by the love we shared and then let me go."

Crystal Jarrett stepped out of this life into her heavenly home July 8, 2009. She was a kind, loving mother who was devoted to her family and dearly loved by everyone who knew her.

She is survived by two daughters, three sons, one brother and many friends to cherish her cheerful and kind loving way.

Grace Stockton stepped into her heavenly home December 3, 2008. She was the most loving, kind, and generous person anyone could know. Grace was a wonderful wife, loving mother, and devoted Christian. She was a member of Burbank Church. She is survived by her husband Spence, two daughters, three sons, several grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and many friends. She is sadly missed by her family, church family and friends, but we take comfort in knowing she ran her race well and is now waiting for us to join her at home.

Joy Lee Winters of Burbank Church went home to be with the Lord, April 3, 2009. Joe visited all churches and he loved to sing wherever he went. He is survived by his wife Betty, his mother-in-law, one brother, one sister and many friends.

Anna Lea Bryant Bennett, age 78, left this life November 12, 2008. She was a faithful member of Brummitts Creek Free Will Baptist Church for over fifty years. She is survived by her husband George Bennett, son Mike and wife Sally, two grandsons, a host of friends and church family. Anna was a wonderful Christian who spread sunshine to all who knew her. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Nellie Vess Thomas was born November 12, 1916, and went to be with the Lord on June 18, 2009. Nell got right with the Lord and joined Davistown Church September 19, 1954. She was faithful to the church as long as she was able to go. Even though she didn't know who we were for a while before her death, we believe she still knew who Jesus was. She had a sweet smile for everyone. Her family and her church family miss her very much.

Crate Bailey departed this life July 20, 2008 at the age of 82. A native of Yancey County, he was the son of the late Dan and Faye Bailey. He was also preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Crate was a World War II Army Veteran, having served from January 1944 until December 1945. He was a prisoner of war in Germany from December 16, 1944 until June 26, 1945. Crate was member of Higgins FWB Church. Surviving are his wife Anise Bailey, a daughter, two sons, two grandchildren, and a brother. He is missed greatly by his family and friends.

Geneva Honeycutt Bates was the daughter of the late Reverend Hayden Honeycutt. She is survived by her mother Ethel Viola Branch Honeycutt. She was a member of Hill Crest Free Will Baptist Church. She will be missed by all.

Myrtle Gouge Ingram, age 87, passed away February 2, 2009 at her home in Bakersville. She was the wife of the late Luther Ingram of Buladean. Myrtle was a member of Middle District FWB Church most of her adult life. She taught the card class for many years. She will be greatly missed.

Helen Deyton Peterson was born June 21, 1925 and went home to be with the Lord on October 25, 2008 at the age of 83. She was a member of North Bend Free Will Baptist Church. She is survived by a son, Reverend Ronnie Peterson, one sister, one brother, four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandson. She was a devoted Christian and will be missed by all who knew her.

Vaughn McMahan, 87 years old, went to be with the Lord on July 26, 2008. He was a member of Pensacola Free Will Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Ollie Mae McMahan; a daughter, Nema McPeters; and a grandson, McPeters. He is also survived by a son, Carrol and wife, Mary McMahan; three grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

Troy McCourry, age 89 (Date of Birth: July 21, 1920, Date of Death: April 8, 2009). Troy was ordained to preach the Gospel in 1942. He led many souls to the Lord during his many years of service in the ministry.

He pastored many local churches during his 68 years of ministry in Tennessee and North Carolina, including South Side, Peterson's Chapel, and Pensacola Free Will Baptist Churches. He also preached revivals in several states, resulting in many souls being saved. He served in various offices, including clerk, in the Jacks Creek Ministers Conference for many years. He is survived by his wife Hattie, son Wade, one brother, and two sisters. He had friends everywhere, and he proved his friendship every day. He is greatly missed.

Stanley Canipe was born January 23, 1956. He went to be with the Lord on April 6, 2009. He was a member of Peterson Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and served as a superintendent. He loved doing work for the Lord. He is greatly missed and had many friends and loved ones. We will meet him in Heaven some sweet day.

Lillie Chambers Johnson, age 89 (Date of Birth: November 18, 1918, Date of Death: October 25, 2008). At the time of her death she was one of the oldest members of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. She was the widow of the late Deacon Cursey Johnson. She had been a widow since 1963. After her husband's death, she went back to school, became a nurse, and remained in nursing until her retirement many years later. She was a prayer warrior who loved her church and her church family, who was not ashamed to praise the Lord. When the Lord's spirit would come in the service she would often raise her hands and shout to the precious Lord she loved and served for so long. She supported the church regularly, even after her death. She was a Godly woman who truly will be missed by not only family, but a host of friends. That vacancy will be impossible to fill and it simply makes Heaven so much sweeter to know that one day soon we can join her and so many that are waiting for us on the other side in that beautiful place called "Heaven".

Ethel Chambers Johnson, age 84 (Date of Birth: January 19, 1924, Date of Death: November 11, 2008). Sister Ethel was a faithful member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. She had a beautiful alto voice and loved to sing in the adult choir. She had nothing but praise for the Praise Choir she and her late husband Montie loved to hear and encouraged for so many years. She died within a few days after her sister Lillie Johnson's death. She loved her church, her church family,

and friends. We miss her so much but her passing just made Heaven a whole bunch sweeter.

Ella Greene Whitehead, age 91 (Date of Birth: January 31, 1918, Date of Death: May 8, 2009). Ella joyously entered Heaven to be with her husband of 68 years, the late Reverend Raymond Whitehead. She was one of the oldest members of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. She was an avid reader of Scripture and took great joy in her family and friends. She was a wonderful sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a loyal Pastor's wife. She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, one grandson, two sisters, several nieces and nephews, and five sisters-in-law. Heaven just gets sweeter with the passing of folks like Sister Ella Whitehead. Praise God for the hope of seeing them again.

Velma Morton Lipford, age 87 (Date of Birth: February 15, 1922, Date of Death: July 8, 2009). She was a homemaker and member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist for over 60 years. She was always a faithful supporter of her church long after she was unable to attend because of her health. She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Judy Lipford, a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Delany Teague, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, three step grandchildren, four step great-grandchildren, two brothers, several nieces and nephews. We will miss her but we can take comfort in knowing she is at rest with the Lord in a beautiful and better place.

Lloyd Merritt, age 89 (Date of Birth: August 20, 1919, Date of Death: April 26, 2009). Lloyd died following an extended illness. He was one of the oldest members of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. Not only was he a soldier of the Cross, but he was a decorated soldier of the US Army in World War II in Europe. He enjoyed hunting, gardening, and friends. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Launa Sams Merritt, four daughters, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one sister, several nieces and nephews. Brother Lloyd was not an outspoken man, but he loved his country, his family, and his church and it showed in his actions. Truly we lost a good friend but Heaven is sweeter because of special warriors like Brother Lloyd Merritt.

Jane Church Street Harrah, age 58 (Date of Birth: June 11, 1950, Date of Death: February 10, 2009). She was a member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church for many years. She loved to encourage the young people. She grew up with her kids, Jerry Street, Sharon Street, and Doug Street who, along with many friends, miss her so much. Praise God for the hope of seeing loved ones in a better place. If you listen with your heart, you'll hear her love around you, soft and clear. Thank God for memories no one can take away.

James Roy Ledford, age 64, (Date of Birth: October 31, 1945, Date of Death: February 26, 2009). James was a faithful ministers and preached in many churches in Western North Carolina. He was the pastor of Piney Hill Free Will Baptist Church at different times, maintained a radio ministry for several years, started a prayer service at the apartment complex where he lived, and helped in many revivals. He was a faithful member of the Jacks Creek Association and Ministers' Conference. He leaves behind his loving wife, Wanda, five sisters, four brothers, and many nieces and nephews. James not only ministered to countless people through preaching, but he also demonstrated his love for all people. Praise God for the life that he lived.

Covey Rock Conference November 29- 2008

The Jacks Creek Ministers Conference met at Covey Rock Freewill Baptist Church at 9:30AM, Nov. 29, 2008. Bro. Russell Hughes welcomed everyone to the conference, the congregation sang "Victory in Jesus". Devotions were led by Rev. James Ledford reading scripture from Revelations 2:17 and the first chapter of Genesis. Rev. Frank Cable led prayer. Moderator, Rev. J.C. Sheets called the meeting to order. He then read the Rules of Decorum. The minutes were read and approved from the August meeting. The moderator called for any delinquencies, none were noted. Bro. Roger Laws explained his previous absence.

Visiting Ministers were called for, with the conference welcoming the following: Bro. Matthew Guy, Bro. J.B. Coates, Bro. Jody Trantham, Bro. Jacob Cochran, Bro. Keith Tipton, and Bro. Verlon Anderson. The Moderator then enrolled the deacons and delegates. The moderator welcomed Bro. Arnie Foster from Fellowship Free Will

Baptist located in Erwin and United Friendship located in Marion as visiting churches. Moderator called for ministers seeking license: Bro. Keith Tipton presented himself, and he was turned over to the investigating committee. Bro. Ricky Hollifield asked for license renewal and was approved.

Bro. Perry Moore from the rules committee spoke of the committee meeting in July to discuss the attendance policy for ministers: Article 11 in the bylaws. Motion was made by Rev. Darrell Edwards and seconded by Rev. Norman Loveless to leave as is. Church letter concerning Unaka Springs was tabled for the next conference. Bro. Allen Laws sent his credentials to the conference and requested his name be dropped from the roll. Bro. Stanley McMahan and Bro. James Ledford made motion that they be accepted. Bro. Verlyn Anderson spoke to the conference about his mission work in the Ivory Coast. He spoke about the culture of the people and how our mission team is training preachers so they can be ordained. He gave an inspiring talk. Bro. Mike Allison spoke to the conference concerning F.W.B. Children Ministries and the progress being made. He stated that 140 children had received Christ during the current year and 82 babies had been born at the Hope Center. Bro. Scott Jenkins was elected moderator for the next session at Nix Creek with Bro. Stanley McMahan, his assistant. Bro. Jody Trantham to do devotions.

11:00AM Preaching Service: Song by Bro. Ricky Hollifield "Farther Along". Bro. Bart Deyton preached the message using scripture from Nehemiah 2: 17. His topic was "Helping Build the Wall". He talked about working together in our churches for the cause of Christ. He preached an inspiring message. Then the conference presented Bro. Ullis Miller a plaque and gift for his faithful service to Jacks Creek Association and Conference. The lunch was dedicated in his honor. Adjourned to time and place.

Respectfully Blaine Whitson, Clerk

Nix Creek Conference March 28, 2009

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met at Nix Creek at 9:30AM, March 28, 2008. A welcome was given by the

pastor, Rev. J B Cope. Devotions were given by Bro. Jody Trantham, reading from Genesis 3. His topic was "Behold the People as One". Ministers stood in silence for the memory of Rev. James Ledford. Prayer was given by Rev. John Stockton. Rev. Terry Richardson spoke about his absences and stay in the hospital. He thanked the conference for help and prays. Bro. Matthew Guy's recommendation for license in the Jacks Creek Association was tabled until the next conference. Motion was made to license Bro. Keith Tipton. He was turned over to the ordaining council. Bro. Tony Birchfield asked to be ordained as an evangelist. This was tabled until a letter from his home church was sent. Bro. Tony Birchfield was turned over to the investigating committee.

In new business, Rev. Frank Cable spoke of the James Ledford Memorial Stone Fund. He asked all churches to chip in for a grave marker with the inscription "Friends and Churches of James Ledford". Motion was made to take \$950 from the Home Mission Fund to pay for the marker, and as the money comes in from friends and churches, the fund would be used to pay Rev. Ledford widow's burial fund.

Rev. Otis Hudgins turned his credential in and asked to be removed from the roll. He also asked for a letter of recommendation. After much discussion, the letter was granted.

Bro. Mike Allison from Free Will Baptist Children's Ministries spoke to the conference about family ministries. He reported that 184 young people were saved last year, and 96 babies were born at the Hope Center on campus. He also spoke about the counseling on campus involving drugs, abortions, and alcohol. Rev. Kevin Trembell from Berea Ministries spoke to the conference about Howard Munsey's ministry in Mexico. He asked for financial help and asked if any ministers would like to receive his newsletter. The next conference will be held at Woodby Hill, Moderator to be Rev. Rodney Deyton and Rev. Jr. McKinney to be the assistant. Devotions will by Rev. John Stockton. Rev. Steve Cochran thanked the conference for money given to help with his son's surgery.

11:00AM Preaching Service: The Nix Creek choir sang "The Winning Side". Preaching was by Rev. Jimmy Arrowood. His scripture came from 2 Timothy 3:16 and 1 Kings 3:5. His sermon was "Asking God for What You Need". He preached a good message. The ordaining counsel recommended Rev. Keith Tipton to preach with Rev. Ronnie Peterson to be the senior pastor. Bro. Ronnie Peterson spoke about the

illness of Rev. Richard Bryant and asked to give the family an application to request money from the conference. The conference agreed to give \$300 at this time. Adjourned to time and place.

Respectfully Blaine Whitson, Clerk

Woodby Hill Minister's Conference May 30, 2009

Jacks Creek Ministers' Conference met at Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church May 30, 2009. The welcome was given by Rev. Norman Loveless by request of the church. The congregation sang "He Set Me Free". Devotions were given by Bro. John Stockton who read from Romans 6:12. His topic was "Let not sin reign in your mortal body". Prayer was given by Bro. Bernie Jones.

Brother Rodney Deyton read the Rules of Decorum. Visiting ministers were: Matthew Guy, College Park FWB; Jonathan Cable, Mt. Calvary FWB; Josh Miller, Union Hill FWB; Jacob Cochran and Frank Woods, FWB Children Ministries.

The deacons and delegates were then enrolled. Visiting churches were: Fellowship FWB, Friendship FWB, Solid Rock FWB, and Watauga FWB. The minutes were then read and approved.

Brother Keith Miller reported the conference had received \$2,177.00 for Rev. James Ledford's memorial stone.

Bro. Matthew Guy stood and announced that his previous conference had refused to grant him a letter of recommendation. The conference approved Bro. Guy being turned over to the ordaining council for questioning so that he could be licensed. Bro. Tony Birchfield was to be questioned by the same council for ordination. The letter prepared by the clerk recommending Rev. Otis Hudgins to another conference for license was read.

Bro. Frank Woods gave a report from FWB Children Ministries stating that Jacks Creek had been a good friend to the home for many years and how much they appreciated us. He passed out a brochure about the Oaks Retreat Center. He also suggested that each of our churches have two baby showers (one for girls, one for boys) each year.

Devotions for the next conference will be Rev. Russell Hughes.

11:00AM Preaching Service: The service began with sister Margaret singing "Two Coats". Bro. Marvin Hensley read 2 Cor. 10:2-6,9. He preached about being high-minded and proud. He asked how we measured up to the word, and preached that the pulpit was not a place to get even but a place of Holiness where the word must be preached with love and compassion. He gave a wonderful message.

Bro. Matthew Guy was approved by the Ordaining Council to preach. His senior pastor will be Lester Perkins. Bro. Tony Birchfield was approved to be ordained to preach by the Ordaining Council and the Minister's Conference. Bro. Jonas Revis conducted the ordination and gave the charge. Brother Charlie Trevitte led the prayer. The service ended with a fellowship with a wonderful witness of the Holy Spirit.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Alex Carver.

Respectfully Frank Cable, Assistant Clerk

Big Creek Freewill Baptist Conference

August 01, 2009

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Minister's Conference met with Big Creek Church at 9:30 AM. The session began with Pastor Marvin Hensley welcoming the Conference and making the necessary announcements. The Cochran family sang "Amazing Grace". Devotions were given by Rev. Adam Miller reading from Isaiah 6:1-8. His topic was "Being Broken Down". The prayer was given by Rev. Dean Murphy.

The Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley called the session to order and read the Rules of Decorum. The minutes from the last conference were read and approved. The Ministers roll call was given with everyone standing in fellowship. Visiting Ministers were welcomed. Visiting Ministers were: Brandon Byrd, Brummetts Creek; Jacob Cochran, Solid Rock; and Glen Wallace, Valley View Free Will Baptist.

Revs. Wayne Carr, Richard Sparks, Bart Deyton, David Banks, and Keith Blankenship all turned in their license and ordination papers for various reasons.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Clerk-Blaine Whitson

Assistant Clerk-Frank Cable

Ordaining Council-Jonas Revis, Ronnie Peterson, Terry Richardson, William Greer, Jimmy Arrowood, Ulis Miller Alternate.

Tennessee Investigating Committee: Norman Loveless, Bernie Jones, Alex Carver, Lester Perkins as alternate.

North Carolina Investigating Committee: Russell Hughes, Keith Miller, Kelly Pittman, and Rick Hollifield as alternate.

Disabled Ministers Fund: Carl Robinson, Perry Moore, Ulis Miller, Herbert Hopson, and J.C. Sheets.

Rev. Keith Miller reported for the Home Mission Fund. He stated that he had received a refund on the old computer we purchased and turned back in the amount of \$532.25. With what had been turned in during the association, we now had \$6,236.10 in that account.

Rev. Bobby Revis discussed the special burial fund for Rev. James Ledford. He stated that there was \$1000.00 still owed, and that it would be taken care of and all contributions for Wanda Ledford should be sent in care of Yancey Funeral Home. A motion was made by Frank Cable to give \$1500.00 for Wanda Ledford for her burial fund. The money would come from the Home Missions Fund. The money was to go to Yancey Funeral Home.

The Moderator for the next conference to be held at North Bend to be Rev. Kevin Laws, with the Assistant to be Rev. Adam Miller. Devotions will be given by Rev. Jr Peterson with rev. Ralph Hedrick as his assistant. The Topic Committee will be Rev. Bud Edwards, Rev. Jr McKinney, and Rev. Scott Jenkins.

The Rules Committee gave their report as follows: Rev. Rodney Deyton and the committee recommended the following changes: (1) Article 3 of the Minister's by-laws drop the word president and to change the wording of election of clerk to read "Annually". (2) Article 10 be changed in the last sentence to: After the minister has served (2) two years under a senior pastor, he may ask for the conference to ordain him. (3) Article 14-be changed to at least half of the members shall constitute a quorum at all regular meetings. No session of the Conference will be considered legal if (15) fifteen ordained Ministers are not present. (4) A new proposal says that We will adhere to no other version of the Bible than The Authorized King James Version. Motion made and approved to accept these changes.

Bro. Bobby Revis talked to the conference and encouraged all to join. Finally, Bro. Marvin Hensley thanked the Conference and

Association for coming and gave special thanks to his church for hosting the gathering. Dismissal prayer by Norman Loveless. Adjourned to time and place.

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Cochran, Steve	Solid Rock Free Will Baptist, Marion, NC
Deyton, Rodney	Valley View Independent F.W.B. Blountville, TN
Greer, William J.	Watauga Valley F.W.B., Elizabethton, TN
Guy, Matthew	College Park F. W. B., Johnson City, TN
Hedrick, Ralph	First Free Will Baptist, Spruce Pine, NC
Jones, Bernie	Toe River Free Will Baptist, Hunt Dale, NC
Laws, Roger	St. Paul Free Will Baptist, Buladean, NC

Perkins, Lester	Fellowship Free Will Baptist, Limestone, TN
Revis, Jonas	Pearce Chapel F.W.B., Hampton, TN
Stockton, John	Odoms Chapel, Bakersville, NC
Styles, Billy	United Friendship F.W.B., Marion, NC
Wood, Rick	Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist, Marion, NC

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. "For 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 Timothy 2:5-6

Article 2 - **Holy Scriptures** - We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." II Timothy 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 eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat..." Genesis 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 over all is rich unto all that call upon him." Romans 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 on the Son hath everlasting life: and 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 Corinthians 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 to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8

Article 8 - Perseverance - 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 hand 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, Son, and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6:4

Article 11 - The Lord's Supper - We believe that the supper was instituted by our Savior 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 Corinthians 11:28-29

Article 12 - **Feet Washing** - we believe that washing the saints' feet is a command of our Savior, and that his followers ought to practice the same. "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also 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 Corinthians 9:14

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

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 other's 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 to 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. 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.

Constitution of Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist 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 August 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 Savior; 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 Association 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.

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 a moderator quarterly, and a clerk annually, both ordained ministers of one year or more membership in this Conference after his ordination. Amended August 1, 2009

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 the Ordaining Council, and one of the senior members shall be the chairman of the 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 waiver permitting our Investigating Committee to check on his personal life. The Committee should submit their report at the next scheduled Conference. If the Committee recommends the applicant and the majority of the Conference approves, the applicant and his wife (if married) 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. No member shall meddle with the work of another or injure his reputation for usefulness, but watch over each other in love, and thus promote harmony and love among the membership.

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 license may be renewed annually. This license does not permit the licensed preacher to officiate at a marriage. A licensed preacher may baptize converts and administer the Communion and Feet Washing service under the direct supervision of an ordained Free Will Baptist minister. Licensed preachers are expected to preach at least twenty-four sermons 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 one of our most able pastors for the period of 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 pastor's church when he is not preaching somewhere. The licensed preacher at the end of this program, providing a good report was received from the senior pastor, may request to be ordained. Amended August 1, 2009

Article 11. Each member is urged and expected to attend all

gular 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 or 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.

All charges against a minister will be brought to the Conference and a recommendation made before proceeding farther. Amended August 10, 1996.

Article 14. To constitute a quorum, at least half of the members on the roll must be present in order for the meeting to be called to order and business conducted. No session of Conference will be considered legal if fifteen or more ordained ministers are not present. Amended August 1, 2009

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 of 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.

Article 20. This Conference will only allow its members to preach, teach, and use the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible as we believe it is the infallible Word of God. Added August 1, 2009

The above Constitution and By-Laws was duly adopted by the Conference in regular session at North Bend Free Will Baptist Church, June, 1919. Readopted in Conference, September, 1944. Revised and re-adopted at Locust Gap Free Will Baptist Church, Mountain City, TN, August 9, 1975. Amended March 28, 2003

Resolutions and Rules - Adopted Since 1948

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 is to be a member 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. Leviticus 20:13, Romans 1:26-32. Also we are opposed to abortion in any form. "Thou shalt not kill," the fifth Commandment. Exodus 20:13.

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. Genesis 11:1-9.

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.

August 13, 1983 - Ministers Conference - Concerning ministers marrying people that have been divorced: "If they have separated, divorced but not re-married, and get back together (and choose to remarry) minister may marry them."

"We, your Ordaining Council, recommend to the conference that a bylaw be passed that any preacher, who leaves his church and starts a New Work within (10) ten miles, consisting of members of the Old Church, be dealt with by the Conference by calling for his credentials.

89th Session 1984 - Resolutions Committee Report: 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 bylaws, 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."

August 12, 1994 - Rules Committee report: "We also make the following motion: No one is to be nominated for any office or committee unless present at the meeting in which the nomination occurs, unless the nominee has been informed and agrees prior to the nomination to accept the position if elected."

August 8, 1997 - Rules Committee report: "The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of the Jack's Creek F.W.B. Disabled Ministers Fund will be elected by the Jack's Creek F.W.B. Association for an indefinite period of time. A new Treasurer and/or Assistant Treasurer may be elected at the request of the current treasurer, at the decease or withdrawal from the Association by the treasurer, or by a majority vote of this Association."

August 7, 1998 - Brother Charlie Trivette presented the church

flag and a certificate to be given to all ministers' wives or next of kin at the close of a minister's funeral. The idea was accepted and agreed to be paid for out of the Home Missions fund, motion being approved by the Association.

November 28, 1998 - A motion was passed that anyone bringing a charge against a minister in the Conference would be subject to being investigated by the same Investigating Committee as the minister, before the charge would be brought before the Conference.

July 30, 1999 - 1 p.m. Business Session: A motion was passed to reprint and use the Treatise that was written by the Committee appointed in 1985.

October 28, 2000 - Ministers Conference - Bro. Charlie Trivette spoke on the flags to be presented at funerals of deceased ministers. Bro. Trivett made a motion that the presiding minister call in advance to find out the wishes of the family. The motion was approved.

September 29, 2001 - Ministers Conference - A decision was made that when a Conference was called (postponed) after inclement weather, it would be a standing rule that it would convene the next Saturday.

January 29, 2005 - Ministers Conference - 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.

By-Laws Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Disabled Minister's 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 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 his 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 after the Investigating Committee has made a fair and impartial investigation. If the applicant 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. (Amended August 12, 1977)

6. A standard form application will be furnished by this 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.

Burial Fund

Article 1. This fund shall be known as the **Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Burial Fund.**

Article 2. This fund has two levels of benefits to choose from: (A) For an annual premium of \$15.00, a member will receive \$500.00 of death benefits, and (B) For an annual premium of \$30.00, a member will receive \$1,000.00 of death benefits.

Article 3. Participation in this program is completely voluntary.

Article 4. Any minister, who is in good standing and a member of the Jack's Creek Ministers Conference, has the option to participate in this program, provided he makes that election within one year of the date he becomes a member of this Ministers Conference. His wife has the option to participate in this same program for the same benefits and the same annual premium. Her premiums will be in addition to his premiums.

Article 5. A membership application must be completed, signed, dated, and the first annual premium paid to be enrolled in this program.

Article 6. Annual premiums are due and payable in advance at the Ministers Conference held in conjunction with the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association each year. On October 29, 1983, a motion was passed to give a 90 day grace period for paying the annual premium to the Burial Fund.

Article 7. Any minister, who fails to pay his annual premium, who withdraws from the Ministers Conference, or who is dismissed from the Ministers Conference, forfeits his rights to the benefits of this program. He is not entitled to a refund of any of the premiums paid into this Fund. If his wife is a member of this program, she forfeits her benefits and will not receive any refund of premiums paid.

Article 8. If the minister precedes his wife in death, she has the option to continue in this program as long as she conducts herself as a Christian, remains unmarried, and pays her annual premiums.

This program was established August 12, 1978. The second benefit level (B) was added August 8, 1980.

Church Letter
To the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association

Date _____

We, the members of _____, now in session, send the following named delegates to represent us in your body: _____

Our statistics are as follows

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| (1) Total Membership _____ | (11) Clerk & Mod. _____ |
| (2) No. baptized _____ | (12) Children's Home _____ |
| (3) Members added _____ | (13) Poor & Sick _____ |
| (4) Members dismissed _____ | (14) Disabled Min. Fund _____ |
| (5) Deaths _____ | (15) Home Missions _____ |
| (6) Avg. in S. S. _____ | (16) Foreign Missions _____ |
| (7) No. in Ladies Aux. _____ | (17) Paid for Revivals _____ |
| (8) No. in C.T.S. _____ | (18) Paid Pastor _____ |
| (9) Minute Fund _____ | (19) Improve Church Prop. _____ |
| (10) Association Fund _____ | (20) Value of Church Prop. _____ |

Note: Please send \$1.00 to the Minute Fund for each copy of the minutes you desire for your Church.

Pastor elect _____ Phone No. _____

Church Clerk _____ Phone No. _____

Mailing Address _____

Revivals conducted by _____

Application For Financial Aid
Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Disabled Ministers Fund

I, _____, request financial assistance from this fund due to the following circumstances that have rendered me unable to take care of my needs. By making this request, I grant the Investigating Committee permission to investigate my health status and my financial status so they can properly determine my needs. If my health improves or the need of financial aid is reduced or no longer needed, I will notify the Investigating Committee.

Description of health condition and financial status:

Date_____

Signature_____

Investigating Committee's report and recommendation to the Board of Directors of the Disabled Ministers Fund.

Date_____

Signature_____

CHURCHES	# BAPTIZED	MEMBERS ADDED	# DISMISSED	DEATHS	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	AVERAGE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL	LADIES AUX.	# IN C.T.S.	MINUTE FUND	ASSOCIATION FUND	CLERK AND MODERATOR FUND	PAID PASTOR	PAID FOR REVIVALS	CHILDRENS HOME	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	DISABLED MINISTERS	POOR AND SICK	IMPROVEMENT ON CHURCH PROPERTY	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY
BIG CREEK	4	5		2	80	70			60	60	50	20,200	1,000	3,000	2,088	1,215	1,000	14,009	25,620	483,042
BORINGS CHAPEL																				
BRUMMITT'S CREEK	3			1	55				40	50	20	7,300	250		1,092			1,067	16,160	324,000
BURBANK	1	1		5	243	133	8	72	40		25	26,000	1,200	3,325	5,940	6,585	260	8,700	51,000	655,340
COLBERT'S CREEK		3			21	25			20		10							1,550		
COVEY ROCK	1		7	3	137	100			40	60	10	16,000	1,000	4,732	734	9,959	300	6,750	31,000	432,225
CRABTREE			3		35	25	9		25	40	25			50	25	25	100	2,625	6,489	131,841
DAVISTOWN	4	1		1	17	22	6		30	50	10	2,600	800	300				2,994	3,899	254,014
FLAT ROCK	5	5			80	30	8		25	50	25	10,200	500		650	8,725		15,436	21,000	221,000
HIGGINS		5		1	170	95			40	20	5	21,777		277	350		65	2,980	6,236	566,304
HILLCREST	2	2		1	37	17			20	20	15	5,200			50		50			250,000
LIBERTY CHAPEL																				
LOW GAP					102	45			50	50	10		852	1,368	2,228	300	100	2,800		307,023
MIDDLE DISTRICT		1		1	64	54		24	40	40	25	10,200	250	650		1,500		3,628		375,000
NEW HOPE	5	5			35	40	10		30			8,400						2,500	3,200	240,000
NIX CREEK	12	16	4		64	75		10	40	50	25		305	300	50	97		5,946	24,081	168,948
NORTH BEND			3	2	75	55			80	100	25	5,000		2,173	4,242	900	100	3,266		515,300
PATHWAY		7		1	45	45	20		40	20	20	6,500	250	780		300		788	1,664	120,000
PENSACOLA	3	4		1	87	52	10	20	40	50	10	9,227		804	765	1,565	200	17,222	1,800	121,000
PETERSON'S CHAPEL				1	83	90			35	10	10	16,800		1,400	5,867			3,140	5,400	355,000
PILGRIM'S CHAPEL					44	25			20	20	20							1,000		71,000
PINEY GROVE	3			5	130	44			25	60	5	16,500	500	1,364	1,200	1,332	60	7,200		170,000
SOUTHSIDE	2	5			281	114	33		50	15	25	28,725	2,300	5,125	800	800	260	7,739		1210,000
SUNSET	3	3			70	45			50	15	15	19,500	600	1,381		1,200	50	12,503		326,700
UNION HILL	7	13			58	50			35	40	25	5,625	1,300	2,000	851		200	1,259	15,157	94,752
VALE	1	5			49	35			30	50	25	6,200		150	340		50	875		125,000
VALLEY FORGE	24	45		6	515	343	85	267	200	100	25	42,076	2,943	6,540	93,356	13,524	300	29,378	202,442	3,662,442
WOODBYS HILL	2				45	38	11		25	25	5	10,650		266	120	420	25	1,400	9,871	147,625
YOUNGS CHAPEL	1	6	2	2	112	51	10	30	50	50	20	16,200	500	570	4,471	4,385	200	3,788	7,234	200,000

