

2010 - 2011

Minutes of the

**JACK'S CREEK
FREEWILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

For the 116th Session

Officers:

Rev. Marvin Hensley, Moderator

Rev. Bobby Revis, Assistant Moderator

Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk

Rev. Frank Cable, Assistant Clerk

Next Session:

Low Gap Freewill Baptist Church

Burnsville, N.C., July 26 - 28, 2012

(The last Thursday in July) at 10:30 A.M.

Rev. Terry Richardson will preach the
introductory message.

Rev. Billy Styles will be his alternate.

2011-2012 Sessions

FIRST CONFERENCE: October 29, 2011. To be held at Vale Freewill Baptist Church. Rev. Bud Edwards will give devotions . Rev. Norman Loveless will bring the message. Rev. Rodney Deyton will be his alternate.

SECOND CONFERENCE: January 28, 2012. To be held at Higgins Freewill Baptist Church. Rev. Bernie Jones will bring the message with Rev. Kelly Pittman to serve as his alternate. Rev. Junior Peterson will give devotions.

THIRD CONFERENCE: April 28, 2012. To be held at Young's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. Rev. Ralph Hedrick will bring the message with Rev. Rickey Hollifield to serve as alternate.

ASSOCIATION AND MINISTERS' CONFERENCE: July 26-28, 2012. To be held at Low Gap Freewill Baptist Church in Burnsville, N.C. Rev. Terry Richardson will preach the 11:00 message with Rev. Billy Styles as his alternate. Thursday night Rev. Ronnie Peterson will preach with Rev. Frank Cable as his alternate. Friday Morning Rev. Roger Thompson will preach with Rev. Stephen Miller as his alternate. Rev. Jody Trantham will give the P.M. Devotions on Thursday.

Respectfully Submitted: Revs. Rickey Hollifield, Ralph Hedrick, Bro. Richard Tipton

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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 Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by those who made it.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. Scott 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: Rev. Norman Loveless (Chairman), Rev. Kevin Laws, Rev. Adam Miller, Rev. B.F. McKinney, Jr. (Alternate)

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

**DISABLED MINISTERS FUND INVESTIGATING
COMMITTEE:**

Tennessee: Rev. William J. Greer (Chairman), Rev. Bernie Jones, Rev. Lester Perkins, Rev. Stephen Miller (Alternate)

North Carolina: Rev. Ronnie Peterson (Chairman), Rev. J.C. Sheets, Rev. Bobby Revis, Rev. Gary Huffman (Alternate)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISABLED MINISTERS FUND:

Bro. Perry Moore (Chairman) (828-738-3201), Rev. Terry Richardson (423-725-2196), Rev. Ulis Miller (423-743-4788), Rev. Charlie Trivette (423-543-2910), and Bro. Carl Roberson (423-543-3885) (Alternate)

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MINISTERS' CONFERENCE:

Clerk Rev. Blaine Whitson

Assistant Clerk Rev. Frank Cable

Ordaining Council: Rev. Norman Loveless (Chairman), Rev. Ronnie Peterson, Rev. William J. Greer, Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Rev. Terry Richardson, Rev. Ulis Miller (Alternate)

MINISTERS' INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:

Tennessee: Rev. Bernie Jones (Chairman), Rev. Lester Perkins, Rev. B.F. McKinney, Jr., Rev. Adam Miller (Alternate)

North Carolina: Rev. Russell Hughes (Chairman), Rev. Kelly Pittman, Rev. Keith Miller, Rev. Rickey Hollifield (Alternate)

PROCEEDINGS

The Jacks Creek Association met for its 116th session with Nix Creek Freewill Baptist Church on July 28, 2011, at 10:30 am. A welcome was given by the pastor, Rev. J.B. Cope, who made the necessary announcements.

Singing was by Sisters Dimmerree Brooks and Dixie Cope, who

sang "As For Me, I'll Serve the Lord" and "I Have No Doubt". Prayer was led by Rev. J.C. Sheets. Rev. Jimmy Arrowood brought the morning message reading from 1 Timothy 1:8-10, and Romans 8:14. His topic was "The law is not for a righteous man". He said there were two parts to salvation, one, cleansing and trusting God, and two, receiving the Holy Spirit. He said that church people still are trying to live under the old law, but the law was not written for unrighteousness. The new testament is the covenant written for us. It is set in our hearts led by the Holy Spirit. We need to listen to and be led by the Holy Spirit. He brought a very thoughtful and inspiring message. The service ended in an invitation for ministers in an altar of prayer. Adjourned to lunch.

1:30 Business Session

The session began with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace". Rev. Adam Miller gave devotions reading from 1 Cor. 3:10. He asked the following questions, "What is the motive in your work?" "Are we building a firm foundation?" "What are we using for material?" He did a great job. Prayer was given by Rev. Terry Richardson. Rev. Bobby Revis informed us that his brother and our friend, Rev. Jonas Revis had had a heart attack and asked us to have prayer for him, which we did. The moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley called the session to order and read the Rules of Decorum. The ministers' roll call was given. The clerk read the church letters. Church delegates were seated. Visiting ministers were: Rev. Frank Woods-Children's Ministries; Rev. Chris Duncan, Pathway; Rev. J.B. Cope, Nix Creek.

Called for visiting churches - there were none. Called for those seeking membership - there were none.

The Moderator called for a motion to allow some of our treasurers who were absent to be allowed to be elected on a one time basis because of the difficulty of changing the bank accounts if we changed treasurers. Motion passed.

CHURCH LETTERS

BIG CREEK: Tony Byrd, Teddy Adkins, Alvin Murphy

BORINGS CHAPEL: No Report

BRUMMITTS CREEK: Rev. Jody Trantham, Bros. Colton Swann, Dustin Swann, Sister Billie Hazerik

COLBERTS CREEK: By Letter

COVY ROCK: Bro. Larry Miller

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

DAVISTOWN: Rev. Frank Cable, Bro. Perry Moore

HIGGINS: Rev. Keith Miller, Sister Margaret Miller

HILLCREST: Bros. Odean Fender and Jimmy Johnson

LOW GAP: Bros. Richard Tipton, Carson Jones; Rev. Blaine Whitson

MIDDLE DISTRICT: By Letter

NEW HOPE: No Report

NIX CREEK: Bros. Ronnie Brooks, Mike Lister, Danny Johnson, T.A. Evans, Chris McGee; Rev. J.B. Cope, Sisters Dixie Cope, Kathy McKinney, Emily McKinney, Dimmerree Brooks, Kayla Devore, Tammy Pate, Michelle Johnson, Edna Gardner, Tammy Cope, Pat Lister, Jesse Christopher, Amanda McKinney, and Kelly Cope.

NORTH BEND: Rev. Dean Murphy, Eddie Tipton

PATHWAY: Bros. Jerry Williams, Stanley Ault, Buster Laughren, and Chris Duncan

PENSACOLA: Rev. Norman Loveless, Bros. Ronald Fox, Junior Thomason, and Sister Jackie Fox

PETERSON'S CHAPEL: By Letter

PILGRIMS CHAPEL: Rev. Russell Hughes, Sister Margret Hughes

PINEY GROVE: By Letter

SOUTHSIDE: Revs. Kevin Laws, Ulis Miller

SUNSET: Rev. Terry Richardson

UNION HILL: Bro. Ron Bailey

VALE: Rev. Gary Huffman

VALLEY FORGE: By Letter

WOODBYP HILL: Bro. Max Simerly and Sister Teresa Simerly

YOUNG'S CHAPEL: Bro. Lee Thompson and Sisters Billie Thompson and Emogene Silver

ASSOCIATION TOPIC COMMITTEES

Churches, Pastors, and Deacons: Rev. Keith Miller, Eddie Tipton, Danny Johnson

CTS: Rev. J.B. Cope, Mike Lister, Tony Byrd

Disabled Ministers Funds: Rev. Norman Loveless, Byrl Julian, Jerry Williams

Education: Rev. Kevin Laws, Ronnie Brooks, T.A. Evans

Foreign Missions: Rev. Marvin Hensley

Home Missions: Rev. Clyde Thomason, Michelle Johnson, Dixie Cope

Ladies Auxiliary: Rev. Dean Murphy, Dimmerree Brooks, Edna Gardner

Children's Home: Rev. Frank Woods, Mike Allison, Rev. Frank Cable

Sunday School: Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Margaret Miller, Emily McKinney

Sessions: Revs. Rickey Hollifield, Ralph Hedrick, Bro. Richard Tipton

Resolutions: Rev. Adam Miller, Chris McGee, Lee Thompson

Rev. Frank Woods from Children's Ministries spoke to us about our contributions of \$34,270 for the year. He also talked to us about 112 young people giving their life and soul to Christ. He told us to keep preaching so that people could hear the word and be saved. He said that the tornadoes back in the spring came very close to the home and thanked the Lord they had been spared. He said that the Ministry had cooked and served about twenty thousand meals for the community that had been hit by the tornadoes, that they had helped the Red Cross and had provided shelter for numerous families and individuals in the Camp Creek and Greenville area. He also gave us an update on the progress of the Assisted Living Facility in Unicoi County and said it will open soon.

Rev. Marvin Hensley spoke to us about a young man in his church who is planning a mission trip to Haiti, and then to Africa to serve as a Physician's Assistant through Samaritan's Purse. He asked us to help him financially on a short term basis.

Alvin Murphy then spoke to us about his mission work he is planning and plans to work in Kenya in a hospital there for about three weeks. He said it had grown from a little clinic to a 300 bed facility. The title of the mission is World Medical Missions. The Association voted to give him up to \$3,500 for expenses while he was there.

In the final business of the day the moderator read letters of

withdrawal by Liberty Chapel and Burbank Freewill Baptist Churches. The Conference approved with disappointment their departure.

Thursday 7 PM Preaching Service

The service began with Rev. Jody Trantham giving a prayer. The Church choir then sang "It's So Peaceful In The Arms of The Lord", "I Made It By Grace", and "My God Is Real". Rev. Kelly Pittman then brought the message reading from Matthew 21: 12-13. He asked the question "Is it a church or a country club?" He talked about the similarities of the two and the differences and then brought out the fact that we are a part of the Glorious Church which will continue from generation to generation and that our hope of salvation rests within the church. He then gave a closing alter call of which many responded to prayer. The Holy Spirit gave witness throughout the service and there was a great sense of revival. The choir then sang "More Than Anything". The service closed with Rev. Frank Cable dismissing in prayer.

Friday 9:30 AM Business Session

Rev. J.B. Cope welcomed everyone back. The congregation sang "Are You Washed in the Blood?".

Devotions were given by Rev. Gary Huffman reading from St. John 3:1. He spoke to us about "What manner of love". We cannot understand why he loves us as he does. Prayer was given by Rev. Huffman. Rev. Bobby Revis gave us a brief update of the status of his brother, Rev. Jonas Revis. Rev. Ronnie Peterson also gave us a report on his son, Ernie, and how God was helping.

Our moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley called the meeting to order and read the Rules of Decorum. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved. A roll call of churches was given. A call was made for visiting ministers with Rev. J.B Cope - Nix Creek and Rev. Chris Duncan - Pathway standing. Valley Forge's church letter was read. In old business the Disabled Ministers' Fund Investigating Committee appointed Rev. Bernie Jones as chairman and Rev. William J. Greer as a member. The other seats would be filled on Saturday at the Ministers'

Conference, because there were no other Tennessee ministers present who were not already on committees. The moderator then called for association committee reports to be given.

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Churches, Pastors, and Deacons: Rev. Keith Miller read II Timothy 4 and said “I charge thee” to preach the gospel. It is not an opinion, but he reminded us that God is always right. Be instant in season and out of season. Sometimes we do not want to preach it when it is out of season. Make full proof of our ministry. Be a Christian. Live right in front of the world and out of their view, also. Bro. Danny Johnson spoke to us on deacons, reading taken from I Timothy 3. He spoke on how to be a good deacon saying that we are not to neglect the widows and orphans. Bro. Eddie Tipton then spoke about how God is more sufficient, and that we are to depend on Him as we serve the church. He reminded us that we are servants and we are to wait upon the church and do our best to help It and to want to see the body of Christ grow and flourish.

Respectfully: Bros. Eddie Tipton, Danny Johnson; Rev. Keith Miller.

Friday 11:00 AM Preaching Service

The service began with the Praise Trio singing “I’m Counting On You”. Rev. Roger Laws brought the morning message reading from Romans 8:14. He thanked the conference for their prayers and help with his sick father. He preached about “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” He asked the question “Who is leading you?” If He is not leading us, we are on our own and the devil will take over from there. He spoke to us about knowing the Word of God and know who is speaking to you from the Book. When you try to please man you are not pleasing God. Look at Noah as he listened to the voice of God. Do we do the same? Several testimonies were given with dismissal in prayer by Rev. Dean Murphy.

Friday PM Service 1:15

The session began with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus". Devotions were given by Rev. Bobby Revis reading John 3:16. He talked about God's love for man and why God would love us like He does. Do we love each other? If we love the Lord, we do. Do we pray for each other? God loved us first. Prayer was given by Rev. Frank Cable.

The moderator called us back to order and business with continuation of topics.

Church Training Service: Bro. Tony Byrd read from Titus 2:1-8. As adults, we often shake our heads in despair over the foolishness of children and young people's behavior. Through C.T.S. We have an opportunity to provide examples of things that Paul told Timothy that we all should do, therefore proving our faith through our deeds. We must train our youth to see the opportunity to do good and to fail not in the faith of the Lord. It is our job to train our youth in the church the word of God and what it says and means. Teach them to sing, pray, testify, clean the church, mow the grass, and to be polite and courteous. Teach them to be ushers, treasurers, and try praising them once in a while. When we have taught them, going to church and living for Christ will become second nature.

Respectfully: Rev. J.B Cope; Bros. Tony Byrd, and Mike Lister

Disabled Minister's Fund: The purpose of the fund is to support our ministers as they need help. Galatians 6: 10 tells us to do good as we have opportunity especially to the household of faith. We as brothers and sisters in Christ must take responsibility for the welfare of our ministers. The young ministers should support this cause because someday it will be their turn to get help if they need it. We should also respect our elder brothers, for they are the ones who have stood the test and have preached and stood on the true Word of God.

Respectfully: Revs. Norman Loveless, Ulis Miller; Bro. Jerry Williams

Education: Webster defines education as “an action or process of educating or learning”. But its most important point is knowing what the Word of God says. It is still the Word that educates a soul that is lost and shows one that there is a Savior who died on the cross so that we all may have life. It is about growth in our spiritual life. Hosea 4:6 says “my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because they have rejected knowledge I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no more priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.” Education is very important in every Christian’s life. If each soul does not grow daily in the grace and knowledge of God’s Word, that soul will become unstable. Take time to study the Word daily and grow from the food of God’s Word. You know you can become a doctor, lawyer, scientist or engineer. You can be the smartest man on the face of the earth but that kind of education is temporal. There will come a day when that type of education will be of no value. The education we speak of is eternal, true, and will stand when all else fails. Knowing the Lord and growing in the Lord (maturity) comes about as we attend church. Studying His Word, praying, and walking daily with the Lord will afford us the blessings God has in store for us.

Respectfully: Bros. T.A. Evans, Ronnie Brooks; Rev. Kevin Laws

Home Missions: Home missions start in our own homes and communities. At Nix Creek, we support two younger preachers who evangelize through our surrounding community. They carry the gospel, and we help them financially and in prayer knowing they are traveling for the Lord. It is not only the job of the preachers and deacons but we all have a job in our home, church, and community to lead the lost to Christ. The Bible says how can they hear except a preacher be sent, Romans 10:14. If we are saved, we are witnesses; let’s work at home missions.

Respectfully: Sisters Dixie Cope, Michelle Johnson; Rev. Clyde Thomason

Please see Home Mission Financial Report on the Financial page.

Sunday School: Galatians 4: 1-2 says “Now I say, that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all: but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father”. Sunday school is extremely important to the training of our youth and the whole church. Since 1962, when prayer was taken out of our public schools, training up a child in the way of God has become harder. Some important facts concerning the courts and the Christian church: 1963 - reciting the Lord's prayer and daily Bible readings were banned from school; 1980 - posting the Ten Commandments in school was outlawed; 1985 - daily moment of silence banned; and 1992 - Clergy led prayers at graduations prohibited. Since 1962 violence has increased in public school with students killing their own classmates such as in Columbine High School and Jonesboro, Arkansas. Teen pregnancy is on the rise. Respect for others is down. And the list goes on. Sunday School provides a solid foundation for children when they become adults. It sets morals for a child that can be applied throughout their life. It helps them to become good, productive citizens, and it lays the foundation for the saving of their souls. Proverbs 22:6 tells us to “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it”.

Sunday School teachers need to have a sound knowledge of what God expects from His children. They pass that knowledge on to others, not just children but to adults as well. Yet, Sunday School is not just for children but for adults also. Everyone benefits from this experience. It is never too late to learn about the examples of how a Christian should be from the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully: Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Sisters Margaret Miller, Emily McKinney.

Ladies Auxiliary: I Cor. 12:28 “ And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers, after that, miracles, then gifts of healing, help, governments, diversities of tongues.” As a wife, women are meant to be a “help meet” for their husbands as Eve was to Adam. So is the Ladies Auxiliary to the church. When things are set in order in their right place, the whole body can work together efficiently for the saving of the lost. Ephesians 4:16 says “ From whom

the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Therefore, the church can and will be fruitful and working together as a light that is set upon a hill that cannot be hid.

Respectfully: Rev. Dean Murphy, Sisters Dimmerree Brooks, Edna Gardner

Foreign Missions: Rev. Verlin Anderson at one point, had to leave the Ivory Coast because of a military coup and a great deal of danger that faced him and his family, but has since been able to return to the country and field. There has been extreme unrest in the country. His wife has had to return to the states for surgery. We certainly need to remember her in our prayers. This whole family has been under extreme duress. Currently, we support them with about \$400.00 per month. We are one of his main supporters.

Freewill Baptist Missionaries continue to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to many countries around the world. Monthly reports continue to show success of dedicated and hard work. Our world is different than it was forty years ago. Lots of countries that use to embrace America now show indifference or even hatred toward our beloved "land of the free, home of the brave." Our missionaries sometimes are in real danger, but God continues to watch over them and bless their efforts abroad. Pray for, as well as support, our missionary, Verlin Anderson.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Marvin Hensley

Please see financial page for additional financial information.

Resolutions: Living Godly, Christian lives and setting a good example for everyone to see is what we ought to be about today. What the world wants to see is a person who claims to be saved and proves it. Preachers who claim to preach the whole council of God and not add to or take away from God's precious Word should prove it. Churches that are willing to take a stand against sin need to prove themselves. So we,

your Committee on Resolutions resolve that we live by the Biblical standards of Romans 12:1-2. "I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Romans 13:11, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Pastors, Deacons, and Church Brethren and Sisters, it is time we awake out of sleep and prove we are who we say we are and what we claim to be.

Respectfully: Rev. Adam Miller, Bros. Lee Thompson, Chris McGee

Sessions: See inside front cover

In final business of the day, Rev. Bobby Revis, treasurer of the burial fund, gave us a brief update on the financial status and called on everyone to support this worthy cause.

For full financial report please see the financial page.

The Rules Committee reported a request from Rev. Blaine Whitson that on page 48 in the 2009-2010 minutes that part of 83rd Section 1978 be changed. The section in question was "We do not accept mixed marriages." The request was that the last paragraph in that section be dropped from our rules and minutes. The rules committee presented the proposed change to the association. After a brief discussion a motion was made to drop this section. The motion passed. The session closed in prayer given by Rev. Keith Miller.

Friday 7:00 PM Youth Service July 29

The service began with the pastor, Rev. J.B. Cope, welcoming everyone. The Nix Creek youth choir gave several songs including "Thru It All", "God Is Still Good", He's Still On The Throne", and "My Home". The Pensacola youth group sang "Somebody Touched Me",

Give Me Jesus", "Rise and Follow Me", and "So Much To Thank Him For". Then the Pensacola youth quartet sang "Stand Still and Let God Move". Alicia Silvers then sang "God's Love Is Unconditional". The Brothers for Him then sang "I'll Rise Again", My Jesus Can Do Anything", and "You Can't Ask Too Much of My God". There were several testimonies and several young people made their way to the alter for prayer. Finally, Brothers for Him, Jennifer Trantham, and Dimmerrie Brooks sang "I Made It By Grace". At the end of the service Rev. Frank Cable thanked the church for taking care of our association and all they had done for us during this time. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Clyde Thomason. It was a spirit filled, inspiring service.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS FUND REPORT

Beginning balance 7-13-2010	\$13,688.70
Contributions	
Big Creek	\$900.00
Burbank	\$300.00
Covy Rock	\$500.00
Crabtree	\$50.00
North Bend	\$1200.00
Pensacola	\$245.00
Southside	\$1195.00
Woodby Hill	\$800.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Aide	\$300.00
Young's Chapel	\$1800.00
Interest Earned	\$5.13
Balance brought forward	\$21,063.82
Paid to Verlin Anderson	\$9,750.00
Ending Balance	\$11,313.82
Treasurer, Rev. Marvin Hensley	

HOME MISSION FUND REPORT

Balance as of July 30, 2010 \$3,718.91

Receipts

Crabtree F.W.B	\$25.00
Hillcrest	\$50.00
Woodby Hill	\$60.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Aide	\$60.00
Sale of Treatise	\$15.00

Balance as of July 28-2011 **\$3,928.91**

Treasurer, Rev. Ronnie Peterson

BURIAL FUND

JACKS CREEK FREEWILL ASSOCIATION

Total paid in to date	\$56,555.00
Paid out to date	\$29,500.00

Total Balance on July 01, 2010 **\$25,795.00**

Receipts for the year	\$ 2,085.00
Expenses for the year	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
	\$ 585.00

Total in bank on June 30, 2011 **\$26,380.00**

Treasurer, Rev. Bobby Revis

DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND

Beginning Balance July 01, 2010 **\$240,129.29**

Received - Ministers	\$1,595.00
Churches	\$3,000.00
Interest	<u>\$13,542.09</u>

TOTAL	\$18,137.09
Total Expenses	<u>\$11,237.44</u>
	\$ 6,899.65
Total in Disabled Ministers' Fund	\$247,028.94

Treasurer, Rev. Jonas Revis

Note: In order to make it easier for the Treasurer of the Disabled Ministers Fund, the reporting of the Burial Fund, the Minute Fund, and the Disabled Ministers Fund are being kept separately. Also the reporting period is being changed to report from July 1 to June 30 each year to simplify the bookkeeping.

Monies collected during the association:

Clerk and Moderator Fund	\$430.00
Minute Fund	\$952.50
Children's Home	\$3,466.00
Association Funds	\$1,010.00
Minister Conf. Food	\$212.00

OBITUARIES 2010-2011



Glen Hedrick from Big Creek Freewill Baptist Church went home to be with the Lord February 6, 2011. He was born on December 28, 1928. He was saved October 27, 2007 and became a faithful member as long as he was physically able to attend church. He continued to attend even when he could barely make it

to the alter to pray, but he always made an effort to do so. He loved the Lord and Big Creek Freewill Baptist Church. He was a good husband, daddy, and Papaw. We loved him dearly.



Jack Whitson, age 90, from Big Creek Freewill Baptist Church left this life on January 1, 2011, to join his wife Esther in the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He was born in the Big Creek community on November 4, 1920. He served in the armed forces in World War II in the Pacific Theater.

He was stationed on the island of Tinian when the Enola Gay departed with the first atomic bomb. He was always willing to help a neighbor, share his knowledge and many funny stories. His strong hand shake and genuine smiles will be greatly missed by his church brethren. He is survived by two sons; Darrell "Wayne" Whitson of Jacks Creek and Don Whitson of Virginia, six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Until we meet again.

Johnnie Webb, age 93, from Brummitts Creek Freewill Baptist Church passed away on September 25, 2010 after a brief illness. He was preceded in death by his wife Grace Peterson Webb. He faithfully attended Brummitts Creek Freewill Baptist Church. Survivors include two daughters, Billie and Betty, one granddaughter, Michelle, two great grandsons, Dustin and Colton, and their families.

Vestie Davis, age 98, from Davistown Freewill Baptist Church went to her Heavenly home June 6, 2011. She was the wife of the late Wilburn Davis. She and Wilburn were instrumental in getting a church built at Davistown and she was a charter member. She will be remembered as a great prayer warrior. Some of us still remember her prayers ringing out over Davistown when she went to her alter up on the hill. She also loved to sing praise to her God. After she moved to Marion, she attended Mt. Calvary, but she still called Davistown "home". She was a great blessing to both churches and we all loved her dearly. She was a Godly woman who loved her Lord more than anything. She will be greatly missed.

Mary Honeycutt Arrowood, age 92, from Middle District Freewill Baptist Church passed away October 28, 2010, at the NHC Healthcare Center in Johnson City, Tennessee. A native and lifelong resident of Buladean, NC, she was the daughter of the late Chester and Lillie Mae Street Honeycutt and the wife of the late Norman Arrowood who preceded her in death in 1991. Having joined the church at an early age, she was a member of Middle District Baptist Church. Through the years Mary was known for her acts of kindness and generosity, for which qualities she will be remembered,. She will be missed by family and friends.

Janie Mosley, age 55, from Middle District Freewill Baptist Church passed away March 19, 2011. She was the loving wife of Charles Mosley and the cherished mother of Charles Mosley Jr. and wife Renee. She is survived by one brother and three sisters. Janie was and active member of Middle District Freewill Baptist Church. She was loved by all who knew her. Our loss is truly Heaven's gain.

Sister **Margie Magdalene Elliot** from Nix Creek Freewill Baptist Church was born October 3, 1925, and left this earth on October 31, 2010. She was a charter member of Nix Creek Freewill Baptist Church and worked faithfully for the Lord for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion and her son, Danny Elliot.

Brother **Lonas Woodard** from Nix Creek Freewill Baptist Church went to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 5, 2011, at the age of 75. He had been a member of Nix Creek Freewill Baptist Church for many years, and we were very blessed to have Brother Lonas as part of our church.

Jo Ann Ayers from North Bend Freewill Baptist Church departed this life on February 27, 2011 at the age of 75. A native of Yancey County, she was the daughter of the late Joe and Florence Silvers Higgins and the wife of Ott Ayers who died in 2001. She attended North Bend Freewill Baptist Church as long as she was able. She is survived by her children, Annette Ayers, Diane Laws, Darrell Ayers, Danny Ayers, and David Ayers. She is also survived by five grandchildren, two sisters and four brothers.

Faye Eloise Peterson from North Bend Freewill Baptist Church departed this life on December 10, 2010 at the age of 84. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Ella Gage Stewart of Mitchell County, NC. She was a faithful member of North Bend Freewill Baptist Church and attended church as long as she was able. Faye is survived by her husband T.J. Peterson, three daughters; Elaine Byrd, Martha Peterson, and Ann Ruetschle. She is also survived by five grandsons and two great grandchildren.



Cecil Wade McCurry from North Bend Freewill Baptist Church departed this life on September 15, 2010 at the age of 69. He was the son of Daisy Lockner McCurry of Green Mountain, NC and the late Voyd McCurry. Cecil was a US Army Veteran. He was a member of North Bend Freewill Baptist Church and served as the Church Trustee and the Church

Treasurer. He is survived by his wife, Nora Peterson McCurry, a daughter Karen Morris and a son Benny McCurry. He is also survived by five grandchildren, three brothers, and two sisters.



Lurla Tolley Bailey, age 97, from Pathway Freewill Baptist Church went home to be with the Lord on October 24, 2010. She was born on July 9, 1913. She was a member of Pathway Freewill Baptist Church of Erwin, Tennessee. She was married to the late Earl Bailey who was a deacon of Pathway Church. She is survived by her daughter Ruth, son

Robert Bailey of South Carolina, and son Junior Bailey of Erwin. She had four grandchildren. She loved working in her flowers and garden. Her family and friends miss her very much. She is suffering no more today, and her race is run. Soon we can join her and there will never say Good-by.

Frank "June" Silver from Pensacola Freewill Baptist Church went to his Heavenly home September 1, 2010. He was a member of Pensacola Freewill Baptist Church. He left behind his wife of 38 years Doris Hyatt

Silver and a very large family who loved him and misses him very much. But one day on Heaven's bright shore, we will see him again where there is no more sickness or death. That is something to look forward to.



Jack Eugene Webb from Peterson Chapel Freewill Baptist Church passed away Tuesday, August 10, 2010, at his home. A native of Yancey County, he was the son of the late George and Jennie Peterson Webb. A World War II Army Veteran, Jack was a retired truck driver. Jack was preceded in death a brother Paul Webb, and sisters: Judy Webb and

Betty Tipton. Jack would meet you with a smile and leave you with one also. He enjoyed spending time with his family and attending church. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Edith Peterson Webb; son, Randy Webb and wife Karen, daughters, Brenda Allen and husband Raymond, and Anna Webb all of Green Mountain. He is survived by grandchildren: Christy Deyton and husband Shannon, and Luke and Lacey Webb, and a great granddaughter, Vega Deyton.

Georgia B. Carlton from Sunset Freewill Baptist Church departed this world on October 8, 2010. She was born on January 14, 1917. Georgia was a life time member and one of the founders of Sunset Freewill Baptist Church. She was a lady and a great example for others to follow. She was very active in church work where she served as the church clerk for many years. She loved her church. Georgia loved singing in the choir. If she didn't like something, she told you. Everyone always knew where they stood with Sister Georgia. Her shoes can never be filled by anyone else. We miss her very much, but we have the promise of seeing her again one day. She wouldn't come back if she could.

Mae H Miller, age 83, from Union Hill Freewill Baptist Church died on April 3, 2010, at home after a brief illness. She was a faithful and dedicated member of Union Hill Freewill Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband of sixty-five years, Lester Miller; two daughters Betty Wilson and Carolyn Sparks; four sons, James, Johnny, Donald and Rickey. She has one son, Charles, who has gone on to be

with the Lord. She also has ten grandchildren, five great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild, Kylie Mae. She was a precious Christian lady who truly will be missed by her family and friends. Her passing makes Heaven so much sweeter and beautiful, and one day soon we can join her. Proverbs 31:10-31 describes the mother we had. She is at rest with the Lord in a beautiful and far better place.

Madge Louise Biggs, age 80, from Union Hill Freewill Baptist Church died July 10, 2010, after a sickness of several years. She was born on June 17, 1930. She was a member of Union Hill Freewill Baptist Church. She is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Leonard Biggs, and two sons, Howard and Jay Brian Biggs. She is survived by one daughter and four sons. She had seventeen grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren. She was a loving mother. She loved her church and most of all, she loved her Lord.

Mildred Benfield, age 86, from Vale Freewill Baptist Church went home to be with her Heavenly Father on September 3, 2010. She was a member of Vale Freewill Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Clarence Benfield and her son Julian Benfield. Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Joyce Brewer, Gina Barrier and husband Dale, daughter-in-law Judy Benfield, four grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. Mildred is greatly missed by her loving church family.

Mildred Cornett Coffey, age 80, from Vale Union Baptist Church went home to be with the Lord on October 10, 2010. She was a member of Vale Freewill Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Roy Coffey, her son Randy Coffey, and two brothers Amos and Raymond Cornett. Left to cherish her memory are her daughter Nancy Sluder and husband Paul, daughter-in-law Cindy Coffey, granddaughter Ashley Coffey McKinney and husband Adam, and niece Joyce Cornett Burleson and husband Larry. Mildred was loved by all who knew her.

Elsie Calhoun, age 92, from Vale Freewill Baptist Church went to her Heavenly home on November 4, 2010. She was a member of Vale Freewill Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband

Coye Calhoun, her sister Mildred Benfield and grandson Coye Yates. Left to cherish her memory are her daughter Glenda Yates and husband Alfred, her son Doyle Calhoun and wife Grace, three grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Elsie was a beloved member of our community.

Shirley Kay Burleson, age 57, from Vale Freewill Baptist Church went home to be with her Heavenly Father on January 21, 2011. Vale Freewill Baptist Church was one of the churches she loved to attend. She will always be remembered as a special sister and special person by all who were blessed to know her. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents Olin and Margaret Biggs Burleson. Left to cherish her memory are her brothers Douglas Burleson and wife Tresia, Larry Burleson and wife Joyce, Sidney Burleson and wife Rita, sisters Dora Hartwell, Barbara Curtis and husband George, Daris Greenway and husband Curtis, and many nieces and nephews.

Preston “Wayne” Vestal, age 76, from Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church died July 30, 2010. He was born on November 9, 1933. He was a member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. He was a US Army veteran. He died after a lengthy illness. God looked around His garden and found an empty space. He then looked down upon the earth and saw his tired face and his pain and closed his weary eyes and whispered, “Peace, come on home”.

William “Roy” Arney, age 84, from Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church died on November 1, 2010. He was born on March 13, 1926. He was a dedicated member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. He was a native of Johnson County. He served in the US Air Force during World War II. He is survived by a son David Arney and his wife Jennifer. He was truly a patriotic American “who loved not only his country but he was so proud of his church and loved the Lord’s work at Valley Forge. Heaven just gets sweeter with the passing of folks like Brother Roy. Praise God for the hope of seeing them again.

Mary Duncan Hardin, age 65, from Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church died on January 3, 2011. She was born on December 26, 1945. She was a member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. Sister

Mary battled cancer for a long time before her death. She loved the Lord's work at Valley Forge. We will miss her but we can take comfort in knowing she is at rest with the Lord in a beautiful and better place with no more cancer and no more pain.

Adam Phillip Martin, age 15, from Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church died on March 26, 2011. He was born on February 26, 1996. A faithful and dedicated member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church, Adam was a great part of the Church Youth and Praise Choir. He was a freshman at Elizabethton High School. Adam was suddenly stricken with bacterial meningitis. He was a picture of health and proudly wore #75 on his Cyclone football jersey. As word of Adam's death spread, students at Elizabethton High School gathered in the school gymnasium to pray and later broke off into smaller groups to pray.. Over thirty young people accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior attributing to the way Adam lived his life and his love for God. It is so hard to see a healthy young person as sweet as Adam die so suddenly. Adam influenced so many people. He was a role model and showed us how we should live day by day. As a tribute to Adam the teen group of the church dedicated their 2011 mission trip to New Orleans in memory of Adam. This group of thirty-two young people dedicated their mission trip as the A Team (Adam Martin). As Adam proudly wore his #75 Cyclone football jersey all the team members of the mission team wore their A Team New Orleans Mission T Shirts, colored Carolina Blue, Adam's favorite team. He leaves behind his parents David and Jennifer, his big brother and "best friend" David Jr. and a host of friends. As a testimony to what folks felt about Adam over 1200 people passed through at the church to mourn his passing. In addition, many other young people gave their hearts to the Lord. How sweet Heaven really is to know that some day soon we can be with those we love and miss so much. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity". I Timothy 4:12.

Judy Lambert Livingston, age 73, from Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church died on March 12, 2011. She was born on June 32, 1938. She was a member of the congregation of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist

Church. Sister Judy died after a lengthy illness. She was the granddaughter of one of the pioneer members of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church, Sister "Aunt Lizzie Willis". She leaves not only her family but a host of friends who miss her. One day soon by the precious Grace of God we will meet those we loved in that beautiful and perfect place called "Heaven". Thank God for that hope.

Wade Charles Sluder Jr., age 74, from Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church died on April 16, 2011. He was born on March 29, 1937. Brother Wade was a faithful and dedicated member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church for many years. He was secretary of the Adult Men's Bible Class and for many years loved to send cards to not only the church members but to those in the community and even out of state. Many years in that ministry he would send out over 300 cards a year. It was not uncommon if it was raining for Brother Wade to either walk you to your car or come and get you with a big umbrella, not only keeping you dry but with an encouraging word. He leaves behind his wife Gail, daughter Celena (wife of Pastor Greg Whitehead), son Brent and several grandchildren who adored him and miss him so much. Truly the Lord was his Shepherd and truly he is dwelling in the house of the Lord today, waiting for us to come on home.

Ministers' Conferences

Sunset Freewill Baptist Church October 30, 2010

The Jacks Creek Freewill Baptist Ministers' Conference met with Sunset Freewill Baptist, October 30, 2010, at 9:30 A.M. The session began with the Pastor, Rev. Terry Richardson, welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "There Is A Name." Devotions were given by Rev. Kelly Pittman reading from I Samuel 17: 34 He spoke to us about raising the standards we live by today. He did a great job. Prayer was given by Rev. Darrell Edwards.

The session was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Norman Loveless who welcomed everyone and then read the Rules of Decorum. The minutes from the last session were read and approved with no exceptions. The ministers' roll call was given with everyone standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were Rev. Jody Trantham and Rev. Jacob Cochran.

The moderator called for visiting churches. There were none. The call was made for deacons from churches to submit their names. They were seated in our body. The call was made for anyone seeking license or ordination. Rev. Glenn Walden was seeking license to preach the gospel. He was turned over to the ordaining council for questioning.

The moderator called for old business to which there was none. He then called for new business. The topic committee was asked to give their report but no report was available. The moderator then appointed a new topic committee consisting of Rev. Rodney Deyton, Rev. Rickey Hollifield, and Rev. Bobby Revis.

The moderator for the next conference is to be Rev. Junior Peterson with Rev. Charlie Trivette as his assistant. Rev. Frank Cable will give devotions.

Bro. Mike Allison then gave the Children's Home report. He stated that Rev. Kilgore was doing better following his recent illness of colon cancer and heart problems and expected to be back at work in the following week or two. He thanked us for the offering of \$7,900 for Mother's Day with a total of over \$82,000 given from all sources. He said that these children and mothers never forget who help them during their time of despair and distress. He also reminded us of the number of children and adults saved and rededications at the home. A great work is being done there.

Rev. Billy Styles talked about a missionary from South Africa and how God was doing great miracles in that part of the world, and how the missionary had visited a hospital there and how God healed the sick. Rev. Paul Bennett spoke of a conference he had attended and the speaker had been put in prison because he stated that Chairman Mao of China was a sinner. There were several great testimonies following this. We then dismissed to preaching service.

11:00 A.M. Preaching Service

The service began with the church choir singing “God Is So Good To Me”, “You Are The Best Thing That Has Ever Happened To Me”, and “So Much To Thank Him For.” Prayer was given by Rev. Norman Loveless. The message was given by Rev. Lester Perkins reading from Luke 22:32, and St. John 21:15. His topic was “Feed my Sheep”. He spoke about how preachers are so discouraged today and how God will help us encourage others about the “Good News.” He encouraged us to stay with who we started with, and how Christ hung on the cross for the cleansing of the world. He preached a spirit filled, inspiring message.

In further business, the ordaining council recommended Rev. Glenn Walden to be licensed in the Jacks Creek Conference to preach for a period of one year. Rev. Walden will serve under Rev. Rodney Deyton who will act as his senior pastor. A motion was made and approved to grant the license. Session was adjourned in prayer by Rev. B.F. McKinney, Jr.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk

Low Gap Freewill Baptist Church January 29, 2011

The Jacks Creek Freewill Baptist Ministers’ Conference met with Low Gap F.W.B. Church in Burnsville, N.C. at 9:30 A.M. The session began with the pastor, Rev. Blaine Whitson welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang “Have A Little Talk With Jesus”. Devotions were given by Rev. Frank Cable reading from Acts 2:1-5. He spoke to us about being filled with the Spirit. He did a great job and was very encouraging. Prayer was given by Rev. Russell Hughes.

The session was called to order by the moderator Rev. Junior Peterson who welcomed everyone and read the Rules of Decorum. Minutes from the last session were read and approved with no exceptions.

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			2	84	81	15		60	100	50	19,050	600	4,365	2,780	1,200	1,000	20,260	9,555	492,597
Borings Chapel																				
Brummitt's Creek	1			1	43	20			20	50	20	5,700						5,350		330,000
Colbert's Creek	2			1	21	20			20		10									
Covy Rock		1		1	137	85			40	60	10	20,800	906	4,080	163	9,486	300	9,940	268	432,493
Crabtree	1				35	18			20	40	25	7,350	200	50	25	25	100	620		131,841
Davistown				1	20	19	8		20	50	10	2,600						2,745	5,605	259,619
Higgins	2	7	1		173	85			45	20	5	21,706			5,111		65	12,380		566,304
Hillcrest					37	17			20	20	15	5,200	300		50		50			250,000
Low Gap	1	7			75	43		12	50	50	10	10,400	500	764	839		100	2,733	2,340	310,000
Middle District				2	56	43		22	40	40	25	16,300	300	600		2,125		2,226		375,000
New Hope																				244,000
Nix Creek		3	6	2	54	58	15	20	31		25		800	876	1,136	1,200		2,114	8,056	177,678
North Bend			3	3	60	53		13	80	100	25	12,300		4,681	3,536	1,200	100	7,825	5,797	535,652
Pathway	1	5		2	45	50	10	5	37	20	20	7,500	888	720		420		3,204		150,000
Pensacola	5	2		1	87	50	13	12	40	50	10	10,239	822	1,100	816	1,195	200	19,917		160,000
Peterson's Chapel		5		2	128	85			35	15	15	15,300			500	5		7,579		376,620
Pilgrim's Chapel					41	23			25	20	20	6,500		300	337			2,500	678	71,000
Piney Grove	7	5			52	62			25	60	5		829	1,200	1,332	1,200	60	11,600	11,000	170,000
Southside	6	4	1	5	283	96	10		50	15	25	33,450	1,400	4,510	800	800	260	8,902		1,210,000
Sunset	3	2		1	72	45			50	15	15	20,400	600	2,200		1,500	50	19,702		348,700
Union Hill	2			2	58	50			20	40	25	5,250	500	1,000	2,359		100	987	8,509	94,752
Vale		3	1	4	51	32			31	50	25	9,900		150	75	100	50	510	6,500	200,000
Valley Forge	11	40	3	5	574	375	87	258	125	100	25	44,839	2,132	5,355	101,305	9,656	300	33,715	291,584	4,262,116
Woodby Hill	2	2			51	37	11		37	25	5	11,170	600	952	120	420	25	1,400	332	147,625
Youngs Chapel	5	6	38		77	55	10	25	50	50	20	15,600	1,000	370	5,292	2,926	200	2,850	992	200,000
Totals	52	92	53	35	2,314	1,502	179	367	971	990	440	301,554	12,377	33,273	126,576	33,458	2,960	179,059	351,216	11,495,997

The Ministers' roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were: Rev. Jody Trantham from Nix Creek and Rev. Brandon Byrd from Brummitts Creek. Visiting churches were Mt. Calvary of Marion.

The Moderator then called for anyone seeking licenses or ordination with Rev. Jody Trantham asking for license. He was turned over to the North Carolina investigating committee. The Ordaining Council was then dismissed to discuss business.

The Moderator called for old business. Rev. Alex Carver had resigned from the Tennessee Investigating Committee. The alternate, Rev. Kevin Laws will take over for Rev. Alex Carver. The conference elected Rev. Jimmy Arrowood as the moderator for the next conference with Rev. Frank Cable as his assistant.

In new business, the Clerk clarified that Rev. Ross Grant turned in his credentials of his own free will because of his health problems. Rev. Ross Grant still continues to preach the Gospel when he is able and has the opportunity. The Clerk regrets any misunderstanding.

Bro. Mike Allison from Freewill Baptist Family Ministries spoke to us and gave us an update at the Home. He stated that Dr. Kilgore was slowly recovering following his surgery and other complications and is doing much better. Bro. Mike talked about a program they now have that tries to prevent abortions, and how they are changing lives and families at the center. He also told of a young man who has recently been saved and called to preach the gospel.

The Topic Committee gave their report with Rev. Rickey Hollifield speaking about faithfulness and how God is faithful to us. He read from Psalm 89:1-4. Rev. Bobby Revis read from I Chron. 19:13 and Acts 20:28. He spoke to us about our personal responsibility to be spotless from the world in order to be faithful to God. Rev. Rodney Deyton also spoke and gave us encouragement in being faithful to God. The meeting was then adjourned to preaching.

11:00 AM PREACHING SERVICE

The service began with Mark Robinson, Jade Robinson, Jaren Robinson and Melanie Robinson singing, "You Are My All In All", and "Just For Me". Prayer was given by Rev. Adam Miller who brought the

message reading I Samuel 8:1 and I Cor. 1:26. His subject was "For you see your calling ." He talked about Samuel and his mother Hannah. He spoke about Eli and his sons who had corrupted the house of the Lord. He asked us what we were preaching to the people. He stated that it is not about the preacher but being in the Spirit and doing our best for the Lord and telling the people the Bible way to live. He preached a wonderful message and gave us great encouragement.

In other business, Rev. Alex Carver turned in his license and ordination papers. The conference voted to accept them.

The conference was dismissed in prayer by Rev. J.C. Sheets.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk

Middle District Freewill Baptist Church May 28, 2011

The Jacks Creek Ministers' Conference met at 9:30 A.M. with Middle District Freewill Baptist Church as they celebrated their one hundredth year of being organized as a church in Buladean, N.C. The session began with Pastor Stephen Miller welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Victory In Jesus". Rev. Roger Laws gave devotions reading from I John: 1-4 and I John: 4-1. His topic was "I think," about the leadership of the Holy Spirit. He gave a very inspiring devotional message. Prayer was given by Rev. Bernie Jones.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, who read the Rules of Decorum. The minutes from the last session were read and approved. The ministers' roll call was given with everyone standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were Revs. Neil Payne, Josh Miller, Brandon Byrd, Gary Hollingsworth, Josh Phillips and Steve Bursen. There were no visiting churches. Deacons and delegates were seated.

The Moderator called for anyone seeking license or ordination with Rev. Matthew Guy asking for ordination. He was turned over to the Ordaining Council. Rev. Keith Tipton asked for investigation so that he could be ordained. He was turned over to the Tennessee Investigation Committee. Rev. Jody Trantham also asked to be licensed, and he was

also turned over to the Ordaining Council.

Rev. Noah Hughes had sent his license and ordination papers to the conference. The conference voted to accept them.

Bro. Mike Allison then spoke to us and gave an update for Freewill Baptist Children's Ministry in Greenville, Tenn. He talked to us about Dr. Kilgore and how doctors had found a spot on his lung. He asked that we continue to pray for him. He also gave a damage report after a tornado had come very close to the home. There was no major damage at the home, but the surrounding area was badly damaged. He told about the home preparing over 16,000 meals for the community and provided shelter and clothes for people who had damage or lost homes. They also opened their gym for people to live in until they could find permanent shelter.

In other business, the Moderator talked to the ministers and congregation about knowing our rules and understanding things before they applied for membership in our conference. Rev. Charlie Trivette spoke about ministers inviting younger ministers to come preach at their church so they could get experience and fulfill the twenty-five sermon requirement for the year. Also, Rev. Gary Huffman thanked the conference for its financial help and prayers during his recent illness.

The topic committee gave their report reading scripture from I John 3:1 and I John 4:7. Rev. Matthew Guy and Rev. Keith Tipton spoke about the lack of love in the church today and how it is our responsibility to share the love of Christ in the community and the world. They both did a great job. The topic committee for the next session will be Revs. Ullis Miller, Bernie Jones, and Charlie Trivette.

The conference appointed Rev. Charlie Trivette to serve as alternate for the Tennessee Investigating Committee. Adjourned for eleven o'clock preaching.

11:00 Preaching Service

The service began with the Odom family singing "Beulah Land", and "So Much to Thank Him For". Rev. Scott Jenkins gave the prayer and brought the message for the day. He read from Luke 2:1-2. He spoke to us about the "Great Harvest" and what our mission is in this harvest. He preached that we are to exalt the Lord and evangelize the

world. He said we pass the actual church as we come to church. He also stated that we should edify the saints in the conference and at the house of God. There was much rejoicing and praise. He gave a great message.

The moderator called us back to order with the Ordaining Council recommending Rev. Jody Trantham be granted a license to preach. He is to serve under Rev. Jimmy Arrowood as his senior pastor. The conference gave approval. The service was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Stephen Miller to time and place. Meal money \$148.00

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk

Nix Creek Freewill Baptist Ministers' Conference July 30, 2011

The Jacks Creek Freewill Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Nix Creek F.W.B Church in Marion, N.C. at 9:30 A.M. The session began with Pastor J.B. Cope welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sung "Amazing Grace". Devotions were given by Rev. J.B. Cope reading from John 15:21. He urged the ministers to preach the gospel and feed the sheep of God. The congregation then prayed for Rev. Jonas Revis who is having some major health problems.

The Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley, then called the session to order and read the Rules of Decorum. The minister's roll call was given with everyone standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were Rev. John Phillips (Higgins), Rev. J.B. Cope (Nix Creek), and Rev. Josh Phillips(Higgins). Deacons and delegates were then seated. Visiting churches were welcomed. There were none.

The moderator then called for anyone seeking license or ordination. Rev. Keith Tipton was supposed to be ordained but was unable to attend today's service due to illness. His ordination was postponed until he could get back to the conference. Rev. Matthew Guy was turned over to the ordaining council for questioning.

Late letters to the association were read from Woodby Hill, Middle District, and Colbert's Creek. The conference then elected

officers for the next conference. Rev. Keith Miller will serve as moderator with Rev. Kelly Pittman as his alternate.

Officers for the coming year:

Clerk: Rev. Blaine Whitson

Assistant Clerk: Rev. Frank Cable

Ordaining Council: Revs. Norman Loveless (Chairman), Ronnie Peterson, Terry Richardson, William J. Greer, Jimmy Arrowood, and Ulis Miller (Alternate)

Tennessee Investigating Committee: Revs. Bernie Jones (Chairman), Lester Perkins, B.F. McKinney Jr., and Adam Miller (Alternate)

North Carolina Investigating Committee: Revs. Russell Hughes (Chairman), Keith Miller, Kelly Pittman, Rickey Hollifield (Alternate)

The topic committee: Revs. Junior Peterson, Dennis Autrey, and Rick Woods.

Rev. Bernie Jones spoke for the topic committee for this session. His subject for this session was "I am the true vine". He read from St. John 15. He stated that the Vine is the true church today. The power of God helps us to grow and be strong. If you are in Him, you will bear fruit. He did a good job with several giving testimonies.

In the final business of the day the Ordaining Council recommended that Rev. Matthew Guy be ordained. Rev. William J. Greer gave the charge reading from I Timothy 3. He reminded Rev. Guy that God was calling him, not man. It is important to be a pastor not only in the church but in the community, hospitals and everywhere he went. He told him it was not easy to pastor today. We face so many different things today than preachers have before this. He reminded him of who he was preaching about. He asked him several good questions about his work he was entering. He then called for laying on of hands and prayer. It was a wonderful service. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Blaine Whitson. Collected \$212.00 for lunch.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk

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211 Blevins Rd., Johnson City, TN 37601 423-328-4914

Davistown F.W.B. 510 Davistown Church Rd., Old Fort, NC

Pastor: Frank Cable 828-298-4702 Clerk: Violet Moore

1800 Old Neal Rd., Marion, NC 28752 828-738-3201

Higgins F.W.B. 100 Higgins F.W.B. Church Lane, Burnsville, NC

Pastor: Keith Miller 828-688-2727 Clerk: Deborah Wheeler

314 Wheeler Farm Dr, Burnsville, NC 28714 828-682-7242

Hillcrest F.W.B. 2913 Harmony Grove Rd., Nebo, NC

Pastor: Bud Edwards 828-682-6966 Clerk: Imogene Johnson

902 Jones Town Rd., Bostic, NC 28108 828-248-1045

Low Gap F.W.B. 3391 Bolens Creek Rd., Burnsville, NC

Pastor: Blaine Whitson 828-682-6357 Clerk: Tonya Ray

618 Bee Branch Rd., Burnsville, NC 28714 828-682-6700

Middle District F.W.B. 11142 N. Hwy. 226, Bakersville, NC

Pastor: Stephen Miller 423-743-0340 Clerk: Henry Street

26 Will Street Rd., Bakersville, NC 28705 828-688-2717

New Hope F.W.B. 1220 Marbelton Rd., Unicoi, TN

Pastor: Scott Jenkins 828-688-3211 Clerk: Bernice Williams

119 Gilmon McInturff Rd, Unicoi, TN 37692 423-743-4196

- Nix Creek F.W.B.** 149 Nix Creek Church Rd., Marion, NC
 Pastor: J.B. Cope 828-243-0174 Clerk: Teresa Holland
 2406 Greenlee Rd., Old Fort, NC 28762 828-460-8804
- North Bend F.W.B** 25 North Bend Dr., Green Mtn., NC
 Pastor: Dean Murphy 828-688-3795 Clerk: Linda Cox
 230 Woodstock Dr., Burnsville, NC 28714 828-682-6457
- Pathway F.W.B.** Carolina Ave. @ Academy St., Erwin, TN
 Pastor: Ronnie Peterson 828-208-2106 Clerk: Virginia Bailey
 205 Maple View Ln., Erwin, TN 37650 423-743-9209
- Pensacola F.W.B.** 10117 State Hwy. 197 South, Burnsville, NC
 Pastor: Norman Loveless 828-682-6364 Clerk: Patricia Silvers
 305 Ewart Wilson Rd., Burnsville, NC 28714 828-682-7297
- Peterson's Chapel F.W.B.** 1008 Clearmont School Rd., Burnsville
 Pastor: Denny Wilson 828-208-4004 Clerk: Frances Webb
 2105 Hwy. 197 N., Burnsville, NC 28714 828-284-4990
- Pilgrims Chapel F.W.B.** 7 Pilgram's Lane, Burnsville, NC
 Pastor: Russell Hughes 828-682-0193 Clerk: Faye Elkins
 2200 Shoal Creek Rd., Burnsville, NC 28714 828-682-6731
- Piney Grove F.W.B.** 733 Piney Grove Rd., Hampton, TN
 Pastor: Steve Burleson 423-725-3429 Clerk: Aileen McKinney
 580 Piney Grove Rd., Hampton, TN 37658 423-725-3791
- Southside F.W.B.** 1313 Chestoa Pike, Erwin, TN
 Pastor: Kevin Laws 423-735-9902 Clerk: Maurice Robinson
 114 Bradshaw Woods, Erwin, TN 37650 423-743-6325
- Sunset F.W.B.** 6676 Hwy. 19E, Roan Mtn., TN
 Pastor: Terry Richardson 423-725-2196 Clerk: Patti Whitson
 220 Laurels Rd., Johnson City, TN. 37601 423-929-8629
- Union Hill F.W.B.** 215 Union Hill Church Rd., Bakersville, NC
 Pastor: Clerk: Allen Wilson
 8323 N.C. Hwy. 197, Green Mtn., NC 28740 828-688-4922
- Vale F.W.B.** 1404 Old Toe River Rd., Newland, NC
 Pastor: Gary Huffman 828-738-9761 Clerk: Wilma Willis
 908 Turbyfill Rd., Newland, NC 28657 828-733-2366
- Valley Forge F.W.B.** 1503 Riverview Dr., Elizabethton, TN
 Pastor: Randy Johnson 423-474-3600 Clerk: Robin W. Montgomery
 301 Ridgecrest Dr., Elizabethton, TN 37643 423-542-5344

Woodby Hill F.W.B. 6100 Simerly Creek Rd., Hampton, TN

Pastor: Lester Perkins 426-474-3791 Clerk: Teresa Simerly
1211 Old Iron Mtn. Rd., Unicoi, TN 37692 423-735-7081

Youngs Chapel F.W.B. 1143 Burnsville School Rd, Burnsville, NC

Pastor: Roger Thompson 828-284-0454 Clerk: Emogene Silver
164 Top of the Hill Dr., Burnsville, NC 28714 828-682-6217

Ministers & Wives

- Anderson, David & Sherry 423-257-6611
380 Pleasant Hill Road, Chuckey, TN, 37641
- Arrowood, Jimmy & Louvella 828-688-4763
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, 828-385-0490
220 Ridgeview Lane, Bakersville, NC, 28705
- Berry, Henry & Eunice 423-725-2147
812 Fairview Rd. Hampton, TN, 37658
- Birchfield, Tony & Gina 423-791-3614
P.O. Box 2271, Johnson City, TN, 37605
- 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, Mike & Shirley 423-328-4914
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
 90 Loggy Hollow Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705
 Huffman, Gary & Norma 828-738-9761, 828-925-9763
 3368 Goose Creek Rd., Marion, NC, 28752
 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
 395 A.J. Willis Rd., Jonesborough, TN 37659
 Laws, Roger & Barbara 828-688-2808
 11101 N. 226 Hwy., Bakersville, NC, 28705
 Loveless, Norman & Bonnie 423-547-9526, 423-957-2815
 207 E. Cottage Ave., Elizabethton, TN, 37643 828-682-6364
 McMahan, Stanley & Betty 828-675-5280
 162 Chinquapin Drive, Burnsville, NC, 28714
 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, 828-208-3558
1085 Beans Creek Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705	
Miller, Stephen & Crystal	423-743-0340
211 Grant St., Unicoi, TN, 37692	
Miller, Uli & Faye	423-743-4788
2160 Chestoa Pike, Erwin, TN, 37650	
Murphy, Dean & Etta	828-688-3795
8104 N. 197, Green Mountain, NC, 28740	
Perkins, Lester & Linda	423-474-3791
126 Big Sandy Rd., Elizabethton, TN, 37643	
Peterson, Junior & Paula	828-682-4446, 828-284-0519
P.O. Box 712, Burnsville, NC, 28714	
Peterson, Ronnie & Shirley	828-208-2106, 828-208-2107
180 Boys-R-Us Lane, Burnsville, NC, 28714	
Pittman, Kelly & Ashley	828-688-9892
157 Hazen Ledford Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705	
Revis, Bobby & Naomi	828-652-2153
3090 Fairview Rd., Marion, NC, 28752	
Revis, Jonas & Ann	423-542-2309
157 Wilbur Dam Rd., Elizabethton, TN, 37643	
Richardson, Terry & Melissa	423-725-2196
6023 Hwy. 19 E., Hampton, TN, 37658	
Sheets, J.C. & Edna	828-688-3636
724 Greasy Creek Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705	
Stockton, John L. & Patsy	828-688-3047
121 Wilds Creek Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705	
Styles, Billy & Gayle	828-738-4648
86 Meadow Brook Lane, Marion, NC, 28752	
Thomason, Clyde & Reamona	828-682-7512, 828-208-1118
761 English Branch Rd., Burnsville, NC, 28714	
Thompson, Roger & Patricia	828-284-0454
300 Dogwood Lane, Burnsville, NC, 28714	
Tipton, Keith & Merri	423-388-8146
P. O. Box 741 Erwin, TN, 37650	
Trantham, Jody & Jennifer	828-460-3005
122 Sixth C Street, Marion, NC, 28752	

Trivette, Charlie & Irene	423-543-2910
157 Garrison Hollow Rd., Elizabethton, TN, 37643	
Walden, Glenn, Jr. & Kim	423-335-0507
300 Oakwood Rd., Blountville, TN 37617	
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

Bennett, Paul	Friendship Chapel, N. 226 Hwy., NC
Deyton, Rodney	Valley View Independent F.W.B., 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
Miller, Adam	Midfield Freewill Baptist, Kingsport, TN
Sheets, J.C.	Limestone Cove Freewill Baptist, Unicoi, TN
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 Thes. 2: 6-9, Rev. 21: 1-6, Rev. 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

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

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

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

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

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

83rd Session 1978 - The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association does not condone, or allow homosexuality among its people, that it is deemed to be a deadly sin. Leviticus 20: 13, Romans 1: 26-32. Also we are opposed to abortion in any form. "Thou shalt not kill," the fifth Commandment, Exodus 20:13. (Amended by Association July 29,2011)

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

Jack's Creek Ministers Conference does not condone our ministers

performing a wedding, and joining together in Holy Matrimony anyone who has been previously married and divorced.

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

89th Session 1984 - Resolutions Committee Report: We make a motion that the following resolution be accepted, "This committee will be known as the rules Committee. It shall consist of five men: three deacons and two pastors. None on this committee shall belong to or attend the same church. All motions to make new, or change existing rules or bylaws, shall be given to said committee in writing and signed. The committee will consider the motion, then upon its decision, bring the motion to the floor for explanation in detail. This body shall then vote on the motion as they may choose. However, if the committee cannot agree that he 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.

NOTE: Any minutes prior to 1953 and 1966 are still needed to complete the Minutes of the Jacks Creek Association set which is being assembled. If you can help with this project, please contact Frank Cable at (828) 298-4702. The originals can be returned after copies are made.

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

Date _____

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

OUR STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS

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| (1) Number Baptized _____ | (11) Clerk & Moderator _____ |
| (2) Members Added _____ | (12) Paid Pastor _____ |
| (3) Members Dismissed _____ | (13) Paid For Revivals _____ |
| (4) Deaths _____ | (14) Children's Home _____ |
| (5) Total Membership _____ | (15) Home Missions _____ |
| (6) Average in S.S. _____ | (16) Foreign Missions _____ |
| (7) Ladies' Aux. _____ | (17) Disabled Ministers Fund _____ |
| (8) No. In CTS _____ | (18) Poor & Sick _____ |
| (9) Minute Fund _____ | (19) Improve Church Prop. _____ |
| (10) Association Fund _____ | (20) Value of Church Prop. _____ |

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.

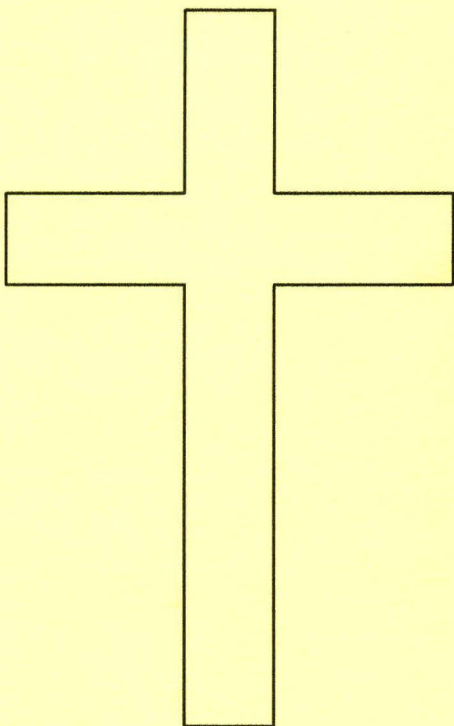
Description of health condition and financial status:

Date _____ Signature _____

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

Date _____

Signature _____



Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30