

2009– 2010 Minutes

of The

**JACK'S CREEK  
FREEWILL BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**

For the 115<sup>th</sup> 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  
Nix Creek Freewill Baptist Church  
In Marion, North Carolina, July 28-30th, 2010  
(The last Thursday in July) at 10:30 A.M.

Brother Jimmy Arrowood will preach the  
introductory message.  
Brother Adam Miller will be the alternate.

## 2010-2011 Sessions

**FIRST CONFERENCE:** October 30, 2010 To be held at Sunset Freewill Baptist. Preaching will be Rev. Lester Perkins with Rev. J.C. Sheets as his alternate. Rev. Kelly Pittman will give devotions.

**SECOND CONFERENCE:** January 29, 2011 To be held at Low Gap Freewill Baptist. Preaching will be Rev. Adam Miller with Rev. Keith Miller as alternate. Rev. Frank Cable will give devotions.

**THIRD CONFERENCE:** May 29 2011 To be held at Middle District Freewill Baptist. Preaching will be Rev. Scotty Jenkins and Rev. Kevin Laws as his alternate. Rev. Roger Laws will give devotions.

**ASSOCIATION AND MINISTERS' CONFERENCE:** Our annual meeting will be held on July 28-30 at Nix Creek Freewill Baptist Church in Marion N.C. Rev. Jimmy Arrowood will preach on Thursday morning with Rev. Adam Miller as his alternate. Rev. Kelly Pittman will preach Thursday night. Rev. Roger Laws will preach on Friday morning with Rev. Dean Murphy as his alternate.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Rev. J.C. Sheets, and Bro. Rose Miller.

**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.



## **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 FREEWILL 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 Treasurer	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, Rev. Norman Loveless, Alternate- Rev. Junior McKinney

**North Carolina:** Chairman: Rev. Dean Murphy, Rev. Jimmy Arrowood and Rev. Kelly Pittman, Alternate - Bro. Tony Byrd

## **DISABLED MINISTERS FUND INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:**

**Tennessee:** Chairman: Rev. Norman Loveless, Bro. Maurice Robinsor (423-743-6325), Rev. Bernie Jones, Alternate - Rev. Kevin Laws

**North Carolina:** Chairman: Rev. Ronnie Peterson, Rev. J.C. Sheets, Rev. Bobby Revis, Alternate - Rev. Billy Styles

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISABLED MINISTERS FUND:**

Chairman: Bro. Carl Roberson (423-543-3885), Bro. Perry Moore (828-738-3201), Rev. Ulis Miller, Rev. Charlie Trivette, and Herbert Hopson (828-682-7306), Alternate



## **RULES COMMITTEE:**

**Chairman:** Rev. Norman Loveless (423-547-9526), Bro. Perry Moore (828-738-3201), Bro. Lee Thompson (828-682-2528), Rev. Ulis Miller (423-743-4788), and Bro. Richard Tipton (828-682-6521)

## **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. Kelly Pittman, Rev. Keith Miller, Alternate - Rev. Rickey Hollifield

## **PROCEEDINGS**

The Jacks Creek Association met for its 115<sup>th</sup> session with Pensacola Freewill Baptist Church July 29 at 10:30. A welcome was given by Rev. Norman Loveless who made the necessary announcements. The Hopson family sang "I Am Bound for That City". Sister Christy Smith also gave a song entitled "I've Got More To Go To Heaven For". There was much rejoicing. Prayer was given by Rev. Randy English. Rev. J.C. Sheets gave the morning message reading from St. John, Chapter 3, Verses 15-16. His message was entitled "God came on a

mission.” He told us why Christ came and his results. He talked about the flesh of Christ and His death, burial, and resurrection and then the mission will be accomplished when He returns for His church. The congregation then sang “I’d Rather Be An Old Time Christian”, followed with fellowship and a handshake. Prayer was given by Rev. Bernie Jones who dismissed us to lunch.

### **1:30 Business Session**

The session began with the congregation singing “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”. Rev. Alex Carver gave devotions reading from Psalms 1:1. He spoke to us on the love and joy of the Lord. Prayer was led by Rev. Terry Richardson. The Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley, then welcomed everyone and read the Rules of Decorum. The Church letters were then read and the delegates seated for business. The ministers’ roll call was given. The clerk then read a letter from Flat Rock Freewill Baptist Church in which the church stated that they were not able to attend conferences and asked for their church to be dropped from the Jacks Creek Association. A motion was offered and seconded that their request be honored. The motion passed. Visiting ministers were called for. Rev. Frank Wood from Freewill Baptist Children's Home, Rev. J.B. Cope, and Rev. Jody Trantham, both from Nix Creek, entered their names into our body. Visiting churches were called for. United Friendship Freewill Baptist Church was welcomed to our body. The moderator called for churches seeking membership. There were none.

### **CHURCH LETTERS**

**BIG CREEK:** Tony Byrd, Teddy Adkins

**BORINGS CHAPEL:** No Report

**BRUMMITTS CREEK:** Bros. Brandon Byrd, Colton Swann, Dustin Swann, Sisters Star Bennett, Billie Hazerik, and Gail Phillips

**BURBANK:** By Letter

**COLBERTS CREEK:** Roger Whitson

**COVEY ROCK:** Bros. Larry Miller and Tom Ayers, Sisters Barbara Miller and Pat Elwood

**CRABTREE:** Rev. B.F. McKinney Jr.

**DAVISTOWN:** Rev. Frank Cable, Bro. Perry Moore

**HIGGINS:** Bros. Gary Cooper, Josh Phillips, Sister Vanetta Cooper

**HILLCREST:** Bro. Odean Fender

**LIBERTY CHAPEL:** No Report

**LOW GAP:** Bros. Richard Tipton and Carson Jones, Sisters Tonya Ray and Nicole Whitehead

**MIDDLE DISTRICT:** By Letter

**NEW HOPE:** By Letter

**NIX CREEK:** Bros. Mike Lister, Austin Cope, Eddie McKinney, J.B. Cope, Jody Trantham, Dillon Christopher, and Wayne McKinney, Sisters Dixie Cope, Dimmerrie Brooks, Kelly Cope, Jesse Christopher, and Amanda McKinney

**NORTH BEND:** Bros. Dean Murphy, Owen Barnett, Eddie Tipton and Herbert Hopson

**PATHWAY:** Bros. Jerry Williams, Buster Laugren, Julian Cruetz, and Gary Peterson



**PENSACOLA:** Bros. Chris Fender, Duane Allen, Rose Miller, Doug Higgins and Sisters Cindy Allen, Teresa Ponder and Angie Higgins

**PETERSON'S CHAPEL:** By Letter

**PILGRIMS CHAPEL:** Rev. Russell Hughes, Sister Margret Hughes

**PINEY GROVE:** Bro. Kennie McKinney, Sisters Aileen and Janice McKinney

**SOUTHSIDE:** Bros. Kevin Laws, Scott Bradford, Bernie Jones, Ullis Miller, Maurice Robinson

**SUNSET:** Bros. Terry Richardson, Vearl Julian, Ben Stevens, and Sister Kristi Smith

**UNION HILL:** Bros. Josh Miller, Ron Bailey, and James Miller

**VALE:** Bro. Gary Huffman

**VALLEY FORGE:** Bros. Carl Roberson, Sam Harrison, Charlie Trivette, and Sister Irene Trivette

**WOODBURY HILL:** Bro. Randy English and Max Simerly

**YOUNG'S CHAPEL:** Bros. Dean Branton, Lee Thompson and Sisters Billie Thompson, Thula Hughes, and Emogene Silver

## **ASSOCIATION TOPIC COMMITTEES**

**Churches, Pastors, and Deacons:** Bro. James Miller, Chris Fender, and Willis Adkins

**CTS:** Sisters Shirley Peterson, Dimmerree Brooks, and Theresa Ponder

**Disabled Ministers Funds:** Owen Barnett, Carson Jones, and Eddie Tipton

**Education:** Bro. Adam Miller, Rickey Hollifield, and Sister Tonya Ray

**Foreign Missions:** Bros. Marvin Hensley, Kelly Pittman, and Jody Trantham

**Home Missions:** Bros. Gary Cooper, Herbert Hopson, and Ronnie Bailey

**Ladies Auxiliary:** Sisters Bonnie Loveless, Sherri Fender, and Dixie Cope

**Children's Home:** Bros. Mike Allison, Junior McKinney, and Dean Branton

**Sunday School:** Bros. Larry Miller, Alex Carver and J.B. Cope

**Sessions:** Bros. Jimmy Arrowood, J.C. Sheets, and Rose Miller

**Resolutions:** Bros. Dean Murphy, Terry Richardson, and Bernie Jones

Brother Bobby Revis spoke to us about the Burial Fund and the need for others to join, especially the younger ministers and their wives. He gave the financial report that included all the money taken in and spent since the inception of the program. He encouraged us to all get involved.

Rev. Charlie Trivette spoke about the need for all investigation committee members' phone # to be included in the minutes.

Bro. Frank Woods gave appreciation from the Children's Home for our giving, prayers, and friendship. \$39,270 has been given to this date this year which includes over \$7,000.00 for Mother's Day gift. Bro. James

Kilgore, Director, is still having medical difficulties. He encouraged us to help the Hope Center, which continues to minister to needy mothers.

The afternoon session ended with Rev. Ronnie Peterson closing in prayer.

### **Thursday 7 PM Preaching Service**

The service was opened with Bro. Norman Loveless welcoming everyone. The Pensacola choir sang "God On The Mountain", and "So Much To Thank Him For". The church quartet sang "Stand Still and Let God Move". Sister Christy Crow sung "Beulah Land". Rev. Ronnie Peterson gave the prayer. Bro. B.F. McKinney brought the message reading from James 5:17-18. He preached on prayer and the lack of it, the reason our country is so far away from God. He talked about how Elisha prayed and what a difference it made. It will also take prayer to turn the Church around, to get the lost saved and allow us to forgive each other. He preached a needed, wonderful message. The service ended in fellowship and was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Randy Hughes.

### **Friday 9:30 AM Business Session**

The session began with the congregation singing "In The Sweet By and By". Bro. Rickey Hollifield brought devotions reading Psalms 119:11-28,33,34. He talked to us about being devoted and dedicated. Prayer was given by Rev. Russell Hughes. The moderator, Bro. Marvin Hensley, called order and read The Rules of Decorum. The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and approved. He called for absent churches to report. Valley Forge turned in their yearly report. The ministers' roll call was given. There was a call for visiting churches and any church seeking membership. There were none. We welcomed Rev. J.B. Cope and Rev. Jody Trantham as visiting ministers. The moderator then called for committee reports to be given.



## ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Churches, Pastors, and Deacons:** Bro. Chris Fender read John 13: 3-5, 13-17. He stressed the importance for all Christians to remember that we are servants of God and that we need to be an example to the lost and dying world. A servant is a person who voluntarily serves another. As Joshua was a servant of Moses, the apostles, the servant of Christ. So Christ himself is called servant.

The Church Covenant was read and it was stressed how we are to remember and apply it to our daily walk with Christ. Bro. James Miller told us that we are Christians, and we should remember to act like one. Bro. Willis Adkins read from Acts 3 and gave a wonderful testimony. Respectfully: Bros. James Miller, Willis Adkins, and Chris Fender

**Foreign Missions:** Rev. Marvin Hensley spoke about how things have changed in the mission field and how the mission money is raised. No missionary will be in the black or red, financially, any more. We raised \$5400.00 to help support Verlon Anderson. We have promised that we would raise almost twice that amount. Rev. Jody Trantham read from John 3:16; and Romans 10:14. He talked about sending preachers to foreign lands so that "They might hear." Rev. Kelly Pittman spoke about the need for more financial help, and how much more prayer was needed for the missionary and their families.

**Disabled Ministers Fund:** Bro. Carson Jones read from Acts: 17:11-12. He and Bro. Owen Barnett spoke about how we should show appreciation to our elderly and disabled ministers. They also said that we should help them financially and we should visit them, support them and take care of them.

Gal. 6:2 says "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ". Gal.6:10 says "as we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Bro. Eddie Tipton said that the law of Christ is that we love one another. Let us as brother and sisters in Christ, take responsibility for the welfare

of our ministers that are disabled. Let us all be watchful of what is already put in place and keep it strong and ready to disperse as needed. Respectfully submitted: Bros. Owen Barnett, Eddie Tipton and Carson Jones

**Education:** Children in this day and time have so many things to draw them away for God and His Church, but as Moses tells us in Deuteronomy 6:6-7, "And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest down and thou risest up". We need to be an example to them in our daily lives.

Education clarifies the difference between right and wrong and helps instill virtues in young minds. The fundamental purpose of education is to gain knowledge. Education is vital to the healthy growth and development of one's personality. It teaches us how to lead our lives. Education cultivates us into mature individuals, individuals capable of planning for our future, and making right decisions. The getting of knowledge is education; the use of knowledge is wisdom. Proverbs 1:2 "To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding."

Young children need to be taught the word through devotions at home, Sunday school, Bible School, and other means, that the Word of God, Ephesians 6:4 says" and ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Respectfully Submitted: Sis. Tonya Ray, Bro Adam Miller, and Bro Rickey Hollifield

**Home Missions:** Bro. Gary Cooper stated that Home Mission begins at home. The Government has taken over where the church used to help and see to people. Bro. Ronnie Bailey read Matt 25:31. The mission field is wide open. We need to visit the sick, get the lost saved. Bro. Herbert Hopson spoke about the preacher's role in the mission field. Rev. Ronnie Peterson gave his Home Mission report. For full report, see financial page.

## **Friday 11:00 AM Preaching Service**

The service opened with the Nix Creek quartet singing "My Home-My Home A Place I Long To Be". Rev. Charlie Trivette brought the message reading from Acts 3:1-10. He preached about the things that ought to be in church. He talked about togetherness, the spirit of the Lord, prayer at the altar, a touch from the Lord, congregation, deacons and pastors, some caring, to be able to give away things greater than silver or gold, and healing from God himself. Finally he talked about praise in the house of the Lord. He encouraged us all with the great job he did. Prayer by Rev. Roscoe Higgins and adjourned to lunch.

## **Friday PM Service 1:15**

Welcome back by Pastor Norman Loveless. Rev. Jimmy Arrowood gave devotions reading Jeremiah 20:9. He talked to us about losing our passion for the Church and the cause of Christ. Rev. Junior Peterson gave the prayer. The moderator called the session back to business with continuation of topics.

**Sunday School:** Acts 11:26 "And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch and it came to pass that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church and taught much people and the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

The training and discipline that people of all ages receives in Sunday School is vital to our spiritual growth and development. From the earliest age of entering Sunday School through the golden ages of our lives, Sunday School is a continual establishment of God's word spoken and taught to our hearts. In today's society we see more and more people's hearts becoming so hardened to God's word, not just the adult generation but in our young adults and children. This is a by-product of a lack of a continual and faithful assembly in a good and Godly Sunday School class where the word of God is loving and constructively taught.



Bro. Larry Miller spoke about the need to keep our children in Sunday School and to also teach them in our homes to fear and love God.  
Respectfully : Bro. Larry Miller, Revs. Alex Carver, J.B. Cope

**Sessions: See Inside Cover**

**C.T.S:** We as Christians, are soldiers in God's army. No general would send out their soldiers without training in the basics of fighting. We are at war with the flesh, principalities and powers of the air. Neither should we send out our new converts or young Christians without those basic principals. C.T.S. provides that good foundation and training in God's word along with the doctrine of the church in Christ centered and prayerful Bible study. Deuteronomy 11:19 says, "and ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up". We as parents and grandparents must train (to show by actions) our children. We must start when they are very young. We must keep them in church by taking them. Let them know we are praying for them. And, foremost, we must be spiritual ourselves, not just a bench warmer. When we do these things, they will develop healthy minds which will be receptive to the word of God.

**Ladies Auxiliary:** I Corinthians 13:4 says "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, and is not puffed up". A Lady is one who is refined, polite and well spoken. She may be poor and have little education, but she is a real lady. Auxiliary is a person or thing that gives aid of any kind or is a helper. Hattie McCourry didn't say Ladies Auxiliary, she called it Ladies Aid, and that is just as it should be. We are to train one another and have opportunity to share, encourage, and motivate each other to work in our Church and community for our Lord and Savior. Women in our churches have an important role to play. We are helpmates to our spouses and in our church. The Ladies Auxiliary was established a long time ago as a way for women to get together and come up with ideas of ways to assist the church, whether it be through planning meals, worship, cleaning,

praying, Bible study-wherever help is needed. We have a chance to raise up a group of young Godly women. How will they know how to do, if we do not show them? Where would our churches be without the help of our ladies?

Respectfully: Sisters Dixie Cope, Sherri Fender, and Bonnie Loveless

**Children's Family Ministry:** Thank you every pastor and church in the Jack's Creek Association for everything you have done to assist in the ministry of F.W.B. Family Ministries. We encourage all pastors in the Association to continue to pray for us and do all that you can to support our efforts as we see to hurting families and children and to help babies given the gift of life. Ask God what He would have you do for Family Ministries.

We praise the Lord that 112 young people accepted Jesus as their personal Savior, 85 rededicated their lives and 102 babies were born to clients of the Hope Center. During the first half of 2010, we have had 896 visits to The Hope Center, distributed 839 packs of diapers, 512 packages of diaper wipes and added 87 new clients. Since January of this year, 40 babies have been born to clients, with an additional 28 girls registered.

The Jack's Creek Association contributed just over \$39,270 this year with an additional \$290.00 received in a special offering on Friday at the Association. Please refer to the handout given at the Association for further information.

Respectfully: Bros. Junior McKinney, Dean Branton, and Mike Allison

## **Friday 7:00 PM Youth Service July 30**

The service began with a welcome by Pastor Norman Loveless. Prayer was led by Rev. Jimmy Arrowood. Mark and Jade Robinson sang "The Stone Was Rolled Away", and "Just For Me". Ashley Blankenship sang "I Am Covered By The Blood" and other selections. Francis Hopson sang "Come Morning". This was followed by the Pensacola youth choir singing "Rise and Follow", along with "Are You Washed In the Blood",

and several other beautiful selections. Alecia Silvers sang "By His Stripes We Are Healed". The Church quartet sang "Stand Still and Let God Move". This was followed by several testimonies. Sister Shirley Peterson then sang "I Found A Treasure". The service ended in fellowship, a handshake and prayer by Bro. Rick Wilson. It was a wonderful service.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Home Mission Fund Report

Balance as of August 1, 2009	\$6,236.15
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#### Received at Association

Woodby Hill F.W.B	60.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Aide	60.00
Hillcrest F.W.B	50.00
Crabtree F.W.B	25.00
Total	\$6,431.15

#### Paid Out:

Two year Burial Fund for Wanda Ledford	\$60.00
Frank Cable – Flags	\$100.00
Yancey Memorial for James Ledford Stone	\$532.25
F.W.B Home Missions	\$120.00
Frank Cable for computer	\$399.99
Yancey Funeral Services for Wanda Ledford	\$1500.00

Balance as of July 30-2010	\$3,718.91
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Treasurer: Rev. Ronnie Peterson

## INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS REPORT

Beginning Balance 8-6-09	\$11,836.86
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Contributions	
Big Creek	\$1,200.00
Burbank	\$600.00
Covey Rock	\$500.00
Crabtree	\$25.00
North Bend	\$1,500.00
Pathway	\$280.00
Pensacola	\$1,433.94
Southside	\$800.00
Woodby Hill	\$300.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Aide	\$120.00
Young's Chapel	\$4,627.00
Interest earned	\$4.80

Balance brought forward \$23,227.73

### **DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND**

Beginning Balance 7-31-09 \$257,865.99

#### **Receipts:**

Ministers Conference	\$1,742.00
Association	\$2,765.00
Burial Fund	\$1,875.00
Interest Earned	\$17,299.27
Minute Fund	\$1,037.00
Total Receipts	\$24,718.27
Total to Account for:	\$282,584.26

Disbursements \$12,243.15

Total In Treasure 7-30-10 \$270,341.11

Treasurer: Rev. Jonas Revis

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN 'S MINISTRIES - \$40,560.06**

**CLERK AND MODERATOR FUND - \$460.00**

**ASSOCIATION FUNDS - \$1,040.00**

**MINUTE FUND - \$1000.00**

### **Obituaries 2009-2010**

**Edith Gouge** from Burbank Freewill Baptist Church went home to be with the Lord November 27, 2009. She was the widow of Fletcher Gouge and the mother of Fletcher, Jr., Kenneth, Jim, Robert, Dayton, Tony, Ted, Linda, Brenda and many in-laws and grandchildren. She was a kind, loving Christian mother to her family and anyone she met. Her Heavenly Father looked down and saw her weak body and gently moved her home where she knows no more pain. We miss her so much, but we will meet again where there is no pain on Heaven's bright shore.

**Melissa McMahan** from Burbank Church went home to her Heavenly reward November 4, 2009. She is survived by three precious young daughters and her husband, Jeff. She was a kind, loving mother that was taken from us so young. She is sadly missed but we will meet again where there is no parting.

**Mabel Stocton**, a faithful dedicated mother and grandmother from Burbank Freewill Baptist Church, went to live with Jesus December 8, 2009. Mabel was the widow of Marshall Stocton and was a faithful deacon's wife as long as her health permitted. She was a light to her friends and family. Always, her prayer was that her family circle would never be broken. Mabel is survived by her daughter Glenda, sons,

Wayne and Ronnie, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He saw she was in pain and needed comfort so she moved to a land where there is no suffering and sickness. We miss you Mabel but we'll see you in the morning.

**Carrie Jarrett**, a member of Burbank Freewill Baptist Church entered her Heavenly home February 14, 2010. Carrie was the wife of the late Jesse Jarrett, a deacon. She was formerly a teacher of the young children, a devoted wife, loving mother and a friend to everyone. Carrie was preceded in death by her husband and daughter Barbara. She is survived by three daughters Marie, Betty, and Grace and one son, Harold. Her vacancy will never be filled but Jesus called "Carrie come live with me". We miss her but will meet her again Come Morning!

**Tony Robert Carnett**, a member of Burbank Freewill Baptist Church, went to his Heavenly home September 5, 2009 following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife Johnnie Stocton Carnett, his mother Ruby, two sons Dale and wife Carla, Brandon, two grandchildren and many friends. It is a comfort to know we will join him on the other side.



**Ruth Howell Adkins**, 83, of Big Creek, went to be with the Lord Tuesday, May 4, 2010. A native of Yancey County, she was the last living of eleven children of the late James and Hezzie McCurry Howell. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Adkins, who passed away in 1969 and seven sisters and three brothers. Ruth was a homemaker and member of Big Creek Freewill Baptist Church who loved to go to church and wanted everyone to go with her. She loved to crochet, read the Bible and babysit. Ruth was known for loving children and her family. She will always be remembered as a kind loving humble mother and grandmother. She will always be in our hearts and missed dearly by all who knew her and loved her.



**Mae Peterson Miller**, age 98, passed away July 9, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband Hobert Miller and a son, H. D. Miller. Survivors are three sons, Royce, Ray, and Reece and their families. She attended Brummitts Creek FWB Church when she was able. She is missed by her family and many friends.

**Abbie Davis Renfro**, age 82, passed away July 13, 2010 after a short illness. She was a member of Brummitts Creek FWB Church. She was the wife of the late R.C. Renfro who passed away in 1980. She is survived by two daughters Modeen Edwards, Mary Lee Willes and a son Ricky Renfro and their families who misses her along with her nieces, nephews, and her church family.

**Carrie Dale Miller**, age 72, passed away November 6, 2009. She was a member of Brummitts Creek FWB Church. She was the wife of H. D. Miller who passed away in 2004. She is survived by two daughters, several grandchildren and a lot of friends and family.

**Lizzie Ledford Trantham** went to be with the Lord on June 12, 2010. She had many friends everywhere. As her body weakened, she was unable to attend church and was missed at Hillcrest Freewill Baptist Church where she was a member.

**James George (J.G.) Yelton** went home to be with the Lord at Holston Manor Nursing Home, Kingsport , TN, on March 12, 2010, after an extended illness. JG was born in Mitchell County, NC, and married Mamie Ledford in 1947 who preceded him in death in 1986. JG and Mamie had one child, Linda, who married Kenneth Wayne Day, Erwin, TN, in 1971. JG was a long-time member of Middle District Freewill Baptist Church, Buladean, NC, where he had served as deacon since 1954. His service at Middle District FWB Church included Sunday School teacher, trustee, choir leader, superintendent, and member of a quartet for several years. JG loved serving his church and his Lord.

**Letha Officiate**, age 88, died September 2009. She attended Middle District Freewill Baptist Church faithfully until her death. She loved reading her Bible and her favorite chapter was Psalm 91. She is survived by two daughters, two sons-in-law, one son, one daughter-in-law, and one grandchild.

**Ralph Tipton**, age 84, died February 22, 2010, in the James H. Quillen Center, Mountain Home. Mr. Tipton was the son of the late William L. and Vertie Silver Tipton and had resided in Mitchell County since 1949. A veteran of World War II, he served his country in the US Navy, receiving the American Victory medal and the European-African medal with one star. Mr. Tipton retired in 1998 as a Zone Sales Representative for Sherwin Williams with thirty-five years of service. He was a member of the Middle District Freewill Baptist Church of Buladean, North Carolina. He was a former member of the Unicoi County Hospital Board of Controls for seventeen years, the Unicoi County Ruritan Club where he served at president. He also served as president of the Unicoi Volunteer Fire Department for thirteen years. He will truly be missed.

**Carson McClure** was born June 1, 1922, and he passed away September 26, 2009. "To everything there is a season...a time to be born, and a time to die..." We at Nix Creek Freewill Baptist Church were blessed to have Brother Carson as a long time member. He was a strong and courageous warrior for the church and for the Lord. He stood for the Church until the end, always wanting the best for God's house. He's now at rest in the Lord awaiting Christ's blessed appearing.

**Bonnie Blackwell** was born April 25, 1925 and passed on to be with the Lord on January 10, 2010. She enjoyed talking and laughing with people and gospel singing. Her joy in the Lord bubbled over onto others. A visit with Sister Bonnie left others joyous as well. She had lost her earthly vision but retained that vision for her Heavenly home. She will be missed by her church family at Nix Creek FWB Church and her loved ones.

**Virginia “Jenny” Adkins Tipton** departed this life on October 7, 2009 at the age of 72. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Gilbert and Ethel Howard Adkins. She was a member of North Bend Freewill Baptist Church. She was a sweet and loving person and is missed by all who knew her. She was the wife of Ralph Tipton who passed away five days later. She is survived by two sons, Doug and Dwayne, a sister, a brother, and a grandchild.

**Ralph Tipton** departed this life on October 12, 2009 at the age of 73. He was the husband of Virginia “Jenny” Adkins Tipton who passed away on October 7, 2010. He was the son of the late Gus and Frankie Ann Hopson Tipton. He was a member of North Bend Freewill Baptist Church. He was a friendly and enjoyable person to talk with and will be missed by family and friends. He is survived by two sons, Doug and Dwayne, a grandchild, three sisters, and two brothers.

**Lora Peterson** departed this life on October 16, 2009 at the age of 83. She was the daughter of the late Noah and Rebecca Hughes and the wife of Carmen Peterson who passed away in 1992. She was a member of North Bend Freewill Baptist Church who was faithful and loved and trusted in the Lord. She sang in the church choir as long as she was able to attend. She is survived by two sons, Gary and Gerald, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren, and a twin sister. She will be greatly missed. She wrote this poem before her passing:

**Find a Rainbow**

**It really does not matter  
If the day is dark or bright  
I can always make it better  
If my attitude is right**

**Sometimes clouds cover the sunshine  
That's when faith comes shining  
Through, for I know there is a  
Rainbow just beyond my point of view.**

So I've learned to keep on trusting  
Even in the darkest day  
And I always find a rainbow  
That can drain the clouds away.

Lora Peterson

**Louise "Tootsy" Williams** departed this life on January 26, 2010 at the age of 83. She was the daughter of the late Calvin Eck and Millie Garland Phillips. She attended North Bend Freewill Baptist Church. She was a devoted Christian who was faithful and supportive of all church activities. She loved the Lord. She is survived by her husband Joe Williams, a son Charles, daughter Paula Peterson, Charlene Hoffman, seven grandchildren two great grandchildren and a brother. She will be missed by family and friends.

**Robert Whitson** departed this life June 24, 2010 at the age of 81. He was the son of the late Robert and Violet Gillis Whitson. He was the husband of Wanda Blease King Whitson who died in 2003. He was preceded in death by a daughter Nancy Whitson. Robert was a U.S Air Force Veteran and a member of North Bend Freewill Baptist Church, where he served as treasurer until his health declined. He is survived by two sons Steve and David, two daughters Debra and Lisa, twelve grandchildren, three great grandchildren and four sisters and three brothers. He will be greatly missed.

**Irene Riddle Hyatt**, age 90, went to her Heavenly home March 6, 2010. She was a member of Pensacola Freewill Baptist Church. She left behind a large family and many friends who loved and misses her very much. We will be with her once again in Heaven.

**Hattie Wilcox McCourry** went home to be with the Lord on July 19, 2010 at age 81. Hattie was the daughter of the late Rev. Handy and Fairene Forbes Wilcox and the wife of the late Rev. Troy McCourry who passed away April 9, 2009. She was the loyal pastor's wife during 27 years at



Southside FWB Church in Erwin, TN and 23 years at Pensacola FWB Church in Burnsville, NC. Surviving are her son: Wade McCourry of the home, sisters and brothers: Janie Whitson, Claude Wilcox, Bonnie Bowman, Hugh Wilcox, Ronnie Wilcox, and Jim Wilcox. Also surviving are her McCourry brothers and sisters-in-law, a host of nieces and nephews and many friends. She will long be remembered for her loving, caring, and generous nature.



**Jimmy D. Honeycutt**, age 65, date of birth December 24, 1943, date of death November 22, 2009. Brother Jim left this world looking toward Heaven as he spoke his last words "Jesus is calling my name, Lord come and get me", surrounded by his loving wife Janice and his special daughter Holly. He was a faithful and dedicated member and deacon of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. He was retired due to a disability. He was the

most precious and loving husband, father and "Opo" to his grandson Peyton who was his pride and joy. He loved going to church. He loved going to Jack's Creek Association meetings, many time serving on several committees. He especially loved gospel singing and southern gospel music. He was a special encourager to the choir of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church for many years and they affectionately called him "Honey Bunny". He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Janice, daughter and son-in-law Holly and Glen Wiseman, grandson Peyton, four sisters and their spouses, two sisters-in-law. By his kindness and Christian love, Brother Jim touched the lives of many people. He was truly a good Samaritan, who spread sunshine and Christian love. He is now safely at home singing in that Heavenly choir. If he could talk to us now he would simply say "younguns" live for the Lord and hurry home and come see me in this beautiful place. "It's the best thing that's ever happened to me."

**Sonja Renee Stanley**, age 39, date of birth October 19, 1969, date of death, August 3, 2009. Sonja died peacefully and unexpectedly in her

sleep. She was a member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. She was the granddaughter of Mildred "Dupe" Vaughan and the late Deacon Doyle "Red" Vaughan who helped raise her. It's hard many times to understand why God calls a younger person home but death is no respecter. She is survived by Vaughan Estep, her father "Junior" Stanley, her grandmother Mildred Vaughan, a sister Kim and a host of family and friends. God put His arms around her, closed her weary eyelids and lifted her to rest. Thank God for his beautiful garden and the hope we have of a better place. Don't think of her as gone away. Her journey has just begun.

**Norma Jean Ellison**, age 62, date of birth July 3, 1947, date of death April 15, 2010. A faithful member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church entered into beautiful gardens of Heaven to be with her Savior surrounded by family and friends at her home. She was a master gardener and owner of Ellison's Homestead Greenhouse, known locally as "The Hosta Lady". She loved and enjoyed seeing all the new life that spring brings. She is survived by her husband, Jack, daughters Sarah, Cherie, and Crystal, two grandsons Caleb Smith and John Ward Cathey III, the sunshine of her life. She was aunt to eighteen nieces and thirty-three great nieces and nephews. She was a precious Christian lady who truly will be missed by not only family but a host of friends. Her passing makes Heaven so much sweeter and so beautiful and 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".

**Nola Carolina Wiseman Proffitt**, age 65, date of birth June 25, 1944, date of death April 16, 2010. She was a member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. She was the daughter of the late Deacon Ben and Era Wiseman. She was a retired inspector with Snap-on Tools. Survivors include a daughter Brenda, her husband "Dickie" Lyons, a son Wayne Leonard and Deanna Proffitt, six grandchildren, five brothers and sisters-in-law, one sister and brother-in-law. Her disability made it hard for her to breathe for many years. She loved her family and friends. Heaven just gets sweeter with the passing of folks like Sister



Caroline. Praise God for the hope of seeing them again and the comfort that she is at rest with the Lord in a beautiful and far better place.

**Richard Reed Buell**, age 65, date of birth March 29, 1945, date of death June 7, 2010. He went home to be with his Lord after an extended illness. He was an active and faithful member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. He was a native of Pennsylvania but had lived in Carbon County for over 37 years. He was owner of Buell Bookkeeping and Tax Service for several years. He leaves his wife Patricia, four daughters, two sons and their families. He loved his family, his country and his church, and it showed in his actions. He was a friend to so many. Truly we lost a good friend but Heaven is so much sweeter because of special warriors like Brother Richard Buell.

**Charles Treadway**, age 85, date of birth March 8, 1924, date of death January 5, 2010. Brother Charlie was a devoted and dedicated member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. He was a "Prayer Warrior" who loved his church and was most certainly not ashamed to praise his Lord. When the Lord's Spirit would come in the service, whether in the choir otherwise he could raise his hands and shout to the precious Lord he served for so long. He is now singing with his late wife Novella who passed away in 2004. He was a Godly man who was not ashamed of his Lord. The vacancy by his home going will be impossible to fill but it simply makes Heaven so much sweeter to know that one day soon we can join him and so many that are waiting for us on the other side in that beautiful place called "Heaven".

**Jeffrey Stephen "Steve" Lipford**, age 60, date of birth October 29, 1949, date of death July 21, 2010. He was a faithful and dedicated member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. Steve lived his life for the Lord and was an active member of the men's Bible class. He was a CPA and owner of Steve Lipford & Associates. He loved his job and his clients were like family. He always took the time to enjoy a conversation with everyone regardless of how busy he was. Survivors include his wife Judy Blackwell Lipford, a son Joj, a daughter

Stephanie, a granddaughter and a host of family and friends. Steve suffered much during the past several months. He was one of the most patriotic Americans who loved his family, his country, his church and his Lord. The vacancy that Steve leaves will be hard to fill but it makes Heaven so much sweeter. It is so special that a true servant of the Lord does not have to suffer anymore. One day soon we can be with him and so many others in that beautiful place called "Heaven".

**Monnie Morton Williams**, age 62, date of birth October 26, 1947, date of death May 29, 2010. Although she was a member of Piney Grove Freewill Baptist Church in Johnson City, she attended for some time Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. We claimed her and her husband Carl as our own. She was a devoted Christian wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend who had a pleasantness about her that was so Christ like. Her family stood by her side during her battle with cancer. In her last days when she could not speak she would point to her Savior above. She looked to seeing her Lord that she so faithfully served for so long. "We are confident I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (II Cor. 5:9). Praise God for the life of Sister Monnie Williams.

**Nina Honeycutt Wheeler**, age 62, went peacefully to spend Eternity with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on December 21, 2009. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Jerry Wheeler, daughter and son-in-law, Angie and Eric Swartz, a son and daughter-in-law, David and Sonya Wheeler, two granddaughters, Randi Edwards and husband, Daniel, Megan Steinel and husband, Jason, three grandsons Hagen, Jared, and Dawson Wheeler, a great granddaughter Emily Edwards, and a great grandson, Mason Steinel, a sister, Maxine Cooper, two brothers Stanley and Bennie Honeycutt, and a very special mother-in-law, Katherine Wheeler. She was a faithful member of Young's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church for many years. She was a "Prayer Warrior" who loved her church and her church family. Nina's entire life was devoted to caring, giving, and doing for others. When she became so frail that she couldn't do for others, she would at least pray for them. During Nina's last

months, she forgot how to do a lot of things, but she never forgot her love and faith in God. Toward the end of her journey, she got the news that her great grandson would most likely be still born. From that day forward, she prayed feverishly for God to take her on home and let her great grandson be okay. He is six months old now, another one of Nina's prayers answered. Nina, you were always an angel here on earth, now you are an angel in Heaven.

## **Ministers' Conferences**

### **North Bend Freewill Baptist Church November 28, 2009**

The Jack's Creek Freewill Baptist Ministers Conference met at North Bend Freewill Baptist Church November 28, 2009, at 9:30 A.M. The session began with the Pastor, Rev. Dean Murphy welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. Devotions were given by Rev. Junior Peterson reading Acts 20:28. His topic was "Who will stand and preach the Word?" Prayer was given by Rev. Roger Laws.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Kevin Laws, who began by reading James 4:19-20. He then read the Rules of Decorum. The ministers roll call was given. The moderator then asked for any delinquent ministers' names to be read. Rev. Noah Hughes name was given. Rev. Hughes then stood and stated where he had been. A vote of confidence was then called for by the Moderator. The conference then voted to accept Rev. Hughes' reason for absence. Visiting ministers were: Zack Whitson, Glenn Walden, Jacob Cochran and Frank Woods. These men were welcomed to our body. The moderator then seated the deacons and delegates. Call for visiting churches. There was none. The Moderator then called for anyone seeking license or ordination. Rev. Rickey Hollifield asked for renewal of his license, and Rev. Roger Thompson had a letter of recommendation for ordination read. The conference voted to renew

Rev. Hollifield's license and also voted for Rev. Thompson to be turned over to the Ordaining Council. Rev. Bernie Jones was asked to fill in on the Ordaining Council as some members were absent.

Moderator then called for old or new business and there was none. The conference then elected Rev. Adam Miller to be the Moderator for the next conference with Rev. Gary Huffman to be his assistant. Rev. Charlie Trivette will give the devotions.

The Moderator then called for the topic committee. Rev. Scotty Jenkins, Junior McKinney, and Rev. Bud Edwards read from Deut. 33:13. Their topic was: "Putting a proper value on things." They gave a very spiritual and inspiring report about Jesus being the real thing of value here and in Heaven.

Rev. Frank Woods from F.W.B. Children's Ministries spoke to us about some of the children at the home and how they got there. He spoke about the need for Christ in our homes. He said that drugs and alcohol were ruining our families, and that he had never seen families in such disarray, even good families. He also gave us an update on the health of the home's director, Dr. James Kilgore. He has had colon cancer and a heart blockage and is now taking a Chemo treatment and asked all of us and our churches for prayer. Rev. Woods also said that about 110 young people had been saved and that 88 babies had been born in the Hope Center so far.

Rev. J.C. Sheets thanked the conference for their help and prayers during his recent heart surgery. Rev. Kevin Laws thanked the conference for their help and prayers for his son who has Leukemia. Rev. Charlie Trivette and John Stockton also thanked the conference for all their help and prayers during their illness. The meeting was adjourned to preaching.

### **11:00 AM Preaching Service**

The service began with Bro. Billy Hensley and daughter Kelly singing several songs including "He Is Mine and I Am His" and "Homecoming Day." Rev. Ronnie Peterson brought the message reading from Isaiah 5:11-16. His topic was "But they regard not the work of the

Lord, nor consider the work of His hand.” He preached about how important preaching is even to the saving of our soul. He brought a great message, very useful in this day. Prayer was given by Rev. Bernie Jones.

We adjourned for lunch and upon returning at 1:00 the Ordaining Council gave their report and recommended Rev. Roger Thompson for ordination. Rev. Jonas Revis gave the charge reading from II Timothy 4:1 and II Cor. 9:10 and spoke on “Growing in the Spirit in the sight of God”. He gave a thought-provoking charge. The service ended with the ministers and congregation laying on of hands and prayer followed by a fellowship. It was a wonderful service.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Rickey Hollifield to time and place.

Respectfully submitted Rev. Blaine Whitson Clerk

**Pathway Freewill Baptist Church**  
**January 30, 2010**

The conference scheduled for January 30, 2010 to be held at Pathway in Erwin had to be canceled because of continuous bad weather. We regret that we were unable to meet. The next conference to be held at Freewill Baptist Children's Ministry in Greenville, Tenn. May 29, 2010.

**Freewill Baptist Children's Ministries**  
**May 29-2010**

The Jacks Creek Free Baptist Minister's Conference met with Freewill Baptist Children's Ministries in Greenville, Tennessee at 9:30 AM. The congregation opened with the old Hymn “Victory In Jesus”. Rev. Frank Woods welcomed the conference and made the necessary announcements. Rev. J.C. Sheets gave devotions reading from Psalms 23. Prayer was given by Rev. Ronnie Peterson.

The moderator, Rev. Adam Miller called the meeting to order,

welcomed everyone, and read the Rules of Decorum. The minutes from the previous meeting of November 09 were read and approved.

The Minister's roll call was given. The moderator called for all ministers who were in fellowship with God and man to stand. All stood.

The moderator then enrolled the deacons and delegates. Visiting ministers were asked to stand and state their name and where they were from. Rev. Frank Woods from the Children's Home and Rev. Roy Roach from a Children's Home in Ohio were welcomed into our body.

The moderator called for the investigation committee to give a report on Rev. Rickey Hollifield who was seeking ordination. This report was approved and turned over to the ordaining council for further action. Rev. Glen Walden's investigation was to be tabled until our fall session in October. Rev. Keith Tipton's license was renewed for one year. Rev. Marvin Hensley asked that a mistake be corrected in the annual minutes for International Missions. He stated that there was \$10,364.79 in the account of Verlon Anderson, and that he had to purchase a book of stamps from that account.

Devotions for the next conference will be Rev. Rickey Hollifield. The topic committee for the next conference will be Revs. Steven Miller, Tony Birchfield, and Kelly Pittman.

Rev. Charlie Trivette called for a meeting with the Disabled Minister's Board of Directors. They were dismissed. The moderator dismissed the session until preaching.

### **11:00 AM Preaching Service**

The eleven clock preaching service began with the congregation singing "What a Day". Rev. Frank Woods gave a report on Dr Kilgore who has been in very poor health. He stated that Rev. Kilgore was recovering from heart and colon problems and thanked the conference for their prayers and support. He asked that we continue to pray for him and also for Bro. Jonas Revis and Junior McKinney who were also very sick. Rev. Woods stated that the goal of \$65,000 for Mother's Day had almost been reached. Rev. Bud Edwards then gave a prayer.



Rev. Bill Greer brought the 11:00 message reading from Jeremiah 18. He talked about the potters house and how God wants to restore Israel and also wants to restore His children at the potters wheel. He preached a Holy Ghost sent message with much rejoicing. Prayer was given by Rev. Frank Woods.

In the final business of the day, the ordaining council recommended Bro. Rickey Hollifield for ordination. Rev. Bill Greer gave the charge reading from I Timothy, chapter 3 vs. 1-7. He especially talked about being instant in season and out of season, reproving and rebuking with all long suffering. He then called for the congregation to come and lay on hands and pray for God to anoint this young minister and

his family. It was a great service ending in fellowship and handshaking with dismissal in prayer by Rev. Blaine Whitson. Special offering for the Children's Home was \$968.00 and 227.00 was given for lunch.

Respectfully submitted Rev. Blaine Whitson-Clerk

### **Pensacola Freewill Baptist Ministers' Conference July 31, 2010**

The Jacks Creek Ministers' Conference met at Pensacola Freewill Baptist Church on July 31, 2010 at 9:30 AM. The session began with Pastor Norman Loveless welcoming the Conference and making the necessary announcements. "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" was sung and devotions were given by Reverend Ronnie Peterson reading from I Corinthians 13:11. His topic was "When I become a man, I put away Childish things" and "things that rob us with power from God".

Chris Fender stood and thanked the ministers for their preaching and taking care of their lay members and each other. The prayer was given by Reverend Ullis Miller. Reverend Jonas Revis asked to be anointed. He has been extremely sick. A fellowship followed.

Moderator Reverend Marvin Hensley called the conference to order and read the Rules of Decorum. The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

The Delinquent List was read with Dennis Autrey and Josh Miller asking to be excused for two absences. The conference voted to excuse them.

Thank you notes were read from Theodore Fleenor.

Brothers Junior McKinney, Lester Perkins, and Roger Laws stood and apologized for missing the last conference.

Ross Grant stood before the conference and turned in his License and Ordination Papers. He gave a brief history of his ministry. He stated he had been preaching for 23 years, and because of sickness of his wife, he is unable to continue preaching because of the health issues. A vote was taken and accepted.

Deacons and delegates were seated for the conference. There were no visiting ministers. Preachers fellowship was called for. All stood in fellowship.

The following officers were elected for the coming year. Moderator for the next conference will be Norman Loveless with his assistant being Rev. Junior McKinney.

Officers for coming year:

**Clerk:** Blaine Whitson

**Assistant Clerk:** Frank Cable

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

**Tennessee Investigating Committee:** Chairman Norman Loveless, Bernie Jones, Alex Carver, Lester Perkins Alternate.

**North Carolina Investigating Committee:** Chairman Russell Hughes, Keith Miller, Kelly Pittman, Rick Hollifield Alternate.

**Disabled Ministers Fund:** Chairman Carl Roberson, Perry Moore, Ulis Miller, Herbert Hopson, J.C. Sheets.

Asked for anyone seeking License or Ordination - No one was seeking License or Ordination. Matthew Guy's license was renewed.

A call was made for any old business, there was none. A call was made for new business. Frank Cable mentioned including physical addresses in the minutes. Any preacher pastoring outside of Conference needs to state where you are pastoring. Also, it was mentioned that the

price for the minutes for the coming year will be \$1.50 per minute.

The Disabled Ministers fund report was given by Jonas Revis. Please see the report on the financial report page. It was reported that giving to Disabled Ministers Fund has gone down considerably. A letter from Freewill Baptist College stated that savings are paying at 3.5% to 4.0%. 4.5% to 5% for \$100,000 and over. It can be withdrawn without penalty. If you are interested in getting a C.D. with them, please let Jonas know.

Brother Bobby Revis gave the Burial Fund report for money spent out for the year and money taken in. He encouraged all the preachers to join.

**Topic Committee:** Steve Miller, Tony Birchfield, Kelly Pittman.

Mike Allison from the Children's Home read from Matthew 18:4 about the little children - "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven". He reminded us of Director Kilgore and his sickness, the number which have been saved, and the number of babies born.

**Children's Home Donations Received:**

Covey Rock Freewill Baptist Church	\$1000.00
Pilgrims Chapel Freewill Baptist Church	500.00
Nix Creek Freewill Baptist Church	300.00
Union Hill Freewill Baptist Church	300.00
Crabtree Freewill Baptist Church	50.00
Friday (Special Offering)	290.26
Total	<u>\$2440.26</u>

Charlie Trivette spoke on Disabled Ministers' Fund and reminded us to pay \$5.00 each week of our tithes to the Disabled Ministers' Fund. Brother Billy Styles thanked the conference for financial help. Matthew Guy also thanked the conference for their financial help.

J.C. Sheets adjourned the meeting to time and place.

Respectfully submitted: Blaine Whitson Clerk

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694 Pine Root Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705

Autrey, Dennis & Deborah 828-675-4340

125 Sam Jones Rd., Burnsville, NC, 28714

Bennett, Paul & Carol 828-688-3952

220 Ridgeview Lane, Bakersville, NC, 28705

Berry, Henry & Eunice 423-725-2147

812 Fairview Rd. Hampton, TN, 37658

Birchfield, Tony & Gina 423-474-2011, 423-791-3614

126 Flora Dugger Rd., Elizabethton, TN, 37643



Bryant, Richard & Carolyn	828-682-0455
6 Angel Rose Lane, Burnsville, NC, 28714	
Cable, Frank & Jean	828-298-4702
215 Bull Creek Rd., Asheville, NC, 28805	
Carver, Alex & Kelly	423-743-0805
1032 Quail Run Dr., Erwin, TN, 37650	
Carver, Mike & Shirley	423-542-4053
211 Blevins Rd., Johnson City, TN, 37601	
Cochran, Steve & Lorrie	423-743-6336
228 Riverside Dr., Unicoi, TN, 37692	
Cooper, Roy & Edna W.	423-282-1508
2403 E. Lakeview Dr., Johnson City, TN, 37601	
Davis, Verno & Gaynell	423-743-7377
470 Bald Creek Rd., Erwin, TN, 37650	
Deyton, Rodney & Debra	423-989-3294
323 Cook Hollow Rd., Bristol, TN, 37620	
Edwards, Bud & Louella	828-682-6966
722 E. Main St., Burnsville, NC, 28714	
Edwards, Darrell & Donna	423-743-9601
110 Dry Branch Rd., Erwin, TN, 37650	
Fleenor, Theodore	423-542-9321
101 Hill Rd. Apt. C, Johnson City, TN, 37601	
Greer, William J. & Mary Nell	423-926-3577
2028 Sundale Rd., Johnson City, TN, 37604	
Guy, Matthew & Gloria	423-725-2007
151 Paul Blevins Rd., Roan Mtn., TN 37687	
Hedrick, Ralph & Susie	828-682-7388
635 Hog Branch Rd., Burnsville, NC, 28714	
Hensley, Marvin & Debbie	828-537-4728
9798 N. 226 Hwy., Bakersville, NC, 28705	
Higgins, Roscoe & Mary S.	423-743-5102
926 Prince Ave., Erwin, TN, 37650	
Hollifield, Rickey & Otehia	828-688-4725
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 3368 Goose Creek Rd., Marion, NC, 28752  
 Hughes, Noah & Sandra 828-284-5610  
 724 North Bee Branch Rd., Green Mountain, NC 28740  
 Hughes, Russell & Margaret 828-682-0193  
 60 Water Spring Hollow, Burnsville, NC, 28714  
 Jenkins, Scott 828-688-3211, 828-385-0673  
 141 Hughes Gap Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705  
 Jones, Bernie & Wanda 423-743-8078  
 106 Parsley St., Erwin, TN, 37650  
 Laws, Kevin & Tiffany 423-735-9902  
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 Loveless, Norman & Bonnie 423-547-9526, 423-213-4114  
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 McMahan, Stanley & Betty 828-675-5280  
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 McKinney, B.F., Jr. & Crystal 423-725-3788  
 516 Piney Grove Rd., Hampton, TN, 37658  
 Miller, Adam 423-579-2096  
 3233 Hillvue Dr., Kingsport, TN, 37663  
 Miller, Keith & Tammy 828-688-2727  
 1085 Beans Creek Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705  
 Miller, Stephen & Crystal 423-743-0340  
 211 Grant St., Unicoi, TN, 37692  
 Miller, Ulis & Faye 423-743-4788  
 2160 Chestoa Pike, Erwin, TN, 37650  
 Murphy, Dean & Etta 828-688-3795  
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 Perkins, Lester & Linda 423-474-3791  
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 3090 Fairview Rd., Marion, NC, 28752

Revis, Jonas & Ann 423-542-2309  
 157 Wilbur Dam Rd., Elizabethton, TN, 37643

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 724 Greasy Creek Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705

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 121 Wilds Creek Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705

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 761 English Branch Rd., Burnsville, NC, 28714

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 300 Dogwood Lane, Burnsville, NC, 28714

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 157 Garrison Hollow Rd., Elizabethton, TN, 37643

Whitson, Blaine & Grace 828-682-6357  
 127 Hill Road, Green Mountain, NC, 28740

Wood, Rick & Penny 828-756-2230  
 195 Miracle Drive, Marion, NC, 28752

**The following ministers are pastoring churches outside of our Association**

Anderson, David Chimney Top Freewill Baptist, Fall Branch, TN  
 Bennett, Paul Friendship Chapel, N. 226 Hwy., NC

Alex Carver	Fellowship Freewill Baptist, Erwin, TN
Deyton, Rodney	Valley View Independent Freewill Baptist, Blountville, TN
William J. Greer	Watagua Valley Freewill Baptist, Elizabethton, TN
Guy, Matthew	College Park Freewill Baptist, Johnson City, TN
Hedrick, Ralph	First Freewill Baptist, Spruce Pine, NC
Hollifield, Rickey	Hunt Dale Union Church, Green Mountain, NC
Jones, Bernie	Toe River Freewill Baptist, Hunt Dale, NC
Laws, Roger	St. Paul Freewill Baptist, Buladean, NC
Stockton, John	Odoms Chapel, Bakersville, NC
Styles, Billy	United Friendship Freewill Baptist, Marion, NC
Wood, Rick	Mt. Calvary Freewill 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 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 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 Freewill 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 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 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.

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,

**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 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. Amended March 28, 2003

### **Resolutions and Rules - Adopted Since 1948**

**53<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**60<sup>th</sup> Session 1955** - A motion was passed not to license any woman to preach.

**63<sup>rd</sup> Session 1958** - Any person teaching or holding a church office is to be a member of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

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

**80<sup>th</sup> 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.

**83<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**84<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

(Note: Two of these resolutions have been omitted since our Constitution was amended to incorporate the resolutions.)

The following rules and motions that govern our body have been adopted since the above list was prepared.

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

"We, your Ordaining Council, recommend to the Conference that a By-Law 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.

**89<sup>th</sup> 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** - Bro. 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. Trivette 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 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 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 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. (Amended August 12, 1977)

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.

## **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. (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 annual premium) on 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

(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	(24) Communion

Note: Please send \$1.25 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Churches	Baptized	Members Added	Dismissed	Deaths	Membership	Average in Sunday School	Ladies Aux.	C.T.S.	Minute Fund	Assoc. Fund	Clerk & Mod.	Paid Pastor	Paid for Revivals	Children's Home	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Disabled Minister's Fund	Poor and Sick	Improvement On Church Property	Value of Church Property
Big Creek		3		1		72	18		60	60	50	21,050	1,000	4,154	2,299	1,200	1,000	5,000	9,463	483,042
Borings Chapel																				
Brummitt's Creek				3	43	32			20	50	20	4,200						3,885	6,000	330,000
Burbank	8			5	226	118	7	62	35		25	26,000		1,000	2,132	7,100	260	11,878		688,100
Colbert's Creek					21	24			20		10							1,454		
Covey Rock					137	94			40	60	10	19,600		4,059	500	7,595	300	8,821		432,225
Crabtree	2	2	1		35	23			25	40	25	6,045		50	25	25	100	2,625	1,078	131,841
Davistown	1	4			21	21	6		20	50	10	2,600	600					2,600		254,014
Higgins	9			3	167	91			40	20	5	21,611	2,000	359	1,143		65	4,562		566,304
Hillcrest	4			1	37	17			20	20	15	5,200			50		50		400	250,000
Liberty Chapel																				
Low Gap					102	45			50	50	10	10,400	800	944	900		100	600	608	310,000
Middle District				3	65	49		25	40	40	25		800	825		1,200		5,972		375,000
New Hope	4	4			39	33	10		25	25		8,900						1,650	4,000	244,000
Nix Creek	2	8	10	2	59	65		10	15	50	25		828	300	1,335	95		5,919	554	169,522
North Bend			1	5	65	57		10	80	100	25	12,000	964	4,555	1,354	1,500	100	5,366	14,556	529,856
Pathway	5	8			40	45	10		40	20	20	6,680	550	780		420		800		150,000
Pensacola	2	2	3	2	85	50	11	10	40	50	10	13,491	850	500	250	1,434	200	18,505	31,236	160,000
Peterson's Chapel		2			125	85			35	10	10	7,500			1,800			5,552	5,391	
Pilgrim's Chapel			3		41	23			20	20	20	6,700	600	500				1,000		71,000
Piney Grove				1	129	49			25	60	5	20,800		1,579	1,200	1,636	60	4,800		170,000
Southside	7	5		1	286	102	33		50	15	25	27,300	1,200	4,205	800	1,100	260	4,059		1,210,000
Sunset	1				70	45			50	15	15	19,700	600	3,234	390	1,700	50	13,691	13,000	348,700
Union Hill				1	58	55			20	40	25	5,250	2,500	300			100	4,950		94,752
Vale					49	35			30	50	25	8,400	350	200	630		50	100	13,000	135,000
Valley Forge	25	40	7	6	542	330	87	243	125	100	25	44,839		6,844	107,598	12,018	300	42,604	308,090	3,970,532
Woody Hill					49	36	11		25	45	5	12,150		923	120	420	25	1,888	3,650	147,625
Youngs Chapel			2	1	109	52	10	25	50	50	20	10,300	1,618	350	6,556	4,419	200	3,288	6,561	200,000

