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Minutes of the 119th Session

Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association

Officers:

Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley

Asst. Moderator, Rev. Bobby Revis

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Next Session:

Southside Free Will Baptist Church

Erwin, Tennessee, July 30, 2015

2014 2015 Sessions

October 25, 2014, Conference: Middle District FWB Church, 9:30 AM. Devotions - Rev. Clyde Thomason and Rev. Roger Thompson, alternate. Preaching - Rev. Kevin Laws and Rev. Paul Benett, alternate.

January 31, 2015, Conference: Big Creek FWB Church, 9:30 AM. Devotions - Rev. Steve Miller and Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, alternate. Preaching - Rev. Dean Murphy and Scott Jenkins, alternate.

April 25, 2015, Conference: Sunset FWB Church, 9:30 AM. Devotions - Rev. Norman Loveless and Rev. B.F. McKinney, Jr., alternate. Preaching - Rev. J.C. Sheets and Rev. Keith Miler, alternate.

July 30 - 31, 2015, Association: Southside FWB Church, 10:30 AM first day, 9:30 AM second day. Introductory message - Rev. Marvin Hensley and Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, alternate. Afternoon devotions - Rev. Bernie Jones. Thursday night message - Rev. Scott Jenkins and Rev. Roger Laws, alternate. Friday morning devotions - Rev. Charlie Trivette. Friday morning message - Rev. Adam Miller and Rev. Charlie Trivette, alternate. Friday afternoon devotions - Rev. Dean Murphy.

August 1, 2015, Conference: Southside FWB Church, 9:30 AM.

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In Loving Memory
Reverend Theodore Fleenor
Sept. 4, 1914 - Sept. 24, 2013

Reverend Fleenor was born in Big Stone Gap, VA to the late Alonza and Myrtle Watts Fleenor. He lived most of his life in Johnson City when he was called home to Glory.

He was a Free Will Baptist Minister for more than 60 years and was currently a member of the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference and a member of Rich Acres Free Will Baptist Church. Through the years, he had been the pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Pennington Gap, VA, and West Fairview Free Will Baptist Church in Elizabethton, TN. He had the privilege to preach at more than 45 churches and was still called upon to preach when he was able.

He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Retiree's Chapter of Local 549, a member of the Arcana Lodge #489 F&AM, and he was a Shriner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Black Fleenor, a daughter, Barbara Bradford, a grandson, six sisters, and one brother. He is survived by one daughter, Kathleen Hill and husband, Kenneth; one son, Richard Fleenor and wife, Pat; one brother, Hershel Fleenor and wife Irene; four grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was a great man of God and will be missed by his family and friends.

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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NC: Chairman, Rev. Scott Jenkins, Rev. Clyde Thomason, Rev. John Stockton, and Alternate, Rev. Russell Hughes

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

PROCEEDINGS

July 24, 2014, 10:30 AM

The Jack's Creek Association met for its 119th session with the New Hope Freewill Baptist Church July 24, 2013 at 10:30 AM. A welcome was given by their pastor, Rev. Norman Loveless, who made the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Heavens Jubilee" which was followed by the opening prayer.

Rev. Stanley McMahan was introduced as the preacher for the opening message. He read passages from II Chronicles 18 and 19. His topic was "Be Not Deceived". He preached about the condition of our

Nation; what it once was and what it is now. In the scheme of things today, we as Free Will Baptist are not important except in the Realm of Heaven. We are recognized and known in the Throne Room of the Lord. God has not changed, but man has changed for the worse. He admonished us to love one another from the heart.

He preached about Jeroboam and Rehoboam and the division of the Kingdom of Israel. Then he preached about Ahab and Jehoshaphat trying to reunite the Kingdom, and how they had to work through their pride and sought out the advise of the prophets; most of which were false prophets.

Preachers, give attention to the leadership of the Holy Spirit when preaching, counseling, and ministering to the people. The work that you do is very important and has far reaching effects upon many people.

Following this wonderful message, Rev. Norman Loveless's grandchild, which was born with spinal bifida, was presented for anointing with oil and a prayer for healing. Rev. Jimmy Arrowood led the prayer.

Rev. Frank Cable talked about the Association sponsored Revival that will be held at North Bend Free Will Baptist Church beginning Sept. 22, 2014. Posters were given to the churches for this important meeting.

The morning session was closed with prayer and thanksgiving for the meal was led by Rev. Charlie Trivette.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

The afternoon business session began at 1:30 with a welcome from the pastor, Rev. Norman Loveless. Bro. Bob Ray and Sister Pat Ray sang "Long Winding Road" which was a great blessing to us.

The Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley, called the 119th session of the Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association to order and read the Rules of Decorum. The church letters were read and the delegates were seated.

CHURCH LETTERS

Big Creek: Bros. Teddy Adkins, Tony Byrd, Jamie Miller

Borings Chapel: No report

Brummitts Creek: Sisters Billie Harzarik and Star Bennett

Colberts Creek: Bro. Fabian Hughes and Sis. Louise Burgin

Covy Rock: Sis. Marie Laws
Crabtree: Rev. B. F. McKinney, Jr.
Davistown: Rev. Frank Cable
Higgins: By letter
Hillcrest: By letter
Low Gap: Bros. Dale Hilemon and Carson Jones
Middle District: Rev. Scott Jenkins
New Hope: Rev. Norman Loveless, Bros. Wayne McInturff, Bobby Cooper, Sis. Bernice Williams, Ann Able, Sue Carter, Rosella Cantrell, Missy Loveless, Laury Bryant
Nix Creek: Bros. Donald Gardner, Mike Lister, Ronnie Brooks, Dupey Harris, Sis. Edna Gardner, and Dimmeriee Brooks
North Bend: Bros. Owen Barnett, Clay Barnett, Frank Briggs, Eddie Tipton, Sis. Betty Renfro, and Betty Briggs
Pathway: Bros. Jerry Williams, John Ault, Gary Peterson, Chris Duncan
Pennsacola: Bro. Ronald Fox and Sis. Jackie Fox
Peterson's Chapel: No report
Pilgrim's Chapel: Rev. Clyde Thomason
Piney Grove: Bros. Jacky McMahan, Dennis Clark, Gary Van Davis, Paul Vance, Sis. Charlotte Clark, Debbie Hyder, Hattie Bell, Elaine Lewis
Southside: Revs. Kevin Laws, Bernie Jones, and Bros. Scott Bradford, and Maurice Robinson
Sunset: Rev. Terry Richardson
Union Hill: Rev. Josh Miller and Sis. Linda Miller
Vale: Rev. Gary Huffman and Sis. Norma Huffman
Valley Forge: Bro. Bob Ray and Sis. Pat Ray
Woodby Hill: Sis. Frances Guinn and Lucy Bryant
Youngs Chapel: Bros. Lee Thompson, Dean Branton, and Sis. Billie Thompson

The Ministers' Roll Call was read and the ministers were seated. A call was made for visiting church delegations (none responded) and for visiting ministers. Revs. Verlin Anderson, Frank Woods, and Ted Lewis were welcomed. A call was made for any churches seeking membership in this body (none responded).

The election of the Association Officers was made, a list of which is on page 2 of these minutes. Rev. Jonas Revis resigned the position he has held as Disabled Ministers Treasurer for forty years because of his failing health. Rev. Stanley McMahan also resigned. The Board of Directors was asked to appoint someone they felt qualified to fill these positions. The Topic Committees were appointed, and the names of the committee members appear with their submissions later in these minutes.

Rev. Verlin Anderson was given an opportunity to speak and share with us some of his plans regarding his mission work in the Ivory Coast. Since he is no longer with the Free Will Baptist International Missions, we had voted earlier to withdraw our support for him. There was no move to renew his support, therefore, he requested the following letter be included in these minutes.

“We thank you for having faithfully stood with us through trials and tribulations in Cote d’Ivoire over sixteen years. We see the sick healed, the lame walk, sexual and drug addicts freed, and the hungry and malnourished fed as people learn to obey the Lord. We see churches planted as they trust Him directly rather than men who they understand as sent of God to meet their needs. The people God calls to Himself there suffer because they lack knowledge of God’s law, just as the people in Hosea’s time. Where there is no vision, people perish. Jesus died so that the works of the law that bless us can be accomplished by those who walk in the Spirit, and not by their own personal resources. We work with Ivorians who discover that God’s provision is sufficient to meet their needs. We join with them to grow the gifts God has given.

Please be assured we hold you in love and support your decisions made by assembly to be considered as being led of the Lord. We encourage your liberty to continue to assist us and Free Will Baptist International Missions (FWBIM), or not. We will still witness of Christ among Free Will Baptist and other believers. Each is called to liberty to do right. No one’s conscience should bear offense when ministering, otherwise zeal lags and we become lukewarm. Our confidence is in the same Lord, not human supporters, whom He provides as needed by His Spirit.

The separation of service that came between the Andersons and FWBIM happened because of honest disagreement between administrative personnel and us as to what it means to plant Free Will Baptist churches in

Cote d'Ivoire, help the poor, and attribute properties. The divide spans more than eight years and was unresolved although both sides made many efforts.

FWBIM administration and we led the Board to evade pronouncing a verdict either way. We, the Andersons, had no fear of the decision for ourselves concerning the precise point upon which the conflict teetered. Two sides, even three, can be distinguished in the debate among Free Will Baptist missionaries who have served there. We did not separate of our own will, but under the duress of a Macedonian call reflected in the lives of others. To force our staying with FWBIM, and openly fight to reverse what led to that called board meeting, would unnecessarily harm FWBIM, which is our common denominational effort to expand FWB witness. Although we offered to be seconded to another organization, it was preferred that we tender our resignation. To stay would have also closed a door of opportunity that has opened to us to touch the entire nation for Christ within our lifetime, village by village. Instead, we chose to separate and multiply the efforts for Christ's Kingdom. Praise God that He has a specific role for each of us in his harvest! May we all be found faithful to obey His commands.

May God bless you, one and all, in the name of Jesus,
Rev. Verlin Anderson, RN, and Debbie Anderson"

Bro. Frank Woods from Free Will Baptist Family Ministries gave his report on many of the facets of their ministry. He thanked us for the prayers and support we had rendered. Details of this report are found in the Topic Committee Reports under the Freewill Baptist Children's Ministries.

This session was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Henry Berry.

Thursday Night Session, July 24, 2014

Rev. Norman Loveless opened the service by taking prayer requests. Rev. Charlie Trivette led the altar prayer. Rev. Rickey Hollifield sang "When He Put a Little Sunshine In". Bro. Calvin Edwards sang "Built For Glory" and "This Man Jesus". The service was turned over to Rev. Clyde Thomason and he read Job 2:1-2 and I Peter 5:8. The subject of the message was "The Roaring Lion".

Satan is on the move devouring any soul that he can. People are ignoring him, and he is destroying them. Many of our elders who warned us and prepared us to resist him have finished their labors. It seems that there are fewer and fewer who were taught these things taking the necessary stand against Satan now. Who is paying attention to the “roaring of the lion” and taking the immediate action to get to safety? There seems to be so little concern about what is happening by those who are attending church. It is time that professing Christians get back to a holy way of living according to the principles of God’s Word. Church leaders should be those that qualify according to the Word; saved by the Grace of God, dedicated in their lives, experienced in walking with the Lord, and battle tested.

Are we obedient unto the Lord? We were saved to do good works in this world. The Word of God should motivate, inspire, and nourish us so that we get excited about doing the great ministry of the Lord. If we draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to us. Wonderful message!

Note: Sadly there were very few in attendance for this service! We urge each one who reads these minutes to consider attending the Association. There are many wonderful services and great fellowship.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, JULY 25, 2014

Rev. Norman Loveless welcomed all to the second day of the Association. We sang a congregational song, “I Love to Tell the Story”. Rev. Rickey Hollifield gave the devotional reading Ezk. 36:27 and Rom. 8:9. His topic was the Holy Spirit dwelling in believers. The world does not see the need, but we have the Holy Spirit in us and with us. Without the Holy Spirit we are none of His! He gave much encouragement along with his personal testimony. Prayer was led by Rev. Paul Bennett. The Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley, called the meeting to order and read the Rules of Decorum. The Minutes of Thursday’s sessions were read and approved. The moderator called for churches that did not report Thursday. The letter from New Hope Free Will Baptist Church was read. The Ministers roll call was made. A call for visiting church delegations was made and none responded. A call for visiting ministers was made and Rev. Verlin Anderson and Rev. Gerald Fender were recognized.

New business was called for and the Rules Committee made a

recommendation that the dates for the Ministers' Conference be changed to the last Saturday in the months of October, January, and April each year. After an opportunity for discussion was made, the vote was taken and the measure was approved. Article 5 of the Constitution and By-laws of the Ministers Conference will be changed to reflect this modification.

Rev. Frank Cable spoke to us about the posters for the Association Revival. He also spoke to us about the need in today's world of incorporating with the State our churches and association. This will protect the members of the church from being included in any law-suit brought against the church. He has some information about this if you would like to know more.

The moderator called for Topic Committees to make their reports. Some of these reports were given before the session was suspended for the 11:00 AM preaching service.

11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

The service began with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus". Rev. Terry Richardson preached using the verses Col. 4:3 and Eccl. 4. His topic was "Redeeming the Time". The world around us is changing, and we are experiencing changes in our own lives. God has not changed, and we must be aware that this is our time to stand for the Lord. There is a time to be broken; we must be broken in order for God to save and heal us. There is a time for everything under the sun. Hezekiah reached a time to die. There is a time to live. Visit a cemetery, and read the tombstones. We see the time of birth and the time of death, but what about that time that is between represented by only a dash mark?

We want it like it was in the church years ago, so what has changed? Preachers, preach what your people need, not what they want. It's a time to preach to the lost souls all around us. The Lord desires to save the lost because he has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. It's about going Home time. Are you getting ready for your departure from this world?

There is a time to tear down and a time to build up. The Gospel tears down the life of the self-righteous and builds up a life of holiness. It's a time to sow the good seed. When it comes up, it will reveal what was planted. Redeem the time, for our opportunities are few and will soon

pass away.

The service closed with a song and fellowship which was a great blessing. Dismissal prayer and thanksgiving for the food was led by Rev. Stanley McMahan.

1:15 BUSINESS SESSION

The afternoon business session began with Rev. Henry Berry having devotions. He read Ps. 133:1, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" He told us how we need to be careful about injuring our brothers and sisters reputation, but to work to build up each other in the Lord. In the eyes of the Lord, we are all the same. Let us strive to work together in unity. Rev. John Stockton led us in prayer.

Bro. Mike Allison of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries was given the opportunity to speak. He encouraged us to keep our eyes on the Lord. He expressed thanks to all the churches for the support that we have given the Ministry over the years. He reported that ten young boys were saved in a meeting this week. Over 1400 children have made professions of faith in the last 14 years of the ministry. In the past year, 114 babies have been born through the support of the Hope Center. He closed with a song "Serving the Lord"; the theme of which was "Lord, when the world sees me, may they see You".

The treasurer of the Family Ministries Fund gave his report on the monies received at this Association.

Rev. Charlie Trivette presented the nominations for the Disabled Ministers Fund treasurer and his assistant that the Board Of Directors had agreed upon; Rev. Marvin Hensley to serve as treasurer and Rev. Kevin Laws as his assistant. The nominations were approved by a majority vote of the Association. Rev. Marvin Hensley resigned as treasurer of the International Missions Fund, and Rev. Blaine Whitson was elected to serve as the new treasurer.

The moderator resumed calling for the topic committee reports which are printed at the conclusion of the minutes of the Association. The various treasurer reports were called for and they are also printed at the end of these minutes.

There was much discussion about helping Rev. Jonas Revis

financially since he has had many health problems over the last year, and he is still facing many issues. A special offering was received, and it was approved to receive a special offering each night of the Revival to help him out. The Disabled Ministers Investigating Committee will see if there is any further help needed.

The moderator expressed appreciation for New Hope FWB Church hosting this Association. The church did a wonderful job.

The business part of the Association was completed, and the closing prayer was led by Rev. Ronnie Peterson. Worship service will be at 7:00 PM, and the Ministers Conference will meet at 9:30 Saturday morning.

7:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Norman Loveless opened the service by extending a welcome to all and calling for special prayer requests. Rev. Stephen Miller led the prayer.

Several people came from Sunset Free Will Baptist Church, and their choir sang many beautiful songs. There were other singers there who also sang. Most of all, the presence of the Holy Spirit was manifested, and there was great rejoicing in the Lord. There were some special needs which we took before the Lord in prayer.

We had a wonderful time in the Lord, and we wish all of you could have been there with us. What a wonderful celebration is going to take place in Glory when all the saints from all the ages are united and praising Jesus for making it possible for us to be partakers of that blessed Place He is preparing!!

ASSOCIATION TOPIC COMMITTEES

Churches, pastors, and deacons: We your committee recommend the following: churches should develop a renewed zeal for winning the lost and evangelizing the world. The early churches were greatly concerned for the lost, and souls were saved in great numbers. (Acts 2:4 and Acts 4:4)

We believe that pastors are called by God, not by men to lead the churches of God, and their calling is to preach the Word (II Tim. 4-2). We

encourage the members of our churches to support their pastors with prayer, adequate pay, benefits, and love as they strive to fulfill their calling.

We believe that the position of deacon was ordained by God in the church at Jerusalem. The job of the deacon is a vital one in the church. If he handles his job correctly, the pastor is able to give the proper attention to the Word of God. We encourage the churches to pray for and support their deacons.

Com. Revs. Charlie Trivette, Terry Richardson, and Bro. Van Davis

Church Training Service: Preparing the people of our churches to do the work necessary to continue the ministry of the church is very important. The knowledge and skills needed for this great work take time and effort to develop our people. The importance of teaching should never be considered lightly. It takes experienced Christians to not only teach but also to set a good example. A picture may be worth a thousand words, but the life that I live will have a greater impact on a student than all the teaching that I can do.

Com. Rev. Henry Berry, Bros. Lee Thompson, and Jacky McMahan

Disabled Ministers' Fund: Romans 10:14-15 says "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!" Thank God for his men that carry the Gospel. I truly believe the purpose of the Disabled Ministers' Fund is to take care of the men of God. Just like the Shunammite woman took care of Elisha and sustained him, is the same way we need to take care of our preachers. You be good to God's man, and God will be good to you.

Com. Revs. B.F. McKinney, Jr., Adam Miller, and Kevin Laws

Education: The principle of Christian Education requires two vital components, a teacher and a learner, as is the case with all education. Jesus was the greatest teacher ever, and throughout Acts we find the Apostles' teaching. This entails an expository explanation of the Bible,

principle upon principle, precept upon precept. II Timothy 2:24 instructs us to be "apt to teach", that means not only available and willing, but also prepared and equipped to do so. Thus, we are further instructed in II Timothy 2:15 the following: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Thus, in order to advance Christian education, teachers must be informed. This comes only from a dedicated study of the Word. The Scriptures would not tell us to "rightly divide" the Word of Truth if it were not possible to "wrongly divide" it. This is the reason for so much misunderstanding of doctrine, God's servants have not prepared themselves through a study of the Word. Hebrews 5:12 tells us: "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat." Christians must be willing to instruct others. It is true, we are to be lifelong learners, but we are specifically called to guide others in the ways of the Scriptures. It is a certainty that without deep consideration and prayers, along with a dedicated study of the Word, we will be unable to teach others. This has led, and will continue to lead, to misinterpretations and the propagation of false doctrine. If it is worth knowing, it is worth studying so that we might both know more and assist in the education of others. This is the way the truth is spread.

Education is a form of learning in which knowledge and skills are transferred to each successive generation. Schools accomplish this in general terms and were the indispensable instrument in our society's learning the Word of God and building our once great nation based completely on the revelation and principles of God's plan for mankind. This is no longer true because Christians slept and slumbered and turned deaf ears to preachers' warnings! Did we vote our pocketbooks or our convictions? Where did we learn this?

Can you answer your child when they ask if something is a sin? Adults, can you explain why? Do you really know what sin is? It's not a list of do's and don'ts. Outward sinful behavior is evidence of inward corruption.

Study, be a student, all your life! Transfer your knowledge and experience to the next generation; someone did it for you! It takes time; take the time to TALK! To your children, your family, your friends! God

tells us to in his Word. Texting is not talking, it's the avoidance of real personal communication. Is our prayer to God like a text message? Short as possible, impersonal, sent while multi-tasking at other things?

Do you have time to be educated by the Spirit? Do you pray for Wisdom? All the knowledge of man taught to a person without the wisdom of the Spirit indwelling simply makes for smarter criminals and politicians. Matthew 10:16 instructs us to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves, for we are sent forth as sheep among wolves!

Com. Rev. Scott Jenkins, Bros. Dean Branton, Tony Byrd

International Missions: This past year we have not supported a missionary for the first time since missions became an Association endeavor.

In July, the Association voted to begin supporting the Josh Provow family. They will depart for Bulgaria in the near future. Pray for them as they begin their mission overseas. You can learn more about them on their web site, jprovow@fwbgo.com.

Since we now are supporting a mission family again, I encourage our churches to pick up support again because we have increased the support from \$450.00 monthly to \$500.00 monthly. Thanks for your support in the past. Let's keep up the good work! Souls are at stake!

I have enjoyed serving the Association as treasurer for Foreign Missions for 19 years. Any correspondence, or money should be sent to the new treasurer, Rev. Blaine Whitson. Thanks for your support.

Revs. Gerald Fender and Marvin Hensley

Home Missions: Study Matthew 5:14-16. We are to be a light in this world. Our life is more of a testimony than our words. What profit is it if I live one way and testify another? Jesus demonstrated His love, and His teaching was illustrated by His actions and accomplishments.

Hebrews 13:1 teaches us to "Let brotherly love continue". I John 3:17 reads "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" I think home missions is a vague term that covers a multitude of needs, and no two people's needs are the same. Just as Christ is all things to all people, we should stand willing to be what those around us need us to be. The closest most people come to reading

God's Word is mine and your actions. They watch us, and we should be living examples of God's will in everything we do. The best way to praise our Saviour is to show brotherly love towards everyone saved - or lost.

Sadly, we have reached a time that in the communities of our local churches and within our nation, many of our people are living in spiritual darkness. Our eyes and understanding need to be open to the results: marriage and family breakdowns, unconcern for human life, hatred, selfishness, un-natural affection, failures in many of the institutions that affect the lives of so many: the influence of our local churches, and the reverence and respect of God.

If there is to be a reversal of this trend, we must have the favor and power of God in our lives that is witnessed by the world. In order for this to happen, we must have a vision that is based upon love for the people around us, a dedication of ourselves unto God, and a willingness to reach out through the Holy Spirit to all that we can.

We also need to help those local churches that are struggling to keep their doors open and the ministry going in their community. Some of these are without pastors and some need financial help. Through the Association, surely we can join together for this very important work. Presently, we don't have much money to work with. Will you pray? Will you encourage? Will you give?

Rev. Frank Cable, Bros. Owen Barnett, Stanley Ault

Ladies' Auxiliary: As helpers in the church, the ladies may do a lot of "things" to help. They cook and clean, mend and sew. They may be a "Martha" and go about with much business. All that is great and wonderful and needful. However, the greatest task that they can do as helpers in the church is to teach faithfully our young ones and instill in them the faith of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Teach by example, allow our "Light" to shine in such a way they will see the need for the church, to be a worker in the church, and to want the church to continue on. Lois and Eunice were that to Timothy: "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother, Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also". II Tim 1:5. Paul encouraged Timothy and helped him to grow after Timothy was grown up. Seeing the faith of these two women, he was therefore able to become the man that God could use for the ministry, using that same faith

faith in God.

Revs. Dean Murphy, John Stockton, Sis. Dimmerree Brooks

Freewill Baptist Children's Ministries: Bro. Frank Woods from Free Will Baptist Family Ministries gave his report on many of the facets of their ministry. He thanked us for the prayers and support we had rendered. Over the last year, the churches of this Association donated \$74,931.21 through Mother's Day offerings and \$27,156.93 for the new school building. On Aug. 14 there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new building and on Aug. 18 there will be a dedication service for the building.

The new school has a chapel with a huge cross that is very visible at the entrance with two wings of classrooms. They also have the Ten Commandments displayed. Their first priority is to teach them about Christ and that He is the Saviour. Secondly, they want to give the children a good sound education.

He discussed the need for families to stay with God. They are dealing with a lot of abuse and neglect of children. What happens in one more generation if we don't turn back to God? There is no substitute for good parenting.

A 15,000 square foot building has been donated in Arkansas with the hope that the Family Ministries can use it for another Children's Home. Bro. Randy Trivette was evaluating the facility to see if this could be done.

Rev. Woods shared some information about the new assisted living facility in Erwin which is already filled to capacity.

The annual homecoming will be observed on Oct. 18, 2014.

Revs. Jimmy Arrowood, Rickey Hollifield, and Bro. Mike Allison

Sunday Schools: Study Isaiah 54:13. "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

In today's world, children have very little opportunity to learn about the Lord. In times past, children had many ways to learn about Jesus. Christian values were taught at home, at school, by grandparents, and by elders in the community. It isn't that way any longer. Parents are always on the go. Many children live in broken homes. Schools are not allowed to mention Jesus. It isn't safe for our children to even talk to

many people in our communities. So Sunday School is more important now than ever. A person cannot be a good Christian without solid Biblical knowledge.'

Sunday School teachers have a very special calling. They have to be able to deal with everything from dirty diapers to teenage drug use. They need to teach our children the Word of God, moral values, how to dress, and how to conduct themselves as a Christian is supposed to; often, because their parents do not. Remember "Christian" means Christ-like.

Sunday School shouldn't just be a place to send our kids so we can have a break for 30 minutes, but a place to build a solid Christian foundation on which to build a successful Christian life.

Revs. Bernie Jones, John Phillips, Bobby Revis

Sessions: See inside front cover.

Revs. Gary Huffman, Norman Loveless, Clyde Thomason

Resolutions: Resolution means to resolve or settle an opinion or question. Many times you may be asked a lot of questions about God's Word, many religions, and Christian living. I find the best way to answer is by using God's Word in love, using wisdom, being obedient to the Spirit, and studying God's Word. II Timothy 2:15 says "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

God's Word will always stand regardless of the situation. By being skillful in God's Word, people will see a Christ-like Christian, and not a man made opinion. I Peter 3:15: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:".

Too many people today don't attend church on a regular basis. They seem to be willing to use anything for a reason to miss. The deacons and church officers should set an example by attending regular, not just once a month or less. All eyes are on the leaders of the church for guidance. If you don't attend, you are letting the people down. So with determination, please God and set a good example for the rest of the church by attending regular (each time the door is open for service) and showing the rest of the church you are a leader. Philippians 1: 19-21.

Rev. Ralph Hedrick, Bros. Dale Hilemon, Chris Duncan

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Clerk Fund:	\$415.00
Association Fund:	\$1,005.00
Minute Fund:	\$993.00

INTERNATIONAL MISSION FUND REPORT

Beginning balance July 31, 2013	\$6,607.39
Contributors	
Big Creek	\$1200.00
Pathway	\$665.00
Pensacola	\$1000.00
Southside	\$800.00
Woodby Hill	\$300.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Auxiliary	\$120.00
Balance	\$10,692.39
Disbursements	
Paid to Verlin Anderson	\$450.00
Ending Balance as of July 26, 2014	\$10,242.39
Submitted by: Rev. Marvin Hensley	

HOME MISSION FUND REPORT

Beginning balance July 28, 2013	\$2,033.91
Received	
Sept. 2013 Ministers' Conf.	\$20.00
Dec. 2013 Ministers' Conf.	\$169.00
2014 Assoc.	\$705.00
Balance	\$2,927.91
Disbursements	
Unaka Springs FWB	\$1,500.00
Kevin Laws (Revival Posters)	\$61.00
Ending Balance as of July 26, 2014	\$1,366.91
Submitted by: Revs. Frank Cable and B.F. McKinney Jr.	

JACK'S CREEK FWB ASSOCIATION CHILDREN'S HOME

Contributors

Union Hill FWB Church	\$1,000.00
Nix Creek	\$650.00
Youngs Chapel	\$350.00
Crabtree	\$50.00

Total July 25, 2014 **\$2,050.00**

Submitted by: Rev. Bernie Jones

BURIAL FUND JACK'S CREEK FWB ASSOCIATION

Balance July 27, 2013 **\$25,650.00**

Money received \$1,530.00

Balance July 26, 2014 **\$27,180.00**

Submitted by: Rev. Bobby Revis

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND JACK'S CREEK FWB ASSOCIATION

Beginning balance as of July 1, 2013 **\$267,483.11**

Interest earned \$12,976.42

Received from Churches \$2,875.00

Received from Preachers \$1,121.00

Balance **\$284,455.53**

Debits

Administrative Fees \$600.00

Paid out to Ministers \$4,500.00

Balance as of June 30, 2014 **\$279,355.53**

Submitted by: Rev. Jonas Revis

OBITUARIES 2013-2014

Grace Renfro Robinson departed this life September 15, 2013, after a lengthy illness. She loved and was very good at quilting and sewing, crocheting and working with her hands. She was a faithful member and custodian of Brummitts Creek Freewill Baptist Church for many years. She was the wife of Kenneth Robinson who preceded her in death by a little more than one year. Surviving are daughters: Donna Buchanan and Debbie Street; son, Wayne Robinson; several grandchildren and many other family members who miss her very much.

Brummitts Creek Freewill Baptist Church would like to apologize to the family of Kenneth Robinson for the omission of his obituary in the 2012-2013 minutes.

Kenneth Robinson went to be with the Lord August 7, 2012. He was a faithful member of Brummitts Creek Freewill Baptist Church where he played the guitar and sang in a group along with his daughters, Donna Buchanan and Debbie Street, who survive him, along with his wife, Grace Renfro Robinson and son, Wayne Robinson, several grandchildren, brothers, sisters, and friends. He is greatly missed for his quiet and meek spirit by his church and family.

Herbert "Herb" Jenkins (born February 27, 1928), of the Buladean community, passed away on Thursday, September 5, 2013. Herb, the son of Daniel Webster and Della Ball Jenkins, was 85. Herb honorably served his country, with two stints of military service. From 1948-1950, he served in the United States Navy, where he was a Seaman First Class. Afterwards, from 1951-1954, he served in the United States Army, where he achieved the rank of Corporal. Herb left Buladean at an early age to seek work in Baltimore, Maryland. He worked for many years at Glen L. Martin in Baltimore. Herb returned home to Buladean in 1979 and was employed at Texas Instruments in Johnson City, TN, until his retirement. Herb was a fixture in the Buladean community and was known for his wit and willingness to carry on a conversation about most any subject. Herb was a member of Middle District Free Will Baptist Church also in the Buladean community.

Herb was preceded in death by his wife Jean, three brothers, Robert, Venard and W.S. Jenkins, all of Buladean, and four sisters, Dorothy Hughes, Sara Arrowood, Stella Street and Frances Arrowood, also all of Buladean. He is survived by his daughter Beth Hughes, his much beloved grandson Steven Hill and a multitude of family and friends.

Herb was a unique, memorable character and was a staple in north Mitchell County. He could be seen frequenting restaurants and the local country store, where he was engaged in conversations of various topics. Herb will be greatly missed in and around Buladean.



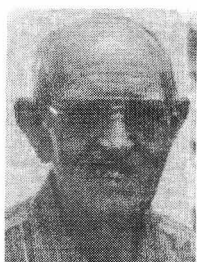
Clay Edwards, age 80, went home to be with the Lord on February 10, 2014. He was a faithful member of Higgins Freewill Baptist Church. He was the son of the late Elbert and Dollie Edwards and the husband of the late Bernie Wilson Edwards. He was a US Army Veteran and retired from GM. He enjoyed singing with a Gospel quartet when he was in Michigan. Surviving are his daughter, Tressie Edwards and fiancé, Randy McCurry; son, Gary Edwards and Judy Zech; and sister, Mary McCurry all of Burnsville and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Edgar Wheeler, age 83, went home to be with the Lord, May 7, 2014. He was a faithful member of Higgins Freewill Baptist Church. He was the son of the late John Moss and Rose Ella Berry Wheeler. He was also preceded in death by four children: an infant, Michael Curtis and Floyd Edward Wheeler; two sisters, Mozzelle Webb and Veo Byrd; two brothers, Lloyd and Boyd

Wheeler. Edgar loved singing gospel music, serving the Lord in church and nursing home services regularly throughout the area. He was self-taught in music and inspired many. Surviving are nine children; Earmel Wheeler (Deborah), Brenda Wheeler, Delane Wheeler (Sherry), Kathy Ayers (Royce), Jimmy Wheeler, Priscilla Wheeler, Loretta Allen (Donny) all of Burnsville, Donna Agner (Barry) of Raleigh, and Angela Wheeler of Mitchell County; twenty-four grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; sister, Alene Silvers (Reece); brother, Floyd Wheeler (Letha) of Burnsville.

Ralph Wilson went home to be with his Lord and Savior December 12, 2013. He was 76 years old. He was the son of the late Alex and Florence Sturgill Wilson. He was a loving husband to Charlene Freeman Wilson and stepfather to Kenny Freeman. He was a member of Pensacola Freewill Baptist Church. He always had a smile for everyone. He loved old time gospel singing. "I Want To Stroll Over Heaven" was one of his favorites. He will be greatly missed.



Herbert Hopson, 84, went home to be with the Lord of September 8, 2013. He leaves behind his loving wife Linda McCurry Hopson, sons Kevin Hopson, Gary Hopson and daughter Susie Hopson Shelton. He is also survived by five grandchildren, four brothers, and four sisters. Herbert was a member of North Bend Freewill Baptist Church where he was a faithful and dedicated member of the church. He loved to sing the songs of Zion. He sang in the church choir as a bass singer and he loved singing with his family. His testimonies at Church and his concern for the young people will be missed.



Myrtle Dochie Dulaney, age 87, went home to be with the Lord, March 24, 2014. A faithful and devoted member of Pilgrim's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, she was the oldest member. Her church was always her great joy in life. She is survived by three daughters, Betty Laws, Margie Dulaney and Madge Robinson; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She is truly missed by her church family and friends. We look forward to the day we can be reunited with her again in Heaven.



Juanita Briggs Woodby, age 55, went home to be with the Lord on December 23, 2013. She was a member of Pilgrim's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. She is survived by two children, Christy Hill and Cody Woodby, two brothers and three sisters. Juanita is truly missed by all her church family and friends, and we look forward to meeting her in Heaven one day.

Douglas Allen Richardson, age 57, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, March 18, 2014. He was a faithful member of Sunset Freewill Baptist Church as long as his health would permit. He was a loving husband to Lucy Richardson. He had one son, David Richardson, one daughter, Katina Bowers, and one step-daughter Angela Lowe.

What a time he must be having in Heaven! He loved his church and was there when he was able. He would lift both long arms and praise the Lord. He would walk and shout all over the church. He was not ashamed of our blessed Lord. He is truly missed by family and friends, but he'll meet us again. He will be at Heaven's gate waiting on us.

Beulah Butler Gardner, age 64, of Hwy 226, Bakersville, NC, passed away November 6, 2013, at Johnson City Medical Center.

She was a native of Mitchell County, NC, and a daughter of the late William Brown and Ethel Clark Butler. She attended Woodby Hill Freewill Baptist Church and was employed as a CNA Caps Worker with Mitchell County.

Survivors include her husband; Fred Gardner, of the home; four sisters; Betty Hopson, of Elizabethton, TN, Bonnie Gouge, of Unicoi, TN, Beverly Woodby and husband, Ken, of Unicoi, TN, and Joy McKinney, of Bakersville, NC; also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Brenda Cross; and a brother, Michael Butler.

Beulah is truly missed by her church family.



Nathan William Woodby, age 89, of Upper Stone Mountain Road, Unicoi, went to be with the Lord Friday, May 23, 2014, at the Johnson City Medical Center Hospital following a brief illness.

Mr. Woodby was a native of Unicoi County and a son of the late Reverend Henderson Woodby and Maggie Headrick Woodby. He was a faithful and dedicated servant of the Lord. Mr. Woodby was a member of Woodby Hill Freewill Baptist Church, where he served as a Sunday School teacher and as a Deacon for the past thirty-eight years.

Mr. Woodby retired as an operator from Nuclear Fuel Services in 1987. He was a World War II Army Veteran, proudly serving his country

in the European Theatre; in France, Germany, and Austria. Mr. Woodby was a sergeant with the 42nd "Rainbow" Infantry Division, 1st Scout, and assisted in the liberation of Dachau Concentration Camp. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, European Campaign Medal, European Occupation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Combat Infantryman Badge.

Mr. Woodby was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, and brother.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by twin sisters: Violet Campbell and Viola Sneyd. Survivors include his wife of sixty years, Lucy Woodby; one son, Kenneth Woodby and wife Beverly, of Unicoi, TN; two daughters, Teresa Simerly and husband Max, of Unicoi, TN; Dianna Bailey, and husband, Frank, of Erwin, TN; two grandsons, David Woodby and Thomas Simerly; three sisters, Dorothy Kirk, Dix, Illinois; Mamie Kimbrell, Johnson City; and Bessie Hill, Unicoi, and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Nathan is greatly missed by his church family.

George "Junior" Greene JR., age 87, went to be with the Lord on September 21, 2013. He was born July 28, 1926. He was a member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. He was a Navy Veteran of World War II. He worked as a Supervisor in the Maintenance Department of James H. Quillen Veteran's Administration and retired after 35 years of service. Survivors include his wife Betty Jo Johnson Greene; two daughters, Connie Meade and Suzanne Berry and her husband Dennis; one son, Sony Greene; three grandchildren and a special neighbor, Betty Lou Chambers. Junior loved the simple part of life and looked after his friends and neighbors. He spent many happy hours restoring his Ford Mustang and the Hampton Bulldogs. By occupation he was a brick mason and an excellent one at that. He wanted to work even when he was so sick. We will see him again someday soon in that special place God is making ready for his children. Until then, we will hold him in our hearts and look forward to a day of reunion.

Diane Lynn Deloach, age 58, went to be with the Lord on October 2, 2013. She was born on December 3, 1954. She was a faithful member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. Sister Diane went home to be with the Lord after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Survivors

include her husband, Kenneth M. Deloach; a daughter, Shanna; two step children, Bryan and Donna. She loved the Young at Heart Sunday School Class, and they showed their love to her in so many ways during her lengthy sickness. Praise God for no more suffering or pain.

Carol Ann Hodge, age 73, went home to be with the Lord on October 8, 2013. Ann was born on February 7, 1940. She was a faithful member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church and enjoyed so much her Sunday School Class and the fellowship of the church. She was a carefree, happy, Christian who loved the Lord and His work. It simply means Heaven just gets sweeter with special Christian friends like Sister Ann. Praise God for a better place.

Linda Gail Johnson Hogan, age 69, went to be with the Lord on October 6, 2013. Linda was born on February 9, 1944. She was a member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. She was the youngest daughter of the late C.B. and Millie Belle Johnson. Linda had been in ill health for over thirty years, but remained a happy-go-lucky person. What a reunion in heaven that must have been when she could see her Lord, her Mom and Dad and her late husband, George, who preceded her in death October 11, 2008, and took such good care of her for so long. A new life with no more pain, "Praise God".

Phillip "Tennessee" Suess, age 94, was the oldest member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. He was instrumental in the church's purchase of his home place property which is now a much needed parking lot. He was retired from the Tennessee Highway State Department. He loved to fish, and he loved to sing. He and his late brother W.A. Suess and sister Edna Sims were faithful members of Valley Forge FWB Church for over fifty years.

Jerry Lee Hubbard, age 68, attended Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church as long as his health permitted. His wife, Loretta Hubbard, is one of the most active members of the Young At Heart Sunday School Class. Jerry was a shy man but he had a great respect for God and the Lord's work.

Carroll Glen "Shorty" Wiseman, age 71, went to be with the Lord on March 18, 2014. He was born on November 5, 1942. He was a faithful and dedicated member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church for well over sixty years. He not only talked the talk, but he walked the walk. Brother "Shorty" had Alzheimer's disease in his later years for much too long. No longer is he confused and sad but enjoying the beauty of Heaven and is with the Lord singing in the Heavenly choir. He was the son of the late Ben Wiseman, a deacon of Valley Forge FWB Church for many years. He is survived by his wife, Linda; two sons, Glen Ray and Michael; four grandchildren; and a host of friends. Even with the Alzheimer's and unable to recognize his wife, he knew the Lord and still could sing all four verses of "Amazing Grace".

Norene Williams Jenkins, age 91, went to be with the Lord on May 16, 2014. Sister Norene was born on February 18, 1923. She was a dedicated and faithful member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church for over sixty-six years. She was preceded in death by her late husband Henry Jenkins. She is survived by her daughter, Carole Elaine Stout; one son, Henry Wayne "Hank" Jenkins; and six grandchildren. Sister Norene was a short woman in stature and many simply called her "Short Woman", but her laughter was infectious. Her Christian life was an example to others. She loved her Young At Heart Sunday School Class. Thank God for the hope of seeing her again and our loved ones who are in Heaven.

Kenneth Deloach, age 66, went to be with the Lord on February 23, 2014. He was born on June 11, 1947. He was a faithful member of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Diane Deloach, who had battled cancer and went home to be with the Lord only three months earlier, October 2, 2014.

Bethany Holder, age 13, attended Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church. She was born on September 15, 2000, and after a short life, went to be with the Lord on March, 17, 2014. She struggled for a long time with Cystic Fibrosis. It was a struggle to even breathe. Now she is so happy and free and breathing without machines in that special place God's preparing for His children called Heaven. Now she is one of God's little angels. She is survived by her parents, Gary and Patty Holder.

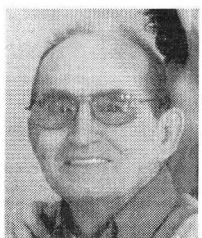
Churches	Baptized	Members Added	Dismissed	Deaths	Membership	Average in Sunday School	Communicants/Foot W.	Ladies Auxiliary	C.T.S.	Minute Fund	Association Fund	Clerk & Mod. Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid for Revivals	Children's Home	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Disable Minister's Fund	Poor and Sick	Improvement On Church Property	Value of Church Property
Big Creek	3	4			87	82		17		100	150	50	11,850		3,325	5,039	1,200	500	11,750	22,358	505,117
Borings Chapel																					65,000
Brummitt's Creek				1	39	18	4			20	20	20	7,200	500					3,519		330,000
Colbert's Creek			2		18	14	1			20											
Covy Rock	6	13		3	152	77	3			25	20	20	20,800	1,000	1,781	500	6,669		5,020	11,000	454,993
Crabtree					16	19	1			25	40	25	7,950	400	50	25	25	100	500		131,841
Davistown		1			21	24	4			40	50	10	2,600						4,067	31,104	297,223
Higgins				2	160	87	4			45	20	5	20,800	1,000	504	1,677		65	1,634		566,304
Hillcrest					37	17	3			20	20	15	5,200			50		50			250,000
Low Gap	1				75	45	2		15	50	50	10	11,500	1,000	2,093	1,000	300	100			310,000
Middle District	2	18		1	68	51			21	40	40	25	17,630	300	1,125		1,450		2,988		375,000
New Hope		9	5		20	17	2			25			8,875	500	700			100	3,400	2,500	290,000
Nix Creek						33		5		30	25	25		600	650	279	1,200	75	2,210		181,320
North Bend			3	1	54	54	1		16	50	100	25	10,300		3,264	3,660	600	100	4,369	9,196	548,935
Pathway	4	1			46	53	3	12		37	20	20	6,000				420		4,800		150,000
Pensacola				1	80	40	1	8	10	40	50	10	11,986	727	139	150	1,000	200	9,205	4,538	170,000
Peterson's Chapel																					376,620
Pilgrim's Chapel			1	2	38	17				20	15	10	6,890	1,628					692	550	71,000
Piney Grove				1	56	47	1	8		25	60	5	20,400	1,300	1,200	400	1,470	60	3,149	2,740	790,000
Southside		2		7	277	102	4	25		50	15	25	35,100	1,700	5,058	800	800	260	9,160	80,000	1,690,000
Sunset		2		1	79	45	4			63	15	15	24,952	600	1,396	300	800	50	11,631	50,000	412,000
Union Hill		3				38				25	40	25	7,050	2,500	1,000			100	1,462	664	94,752
Vale				1	29	19	2			31	50	25	12,500	200	100	236		50	100		140,000
Valley Forge	21	34	8	8	682	390	2	88	265	125	100	25		5,675	8,454	86,976	12,697	300	55,909	301,958	5,296,602
Woodby Hill				2	48	27	1	6		38	50	5	12,575		1,230	120	420	25	2,008	3,750	151,375
Youngs Chapel		1		2	74	53	3	9	23	50	50	20	15,600	2,000	350	4,501	300		4,412	3,401	200,000
Totals	37	88	19	33	2,156	1,369		178	350	994	1,000	415	277,758	21,630	32,419	105,713	29,351	2,135	141,985	523,759	13,848,082



Janice Honeycutt Wheeler, age 68, of Burnsville, went home to be with the Lord, Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at John F. Keever Solace Center in Asheville. She was the daughter of the late Daniel and Hazel Byrd Honeycutt. She was also preceded in death by a son, Anthony Branton; husband, Paul Branton, and brothers; Gerald and Larry Dean Honeycutt. She was a member of

Young's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and was a retired employee of Glen Raven Mills.

Surviving are her husband, Jerry Wheeler; a daughter, Monica Pearson and husband, Christopher, of Columbia, SC; sons, Marty Branton and wife, Dorene, and Danny Branton, and wife, Gail; a step daughter; Angie Swartz and Husband Eric; a step son, David Wheeler of Burnsville, grandchildren: Cody, Dawson, Jalen, Paul, Nicaela, Hayden, Malikai, Kyleigha, Nyasia, Randi, Megan, Hagen, Jared, and Dawson; 3 great grandchildren; Emily, Alyson, and Mason; and a brother, Bobby Honeycutt and wife, Marie, of Taylors, SC. She is greatly missed by her church, family, and friends. Her pain and struggles are over. Victory is yours. **YOU WON!!!**



Gale Silver, age 81, of Shoal Creek, went home to be with the Lord, Saturday, April 5, 2014, at his home surrounded by his family. He was the son of the late Shelby and Martha Silver. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Doris Jones Silver, sisters: Carrie, Callie, Evie, and Nola, and brothers: Dee and Dan Silver. He was a member of Young's Chapel FWB Church.

Gale was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army and a retired employee of Baxters.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Emogene Branton Silver, sons: Daryl and Adam Silver of the home; daughters: Deborah Roberts and husband, Dale, of Weaverville, Shelia Fruechtenicht of Greenville, SC, Theresa Radeker and husband, Scott, of Rock Springs, GA, Angie Laws and husband, Mark, of Green Mountain, and Megan Silver of the home; grandchildren: Kristie, Becky, Doug, Ellie, Faith, Shelby, Tanner, Sydney, Kylie, and Ayden; great grandchildren: Parker and Alex; sisters; Eva McCurry and husband, R.D., of Marion and Barbara Fox of Burnsville, a

brother, David Silver, of Marion; and his mother-in-law, Etta Jones, of Burnsville. He was a loving husband, daddy, papaw, brother, friend, and is greatly missed.

2013 - 2014 Ministers' Conferences

Union Hill Freewill Baptist Church

September 28, 2013

The Jack's Creek FWB Ministers' Conference met with the Union Hill FWB Church at Tipton Hill on September 28, 2013. The session began with the pastor Clifton McCurry welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus". Devotions were given by Rev. Ralph Hedrick reading from Phil. 1:13-14. He spoke to us on the topic, "Suffer with Christ, Reign with Christ". He told us that there was suffering as we go through life, but what a joy it is to be a follower of Christ. We shall also reign with Him on high. There were several testimonies and much rejoicing from this topic. It was spirit moving. Prayer was given by Rev. Marvin Hensley.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley who was filling in for Rev. J.C. Sheets who had been called away for a revival. The rules of decorum were read, the minutes from the last session were read and approved with no exceptions. The ministers' roll call was given with all standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were Josh Miller from Nix Creek (Pastor) and Andy McGuire from College Park. Deacons and delegates were enrolled. We welcomed United Friendship FWB Church and College Park FWB Church as visiting churches.

The call was made for anyone seeking licenses or ordination with Andy McGuire having a letter read asking for license. He was turned over to the investigating committee.

In other business, the Moderator discussed a recent phone call he had and a letter received from our missionary to the Ivory Coast, Rev. Verlin Anderson. He stated that Rev. Anderson had resigned from the mission field with Freewill Baptist Foreign Missions, but would continue his mission work in the Ivory Coast. He would continue to receive funds from the Nashville board until November of 2013. Rev. Marvin Hensley

asked if we needed to withhold funds until another Missionary was appointed by the Nashville board. A motion was made and approved to hold church and association funds until we heard from Nashville.

Bro. Mike Allison spoke to us from FWB Children's Ministries, telling us that the ministry deals mainly with the Hope Center for pregnant mothers and for the program to help get teenage and young adults free from drugs and alcohol. It also provides counseling for thousands of young people each year with over one hundred being saved and brought to Christ each year. He thanked us for all we do for the home each year.

Rev. J.C. Sheets was elected Moderator with Rev. Dennis Autrey as his assistant for the next session.

Rev. Frank Cable talked about the Conference Revival and asked if we wanted to have it again and who would serve as the organizational committee. The conference wanted to keep the prior committee and for them to decide where to have it and who will preach each night. Rev. Dean Murphy spoke about the disabled Ministers' fund. He stated that the rule is that the minister or his family has to ask for help and sign a form.

The conference called for the license of Rev. Jody Trantham who has not reported to the conference for one year. The clerk has his license in his possession.

11:00 A.M. Preaching

The service began with the congregation singing "Heaven's Jubilee". Prayer was led by Rev. Frank Cable. The message was given by Rev. Terry Richardson reading from Psalms 27:1 and Col. 3:23. He spoke on the topic "I will seek after the Lord". He said that not many people today are standing for the Lord and His values and principles. He stated that the church needs to stand for the things named in the Bible. He asked us how many people would stand when there was trouble on every hand and the church was under great persecution. He asked us if God knew on whose side we stood? We may think no one is paying attention, but others watch where we stand on issues that involve God and his Holy Book. They are looking to see something in our life worth patterning after. He preached a very inspiring message. What am I standing for and where do I stand?

In the final business of the day the ordaining council recommended

Phillip Hughes and Ben James be licensed for one year. The conference gave approval . A final prayer request was given for Rev. Jonas Revis who is very sick. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Billy Styles.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Blaine Whitson , Clerk

**Mt. Calvary Freewill Baptist Church
December 28, 2013**

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Ministers' Conference met with the Mt. Calvary F.W.B. Church in Marion, North Carolina, at 9:30 A.M. The session began with Pastor Rick Wood welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The Congregation sang "Heaven's Jubilee". Devotions were given by Rev. Roger Thompson reading from Jeremiah 18:1-5 and Luke 9:23. Rev. Thompson spoke to us about the potters house, and how we are the clay and God shapes and molds us to fit His perfect will. He reminded us that we are servants to Christ and to the Church. He encouraged us to let God use and mold our lives. Prayer was given by Rev. Junior Peterson.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J.C. Sheets. He read the Rules of Decorum and then called for the minutes of the last session to be read. There were no exceptions to the minutes. The ministers' roll call was made with all ministers standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were Revs. Frank Wood, Verlin Anderson, Jonathan Cable, and Joshua Hollifield. United Fellowship FWB Church and Mt. Calvary FWB Church were visiting churches. There were no ministers seeking license, ordination, or license renewal. Revs. Junior Peterson and B.F. McKinney, Jr. stood and apologized for missing the last two conferences. The conference voted to accept their apology. The investigating committee asked that the investigation of Rev. Andy McGuire be carried over until the next conference in March. The conference gave its approval.

Rev. J.C. Sheets spoke to the conference concerning smaller churches not taking care of their pastors. He stated that all churches are important and so are their pastors. He said that if people would tithe and give to the church we would not have this problem.

The Moderator for the next conference will be Rev. Roger Thompson with Rev. Ralph Hedrick as his assistant. The topic committee

will be Revs. Billy Styles, Paul Bennett, and Russell Hughes. The conference then had a moment of silence for Rev. Theodore Fleenor, who, after many years of preaching and service to the Lord, went on to Heaven. Rev. Frank Cable then played a song that is to be used at future funerals of our ministers.

Rev. Verlin Anderson, from the International Missions spoke to us about his work in the Ivory Coast of Africa, and how his work has caused a misunderstanding with the Nashville Mission Board. He said that he would continue his work with The Christian Health Service Corps and hoped the Nashville board would continue to support his work but could not guarantee this. He said his ministry is now getting to more people and doing more for them both in the gospel and in health areas.

Rev. Frank Wood from Freewill Baptist Family Ministries reported to us that they really appreciate the support of our Association financially and spiritually, especially, our prayers. He talked to us about the home's reputation in the whole south, and what they were doing to help drug and alcohol addiction in our young men. He also spoke about the ground breaking for the new school facility and chapel. It will be a major undertaking. He asked all our churches to collect one dollar for each member on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014, to help with this worthy project. Finally, he told of eleven young people saved at the home. We recessed for preaching.

11:00 Preaching Service

We were welcomed back by the pastor. Nathaniel Causby and Dawn Hollifield from the church sang "Its Under the Blood" and "I Praise You Because I'm Redeemed". Prayer was given by Rev. Bill Greer. Rev. Kevin Laws brought the message of the hour reading from II Corinthians 3:1-18. His subject was "There used to be a veil". He spoke of the Priest, the Veil, the Sacrifice, and how Jesus was the ultimate and final sacrifice for the sins of man. He spoke of the Glory of God and how Moses could not look on His face because of man's sin nature. There was also the Glory when the tabernacle was dedicated and how His Glory filled the tabernacle. He stated that we have crowded that Glory out today with our ideas and opinions. He said that the Glory of our God would change us in such a way we would never be the same. We need to get the veil out and

let the Glory of God lead us and shine in our life. He preached a wonderful, spirit filled message that we all needed. The session closed with fellowship and prayer by Rev. Norman Loveless.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Blaine Whitson Clerk

Piney Grove Freewill Baptist Church

March 29, 2014

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Ministers' Conference met with Piney Grove F.W.B. Church in Hampton, TN, at 9:30 A.M. The session began with Rev. Ted Lewis welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "I'll Fly Away". Devotions were given by Rev. Charlie Trevitt reading from I Thessalonians 5:18. He spoke about giving thanks in all things. He reminded us of what we ought to give thanks for and who we should give thanks to. Prayer was given by Rev. Norman Loveless.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Roger Thompson, reading the Rules of Decorum. Minutes of the last session were read and approved with no exceptions. The ministers' roll call was given with everyone standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were Revs. Frank Wood, Verlin Anderson, Jonathan Cable, and Joshua Hollifield. They were welcomed by the moderator. Visiting churches were Friendship, Unaka Springs, Hunt Dale Union, Mt. Calvary, and Fork Mountain FWB Churches. The moderator called for anyone seeking license or ordination with Rev. Jacob Cochran being turned over to the Tennessee investigating committee for ordination while Rev. John Phillips was granted a renewal of license. Rev. Andrew McGuire was turned over to the ordaining council for questioning for license.

In new business, a letter was read by Piney Grove FWB Church concerning a house that was recently built for a man in the community with the help of several other churches in the community and what a miracle it had turned out to be. Revs. Paul Bennett, Scott Jenkins, and Jacob Cochran stood and apologized for absences. The conference voted to approve them. Rev. Junior Peterson spoke about the need for all our churches to have church by-laws with several specific things spelled out. He said our churches are facing many problems, and we need to be prepared. He recommended the Southern Christian Legal Services for any help we may need. Devotions for the Ministers' Conference during association will be Rev. Darrell Edwards.

In old business Rev. Frank Cable talked about the revival for the association and that the committee would meet during lunch to finalize a meeting place and set the date of the revival. He also stated that Rev. Clint Morgan from F.W.B. Missions would be here at the Association to speak to us.

Rev. Verlin Anderson spoke to clarify what God is using him for as he continues his work in the Ivory Coast. He apologized for lack of clarity in December. His funding is coming from F.W.B. in Michigan and here. He is still a F.W.B. and so are our churches in the Ivory Coast. He explained what the Christian Health Services Corp. is and what they are about. He is coordinating several groups as he continues to evangelize.

Rev. Frank Woods from F.W.B. Family Ministries thanked God for saving his soul and gave praise to God. Then he gave a report, stating that Randy Trevett has been hired to head up the maintenance dept. and oversee two building projects going on at the family ministry. He talked about the projects and the building in progress of the school. He also explained why the Duck Dynasty fundraiser was cancelled. He said it makes no sense to be trying to get young men off drugs and alcohol at the home and support the production of wine, which Duck Dynasty is doing. He said there was a waiting list at the Hope Center where 116 babies were born. Revival is occurring at the ministry with 14 saved and 8 baptized in the past two weeks. The South Carolina Children's Home has closed its doors. F.W.B. Family Ministries offered to take them in, but they refused. Finally, foster care recruitment for Carter County will be Thurs. night May 1 at Valley Forge F.W.B.

11:00 Preaching Service

Pastor Ted Lewis welcomed us back with a congregational song "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder". Prayer was given by Rev. Jonas Revis. Rev. Terry Richardson preached the message reading from Joshua 24:14 using the topic, "Are we still where we were?" He spoke about as for me and my house we will serve the Lord. Is there still God in our house? We need him out in the world. He spoke of Joshua and his house and how we still need to choose right from wrong. He stated that in the church we are too busy pouting to be shouting; that's not service. We need to be working together for the things of God and to get things accomplished. He said that the fear of God has left people and that the great falling away is upon us. He encouraged all pastors to continue their work. He really inspired us and told us to press on.

In the final business of the day, the ordaining council recommended Andrew McGuire for license to preach and to serve with Rev. Matthew Guy for two years. The conference approved \$1,500.00 and took up a collection of \$520.00 for work going on at Unaka Springs FWB Church, with the \$1, 500.00 coming from Home Missions fund. \$302.00 was taken up for lunch for Piney Grove.

Respectfully submitted: Blaine Whitson, Clerk

New Hope Free Will Baptist Church

July 26, 2014

The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference was welcomed by the pastor, Rev. Norman Loveless. Devotions were given by Rev. Darrell Edwards using Ps. 95. God knows what is going on in our lives. We need to be attentive to keeping our garments spotless. Judgment is just and swift. Opening prayer was led by Rev. Frank Cable.

The moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley, called the session to order and read the Rules of Decorum. The minutes of the previous session were read and accepted. The Ministers' Roll call was made, and all ministers that were in fellowship with God and each other were asked to stand. Deacons and visiting delegates were enrolled and seated. Visiting ministers were called for: Rev. Verlin Anderson responded and was welcomed. There was no one seeking license, ordination, or membership.

The officers for the next year were elected and are listed on page 3 of these minutes. The change in our quarterly meetings was read which had been approved by the Association. We now meet on the last Saturday of October, January, and April regardless if there is a fifth Sunday or not.

The Tennessee investigating committee will hold their report on Rev. Jacob Cochran until he is able to attend the conference. He is presently doing ministry work in Texas.

Rev. Frank Cable announced the upcoming Association Revival to be held at North Bend FWB Church, Sept. 22, 2014. Sister Star Bennett was called upon to draw the names of the preachers for the revival: Monday night, Rev. Ulis Miller, Tuesday night, Rev. Glenn Walden, Wednesday night, Rev. Russell Hughes, Thursday night, Rev. Matthew Guy, Friday night, Rev. Steve Cochran, and two alternates, Rev. Kelly Pittman and Rev. Bernie Jones.

Rev. Verlin Anderson read a letter which he desired to be printed in the minutes. The letter was mentioned during the Association and is printed in those minutes. He also passed out a sign-up sheet for those who would like to continue to receive updates from him. There was some discussion about the continued support of Rev. Anderson, and it was determined to let each church do as they felt led. An offering was received for him in the amount of \$360.67.

Bro. Mike Allison of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries spoke about the different ministries of the home. He talked about the movie, "Heaven is For Real". The movie should be an eye-opener to those people who believe it is okay to abort unwanted babies. He thanked all that had helped by their giving for the new school building and chapel. He wants to visit each of the churches and desires an appointment. His number can be found on the inside front cover of these minutes.

The moderator for the next conference will be Rev. B.F. McKinney, Jr., the assistant moderator Rev. Paul Bennett, devotions Rev. Clyde Thomason, topic committee: Revs. Matthew Guy, Norman Loveless, and Henry Berry. \$192.00 was received to help with the cost of feeding the Conference. This session was closed in prayer by Rev. J.C. Sheets. Everyone was dismissed except the preachers of this Ministers' Conference which held an Executive Session.

Submitted by Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk

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Bennett, Paul	Friendship Chapel, N. 226 Hwy., Bakersville, NC
Cochran, Steve	Unaka Springs Freewill Baptist, Erwin, TN
Deyton, Rodney	Mountain Dale 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	Huntale Union Church, Green Mountain, NC
Jones, Bernie	Toe River Freewill Baptist, Huntale, NC
Laws, Roger	Fellowship Freewill Baptist, Erwin, TN
Sheets, J.C.	Limestone Cove Freewill Baptist, Unicoi, TN
Stockton, John L.	Curtis Creek Freewill Baptist, Banner Elk, NC
Styles, Billy	United Friendship Freewill Baptist, Marion, NC
Trivette, Charlie	Fork 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 and harmonious in every divine perfection. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time." I Timothy 2: 5-6

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

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

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

Article 5 - **Christian Faith** - We believe that Christian faith is belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures; that faith comes by hearing the Word of God. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that

believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3: 36

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

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

Article 8 - Perseverance - We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men, who have been converted, to make shipwreck of the faith, turn again to sin, and be lost. "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9: 62

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

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

Article 11 - The Lord's Supper - We believe that the supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance; that the bread and fruit of the vine represent His body and blood; that it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in service regardless of

name of denominational distinction. "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." I Corinthians 11: 28-29

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

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

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

Church Covenant

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Constitution of Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary to the expedition of business, and every committee appointed to any particular business shall report their proceedings in writing to the

Association while in session, and all reports may be adopted or rejected by the body.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Constitution And By-Laws

Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference

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

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

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

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

Article 5. This Conference shall meet on the last Saturday of October, January, April, and the Saturday of 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. Amended July 25, 2014

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

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

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

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

Article 10. Revised by a unanimous vote March 9, 2003. All applicants licensed by this Conference will be licensed to preach for one year. Upon the majority approval of the Conference, the license may be renewed annually. This license does not permit the licensed preacher to officiate at a marriage. A licensed

preacher may baptize converts and administer the Communion and Feet Washing service under the direct supervision of an ordained Free Will Baptist minister. Licensed preachers are expected to preach at least twenty-four sermons a year. If any preacher neglects to do so, (unless providentially hindered) he will be entitled to a seat in this Conference only as a visiting minister. All new licensed preachers will be assigned to one of our most able pastors for the period of two (2) years. Only pastors that are willing to accept the responsibility to work with the licensed preachers will be asked to participate. The licensed preachers in this program are with the pastor to observe and learn and are not to interfere or hinder the work of that pastor. The licensed preacher will not be considered to be an associate pastor. The senior pastor that he has served under will, at the end of the two (2) years, present a complete report to the Ministers' Conference in a written letter. Any new applicants on or after this date, March 29, 2003, will be required to go through this program. The new applicants are asked to attend the senior pastor's church when he is not preaching somewhere. The licensed preacher at the end of this program, providing a good report was received from the senior pastor, may request to be ordained . Amended August 1, 2009

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

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

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

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

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

Article 14. To constitute a quorum, at least half of the members on the roll must be present in order for the meeting to be called to order and business conducted. No session of Conference will be considered legal if fifteen or more ordained ministers are not present. Amended August 1, 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 regular session at North Bend Free Will Baptist Church, June, 1919. Re-adopted in Conference, September, 1944. Revised and re-adopted at Locust Gap Free Will Baptist, Mountain City, TN, August 9, 1975. Amended March 28, 2003

Resolutions and Rules - Adopted Since 1948

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

August 12, 1994 - Rules Committee Report: "We also make the following

motion: No one is to be nominated for any office or committee unless present at the meeting in which the nomination occurs, unless the nominee has been informed and agrees prior to the nomination to accept the position if elected.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. This organization shall be known as the Jack’s Creek Free Will Baptist Disabled Ministers’ 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.

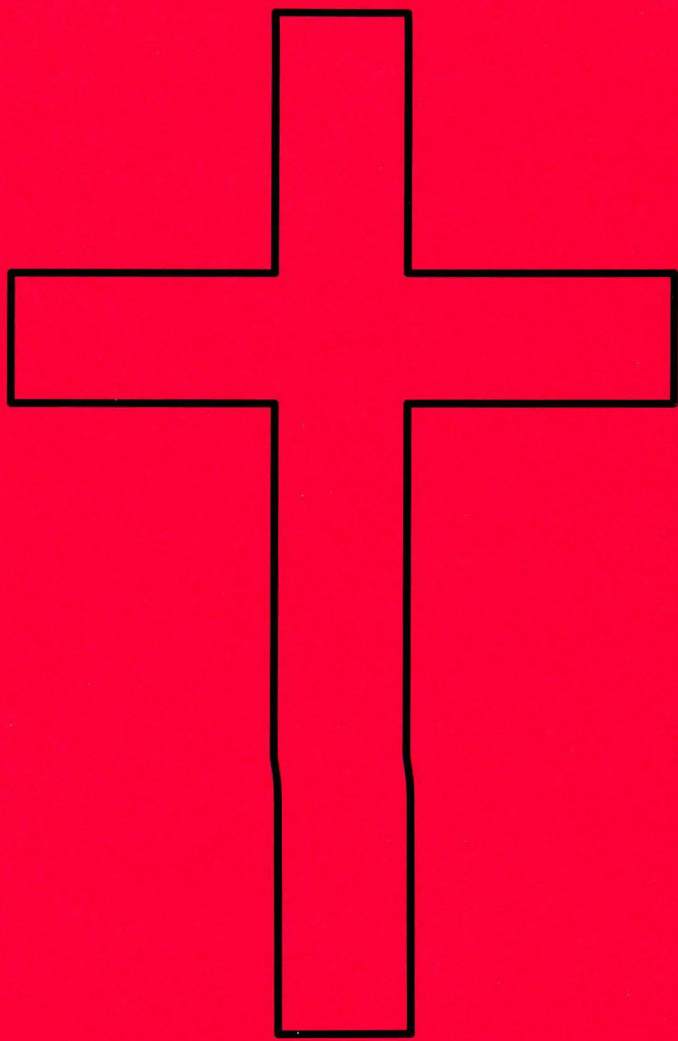
Description of health condition and financial status:

Date _____ Signature _____

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

Date _____

Signature _____



Jesus saith unto him, I am the
way, the truth, and the life: no man
cometh unto the Father, but by me.
John 14: 6