

**2011– 2012**  
**Minutes of the 117<sup>th</sup> Session**

**JACK'S CREEK  
FREEWILL BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**

**Officers:**

Rev. Bobby Revis, Moderator  
Rev. Norman Loveless, Assistant Moderator  
Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk  
Rev. Frank Cable, Assistant Clerk

**Next Session:**

Youngs Chapel Freewill Baptist Church  
Burnsville, North Carolina, July 25-27, 2013  
(The last Thursday in July) at 10:30 A.M.

Introductory message: Rev. Bobby Revis,  
Rev. Adam Miller, alternate.



## **2012-2013 Sessions**

**FIRST CONFERENCE:** September 29, 2012. To be held at North Bend F.W.B. Church. Rev. Kelly Pitman will give devotions. Rev. Adam Miller will preach the 11 AM message. Rev. Frank Cable is the Alternate.

**SECOND CONFERENCE:** December 29, 2012. To be held at Big Creek F.W.B. Church. Teddy Adkins will give the devotions. Rev. Kevin Laws will preach the 11 AM message. Rev. Kelly Pitman is the Alternate.

**THIRD CONFERENCE:** March 30, 2013. To be held at Covy Rock F.W.B. Church. Larry Miller will give the devotions. Rev. Roger Laws will preach the 11 AM message. Rev. Bud Edwards is the Alternate.

**ASSOCIATION AND MINISTERS' CONFERENCE:** July 25-27, 2013. To be held at Youngs Chapel F.W.B. Church. Thursday Morning, Rev. Bobby Revis will preach the 11 AM message with Rev. Adam Miller the Alternate. Rev. Jacob Cochran will give the devotions in the afternoon. Thursday night, Rev. Bernie Jones will preach the 7 PM message with Rev. Kevin Laws the Alternate. Friday morning, Rev. Gary Huffman will give devotions. Rev. Blaine Whitson will preach the 11 AM message with Rev. Ralph Hedrick the Alternate. Friday afternoon service, devotions will be given by Rev. Marvin Hensley. Friday Night will be Youth Service for churches in the area.

Respectfully submitted: Lee Thompson, Gary Huffman, Eddie 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. Bobby Revis ✓
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Norman Loveless ✓
Clerk	Rev. Blaine Whitson ✓
Assistant Clerk	Rev. Frank Cable
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Assistant Treasurer	Rev. Billy Styles
International Missions Treasurer	Rev. Marvin Hensley
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Assistant Treasurer	Rev. Adam Miller

## ASSOCIATION INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:

**Tennessee:** Rev. Norman Loveless(Chairman), Rev. Kevin Laws, Rev. Adam Miller, and 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:** Bro. Bob Ray, Rev. B.F. McKinney Jr., Rev. Kevin Laws, and Rev. Bernie Jones (Alternate)

**North Carolina:** Rev. Dean Murphy (Chairman), Rev. Bobby Revis, Rev. Gary Huffman, and Rev. Jimmy Arrowood (Alternate)



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Rev. Terry Richardson (Chairman) (423-725-2196), Rev. Ulis Miller (423-743-4788), Rev. Charlie Trivette (423-543-2914), Bro. Carl Roberson (423-543-3885), and Bro. Teddy Adkins ( 828-682-3958 ) Alt.

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## **MINISTERS' CONFERENCE:**

**Clerk:**

Rev. Blaine Whitson

**Assistant Clerk:**

Rev. Frank Cable

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## **MINISTERS' INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:**

**Tennessee:** Rev. Terry Richardson, Rev. Bernie Jones, Rev. Norman Loveless, and Rev. Keith Tipton, Alt.

**North Carolina:** Rev. Keith Miller, Rev. Junior Peterson, Rev. Billy Styles, and Rev. Kelly Pittman Alt.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Jacks Creek Association met for its 117<sup>th</sup> session with Low Gap Free Will Baptist Church on July 26, 2012, at 10:30AM. A welcome was given by the pastor, Rev. Blaine Whitson, who made the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Just A Little Talk With Jesus". A special prayer was given for a cancer victim of the church, Deacon Richard Tipton. Jade Robinson and her dad, Mark Robinson, sang "I Am The Man".

Rev. Terry Richardson brought the message preaching from Matthew 14:22. His topic was "Fear God and Keep His Commandments". Rev. Richardson said there is no fear of God in the U.S. today because most do not know God. He admonished us to fear the Lord when we preach and in every thing we do. We are to walk by faith and not by sight and fear the Lord. He said that there will come a day when all will fear the Lord, when they stand before Him and every knee bows. He encouraged us to continue to stand for the things we know are right no matter what others say. He preached an encouraging message with plenty of warnings. Prayer was given by Rev. Adam Miller.

### 1:30 Business Session

The session began with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus". Devotions were given by Rev. Jody Trantham reading from Matthew 25. He told us to let our light so shine that the world may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in Heaven. No matter what happens, let our light shine. Prayer was given by Rev. Norman Loveless.

The moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley, called the 117<sup>th</sup> session to order. Rules of Decorum were read. The church letters were read, and the delegates were seated. The ministers' roll call was given. A visiting minister was Rev. Ted Lewis, pastor from Piney Grove F.W.B. He was welcomed to our body. Moderator called for visiting churches, there were none. There also were no churches seeking membership in our conference. At this point the officer elections occurred and the new moderator, Rev. Bobby Revis took over for Rev. Hensley. Rev. Hensley has done a great job these past four years.



## **CHURCH LETTERS**

**BIG CREEK:** Bros. Teddy Adkins, Tony Byrd, Alvin Murphy

**BORINGS CHAPEL:** By Letter

**BRUMMITTS CREEK:** Sisters Star Bennett, Billie Harzarik, and Bro. John Harzarik.

**COLBERTS CREEK:** By letter

**COVEY ROCK:** Brother Larry Miller, and Sisters Marie Laws and Mattie Angel

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

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

**HIGGINS:** By letter

**HILLCREST:** Bro. Jimmy Johnson and Sister Imojene Johnson

**LOW GAP:** Bros. Carson Jones, Dale Hilemon, Bobby Riddle, Brad Hill, and Danny Ray, Sisters Clara Hilemon, Opal Jones, Tonya Ray, Mary Ellen Hensley.

**MIDDLE DISTRICT:** By letter

**NIX CREEK:** Rev. Jody Trantham

**NORTH BEND:** Rev. Dean Murphy, Brothers Eddie Tipton, Herbert Hopson, Frank Briggs, Owen Barnett, Sisters Betty Renfro, Betty Briggs, and Etta Murphy.

**PATHWAY:** Bros. Gary Peterson, Stanley Ault, Buster Laughren, Jerry Williams

**PENSACOLA:** Bros. Chris Fender, Ronald Fox and Sister Jackie Fox

**PETERSON'S CHAPEL:** By Letter

**PILGRAMS CHAPEL:** Rev. Russell Hughes and Sister Margret Hughes

**PINEY GROVE:** Bro. Dennis Clark, Sisters Charlotte Clark, Jackie McMahan, and Carol McKinney

**SOUTHSIDE:** Revs. Kevin Laws, Ulis Miller, Bernie Jones

**SUNSET:** Rev. Terry Richardson and Bro. Vearl Julian

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

**VALE:** Rev. Gary Huffman, Bro. Larry Burleson and Sister Joyce Burleson

**VALLEY FORGE:** Bros. Carl Roberson and Bob Ray.

**WOODBYP HILL:** Bro. Max Simerly

**YOUNG'S CHAPEL:** Bros. Lee Thompson, Dean Branton, Stanley Silvers, Sisters Billie Thompson, Emogene Silver, Norma Silvers, and Janice Wheeler

## **ASSOCIATION TOPIC COMMITTEES**

**Churches, Pastors, and Deacons:** Rev. Billy Styles, Alvin Murphy, Eddie Tipton

**Christian Training Service:** Tonya Ray, Tony Byrd, and Rev. Adam Miller

**Disabled Ministers Fund:** Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Betty Briggs, and Rev. Dean Murphy



**Education:** Rev. Kevin Laws, Stanley Ault, and Jerry Williams

**International Missions:** Rev. Marvin Hensley

**Home Missions:** Rev. Kelly Pittman, Rev Keith Tipton, and Owen Barnett

**Ladies Auxiliary:** Rev. Dean Murphy, Etta Murphy, and Norma Silvers

**Freewill Baptist Children's Ministries:** Rev. Frank Woods, Rev. Frank Cable, and Willis Adkins

**Sunday School:** Rev. Ralph Hedrick, Mary Ellen Hensley, and Rev. J.C. Sheets

**Sessions:** Lee Thompson, Rev. Gary Huffman, and Eddie Tipton

**Resolutions:** Rev. Ulis Miller, Rev. B.F. McKinney Jr., and Frank Briggs

Brother Mike Allison spoke to us and gave us an update from Children's Ministries. He stated that Jacks Creek gave \$32,473.66 last year, and they were very grateful. He also talked to us about Dr. Kilgore having to resign because of his illness. Rev. Frank Woods was chosen to be the new director by the board of directors when they met in May. Frank began his new job immediately.

The new ultra sound machine has been purchased for the Hope Center. It will allow the medical team to check on the health of the baby and mother and will also allow the mother to see her unborn baby. Hopefully, this will help her decide to keep the baby and not abort it.

He also stated that they have averaged about one hundred young people being saved per year for the past ten years. He mentioned two men who had been in the home and were now successful business men and also were preaching the gospel. The Kennedy brothers have said that the home was a mainstay and a great foundation for their lives.

Finally, Bro. Mike spoke about the assisted living building in Erwin, TN, and that it will open in August or early September. They are now taking applications for the remaining suites and apartments. He

also thanked the association for all they do. We personally need to thank them for the great job they do for all of us.

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

The Church service began with the congregation singing "I Have Somebody With Me". Prayer was by Rev. Frank Woods. Tammy McIntyre from Low Gap Church sang "When He Sees Me, He Sees The Blood" and "Lord Keep Me In Your Will". The Faithful Heart Quartet sang "When He Reached Down For Me", and "Look What the Lord Has Done". There was much rejoicing and praise.

The message was brought by Rev. Roger Laws reading from Luke 10:30-35. His topic was "I choose to be different". He spoke about the wounded man and the Samaritan man who came to his aid even though he knew it would be unpopular. He chose to be different. We sometimes bargain with the devil, "I'll leave you alone if you leave me alone". He spoke about compassion, someone who cared and did something about it. He was different. If Jesus lives in you, does the world notice it? If he lives in you, they cannot help but notice it in you. Do we choose to be different and keep His commandments, or have we lost our love for God and each other? Are we denying ourselves, are we different? The Church needs to show love now more than ever. We need to be different. The Church needs to stand for things Christ like; be different. An alter call was given with several responding followed by a hand shake. Rev. Laws preached a God sent message. Closing prayer given by Rev. Marvin Hensley.

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

Pastor Whitson welcomed the congregation back into session. The congregation sang, "Are You Washed In the Blood", and "I Feel Like Traveling On". Brother Tony Byrd gave devotions reading from Acts 2, and Eph. 3:9. He spoke about fellowship inside and outside the church. He also spoke of each one of us having fellowship with God, the Holy Spirit, and Christ. He also warned us to have no fellowship with the works of darkness. Prayer was given by Rev. Ullis Miller.



Our moderator, Rev. Bobby Revis, called the meeting to order, read the Rules of Decorum, and had the clerk read the minutes from the previous session. The list of churches not reporting at the prior session were read. The roll call for ministers was given. Visiting ministers were Revs. Frank Woods, Buster Lauren, and Chris Duncan. There were no visiting churches. The moderator then called for the committees to begin their reports.

## ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Churches, Pastors, and Deacons:** Rev. Billy Styles spoke about how churches and pastoring have changed. Lots of opposition is now appearing, proving that we are in a great falling away. Pastors need a vision. They need to name sin and point it out to people, not just talk around it. Rev. Styles talked about preaching the plan of salvation and the cross. He spoke about the need for pastors to have a Shepherd. He read from Jeremiah 3:15 and Eph. 4:11-12. Brother Alvin Murphy spoke about deacons being a servant, having a good report among the brethren, and being filled with the Holy Spirit. He asked the question, are Deacons still needed? Yes, because the church still needs servants. Bro. Eddie Tipton read from II Cor. 3:5-6. He talked about preaching the dead letter. Use the Spirit when we preach. It seasons us, makes us alive instead of a dead letter.

Respectfully submitted: Bro. Eddie Tipton, Alvin Murphy, Rev. Billy Styles

**Church Training Service:** Sister Tonya Ray spoke about the training of our children. She said if we don't give them Christ, the world will give them everything else. She talked about a good foundation that will be used for the rest of their lives. She then made reference to Proverbs 22:6. We must keep them in church and train them in the church life, to know God and to discern the bad. Bro. Tony Byrd told us that our children will learn something, what will it be? He spoke about us as parents and adults being the personal trainer similar to that of one who works for us in the gym.

Respectfully submitted: Sister Tonya Ray, Bro. Tony Byrd, Rev. Adam Miller

## Friday 11:00 AM Preaching Service

The service began with a congregational song, "Heaven's Jubilee". Rev. Roger Thompson read from Exodus 17:8. He preached about preachers and lay members being in a battle for our soul and souls of others. He used Moses, Aaron, Hur, and Joshua as examples. As long as Moses's arm was raised high, Israel prevailed. But he got tired and had to have help so Aaron and Hur helped him keep his arm raised until the sun went down. In all this time Israel prevailed. Pastors get tired sometimes and are ready to give up. They sometimes need encouragement but most of the time they just need our prayers and knowing that their church is going to be faithful to God. Moses stood on a rock, and we have the Rock to stand on. He told us that all the pastors and preachers in the conference need each other and need to lift each other up to God. We need to look out for each other and to watch out for and cover each others back. Will our hand be steady to the going down of the sun? He preached a wonderful, Spirit filled message. Adjourned by Rev. Dean Murphy in prayer for lunch.

## Friday PM 1:15 Service

The service began with Bro. Carson Jones giving devotions reading from Heb. 11:1-3. He spoke of our faith. Do we have enough faith to see our children saved? How about our grandchildren? He talked about how important it is for others to be able to witness the faith of Christ in us. He gave a great devotion.

The moderator then called us back into business session and called for continuation of the topic committees.

**Disabled Ministers Fund:** Rev. Jimmy Arrowood spoke about the meaning of the word disabled. He said it means to render unable. He said that this is just about where our church world is today. Unable. They have just about become disabled. The Ten Commandments were carried by Moses to the people, but they were unable to receive them. They wanted to put them out of sight, so they put them in the Ark of the Covenant, out of sight. Jesus brought a new age, an age out from under the old law to a new testament covenant. Preacher Arrowood pointed out

that because of the slackness of preachers and church members, because of their disabilities, they create hardships on the rest of the body of the church. God's people really suffer because of this. He also said that when we get to the point we cannot repent, then it disables us and our relationship with the Lord. We need to lose our disabilities and pray for one another in humbleness and in love.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Dean Branton, Sister, Betty Briggs.

**Education:** Do we know enough about Christ to educate the lost? Proverbs 4:5-7 "Get wisdom, get understanding, forget it not, neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not and she shall preserve thee. Love her and she shall keep thee." Wisdom is the principal thing. Therefore, get wisdom and with all thy getting, get understanding. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the Life, no man cometh unto the father but by me." John 14:6. If we as God's people are not continually educated in God's Word, there will be no stability in our homes, churches, schools, or country in the last days. Coexistence is not a standard that will stand. God's Word is our standard.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Kevin Laws, Bro Jerry Williams, and Bro. Stanley Ault.

**International Missions Report:** It has been my great joy to have written \$7,233.61 in checks this past year to Foreign Missions. The work goes on in spite of civil wars and attacks of Satan on and against missionaries around the world. Our own Verlin Anderson has had to, on occasion, flee the Ivory Coast because of political unrest in the country as it became unsafe for he and his family. He continues to return though, because of his burden for souls in Ivory Coast. When you talk to Verlin, you begin to realize just how much he loves what he does! Continue to pray for him and his family as his family endures separation, due to the fact he has a child in the F.W.B. Bible College in Nashville.

The U.S.A. is not thought too well of in some parts of the world.. And that fact alone makes being a missionary a sometimes dangerous undertaking. Please pray for our missionaries!

This year we also helped support our own Alvin Murphy from Big Creek F.W.B church with \$2,633.61 for a trip to Kenya, Africa. The



Lord willing, he and his family will be going to Kenya next year. Remember to pray for God's guidance for them in this endeavor.

Thanks to all the churches who support foreign missions. Please see Int. Missions financial report on financial page.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Marvin Hensley

**Home Missions:** I Timothy 5:8 says, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." Matthew 15:12-14 talks of the blind leading the blind. Before we are able to tell people the truth of God, we must see the truth of God ourselves. We as individuals must have a house cleaning and make sure our houses are in order before we try to fix other people's houses. Don't tell me to fix my roof when your porch is falling in. We are too curious on how much better everybody else could do than we are on how we could do. If we focus on our own personal relationship with God, then our house will be in order, then the house of God will be in order, and then we will be able to invite someone into our church. We need to get ourselves in order before venturing to help others. Seek the Lord to get knowledge and guidance to reach those right around us.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Kelly Pittman, Rev. Keith Tipton, Bro. Owen Barnett

**Ladies Auxiliary:** Gal. 5:13 says "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for on occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another". A Ladies Auxiliary group can be a great support to the church and to one another. It is a blessing when we come together for Bible study, prayer, or just being an encouragement to each other. As a Christian, it is our duty to lend a helping hand anytime there is a need, visit the sick, or maybe take them a meal. The Auxiliary is to be an assistant to the work of the church, whether it is planning a meal, helping with events, or just being a support in prayer. It is also our responsibility to teach our younger ladies a Godly way, and we do that by example. We show love when we serve one another. The Shunammite woman in II Kings 4:10 realized that Elisha was a man of God and so she prepared a room for him to use whenever he was in town. She did this out of kindness and because she sensed a need and not for any selfish motives.

Soon, however her kindness would be rewarded far beyond her wildest dreams. As ladies of the church, let us serve one another.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Dean Murphy, Sisters Norma Silvers and Etta Murphy

**F.W.B. Family Ministries:** Rev Frank Woods spoke about the children going to church several times per week. He told about a 16 year old boy getting saved recently who had never heard the gospel. For over 13 years the ministry has averaged 100 young people getting saved. The child's biggest problem today is the split of homes, violence, and divorce. God gave a home structure based on His word. God recognizes marriage as the union between a man and a woman! If the foundation is destroyed, what shall the righteous do? Lift up your eyes, redemption draweth nigh. He also encouraged each church to have two baby showers for the Hope Center per year, one for the boys and one for the girls. Rev. Frank Cable talked about the Christian School he had run and his experiences. He spoke about how Bibles and prayer had a great influence on the children and parents.

Respectfully submitted: Revs. Frank Woods, Frank Cable, and Bro. Willis Adkins

**Sunday School:** Sunday school is not regarded as important as it once was, but it should be a major part of our Sunday service. How we turn out in life lots of times depends on what we learn in church and especially in Sunday school. It helps Christians get established and teaches us God's Word. Even though it isn't just for children Proverbs 22:6 tells us train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. It teaches us how to research the Bible and learn for ourselves the precious Word of God. Rev. J.C. Sheets named some men who had taught him and had great influence on his life. It helps young Christians get established and be rooted in the Word of God. Sunday School helps plant the seed while another waters and God gives the increase.

Respectfully submitted: Revs. J.C. Sheets, Ralph Hedrick and Sister Mary Ellen Hensley

**Resolutions:** There are different ways you can use the word resolution (1) having a fixed purpose; determined; constant; steady; (2) bold, unflinching (3) The purpose of course resolved on, or a determination you set.

The best thing I can think of is that you will give your life to God and really mean it with all that you have from the depth of your heart. Each day you should say, "God, show me what you would have me do today? Lord, you show me the way and I will follow!" Don't let it be like some new years resolution that is made and never kept. God has made some resolutions and has never broken one of them! He made one that because man turned out to be so sinful, he was going to destroy the world with water. But Noah and his family were spared because he had made a resolution that he was going to serve God. He promised Noah he would put a rainbow in the sky to remind him, he would never again destroy the world with water. But he made another one, that he would destroy the world with fire and brimstone the next time. He has not forgotten that resolution and one day because sin is so great, he will keep what he has resolved and destroy the sin of this world. Men will cry for the rocks and mountains to fall on them to hide them from the face of God. So let us know that God keeps his resolutions. We must keep ours!

Respectfully submitted: Revs. Ullis Miller, Junior McKinney.

**Sessions:** See inside front cover.

### **Friday 7:00 PM Youth Session July 28**

The service began with Pastor Blaine Whitson welcoming everyone. Prayer was given by Chase Harris. The service began with the congregation singing "At the Cross". The Pensacola youth group sang "Jesus Loves Me", Zaccheus, The B-I-B-L-E, He's Got the Whole World In His Hands" and "Are You Washed in the Blood?". The Low Gap youth sang "Oh Glorious Day", "Here I Am to Worship", "Standing on the Solid Rock" and "Greater Is He That Is In Me". Jade Robinson of Low Gap then sang "I'd Rather Live For Him". Jade and Mark Robinson sang "At the Sound of Your Name", and "Jesus, Worthy Is the Lamb". Ashley Pittman sang "But for the Blood" and "Some Call

It Heaven". Nichole Whitehead then sang "I Keep Praying".  
 There were several young people that gave their testimonies for the Lord  
 and how God had been so good to them. It was a wonderful time  
 in the Lord. Dismissed in prayer.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS FUND REPORT

Beginning balance 7-29-2011	\$11,313.82
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#### Contributions

Big Creek	\$1200.00
Covy Rock	\$500.00
Crabtree	\$25.00
North Bend	\$1200.00
Pathway	\$350.00
Pensacola	\$948.00
Southside	\$800.00
Woodby Hill	\$300.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Aide	\$120.00
Youngs Chapel	\$3000.00
Interest Earned	\$1.18
<b>Balance brought forward</b>	<b>\$19,758.00</b>

Bought Stamps	-\$8.80
Paid Verlin Anderson	-\$6,600.00
Paid Alvin Murphy	-\$2,633.61
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$10,515.59</b>

Respectfully submitted: Treasurer, Rev. Marvin Hensley

### HOME MISSION FUND REPORT

Balance as of July 28, 2011	\$3,928.91
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#### Receipts

Crabtree F.W.B	\$25.00
Hillcrest	\$50.00



Woodby Hill	\$60.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Aide	\$60.00
Dean Murphy	\$20.00
<b>Balance as of July 26,2012</b>	<b>\$4,143.91</b>

Respectfully submitted: Treasurer, Rev. Ronnie Peterson

Received at the Association	* \$75.00
<b>Balance July 27, 2012</b>	<b>\$4,218.91</b>

Respectfully submitted: Treasurer, Rev. Frank Cable

### BURIAL FUND JACKS CREEK FREE.WILL ASSOCIATION

Total to Account	\$58,265.00
Paid out to date	\$32,500.00
<b>Total Balance on July 01, 2011</b>	<b>\$26,380.00</b>

Receipts for the year	\$ 1,710.00
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Expenses for the year (\$ 3,000.00)	
<b>Total in bank on June 30, 2012</b>	<b>\$25,090.00</b>

Respectfully submitted: Treasurer, Rev. Bobby Revis

### DISABLED MINISTER'S FUND

Beginning Balance July 01, 2011	\$247,028.94
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<b>Received - Ministers</b>	<b>\$2,176.00</b>
Churches	\$2,715.00
Interest	<u>\$13,747.47</u>
<b>TOTAL Received</b>	<b>\$18,638.47</b>

Total Expenses	<u>(\$10,065.27)</u>
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Total in Disabled Ministers' Fund June 30, 2012	\$255,602.14
Total Burial Fund as of June 30, 2012	\$25,090.00
Total Minutes Fund as of June 2012	\$130.00
<b>Total Funds Balance</b>	<b>\$280,822.14</b>

Respectfully submitted, Treasurer, Rev. Jonas Revis

## **Monies collected during the association:**

### **Children's Home Treasurer**

Nix Creek F.W.B. Church	\$650.00
Covy Rock F.W.B. Church	\$1000.00
Crabtree F.W.B. Church	\$50.00
Pilgrims Chapel F.W.B. Church	\$300.00
Union Hill F.W.B. Church	<u>\$1200.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3200.00</b>

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Rodney Deyton and Rev. Bernie Jones

<b>Clerk and Moderator Fund</b>	\$435.00
<b>Minute Fund</b>	\$987.50
<b>Association Funds</b>	\$1050.00
<b>Minister Conf. Food</b>	\$222.00

Respectfully submitted: Rev Blaine Whitson

## **OBITUARIES 2011-2012**

**Thelma Adkins Whitson**, age 91, of the Big Creek Community went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, August 10, 2011, in St. Joseph Hospital. A native to Yancey County, she was a daughter of the late Clate and Bonnie Bennett Adkins and the wife of Shurl Whitson who died in 2001. She was also preceded in death by three brothers: Phil, George, and Farrell, and a sister, Eddith Wilson. She was a member of Big Cree F.W.B. Church and attended faithfully until her health and hearing loss prevented her from attending. She and her husband were owners/operators of Shurl Whitson's General Merchandise for over 50 years. Thelma's hobbies included genealogy and gardening. She was a valuable source for anyone searching for family, friends, or community genealogy. She was a true believer of planting by the signs of the moon, and apparently, that was valuable information because she yielded great crops. She is survived by her son, Gary Whitson and wife Pat of Weaverville, and several nieces and nephews.

**Welzie Brook Silver**, age 90, of the Low Gap Community went home to be with the Lord on March 16, 2012 at his home. He loved his church and was a faithful member of Low Gap F.W.B. Church. He attended faithfully until his health failed him. He served as a deacon for approximately 50 years. He was a World War II veteran. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary Glen Riddle Silver, one daughter Linda Tipton and husband Richard, two sons, Welzie Brook Silver, Jr. and wife Nancy, and Lanny Dean Silver, all of the Low Gap Community. He had 6 grandchildren, Richie Tipton of West Virginia, Angie Rash of Tega Cay, South Carolina, Jill Wilson, Welzie Brook Silver III, Jennifer Leanne Silver all of Burnsville, and the late Tracy Lee Silver of Burnsville. He had 5 great grandchildren, Hanah Welsh of Fort Mill, South Carolina, Nicholas Calvin Rash of Tega Cay, South Carolina, Pressley Deane Tipton of Hendersonville, Katelyn Brook Silver, and Layla Anne Marie Wilson both of Burnsville. He is greatly missed by all his family and all who knew and loved him.

**June Bise**, age 83, passed away August 4, 2011. June was a faithful member of Piney Grove F.W.B. Church in Hampton, Tennessee. She was the wife of the late Ernest Bise. Survivors include two sons, Ernest Bise Jr., Gary Bise, and one daughter, Janett Conley, and two grandsons. She is greatly missed by her church family and children, friends and love ones. Earth's loss is Heaven's gain.



**Bryl McKinney**, age 88, from Piney Grove F.W.B. Church in Hampton, Tennessee went home to be with Lord on November 7, 2011. He was born September 21, 1923. He was a charter member of Piney Grove F.W.B. Church. He was born in God's family on March 14, 1954, and was an ordained deacon since February 1973, elected trustee and teacher of the young married couples' Sunday School Class until he became terminally ill. He was World War II Army veteran. Bryl was never too busy to talk to anyone about the Lord and help anyone that came to him. He was very faithful to the church as long as he was able, loved to sing, and his great bass voice was surely missed and now he is singing in the big choir of God with the angels. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Aileen Woodby McKinney, a daughter, Sharon

Emmett and husband Larry, two sons, Larry McKinney, Sammy McKinney and wife Patricia ; three grandchildren, Lorie Watson, Todd McKinney, Julie Simerly; and two great grandchildren, Justin Simerly and Loren Watson. He was a great inspiration to those who knew him and will be greatly missed by his family, his church family, and friends in the community, but one day on Heaven's bright shore, we will see him again where there is no sickness or death. That is something to look forward to. "The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm was his favorite scripture."

**Patsy Louise Stockton** was born February 25, 1944 and went to be with the Lord July 3, 2012, after many years of sickness. She was a member of Piney Grove F.W.B. Church in Hampton, Tennessee. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She is survived by her husband Rev. John Stockton, one son Michael and wife Sally and one daughter Evelyn Whitson and husband Beaver. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Patsy loved to sing and listen to gospel music. Heaven has a new angel in its choir. She will be greatly missed.



**Luther L. Morton**, age 84, went home to be with the Lord July 8, 2012. He was a faithful member of Piney Grove F.W.B. Church in Hampton, Tennessee for many years. He and his sons helped in the construction of the church building used today. He loved his church family and will be missed by many. He was a very talented musician, and he enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others. He enjoyed playing a variety of instruments and was blessed with the ability to play the guitar for the church choir until his recent illness. He leaves a loving family looking forward to that great reunion day.



**Betty Jane Peterson Whitson** of Green Mountain, N.C., departed this life on January 6, 2012. Betty was a life long member of North Bend F.W.B. Church and attended faithfully before becoming ill. She was the daughter of the late Lola and Rev. Jim Peterson and the wife of the late Ivan Whitson. She also was the granddaughter of Rev. Budger Moses Peterson who was a minister in the Jacks Creek Conference and



the great granddaughter of Rev. Moses Peterson who helped to start the Jacks Creek Conference in the late 1800s. She taught varying age groups of Sunday School classes for many years. She was very knowledgeable of the Bible, and it was a joy to listen to her talk about the Bible. Betty loved the Lord, her church family and her community. She enjoyed more than anything to be able to help someone in some way. Betty is survived by one son, Rev. Ivan Blaine Whitson and wife Grace of Burnsville, and daughters, Vickie Hoyle and husband Walter of Spruce Pine, Becky Whitson and husband Mike of Burnsville, Pansy Hensley and husband Tommy of Burnsville, and Sally Price and husband Steve of Johnson City, TN. She is survived by nine grandchildren and a step grandchild, nine great grandchildren, two sisters and four brothers.

**T.J. Peterson**, age 85, passed away on January 18, 2012. He was a faithful member of North Bend F.W.B. Church and attended regularly as long as his health allowed. He was a son of the late Loss and Carrie Buchanan Peterson and the husband of Faye Stewart Peterson who passed away in 2010. He was a World War II Army veteran serving in Germany and Austria and later served in the US Air Force. He was a life time member of the DAV and charter member of the Sgt. E.L. Randolph Chapter 57 DAV. T.J. spent many hours as a volunteer helping disabled American Veterans by driving the van to the Asheville VA Medical Center. He is survived by daughters, Martha Peterson, Elaine Byrd, and Ann Ruetschle, five grandsons and two great grandchildren.

**Joseph "Joe" Williams**, age 82, of Burnsville, N.C. passed away on March 8, 2012. He was a son of the late Walter and Martha Sparkman Williams and the husband of the late Louise "Tootsie" Williams. Joe attended North Bend F.W.B. Church until his declining health. He is survived by a son Charles Williams and two daughters, Paula Peterson and Charlene Hoffman, seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren, one brother and two sisters.



**Bonnie Loveless**, age 71, went home to be with the Lord on October 14, 2011. Bonnie was a member of Sunset F.W.B. Church. She was the supportive wife of Rev. Norman Loveless. She loved the Lord's work and was faithful to her

church or to the church her husband was pastoring at the time. She will truly be missed by her family and friends. She enjoyed participating in Ladies Aide, coordinating Vacation Bible School, and directing Christmas and Easter dramas. She was a great example of a pastor's wife. As long as her health would permit she was by Norman's side supporting him. She is survived by her husband Rev. Norman Loveless, five children who she loved dearly, six wonderful grandchildren, and two great grandchildren who she was so proud. She was a devoted Christian lady who took pride in the Lord and church. She will surely be missed by everyone who knew her.

**Jonathan G. Townson**, age 28, died December 12, 2011. He died from an extended battle with kidney disease. When he was well, he was an active member of Sunset F.W.B. Church. He left behind a loving wife and three beautiful children. He had so many friends. He loved his family and church very much and in Heaven he is smiling with Jesus and the angels.

**Charlotte Brown Bowers** of Sunset F.W.B. Church died January 23, 2012. She was an active member as long as her health permitted. She suffered for a long time. God saw she was getting tired and a cure was not to be found so Jesus put his arms around her and whispered "Come with me". She is greatly missed and we have the hope of being with her one day in Heaven.

**George W. Willis**, age 84, went home to be with the Lord on September 23, 2011. He was a member of Vale F.W.B. Church. He was a beloved Deacon for 55 years and a member of the choir. Left to cherish his memory are his wife Wilma Calhoun Willis, his son Gary Willis and wife Sherry, a brother James Willis and wife Lillian, a grandson Joshua Lynn Willis and wife Brynn, a great grandson Gabriel Willis, and several step grandchildren.

**Roma Jean Crasey Deloach**, born November 14, 1940, passed away March 15, 2012. She was member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Modest Greene Creasey. She is survived by a brother Glen "Peanut" Creasey and a sister Shirley

Creasey Carver. Roma Jean never met a stranger. She could talk to anybody and usually did just that. She was funny and you never forgot the stories she could tell. She passed away after a lengthy illness, but praise the Lord for the beautiful place we are headed where there will be no more sickness or pain, ever. Thank God for that Hope.

**Janyce Vaughan**, born July 4, 1948 passed away January 20, 2012, He was a devoted and dedicated member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church. She was the daughter of the late Gene and Lula Vaughan. She loved the Lord's work. Truly we miss her so much but the promise of seeing her and others gone on again is a promise we all can claim because of Jesus.

**Carrie Street Carver**, born October 30, 1925, passed away March 31, 2012. She was a member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church. She was the widow of the late Dallas Carver and the mother of "Coach" Eddie Carver. She had been in frail health for several years but Praise God she is at rest in a beautiful place where there will be no more sickness. Heaven just gets sweeter with the "Home Going" of folks like "Sister Carrie".

**Diana Lynn Ellis McClelland**, born August 25, 1947, passed away March 18, 2012. She was a loyal, faithful and dedicated member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church. She was retired from Sprint Telephone with 35 years of service. She was a prayer warrior and truly an inspiration to so many for so long. She was a fighter and fought cancer for 15 years. She was one of the sweetest Christians with a heart of gold. Her smile would truly light up any room. She was tough, but she was a courageously gentle soul. She was ready to go but worked faithfully until the Lord called her home. She is gone to a place she always wanted to go. No more pain, no more sickness, no more fighting a dreaded and horrible disease. She is survived by her husband, Alexander "A.G." "Mack" McClelland, and a host of loved ones and friends who truly look forward to the day we can be reunited again in that beautiful place not only with Sister Diana but all those who have outstripped us in this life and "Gone Home". Thank God for folks who truly are an inspiration to others like Sister Diana Lynn Ellis McClelland.

**Eva Roark Simerly** went home to be with the Lord on August 25, 2011. She was a faithful and devoted member of Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church for more than 60 years, attending regularly until her health would not longer allow. She is sadly missed by her family, church family and friends. She is survived by two sons, Elwood Simerly and Edward Simerly, and a daughter, Edwina Humphrey, as well as several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



**Jewell Silver**, age 75, went home to be with the Lord on August 2, 2011 at the John F. Keever Solace Center in Asheville. She was a member of Youngs Chapel F.W.B. Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Jack Silver who died in 1997 and a brother, Stevie D.

Jones. She is survived by two sons; Randy and wife Penny and Dennis and wife Malenda, all of Burnsville; four sisters, Thula Hughes and Shirley Jones of Burnsville, Charlotte Whitaker and husband Kenneth of Fletcher, and Ruth Shipman and husband, Jim of Horseshoe; three brothers, Sam Jones and Carson Jones and wife Opal of Burnsville and L.C. Jones of Mooresboro; six grandchildren, Danielle, Holland, Autumn, and Sawyer Croix Silver, Melody Kardulis and Tina Ray; step grandson, Jan Michael Riddle; three great grandchildren, Maria and Aidan Kardulis and Christina Ray. Her faithful Christian service was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. She served many years with her husband in his pastoral ministry. After Jack's death, Sister Jewell returned to her home church, Young's Chapel. The church was blessed by her devotion to Christ and her love for everyone.

## **Ministers' Conferences**

### **Vale Free Will Baptist Church October 29, 2011**

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with Vale Free Will Baptist Church in Newland, N.C. at 9:30 A.M. The service began with the Pastor, Rev. Gary Huffman, welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Just A Little Talk With Jesus". Devotions were given by Rev.



Rodney Deyton reading from Revelation 12. He spoke about the persecution of the Church and how it is and has been under attack from Satan. He encouraged us to keep looking up for God has not forsaken us but is sending Jesus back for his Church. Prayer was given by Rev. Frank Cable.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Keith Miller, who read the Rules of Decorum. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The ministers' roll call was given with everyone standing in full fellowship. The conference welcomed Jody Cochran and John Phillips as visiting ministers. There were no visiting churches.

Jacob Cochran and John Phillips asked to be licensed to preach. They both brought letters from their respective home churches and were turned over to the investigating committees. Rev. Glenn Walden asked for his license to be renewed which was approved by the conference.

In new business, Rev. Frank Cable stated that we needed to have a policy on who was to get flowers, and the conference decided that in case of death that the conference would send flowers for the Minister and his wife. Rev. Norman Loveless spoke to this and the conference asked Rev. Bobby Revis to be in charge of flowers in North Carolina and Rev. Ullis Miller in Tennessee. Also, the conference asked Rev. Scott Jenkins to update the conference "grapevine" and keep us informed on important matters.

Rev. Jonas Revis gave us an update on his health issues and commended the ordaining council for their good job. Rev. Ronnie Peterson recommended that younger preachers be allowed to observe and get experience by sitting on the Ordaining Council. Rev. Marvin Hensley suggested that an alternate be chosen at every conference to sit in on those meetings. The conference gave their approval. The conference approved Rev. Bobby Revis and Norman Loveless to present the U.S. flag at our minister's funerals.

In other business, Rev. Keith Miller will serve as the next conference moderator with Rev. B.F. McKinney Jr. as alternate. The topic committee for the next conference will be Rev. Kelly Pittman, Lester Perking, and Roger Laws.

The topic committee of Rev. Rick Woods and Dennis Autrey spoke on "Dedication to God." They read from 1 Samuel 1 and Romans

12. Are our hopes, thoughts, and ways in Him? They did a great job.

Finally, Alvin Murphy spoke to us about his recent trip to Africa where he did mission work in a hospital. He thanked the conference for prayers and financial support. Adjourned to preaching.

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

The service began with the church quartet singing "Nobody But Jesus Can Take My Soul" and "I've Come Too Far To Look Back". Rev. Norman Loveless brought the message reading from Romans 5:1-6. He spoke to us on 'By faith through Grace'. He talked about Abraham and Isaac and told us that God will bring us peace in troubled times, and we ought to pray for God's will to be done in our lives. He also admonished us to preach the gospel even if it is unpopular. He gave us encouragement.

In further business, the ordaining council recommended Rev. Keith Tipton to be ordained to preach the gospel. Rev. William Greer gave the charge reading from Titus 2 and advised Rev. Tipton to preach to his own calling and not that of someone else. Tell people how to live right, and die right if they want to go to heaven. Called for laying on of hands and fellowship. There was much rejoicing. Prayer was given by Rev. Frank Cable. Adjourned to time and place.

Respectfully submitted: Blaine Whitson, Clerk

### **Higgins Free Will Baptist Conference January 28, 2012**

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers' Conference met with Higgins F.W.B. Church at Burnsville (Higgins) at 9:30 AM on January 28, 2012. The session began with Pastor Keith Miller welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus". Devotions were given by Rev. Junior Peterson reading from Deut. 31:6. He spoke to us about Moses and Joshua and told us to be encouraged, God is still in control and will not leave us comfortless. Prayer was led by Rev. Norman Loveless.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Keith Miller who read the Rules of Decorum. The minutes of the last meeting

Churches	Baptized	Members Added	Dismissed	Deaths	Membership	Average in Sunday School	Communion/Foot W.	Ladies Auxiliary	C.T.S.	Minute Fund	Association Fund	Clerk & Mod. Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid for Revivals	Children's Home	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Disable Minister's Fund	Poor and Sick	Improvement On Church Property	Value of Church Property
Big Creek	1			1	84	85		17		60	100	50	18,350		3,795	14,094	1,700	1,000	19,000	12,520	505,117
Borings Chapel					35	16				30	40										65,000
Brummitt's Creek			3		41	20				20	50	20	5,700	250					3,414		330,000
Colbert's Creek				1	21	22				20		10									
Covy Rock	2	9	1	4	142	93				40	60	10	22,026		3,770	332	8,274	300	1,800		432,493
Crabtree	1	1			31	18	3			25	40	25	7,350	300	50	25	25	100	280		131,841
Davistown		2			22	22	3	8		20	50	10	2,600						3,204	6,500	266,119
Higgins	6	1	4	6	164	87				45	20	5	21,335	1,000		3,388		65	6,700		566,304
Hillcrest					37	17				20	20	15	5,200			50		50			250,000
Low Gap	4	7		1	81	44	2			50	50	10	11,200	1,000	740	1,223		100	3,329	1,738	310,000
Middle District					56	42	4		18	40	40	25	16,850	300	829		1,200		2,330		375,000
New Hope				1	30	19		8		25			8,875		150				3,000	3,000	270,000
Nix Creek		3	30		26	44		5		30	25	25		846	650	507	1,000	75	6,324	5,822	177,678
North Bend	2		6	2	52	54	1		16	50	100	25	12,300	1,000	3,898	2,854	1,200	100		347	535,999
Pathway	2		1		50	50	4	10	5	30	20	20	7,200	1,346	650		420		3,855	5,000	155,000
Pensacola	4	7			95	48	4	10	15	40	50	10	9,818	600	389	466	948	200	17,704		160,000
Peterson's Chapel	3	6		1	134	85				35	15	15	16,240	1,000		500			8,294	5,663	382,282
Pilgrim's Chapel		2	1		42	23				20	15	15	7,300	1,581	300				3,000	1,185	71,000
Piney Grove		4		4	56	60				25	60	5	3,400	752	1,638		2,664	60	2,775	3,248	170,000
Southside	2	5		3	285	98		10		50	15	25	33,750	1,200	5,850	800	1,807	260	12,914		1,210,000
Sunset	8	6		3	71	60	4			50	15	15	10,400	600	1,780	529	1,200	50	16,503	6,500	375,000
Union Hill			1		57	45				20	40	25	4,650		1,200			100	3,255	2,878	94,752
Vale				1	29	31				30	50	25	12,000	150	100	540		50	1,150	700	140,000
Valley Forge	21	54		4	624	394		87	289	125	100	25	44,839	2,133	6,200	187,668	13,558	300	48,899	533,580	4,795,696
Woodby Hill				1	50	31		6		38	25	5	11,050		840	120	420	25	2,100	8,587	147,625
Youngs Chapel		1	2	1	75	53		10	25	50	50	20	15,600	535	350	3,852	2,400	200	6,381	1,996	200,000
Totals	56	108	49	34	2,390	1,561		171	368	988	1,050	435	318,033	14,593	33,179	216,948	36,816	3,035	176,211	599,264	12,116,906

were read with a correction on a visiting minister's name. Minutes were then approved. The ministers' roll call was given with all ministers standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were: John Phillips, Chris Duncan, Brandon Byrd, Josh Phillips, and Jacob Cochran. Call for visiting churches; there were none. Deacons and delegates were then enrolled in our body.

The moderator called for anyone seeking renewal of license, there were none. He then asked for anyone seeking license from the conference with John Phillips and Jacob Cochran offering letters of recommendation from their home churches to be licensed to preach the gospel. They were turned over to the ordaining council for questioning.

The moderator called for nominations for the topic committee for the next conference. Rev. Rodney Deyton, Rev. Junior McKinney, and Rev. Tony Birchfield were appointed. The moderator for the next conference will be Rev. Junior Peterson with Rev. Bobby Revis as the alternate. Rev. Scott Jenkins will give devotions.

Brother Mike Allison from Freewill Baptist Children's Ministries spoke to us about happenings at the Children's Home. He thanked us for remembering and praying for his family when his granddaughter was recently killed in an auto accident. He spoke of the need for an ultrasound imaging machine for the Hope Center so they can check on the unborn child, and to let the mother see what she may want to abort. He then read a touching letter from a young man who was saved, and God had completely changed his life. He then gave statistics on the number of babies born last year there and the number of young people saved.

The conference turned Rev. Darrell Edwards over to the Disabled Ministers committee to see how to help him financially. We took up an offering for him in the amount of \$574.00.

The topic committee consisting of Revs. Kelly Pittman, Roger Laws and Lester Perkins spoke on the topic "The leadership of the Holy Spirit" reading from Acts 20:28. They said that the Holy Spirit did not mix with the world, but we had to transform to the ways of God. It is hard to tell if church is going on. It seems that sometimes the blind is leading the blind. People are being led, either to God or away from God. They then read from Matthew 15 and Romans 2:19. We as a church are to lead them to the light. Jesus is the light of the world. They told us

there was one way to find out where they were being led, put it to the test, find out. They gave a very spiritual report. The conference then recessed to preaching at eleven clock.

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

The service began with the youth of the Church singing "Give Me Jesus", and "He Knows My Name". Rev. Bernie Jones brought the message of the hour. He read from Gen. 1:1 and Matthew 15:13 and preached about the Holy Spirit. He gave his testimony thanking the preachers for all their help and support all these years. He said we all were filled with the Spirit of God or full of the world, which one? He asked if we felt the power of God needed to preach from the pulpit. He said it had to start there and we receive it on our knees. He then read Phil. 2:1-9 and talked about the blessings of God. We have two arms to love, two eyes, two feet, two ears, two legs and one tongue to praise and thank God for all he does for us. He admonished us to let nothing be done in vain glory but love your church, esteem your brother better than ourselves. He did a wonderful job, we were all blessed.

In the final business of the day the ordaining council gave their report and recommended Jacob Cochran and John Phillips to be granted licenses to preach with Rev. Phillips being assigned to Rev. Keith Miller as his senior pastor and Rev. Cochran assigned to Rev. Kevin Laws. The conference adorned in prayer by Rev. J.C. Sheets.

Respectfully submitted: Blaine Whitson, Clerk

### **Young's Chapel Free Will Baptist April 28, 2012**

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers' Conference met with Young's Chapel F.W.B. Church in Burnsville N.C, April 28, 2012 at 9:30 AM. The session began with the Pastor, Rev. Roger Thompson, welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Heaven's Jubilee. Devotions were given by Rev. Scott Jenkins, reading from 1 Cor. 2: 9-10. His topic was "What God has revealed to us". God can feed us in the midst of our enemies. He gave much encouragement and told us that God wants to bless us, but he



will not bless over sin. He gave a wonderful devotion. Prayer was given by Rev. Ronnie Peterson.

The session was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Junior Peterson who read the Rules of Decorum. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with no exceptions. The ministers' roll call was given with all ministers standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were Rev. Frank Woods and Chris Duncan. The deacons and delegates were enrolled and seated. The moderator called for visiting churches to be welcomed. There were none. The moderator called for anyone seeking license or ordination, there were none. The moderator called for license renewal. There were none. He then called for old business. The clerk then spoke on the upcoming Marriage Amendment to be voted on on May 8, 2012. He encouraged everyone to educate their church and get them out to vote.

The topic committee with Rev. Junior McKinney, Rev. Rodney Deyton, and Rev. Tony Birchfield spoke on edifying the Lord. Rev. McKinney read Matt. 18:19-20, They all spoke on gathering in His name and letting everything we do edify His name and give Him glory. They all did a great job.

Rev. Frank Woods then gave a report from Freewill Baptist Family Ministries. He spoke of the need for an ultra sound machine for the Hope Center. They can check on the health of the baby and let mom see a real baby in her womb. He told of two young men who had graduated from children's home who are now great success stories living for the Lord. He also informed us that Dr. Kilgore was resigning and the board would pick a new director in May. He also spoke about the Mother's Day offering.

Rev. Jonas Revis of the Disabled Ministers Fund needed a calculator. The conference voted for him to use Disable Ministers funds to buy one. We then took an offering for FWB Children Ministries for the ultra sound machine. We received \$461.00. Lunch Money \$180.00.

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

The service began with the congregation singing "I'll Fly Away". Rev. Billy Styles gave a testimony about a mother who had a baby premature and the mother had to decide whether to place the baby on life

support. The church prayed over a prayer cloth which was sent to the mother and soon the baby was home with the mother. Praise God! Other ministers told of God's great miracles and how he is working in their church.

Rev. Ralph Hedrick brought the message reading from 2 Cor. 4:5. Prayer was also given by Rev. Hedrick. He spoke about living in dark times but Jesus is still the Light. God is always on time. He talked about some of the things the church is facing today and how the evil spirit of the devil has crept in among us as referred to in the book of Acts. He said the Word of God will save and keep you today as it always has. The power of God will last you through eternity. It was a spirit filled message.

In final business of the day, Rev. Ronnie Peterson, Rev. Ullis Miller, and Rev. Bernie Jones will serve on the topic committee for the next conference. Rev. Terry Richardson dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Blaine Whitson, Clerk

### **Low Gap Free Will Baptist Church July 28, 2012**

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers' Conference met with Low Gap F.W.B. Church in Burnsville at 9:30 A.M. The session began with Pastor Blaine Whitson welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Won't It Be Wonderful There?" Devotions were given by Rev. Rick Wood reading from Hebrews 12. He talked to us about preaching the word and running with patience. He gave much encouragement. Prayer by Rev. Paul Bennett. The session was called to order by the moderator Rev. Bobby Revis who read the Rules of Decorum. He then called for the minutes to be read by the clerk. Minutes were approved with no exceptions. Everyone stood in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were Rev. Ben James from Fork Mountain and Rev. Chris Duncan from Pathway. There were no visiting churches. None sought license or ordination. There were no license renewals. Deacons and delegates were seated. The moderator called for business from the investigating committees. There was none.

The moderator for the next conference will be Rev. Charlie

Trivette with Rev. J.C. Sheets as alternate. Topic committee for the next conference will be Revs. J.C. Sheets, Terry Richardson and Matthew Guy.

Late church letters were read with Woodby Hill, Higgins, and Middle District reporting.

Election of officers for the coming year were: **Clerk:** Rev. Blaine Whitson, **Asst. Clerk,** Rev. Frank Cable. **Ordaining Council:** Revs. J.C. Sheets, Dean Murphy, B.F. McKinney Jr., Jimmy Arrowood, Charlie Trivette, Lester Perkins Alt. **Tennessee Investigating Committee:** Revs. Terry Richardson, Bernie Jones, Norman Loveless, Keith Tipton Alt. **North Carolina Investigating Committee:** Revs. Keith Miller, Junior Peterson, Billy Styles, Kelly Pittman Alt.

A revival for the association and conference was discussed with a committee being appointed to discuss and find a meeting place. The committee is Revs. Frank Cable, Billy Styles, Blaine Whitson, Marvin Hensley, Kevin Laws, Adam Miller, and Norman Loveless.

The Topic Committee with Revs. Ronnie Peterson, Ulis Miller, and Bernie Jones talked about facing the Lord. Are we determined to live for the Lord? St. John 10 was read and discussed with Bro. Jones pointing out that "It is still the Blood" that will get us there. Bro. Peterson asked if we are sharing the reality of the power of God? Bro. Miller spoke about the woman at the well and how she became acquainted with Christ. Are we spreading the gospel? Let people know by your speech and the way you live that you love the Lord! They did a wonderful job.

Brother Alvin Murphy gave a report on his future trip to Kenya to continue his medical work he started this past year. He plans to go in February through World Medical Missions (Samaritans Purse) and is taking a leave from his job to provide orthopedic medicine for that area. The conference agreed to give him \$3500.00 for his trip and also took up \$515.00 in a love offering today. We wish him well. Finally, Rev. Bobby Revis gave a report on the burial fund. See financial page. Contact information for: Alvin Murphy, Phone: 423-914-1371 cell, 423-743-5090 Home, 120 Chelsea Drive, Erwin, TN 37650

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Blaine Whitson -Clerk

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Bennett, Paul	Friendship Chapel, N. 226 Hwy., NC
Birchfield, Tony	Canah Chapel Freewill Baptist, Erwin, 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
Miller, Keith	Unaka Springs Freewill Baptist, Erwin, TN
Laws, Roger	St. Paul Freewill Baptist, Bulladean, 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
Trivette, Charlie	Fort Mountain Freewill Baptist, Roan Mtn., TN
Wood, Rick	Mt. Calvary Freewill Baptist, Marion, NC

## Articles of Faith

Article 1 - **The True God** - We believe that there is one and only one living and true God who is in personality the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time." I Timothy 2: 5-6

**Article 2 - Holy Scriptures** - We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." II Timothy 3:16

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

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

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

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

**Article 7 - Free Agency** - We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation, "...what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6: 8

**Article 8 - Perseverance** - We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that

those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men, who have been converted, to make shipwreck of the faith, turn again to sin, and be lost. "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9: 62

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

**Article 10 - Christian Baptism** - We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6: 4

**Article 11 - The Lord's Supper** - We believe that the supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance; that the bread and fruit of the vine represent His body and blood; that it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in service regardless of name of denominational distinction. "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." I Corinthians 11: 28-29

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

**Article 13 - The Gospel** - We believe it is the duty of all churches to support the Gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." I Corinthians 9: 14

**Article 14 - Judgment Day** - We believe in one general Judgment Day. Hebrews 9: 27. "Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained..." Acts 17: 31. "When the Son of Man shall come in his

glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." Matthew 25: 31-32. We believe that the tribulation precedes the Judgment of both righteous and sinners. Matthew 24: 21-31, II Peter 2: 10-13, II Thessalonians 2: 6-9, Revelations 21: 1-6, Revelations 19: 6-9

## **Church Covenant**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## **Constitution of Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association**

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

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

3. The Association shall elect annually a moderator and a clerk. The moderator shall not serve more than four (4) consecutive terms at one time. Amended August 9, 1986

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

5. The Association will encourage a sound ministry; such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour; having made salvation possible for every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

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

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

8. The Association shall have a book in which shall be kept an accurate account of all its proceedings.

9. Any church may become a member of the Association by making application by letter or by delegate and adopting our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

10. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented.

11. There shall be an Association Fund for defraying expenses and charges that may accrue and for replenishing such. Each church may contribute at pleasure.

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

13. The Association shall use the Freewill Baptist Treatise in full.

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

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

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

### **Constitution And By-Laws**

#### **Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference**

**Article 1.** This body shall be known as The Ministers Conference of the Jack's Creek Association of Free Will Baptist and shall be composed of all licensed and ordained ministers of said Association.

**Article 2.** This Conference may receive any Christian minister, as a visiting minister. He may take part in any Biblical discussion. He may not vote or take part in the transaction of business matters.

**Article 3.** This body shall elect a moderator quarterly, and a clerk annually, both ordained ministers of one year or more membership in this Conference after his ordination. Amended August 1, 2009

**Article 4.** Each church may send two of its members as delegates to this Conference with all privileges of visiting brethren, as provided by Article 2.

**Article 5.** This Conference shall meet on Saturday before each fifth Sunday and in connection with the yearly Association with some church in the Association previously agreed upon or at the call of the moderator, provided that more than one session may not be held with any church during the same Conference year.

**Article 6.** The moderator is empowered and it is his duty to call an extra session of the Conference upon the petition of the members of this Conference; provided, however, that said petition is properly signed by seven members, three of whom shall be ordained ministers.

**Article 7.** The Conference, upon being organized each year, shall proceed to elect an Ordaining Council composed of five regularly ordained ministers; all having been ordained at least two years, and one or more shall have served one or more years on the Ordaining Council, and one of the senior members shall be the chairman of the Council thus constituted. It shall be their duty to examine candidates, grant licenses, and conduct ordinations.

**Article 8.** The Ordaining Council, when properly organized, shall have charge of all examinations and ordinations of candidates for the ministry who have been ordered before it by the Conference.

**Article 9.** All men applying to this Conference for a license to preach, for ordination, or for membership, shall present a letter of recommendation from the Free Will Baptist Church of which he is a member. This letter shall be dated and signed by the pastor, the deacons, and the clerk. Upon the majority approval of this Conference, the applicant will be received under our watchcare. The applicant shall sign a waiver permitting our Investigating Committee to check on his personal life. The Committee should submit their report at the next scheduled conference. If the Committee recommends the applicant and the majority of the Conference approves, the applicant and his wife (if married) will be questioned by the Ordaining Council as to his divine calling, his qualifications, and his doctrinal beliefs. Upon the approval of the Ordaining Council and the majority approval of the Conference, the applicant will be licensed, ordained, or accepted as member of this Conference. No member shall meddle with the work of another or injure his reputation for usefulness, but watch over each other in love, and thus promote harmony and love among the membership.

**Article 10.** Revised by a unanimous vote March 9, 2003. All applicants licensed by this Conference will be licensed to preach for one year. Upon the majority approval of the Conference, the license may be renewed annually. This license does not permit the licensed preacher to officiate at a marriage. A licensed preacher may baptize converts and administer the Communion and Feet Washing service under the direct supervision of an ordained Free Will Baptist minister. Licensed preachers are expected to preach at least twenty-four sermons a year. If any preacher neglects to do so, (unless providentially hindered) he will be entitled to a seat in this Conference only as a visiting minister. All new licensed preachers will be assigned to one of our most able pastors for the period of two (2) years. Only pastors that are willing to accept the responsibility to work with the licensed preachers will be asked to participate. The licensed preachers in this program are with the pastor to observe and learn and are not to interfere or hinder the work of that pastor. The licensed preacher will not be considered to be an associate pastor. The senior pastor that he has served under will, at the end of the two (2) years, present a complete report to the Ministers Conference in a written letter. Any new applicants on or after this date, March 29, 2003, will be required to go through this program. The new applicants are asked to attend the senior pastor's church when he is not preaching somewhere. The licensed preacher at the end of this program,

providing a good report was received from the senior pastor, may request to be ordained . Amended August 1, 2009

**Article 11.** Each member is urged and expected to attend all regular meetings of the Conference. Any minister being absent from two sessions of the Conference in succession shall stand charged with delinquency and shall be deprived of his vote on any question until he offers a satisfactory reason for his absence. His delinquency charge may be removed by a majority vote of the Conference. Any minister who does not report to the Conference in any fashion for one year shall be dropped from the roll and his credentials called for.

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

**Article 12.** Ordained ministers (men) from sister Associations seeking membership with this Conference shall present a letter of recommendation from their Conference, dated and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, in addition to the requirements of Article 9. If the Applicant is accepted by this Conference, a new Certificate of Ordination will be issued with the name of his original Conference and the names of the Ordaining Council on the margin.

**Article 13.** The Conference may withdraw fellowship from any member who becomes disorderly. Any person presenting a charge against a minister must sign his name to the charge or it will be null and void.

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

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

**Article 15.** No member shall serve as a pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, care for its pastor, and contribute to other benevolent enterprises according to its ability.

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

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

**Article 18.** This Constitution and By-Laws or any article thereof, may be suspended or amended, by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

**Article 19.** Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted by Reverends Blaine Whitson, Stanley McMahan,

and Ronnie 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.

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

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

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### 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. _____   |
|                             | (21) Number of Foot Washings _____ |

Note: Please send \$1.25 to the Minute Fund for each copy of the minutes you desire for your Church.

Pastor Elect \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

Church Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Revivals conducted by \_\_\_\_\_

# **Application For Financial Aid**

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

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

Description of health condition and financial status:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

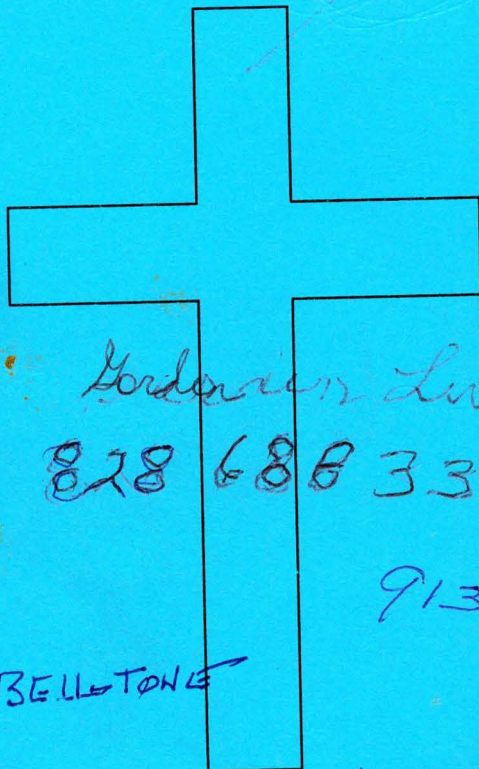
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Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14: 1-3