

2015 - 2016

Minutes of the 121st Session



**Jack's Creek
Free Will Baptist
Association**

Officers:

Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley

Asst. Moderator, Rev. Bobby Revis

Clerk, Rev. Blaine Whitson

Asst. Clerk, Rev. Frank Cable

Next Session:

Low Gap Free Will Baptist Church

Burnsville, NC, July 27 - 28, 2017

2016 - 2017 Sessions

October 29, 2016, Conference: Covy Rock FWB Church, 9:30 AM.

Devotions- Rev. Adam Miller, Rev. Bernie Jones, alternate.

Preaching- Rev. Russell Hughes, Rev. Bernie Jones, alternate.

January 28, 2017, Conference: North Bend FWB Church, 9:30 AM.

Devotions-Rev. Keith Miller, Rev. Stanley McMahan, alternate.

Preaching- Rev. Rick Wood, Rev. Ronnie Peterson, alternate.

April 29, 2017, Conference: Pathway FWB Church, 9:30 AM.

Devotions- Rev. Keith Tipton, Rev. Ronnie Peterson, alternate.

Preaching- Rev. Terry Richardson, Rev. Marvin Hensley, alternate.

July 27-28, 2017, Association: Low Gap FWB Church, 10:30 AM first day, 9:30 AM second day. Introductory message - Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Rev. Adam Miller, alternate. Afternoon devotions - Rev. Matthew Guy.

Thursday night message- Rev. Keith Miller, Rev. Russell Hughes - alternate.

Friday morning devotions- Rev. Paul Bennett. Friday morning message- Rev. Stanley McMahan, Rev. Frank Cable, alternate. Friday afternoon devotions -

Rev. Scott Jenkins.

July 29, 2017, Conference: Low Gap FWB Church, 9:30 AM. Devotions - Rev. Rickey Hollifield.

History books of the Jack's Creek FWB Association are available for \$5.00. See Rev. Frank Cable for copies of the History Book.

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In Loving Memory



Reverend Roscoe Higgins

entered into the great rest of the Lord on Dec. 9, 2015. His dear wife, Mary Louise Strickland Higgins, of 69 years went before him into her rest in the Lord on Oct. 14, 2014. He served the Lord faithfully for many years by living a dedicated life before his family and ministering to his neighbors, community, and church. He and his wife were blessed with four

children; David Eugene Higgins, Mitchell Allen Higgins, Sandra Higgins, and Mary Henegar; nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and 7 great great grandchildren.

Rev. Higgins served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. He retired from CSX Transportation as a machinist. He was a member of the Carter County Praying Mountain Men.

After giving his life unto the Lord, the Lord called him to be a preacher of the Gospel. He was licensed and ordained as a Minister in the early 1960's by the Union Association. In January 1984, he was received as an ordained minister into the Jack's Creek FWB Ministers Conference.

Through the years of his ministry, he served as the Pastor of many churches beginning at Low Gap FWB Church, Vale FWB Church, Hunt Dale Union, Laurelton Chapel, and Embreeville FWB Church. He was the last remaining Charter Member of Trinity FWB Church and served as their interim Pastor several times. He was supportive of other ministers and the Ministers Conference often visiting at their churches and preaching for them when he was invited.

He was a great blessing to this World.



In Loving Memory of

Rev. Jonas Franklin Revis

entered into rest with the Lord May 26, 2016. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Ruth Ann Revis, who stood by him faithfully.

They were blessed by their three children; Rebecca Taylor, Amanda Colbaugh, Mark Revis, and their spouses; and four grand children. He was a former bus driver and substitute teacher in the Carter County School

System. He was also a former Little League coach and a volunteer fireman. He was a member of Valley Forge FWB Church when he finished his race.

Rev. Revis answered God's call to preach Jan. 13, 1963. He attended Fruitland Bible Institute and was licensed to preach by the Jack's Creek FWB Ministers Conference in Sept. 1966. He was ordained by the Ministers Conference Dec. 28, 1968. He was privileged to serve as the Pastor of Peterson Chapel, Covy Rock, Piney Grove, Liberty, Union Hill, Friendship, Burleson Chapel, Valley Forge, Watauga Valley, East Greene, and Pierce's Chapel FWB Churches.

Rev. Revis served as the Treasurer of the Disabled Ministers Fund of the Association for forty years. He also served on the Board of Directors of the FWB Family Ministries for a period of time.

Rev. Revis demonstrated his love in many different ways throughout his life. He was a willing worker for the Lord and enjoyed life even though his last few years were difficult. One of his favorite memories was the mission trip he got to make to the Ivory Coast of Africa. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

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 FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND MINISTERS CONFERENCE

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Assistant Moderator	Rev. Bobby Revis
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Assistant Clerk	Rev. Frank Cable
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Assistant Family Ministries Treasurer	Rev. Charlie Trivette
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Assistant Burial Fund Treasurer	Rev. Rickey Hollifield

ASSOCIATION INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:

Tennessee: Chairman: Rev. Norman Loveless, Rev. Henry Berry, and Rev. Bernie Jones; Alternate - Bro. Bob Ray

North Carolina: Chairman: Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Rev. Phillip Hughes, and Bro. Eddie Tipton; Alternate - Rev. Stanley McMahan

DISABLED MINISTERS FUND INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:

TN: Chairman: Bro. Bob Ray, Rev. Bernie Jones, Rev. Norman Loveless; Alternate - Rev. Adam Miller

NC: Chairman: Rev. Gary Huffman, Rev. Bobby Revis, Rev. Jimmy Arrowood; Alternate - Rev. Paul Bennett

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND:

Chairman: Bro. Teddy Adkins (828-682-3958), Rev. Ronnie Peterson (828-208-2106), Rev. Terry Richardson (423-725-2196), Rev. Charlie Trivette (423-543-2910); Alternate-Bro. Stanley Ault (423-737-4534)

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Chairman: Rev. Norman Loveless (423-391-7279), Bro. Eddie Tipton (828-989-5885), Bro. Lee Thompson (828-682-2528), Bro. Bob Ray (423-95-8211), Rev. Keith Tipton (423-388-8146)

MINISTERS CONFERENCE:

Clerk:

Rev. Blaine Whitson

Assistant Clerk:

Rev. Frank Cable

Ordaining Council: Chairman: Rev. Norman Loveless, Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Rev. Terry Richardson, Rev. Bobby Revis, Rev. Bernie Jones; Alternate, Rev. John Stockton, and Rev. Ben James to observe and learn

Ministers Investigating Committee:

TN: Chairman: Rev. B. F. McKinney, Jr., Rev. Darrell Edwards, Rev. Lester Perkins - Alternate, Rev. Stephen Miller

NC: Chairman: Rev. Dean Murphy, Rev. Russell Hughes, Rev. Roger Thompson – Alternate, Rev. Keith Miller

Flowers for Ministers:

TN: Rev. B. F. McKinney, Jr.; Alternate, Rev. Lester Perkins,

NC: Rev. Bobby Revis - Alternate, Rev. Frank Cable

PROCEEDINGS

July 28, 2016

The 121st Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association met at Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Sioux, North Carolina July 28, 2016, at 10:30 AM. Welcome was given by Pastor Adam Miller, who made the necessary announcements. He spoke about exhorting each other. Prayer by Rev. Jimmy Arrowood. The congregation sang "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There".

Rev. Adam Miller introduced Rev. Phillip Hughes who read from 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, "The Cup of Blessing". Rev. Ronnie Peterson led prayer. Rev. Hughes's topic was on "Communion" with each other. We need to come together in the name of Jesus. If you want to be happy, praise Jesus. He died on a cross. Any man could die on a cross, and many did, but Jesus died for the sins of all, was buried, and rose again. We are united under the blood of Jesus. Nothing else can wash away our sins. We should be the happiest people in the world, but you can't tell it sometimes. When we take communion, we are taking the body and blood of Christ. Let's get self out of the way and come together under the banner of Christ, who sits at the right hand of the Father. We are as Christians, blood kin. Can we get together under the blood and celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ? Will we

examine ourselves, none are worthy, but are we ready to receive and come together to fellowship with one another and with the Lord? He proceeded to share bread and the cup with the congregation in communion.

God already had the battle won. He just wanted to see if they would seek him. This was a wonderful service followed by the reading of St. John 13 and foot washing. We are to have a servant's heart. Service followed by songs and much rejoicing. The Holy Spirit was in the house.

Bro. Alvin Murphy prayed the closing prayer and gave thanks for the meal, then we adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon Business Session

The afternoon session began at 1:15 PM by Pastor Adam Miller. Rev. Rickey Hollifield gave the devotional reading from Psalm 61. He also sang a song "Take My Hand, Lead Me On". He talked about the "Rock of my salvation", and how we need Christ today. Prayer was by Rev Terry Richardson. The Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley, called the 121st session to order and read the Rules of Decorum. The church letters were read, and the delegates were seated.

The ministers roll was called, and the ministers were seated. Visiting ministers and delegates from visiting churches were welcomed. Officers were elected for the coming year.

CHURCH LETTERS

Big Creek: Bros. Tony Byrd, Teddy Adkins, Willie Murphy, Dexter Randolph, Ricky Wilson, Jim Ayers, Stanley Holloway, Sisters Nancy Ayers, Lydon Holloway

Borings Chapel: No Report

Brummitts Creek: Sisters Star Bennett, Billie June Harzarik

Colberts Creek: Bro. Fabian Hughes, Sis. Julie Burleson

Covy Rock: Bro. Larry Miller, Sisters Barbara Miller, Marie Laws

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

Davistown: Rev. Frank Cable, Bro. Gene Wilson

Higgins: No Delegates

Hillcrest: No Delegates

Low Gap: Bros. Richard Tipton and Danny Ray, Sisters Rachel Smith, Kim Banks

Middle District: Rev. Scott Jenkins

New Hope: Rev. Ben James, Sisters Whitney James, Milley James, Lurley Bryant, Rose Cantrell
Nix Creek: Bros. Ronnie Brooks, Mike Lister, Danny Johnson, Sis. Dimmerree Brooks
North Bend: Bros. Owen Barnett, Frank Briggs, Rev. Ronnie Peterson, Sisters Betty Renfro, Gayla Hughes, Betty Briggs, Shirley Peterson
Pathway: Bros. John Ault, Chris Duncan
Pensacola: Rev. Keith Miller, Bro. Ronald Fox, Sis. Jackie Fox
Peterson's Chapel: Bro. Clifford Silvers, Sisters Betty Silvers, Wilma Laws
Pilgrim's Chapel: No delegates
Piney Grove: No Letter
Southside: Bro. Maurice Robinson, Rev. Bernie Jones
Sunset: Rev. Terry Richardson
Union Hill: No Delegates
Vale: Rev. Gary Huffman
Valley Forge: Bros. Bob Ray, Carl Roberson, Sis. Pat Ray
Woodby Hill: Bro. Sam Guinn, Sis. Lucy Bryant
Youngs Chapel: Bros. Lee Thompson, Dean Branton, Stanley Silvers, Sis. Norma Silvers

7:00 PM Worship Service

The service began with the pastor welcoming everyone. The service opened with a congregational hymn, "Heaven's Jubilee". Prayer was led by Rev. Ronnie Peterson. Low Gap choir sang "He's the Owner, He's the Lord" and "Oh What a Savior". Mark Robinson's family sang "The Master Has Awaken" and "He Ain't Never Done Me Nothing but Good". Nick Rash from Low Gap sang "Just a Closer Walk with Thee".

Rev. Blaine Whitson brought the message reading from II Kings 19:3 and 19:14-20. He preached about the letter of bad news that was sent to King Hezekiah, which said his cities and country were surrounded by the enemy and it looked like Judah would have to give up. Instead, Hezekiah went to the house of God and made intercession. God then spoke to Isaiah who said that God had heard their prayer.

The devil had sent a letter of bad news to the king just as he tries to do to us each day. We need to take what the devil says and tries to get us to do before the Lord. The service ended with fellowship and several testimonies.

Friday Business Session, July 29, 2016

9:30 AM

Pastor Adam Miller welcomed everyone to the second day of the Association. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace". Prayer was led by Rev. John Stockton.

Rev. Gary Huffman brought devotions reading from Acts 7:51. He talked about Stephen and the Holy Spirit that lived in him. Prayer was led by Rev. Terry Richardson.

The 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 reporting and those which did not report. Three letters were read and approved. Call was made for names of churches who did not report, which were New Hope, Borings Chapel, and Piney Grove. The Moderator called for visiting church delegates, and there wasn't any. A call was made for visiting ministers – there was one, Rev. Steve Bennett.

The Moderator called for topic Committee reports.

11:00 AM Worship Service

Pastor Adam Miller welcomed everyone back to preaching service. Bro. Bob Ray and Sister Pat Ray sang "The Unseen Hand". Pat then sang "If It Wasn't for the Lord". The congregation sang "Just A Little Talk with Jesus".

Rev. Charlie Trivette read St. John 14:1. Thank God for Jesus. The message was "Believe in God". I believe, and I know. What are they teaching in the Universities? Do we believe what God says or what Professor So and So says? He talked about Adam and the creation. There was no sin in the garden. He talked about the three angels, but Lucifer was not satisfied and allowed pride to get in. He wanted to exalt himself. He spoke about the devil, and how he deceived Eve and Adam. Satan paints beautiful pictures, but he does not show the flip side.

Sin separates us from God. God will not overlook it. There had to be a sacrifice for sin, and God knew the angel could not be the sacrifice. Behold the Lamb of God paid our sin debt to renew our fellowship with God. We are healed through His stripes to be redeemed back to God through the blood of Christ.

It was a wonderful spirit filled message. Prayer was led by Rev. Keith Miller.

1:15 PM Business Session

The Association was welcomed back by Pastor Adam Miller, and the congregation sang “Just A Little Talk With Jesus”. Devotions were led by Rev. Bobby Revis reading from Matthew 4:14-15. He talked about you being the light of the world. Prayer was led by Rev. Terry Richardson.

The Moderator called for the remainder of the reports. They are printed in full at the end of the minutes.

Rev. Roger Thompson passed out handouts for the Prayer Walk, which was going to be held in Yancey County.

Rev. Charlie Trivette talked about the churches, which do not report to the association. It was discussed about what the association needed to do. It was decided that the NC Investigating Committee would investigate Borings Chapel and offer help if needed. They are to investigate and find out if Borings Chapel wants to continue to be a part of the Jacks Creek Association, or do they want to go in a different direction.

Rev. Charlie Trivette proposed a change to the Burial Fund, and the Rules Committee Report recommended the changes, which were approved. Article 9 of the Burial Fund rules is amended to permit those that have paid up their coverage of \$1000.00 to be given the opportunity to continue to pay \$30.00 per year for an additional \$1000.00 benefit for a total of \$2000.00 to be paid at their death. The same rules and conditions that apply to the original Burial Benefit will also apply equally to this additional Burial benefit.

Closing prayer was led by Bro. Eddie Tipton.

7:00 PM Worship Service

Pastor Adam Miller welcomed the congregation. The congregation sang “The Dearest Friend I Ever Had”. Prayer was by Jamie Miller. Big Creek youth sang “God Has Been Good”, “I Have Been Blessed”, “I’ll Be There”, “Come to Jesus”, and “It Could Happen in a Moment”. Allison Miller, accompanied by banjo, fiddle, and guitar, sang “How Deep the Father’s Love”, “Go Kill the Calf”, “I’m On the Last Mile”, and “I’m Asking You”. Danny Miller and Macey Miller sang “Oh God, How I Need You” and “God Is So Good”. Alvin and Gretchen Murphy sang “I Want to Be a Light”. The Girls Trio sang “Did I Mention”, “I Welcome You”, and “Precious Lord”. Finally, the entire youth choir sang “There Is a Remedy”. There were several great testimonies given

about what God has done. The service was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Danny Miller.

ASSOCIATION TOPIC COMMITTEES

Churches, pastors, and deacons: John 21:15-17 Pastors need to take care of the church, feed the lambs and sheep, and all the congregation. Just be a pastor.

Com.: Rev. J.C. Sheets, Bro. Teddy Adkins, Rev. Terry Richardson

Church Training Service: There is a famine of Biblical knowledge in our national culture. This fact can be directly attributed to the inability, or lack of desire, many churches have in training their youth. The Bible admonishes us in numerous passages to teach and to help in the spiritual growth of the individual Christian and the church. (Matthew 4:23; Luke 4:14-15; Acts 13:1-3; Romans 12:6-8; Galatians 6:6; Titus 2) Church Training Service (CTS) can be a special time for members, both young and old, to learn more about our faith and ways to grow in it.

If your church does not have a CTS program, our committee would urge you to adopt it as a part of your church ministries. CTS can supplement what participants learn in Sunday School and during times of Biblical preaching. Reinforcement of Biblical concepts can only help each person have a more stable and well-grounded Biblical world view. The more often we hear something, the greater the chances are we will make it part of the way we think, and how we perceive the world in which we live.

If your church has a CTS program, we would suggest the program leadership look into how it can become more effective. There is never a lack of room for growth. Seek God's face, and be open to His call to go to higher heights and deeper depths in your ministry to help your youth. Your young people are depending on you as leaders to give them your best effort. See how God can enable you to be a greater help to the members of CTS.

Let each of us seek out ways to help our youth have a greater depth of Biblical knowledge. The future of our culture and the future of our local church community depend on the next generation receiving and adopting Biblical instruction in their daily lives. Look to the future in hope that God's people will continue to pass on their Biblical heritage.

Com.: Revs. Ronnie Peterson, Phillip Hughes, and Sis. Gayla Hughes

Disabled Ministers Fund: Rev. Marvin Hensley presented a financial report as shown in the financial section of these Minutes.

Com.: Revs. Henry Berry, Marvin Hensley, Bro. Willis Adkins

Education: What is the value of an education? Our society puts great value on it and spends large sums to ensure it. The Bible is full of advice about gaining knowledge and its value! Proverbs 11:9 says “through knowledge the just shall be delivered!”

“Knowledge is power”, we often hear; we often see where ignorance is very costly! Ecclesiastes 7:12 tell us, “the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it”. But knowledge only remains a tool to be used by those with wisdom, which only comes from God! We should earnestly encourage a good education, but only in the wisdom of the knowledge of God; for knowledge is a tool that can be used for greed, evil purposes, oppression, and power to do evil!

Knowledge and the wisdom of God is a promise if we faithfully ask it of Him! With these, we can detect cunningly devised fables, false teachers, and false doctrines of devilish men and women! We therefore see that these are perfect gifts from above, making us to be wise but harmless as doves, a light in a darkening world, and most importantly to have knowledge of our sin and need for a savior for our immortal souls!

Our society has become drunk on foolishness, folly, and vain distractions; soothing our senses and dulling our minds so much that the calling of the Spirit is a strange thing to many! They have no understanding, only using knowledge for evil. We need to ask God for understanding with all the knowledge we can gather. Proverbs 16:22 says “Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it”.

From the committee on education, keep your eyes on the goal and not on the means toward achieving that goal, I Corinthians 13:1-13.

Com.: Rev. Norman Loveless, Bro. Tony Byrd, Sis. Christy Miller

International Missions: Rev. Adam Miller spoke about all the people who are involved in missions working on a temporary basis. He spoke about the world welcoming the gospel. While in America, churches are closing their doors, and they are selling their buildings. He said that in other parts of the world, poverty shows in people’s homes, but their churches are beautiful and topnotch. He talked about the sacrifices which must be made to take the gospel around the world.

We are proud to support Rev. Josh Provow and his family as they continue to break spiritual ground in their work in Bulgaria.

Com.: Revs. Blaine Whitson, Adam Miller, J. C. Sheets

Home Missions: Missions is one of the roles that is given to all Christians, not just preachers. There is a great mission field in each

community and neighborhood we live in. I John 3:17 says "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in Him". We have neighbors, friends, and loved ones that need to see the love and compassion of God in our lives. So many people, living and working around us each day, have never heard of Christ or his plan of salvation. We have an obligation to reach and teach each one about Jesus. We can all be missionaries everyday, if we will be willing to let God use us. We need home missionaries in our local communities throughout America.

Com.: Rev. Keith Miller, Bros. Dean Branton, Stanley Holloway

Ladies Auxiliary: We the committee on Ladies Auxiliary believe that we should encourage our churches to start an auxiliary and to stress greater participation from each member of the church, especially the young people. We feel the ladies auxiliary is a spiritual blessing to a church, and it also promotes greater fellowship in the church. Matthew 6:33.

A ladies auxiliary can help the church by working together to support the spiritual and physical need in the church and also in the community.

It is a great work outside the local churches. Paul reminded Timothy "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that was in thy grandmother Lois and mother Eunice...". The greatest power is a mother who uses her auxiliary of prayer for her husband and children.

Com.: Rev. Dean Murphy, Sis. Irene Trivette, Sis. Star Bennett

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries: FWB Family Ministries began in 1939. It is located in Greeneville, Tennessee. It serves 125 children daily, that includes 35-45 in foster care. In 2015, 106 young people made decisions to follow Christ. For the past 16 years, we have seen an average of 100 or more saved through this ministry each year. One hundred seven young men graduated from our Enhanced Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program.

Florence Crittenton Childrens Home in Little Rock Arkansas, which served 15 children, has been upgraded to take care of 18 children.

Maggie House in Charleston, Arkansas, opened December 01, 2015, serving 30 children but can serve up to 33. In this area of 27 counties, there are over 900 children residing from neglected and abusive homes.

The Chaffee Crossing Home in Fort Smith, Arkansas, is on 20 acres and will be serving 32 children. The ground breaking was Tuesday, April 26, 2016. This has been made possible thanks to a \$1.875 million dollar donation from "Curt, Cliff, and Opal Young Family Home".

The Oaks Retreat Center, iGreeneville, Tennessee, which is a youth camp and church retreat, has a new camp director, Derly Hodgens.

The Hope Center, crisis pregnancy center, director is Sharon Hodgens. There were 97 babies born in 2015. Door of Hope Maternity House has four apartments, which have been remodeled and paid for by 2 or 3 businessmen in the area.

We are asking that all churches give a special offering on Sunday, October 30, 2016, for the Maternity House. All donations will be appreciated.

We are providing care for approximately 100 senior citizens in our two assisted living facilities – Governor’s Bend, Erwin, Tennessee, and The Laurels, Wise, Virginia.

Com.: Bros. Mike Allison, Lee Thompson, Rev. Jimmy Arrowood

Sunday Schools: Sunday School is a time set aside for studying the scripture to establish us in the Word of God. Ephesians 4:11-12, and God gave some, pastors, evangelists, teachers, for the perfecting of the saints. Studying the Scripture helps us lay off the carnal mind and take on the mind of Christ. Let this same mind be in you that is in Christ Jesus, Philippians 2:5.

Sunday School is important as it is broken down into different age groups, and taught on their level by teachers of great wisdom. Sunday School teaching provides a solid foundation for our children and also our adults. It is a result of studying God’s Word. 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”.

Com.: Revs. Bernie Jones, Ralph Hedrick, Bro. Eddie Tipton

Sessions: See inside front cover.

Com.: Rev. Paul Bennett, Bros. Rick Wilson, Stanley Silvers

Resolutions: It is a great time for the children of God to resolve in our hearts to let the love of Christ shine brightly. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven”, Matthew 5:16.

In this time of darkness, it is important for Christians to let your light shine. We may get discouraged as we see our nation falling away from Godly principles, but we should remember that Christ has already won the victory.

Christ expects us to be able to give an answer for our faith, and to be

able to explain to people what we believe, and to tell why we believe it. "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear", I Peter 3:15.

According to statistics provided by the Christian Law Association, our nation is swiftly drifting in the wrong direction.

2 in 5 millennials say that church is not important.

9 out of 10 Americans own a physical copy of the Bible, but only 29% of under citizens read scripture once a week, and only 24% of millennials.

65% of American citizens now encourage living together before marriage.

57% now believe that right and wrong is a personal decision and not based on the Bible as a moral absolute.

1 in 4 unchurched adults in America identify as skeptics, either by sharing views of agnosticism and outright atheism.

As Christians, resolving to proclaim Christ daily is not an option. The future of our churches, children, and generations to come depend on the choices that we make today.

Rev. Stanley McMahan, Bros. Alvin Murphy, Jamie Miller

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS FUND REPORT

Beginning balance July 28, 2015	\$7,982.92
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Contributors:

Woodby Hill	\$120.00
Woodby Hill	\$300.00
Pensacola	\$800.00
Crabtree	\$ 25.00
Southside	\$400.00
Big Creek	\$1200.00

Total	\$2845.00
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Disbursements

Paid to Josh Provow	\$4950.00
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Ending Balance July 28, 2016	\$5877.92
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Submitted by: Rev. Blaine Whitson, Treasurer

Rev. J.C. Sheets, Assistant Treasurer

FREE WILL BAPTIST FAMILY MINISTRIES

Contributions during Association	\$2000.00
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Submitted by: Rev. Bernie Jones

HOME MISSIONS FUND REPORT

Beginning balance Aug.1, 2015 \$1509.95

Received

July 29, 2015 Minute Fund	\$ 990.50
Aug. 13, 2015 Minute Fund	25.00
Aug. 20, 2015 Minute Fund	25.00
July 29, 2016 Home Mission	195.00
July 29, 2016 Minute Fund	1044.25
July 30, 2016 History books	195.00
Total Receipts	\$2474.75

Disbursements

Oct. 26, 2015 Christian Flags	\$ 108.82
Oct. 20, 2015 Printing of Minutes	1040.50

Total Payments \$1149.32

Ending Balance \$2835.38

Submitted by: Rev. Frank Cable

BURIAL FUND JACK'S CREEK FWB ASSOCIATION

Beginning Balance \$25,590.00

Money received \$1,500.00

Benefits paid out \$2,000.00

Balance \$25,090.00

Submitted by: Rev. Bobby Revis

DISABLED MINISTERS FUND

Church Loan Extension Fund Investment Acct.

Beginning balance as of 6-30-2015	\$312,006.10
Interest earned	12,508.33
Transferred funds to checking acct.	(7,000.00)
Ending Balance 6-30-2016	\$317,514.43

Checking Account

Beginning Balance as of 7-30-2015 \$4880.23

Receipts

Received from Churches	\$4806.00
Received from Preachers	\$3045.00
Transferred from Investments	\$7000.00
Burial Fund Premiums	\$1500.00
Total	\$16,351.00

Debits

Administration fees	\$600.00
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Paid to Ministers	\$10,400.00	
Burial Fund Claims	\$2,000.00	
Postage, sympathy cards, etc.	\$150.60	
Total	\$13,150.60	
Balance in Checking Acct. 7- 30-2016	\$8,080.63	
Submitted by: Rev. Marvin Hensley, Treasurer		

Money for Association

Clerk and Moderator Fund:	\$465.00	
Association Fund:	\$900.00	Minute
Fund:	\$1019.25	

OBITUARIES 2015-2016



Grace Miller Adkins, age 93, of the Ramsey Town Community, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 26, 2014, at Memorial Mission Hospital.

Grace was the daughter of the late Charlie and Dollie Miller and the wife of the late Cecil Adkins, who passed away in 1991. Surviving are her daughters: Phyllis Wilson and husband Glenn, Linda Peterson and husband Sid, Glenda Hopson and husband Tommy; son Gary Adkins and wife Deanna. She had eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, one step-grandchild.

Grace was a member of Millers Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, but attended Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church for the past 20 years until her health failed. Grace was a giving and loving person who loved the Lord and her family.

George Bennett went home to be with the Lord May 27, 2016, in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, following a lengthy illness. George was born January 28, 1931 in Mitchell County, NC, to the late Baxter and Lizzie Bennett. He was a beloved deacon and trustee of Brummitts Creek Free Will Baptist Church for many years, where he helped to build the church spiritually. He and his late wife, Ann, remained faithful to the church after they relocated to Johnson City, Tennessee, for many years.

Surviving is one son, Mike Bennett and wife Sally of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina; two grandsons: Brad Bennett and Chad Bennett of Johnson City, Tennessee; one brother, Johnny Bennett and wife Camelee of Burnsville, NC; several nieces, nephews, and many friends who will miss him.



Maude Hensley Boone of Burnsville, NC, passed away October 3, 2014. She was a native of Yancey County and the daughter of Rufus and Edgel Hensley. She was the wife of the late Otto Boone, who passed away in 1986. She was a member of Covy Rock Free Will Baptist church, which she dearly loved.

Surviving are her nephews: Rev. Marvin Hensley and wife Debbie, Rev. Tommy Hensley and wife Pansy, and Billy Hensley. Surviving also are a host of family and friends whom she so loved and enjoyed.

She loved to sing gospel songs and on her tombstone you will read, "Keep on singing" which to all that knew her, have no doubt that she is.

Ethel Lytle went home to be with the Lord Sunday, February 7, 2016. God gave her 90 years, 4 months, and 21 days on this earth. She was married to her husband, Milton Lytle, for 67 years. She is also survived by two daughters: Kathy Jenkins (John) and Joan Lytle; and a special grandson Eric Davis.

She was an active member of Davistown Free Will Baptist Church. She was a quiet lady who worked tirelessly for the Lord by helping to win others to the Lord, raising money to help build a new church, or preparing meals for sick members of the church. Her life was a testimony of her love for the Lord.

Bessie M. Harris was born May 12, 1924, and departed this life July 16, 2016. She had been in declining health for a number of years and was not able to attend her church, Davistown Free Will Baptist Church. She loved her Lord and always had a sweet smile for everyone.

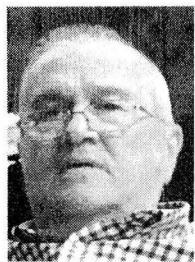
She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed, and her daughter, Debbie. She is survived by two sons: Carter (Sherry) and David (Doris); and several grandchildren.



Pearl Edwards Fender, age 96, of the Little Creek Community, went to her Heavenly home June 18, 2016. She was a member of Higgins Free Will Baptist Church. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Emory and Minnie Atkins Edwards and the wife of Howard Fender, who died in 2001.

Surviving are two daughters: Ethal Lou Bradford (Junior Ray) and Norma Edwards (Alden); three sons: Ezra Fender,

Darius Fender (Hope), and Larry Fender (Sandra); ten grandchildren: Lisa Miller, Patrick Bradford, Sherri Peterson, Tina Bryant, Randall Fender, Crystal Bradford, David Fender, Glendon Fender, Jada MacLellan and Josh Fender; 25 great-grandchildren, 8 great great-grandchildren; sister, Mildred Adkins; and three brothers: Creed Edwards, Coy Edwards and Homer Edwards. She was a precious Christian lady who was an example to all.



Jimmy Johnson, age 73, of Golden Valley Community, went to be with the Lord on May 12, 2016. He was a native of Harnett County, NC. He was born on May 16, 1942, to the late James Dewey Johnson and Mary Lela Culbreth Johnson.

Jimmy was a devoted member and deacon of Hillcrest Free Will Baptist Church in Nebo, NC for over two decades. Jimmy was devoted to his church, and everyone that knew him, knew how he loved Hillcrest. He opened the doors and welcomed each person to the church, and he was there no matter how bad he felt.

Jimmy passed away four days before his 74th birthday. He found out he had cancer on April 25, 2016 and passed away three weeks later on May 12, 2016. His faith stayed strong until the end, and he never complained. He was a man who loved his church, his life, and his family, but most of all, Jimmy loved the Lord.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Imogene Wilson Johnson; one daughter: Martha Wester and husband Mark; three grandchildren: Christopher Wester and wife, Allysa, Victoria Buchanan and husband, Steven, and Abbey Wester; three great-grandchildren: Brandon Wester, Alexandria Wester and Cameron Buchanan; one brother: Arthur Johnson and wife Brenda; four sisters: Sue Smith and husband Rodney, Faye Hair and husband, Chet, Mary Woodard and husband Ron, Lela Raynor; and a number of very special nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by four brothers: Earl Johnson, Clarence Johnson, Lester Johnson, and George Johnson; and two sisters: Mazie Coore and Magdeline Smith.

Bulah Clark Howard, age 77, of Linville Street, Newland, NC, made her voyage to Heaven on February 26, 2016. She was a native of Mitchell County, NC, growing up in the Buladean community. She was the daughter of the late Halder and Theodora McKinney Ingram. She was retired from North American Rayon in Elizabethton, TN. She was a member of Middle District Freewill Baptist Church in Buladean, and had also attended New Life Baptist Church in Newland, NC.

Beulah had a great passion for the beauty of God's wonders in nature, especially flowers. She would gaze for long periods of time, amazed at God's handiwork, and was quite an accomplished gardener herself. She was a caring soul who love to talk to others, offering words of encouragement. In spite of her increasing illness, Bulah spoke with a firm knowledge and confidence that demonstrated an unfaltering trust in Christ, whom she had come to accept as Savior and Lord many years earlier. It is especially gratifying and joyous to know that now she rests in Heaven, where the beauty is beyond compare.



Cynthia Sue Carter of Johnson City entered into her heavenly home on March 6, 2016 after a courageous battle with leukemia. And God said, "My garden needs a new flower, and I can think of no one lovelier or more deserving than my child Sue." Sue was an active member of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church of Unicoi, Tennessee. She retired after more than thirty years of service as the Produce Manager at the Food City store in Elizabethton.

She was the daughter of the late Jean and Betty Duncan of Johnson City, Tennessee. Sue was born in Yancey County, North Carolina.

Sue leaves behind to miss her and tp cherish her memory a son, Eric Carter of Unicoi, Tennessee. Sue's immediate family includes five sisters: Peggy Taylor (Randy) of Jonesborough, Libby Dugger (Ricky) of Gray, Sharon Boyd (William) of Sulphur Springs, Rebecca Hillman of Johnson City, and Wilma Bailey (Darryl) of Elizabethton. She also leaves behind two nephews, four nieces, three great nieces, and four great nephews who loved her dearly, and a special friend, Roger Vest, as well as her extended family in Burnsville, North Carolina.

Sue helped anyone that needed it, even if it put a burden on her, and did so gladly. She will be missed by all who knew her.



Daisy Lockner McCurry, age 98, went home to be with the Lord on May 31, 2016, at her home. She was the oldest member of North Bend Free Will Baptist Church. She was the daughter of William (Bill) and Suckie Lockner, and the wife of the late Voyd McCurry. She loved the Lord, her church, and family.

She leaves behind five children, thirteen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, one daughter-of-law, and many nieces and nephews to cherish her memory.

Leona Stanley Street (Age 96) She was one of the oldest and sweetest members of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. She was a precious Christian lady, and the widow of the late Clay Street, who operated a hardware store in Valley Forge for many years. She is survived by two sons: Larry Street, RL Street, and their families, along with a host of friends and neighbors.

Heaven will be a happy place when we meet those who have gone on to Heaven. Trust God for that hope.

Flossie Marie Miller Tolley (Age 90) She was born on February 20, 1925, and passed away on October 4, 2015. Flossie was a special neighbor and friend of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. She was the widow of the late Sam Tolley. She leaves behind a daughter: Brenda, and a son: Danny, and their families; and a host of friends and family.

Sister Tolley did not have it easy, but she was a true friend to so many. We look forward to seeing her again in Heaven.

Sandi Glover (Age 63) She was born on October 8, 1952, and passed away on February 5, 2016, after a long courageous battle with cancer. Sandi was a member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. She loved the church. She was the step-mother to Dianne Glover Arrowood, Sherry Glover Freeman, and Shelia Glover James. She was the wife of Gary Glover.

Praise God for a place where there will be no more pain and sickness.

Kansas Elizabeth Garland Clark (Age 88) She was born on April 8, 1925, and died on November 3, 2015. She was a Christian, faithful wife, loving mother, precious grandmother, and friend. She was married to her husband, Byrl Clark, for 68 years. True Godly love and devotion to one another are a legacy cherished by all who love them.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Clark Abel and her husband, Larry; Byrl Lester Clark Jr.; Jeff Clark and wife Linda; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren. She truly loved her Young at Heart Sunday School class who miss her terribly. Truly Heaven is a sweeter, happier place because of folks like Sister Kansas Clark.

Lynda Bowman (Age 70) Lynda was born on February 28, 1945, and died on August 5, 2015. She was a member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. She came to this country from England. She loved the church and God's people. She was a precious lady who is at home with the Lord.

Ray “Candy Man” Franklin (Age 92) Ray was born on November 26, 1923, and passed away on March 17, 2016. He was a faithful member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. He was one of a few remaining World War II veterans. He retired from Inland Containers. He was known as “The Candy Man” because he would always cheer you up with a little story and some sweets. He was a good soldier, loving husband, father, and grandfather who loved his family with a wonderful legacy of love and caring, and stories of the past. He was preceded in death by his late wife, Christine Brock Franklin, of 57 years.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Jeff Lyons; daughter, Connie Hall; and a son, Stephen Ray Franklin and girlfriend, Tammy Vanhoy. His two pets, Tiger and Fluffy, stayed by his side and gave him great comfort. Brother Ray never met a stranger. He loved the men’s fellowship of the church, and he could always manage to take your picture whether you were looking or not. We surely do miss him.

Carmack “Mack” Barnett (age 86) was born on September 9, 1930, and went home to be with the Lord on March 7, 2016. He was a member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Judy C. Barnett; a daughter, Shari Hebner; a son, Greg Barnett; two grandchildren; and a sister, Gloria Jenkins. He was a veteran and was buried in the Mountain Home National Cemetery. Another soldier of the cross has made it home. Praise the good Lord for a precious man like Brother Carmack Barnett.

Joan Ward (age 58) was born on April 1, 1957, and passed away on November 24, 2015. Although she was not a member of Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church, she was a regular attendee. She was a sweet person and was related to Brother Preacher Carl Nelson.



Tammy Kay Stark (age 54) went home to be with her Lord on Monday, May 9, 2016, at her home in Hunter's Run Apartments. She was a dedicated member of Young's Chapel FWB Church, where she served as an assistant Sunday School teacher and worked with the women's group on many fund raising projects and other activities.

Surviving are immediate and extended loving family members, along with many friends who also loved her dearly.

Churches	No. Baptized	Members Added	Dismissed	Deaths	Membership	Average in Sunday School	Communion	Ladies Auxiliary	C.T.S.	Minute Fund	Association Fund	Clerk & Moderator Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid for Revivals	F.W.B. Family Ministries	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Disabled Ministers Fund	Poor and Sick	Improvement to Church Property	Value of Church Property
Big Creek					84	82	1	15		100		50	18,700	1,600	4,241	4,767	1,200	500	9,300	12,246	505,117
Borings Chapel																					65,000
Brummitt's Creek		10	1	1	47	26				20	20	20	7,200						3,441		300,000
Colbert's Creek	2				10	17				50	50	50	8,322	300	100				2,030		
Covy Rock	10	11			161	101	3	12		50	40	20	20,800	1,000	2,394	1,644	6,695	300	6,891	191,506	646,499
Crabtree					16	19	1			25	40	25	7,800	200	50	25	25	100	200		131,841
Davistown				2	16	17	2			40	50	10	2,600						800		297,233
Higgins			69	1	63	63	4			45	20	5	20,800			500		65			566,304
Hillcrest		4		1	38	17	4			20	20	15	4,900			50		50	200		250,000
Low Gap		5			82	44	2		15	50	50	10	13,000	1,000	700	500	333	100			310,000
Middle District				1	68	45	4		24	40	40	25	17,780	700	1,321		1,300		4,894		375,000
New Hope	5	5		1	25	18				25			5,940					100	2,180		250,000
Nix Creek					14	26	1			30	40	25			600	500	900	100	4,086	500	181,820
North Bend				1	53	53	4	9	13	50	100	25	12,000	1,400	2,197	5,545		100	3,694		548,935
Pathway	4	3		1	44	59	4	12		46		10	7,200	950			210		7,203	4,020	155,000
Pensacola					75	40	1	6	15	40	50	10	18,408	2,043	443	575	805	200	17,085	3,200	170,000
Peterson's Chapel		8	79		57	70	1			25	15	15	15,500			575	1,804		7,814	3,000	379,620
Pilgrim's Chapel			2		34	12				15	15	10	3,125						500		71,000
Piney Grove																					800,000
Southside	3	8		3	283	97	4	26		50	15	25	36,420		6,675		600	250	3,199		1,610,000
Sunset		2			87	64	4			63	15	15	25,708	600	2,157	300		50	20,338		412,000
Union Hill	2		1		37	30	1			25	40	25	6,600		1,000	135		100	1,525	232	94,752
Vale					29	17	2			25	50	25	12,550		50	270		50		580	225,000
Valley Forge	20	28		8	716	367	2	98	257	125	100	25		2,922	12,016	147,635	11,115	300	78,667	70,460	5,623,470
Woodby Hill					48	24	1	6		40	25	5	12,625		500	120	420	25	2,442	325	152,000
Youngs Chapel		1	3	2	73	41	3	6		50	50	20	20,800	1,000	350	3,562	2,131		2,514	1,172	200,000
Totals	46	85	155	22	2,160	1,349		190	324	1,049	845	465	298,778	13,715	34,794	166,703	27,538	2,390	179,003	287,241	14,320,591

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 the cost of lunch. The session was adjourned to place and time.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk

Pensacola Free Will Baptist Church
January 30, 2016

The Jack's Creek FWB Ministers Conference met with Pensacola FWB Church at 9:30 A.M. The session began with the Pastor, Rev. Keith Miller, welcoming everyone and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus". Devotions were given by Rev. Paul Bennett reading from Job 21:21. He talked about how our nation has changed morally since its inception, and what it has become today. He said that we are already in trouble, and if we did not get back to the Christian foundation laid before us, that our nation will fail. He gave very encouraging instruction. Prayer was given by Rev. J.C. Sheets.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley. He read the Rules of Decorum. He then called for a moment of silence in honor of Rev. Roscoe Higgins who had recently passed on to glory. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with no exceptions. The ministers roll was called with everyone standing in full fellowship. Visiting churches were United Friendship and Hunt Dale Union being welcomed. There was no one seeking license or ordination. Rev. Joshua Hollifield of Mt. Calvary FWB Church, Marion, NC, was welcomed to sit in our body.

Rev. Glenn Walden turned in his license and ordination papers and stated, in a letter, that due to the hardship of having to travel so far to attend the ministers conferences, he would be better off getting into a conference closer to home. He has been a great blessing to all of us, and we wish him God speed.

In old business, Rev. Frank Cable spoke about the history of our conference that has been published in book form. Several people are interested in getting more books printed. We have checked with a couple of printers and have found that for a few books this will be an expensive endeavor. He will get more information together for the next

conference along with information on the pocket sized ordinations that the ministers have requested.

Bro. Mike Allison, from Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, spoke to us about what is going on there. He first read from 2 Timothy 2:7 and said, we were ever learning and never able to come to the truth. He then gave us an update on the Arkansas project. In that area alone, there are about 900 children out of, or in, broken homes. Randy Trivette has found a site that may be suitable for building a new home, and that one man given the money to purchase the land and build the home. It will house about 35 children. He said that on the Greeneville campus, over 107 have completed the drug-alcohol rehab program, and that with Christian counseling, 90% stay off. This is a phenomenal rate. There have been 97 children born in the Hope Center. Mothers now have a maternity center close to the Hope Center. It will now start to help these new moms get on their feet. He asked all of us to come for a visit or bring our churches on a retreat and use the facilities.

In other business, Rev. J.C. Sheets was placed in charge of the Association Revival to be held Sept. 19-23, 2016 at Buladean School. Preaching will be Revs. Roy Cooper, Bill Greer, Charlie Trivette, Norman Loveless, and John Stockton. Rev. Marvin Hensley will be in charge of the singing, and we will have a different group to sing each night.

Rev. Stephen Miller thanked the conference for their financial support during his family illness. He also explained his absence from the conference for the past two times, which the conference accepted.

A card was read from Rev. Roscoe Higgins' family, thanking us for our prayers, visits, and help with the funeral.

The Moderator for the next conference will be Rev. Scott Jenkins with Rev. Lester Perkins as his assistant.

We adjourned for preaching.

11:00 AM Preaching

Service began with the congregation singing "Heaven's Jubilee". Rev. Keith Miller then sang "I Can't Even Walk Without You Holding My Hand". Rev. John Stockton brought the message reading Hebrews 3:3 and John 3:16. He spoke on "How shall we escape if we neglect so

great salvation?" He said that how we love each other is how we love God. He stated that time is short, and we need to be careful lest we let it slip. Christ still saves, and his power is not diminished. He can still get the job done. We all need the Lord, and He needs to be manifested in our lives. He stated that many are trying to climb up the wrong way, but we must come through Christ. The message was followed by an anointing service for several preachers. There was much rejoicing. We were all inspired by the message. Prayer of dismissal was given by Rev. Charlie Trivette.

Respectfully Submitted by: Rev. Blaine Whitson

Youngs Chapel Free Will Baptist Church **April 30, 2016**

The Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Church Ministers Conference met at Young's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 AM. The session began with Pastor Roger Thompson welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "Glad Reunion Day". Devotions were given by Rev. Rodney Deyton reading Acts 10:34-44. He spoke about Jesus of Nazareth, and how he went about doing good. He gave great devotion followed by much rejoicing by the whole conference. Prayer was led by Rev. Jacob Cochran.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Scott Jenkins who read the Rules of Decorum. The minutes from the last session were read and approved with no exceptions. There were no visiting ministers or visiting churches. The Moderator called for anyone seeking license or ordination with Bro. Andrew McGuire presenting a letter of ordination, but the letter was not signed by the deacons, so his ordination will be addressed at the next conference. Bro. Mike Allison, from Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, gave his report. He began by giving a brief history of the ministry in Greeneville, Tennessee. He said they are dealing with about 120 young people on a daily basis including 35-40 in foster care. He also said that for the past 16 years, there have been, on an average, 100 saved each year in this ministry. They have graduated 107 young men from the Enhanced Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program, with a success rate of around 90 percent. Bro. Mike spoke about things that are going on at Florence Crittenton Children's Home in Little Rock, Arkansas, where they are now caring for 15 children. Then he spoke about the Maggie House in Charleston, Arkansas, which opened in December 2015, where they are dealing with 30 children, and the Chaffee Crossing in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where ground breaking took place in April of 2016, where they will serve 33 children. This was built from a 1.6 million dollar donation. It is the "Curt, Cliff and Opal Young Family Home". He

ended his report by talking about the Hope Center, where 97 babies were born in 2015. The "Door of Hope" maternity house is now open.

Fliers were given out for the Jack's Creek Association Revival which will be held at Buladean School on September 19-23, 2016. The information also included who would be preaching each night of the revival, and who would be the director of the singing. Rev. Sheets encouraged a good turnout.

Rev. Frank Cable spoke on the Jack's Creek History Book and offered several solutions to having it printed. Rev. Terry Richardson stated that he knew a printer in Johnson City who might do them, and he would inquire and report back to the next conference. Rev. Frank Cable also spoke about the pocket size ordination certificates, and he asked what the conference would be in favor of? This also will be discussed at the next conference.

Rev. Scott Jenkins talked to us about the phone information system and asked all of us to use it to announce revivals and other activities at our churches.

The rules committee will be considering some changes for the burial fund.

11:00 AM Preaching Service

The service began with the pastor welcoming everyone back. The congregation sang "He Set Me Free". Rev. Bill Greer brought the message reading from Eph. 1:3-6 and Eph. 2:11, 19. He told about his preaching experience, and how the Holy Spirit puts spirit in us. He said that he was saved when he was eleven years old. He spoke about how the Holy Spirit works on those who are lost. He told several stories of his experiences with lost people, and how he helped lead them to Christ. He said that no matter what we had done in the other life, after we get saved, we are all children of the King on equal footing with the Father. He preached a powerful message with many rejoicing. There were many testimonies about Rev. Greer and his ministry.

The service closed in prayer by Rev. Bernie Jones.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk

Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church July 30, 2016

The Jacks Creek FWB Ministers Conference met with Big Creek Church at Sioux, North Carolina, at 9:30 AM. The session opened with

Pastor Adam Miller welcoming the conference and making the necessary announcements. The congregation sang "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian". Devotions were given by Rev. Frank Cable reading from Phil. 4: 1-6. He spoke about the lack of rejoicing in Christian lives and in our churches. He gave several reasons for Christians to rejoice. He also spoke about the fruits of the Spirit and how they ought to flow through us. He gave us all encouragement to rejoice. Prayer was given by Rev. Rick Wood.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley, who read the Rules of Decorum. The minutes from the last session were read and approved with no exceptions. The ministers roll was called, with all ministers standing in full fellowship. Revs. Ben James and Rickey Hollifield stood and gave the reason for their absence from the last conference. The conference gave their approval to the reasons. There were no visiting ministers or visiting churches. There was none seeking license or ordination. There were no investigation committee reports.

The call was given by the Moderator for old business, with Rev. Scott Jenkins giving a report on the All Call phone system. He informed the churches that if they wanted to use this service to announce upcoming events in individual churches, such as singings or revivals, that he could get the information to the other churches. The service costs \$15.00 for up to 50 telephone numbers per month. He also gave his personal testimony.

In other business, Rev. Clyde Thomason turned in his license and ordination papers which were accepted by the conference. He leaves in good standing, and we wish him the best.

A letter was read from Piney Grove FWB Church asking that they be excused from the conference and association this year. The letter also asked for our input on some matters. A motion was made and passed; the Association Investigation Committee will contact the pastor and members to see what the association can do to help in this situation.

Election of officers for the coming year are as follows: **Clerk:** Rev. Blain Whitson with Rev. Frank Cable as his assistant.

Ordaining Council: Revs. Norman Loveless, Jimmy Arrowood, Terry Richardson, Bobby Revis, Bernie Jones, John Stockton as alternate, and with Ben James to sit as an observer.

Minister's Investigation Committee: **NC:** Revs. Dean Murphy, Russell Hughes, Roger Thompson, and alternate, Keith Miller; **TN:** Revs. Lester Perkins, B.F. McKinney Jr., Darrell Edwards, and alternate, Stephen Miller.

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

In new business, Bro. Randy Trivette, from FWBFM, spoke to us about the progress being made at the ministry. He stated that by August of next year there will be 130 children in their care, and they are trying to lead them to Christ. The ministry has grown so that new employees are having to be hired. He gave us an update on what is happening in both homes in Arkansas, and we now have one home taking children with the other soon to follow.

He also told us about a house being purchased to use for the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Erwin and Unicoi County. They are looking for certified counselors to help them. Both houses in Erwin and Elizabethton will have counseling. This was a very encouraging report.

Rev. Frank Cable asked the conference about the flag that is presented to the family of deceased ministers at funerals. Fringed flags 3x5 will be kept on hand in case the family wants one with fringe on it. We will otherwise present an un-fringed flag.

The Moderator for October will be Rev. Charlie Trivette, with Rev. Adam Miller as his assistant.

A reminder was given about the Association Revival in September at Buladean School. Rev. Bobby Revis spoke about the burial fund and encouraged young ministers to sign up.

Collection for One Call system: \$380.00; Lunch Money: \$200.00

Rev. J.C. Sheets dismissed the Conference in prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Blaine Whitson, Clerk

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 618 Bee Branch Rd., Burnsville, NC 28714 828-682-6700
- Middle District F.W.B.** 11142 N. Hwy. 226, Bakersville, NC
 Pastor: Scott Jenkins 828-688-3211 Clerk: Robyn Street
 Pine Root Rd., Bakersville, NC 28705 828-385-0875
- New Hope F.W.B.** 1220 Marbelton Rd., Unicoi, TN
 Pastor: Ben James 423-742-0757 Clerk: Bernice Williams
 119 Gilmon McInturff Rd, Unicoi, TN 37692 423-220-6633
- Nix Creek F.W.B.** 149 Nix Creek Church Rd., Marion, NC
 Pastor: Bart Deyton 828-208-3275 Clerk: Gidget Harris
 1972 Greenlee Rd., Old Fort, NC 28762 828-460-1100
- North Bend F.W.B** 25 North Bend Dr., Green Mtn., NC
 Pastor: Phillip Hughes 828-682-4387 Clerk: Linda Cox
 230 Woodstock Dr., Burnsville, NC 28714 828-682-6457
- Pathway F.W.B.** Carolina Ave. @ Academy St., Erwin, TN
 Pastor: Steve Bennett 423-928-0477 Clerk: Linda Gouge
 225 Pippin Hollow Rd., Erwin, TN 37650 423-735-5758
- Pensacola F.W.B.** 10117 State Hwy. 197 South, Burnsville, NC
 Pastor: Keith Miller 828-688-2727 Clerk: Patricia Silver
 305 Ewart Wilson Rd., Burnsville, NC 28714 828-682-7297
- Peterson's Chapel F.W.B.** 1008 Clearmont School Rd., Burnsville
 Pastor: Denny Wilson 828-208-4004 Clerk: Frances Webb
 2105 Hwy. 197 N., Burnsville, NC 28714 828-284-4998
- Pilgrims Chapel F.W.B.** 7 Pilgrim's Lane, Burnsville, NC
 Pastor: Clerk: Faye Elkins
 2200 Shoal Creek Rd., Burnsville, NC 28714 828-682-6731

- Piney Grove F.W.B.** 733 Piney Grove Rd., Hampton, TN
 Pastor: Ted Lewis 423-306-3584 Clerk: Charlotte Clark
 941 Fairview Rd., Hampton, TN 37658 423-725-2079
- Southside F.W.B.** 1313 Chestoa Pike, Erwin, TN
 Pastor: Kevin Laws 423-735-9902 Clerk: Maurice Robinson
 114 Bradshaw Woods, Erwin, TN 37650 423-743-6325
- Sunset F.W.B.** 6676 Hwy. 19 E, Roan Mtn., TN
 Pastor: Terry Richardson 423-725-2196 Clerk: Patti Whitson
 6676 Hwy. 19 E, Roan Mtn., TN 37687 423-929-8629
- Union Hill F.W.B.** 215 Union Hill Church Rd., Bakersville, NC
 Pastor: Tommy Hensley 828-208-1503 Clerk: Allen Wilson
 8323 N.C. Hwy. 197 N, Green Mtn., NC, 28740 828-766-7341
- Vale F.W.B.** 1404 Old Toe River Rd., Newland, NC
 Pastor: Gary Huffman 828-738-9761 Clerk: Susie Lewis
 333 White Oak Ck. Rd., Newland, NC 28657 828-387-5734
- Valley Forge F.W.B.** 1503 Riverview Dr., Elizabethton, TN
 Pastor: Randy Johnson 423-474-3600 Clerk: Joy K. Woods
 192 Panhandle Rd., Elizabethton, TN 37643 423-474-3947
- Woodby Hill F.W.B.** 6100 Simerly Creek Rd., Hampton, TN
 Pastor: Lester Perkins 423-474-3791 Clerk: Samuel Guinn
 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
 164 Top of the Hill Dr., Burnsville, NC 28714 828-682-6217

Ministers & Wives

- Arrowood, Jimmy & Louvella 828-688-4763
 694 Pine Root Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705
- Autrey, Dennis & Deborah 828-675-4340
 125 Sam Jones Rd., Burnsville, NC, 28714
- Bennett, Paul & Carol 828-688-3952, 828-385-0490
 220 Ridgeview Lane, Bakersville, NC, 28705
- Berry, Henry 423-725-2147, 423-742-0711
 812 Fairview Rd. Hampton, TN, 37658
- Birchfield, Tony & Gina 423-791-3614
- Cable, Frank & Jean 828-527-7813, 828-273-0152
 P.O. Box 2465, Marion, NC, 28752

Carver, Mike & Shirley 423-218-6188
 211 Blevins Rd., Johnson City, TN, 37601
 Cochran, Jacob 423-330-0806
 121 Jefferson St., Erwin, TN, 37650
 Cochran, Steve & Lorrie 423-735-9020
 501 Tweetie Hill Rd., Erwin, TN, 37650
 Cooper, Roy & Edna W. 423-282-1508
 2403 E. Lakeview Dr., Johnson City, TN, 37601
 Deyton, Rodney & Debra 423-341-2008
 200 Appian Way, Greeneville, TN, 37745
 Edwards, Bud & Louella 828-682-6966, 828-208-1339
 722 E. Main St., Burnsville, NC, 28714
 Edwards, Darrell & Donna 423-743-9601
 110 Dry Branch Rd., Erwin, TN, 37650
 Greer, William J. & Mary Nell 423-926-3577
 2028 Sundale Rd., Johnson City, TN, 37604
 Guy, Matthew & Gloria 423-725-2007
 151 Paul Blevins Rd., Roan Mtn., TN 37687
 Hedrick, Ralph & Susie 828-682-7388
 635 Hog Branch Rd., Burnsville, NC, 28714
 Hensley, Marvin & Debbie 828-537-4728
 9798 N. 226 Hwy., Bakersville, NC, 28705
 Hollifield, Rickey & Otehia 828-385-3992
 90 Loggy Hollow Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705
 Huffman, Gary & Norma 828-738-9761, 828-925-9763
 3368 Goose Creek Rd., Marion, NC, 28752
 Hughes, Phillip & Gayla 828-682-4387, 828-413-4122
 2533 Shoal Creek Rd., Burnsville, NC, 28714
 Hughes, Russell & Margaret 828-682-0193
 60 Water Spring Hollow, Burnsville, NC, 28714
 James, Ben & Whitney 423-742-0757
 106 Lynnwood Ave., Elizabethton, TN, 37643
 Jenkins, Scott 828-688-3211, 828-385-0673
 141 Hughes Gap Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705
 Jones, Bernie & Wanda 423-743-8078
 106 Parsley St., Erwin, TN, 37650
 Loveless, Norman & Phyllis 423-391-7279, 423-957-2815
 301 Lowe Rd., Piney Flats, TN, 37686
 McGuire, Andrew & Dusty 423-213-3143
 420 Fork Mtn. Rd., Roan Mtn., TN, 37687

McKinney, B.F., Jr. & Crystal 423-725-3788
516 Piney Grove Rd., Hampton, TN, 37658

McMahan, Stanley & Betty 828-675-5280
162 Chinquapin Drive, Burnsville, NC, 28714

Miller, Adam 423-220-7250
115 Balsam Dr., Erwin, TN, 37650

Miller, Keith & Tammy 828-385-3642, 828-208-3558
1085 Beans Creek Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705

Miller, Stephen & Crystal 423-743-0340
405 Fishery Loop Rd., Erwin, TN, 37650

Murphy, Dean & Etta 828-688-3795
8104 N. 197, Green Mountain, NC, 28740

Perkins, Lester & Linda 423-474-3791
126 Big Sandy Rd., Elizabethton, TN, 37643

Peterson, Junior & Paula 828-682-4446, 828-284-0519
P.O. Box 712, Burnsville, NC, 28714

Peterson, Ronnie & Shirley 828-208-2106, 828-208-2107
180 Boys-R-Us Lane, Burnsville, NC, 28714

Pittman, Kelly & Ashley 828-688-9892
2238 White Oak Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705

Revis, Bobby & Naomi 828-652-2153
3090 Fairview Rd., Marion, NC, 28752

Richardson, Terry & Melissa 423-725-2196
6023 Hwy. 19 E., Hampton, TN, 37658

Sheets, J.C. & Edna 828-688-3636
724 Greasy Creek Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705

Stockton, John L. & Margaret 828-688-3047
1063 Beans Creek Rd., Bakersville, NC, 28705

Styles, Billy & Gayle 828-738-4648
86 Meadow Brook Lane, Marion, NC, 28752

Thompson, Roger & Patricia 828-284-0454
300 Dogwood Lane, Burnsville, NC, 28714

Tipton, Keith & Merri 423-388-8146
P. O. Box 741, Erwin, TN, 37650

Trivette, Charlie & Irene 423-543-2910
157 Garrison Hollow Rd., Elizabethton, TN, 37643

Whitson, Blaine & Grace 828-682-6357
127 Hill Road, Green Mountain, NC, 28740

Wood, Rick & Penny 828-756-2230
195 Miracle Drive, Marion, NC, 28752

The following ministers are pastoring churches outside of our Association

Arrowood, Jimmy	Odoms Chapel Free Will Baptist, Bakersville, NC
Autrey, Dennis	Peppers Creek Baptist, Marion, NC
Bennett, Paul	Friendship Chapel, N. 226 Hwy., Bakersville, NC
Cochran, Steve	Unaka Springs Free Will Baptist, Erwin, TN
Deyton, Rodney	Mountain Dale Free Will Baptist, Erwin, TN
Greer, William J.	Watagua Valley Free Will Baptist, Elizabethton, TN
Guy, Matthew	Johnson City Free Will Baptist, Johnson City, TN
Hedrick, Ralph	First Free Will Baptist, Spruce Pine, NC
Hollifield, Rickey	Hunt Dale Union Church, Green Mountain, NC
Jones, Bernie	Toe River Free Will Baptist, Hunt Dale, NC
Loveless, Norman	Old Horseshoe Free Will Baptist, Elizabethton, TN
Sheets, J.C.	Limestone Cove Free Will Baptist, Unicoi, TN
Stockton, John L.	Curtis Creek Free Will Baptist, Banner Elk, NC
Styles, Billy	United Friendship Free Will Baptist, Marion, NC
Wood, Rick	Mt. Calvary Free Will 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." 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 named 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. "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 20: 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 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 watch care. 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 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 11. 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 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) 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 the 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 death or withdrawal from the Association by the treasurer, or by a majority vote of the Association.”

August 7, 1998 - Rev. 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 PM 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 - Rev. Charlie Trivette spoke on the flag to be presented at funerals of deceased ministers. Rev. 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 the 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. The 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 the 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 a 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 and 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. If a minister or his wife wants to extend their coverage to \$2000.00, they can continue to pay \$30.00 per year. The same rules as listed above will still apply. Amendment added July 29, 2016.

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

Church Letter To The Jack's Creek FWB Association

Date _____

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

Our Statistics Are As Follows:

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| 1) No. Baptized _____ | 12) Clerk & Moderator Fund _____ |
| 2) Members Added _____ | 13) Paid Pastor _____ |
| 3) Members Dismissed _____ | 14) Paid for Revivals _____ |
| 4) Deaths _____ | 15) Family Ministries _____ |
| 5) Total Membership _____ | 16) Home Missions _____ |
| 6) Avg. Attendance _____ | 17) Foreign Missions _____ |
| 7) No. of Foot Washings _____ | 18) Disabled Ministers Fund _____ |
| 8) Ladies Aux. _____ | 19) Poor & Sick _____ |
| 9) Number in CTS _____ | 20) Prop. Improvements _____ |
| 10) Minute Fund _____ | 21) Property Value _____ |
| 11) Association Fund _____ | 22) No. of Minutes Desired _____ |

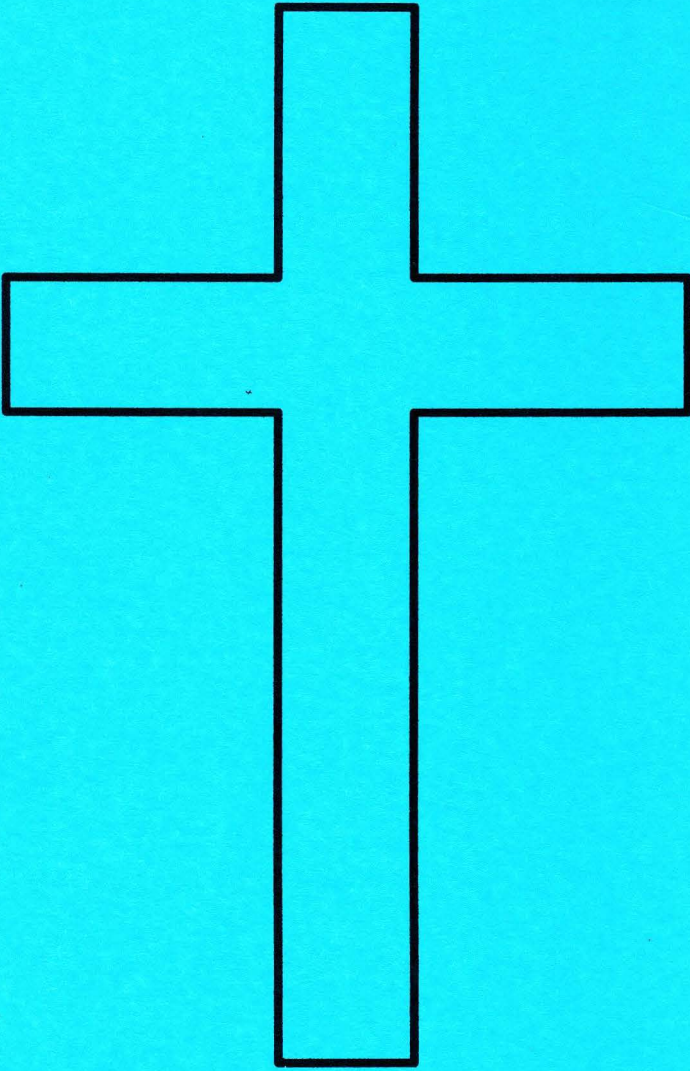
Please send at least \$1.50 to the Minute Fund for each copy of the minutes
you want.

Pastor Elect _____ Phone No. _____

Church Clerk _____ Phone No. _____

Clerk's mailing address: _____

Revivals conducted by: _____



But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

I Peter 4: 7-8