# 2012-2013 **M**inutes of the 118th Session

# Jack's Creek Freewill Baptist Association

# **Officers:**

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

# **Next Session:**

New Hope Freewill Baptist Church Unicoi, Tennessee July 24-26, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

#### 2013-2014 Sessions

**FIRST CONFERENCE:** September 28, 2013 To be held at Union Hill Freewill Baptist Church in Bakersville, NC. Preaching will be Rev. Terry Richardson with Rev. Russell Hughes as his alternate. Rev. Ralph Hedrick will give devotions.

**SECOND CONFERENCE:** December 28, 2013 To be held at Mt. Calvary Freewill Baptist Church in Marion, NC. Preaching will be Rev. Kevin Laws with Rev. Clyde Thomason as his alternate. Rev. Roger Thompson will give devotions.

**THIRD CONFERENCE:** March 29, 2014 To be held at Piney Grove Freewill Baptist Church in Hampton, TN. Preaching will be Rev. Terry Richardson with Rev. Charlie Trivette as his alternate. Rev. Bill Greer will give devotions.

ASSOCIATION AND MINISTERS' CONFERENCE: July 24-26, 2014 To be held at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church in Unicoi, TN. Rev. Stanley McMahan will preach on Thursday morning with Rev. Charlie Trivette as his alternate. Rev. Matthew Guy will give the devotions in the afternoon. Rev. Clyde Thomason will preach the Thursday night message at 7:00 PM with Rev. B. F. McKinney, Jr. as his alternate. Rev. Terry Richardson will preach the 11 AM message on Friday morning with Rev Bobby Revis as his alternate. Rev. Rickey Hollifield will give the devotions on Friday morning. Rev. Henry Berry will give devotions on Friday afternoon. 7:00 PM Friday night will be Youth Service.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Ralph Hedrick, Owen Barnett, and Lee Thompson

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# In Loving Memory Reverend Verno Davis

Reverend Verno Harris Davis was born on May 8, 1915. By way of the cross, through the blood of the Lamb, this precious saint of God passed into the presence of the Lord on February 9, 2013. He became a born-again Christian when

he was 25 years of age. He began preaching soon after that and was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference March 28, 1942 and ordained Sept. 4, 1943. He continued with the Jack's Creek Association until his journey ended and was one of the oldest members. He was a faithful servant of God. He was committed, dedicated, and firmly established in the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was an enthusiastic bass singer and loved to spread the Gospel through song, as well as, through preaching. He pastored several churches and also went from church to church filling in for other ministers as needed. He was very encouraging to young ministers who were starting the great work of the Lord.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Gaynell Hensley Davis, one son; Rev. R.J. Davis, and five daughters, Verdie, Evelyn, Gwendolyn, Anita, and Sandra. He has several grandchildren, and several great grandchildren, one of whom clapped her little hands together and exclaimed, "Papaw went to see Jesus." His love, prayers, songs, praising of the Lord, and wonderfully good humor will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He is rejoicing in Glory at this very moment, and those who are saved according to the Holy Word of God will be with him again in the resurrection.



# In Loving Memory Reverend Richard Bryant

Rev. Richard Bryant, 77 of Jacks Creek Rd., Burnsville, NC, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, November 7, 2012. Rev. Bryant was licensed to preach by the Jack's Creek Ministers Conference in 1984 and ordained May 30, 1998. He pastored Pilgrims Chapel Free Will Baptist Church for many years. As a visiting minister, he

served various churches in North Carolina and Tennessee. Rev. Bryant was a faithful member of a prayer group and Bible Study at Henredon Furniture Industries where he worked for 28.5 years. As part of the group's ongoing project, he was instrumental in sending free Bibles to Russia for many years. After retiring from furniture manufacturing, he worked with his son in logging for a long period of time. Always wanting to help others, he volunteered with the Jack's Creek Fire Department for several years. Throughout his life, he loved to read, especially the Word of God. Humble man that he was, Rev. Bryant personified the love of Jesus Christ in every area of his life with a friendly smile and his generosity and sensitivity to the needs of others. He is greatly missed.

A native of Yancey County, Richard was a son of the late Wilce and Dicie Adkins Bryant, and grandson of Dave Bryant who was one of Big Creek FWB Church's first deacons circa 1900. Richard also was preceded in death by his first wife, Mandlyn Phillips Bryant; sisters; Aletha Hensley and Connie Bryant, and brothers; Howard and Rotha Bryant. His remaining brother, Fletcher, joined him in Heaven, March 2013. Surviving family are: his wife of 7 years, Carolyn Wheeler Williams Bryant; son: Jeff Bryant of Erwin; grandchildren: Tara of Knoxville and Cody of Boone; sisters: Ella Ward of Waynesboro, VA and Honnie Woodby and husband, Bill, of Burnsville, and numerous extended family members.

# **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.

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**Flowers for Ministers: TN:** Rev. Norman Loveless, **NC:** Rev. Bobby Revis. They will also present the Christian flag at funerals.

# PROCEEDINGS July 25, 2013, 10:30 AM

The Jacks Creek Association met for its 118<sup>th</sup> session with the Youngs Chapel Freewill Baptist Church July 25, 2013 at 10:30 AM. A welcome was given by their pastor, Rev. Roger Thompson, who made the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "I'll Fly Away" and " I Feel Like Traveling On". Prayer was led by Rev Bobby Revis. There were many prayer requests.

Rev. Bobby Revis preached the morning message from St. John 15:11-12 and 1 Peter 5:1-10. "This is my commandment that you love one another" was the subject of the message. Who do we love in our homes and in our churches? He tells us to "Love as I have loved you". This is a "new commandment". All men will know if we love the Lord by how we love each other. God expects us to protect each other and protect the church. He admonished the pastors to feed and protect the flock! Preach because you love God and His people and for no other reason. Be an example to the flock. We live in a cruel world. Be humble. Accept God's grace and mercy. It doesn't matter what God asks us to do, do it and do it right. Resist the devil! The message was an encouragement to all the Brethren and there was much rejoicing. Prayer was given by Rev. Dean Murphy, and we dismissed for lunch.

#### 1:30 PM, July 25, 2013, Business Session

The session began with the congregation singing "Heaven's Jubilee", and "Precious Memories". Devotions were given by Rev. Jacob Cochran. He read from Jeremiah 20:9 and spoke about getting closer to God and feeling the fire in our bones. He spoke on the subject "To know God". Prayer was led by Rev. Marvin Hensley.

The Moderator, Rev. Bobby Revis called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He read the Rules of Decorum. The church letters were read and the delegates seated for business. The ministers' roll call was given, Visiting ministers were called for. Rev Cliff McCurry from High Mountain Conference, Rev Ted Lewis from Piney Grove, Rev. Phillip Hughes from Youngs Chapel, and Rev. Roger Whitson from Colberts Creek entered their names into our body. Visiting churches were called for. Billy Highsmith and Andrew McGuire from College Park Freewill Baptist Church were welcomed. The moderator called for churches seeking membership. There were none.

#### **CHURCH LETTERS**

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

Borings Chapel: No report

Brummitts Creek: Sisters Billie Harzarik and Star Bennett

Colberts Creek: Rev. Roger Whitson and Bro. Fabran Hughes

Covy Rock: Sisters Marie Laws and Mattie Angel and Bro. Larry Miller

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

Davistown: Rev. Frank Cable and Bro. Gene Howell

Higgins: Rev. John Phillips, Bro. Gary Cooper, Sis. Vinetta Cooper

Hillcrest: Bro. Jimmy Johnson, Sis. Imogene Johnson, Rev. Bud Edwards

Low Gap: Bros. Richard Tipton and Carson Jones, Sisters Whitney Ray, Tonya Ray, Nicole Whitehead

Middle District: Rev. Scott Jenkins and Rev. Stephen Miller

New Hope: Rev. Norman Loveless

- Nix Creek: Bros. Donald Gardner, Mike Lister, Ronnie Brooks, Rev. Josh Miller
- North Bend: Rev. Dean Murphy, Bros. Owen Barnett, Clay Barnett, Eddie Tipton, Sisters Etta Murphy and Betty Briggs
- Pathway: Bros. Jerry Williams, Stanley Ault, Gary Peterson, Chris Duncan, Rev. Keith Tipton
- Pennsacola: Bros. Ronald Fox, Chris Fender, Jeffrey Robertson, Sister Jackie Fox
- Peterson's Chapel: Bro. Clifford Silvers, Sisters Betty Silvers, Wilma Laws
   Pilgrim's Chapel: Rev. Clyde Thomason

Piney Grove: Bros. Jacky McMahan, Dennis Clark, Gary Van Davis, Sisters Charlotte Clark, Carol McKinney

Southside: Revs. Bernie Jones, Jacob Cochran, and Bro. Scott Bradford

Sunset: Rev. Terry Richardson and Bro. Vearl Julian

Union Hill: Rev. Clifton McCurry, Bros. Ron Bailey, Donald Miller, Sister Linda Miller

Vale: Rev. Gary Huffman and Sister Norma Huffman

Valley Forge: Bro. Bob Ray and Sister Pat Ray

Woodby Hill: Bro. Sam Guinn

Youngs Chapel: Bros. Lee Thompson, Dean Branton, Stanley Silvers, and Jerry Wheeler

# ASSOCIATION TOPIC COMMITTEES

Churches, pastors, and Deacons: Jimmy Arrowood, Rickey Hollifield Eddie Tipton

Christian Training Service: Phillip Hughes, Paul Bennett, J.C. Sheets

Disabled Ministers Fund: Stanley McMahan, Dean Murphy, Carson Jones

Education: Alvin Murphy, Clyde Thomason, Charlotte Clark

International Missions: Marvin Hensley, Alvin Murphy

Home Missions: Richard Tipton, Gary Huffman, Dean Branton

Ladies Auxiliary: Carol McKinney, Pat Ray, Etta Murphy

Freewill Baptist Children's Ministries: Frank Woods

Sunday Schools: Jackie McMahan, Matthew Guy, Wilma Laws

#### Sessions: Lee Thompson, Ralph Hedrick, Owen Barnett

#### Resolutions: Jimmy Arrowood, Roger Thompson, John Phillips

**Other business of the day:** A motion was made and passed to give Borings Chapel Freewill Baptist Church \$2,000.00 to repair their culvert which had been destroyed by recent storms. Also, an offering was collected on Friday in the sum of \$642.00 to help with this project. . The Association also voted to give Cherith Brook (a local independent church) \$500.00 to help them build a new fellowship hall. The meeting was adjourned until preaching on Thursday night.

#### Thursday, 7:00 PM July 25, 2013, Preaching Service

The service was opened with the congregation singing "Somebody Loves Me" and "Let's Just Praise the Lord". Rev. Roger Thompson welcomed everyone and prayer was given by Rev. Clyde Thomason. Bro. Jim Ayers sang "Drinking From My Saucer Because My Cup Has Overflowed".

Rev. Bernie Jones brought the message reading from Romans 9:27-29. He preached about the "Good Seed". He referenced Matthew 13:34 and talked about certified seed having about 99% guaranteed germination rate. He spoke about the Lord planting his work though the seed of Jesus. He put good in this world. America needs God more than they need a dollar. When we sow seed, what kind are we sowing? He spoke of power from on high being the thing that will help America. Jesus sowed seed in the disciples' hearts so they could resow it. He knew he would soon have to leave them! Everywhere he went, he sowed good seed. Jesus is the way! The service ended in fellowship and was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Russell Hughes.

#### Friday, 9:30 AM, July 26, 2013, Business Session

The service began with Rev. Roger Thompson welcoming everyone. The congregation sang, "When We All Get to Heaven". Rev Gary Huffman gave devotions reading from St. Luke 10:1, "The Harvest is truly great". Prayer was given by Rev. Gary Huffman. The moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley, called the meeting to order and read "The Rules of Decorum". The minutes of yesterday's meeting was read and approved. He called for a list of churches not reporting at the prior session. Borings Chapel had not reported. The ministers' roll call was given. There was a call for visiting churches. Andrew McGuire and Ethan Thomas from Odoms Chapel, and Rev. Josh Miller from Nix Creek were in attendance. Visiting ministers were called for and Rev. Josh Miller and Rev. Phillip Hughes were in attendance.

#### ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Churches, Pastors, and Deacons:** Bro. Eddie Tipton spoke using Deuteronomy 14:2, Ecclesiastes 12:10, and 2 Timothy 3:13. He talked about the faith of Abraham receiving promises and how our churches today are the promises. Churches, pastors, and deacons should be moved upon by the Holy Spirit. It will bear witness in our lives. Several gifts that they possess are: pastors to preach, deacon to oversee the business of the church, and the churches are to be obedient to the Bible. Pastors are to stay with the Word and preach the Word. Pastors are to take care of the sheep and study the Word. We are begotten by the Word and constrained by the Word. Pastors are to feed the flock. Bro Rickey Hollifield talked about churches, pastors and deacons going together, not one without the other, and working together.

Submitted by: Jimmy Arrowood, Rickey Hollifield, Eddie Tipton

**Church Training Service:** Teaching is the act of instructing students or imparting knowledge and information. One of the most used titles for our Savior was "Teacher". The Bible admonishes us in numerous passages to teach to help in the spiritual growth of the individual Christian and the church. (Matthew 4:23; Luke 4:14-15; Acts 13:1-3; Romans 12:6-8; Galatians 6:6) Many Christians in America are often uninformed in the basic truths in the Bible. Church Training Service (C.T.S.) can be a special time for members, both young and old, to learn more about our faith and ways to grow in it. Proverbs 1:7-9 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck." The "son" is told to learn from instruction. The family is the first and best place for anyone to discover more about our faith. The day-to-day life of a family gives numerous opportunities to teach. But, the sad fact is many of our members receive no instruction at home. Those that receive training at home can receive complementary and reinforcing instruction at church. Those who lack instruction at home can be given time to receive needed teaching that will help them grow in the faith. Time and effort must be given by the church to help our people grow in their knowledge of the Word and their faith in the Word. If your church is not doing so, we encourage you to consider beginning a C.T.S. program.. Let our sons and daughters learn the truth of the Word and receive the "ornaments of grace".

Submitted by: Phillip Hughes, Paul Bennett, J.C. Sheets

#### Friday 11:00 AM July 26, 2013 Preaching Service

The service opened with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace". Prayer was given by Rev. Stanley McMahan. Rev. Blaine Whitson brought the message. He began by thanking the Association for helping him to become who he is. He read from Genesis 41:36, 56, Deuteronomy 28:1-14. Joseph being in Egypt was the divine plan of God. God has plenty in His storehouse for the faithful. What is in God's storehouse? The Gospel message, comfort in the time of trouble, healing, peace, joy, and hope can be found there. The Bible is God's storehouse. We must be obedient to receive from God's storehouse. Don't forget the great things we have already received from His storehouse. God is giving His very best to us. It was a wonderful message which came from God. Rev. Roger Thompson dismissed in prayer and adjourned to lunch.

#### Friday PM 1:15 July 26, 2013 Meeting

Welcome by Rev. Roger Thompson. Devotions were given by Rev. Marvin Hensley. He read from 2 Chronicles 17 about Jehoshaphat, Daniel 4 about Nebuchadnezzar. The first King followed God, but the second King lifted himself up in pride. God humbled him until he would acknowledge that He was God. Bro. Henry Berry led in prayer.

Disabled Minister's Fund: Bro. Dean Murphy spoke about helping our preachers. A lot of things may disable a minister that will keep him from being able to preach. Some of which are: sickness, family health, family problems, old age, mental health, and etc. Another big problem that hampers preachers of today from preaching is found in Jeremiah 39:3. The enemy did come through the front gate. The enemy may be laws passed by our government, state and federal, which keeps us from preaching the true Word. Many preachers have become afraid to preach about the sins of homosexuality or living together outside of marriage, or many other topics which preachers of long ago had liberty to preach on. They are also disabled when their church members do not pray for them and give them the freedom to preach things from the Bible that should be preached. Bro. Dean Murphy talked about visiting our disabled preachers or sending them cards on special occasions to let them know they are still appreciated. Association approved submission of financial report given by Bro. Stanley McMahan.

Submitted by: Stanley McMahan, Dean Murphy, Carson Jones

Education: Growing up in the mountains it is sometimes easy to make fun of people with a higher education. A college degree is not essential to salvation, but we must first have knowledge of God, before we can come to him for salvation. Jesus was more than a teacher, (healer, friend, Savior...), but he was indeed a teacher. Much of his ministry was teaching the people, especially his disciples. Teaching should begin at home, but it is also important to be in a solid church where the word of God is taught and preached. Romans 10:2 tells us that Israel had a "zeal of God, but not according to knowledge". In Acts 22:3 we read that Paul had been taught the law, and he had a great zeal as he persecuted the church, but was still not doing God's will. I believe we should have a zeal to do the work of God, and we must have knowledge of Him and His word to be a witness, but those two alone are not enough. We must be born again and have the Holy Spirit dwelling in our lives to lead us in the way of truth and life. It is then we can be a light to the lost and a help to our fellow Christians.

Submitted by: Alvin Murphy, Clyde Thomason, Charlotte Clark

Home Missions: In Matthew 22:39, the Bible tells us "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self." Mission work is a wonderful thing. There are numerous charities and organizations set up to help the poor, sick, and hungry. But do we look to these and overlook the needs right before us in our own towns and communities? Luke 16:19-23 tell us, "There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously everyday. And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate full of sores, and desiring to be fed with crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments." Note: This rich man ignored the need that was before him every day. Then we find a different situation in the book of Nehemiah: Nehemiah asked about the Jews that had escaped captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. Shortly after he had inspected the area at night, he talked to the people saying that the hand of he Lord was upon him. So they began to work and rebuild the wall and joined it all together. Nehemiah 4:16: "And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah." Note: There is plenty to do all around us. I believe we should start at home first.

Submitted by: Rev. Gary Huffman, Dean Branton, Richard Tipton

**Sunday School:** Unless a child is privileged to be raised in a Christian home, Sunday School may be the only place they hear about Jesus. Proverbs 22:6 tells us to train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. A Sunday School teacher's job is very serious. If one is not in God's will they can lead the child in the wrong way. Our teachers need the prayers of all Christians that they pray and study to have knowledge from God to say the right words to help someone come to know Christ. Sunday School is the foundation for the child's life. It also provides an opportunity for each individual age group to express their thoughts and feelings with people their own age. Sunday School is not only for children, but for all of us to help us grow in wisdom and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Submitted by: Jackie McMahan, Matthew Guy, Wilma Laws

Ladies Auxiliary: In the Ladies Auxiliary, the word "auxiliary" means help capable of giving assistance in building up the church. A Ladies Auxiliary is a wonderful asset to the church. It not only helps financially, but spiritually. The older ladies in the Auxiliary can be an example to the younger ones, teaching them to be about our Father's business. Devotions and fellowship brings all the ladies closer together so as to do God's work faithfully. Ecclesiastes 10:18, By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

Submitted by: Carol McKinney, Pat Ray, Etta Murphy

International Missions Report: This year we have written checks in total of \$12,500.00! Thanks so much to our churches who donate faithfully to International Missions. We continue to support Bro. Verlin Anderson in Ivory Coast in west Africa. This year we also helped one of our own, Alvin Murphy. He and his family went to Kenya in Southeast Africa. They were there six weeks. Thanks so much to all of you who donated and prayed for them. Many of our churches and churches outside our association helped Bro. Alvin, again, Thanks! This year we paid out to Bro. Verlin, \$9000.00. We paid Bro. Alvin \$3500.00. Continue in prayer for all our missionaries.

Murphy Family Medical Mission Trip: Kenya East Africa

Alvin, Anna, Gracie (age 7), and Will (age 5) Murphy left for Kenya February 14<sup>th</sup> 2013. We were gone for six weeks on a Medical Mission trip to work at Tenwek Hospital. Tenwek is one of the largest mission hospitals in Africa, with 300 beds. There is a School of Nursing and surgical residency training program there as well.

I went to help in their orthopedic department. The patients in the hospital on the orthopedic service could range from 25 to over 40 patients. Some with extensive injuries, including open fractures of their arms and legs. Some patients were present with both legs broken, and a combination of multiple extremities injured. Although the workload seemed huge, it was very rewarding. Most of the patients were very appreciative of our help, and willing to work hard with physical therapy as they recovered.

It is enjoyable to work at a hospital where witnessing and praying with patients is not only permitted, but is normal/expected. Chaplains make rounds on the patients, as well as the doctors. One of the nurses on the orthopedic ward said there were eight patients that had made professions of faith in Christ during the time we were there.

Many patients struggle to pay their bills, and some are not able to pay at all. Through the donations given we were privileged to pay for eight patients' bills in full! The workers in the business office would thank me for paying the bills. I would tell them, "This is the Lord's money, I just got to deliver it."

There was some unexpected sadness. One of the missionary families lost their 13 month old daughter. Hannah was diagnosed with a brain tumor, after a brief illness. This was very difficult for the entire mission family at Tenwek. How do you explain that a young family leaves the US to work at a mission hospital, and their daughter dies? I don't have the answer to this question, but I do know that God is sovereign, and He does not make mistakes. Please keep the Kelley family in your prayers, as they are back in Kenya continuing the work God has called them to.

Thank you again for your support and prayers as we traveled and worked at Tenwek Hospital. Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's will for our family regarding mission work.

Submitted by: Marvin Hensley, Alvin Murphy

**Resolutions:** A thing determined upon, a decision as to future action. A formal statement of opinion or determination by assembly.

As Christians we must first resolve to put God first in our hearts and our lives. If God is not the leading force in our lives, we cannot accomplish anything. To be a Christian is to be Christ like. When people look at us, do they see a church member or someone who is living a life like Jesus? A righteous life, yet filled with love for our fellowman? It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. We don't need to just tell the world how to be a Christian, we need to show them.

I was asked yesterday, "Does that Association accomplish anything, or is it only a tradition?" I have thought on that question and I can answer that if it is only a yearly three day meeting of preaching, business, food and fellowship, then it is only a tradition. A good tradition, but still only a tradition. But if this Association meeting boosts our spirits, gives us encouragement, strengthens our souls, teaches us something, and gives us the resolve to go back to our churches and pulpits ready to continue our fight in God's army, then I'd say that it accomplishes a lot. I believe this is a question we must all ask ourselves and answer honestly in our own hearts. James 2:17-18 says, "Even so faith if it hath not works is dead, being alone. Yea a man may say, Thou hath faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works."

The world has seen enough "Religion". It needs to see a working church, dedicated to Jesus, with the resolve to stay steadfast to the end.

Submitted by: Jimmy Arrowood, Roger Thompson, John Phillips

Sessions: See inside front cover.

#### Friday 7:00 PM Youth Service July 26, 2013

Service took up at 7:00 PM. The Youngs Chapel FWB Choir Sang "I Won't Have to Worry Anymore", "I Claim the Blood", and "We've Got the Power". Prayer was given by Rev. Rickey Hollifield. One person was anointed. Rev. Rickey Hollifield sang two songs.

Rev. Rickey Hollifield preached using the topic of "Where is our joy?" He read from Romans 15:13 and talked about how we can have joy because of the power of the Holy Ghost. Galatians 5:16, 22-23 was read and he talked about joy being the fruit of the Spirit. Aidan Silver, Landon Duncan, and Breanna Duncan, three young children, sang a song.

Rev. Phillip Hughes preached from Ecclesiastes 12:1-7. His topic was "Remember thy Creator in our Youth." Remember your creator at any age, today, right now. The day will come when we will be old and may not be able to praise the Lord. You had better do it now while you still can. Seize the day.

Rev. Scott Jenkins preached from Luke 10:38-42. He preached on "Duty vs. Devotion". A great comparison of Mary and Martha. Our duty is to serve the Lord, but if our duty is all we do, if more is asked we might resent it. We do our duty because we feel like we have to, and we should. But if we do it because we love, then that is devotion. We might forget our duty, but we will never forget our devotion. Duty will end, devotion will not. If we have devotion, you will seize the day and you will have joy. We heard three wonderful spirit felt messages from God. Many people testified and there was much shouting and rejoicing. The meeting closed in prayer led by Rev. Adam Miller.

Submitted by: Rev. Roger Thompson

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

#### INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS FUND REPORT

Beginning balance 7-29-2012	\$10,515.59					
Contributors						
Big Creek	\$1200.00					
Covey Rock	\$500.00					
Crabtree	\$25.00					
North Bend	\$1200.00					
Pathway	\$385.00					
Pensacola	\$1351.00					
Southside	\$800.00					
Youngs Chapel	\$2700.00					
Woodby Hill	\$300.00					
Woodby Hill Ladies Auxiliary	\$120.00					
Rev. Jim Arrowood	\$20.00					
Balance brought forward	\$19,116.59					
Disbursements						
U.S. Postage Stamps	\$9.20					
Paid to Verlin Anderson	\$9000.00					
Paid to Alvin Murphy	\$3500.00					
Ending Balance as of 7/26/2013	\$6607.39					
Submitted by: Rev. Marvin Hensley						

#### HOME MISSION FUND REPORT

Balanc	e as of July 27, 2012	2
Receiv	ed July 28, 2012	\$120.00
1	July 26, 2013	\$195.00
	•	\$315.00

#### Balance

Special Offering for Borings Chapel Gift to Borings Chapel FWB Church Gift to Cherith Brook Church Ending Balance as of July 27, 2013 Submitted by: Rev. Frank Cable \$4218.91

#### \$4533.91

\$642.00 (\$2642.00) <u>(\$500.00)</u> **\$2033.91** 

#### JACK'S CREEK FWB ASSOCIATION CHILDREN'S HOME

Contributors	
Union Hill FWB Church	\$1000.00
Covey Rock	\$1000.00
Nix Creek	\$650.00
Crabtree	\$50.00
Total	\$2700.00
July 26, 2013	
Submitted by: Rev. Bernie Jones	

#### **BURIAL FUND JACKS CREEK FWB ASSOCIATION**

Balance as of July 1, 2012 - Jur	ne 30, 2013	\$25,090.00
Money received	\$1,560.00	
Balance		\$26,650.00
Paid out to the family of Rev. V	erno Davis	<u>\$1000.00</u>
<b>Total Remaining</b>		\$25,650.00
Submitted by: Rev. Bob	by Revis	

#### DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND JACKS CREEK FWB ASSOCIATION

Beginning balance as of July	/ 1, 2012	\$255,602.14
Interest earned	\$14,147.71	
Received from Churches	\$2,890.00	
<b>Received</b> from Preachers	\$2,127.00	
Balance		\$274,766.85
Debits		
Postages	\$18.00	
Flowers for Ministers	\$165.74	
Administrative Fees	\$600.00	
Paid out to Ministers	\$6,500.00	
Total Expense	\$7,283.74	
Balance as of June 30, 2013	3	\$267,483.11
Submitted by: Rev. J	Jonas Revis	

Clerk and Moderator's Fund: \$480 Association Funds: \$1120 Minute Funds: \$1016 Minister Conference Food: \$220

#### **OBITURARIES 2011-2012**

We apology to the families of the Covy Rock Freewill Baptist Church for the omission of two obituaries in the 2011-2012 Minutes. They were as follows:



**Buck Laws,** age 87, from Covy Rock Freewill Baptist Church went home to his Heavenly Father on July 30, 2011. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Marie Laws; two sons, Dale and wife Elaine; Roger and wife Barbara; two daughters, Nina and husband Jerry; Jean and husband Tommy; seven grandchildren

and seven great-grandchildren. He was a deacon for twenty-six years and superintendent for many years. He loved to represent his church at the preacher,s conference and the church associations which he did for many years. His goal in life was to see people saved and that someone really cared for them. He is really missed by all who knew him, but we know this is not the end. We will be reunited again in a much happier place, thanks be to the one who gives everlasting life.



**Boyd Ayers,** age 66, from Covy Rock Freewill Baptist Church went home to be with the Lord on January 9, 2012. He was the son of the late Crawford and Lou Mae Ayers. Surviving are his beloved wife Linda; one son Michael and fiancée Heather; one daughter, Missy and husband Kenny. Five

grandchildren also survive. He was a hard worker even though he walked with crutches since the age of two. He loved to make people laugh, and he always had a smile. He will be missed by his family and friends, but he is now walking the streets of gold without any crutches.

#### **OBITURARIES 2012-2013**



Edna W. Cannon, age 83, of the Newdale Community went home to be with the Lord September 29, 2012. She and her husband, Fred Cannon, who passed away in 1976, lived and raised their family in the Big Creek Community. They were faithful members of the Big Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Keith Briggs. In later years, Edna moved to the Newdale Community to be near her youngest daughter. She continued to attend Big Creek Freewill Baptist Church when she could. At other times, she attended Bowditch Union Church in Newdale. Surviving are her two daughters: Judy Fox and husband Gary of Big Creek, Janice Briggs and husband Donald: Mike Fox, and Stephen Briggs and wife Whitney, four great grandchildren, Whitney, Alex, Gabe, and Chloe. Edna dearly loved her family and the Lord. She loved to testify and tell of her love for God and his goodness and thank him for all of his blessings on her. She is greatly missed by her family, but all are looking forward to reuniting in Heaven never to be separated again.

**Betty Webb Sparks,** age 65, went to be with our Lord December 26, 2012 after a long illness. She was a faithful member of Brummitts Creek Freewill Baptist Church as long as her illness allowed. She is survived by her husband Richard Sparks, one sister Billie Harzarik and husband John, a special niece Michelle Swann and husband Bill, nephews, Dustin and Colton Swann and several other nieces and nephews. Although she had no children of her own, she was a mother and friend to all she came in contact with. She set an example of a Christian to all of us with her gentle ways and winning smile, she never complained, no matter how sick she became. She will be greatly missed, our loss is Heaven's gain. She left a wonderful testimony that she loved the Lord.

**Betty Wilson**, age 79, wife of Gene Wilson, left this walk of life for her Heavenly home on May 6, 2013. She was a member of Davistown Freewill Baptist Church. She attended many times when she wasn't really able because she loved the Lord. She loved the old hymns because they had such good meaning and sang them with her family before her health failed. Our loss is Heaven's gain. **Elzie Lytle**, age 96, went home to be with her Lord and Savior November 19, 2012, at Autumn Care in Marion. She was a charter member of Davistown Freewill Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School, sang and testified of her love for her Savior. After she became disabled and had to go to the nursing home, she witnessed for her Lord. People began to go to her and ask her to pray for their problems because they knew she could touch the Throne. Many times when you walked into her room, she would be praying for the Church and calling the names of the saved and the lost of the community. She lost her worldly vision, but she never lost sight of her Heavenly home. A great prayer warrior has gone home.



Anise Silvers Bailey, age 78, went home to be with the Lord on December 11, 2012. She was a faithful member of Higgins Freewill Baptist Church. "She loved working in her garden, flowers, and cooking for those in her community and church." She was the wife of the late Crate Bailey. She is

survived by a daughter, Judie Miller of Burnsville and two sons, Harlon Bailey and wife, Connie, of Mars Hill and Walter Bailey and wife, Kristi, of Burnsville; two grandchildren, Abbey Bailey of Burnsville and Dale Bailey of Mars Hill; three sisters, a brother and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. She will missed by all who knew her.



**Gwendolyn Thomas**, age 50, went home to be with the Lord on March 12, 2012. She was a faithful member of Higgins Freewill Baptist Church. She was the daughter of Geraldine Higgins Brackins and the late Harmon Brackins. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Glenda Roland. She is

survived by her mother, Geraldine, and a sister, Linda Murphy; a niece, Victoria Murphy; and a nephew, Keith Robinson, all of Burnsville; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Charles Street, Jr., age 72, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on December 5, 2012. He was the son of the late Charlie and Francis Street of the Buladean community. Charles was a member of Middle District Freewill Baptist Church where he served for many years as a trustee,

Sunday School superintendent, and church treasurer. Charles was known for his dedication to his church and his attention to meticulous detail insofar as church business was concerned. He was an incredibly faithful attendee and until tragedy and sickness prevented him, he had perfect church attendance for over 20 years. He was a tireless worker and assisted in the oversight of several church additions and renovations throughout the years. Charles was an employee of Henredon Furniture Company until his retirement. He was preceded in death by a son, Charlie Street III, who passed away at the age of 20 in 1971; an infant sister, Josie Venia Street; and six brothers, Arthur, Roy, Wilson, and Halder Street, all of Buladean, Wilder Street of Johnson City, Tennessee, and Ed Street of Hickory, NC. Charles is survived by his wife, Edna Street; one daughter, Cherry Huskins and husband Bill; two grandchildren, Brandy Huskins, Brandon Huskins and wife Cassandra; and two great-grandchildren, Brayden Charles Huskins and Macie Grace Huskins, who he adored: one sister, Pauline Jenkins of Buladean; and two brothers, Fred Street and Henry Street of Buladean; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors. Charles was loved and was an integral part of the his family and church and his loss is still felt by all who knew him. Each of them take great comfort, however, in the fact that Charles is now free from pain and the cares of this life and is resting forever with Christ in the glory of Heaven.



Mildred Adkins Renfro departed this life on December 27, 2012. A native of Yancey County, she was the daughter of the late Rev. Gilbert and Ethel Howard Adkins. Mildred was a member of North Bend Freewill Baptist Church. She was the former director of the Yancey County Senior

Center, where she worked for 20 years until her retirement. She was a loving mother and grandmother who loved her flowers, gardening, canning, her church and her family. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands are at rest. Surviving are her husband Ellis Renfro, a son, Mike Renfro, and daughters Donna Renfro and husband Durwood Peed, and Dianne Hughes and husband Randy Hughes. She is also survived by four grandchildren. She is greatly missed by her church and all that knew her. **Delaney "Dee" Hughes,** born May 18, 1940 went on to be with the Lord March 20, 2013. Dee was a member of Piney Grove Freewill Baptist Church. He loved the Lord and his church family. He enjoyed listening to gospel music. He also loved his country and served 26 years in the US Air Force, retiring as Master Sergeant. He is survived by his loving wife, Marie; two children; three step-children; and fifteen grandchildren. Dee was a blessing to our church and he is missed greatly.

**Sally Lucille Stevens,** age 77, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, July 30, 2013. She was a faithful member of Sunset Freewill Baptist Church as long as her health would permit. She was a loving wife to Carl L. Stevens. She left behind three daughters, four sons, and many other family members and friends. We miss her. We know she is happy and waiting on us to join her in Heaven.

**Wanda L. Stevens**, age 82, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 27, 2013. She was a faithful member of Sunset Freewill Baptist Church. She was a loving wife to the late Hensley Stevens. She was a wonderful teacher and had great knowledge of the Bible. She left behind one daughter and many family members and friends. She lived across the road from the church and she always kept and eye out for us. She is deeply missed but we know her gain to Heaven is so much sweeter.

**Mina Hyder Street**, age 82, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, April 5, 2013. She was an inactive member of Sunset Freewill Baptist Church. She was a loving wife to the late Rev. Ronda Street. She was a talented singer and musician, She attended Morgan's Chapel FWB Church, where she played the piano until her illness. She and her husband spent many happy years serving the church community. Our church was the first church for Rev. Ron Street and Mina to pastor. She left behind two daughters and many family members and friends,. She will be missed by everyone, but forgotten by none.

**Lonnie Oxendine Hill**, age 97, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 28, 2013. She was a faithful member of Sunset Freewill Baptist Church until she went to live in the nursing home. We would go have services with her in the nursing home, and it would make her so happy. She loved animals and children. She kept a lot of children throughout her lifetime. She was a loving wife to the late Stewart Hill. She left behind one daughter and many family members and friends. We know she is smiling down on us and loving every moment of being in Heaven. She is waiting on us to join her.

**Thomas Lynn Adams**, age 71, went to be with the Lord on July 30, 2012. He was born November 11, 1940. He was a member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. He was the son of the late James Thurman and Wanda McKeehan Adams. He was always laughing and friendly and fun to be around. Brother Tom took exceptionally good care of his mom and dad for many years during their poor health. What a reunion in Heaven that must have been.

**Tanner Lee Perkins**, age 20, went to home to be with the Lord on August 14, 2012. He was born January 20, 1992. He was a member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. He was the son of Roger and Kim Perkins. Tanner's life was cut short because of an automobile accident which was so tragic. At his death, over \$13,000 was given as a memorial to the youth program of the church for both Home and Foreign Missions which had a tremendous impact on the young people in our community. If he were here he would say, "Don't grieve for me. Because Jesus wanted me now, He has set me free. Live for Jesus and meet me some day soon."

**Dorothy Edith Watts**, age 87, went home to be with the Lord on October 13, 2012. She was born on September 4, 1925. She was a faithful member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. If you took her parking place in the church parking lot, she might just ask you to move. She was the only World War II lady veteran in the church. For many years she took such exceptionally good care of her badly crippled husband, Rhonda Watts. Even though he was confined to a wheel chair, she never let that stop her from taking him all over the United States in a specially equipped van. She never let his handicap deter her from being a very giving and very caring person. We will miss her but Heaven just got a whole lot sweeter with the passing of special folks like Sister Edith.

James "Jimmy" McKinney, age 71, went home to be with the Lord on January 20, 2013. He was born on June 27. He was a faithful member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. He was a specialist for the local housing authority for many years, and he could fix or repair just about anything. He loved his church and especially the Men's Fellowship of the church. At most every service, he was always at the door helping folks get in and out of the church. All his life was dedicated to helping folks. If there's fishing in Heaven, I'll bet he's already found where the "big ones" are biting. We miss him so much as does his wife Mary Gay and brother Carroll, but it just makes Heaven so much sweeter just to know that someday soon we can all be together again.

Louise Odom Hathaway, age 73, went home to be with the Lord on April 21, 2013. She was born on April 18, 1940. She was a faithful and dedicated member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church since 1956. She loved the Lord and His work and always supported it for many years. She worked and raised and educated her special daughter, Angelia, with her husband Tony in a nursing home for so many years. It's folks like Sister Louise that make it so much easier to serve the Lord down here, but just think, Heaven is going to be full of special people like Sister Louise Hathaway. That ought to make us more determined than ever to want to go to Heaven . She loved her "Young at Heart" Sunday School class and made no bones about it.

**Ruby Simerly Harmon**, age 88, went to be with the Lord on June 20, 2013. She was born July 20, 1924. She was a faithful and devoted member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. She was not only a business woman, but she was a foster mother to 34 daughters, in addition to raising two daughters of her own, Roma and Nancy Loy. She is survived by her two daughters, one grandson, two granddaughters, one great-granddaughter, and one great-great-grandson. She loved the Lord's work and her church and she supported both faithfully. She leaves a host of special friends, but it just makes Heaven so much sweeter with the passing of special Christian ladies like Sister Ruby Harmon.

**Carl "Red" Williams**, age 71, went home to be with the Lord February 4, 2013. He was born April 20, 1941. Although Brother Carl was not a

member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church, he was about as faithful as any member and at most any service, he was greeting folks into the Lord's house for worship. It had not been long since he lost his dear wife, Monnie, to cancer, and cancer took Brother Carl also. What a reunion in Heaven some day soon.

**Richard J. Collins**, age 80, went to be with the Lord. Although Brother Richard was not a member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church, he was a faithful attendee with his family. He had many friends. He loved people, and he loved horses. He loved his favorite son-in-law, Brother Larry Powell. He leaves a host of friends to mourn his passing.

**Bonnie Gardner Wilson**, age 96, went home to be with the Lord January 15, 2013. Although she was not a member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church, she loved to attend and did often as her health permitted. Sister Bonnie was a devoted Christian who loved preachers and the Lord's work. She was a native of Yancey County in North Carolina. Her family ran the Variety Bakery in Elizabethton, Tennessee for many years. She was the precious mother of Naomi Causby and Jay Wilson.

### **Ministers' Conferences**

#### North Bend Free Will Baptist Church September 29, 2012

The Jack's Creek Ministers' Conference met with North Bend Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 A.M. The session began with the Pastor, Rev. Dean Murphy, welcoming everyone and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Heaven's Jubilee". The devotions were given by Rev. Kelly Pittman reading from St. John 2:13. He spoke to us about "protecting that which is Holy". He said that ministers have suddenly become silent from their pulpits concerning things that once were wrong. He said that if they were wrong prior to this and the Bible said so, they were still wrong. He encouraged us to preach the whole Bible. He was very encouraging. Prayer was given by Rev. Norman Loveless.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Charlie

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

Date		_

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

Our Statistics Are As Follows

 1) Number Baptized \_\_\_\_\_\_
 12) Clerk & Moderator Fund \_\_\_\_\_\_

 2) Members Added \_\_\_\_\_\_
 13) Paid Pastor \_\_\_\_\_\_

Churches	Baptized	Members Added	Dismissed	Deaths	Membership	Average in Sunday School	Communions/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	3	ļ	ļ	1	83	81	1	17		60	100	50	19,200	1,590	4,791	1,902	1,200	1,000	19,528	11,625	505,117
Borings Chapel											1										65,000
Brummitt's Creek	ļ	[		1	40	18	4			20	50	20	5,700	500					2,937		330,000
Colbert's Creek	2	<u> </u>			20	14	1			20		10	1								
Covy Rock	1	1	1		142	92	3			40	60	10	20,800		4,490	547	9,236	300	3,203	11,500	443,993
Crabtree		ļ		2	16	19	2			25	40	25	7,500		50	25	25	100	1,222		131,841
Davistown		ļ		2	20	20	4			20	50	10	2,600						2,301		266,119
Higgins	2	6	2	2	162	86	3			45	20	5	20,663	1,000		2,402		65	800	19,670	566,304
Hillcrest					37	17	3			20	20	15	5,200			50		50			250,000
Low Gap	3		ļ	_1	75	45	2		15	50	50	10	13,250	1,000	556			100	3,100		310,000
Middle District	8			1	53	42	4		20	40	40	25	17,900	150	790		1,624		3,695		375,000
New Hope	ļ	6		2	36	28	2	8	12	25			8,875	950	1,050			100	4,250	3,300	210,600
Nix Creek			7		18	34	1	6		30	25	25	17 		650	272	1,200	75	2,586	3,642	181,320
North Bend		7		1	58	53	1		15	50	100	25	12,300	2,000	3,909	2,370	1,200	100	4,685	3,740	539,739
Pathway	1	1	1		45	53		8		37	20	20	3,900				420		2,425		150,000
Pensacola		2	5		89	40		8	10	40	50	10	7,966		440	400	1,351	200	18,800	3,751	165,000
Peterson's Chapel	4	3			135	85	1			25	15	15	16,200			360	1,000		4,085		376,620
Pilgrim's Chapel			1		41	18				20	15	10	5,375						2,000	275	71,000
Piney Grove		4		2	56	51	1	8		25	60	5	22,100	1,516	1,457	1,200	1,464	60	2,830	50,000	790,000
Southside	9	1		4	282	106	4	26		50	15	25	33,950	1,200	4,543	800	1,140	260	7,708	400,000	1,610,000
Sunset	1	8		4	78	45	4			50	15	15	22,900	300	2,096	1,300	1,700	50	11,557		412,500
Union Hill		1	2		55	30	1			20	40	25		1,000	1,000			100	10,554	4,687	94,752
Vale					29	18	2			31	50	25	12,500			1,255		50	850		140,000
Valley Forge	30	37	1	6	654	366		90	269	125	100	25		2,252	6,908	131,525	40,940	300	32,980	198,948	4,994,644
Woodby Hill				1	49	26	1	6		38	25	5	12,325		840	120	420	25	2,371	375	147,625
Youngs Chapel					75	55	4	10	25	50	50	20	15,900		800	4,822	3,500	200	3,607	7,172	200,000
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Totals	67	77	20	31	2,431	1,523		204	366	1016	1,110	480	309,004	15,048	39,161	151,252	78,420	4,135	167,602	730,310	13,832,291

3)	Members Dismissed	14) Paid for Kevivais
4)	Deaths	15) Children's Home
5)	Total Membership	16) Home Missions
6)	Average Attendance	17) Foreign Missions
7)	No. of Foot Washings	18) Disabled Ministers Fund
8)	Ladies' Aux	19) Poor & Sick
9)	Number in C.T.S.	20) Improved Church Property
10)	Minute Fund	21) Value of Church Property
11)	Association Fund	

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

Pastor Elect	Phone No	
Church Clerk	Phone No	
Mailing Address		
Revivals conducted by		

Trevette. The Rules of Decorum were read. Minutes of the last session were read with no exceptions. The ministers' roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. There were no visiting ministers. Bros. Stanley Ault and Lee Thompson were enrolled as church delegates. There were no visiting churches.

In old business Rev. Glenn Walden asked for a letter to be read concerning his ordination. The conference voted for Rev. Walden to be turned over to the investigating committee for ordination. In other old business, Rev. Scott Jenkins gave out a new list of the call chain (grape vine) and pointed out several improvements and changes to the list.

In new business, the moderator for the next conference will be Rev. Bernie Jones with Rev. Stephen Miller as his alternate. Devotions will be given by Bro. Teddy Adkins of Big Creek FWB Church.

The topic committee was asked to give their report. Revs. J.C. Sheets, Matthew Guy, and Steve Cochran spoke on the subject, "God is no respect of person". The scripture reading came from James 2:1. Rev. Guy talked about how God does not play favorites with anyone. He said it rains on the just and the unjust. Rev. Sheets talked about how God loves everyone the same and how that we may disagree among ourselves but God requires us to love each other and how we ought to seek God's direction in all things. Rev. Cochran said that if God had been a respecter of persons he would never have been saved. He came to say "whosoever will." They gave a very inspiring report.

In other business the Moderator asked the clerk about delinquent ministers. David Anderson had not reported to the conference in person for one year. He had called the clerk and the clerk had encouraged him to stay with the conference. He was turned over to the investigating committee. Rev. Stanley McMahan apologized for his past absences. Rev. Rick Woods spoke concerning Rev. Jody Trantham and some things he was going through with his family. He said this was why he was not attending the conference.

The topic committee for the next conference was appointed consisting of Revs. Norman Loveless, Henry Berry, and Jacob Cochran.

Finally, Brother Mike Allison from Freewill Baptist Family Ministries spoke to us about happenings at the home. He said that Bro. Frank Wood had settled into his new job as Director and was doing well. He also said that the Hope Center was having a banquet in Nov. in Greeneville and all were invited to attend. He also said that the annual Christmas party would be held Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at the home. Mike told about the home being prayer centered and that 139 young people gave their life to Christ last year, and that 97 babies were born in the Hope Center. He talked about a 78 year old man who had come to Christ at the home and passed away soon thereafter. Mike thanked the conference for all their help. He gave a great report.

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

The service began with the congregation singing "I'm Going That Way". Rev. Adam Miller brought the message reading from 1 Peter 5:6 and Exodus 13:17. He stated that not everything Jesus did was written down but what was written down was so, and you and I could believe. He preached about Moses as he dealt with the many people he led and how he faced many obstacles, and how he got around things he did not know how to deal with. The enemy behind him and the sea before him. He said it was the God who led them that made the difference. The peoples' attention was on Moses but Moses pointed them to God. Rev. Miller stated that we serve an awesome God, but those people did too. They needed to focus on following a never failing God, and that we need to focus on the following of Christ. He quoted Phil. 4:8 which states that whatsoever things are true, just, honest, pure, lovely, of good report, think on these things. God always treats his children right even though you face obstacles and the devil's crowd. There was much rejoicing and much praise of the Lord. Rev. Miller preached an inspiring message that is much needed today. Adjourned in prayer by Rev. Bernie Jones.

Submitted by: Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk

#### Big Creek Freewill Baptist Church January 5, 2013

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers' Conference met with Big Creek Church at 9:30 A.M. The session began with Pastor Marvin Hensley welcoming the Conference and making the necessary announcements. The church quartet sang the song "Royal Descendant" with much rejoicing. Brother Teddy Adkins gave devotions reading from Jeremiah 1:14-17. He spoke to us about preaching in Jeremiah's day and how it is the same today, a rough life. No one wants to listen. He was very encouraging to the preachers. Prayer was given by Rev. Dean Murphy.

The session was called to order by the moderator Rev. Bernie Jones reading the Rules of Decorum. The minutes of the last session were read with corrections. The ministers' roll call was given with everyone standing in full fellowship. Deacons were enrolled from Valley Forge, Big Creek and Southside. Visiting Minister was Rev. Ben James from Fork Mountain. We welcomed Valley View Freewill Baptist as a visiting church.

The moderator called for anyone seeking license or ordination with Rev. Glenn Walden being turned over to the ordaining council. Rev. Jacob Cochran asked for his license to be renewed which was granted. Rev. David Anderson turned in his license and ordinations to the clerk and the conference voted to approve and dismiss him.

Rev. Darrell Edwards stood and explained his absences as did Revs. Paul Bennett and Terry Richardson. The Conference approved their absences.

The moderator called for nomination for moderator for the next conference with Rev. Frank Cable being appointed with his assistant to be Rev. Bud Edwards. Devotions will be given by Bro. Larry Miller from Covy Rock F.W.B. Church.

In other business Rev. Frank Cable spoke on the revival for the association and the committee was to meet at lunch that day.

We also were able to celebrate with Rev. Jonas Revis who was celebrating fifty years in the ministry. We commended him for a job well done.

Bro. Mike Allison from Freewill Baptist Children's Ministries spoke on how God was moving on campus, blessing the Hope Center, and how several young people had been saved recently. He spoke of Romans 13:1, how every soul is subject to a higher power. He mentioned that Job had to deal with Satan and how God protects us from him. He told us that 2013 is the year we need to praise God and give him glory and honor.

The topic committee gave their report with Rev. Jacob Cochran reading from Matt. 5:13. He spoke about "salt". He said we are losing our desire to worship and see people saved. Rev. Darrell Edwards spoke about the need for God in our churches and society. Rev. Paul Bennett spoke about his years in the ministry and how our families need our prayers.

A letter of thanks was read from Bro. Alvin Murphy about the help the conference had given for his trip to Africa. A card was read from the family of Rev. Richard Bryant thanking us for our prayers and visits.

The ordaining council gave their report with Rev. Glenn Walden's ordination being postponed until next conference. There being no other business conference adjourned to preaching.

#### 11:00 AM Preaching Service

The service began with the church trio singing, "He is Mine, and I Want To Thank Him, I Want To Praise Him". Then the church quartet sang "I Have A Father Who Can".

Rev. Kevin Laws brought the message reading from Matt. 26:36. Prayer was given by Rev. Laws. He then read from Romans 15:4 and stated that everything Jesus did, he did for a reason. Jesus knew what had to be done even though he had to suffer in the flesh. He spoke of Mary at the feet of Jesus and how Mary was waiting on tables. She chose the best part. He said that much serving like Martha distracts us. He encouraged us to be in the spirit and keep on preaching. When God doesn't speak - do nothing. He preached a wonderful message. The Conference was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Terry Richardson.

Submitted by: Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk

#### Covy Rock Freewill Baptist Church March 30, 2013

The Jack's Creek Ministers' Conference met with Covy Rock Freewill Baptist Church March 30, 2013, at 9:30 A.M. The session began with Deacon Dale Laws welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "I'm Going That Way". Devotions were led by Bro. Larry Miller (Deacon from the church) reading from Jeremiah 6:16. He gave a plea to pastors to walk in the old paths and stand in the path and beat the briars out of the way so the rest of the church can also walk therein. He pointed out that the path we walk is a different way. It is the way that leads home. Prayer was given by Rev. Jonas Revis. The session was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Frank Cable who read the Rules of Decorum. 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 Revs. Ben James and Derrick Bell who were from Freewill Baptist Children Ministries. Deacons were seated. Visiting church was Valley View. Rev. Glenn Walden asked to be ordained and was turned over to the ordaining council. Rev. John Phillips had his license renewed for one year.

In old business, the moderator talked to us about our upcoming revival for the conference to be held at Southside Freewill Baptist Church in September. The conference then decided to draw names to see who would do the preaching. Jimmy Arrowood, Jacob Cochran, Steve Cochran, Bud Edwards, Matthew Guy, Clyde Thomason, Lester Perkins, Junior Peterson, Kelly Pittman, Rick Wood, and Stanley McMahan's names were drawn. The rest of the details for the revival will be worked out during the association.

The topic committee for the next session was Revs. Russell Hughes, Billy Styles, and Paul Bennett. Rev. Derrick Bell gave a report from the children's home. He said that they were serving from 85-90 young people. There were 99 babies born there last year. Bro. Bell gave a visual report on the building project that is going on at the home. They are building eight additional classrooms and a chapel. This project is costing \$1.5 million. Mother's Day offering this year will go to that project. One half million was given for this project from the O.P. Stokes estate. He also asked that we pray for Rev. Frank and Sister Shirley Woods.

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

The service began with Christian Swann from the church singing several songs including "Did I Mention That I Love Him". The message was brought by Rev. Roger Laws reading from Romans 8:14 using as a topic "Led by the Spirit of God". He asked whether men or God was running the church today. He encouraged us to preach the Word and stay in the Bible. Our ideas are of little value. He said that the deacons and preachers are to work together and be led by the Bible and the Spirit of God. God can and will bless the church but only if we follow in His Spirit. He referred to Aaron and Moses and said that God spoke to Moses, and He in return told Aaron what to say to the people. He encouraged all of us to keep preaching and spreading the Word. He gave a wonderful spirit filled message.

Following preaching the ordaining council gave their report on Rev. Glenn Walden and recommended that he be ordained. The charge was given to Rev. Walden by Rev. J.C. Sheets reading from 1Timothy 3 giving the qualifications of a Bishop. He is not to be a striker, peaceable, husband of one wife, not greedy of filthy lucre, not a novice and the head of his house. He is to be of good report to them that are without. Prayer and laying on of hands were given. Closing prayer was given by Rev. John Stockton. Adjourned to time and place.

Submitted by: Blaine Whitson, Clerk

## Youngs Chapel Freewill Baptist Ministers' Conference Saturday, July 27, 2013

The Jacks Creek F.W.B. Ministers' Conference met with Youngs Chapel F.W.B. Church in Burnsville at 9:30 A.M. The session began with the Pastor, Rev. Roger Thompson welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Just Over In the Glory Land". Devotions were given by Rev. Roger Thompson reading from Matt. 25:14-27. He asked us if we were profitable to the Lord or were we just takers? He said that in order to be profitable to Him we had to do things for Him. He gave much encouragement.

Prayer was given by Rev. Rick Wood. The moderator Rev. Bobby Revis reported that Rev. Marvin Hensley's mother was sick and needed our prayers. He called the session to order and read the Rules of Decorum. Minutes of the last session were read with no exceptions. The ministers' roll call was given with two ministers, Rev. Adam Miller and Rev. Scott Jenkins, stood and gave reasons for missing the last two session .The conference approved their reasons. All ministers stood in full fellowship. The call for visiting ministers was given with Rev. Phillip Hughes from Young's Chapel and Rev. Ben James from Fork Mountain being welcomed into our body.

The Moderator called for anyone seeking license with our body

with Revs. Ben James and Phillip Hughes standing. They were turned over to the investigating committee. The Moderator then called for the election for officers for the coming year. The moderator for the next conference will be Rev. J.C. Sheets with Rev. Dennis Autry his alternate.

Officers for the coming year were elected and are listed on page 3.

There was no report from the investigating committees. The order of preaching for the Association revival to be held in September is as follows: Monday night will be Rev. Clyde Thomas; Tuesday night will be Rev. Rick Wood, Wednesday night will be Rev. Lester Perkins; Thursday night will be Rev. Bud Edwards; and Friday night will be Rev. Stanley McMahan, with Revs. Jacob Cochran and Jimmy Arrowood being the alternates for the week.

Rev. Frank Woods from Freewill Baptist Children's Ministries then gave a report for the ministries. He spoke to us about several children at the home and how their life had been and what it is now and how they are progressing. He also talked to us about the house parents' responsibilities at the home and what a great influence they are on their young people.

He gave us an update on the plans to build on to the school at the home and the 1.5 million dollars it will take to upgrade and expand the facility.

Rev. Woods said that for thirteen straight years there have been 100 or more young people saved at the home.

Finally, he thanked the Association for their gift of \$34,208.29 in the past year. He also encouraged us to use the Oaks facility for retreats or revivals for our association.

The topic committee for the next conference will be: Revs. Billy Styles, Russell Hughes, and Paul Bennett.

Rev. John Phillips spoke to us about children in our churches with one or no parents with them in church and asked us to unite and pray and support them.

The conference instructed the clerk to draft and send a letter of invite to Revs. Randy Laws, Ted Lewis, and Josh Miller. The Moderator thanked Youngs Chapel for their hospitality and service to our conference while they hosted the 2013 Jacks Creek Association.

Submitted by : Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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Bennett, Paul	Friendship Chapel, N. 226 Hwy., NC
Cochran, Steve	Unaka Springs Freewill Baptist, Erwin, TN
Greer, William J.	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	Huntdale Union Church, Green Mountain, NC
Jones, Bernie	Toe River Freewill Baptist, Huntdale, NC
Laws, Roger	St. Paul Freewill Baptist, Buladean, NC
Miller, Adam	Midfield Freewill Baptist, Kingsport, TN
Miller, Keith	Coxes Creek Freewill Baptist, Marion, NC
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
Walden, Glenn, Jr.	Valley View Independent Freewill Baptist, Blountville, 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 an harmonious in every divine perfection. "For there is one God, and one mediatc between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all t be testified in due time." I Timothy 2: 5-6

Article 2 - Holy Scriptures - We believe that God is the author of the Hol Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine "All scripture is give by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, fc 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 o life." Romans 6: 4

Article 11 - The Lord's Supper - We believe that the supper wai 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 fo Christians, and that all Christians should unite in service regardless o 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, no 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 practic 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 churche 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 Judgmer Day. Hebrews 9: 27. "Because He hath appointed a day, in the which H will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hat ordained..." Acts 17: 31. "When the Son of Man shall come in his glor and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of hi glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separat them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. Matthew 25: 31-32. We believe that the tribulation precedes the Judgmer of both righteous and sinners. Matthew 24: 21-31, II Peter 2: 10-13, ] 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 lack'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, ooth 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 thi Conference, the applicant will be received under our watchcare. The applicant shal 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 applicant licensed by this Conference will be licensed to preach for one year. Upon th 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 license preacher may baptize converts and administer the Communion and Feet Washin service under the direct supervision of an ordained Free Will Baptist ministe Licensed preachers are expected to preach at least twenty-four sermons a year. If an preacher neglects to do so, (unless providentially hindered) he will be entitled to seat in this Conference only as a visiting minister. All new licensed preachers will b assigned to one of our most able pastors for the period of two (2) years. Only pastor that are willing to accept the responsibility to work with the licensed preachers wi be asked to participate. The licensed preachers in this program are with the pastor t observe and learn and are not to interfere or hinder the work of that pastor. Th licensed preacher will not be considered to be an associate pastor. The senior pasto that he has served under will, at the end of the two (2) years, present a complet 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 preachin somewhere. The licensed preacher at the end of this program, providing a goo report was received from the senior pastor, may request to be ordained . Amende 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, 2009

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

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

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

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

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

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

The above Constitution and By-Laws was duly adopted by Conference in regula 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, the are to have a minister as chairman. The remainder of the committee is to be chose from the delegates.

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

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

76<sup>th</sup> Session 1971 - Any person writing a letter to the investigatin 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 s called Millennium or Millenial Doctrine as preached today. Any of our minister found to be preaching or teaching this said doctrine, shall have their license called fc and their names dropped from the ministers roll.

**83<sup>rd</sup> Session 1978** - The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association does no condone, or allow homosexuality among its people, that it is deemed to be a deadl sin. Leviticus 20: 13, Romans 1: 26-32. Also we are opposed to abortion in an form. "Thou shalt not kill," the fifth Commandment, Exodus 20:13. (Amended b Association July 29,2011)

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

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

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

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

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

August 13, 1983 - Ministers Conference - Concerning ministers marryir

ople that have been divorced: "If they have separated, divorced but not re-married, d get back together (and choose) to remarry, minister may marry them."

"We, your Ordaining Council, recommend to the Conference that a By-Law passed that any preacher, who leaves his church and starts a New Work within 0) ten miles, consisting of members of the Old Church, be dealt with by the onference by calling for his credentials.

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

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

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

August 7, 1998 - Bro. Charlie Trivette presented the church flag and a rtificate to be given to all ministers' wives or next of kin at the close of a minister's neral. The idea was accepted and agreed to be paid for out of the Home Missions nd, motion being approved by the Association.

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

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

October 28, 2000 - Ministers Conference - Bro. Charlie Trivette spoke on e flags to be presented at funerals of deceased ministers. Bro. Trivette made a

motion that the presiding minister call in advance to find out the wishes of the family. The motion was approved.

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

January 29, 2005 - Ministers Conference - A motion was passed stating, "If the Investigating Committee got a signed letter requesting an investigation of a preacher ten days or sooner before the next Conference they have the authority to go ahead with the investigation. If it was within the ten days before the next conference, they will wait for the Conference Approval."

## By- Laws Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Disabled Ministers Fund

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

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

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

4. Funding of this organization shall be done by requesting each member of the Conference to voluntarily take at least five dollars per week from his regular church contributions, or whatever amount God may direct him to give on a regular basis. This may be accomplished either by allowing the church the minister is pastoring to deduct the amount each week from his salary, and writing a check to the quarterly Conference for the amount deducted, or the ministers may bring their contributions to the conference. Anyone contributing to this fund will receive a receipt for their contribution. Churches are to be encouraged to take part in the support of this program as they feel God would have them to do. The funding of this program is never to be considered as dues to be paid, or a tax to be levied on the ministers or churches.

5. Qualification for financial help shall not be established at any given age, due to age alone. Financial help shall be given when properly applied for after the investigating committee has made a fair and impartial investigation. If the application is approved, the investigating committee has the authority to request help for the applicant up to the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) without consulting the board of directors, providing an application has been completed for a record to be reviewed by the board of directors. Otherwise the board of directors will be consulted and said board will determine the amount and method of financial help to be given. The board may direct the amount to be paid in lump sum or monthly for the duration of the need. (Amended August 12, 1977)

6. A standard form application will be furnished by the organization. This application is to be properly completed by the investigating committee while the investigation is being conducted. Application for financial help may be requested by the individual in need, or by the church to which he belongs or may be pastoring.

### **Burial Fund**

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

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

Article 3. Participation in this program is completely voluntary.

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

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

Article 6. Annual premiums are due and payable in advance at the Ministers Conference held in conjunction with the Jack's Creek Free Will

Baptist Association each year. On October 29, 1983, a motion was passed to give a 90 day grace period (for paying annual premium) on Burial Fund.

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

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

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

# 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.

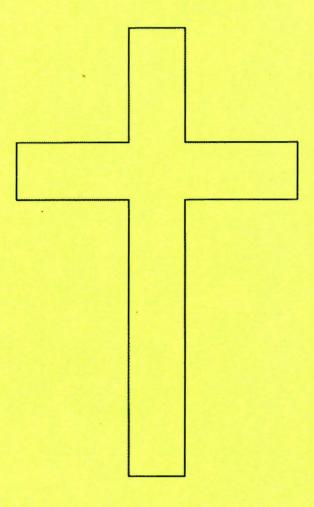
Description of health condition and financial status:

Date Signature

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

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_



"For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Matthew 26: 28