



2014 - 2015

Minutes of the 120th Session

Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association

Officers:

Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley

Asst. Moderator, Rev. Bobby Revis

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Asst. Clerk, Rev. Frank Cable

Next Session:

Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church

Green Mtn., NC, July 28 - 29, 2016

2015 - 2016 Sessions

October 31, 2015, Conference: North Bend FWB Church, 9:30

AM. Devotions - Rev. Scott Jenkins, Rev. Keith Miller, alternate.

Preaching - Rev. Bobby Revis, Rev. Roger Thompson, alternate.

January 30, 2016, Conference: Pensacola FWB Church, 9:30

AM. Devotions - Rev. Paul Bennett, Rev. Ronnie Peterson, alternate.

Preaching - Rev. John Stockton, Rev. Henry Berry, alternate.

April 30, 2016, Conference: Youngs Chapel FWB Church, 9:30

AM. Devotions - Rev. Rodney Deyton, Rev. Ralph Hedrick, alternate.

Preaching - Rev. Bill Greer, Rev. Rickey Hollifield, alternate.

July 28 - 29, 2016, Association: Big Creek FWB Church, 10:30

AM first day, 9:30 AM second day. Introductory message - Rev. Phillip

Hughes, Rev. Roger Thompson, alternate. Afternoon devotions - Rev.

Rickey Hollifield. Thursday night message - Rev. Blaine Whitson, Rev.

Kevin Laws, alternate. Friday morning devotions - Rev. Gary Huffman.

Friday morning message - Rev. Charlie Trivette, Rev. Jimmy Arrowood,

alternate. Friday afternoon devotions - Rev. Frank Cable.

July 30, 2016, Conference: Big Creek FWB Church, 9:30 AM.

Association Revival - Sept. 21-26, 2015 - Sunset FWB Church

Preaching, Mon., Rev. Bobby Revis; Tues., Rev. Jonas Revis;

Wed., Rev. Dennis Autrey; Thurs., Rev. Marvin Hensley; Fri., Rev. Frank

Cable; alternates, Rev. Henry Berry and Rev. B.F. McKinney, Jr.

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Reverend Ulis Miller

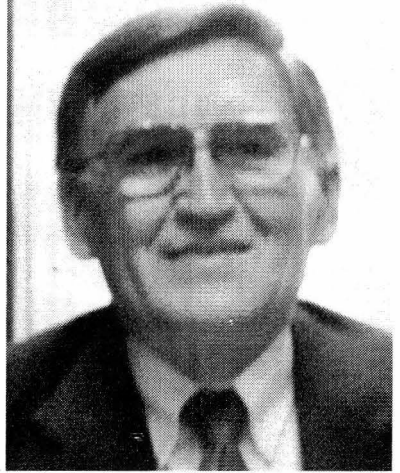
Rev. Miller finished his course in this world June 29, 2015, by the call of the Lord. He is survived by his dear wife, Faye Johnson Miller, of 66 years; one daughter, Teresa Kay Bowman and husband Doug; and two grand-daughters.

He was a very dedicated servant of the Lord. He served his country, his family, his community, the Church, and the Association faithfully.

He was licensed to preach by the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference on October 29, 1966. He became the pastor of Unicoi F.W.B. Church on January 1, 1967. On October 28, 1967, he was ordained to fulfill all the duties of a minister by the Jack's Creek F.W.B. Ministers' Conference. Through the years, he also served as Pastor at North Bend F.W.B. Church, Brummitts Creek F.W.B. Church, Big Creek F.W.B. Church, Hunt Dale F.W.B. Church, and Pathway F.W.B. Church.

As a member of the Jack's Creek F.W.B. Association and Ministers' Conference, he was very active, dependable, and faithful. He began serving as the Assistant Clerk of the Association with Rev. Holt Harrell and then as Clerk from 1972 - 2008. He helped re-structure the present Disabled Ministers' Fund and the development of the Ministers' Burial Fund. He led in the compiling of a history of the Association and then completed the project by writing a book and having it printed. The finished project was published in 1994 and is entitled "History of the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association".

We have been greatly blessed by the leadership, kindness, and love that Rev. Ulis Miller gave to us who knew him and walked with him through the years. Through his exemplary life, we can see the benefits of living a Christian life according to the teachings of the Holy Bible.



Rules of Decorum

Article 1. This session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Article 2. There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

Article 3. Every member wishing to speak shall first rise to his feet and address the moderator.

Article 4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

Article 5. We will admit of no other title but that of Brother while in session.

Article 6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

Article 7. No member shall speak more than three times on one subject. No member is to speak more than five minutes on one subject.

Article 8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by those who made it.

Article 9. No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of the Moderator.

Article 10. On all motions, when the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

Article 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as another member providing the Chair is filled.

Article 12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.

OFFICERS OF THE JACK'S CREEK FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Moderator	Rev. Marvin Hensley
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Assistant Clerk:

Rev. Frank Cable

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NC: Chairman: Rev. Clyde Thomason, Rev. Dean Murphy, Rev. Russell Hughes, and Alternate, Rev. Roger Thompson

Flowers for Ministers: **TN:** Rev. B.F. McKinney, Jr. Alternate, Rev. Lester Perkins. **NC:** Rev. Bobby Revis. Alternate, Rev. Frank Cable

PROCEEDINGS

The Jack's Creek Association met for its 120th session with Southside Freewill Baptist Church in Erwin, Tennessee on July 30, 2015 at 10:30 AM. Welcome was given by Pastor Kevin Laws who made necessary announcements. He read Matthew 18:18-20. Prayer by Rev. Keith Miller. The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus".

Rev. Marvin Hensley was introduced as the preacher for the opening message. He read from II Chronicles 26:6-10, 14 and Ecclesiastes 4:13. His topic was "Lust of the flesh, lust of the eye and pride of life". He gave a brief history of what was going on in Israel with the king's people. He talked about Uzziah and how he prospered as long as he did right in the sight of God, "Yet his heart was turned to his destruction". He withstood the priest and the house of God. He was plagued with leprosy for the remainder of his days. We are to seek the things of God.

Rev. Hensley then spoke of Solomon, the wisest man of his day. In both cases, he told us, if we closed the book when the good deeds of their life ended, we would think highly of them, but they both turned to evil. Thank God for the strong men in our life! He pointed out that our country is letting little nations lead us spiritually down the wrong road. Where are the strong men? Where is America's strength? Our people and nation have walked away from God. God is first looking for praise and honor from us. God's people and America need repentance! We have

become wise to do evil. Jesus is alive so let's trust Him! He preached an encouraging, much needed message.

Afternoon Business Session

The afternoon session began at 1:30 PM with a welcome from the pastor, Rev Kevin Laws. There was a congregational song, "My Name is Written There". Rev. Bernie Jones gave devotions. He read from Proverbs 14:11-12, "...a way which seemeth right unto a man" and Psalms 37:4, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart". Prayer was led by Rev. B.F. McKinney, Jr.

The Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley, called the 120th business session to order and read the Rules of Decorum. The church letters were read and the delegates were seated.

CHURCH LETTERS

Big Creek: Bro. Tony Byrd and Sis. Christy Miller

Borings Chapel: No Report

Brummitts Creek: Sis. Star Bennett

Colberts Creek: No Report

Covy Rock: Bro. Larry Brown, Bro. Al Brown, Sis. Linda Brown, Sis. Barbara Miller, and Sis. Marie Laws

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

Davistown: Rev. Frank Cable, Bro. Gene Howell, Bro. Gene Wilson

Higgins: No Delegates

Hillcrest: No Delegates

Low Gap: Bro. Dale Hilemon and Bro. Carson Jones

Middle District: Rev. Scott Jenkins

New Hope: Rev. Ben James and Sis. Whitney James

Nix Creek: Bro. Ronnie Brooks, Bro. Mike Lister, Bro. Dupey Harris, Sis. Gidget Harris, and Sis. Dimmerree Brooks

North Bend: Rev. Phillip Hughes, Bro. Owen Barnett, Bro. Frank Briggs, Bro. Eddie Tipton, Sis. Betty Renfro, Sis. Gayla Hughes, and Sis. Betty Briggs

Pathway: Bro. Jerry Williams, Bro. John Ault, Bro. Gary Peterson, Bro. Chris Duncan

Pensacola: Rev. Keith Miller, Bro. Ronald Fox, and Sis. Jackie Fox

Peterson's Chapel: No Delegates

Pilgrim's Chapel: Rev. Clyde Thomason

Piney Grove: Bro. Dennis Clark, Sis. Charlotte Clark, and Sis. Yvonne McMahan

Southside: Rev. Kevin Laws, Bro. Scott Bradford, Bro. Maurice Robinson, Bro. Gary Phillips, Bro. Clyde Griffith, and Bro. Kenneth Phillips

Sunset: Rev. Terry Richardson and Sis. Brenda Morelock

Union Hill: No Delegates

Vale: Rev. Gary Huffman and Sis. Norma Huffman

Valley Forge: Bro. Bob Ray and Sis. Pat Ray

Woodby Hill: Sister Frances Guinn and Sis. Lucy Bryant

Youngs Chapel: Bro. Lee Thompson, Bro. Dean Branton, and Sis. Billie Thompson

The Ministers' roll call was read and the ministers were seated. Visiting ministers were Rev. Robbie Casey from Johnson City F.W.B. Church and Frank Woods from the Freewill Baptist Family Ministries. Delegates from visiting churches were welcomed; Odoms Chapel - David Caurgron and Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, and Hunt Dale Union - Rev. Rickey Hollifield.

Rev. Charlie Trivette made a motion if a church is delinquent and did not send a report or a letter to the Association, the Association Investigating Committee would check and see what the problem may be. The motion was approved.

The Association then proceeded to elect officers for the coming year. A complete list of all officers is given on page 2 of this book. The topic committees were then chosen from the delegation for reports to be given on Friday. A complete list and their submissions are given later in these minutes.

The conference then welcomed Rev. Frank Woods from Freewill Baptist Family Ministries, who gave us a brochure about an upcoming event at the ministry on Sept. 28 and 29. He said this would be a workshop to help churches understand the Supreme Court's recent ruling allowing gays and lesbians to marry and what the church needs to do to protect itself. He also spoke about the religious freedoms that are quickly being eroded in this country. He then quoted Prov. 14:14 that states that "righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any nation". He also spoke about how the transgender issue will affect us and our children in public and in our public schools. He said that the scheduled speakers are legal authorities on these subjects we face today. He said that the meetings will begin at 12:00 PM at the Oaks on September 28, 2015.

Rev. Frank Cable then spoke about the Jack's Creek history books. He made a motion to see if we wanted to have more printed. He said he would check into it. He also mentioned that if we wanted pictures in the obituary section of the minutes, that they needed to be actual photos and not copies made on plain paper, or funeral home memory cards, or newspaper copies which don't re-copy well.

The Friday afternoon session ended in prayer led by Rev. Norman Loveless.

7:00 PM Worship Service

Pastor Kevin Laws welcomed all and started the service with prayer. Prayer was led by Rev. Jacob Cochran. A choir consisting of many different churches sang several wonderful songs. What a beautiful sound! A special song was shared with us from Sis. Christy Miller. Sis. Allison Miller also shared a beautiful song with us.

The message was delivered by Rev. Scott Jenkins. Christ's mission was reconciliation, and we have been reconciled. He read from Psalms

42:8-11. Where is thy God? I find God in the sanctuary. I find God in the Scriptures. I find God in the saints. I find God in the shadows. I find God in the storms.

A wonderful message came from the Lord. It was a message of great encouragement and inspiration. How wonderful my God is! Trust Him!

Friday Morning Session, July 31, 2015, 9:30 AM

Pastor Kevin Laws welcomed everyone to the second day of the Association. The congregation sang, "I'd Rather Be an Old-Time Christian". Rev. Charlie Trivette gave the devotional reading from John 1. His topic was about "The glory of God, and the blood He shed for the atonement for our sins". This was very enlightening. Prayer was led by Rev. Terry Richardson. Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley, called the meeting to order and read the Rules of Decorum. The minutes of Thursday's session were read and approved. The moderator called for churches who did not report on Thursday. Two letters were read and approved. Borings Chapel, Colberts Creek, New Hope, and Union Hill did not report. A call was made for visiting church delegates, and Hunt Dale Union Church was welcomed. A call for visiting ministers was

made and Rev. Robbie Casey was recognized.

11:00 AM Worship Service

The service began with the congregation singing "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There". Rev. Adam Miller brought the message reading from II Timothy 4:1-6. He talked about Paul sending this second letter to Timothy while in prison. It was a charge for Timothy to keep fighting the good fight of faith. He asked if we see where the church is headed and wonders if there will be a church here by the time he is 70 years of age. He reminded us that Jesus is for the whole world, not just for mountain people or America. He spoke about tolerance, and how we don't want to be criticized, just let me do what I want to do, and put up with me! He spoke about the culture we live in today. Is it a Christian culture or a culture of the devil? He mentioned that the evolution of American belief is quickly becoming No God, therefore, No Church. We are in season now, but are we ready for living out of season? Adam encouraged us to live our lives to the fullest for our Lord. He stated that we will have to lose our life to gain Christ. We must decide who we will follow and whose side we are on. The Lord's culture is going to rise and become more powerful and glorified. Finally, we need to infiltrate the enemy's camp and show love and compassion, and give them the true Word of God. He blessed our heart and soul with this message.

Adjourned to lunch in prayer by Rev. Adam Miller.

1:15 PM Business Session

The Association was welcomed back by the pastor. The congregation sang "Are You Washed in the Blood"? Rev. Dean Murphy gave devotions reading from I John 4. He talked about the love of God and asked us if it was in us? Is it perfected in us? It is long suffering, patient, and eternally lasting. Prayer was led by Rev. Bernie Jones.

The moderator called for the remainder of the reports to be given. They are printed in full at the conclusion of the minutes.

A motion was brought to the floor concerning the Burial Fund. When a minister or his wife has paid into the fund until they have fully paid the amount of their coverage, they do not have to pay anymore. The motion was approved by the Association.

A motion was made by Rev. Frank Cable to help Bro. Alvin Murphy for his work in Africa if he needs it. The Association approved up

to \$1000.00, and it was to be taken out of the International Mission's Fund. The session ended in prayer led by Rev. Bobby Revis.

7:00 PM Worship Service

The service began with a welcome from Pastor, Kevin Laws. Prayer was led by Bro. Eddie Tipton. The choir sang "I'm A Child of the King", "I Know Him", and "I've Got Something to Praise Him For". Sis. Francis Laws then gave a piano solo of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Sis. Ashley Pittman sang "Let Your Spirit Breath On Me". Rev. Rickey Hollifield sang "Mercy Walked In". Rev. Gary Huffman and his wife sang "I Call Him Lord" and "He'll Hold My Hand". This was a spirit-filled service with many testimonies of praise for and to the Lord. The congregation then ended the service with the song, "What a Day That Will Be". What a great uplifting service!

ASSOCIATION TOPIC COMMITTEES

Churches, pastors, and deacons: The Committee read from Acts 20:28. They talked about pastors and their responsibility to feed the flock. Deacons are to see to the business of the church. They read from Acts 6:3 and Ephesians 5:1. Prove all things. Rev. Bernie Jones reported that we have separate duties and deacons, pastors, and churches must work together. Rev. Paul Bennett said salvation is a free gift, but we must have faith. The church is the body of Christ. The pastor is the eyes, the deacons are the hands to help lift up and serve. Romans 1 says we must not be ashamed of the gospel, this is the purpose of education. Jesus ascended up on high and sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high, Romans 1:16-32.

Com. Revs. Bernie Jones, Paul Bennett, and Bro. Carson Jones

Church Training Service: It is a given, in order to serve God in the most effective, efficient manner, we need training. This is the mission of the Church, be it in a formalized CTS program, or in any number of training programs within churches. Yes God can, most assuredly does, equip believers, but he certainly expects us, as disciples of the Kingdom, to take time to "Hone our craft, that is, to spend time with those who have traveled the road longer, from whom we can benefit as we follow God's direction in our lives. Training is, in reality, a two-pronged approach. First, we must be willing to be trained so we can seek out others to assist

us. Our biggest roadblock is complacency: reaching a point when we come to the belief that we need no other assistance, and we have somehow achieved all the training we need. Remember that the Apostle Paul spent three years in Arabia before he ever began his public ministry. We are a community of believers, and it would behoove us to learn from each other as the Holy Spirit directs. Secondly, we must be willing to train others. Many are very willing to allow others to do the work, but we are specifically called a "workman" in II Timothy 2:15. How can we work if we're not trained? This is true for the young and new converts, but it is also true for seasoned Christians who should never believe that no further learning is necessary. Also in II Timothy 2:3 we are told, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ". We can in no way become a soldier at all, much less a good soldier, without proper training. Once we have a church, a conference, and association, who is willing both to be trained and to train in accordance to God's Word, then we will find good success. God will always bless our efforts.

Com. Bro Bob Ray, Revs. Phillip Hughes, and Scott Jenkins

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?" I Corinthians 9:9,11 says, "For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn..." "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?"

The Disabled Ministers' Fund is to take care of our ministers. If we take care of them, God will bless us.

Com. Revs. B.F. McKinney, Jr., Marvin Hensley, and Charlie Trivette

Education: Someone is watching you! Yes, we know God is watching, but so are the young people around you. You are their teacher, educating them as you live before them, not by your choice but by their nature! Teach them diligently, by the Spirit of God, what the fruits of the Spirit are; use words when necessary!

Without the Spirit, knowledge puffeth up. (I Cor. 8:1) I find the more I learn, the more ignorant I am, understanding how little I know and how much more there is to know, and the immensity of God humbles me: I AM NOTHING and even more so without his indwelling Spirit! Yet he

knows and loves and cares for me! He makes this wretch his treasure!

Christian education will not puff up, but create a soul of love, blessing all people drawing them to the love of Christ. Secular education has no strength, but is weak and leads to pride and greed, "But ye have not so learned Christ". (Eph. 4:20) Temper yourself with knowledge of God, the beginning of wisdom! The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God! (1 Cor. 3:19)

Com. Bro. Tony Byrd, Revs. Paul Bennett, and Adam Miller

International Missions: After many months of being unable to get the proper paperwork to get into Bulgaria, Rev. Josh Provo and his family are now inside the country of Bulgaria and have started getting their children in school and are getting their family settled. Rev. Josh is busy helping in a startup church and asks us to all remember them in prayer and financial support. Rev. Kevin Laws reminded us that he is our "agent" in the field for the Lord. May God bless and keep them safe during their time there because there is a great upheaval in this country.

Com. Revs. Kevin Laws, J.C. Sheets, and Blaine Whitson

Home Missions: Home Mission is a task to be carried out. II Kings 10:16 says "Come with me, and see my (zeal) for the Lord. So they made him hide in his chariot". In your house, does your family know your rules, do they see you pray, and do they see you study and read? Do they see you mediate on God? Do they see you put God first?

Do my neighbors know what time church starts, do they see that you are faithful to the house of God, do they know where you stand, do they know you will not waver, do they know they can count on you, and do they know they will get a straight answer from you? Do they know there is no need to ask you a foolish question?

Are you the same at work as you are at church? Do people see you pray over your food, and do your actions prove you are a child of God? Do you have to wear a shirt or hat that says John 3:16 before they know where you stand? Does your church know you will not back down? Does your community know you are blood bought? Are you ready to give an answer to all men? Do you focus more on God than you focus on Washington, D.C.? Are you a missionary for God?

Com. Revs. Clyde Thomason, Norman Loveless, and John Stockton

Ladies' Auxiliary: Proverbs 14:1 "Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands."

Ladies, we are blessed with a unique standing in God's kingdom. Being a woman, we are different than a man, made by God, made not to be a man, made for man, to be his help meet. "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him..." "And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man." Genesis 2:18, 22.

The work of the Ladies Auxiliary is to build the house, "Keepers at home". Her work is not the same as the man's, but for the same purpose, alongside her husband, working with the other women in the church for the purpose of building God's Kingdom.

Dorcas, or Tabitha, was a disciple in her church, according to Paul. She made coats and garments. She was full of good words and alms deeds. She was a great help in her church. Proverbs 31:30-31 teaches us that favor is deceitful and beauty is vain. But a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands. And let her own works praise her in the gates as Christian ladies should be willing to help when and where needed. A Ladies Auxiliary can help the church by working together to support the spiritual and physical needs in the church and also in the community.

Com. Rev. Henry Berry, Sis. Pat Ray, and Sis. Dimmerree Brooks

Freewill Baptist Family Ministries: Mark 10:

13) And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

14) But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

15) Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

16) And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them. (KJV)

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries is "A safe haven for children to come to and find Hope and Love".

In 2014, we served a total of 1,137 children and families through our various ministries. 109 young people made decisions to follow Christ. For the past fourteen years, we have seen an average of 100 or more saved through this ministry each year. 102 young men graduated from our Enhanced Alcohol & Drug Treatment Program. 109 babies were born through our Hope Center (crisis pregnancy) Ministry.

Nearly three out of four (74%) of Americans personally know

someone who is or has been a victim of domestic violence. A report of child abuse is made every ten seconds. More than five children die every day as a result of child abuse. Approximately 80% of children that die from abuse are under the age of four.

Bro. Willis Adkins was discussing how important the Home is to our churches and the community and our support should be on-going for the betterment to those that serve the Lord.

The Christian love shown to children reminds me of several conversations I listened to during the Association at Southside. Sis. Marie Laws was telling us about her “Buddy”, grandson Rev. Kevin Laws, and the love they have for each other. God has blessed Kevin growing up and now reaching others in the ministry.

I also saw Rev. Keith Miller and it reminded me of Keith’s love for the church and his daughter. The beautiful songs she sang along with the other members of Higgins choir blessed our souls.

All children deserve to feel love and have spiritual guidance. The Children’s Home has made a difference in children’s lives in the past, present, and, with God’s help and our obedience, in the future.

At our churches, our children recite Bible verses they were taught by their parents and grandparents. I would like to share an audio verse with you from my grandson, Camden. Psalms 9:1 - “I will praise the Lord with all my heart.”

Com. Bros. Mike Allison, Willis Adkins, and Al Brown

Sunday Schools: Sunday School is vital for children and youth of all ages. Today, more than ever, this is of major importance for them to have good role models in their lives. Many of them do not have spiritual guidance in the home. In Proverbs 22:6 the Bible states: “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Therefore, the church has a great responsibility to teach the youth about Biblical principles, as well as equip them on how to live a Christian life. Through weekly lessons, Sunday School teachers can help aid students in becoming aware of who Jesus is and their need for Him in their lives. Many tools, such as: Scripture study/memorization, songs, and fun-related activities, can be used in class to help students develop a deeper relationship with Christ. I Peter 3:15 states, “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”

First, we must have Godly, spirit-filled teachers. We feel that Sunday School is the foundation for a child’s life. Our greatest example being Christ himself. Mark 10:14, “Suffer little children to come unto me;

and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of God.”

Sunday School is for all age groups. II Timothy 2:15 states “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” If we have learned anything in this association, we better be careful who we put over our children.

Com. Bro. Eddie Tipton, Sis. Charlotte Clark, and Sis. Christy Miller

Sessions: See inside front cover.

Resolutions: In the American Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster, 1828, states that resolutions means the act, operation or process of separating the parts which compose a complex idea or a missed body. The act or process of unraveling or disentangling perplexities, or of dissipating obscure immoral subjects; as the resolution of difficult questions about immoral science.

In God’s Word, II Corinthians 6:17,18 “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you. And will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”

We are to separate ourselves from evil associations of the world. We need to ask ourselves this question, “If every church member was like me, what kind of church would we be?”

Would we be a praying church? Ephesians 6:18, “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”

Would we be a studying church? II Timothy 2:15, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Would we be a faithful church? I Corinthians 4:2, “Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.”

Would we be a God fearing church separating ourselves from the world? Ecclesiastes 12:13, “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”

In doing these things, it would resolve many things in this world. James 1:22 states, “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving you own selves.”

Com. Revs. Terry Richardson, Rickey Hollifield, and Bro. Owen Barnett

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Clerk Fund:	\$435.00
Association Fund:	\$1020.00
Minute Fund:	\$1016.00

HOME MISSION FUND REPORT

Beginning balance July 26, 2014	\$1,366.91
Received	
Woodby Hill FWB	\$60.00
Woodby Hill Ladies Association	\$60.00
Hillcrest FWB	\$50.00
Crabtree FWB	\$25.00
Balance	\$1,561.91
Disbursements	
Bank Fee	\$3.50
Julia Bennett for Assoc. Posters	\$48.46
Ending Balance as of August 1, 2015	\$1,509.95
Submitted by: Rev. Frank Cable and Rev. B.F. McKinney, Jr.	

INTERNATIONAL MISSION FUND REPORT

Beginning balance July 26, 2014	\$10,242.39
Contributors:	
New Hope	\$210.00
Crabtree	\$25.00
Southside	\$400.00
Big Creek	\$1200.00
Pensacola	\$500.00
Low Gap	\$50.00
Ladies Aide of Woodby Hill	\$120.00
Woodby Hill	\$300.00
Total	\$2835.00
Disbursements	
New Checks	\$34.47
Banking fee (paper statement)	\$10.00
(This service is now online- no charge)	
Paid Josh Provo (Missionary to Bulgaria)	\$5,050.00

Total

(\$5,094.47)

Ending Balance as of August 1, 2015

\$7,982.92

Submitted by: Rev. Blaine Whitson, treasurer and Rev. J.C. Sheets, Assist.

Children's Home Treasure

Contributions during Association

\$1000.00

Submitted by: Rev. Bernie Jones

BURIAL FUND JACK'S CREEK FWB ASSOCIATION

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

Money received

\$1,410.00

Disbursements

(\$3,000.00)

Balance Aug. 1, 2015

\$25,590.00

Submitted by: Rev. Bobby Revis

**DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND
JACK'S CREEK FWB ASSOCIATION**

Beginning balance in checking as of August 1, 2014

\$2,333.08

Transferred from investments

\$5,000.00

Received from Churches

\$2,040.00

Received from Preachers

\$3,445.00

Balance

\$12,818.08

Debits

Ministers

\$4,200.00

Death Benefits

\$3,000.00

Florist

\$ 72.99

Postage, sympathy cards, etc.

\$ 64.86

Administration fees

\$ 600.00

Balance July 29, 2015

\$4,880.23

Balance June 30, 2014 Church Extension Loan Fund \$304,763.54

Interest Earned July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014

\$ 12, 242.56

Transferred to checking account

(\$5,000.00)

OBITUARIES 2014-2015

Una Randolph, age 79, of the Big Creek Community went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 24, 2014, at her home. A native of Yancey County, she was the daughter of the late John and Leona Adkins Whitson. Una was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a member of Big Creek F.W.B. Church. Una worked many years as a caregiver.

Surviving are her husband of 63 years, Dexter Randolph; a daughter, Heather DePriest and husband Jamie of Gray, TN; two sons, Gerald and wife, Karen, of Burnsville, and Victor Randolph and wife, Lisa, of Rogersville, TN; a sister, Ruth Peterson of Erwin, TN; a brother, Brooks Whitson of Unicoi, TN; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and a special caregiver, Alison Miller.



Betty Louise Honeycutt Hedrick, age 80, of the Big Creek community went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, September 13, 2014, unexpectedly at her home. A native of Yancey County, she was a daughter of the late Wetzel and Cordelia Adkins Honeycutt and the wife of Glen Hedrick, who passed away in 2011. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Geneva Riddle and three brothers: Harold, Glen and Guy Honeycutt. Betty was a faithful member of Big Creek F.W.B. Church and always put God first in her life. She will always be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She also loved working in her flower garden.

Surviving are her two sons; Kenny Hedrick and wife, Rebecca, of Spruce Pine, and Farrell Hedrick and wife, Brenda, of Green Mountain. She had two daughters; Kathy Poss and husband, Asa, of Green Mountain, and Rita Buchanan and husband, Benny, of Double Island community. Also, she had a sister-in-law, Mae McKinney and husband, Toby, of Erwin, TN; and a brother-in-law, Howard Riddle of Pensacola. She had eleven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, one step-grandchild and three step-great-grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by her friends and family.

Bernie Renfro, age 89, beloved deacon for 40 years and member of Brummitt's Creek F.W.B. Church went home to be with the Lord on May 8, 2015. He was born September 1, 1926 to the late Lester and Myrtle Miller Renfro. Bernie was proud of his military service as a Private First Class serving in the Philippines, Luzon Island, Japan. and the South Pacific under General MacArthur with the 43rd Infantry Division. He received a Bronze Star for the Luzon Battle, a combat Infantry Badge and nine other ribbons for service beyond the call of duty. He also retired from the CSX and Clinchfield Railroad.

Bernie is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Eloise Peterson Renfro; a daughter, Loretta Silver; sons, David Renfro and Larry Renfro; sisters, Nora Metcalf, Ora Mae Bailey; and one brother, Glenn Renfro. Bernie is survived by five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, RC, Lloyd, and Ray Renfro; and one sister, Grace Renfro. Bernie will be greatly missed by everyone.

Phillip J. Wilson went home to be with the Lord June 7, 2015. He was born July 2, 1935. Phillip was a faithful member and deacon of Brummitt's Creek F.W.B. Church. He loved his Lord and his church, a greater prayer warrior has never been!

Phillip was also a devoted husband and to his wife, Pat Miller Wilson of fifty years and father to his two sons, Anthony Wilson and Chad Wilson. He had two brothers; Jay Wilson and Lee Wilson; one sister, Maphra Stranger; several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Phillip will be greatly missed by all his church, family, and friends. Our loss is Heaven's gain!

Florence Pack Hensley was born July 13, 1935, and went to her eternal rest September 20, 2014. She was a faithful member of Davistown F.W.B. Church until her passing. She was the wife of the late Rev. Ophard Hensley and served by his side over the years at all the churches he pastored.

She was survived by a son, David, and two daughters, Kathy Stiles and husband, Don, and Susan Yelton. Also, she leaves behind a brother, Leonard, and a number of grandchildren. She loved to sing and praise the Lord and was the lead singer for the Davistown Quartet from the early 90's until her passing. She taught Sunday school and served the church in any way she could. A true "Prayer Warrior" is now at rest and is sorely missed by her church family.

Perry Moore (Born September 14, 1938; died May 12, 2015). Bro. Perry completed his journey in this world ahead of his beloved wife, Violet Moore; his daughter, Denise Cable (Scott); his son, Mike Moore (Rhonda); three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and a multitude of family and friends.

A born again Christian, Perry was a dedicated and faithful member of Davistown F.W.B. Church for many years. He served the church on many different committees. He and his wife loved the Association and attended the meetings many times as representatives of Davistown F.W.B. Church and served on some of the Association committees.

Perry and Violet loved to sing, and they were a blessing to their church and many other churches throughout the years. Perry had many friends because he did what the Bible says about showing yourself friendly.

Even though he is greatly missed, we are thankful that the suffering he experienced in the last few months of his life is over. His life was certainly a wonderful testimony of his faith in God.



Ila Maria McMahan, age 89 of Bee Branch in the Low Gap community, went home to be with the Lord on August 30, 2014. A native of Yancey County, she was the daughter of the late Theodore and Pansy Ray Riddle and the wife of Wade McMahan who died in 2006. She was also preceded in death by brothers, Sam and Lee Riddle.

Surviving are a son, Larry McMahan and wife, Christina; a granddaughter, Jessica Mack and husband, Ben; a grandson, Jamie McMahan; great-grandchildren, Larkin and Oliver Mack; a sister, Mary Glen Silver, all of Burnsville; and a step-grandson, Justin Kelly of Mooresville.

Ila Marie was a faithful member of Low Gap F.W.B. Church where she attended regularly until the Lord called her home unexpectedly. She was a Prayer Warrior and will truly be missed by her family, friends, and church family. She is now at rest with the Lord.

Nancy Burnette Silver, age 64 of the Low Gap Community, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, December 14, 2014. Nancy was a member of Low Gap F.W.B. Church. A native of Yancey County, she was the daughter of the late Cecil and Louise Adams Burnette.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Tracy Silver who died in

2000; two sisters, Wilma Wilson and Bernice McMahan; and a brother, Earl Burnette.

Surviving are her husband of 47 years, Welzie Silver, Jr.; a daughter, Jill Silver Wilson and husband, Randy; a son, Brook Silver; grandchildren, Layla Wilson and Katelyn Silver; three sisters, Patsy Riddle and husband, Bobby, Peggy Harris and husband, Bill, and Brenda Robinson and husband, Frank, all of Burnsville; five brothers, Charles Burnette and wife, Carol, of Akron, Ohio, Donald Burnette and wife, Peggy, of Springfield, OR, Ray Burnette and wife, Norma, Leon Burnette and wife, Peggy, and Lawrence "Pudgy" Burnette and wife, Ponda, all of Burnsville.

Nancy was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed working in her daylilies when she was well. She was a very soft-spoken lady, but is truly missed by her family and friends.

Toye Moffitt, age 82, went to his eternal home in Heaven on August 4, 2014. A native of the Buladean Community, he was the youngest son and the last surviving child of the late Isaac and Sylvia Street Moffitt. He was a member of Middle District F.W.B. Church where he had served as a Sunday school superintendent and a deacon. He loved reading the Bible and attending church services.

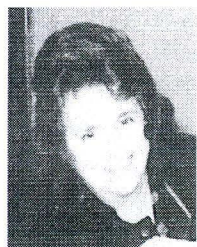
A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served his country during the Korean Conflict. He was a 50-Year member of the Masonic Lodge #357AF and AM. Through the years, he worked with various construction companies and held different positions. He owned and operated Moffitt's Construction Company for several years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son Michael "Mike" Moffitt; four brothers, Vester, Jess, Fred and Brownlow Moffitt; and two sisters, Etta Hughes and Faye Matheny. Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 61 years, Georgia Honeycutt Moffitt, and his daughter, Mitzi Yvonne Moffitt. Several nieces and nephews also survive him. He is truly missed, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Mitzi Yvonne Moffitt, age 55, was "serenaded by angels" to her home in Heaven on March 25, 2015. A native of the Buladean community, she was the daughter of the late Toye Moffitt and Georgia Moffitt. She was a faithful member of Middle District F.W.B. Church where she served as the church pianist for many years. As a soloist, she sang at regular church services and at many special events. She was a graduate of East Tennessee State University and a former teacher in the Mitchell County School System.

She will be remembered by many who knew her for her extreme generosity and charitable acts of kindness, especially to children and to the elderly. The consideration she showed to others was an example of practicing the Golden Rule "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

In addition to her father, she was predeceased by her only sibling, Michael "Mike" Moffitt. Surviving are her mother, Georgia H. Moffitt; an aunt, Joan Honeycutt; and several cousins. She is greatly missed. She sang her last song on this earth, but she is now singing in Heaven and enjoying the beauty and splendor of that City.



Frances Wilma Odom, age 83 of Bakersville, NC, passed away on October 28, 2014. She was a member of Middle District F.W.B. Church. She was born on October 9, 1931 in Buladean, NC to the late Roy Matthew Putman and Stella Street Putman Will. She lived in Ohio, Texas and various places in NC but resided in the Buladean community for most of her life.

Frances was a loving wife for more than 65 years to her surviving husband, Cardell Odom. She was a cherished mother to her two sons; Ronnie Odom (Patricia) of Unicoi, TN and Regan Odom (Tammy) of Buladean. She is survived also by two granddaughters; Tonya Neas (Britt) of Johnson City, TN and Tekeewsha Odom of Buladean; and two great-granddaughters, Sejal and Everly Claire Neas.

Frances had a deep love of God, family and friends. She will never be forgotten and her passing left a hole in our hearts, but Heaven is now a little bit sweeter.

Alma Lister, 87 years of age, was born May 29, 1928 and went to be with the Lord on March 26, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband, a son, and a granddaughter. Two daughters, two sons, and their families are left in this life without their mother and grandmother.

She was a faithful member of Nix Creek F.W.B. Church for many years. She had consistently been a Sunday school teacher for about fifty years, and had taught many of the now grown members of the church as young children and teenagers.

After becoming sick, she lived in a nursing home for several years, but she always had a sweet smile and a Godly testimony for those who cared for her or visited. She loved to read the Bible, and she shared the Word of God whenever she had an opportunity.

We will greatly miss having her with us, but her Savior had other plans for her. She can now rest with Him until He calls His bride home.

Doris Hollifield, age 66, of Pensacola, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, August 20, 2014, at Mission Hospital. A native of Yancey County, she was the daughter of the late Landon and Connie Pitman Rathburn.

Doris was a member of Pensacola F.W.B. Church. Surviving are her husband of 47 years, Thad Hollifield; daughter, Darlene; son, Keith Hollifield and wife Barbara; two grandchildren; two sisters, Lucille Banks, Joyce Briggs; and two brothers, Gene Rathburn and Wayne Rathburn. She is truly missed in her home and church community.

Rose Otis Miller, age 92, of Pensacola, went home to be with the Lord Friday, April 3, 2015, at Mission Hospital. A native of Yancey County, he was the son of the late George W. and Rulie Rathburn Miller.

Surviving are a special niece, Marilyn Wilson and her husband, Elbert, of Burnsville, who he lived with the last four years of his life.

Rose was a World War II Army Vet and served his country well. He was a member of Pensacola F.W.B. Church which he was a member and attended for many years. Rose is in the presence of the God he served. He is missed by all those who knew and loved Rose Miller.

Donna Allen Hughes, age 58, of the Pensacola community went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, April 8, 2015, surrounded by her family and friends. She was the daughter of the late E.R. and Pauline Allen.

Donna was a member of Pensacola F.W.B. Church. She enjoyed watching birds and spending time with her family.

Surviving are her husband, Charles Hughes; son, Charles "Kerby" and wife, Janna Hughes; daughter, Michelle and husband, Brian; and grandson, Bryson. Donna is also survived by sister, Linda and brothers; Ricky, Randy, and David Allen; several nieces and nephews.

She will be missed by her family, friends, and church family.

Charlene Wilson, age 70, of Burnsville, entered into eternal rest on Friday, May 8, 2015 at Brookside Rehabilitation and Care Center.

A native of Yancey County, she was the daughter of the late Elizabeth Freeman, and the wife of Ralph Wilson. She was also preceded in death by two sisters; Wilma Mathis and Peggy Bryant; three brothers,

R.V. and Bob Freeman and Hal Young. Surviving is her son, Kenny Freeman

Charlene loved flowers and listening to gospel music. She is listening to the music of angels in Heaven. She is missed by all.

Roy Blankenship, age 79, of Pensacola, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, February 28, 2015. He was a son of the late Roy and Osie Atkins Blankenship and husband to Mary McCurry Blankenship. He is preceded in death by Carolyn Judy Blankenship, who passed away in 2008.

Roy was a member of Pensacola F.W.B. Church, where he played the mandolin since giving his heart to the Lord in 2004.

He was a carpenter and tobacco farmer. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed digging ginseng. We all miss him very much and look forward to seeing him again.



Brown Herman Tipton, 76, of Burnsville, went home to be with the Lord, Thursday, February 12, 2015. A native of Yancey County, he was the son of the late Woodrow and Mary Fox Tipton. He was also preceded in death by an infant sister, Doreen; and a sister, Mildred Tipton Hensley.

A U.S. Army veteran, Brown was a member of Peterson's Chapel F.W.B. Church. He was a loving father, grandfather, and friend to all who knew him.

Surviving are his wife, Jodie Russell Tipton; two daughters, Kellie Tipton and Robin Wilson of Newdale; two grandchildren, Bryson and Brayleigh Wilson who were the light of his life; a brother, Gene Tipton and wife, Christine, of Burnsville; and a sister, Marsha Tipton, of Burnsville. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

He is missed dearly by his friends and family.

Patsy Louise Stanley, age 78, of Roan Mountain, TN, went home to celebrate her birthday with the Lord on August 28, 2014. She was a beloved member of Sunset F.W.B. Church. She was an active member in the church from 1987 until her extended illness kept her from attending. She loved her church, family and her pets. She is truly missed, and we will be with her again soon in Heaven.



Johnny Lee Miller, age 63, of Green Mountain, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at Mission's Memorial Campus. A native of Mitchell County, he was a son of Lester Miller of Red Hill and the late Mae Hughes Miller, who passed away in 2011. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Charles Miller, who passed away in 2002.

Johnny was a faithful member of Union Hill F.W.B. Church. One of the things he loved was working and had worked since 1971 at Henredon Furniture Mfg. for over 28 years. He also loved to fish, hunt, watch racing, and caring for his elderly father and his family. He will always be remembered as a loving son, husband, father, grandfather and friend to all who knew him.

Surviving are his loving wife of 46 years, Judy Putman Miller; two daughters, Missy Miller Weaver and husband, Shane, of Granite Falls; and Michelle Miller Riddle and husband, Randy, of Pensacola; four grandchildren: Haiden Weaver, Anderson Weaver, Landry Riddle and Cierra Riddle; two sisters, Betty Miller Wilson and husband, Kenneth, of Poplar, and Carolyn Sparks and husband, Larry, of Spruce Pine; three brothers, James Miller and wife, Doris, of Green Mountain, Donald Miller and wife, Linda, of Red Hill, and Randy Miller and wife, Tammy, of Green Mountain. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews who he thought of as his children.

He will truly be missed by all.



Lester Miller, age 93, of Harrell Hill Rd, Bakersville, NC, went home to be with his Savior January 17, 2015. He was a native of Mitchell County, NC and was a son of the late Joe and Bessie Miller.

He was a farmer all his life. He was a lifelong member of Union Hill F.W.B. Church where he was a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and bell ringer. He was a World War II veteran and served his country proudly. The most important thing in his life was serving God and then his family. He was a friend to everyone and a man with much wisdom and love that was passed down to those that are left behind. He was a model father to his children and papaw to his grandchildren, and paw to his great-grandchildren.

Survivors include: two daughters, Betty Wilson (Kenneth), of Green Mountain, NC, Carolyn Sparks (Larry) of Spruce Pine, NC; three sons, James Miller (Doris), Ricky Miller (Tammy) both of Green

Mountain, and Donald Miller (Linda) of Bakersville, NC; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Julia Garland of Bakersville, NC, and Pansy Bennett of Erwin, TN ; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mae Miller; two sons Charles and Johnny Miller; three brothers, Hobert, Bernie, and Gentry Miller; and one sister, Bertie Simmons. Special thanks to his grandson, Allen, who sacrificed his time to care for him, and to all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were so special to him.

He will be greatly missed by his family, but we will do our best to take the example he left behind and carry on.

Ana Lea Culler White, age 88 (Birth, August 13, 1926- Death, October, 20, 2014). She was a faithful, dedicated member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewbrite White. She loved to quilt and sew. Survivors include four sons, eight grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. She loved the Lord and was indeed a precious Christian lady. One of her favorite sayings was "When things get tough always remember, faith doesn't get you around trouble, it gets you through it". Thank God for the hope of seeing her again and other loved ones in Heaven.

Danny William Eggers, age 64 (Birth, August 1, 1950- Death November 24, 2014). He was a faithful member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church. Prior to his unexpected death, he was a brick mason laborer. Danny loved sports and was involved with the athletic department of Unaka High School. He was a fixture at most home games. He never met a stranger and could talk to anybody. Heaven just gets sweeter with Christian friends like Brother Danny. Praise God for truly a better place to go.

Frances Marie Canter Hughes, age 81 (Birth, January 5, 1934- Death, February 18, 2015). She was a faithful member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church prior to her extended illness and death. She loved the Lord. She is survived by her husband, Robert L "Bud" Hughes, who she had been married to for over 65 years. She is also survived by a daughter, Pat Patterson and husband Ralph. She was a precious Christian lady who is in a place where there is no more sickness, no more pain or death.

Churches	Baptized	Members Added	Dismissed	Deaths	Membership	Average in Sunday School	Communion/Foot W.	Ladies Auxiliary	C.T.S.	Minute Fund	Association Fund	Clerk & Mod. Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid for Revivals	Children's Home	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Disable Minister's Fund	Poor and Sick	Improvement On Church Property	Value of Church Property
Big Creek				3	84	85	2	17		100	150	50	19,000		5,736	1,698	1,200	500	19,800	1,848	505,117
Borings Chapel																					65,000
Brummitt's Creek				2	39	20				20	20	20	7,200						2,284		300,000
Colbert's Creek																					
Covy Rock	2			1	151	93	3			25	20	20	16,400	1,300	2,345	743	5,228		4,679		454,993
Crabtree		2			16	17	1			25	40	25	7,950	400	50	25	25	100	300		131,841
Davistown	3		1	2	18	22	2			40	50	10	2,600						1,400		297,233
Higgins	2		10		150	75	4			45	20	5	20,800	1,600				65	15,283	6,087	566,304
Hillcrest					37	17	4			20	20	15	4,900			50		50	200		250,000
Low Gap	2	2	1		77	40	2			50	50	10	13,250		2,000		589	100	2,362	1,461	310,000
Middle District				3	68	47	4		22	40	40	25	17,460		1,872		1,200		3,913		375,000
New Hope	7	6			24	32				25					100			100	4,600	3,000	310,000
Nix Creek	3	2	3	1	14	30	1			30	40	25		300	600	600	1,200	100	1,042		181,320
North Bend					54	57	3	9	16	50	100	25	10,500		2,007	7,049		100	7,515		548,935
Pathway				1	43	54	4	10		60	20	20	7,200	856	777		420		5,180		150,000
Pensacola	5		1	5	75	50		6	15	40	50	10	17,165		300	200	1,000	200	11,845	3,250	170,000
Peterson's Chapel		3		1	133	70	1			25	15	15	15,500			65			8,435		376,620
Pilgrim's Chapel					38	19				20	15	10	7,000	1,670					1,167	1,350	71,000
Piney Grove	1	3	1		36	40	1	8		25	60	5	19,747	2,000	1,225		1,518	60	3,203	7,918	800,000
Southside	4	4	1	7	278	97	3	26		50	15	25	35,990	1,200	5,251		800	260	2,005		1,610,000
Sunset	6	8		1	85	79	4			63	15	15	27,519	1,200	1,700	4,345		50	8,988		412,000
Union Hill				2	43	38	1			25	40	25	5,700	1,265	1,000	300		100	1,125		94,752
Vale					29	20	2			25	50	25	12,500		100	350		50		327	140,000
Valley Forge	22	21	3	4	696	370	2	92	260	125	100	25		2,920	10,120	136,144	7,167	300	108,090	256,408	5,553,010
Woodby Hill				4	48	20	1	6		38	25	5	13,225		800	120	420	25	1,200	1,000	152,000
Youngs Chapel	5	5		2	77	52	1	8	22	50	50	20	17,200	2,000	350	3,080	1,200		5,891	988	200,000
Totals	62	56	21	39	2,313	1,444		182	335	1016	1,005	430	298,806	16,711	36,333	154,769	21,967	2,160	220,507	283,637	14,025,125

Stephen Anderson Gouge, age 64 (Birth, May 30, 1950-Death September 19, 2014). He had an extended illness. He was the son of the late Verne and Dollie Odom Gouge. Steve loved his church family. He was a faithful member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church. He loved and played sports and was a standout football player at Hampton High School. He also was an excellent softball player. He truly loved the Men's Fellowship and Praise Choir of Valley Forge Freewill Baptist Church.

Bobby Warren Laws, age 85 (Birth, March 1, 1929-Death, January 2, 2015). Although he was not a member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church, he was a faithful attendee until his health prevented him from coming. He was the husband of Sister Charlotte Laws.

Betty Woods, age 82 (Birth, January 5, 1932-Death, August 11, 2014). Although she was not a member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church, she attended Valley Forge when her health permitted it. She was the mother of church trustee Brother Eddie Woods and the mother-in-law of church clerk, Sister Joy Woods. She was a sweet Christian lady and will certainly be missed.

Ethel Hayesm, age 83 (Birth, August 13, 1931-Death, November 7, 2014). Although she was not a member of Valley Forge F.W.B. Church, she enjoyed coming to church and had many friends there. Heaven is certainly a better, a sweeter place.

Clyde Clifford Bryant, age 81, passed away on October 20, 2014. He was the son of the late Dewey and Althea Williams Bryant. Mr. Bryant was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church. He was a past president of Unaka Mountain Search & Rescue and had served as Assistant Chief of the Unicoi Volunteer Fire Department.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister. Mr. Bryant is survived by his wife, Shirley, of 58 years; three sons, Danny, Damon, and Darryl Bryant; one daughter, Angela Boone; and eleven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

He treated everyone like part of his family. We miss him very much.

Amos William Stevens, Jr., age 71, died unexpectedly December 22, 2014, at his home. He was the only son of Amos W. Stevens, Sr. and Verna Stevens. He was a member of Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church where he served as a Sunday School teacher and Youth Director. He also attended Limestone Cove Christian Church. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Peggy; two sons, Bryan and Mark Stevens; and Jennifer Oaks Penix, who was like a daughter to him. He was a loving husband and father and was well liked by all who knew him.

Mamree “Melvia” Davis, age 82, passed away January 25, 2015, following a lengthy illness. She was the daughter of the late John and Maude Miller. She was a member of Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Davis. Survivors include her daughter Shirley McKinney and sons, Gary “Van” Davis and Bobby Davis; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Melvia was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She is missed very much.

David Wayne Humphrey, age 54, passed away unexpectedly January 24, 2015, at his home. He was the son of the late Bill and Ruth Humphrey. He attended Woodby Hill F.W.B. Church. He is survived by his wife of fourteen years, Edwina Simerly-Humphrey; his sister, Kathy Douglas; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was a very loving husband and is greatly missed.



Etta Price Jones, age 102, of the Georges Fork community went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 6, 2014, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was the oldest member of Young’s Chapel F.W.B. Church. Etta worked for over thirty years with Pollard’s Drug Store until her retirement at the age of 87 years old due to the pharmacy closing.

She was the daughter of the late Cleophas and Maggie Allen Price and the wife of Albert Jones, who passed away in 1988. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Doris Jones Silver; two sons, Harold and Samuel Jones; and a son-in-law, Gale Silver.

Surviving are her daughters; Gaynelle Carroll, Diane Sheperd, June Honeycutt, Linda Hall and husband, Wayne, all of Burnsville, and Sarah Sparks and husband, Ronnie, of Bakersville; son, Tony Jones of Burnsville; brother, Jasper D. Price of Fort Smith, Arkansas; special daughters-in-laws, Pamela Jones and Emogene Silver; twenty-eight

grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren, and seven great great-grandchildren. Her interest included painting, crocheting, quilting, sewing, and cooking. She will always be remembered as a friend and mother to everyone.



Bula England, age 90, of Cane River passed away Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Care Partners Hospice and Palliative Care in Asheville. A native of Yancey County, she was a daughter of the late Clyde and Atlas Honeycutt Silver and wife of Howard England who died in 2008. She was also preceded in death by a brother Rev. Jack Silver. She was one of the oldest members of Young's Chapel F.W.B. Church.

Surviving are her son; Thomas Howard England and wife, Rose Ann, of Franklin; granddaughter, Kacie Thomasann England, of Franklin; and a brother Arcemus Silver and wife, Jeanette, of Asheville.

She was a wonderful Christian lady who loved her Lord and Savior, her church, family, and friends. She is greatly missed by all who knew her.

2014 - 2015 Ministers' Conferences

Middle District F.W.B. Church October 25, 2015

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Ministers' Conference met with Middle District F.W.B. Church in Buladean at 9:30 A.M. The session began with the pastor, Rev. Scott Jenkins, welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Living By Faith". Devotions were given by Rev. Clyde Thomason reading from Acts 17:16-22. He asked us if there was a burning and glowing look about us. Are we passionate about what we are doing? Do we have zeal for the lost people of the community we work in? Do we really love and cherish the people we go to church with? Are we, as Ministers, devoted to the work in which God has called us? He encouraged us to get happy in the Lord and to get fired up. He did a great job of encouraging all of us.

The session was called to order by the moderator Rev. B.F. McKinney Jr., who read the Rules of Decorum and seated the deacons. The minutes of the last session were read and approved with no exceptions. The ministers' roll call was given with all ministers standing in full fellowship. The conference welcomed Rev. Neil Payne as a visiting

minister. There were no visiting churches.

The clerk read a letter from North Bend F.W.B. Church requesting that Rev. Phillip Hughes be ordained early since he had recently been elected as their pastor. After discussion, the conference decided not to ordain him until he had served his two years as a licensed preacher as prescribed by article 10 of our by-laws. Rev. Ronnie Peterson will help him with communion and baptism and any other duties that may arise until he has fulfilled his two year requirement.

In other business, Rev. Frank Cable talked about a call list and getting a telephone program that will do this automatically when there is an emergency, death or other need to get in touch with all our pastors. The question arose as to how to pay for the program. The conference decided to table this item until the next session. Rev. Scott Jenkins was appointed to check into the cost and look at various programs and see what would best fit our particular needs. He will report at the next conference.

Rev. Rodney Deyton spoke on behalf of Rev. Verlon Anderson and his mission work in the Ivory Coast of Africa, and how many Muslims were being reached by this new program in which Rev. Verlon and his wife are involved. Rev. Frank Cable also spoke to us about the success of the Association Revival and commended the preachers and asked if we wanted to have it again. Conference said they did want it to continue. There was also discussion about getting churches to incorporate, with no action taken.

The Topic Committee with Rev. Norman Loveless leading the discussion talked about the gay marriage issue and then he read from the first chapter of Romans. Several ministers spoke about the recent ruling by the federal judge in Asheville that now allows gay marriage to occur. No action was taken, but as a group, the conference stated that we would continue to stand on the Bible concerning this issue. Due to the length of the discussion, Rev. Kevin Laws, who was scheduled to preach, yielded his time for this important matter.

The conference elected Rev. Marvin Hensley as Moderator with Rev. Bernie Jones as his alternate for the next conference.

In the final business of the day, the conference talked about helping Rev. Steve Cochran who was having some financial difficulties. The conference voted to receive a love offering for this family with \$651.00 being collected. Also, \$190 was collected for Middle District to help defer cost of lunch. Adjourned to place and time.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk

Big Creek F.W.B. Church January 31, 2015

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Ministers' Conference met with Big Creek F.W.B. Church January 31, 2015, at 9:30 A.M. The session began with Pastor Adam Miller welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Heaven's Jubilee". Devotions were given by Rev. Stephen Miller reading from Titus 2:11-12. He spoke to us about living in the world but not like the world. He said that we should exhort each other and have a good name for the Lord. He also referred to the Old Testament and said that those people were on the outside looking in, yet because of what Christ did at Calvary we live in the New Testament and are on the inside looking out. He encouraged us to use Grace and Mercy and to be Zealous of good works. He did a great job. Prayer was led by Rev. Scott Jenkins.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley, who read the Rules of Decorum. Minutes from the last session were read and approved with no exceptions. The Ministers' roll call was given with all ministers standing in full fellowship. Rev. Joshua Hollifield from Mt. Calvary and Rev. Decoda Crain from Higgins were welcomed as visiting ministers. Revs. Bill Greer, Steve Cochran, Jacob Cochran, Ben James, Rickey Hollifield, and Keith Miller asked to be excused for absences for various reasons. The conference voted to excuse them.

The call was made for anyone seeking license or ordination with Rev. Jacob Cochran asking to be ordained and Rev. Ben James asking for license renewal. Rev. Cochran was turned over to the ordaining council. Bro. James was granted a license renewal.

The conference voted to accept Rev. Roger Law's ordination certificate and license. He will be missed in this conference. The conference then voted on a change to the Ordination Certificate. They chose one with the red trim.

Rev. Scott Jenkins gave a report on the new phone system, that the conference had requested that he check into, in order to make automated phone calls to all our ministers as the need arises. He would have to make one call that would go to all ministers. He stated that the system would make 50-75 calls per month for \$21.50. Discussion in-sued on how to pay for this. A collection will be taken each year. It would cost each minister about three dollars per year. A collection was taken with \$190.00 being received to get the program started. The conference voted to approve the program and appointed Rev. Scott Jenkins to administer the program.

In new business, the Disabled Ministers' fund earned over \$12,000

last year in interest with about \$4,200 being spent on disabled ministers and their families. Bro. Mike Allison gave his report from Family Ministries. He talked about the thief on the cross and how the Lord was working at the home with 109 young people giving their life to Christ and 109 babies being born in the Hope Center. He also spoke about the new building for school and church and what a blessing it was to them all.

The moderator for the next conference will be Rev. Matthew Guy with Rev. Kevin Laws as alternate. Adjourned to preaching.

11:00 Preaching Service

The service began with Jamie Miller's family singing "I've Got Jesus, I Know He Is Mine, and I Know What Jesus Did For Me". It was beautiful and inspiring. Rev. Dean Murphy preached the message reading from Haggai 1:2. His topic was "Consider your ways". He told of the Children of Israel, and how they said it was not time to build the House. The time had not come. But Haggai said it was time. Today we live in a divided kingdom. Preachers have stopped preaching holy living and judgment. He said that people need to be convicted of sin. We have all the modern conveniences and have gotten farther and farther away from God. Where has the rejoicing gone? We have been forgiven. He admonished us to search the scripture and preach the Word. He gave a timely and much needed message to our people.

The moderator called the session back into business with the ordaining council recommending that Rev. Jacob Cochran be ordained. Rev. Jimmy Arrowood gave the charge talking to us about being together and demonstrating solidarity. A house divided against itself cannot stand. Rev. Arrowood charged Rev. Cochran to support our conference as well as the things of the Bible and stand in solidarity, that we speak and act as one in the name of Christ. Service closed with the laying on of hands, prayer, and anointing of the Holy Spirit on this young minister. Adjourned to time and place.

Lunch money received for Big Creek, \$219.00

Respectfully submitted by Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk.

Sunset F.W.B. Church April 25, 2015

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Ministers' conference met with Sunset F.W.B. Church in Hampton, Tennessee, at 9:30 A.M. The session began

with the Pastor, Rev. Terry Richardson welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Victory In Jesus". Devotions were given by Rev. Norman Loveless reading from I John 3. His topic was, "We shall see him as he is". He inspired us all. Prayer was given by Rev. Charlie Trivette.

The session was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Matthew Guy. The Rules of Decorum were read. Minutes of the last session were read and approved. The ministers' roll call was made with everyone standing in full fellowship. Visiting ministers were Rev. Robbie Casey from College Park, Rev. Frank Woods from F.W.B. Family Ministries, and Rev. Joshua Hollifield from Mt. Calvary. Visiting churches were United Friendship F.W.B., and Unaka Springs F.W.B. A call for license renewal was given with Rev. John Phillips requesting for renewal for one year. The Conference approved.

In other business, the new phone system was discussed. Everyone seemed pleased with it. It is working very well. Adjourned to preaching.

11:00 Preaching Service

The service began with the Sunset choir singing "Thank You Lord", "It's Almost Home Time", "Where the Roses Never Fade", and "I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You". There was a great demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Rev. J.C. Sheets spoke and then turned the service over to Rev. Jacob Cochran who talked about Jesus telling Simon Peter to move out into deeper waters and cast his nets referring to St. Luke 5:4-9. He encouraged all of us to keep looking for that soul that needs the Lord. He told us to not get discouraged but keep talking to the Lord and seeking the lost. Let us work together to encourage each other in this great work of the Lord. Let us work together as one showing the world the great body of Christ. Again he stressed for all of us to keep pressing on into deeper waters.

Rev. J.C. Sheets announced his upcoming revival in Maryland and to remember that church in prayer because they did not have a pastor. Rev. Sheets then asked to be anointed because of his loss of hearing. He was anointed and Prayed for with the laying on of hands. Rev. Charlie Trivette then sang "The Old Ship of Zion". There was much rejoicing.

This was a wonderful, spirit-filled, uplifting conference. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. J.C. Sheets.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Frank Cable, Asst. Clerk

The Jack's Creek F.W.B. Ministers' conference met with Southside F.W.B. church in Erwin Tenn. At 9:30.A.M. The session began with Pastor Kevin Laws welcoming the conference and make the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "I'm In the Glory Land Way." A special prayer was given for the start of school and the safety of the staff and our children. Prayer was led by Rev. Dennis Autrey.

The moderator called the session to order and called for a moment of silence in honor of one of our great ministers, Rev. Ulis Miller, who recently was received into the arms of God.

At this point there was a moving of the Holy Spirit that led us to pray and praise our Lord. The session then continued with the Rules of Decorum being read by the moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley. The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. The Ministers' roll call was given with all ministers standing in full fellowship. Visiting minister was Rev. Robbie Casey from Johnson City F.W.B. Church. The clerk then read the sessions for the coming year. A call was made for visiting churches with none noted.

Officers for the coming year were then elected. They can be found in the first three pages of our minutes.

The moderator then called for anyone seeking license or ordination with Rev. Phillip Hughes' letters being read, then he was turned over to the Ordaining Council. Rev. Ben James was turned over to the Investigating Committee to be considered for ordaining in our conference.

The Conference voted to accept the resignation of Rev. John Phillips who had turned in his license to the clerk. We will miss him and his work in our conference.

In other business, Rev. Keith Miller asked for new ordination papers and made a move that all future license and ordination papers made in duplicate in case the original was lost. Motion was approved.

The moderator for the next conference will be Rev. Kelly Pittman with Rev. Clyde Thomason as his alternate.

The topic committee will be Rev. Charlie Trivette, Rev. J.C. Sheets, and Rev. Matthew Guy. Rev. Charlie Trivette asked if the clerk could produce a pocket sized ordination and license certificate to be given to each minister. The motion was made approved. The Clerk and his assistant are to work on this.

Randy Trivette from Family Ministries spoke to us about his work at the home. He has a project going on in Fort Smith, Arkansas, in which a

15,000 sq. ft. building has been given to F.W.B.F.M. to start a children's home. They are renovating the building to accommodate about 40 children. He had a detailed sketch for us to view. He also said there was considerable work going on at the Hope Center where a new building is going up to house unwed mothers.

Next, Alvin Murphy, fresh off the plane from mission work in Africa, told us of his recent trip to Kenya and his use of medical expertise in helping young children. He said the mission there is 75 years old and that the people there are hungry for the gospel. He told of a young man who had accepted Christ and had been given a Bible over two years ago. May God bless this mission.

The new phone system, managed by Rev. Scott Jenkins, is running smooth and is a great asset to us all. We collected \$389.00 for its operation.

Lunch money for this session amounted to \$223.00. We thank Southside for their love and hospitality for this week.

Closing prayer given by Rev. Frank Cable

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk

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- Nix Creek F.W.B.** 149 Nix Creek Church Rd., Marion, NC
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- North Bend F.W.B** 25 North Bend Dr., Green Mtn., NC
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- Southside F.W.B.** 1313 Chestoa Pike, Erwin, TN
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- Sunset F.W.B.** 6676 Hwy. 19 E, Roan Mtn., TN
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 192 Panhandle Rd., Elizabethton, TN 37643 423-474-3947
- Woodby Hill F.W.B.** 6100 Simerly Creek Rd., Hampton, TN
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 121 Harley Guinn Rd., Hampton, TN 37658 423-725-3728
- Youngs Chapel F.W.B.** 1143 Burnsville School Rd, Burnsville, NC
 Pastor: Roger Thompson 828-284-0454 Clerk: Emogene Silver
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Autrey, Dennis	Peppers Creek Baptist, Marion, NC
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	Johnson City Freewill Baptist, Johnson City, TN
Hedrick, Ralph	First Freewill Baptist, Spruce Pine, NC
Hollifield, Rickey	Hunt Dale Union Church, Green Mountain, NC
Jones, Bernie	Toe River Freewill Baptist, Hunt Dale, NC
Loveless, Norman	Old Horseshoe Freewill Baptist, Elizabethton, 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
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 Savior; 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 Millennial Doctrine as preached today. Any of our ministers found to be preaching or teaching this said doctrine, shall have their license called for and their names dropped from the ministers roll.

83rd Session 1978 - The Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association does not condone, or allow homosexuality among its people, that it is deemed to be a deadly sin. Leviticus 20: 13, Romans 1: 26-32. Also we are opposed to abortion in any

form. "Thou shalt not kill," the fifth Commandment, Exodus 20:13. (Amended by Association July 29,2011)

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

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

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

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

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

August 13, 1983 - Ministers' Conference - Concerning ministers marrying people that have been divorced: "If they have separated, divorced but not 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.

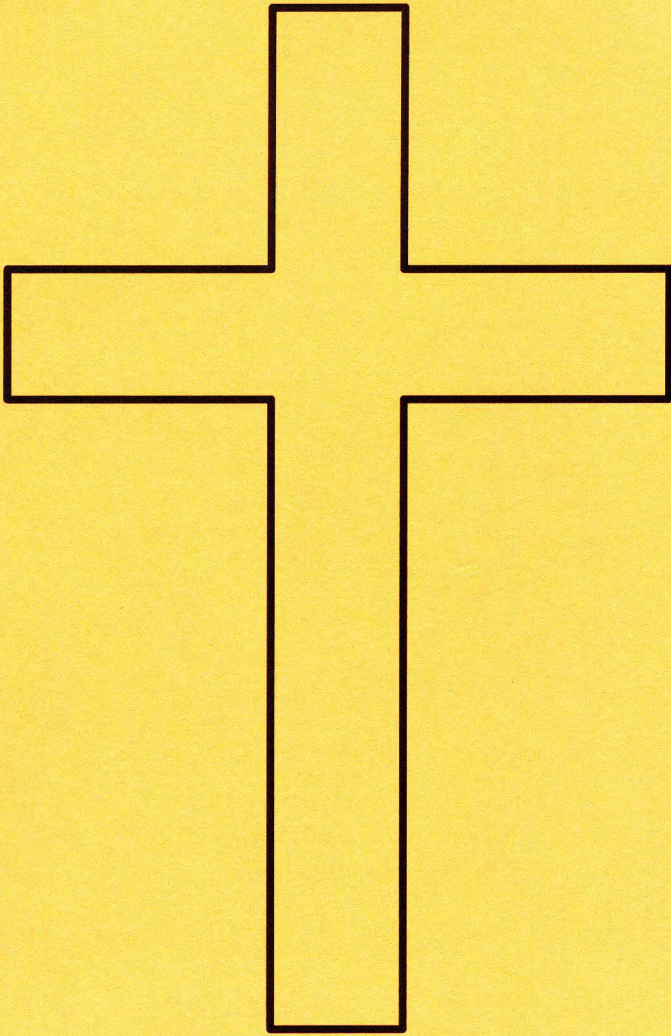
Article 6. Annual premiums are due and payable in advance at the Ministers' Conference held in conjunction with the Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association each year. On October 29, 1983, a motion was passed to give a 90 day grace period (for paying annual premium) on Burial Fund.

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.

Article 9. When a minister or his wife has paid into this fund the full amount of their coverage, they do not have to pay any more premiums to have full coverage at their death. Amendment added July 31, 2015.

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



Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

James 1: 27