2019 - 2020

Minutes of the 125th Session

Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association

Officers:

Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley
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Next Session:

North Bend Free Will Baptist Church Green Mountain, NC July 29-30, 2021

2020-2021 Sessions

Quarterly Conferences will not be scheduled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, however any necessary or called meetings will be announced by the Conference Moderator Phillip Hughes as conditions develop over time.

July 2021 Association: North Bend FWB Church

Thursday:10:30 AM Friday 9:30 AM

Introductory message: Rev. Billy Styles, Dennis Autrey (alt)

P.M. Devotions: Rev. Lester Perkins, Kelly Pittman (alt)

Thursday night message: Rev. Tony Birchfield, Rev. Ronnie Peterson (alt)

Friday A.M. Devotions: Rickey Hollifield, Darrell Edwards (alt)

Friday morning message: Rev. Jimmy Arrowood, Rev. John Stockton (alt)

Friday P..M. Devotions: Rev. Dean Murphy, Andrew McGuire (alt)

July Conference: Devotions Kelly Pittman, Doug Phillips (alt)

Association History Books \$5.00 each Association Treatise \$2.00 each See Rev. Norman Loveless for copies

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Rules of Decorum

- **Article 1.** This session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- **Article 2.** There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.
- **Article 3.** Every member wishing to speak shall first rise to his feet and address the moderator.
 - Article 4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.
- **Article 5.** We will admit of no other title but that of Brother while in session.
- **Article 6.** Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.
- **Article 7.** No member shall speak more than three times on one subject. No member is to speak more than five minutes on one subject.
- **Article 8.** Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by those who made it.
- **Article 9.** No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of the Moderator.
- **Article 10.** On all motions, when the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.
- **Article 11.** The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as another member providing the Chair is filled.
- **Article 12.** Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.

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TN: Rev. B. F. McKinney, Jr.; Alternate: Rev. Keith Tipton NC: Rev. Frank Cable, Alternate: Rev. Phillip Hughes

PROCEEDINGS

The 125th Jack's Creek FWB Association met at Covy Rock FWB Church, Green Mountain, N. C. at 9:00 A.M., July 24, 2020. Due to the Covid-19 Corona Virus outbreak the annual meeting was condensed to a one day event. The pastor of Covy Rock and Association Moderator, Rev. Marvin Hensley, welcomed the assembly and explained the procedures for pandemic social distancing and personal protective equipment use, and the plan for serving food. He stated that original plans were to celebrate the 125th meeting with special efforts, however, due to circumstances, those plans were dropped.

Brother Rickey Hollifield presented devotions reading from Psalms 91:11, Psalms 92:1, 4-5, 8,12-15, and Psalms 95:1-7. He spoke on the topic of "Exhortation to Praise God." He encouraged us to follow the Spirit, worship our Savior, and serve him faithfully. If we trust Him and do these things we can qualify and fulfill an "Exhortation to Praise God."

The Moderator Brother Marvin Hensley had the session opened with prayer. He then read the Rules of Decorum and called the session to order. He then proceeded to the election of officers. Brother Marvin was retained in the position of Association Moderator and Brother Charlie Trivette was retained as Assistant Moderator.

The Clerk read a roll call of all member churches that had represented by letter due to the pandemic. Several additional letters were presented to the clerk and it was indicated that the remaining unrepresented churches had letters in the mail to the clerk. A motion was made to seat the delegates of the churches by letter or in person. The motion was seconded and approved.

CHURCH LETTERS

Big Creek: Bros:Jody Cox, Jamie Miller, Teddy Adkins & Todd Robinson

Brummitts Creek: By Letter

Covy Rock: Bros: Larry Miller and Wade Dahlberg,

Sisters: Barbara Miller and Latasha Dahlberg.

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

Davistown: By Letter **Higgins:** By Letter

Hillcrest: Rev. Doug Phillips Low Gap: Rev. Blaine Whitson Middle District: By Letter New Hone: By Letter

New Hope: By Letter Nix Creek. By Letter

North Bend: Rev. Phillip Hughes

Pathway: By Letter

Pensacola: Bro. Ronald Fox and Sister Jackie Fox

Peterson's Chapel: By Letter Pilgrim's Chapel: By Letter Southside: Rev. Bernie Jones

Sunset: By Letter

Union Hill: Bro. James Miller

Vale: By Letter

Valley Forge: Bros: Carl Roberson and Bob Ray

Woodby Hill: Rev. Lester Perkins

Youngs Chapel: Bros: Stanley Silvers and Dean Branton,

Sisters: Norma Silvers and Kay Branton

The minister's roll call was given. Visiting ministers welcomed were: Rev. Travis Cox, pastor of Brummitts Creek FWB Church; Rev. Todd Robinson, pastor of Big Creek FWB Church; and Rev. Verlin Anderson of the Cumberland Association and Missionary to Ivory Coast. There were no visiting churches and no churches were requesting admission to the Association.

Due to the unusual circumstances of the pandemic, it was recommended and agreed that committees and officers of the Association be retained for the coming year. However, due to the resignation of Brother Adam Miller, the offices which he held had to be filled. A motion to move Brother Norman Loveless to Treasurer of Home Missions was made and approved. Brother B.F. McKinney, Jr. was nominated and approved to be Assistant Home Missions Treasurer. Brother Bernie Jones was nominated and approved to be a member of the Disabled Ministers Investigating Committee. Brother Keith Tipton was nominated and approved to be an alternate on the committee. Brother Blaine Whitson was nominated and approved to become a Rules Committee member. Brother Rodney Deyton was nominated and approved to be a member of the Sustainability Committee.

The Moderator briefly discussed the continuing efforts to contact and get a response from our sister church, Boring's Chapel. They had been contacted multiple times by letter and recent attempts to locate and contact the clerk of the church were unsuccessful. Additional phone calls had been made with no contact being gained. Due to the lengthy process attempted, Brother Blaine Whitson moved to drop Boring's Chapel from the roll of Jack's Creek Association. The motion was seconded by Brother Stanley McMahan. The motion was passed.

Moderator Marvin Hensley read a report from the F.W.B. Family Ministries which will be included in the Reports Section. He also gave a brief report on the Disabled Minister's Fund.

The Moderator gave a call for old business. There was none. He then read the Committee reports from each topic as follows: Sunday School, North Bend; Ladies Auxiliary, Young's Chapel; Education, Covy Rock; Pastors, Deacons and Churches, Big Creek; CTS, Valley Forge; Home Missions, Pensacola; and International Missions, Low Gap.

A motion was made to accept the reports as read and approved by the body. Each report will be included in full in the Reports Section.

Clerk, Rev. Rodney Deyton spoke about the collection of funds at the Association and presented Article 12 of the Constitution, "There shall be a treasurer appointed by the Association, whose duty it shall be to have care of and account for the money committed to his charge." Brother Deyton stated that the collection, organization, and distribution of funds at the Association is an immense task and a tremendous responsibility. Because of the liability and work load involved with several thousands of dollars going to multiple fund accounts it was moved to nominate Rev. Roger Thompson as Association Treasurer and Brother Buck Thomason as Assistant Treasurer. The motion was seconded and approved. (The process of sorting and accounting for all moneys presented was a dramatic improvement in the process and accountability was more fully implemented.)

The Moderator spoke about the Sessions Committee for next year's meetings. A report is to follow and churches will be advised of the plans when they are completed.

Our guest visitor, Missionary Verlin Anderson (Son-in-Law to Brother Eddie Payne- former missionary), spoke briefly about his efforts in Ivory Coast, West Africa. He commented about his resignation from the National FWB Mission and his efforts with Christian Health Evangelism. He explained that he is still in full fellowship and a staunch Free Will Baptist. His efforts have expanded to help the mission to become self sustaining. Efforts include training in medical care and food production with extended training in sharing the gospel with emphases on building a truly self maintained Church community. In the past few years, the ministry has expanded to training principles throughout the national health care and education system. Many churches have been established and many new converts are serving the Lord Jesus Christ!

The Association Business Session was concluded with these activities. A short break was taken before the preaching service began.

11:00 AM Worship Service

The morning preaching service was given by Rev. Rick Woods who read from Nehemiah 1:1. His message was titled "A Call to Brokenness." He spoke about fear and trusting the Lord. He questioned about ratings we give those who do services for us, and asked us to consider the "ratings" others might give us regarding our service to the Lord. He wondered if we would get a good rating based on our true testimony. Would others judgment of us be a good evaluation? He exhorted us to keep the light in the House of God burning and to forsake not the assembly as admonished in Hebrews chapter 11.

Is our heart only in our church? We are missing something if we don't have a heart for others and their church. Nehemiah was concerned about the condition of the house of Israel. Has the enemy taken praise out of the Lord's house, ... songs, testimonies, exhortation? This pandemic has taken a toll!

Nehemiah's nation had suffered because of their sin. He recognized its condition and his countenance was changed. The king questioned his heavy heart and sent him to survey the situation. (All this was a fulfilling of the prophesy of Isaiah and Daniel years in advance. The appointed time had come.)

In Chapter 2, Nehemiah surveyed the city gates and the wall and found depravity. From the "Valley" gate, a place of lowliness and humility, it leads to fruitfulness for God. He surveyed the wall, determined the task, and returned to the "Valley" gate, a place of humility. All successful service to God begins and ends in humility before an Awesome God!

In the words of an elder member at Mt. Calvary, he encouraged us to "Finish, and finish well!" His "Call to Brokenness" is the first step to a renewal of faithfulness. May we submit to brokenness before God. The message was closed in an altar of prayer with most everyone falling on the altar in repentance and prayer! The service was dismissed in prayer for lunch by Rev. John Stockton.

Association Topic Committee Reports Church Operations:

Churches, Pastors, and Deacons: Big Creek FWB Church

The original Cape Hatteras Lighthouse was built in 1803 for the purpose of protecting sailors from one of the most hazardous sections of the Atlantic Coast, by providing a warning against dangers close to the shore. Although many things have changed about the lighthouse over the years, such as the height, width, color, and even the location, one thing has remained the same: to shine a light in the dark and dangerous place. It takes hard work and determination to keep light shining in the lighthouse. "Lighthouse keepers" keep watch and maintain the lighthouse to make sure the light never goes out and there is hope for ships to make it home safely.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 says, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good., traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

There has never been a time in history when it has been more important for the church to let the light of Jesus Christ shine. Matthew 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Church members, deacons, and pastors must work together and be "lighthouse keepers" and ensure the light of Jesus Christ is shining brightly in our churches. The only hope for mankind to safely reach our heavenly home is through Jesus. John 14:16: Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Submitted by: Big Creek FWB Churches, Brother Jody Cox

Sunday School: North Bend FWB Church

Whether a child is raised in a Christian home or if a child visits a church where there is a strong Sunday School, this Sunday School may be a place or the only place they where they hear about Jesus.

Sunday School should be regarded as a major part of Sunday Services. This is where age appropriate Bible lessons should be taught and

discussed to gain understanding, within individual age groups. This will be beneficial to live a Godly life in and ungodly world, to teach us how to be a child of the King. Each and every level of Sunday School classes is essential for our growth to help us learn what God wants and expects us to do and how to conduct ourselves while living. Sunday School classes should help us to grow in knowledge and reaffirm what has been taught in previous years by digging deeper into a subject matter. The need to continually learn at all ages can and should be met as one moves up in the classes. This need to know and understand God and His Will, will enable and prepare young and seasoned Christians to go out on the battlefield of this world and live a skillful life for the Lord. There, we can pass good material on to those who are searching.

Teachers of Sunday School have a serious service, the need to study and seek knowledge from God that they may say the right words and give encouragement to others as they go along the way.

A strong Sunday School class is like the foundation of any house, you dig deep onto a solid rock, so no matter what comes your way you may stand.

Submitted by: North Bend FWB Church

Committee: Eddie Tipton, Jean Barnette, Skylar Hughes, Tommy Hopson and Becky McCurry

Church Training Service: Valley Forge FWB Church

C.T.S. is a vital ministry in educating, training, and equipping Christians to better serve as Christ's Disciples both in and outside of the local Church. In addition to the Bible teaching and small group setting from Sunday School, this one hour a week can be used by the local Church to train young Christians concerning Church Ordinances, sound doctrine, and practical application on how to live outside of the Church. The Biblical Principles from Sunday School can be supplemented and built upon by C.T.S.

Many of today's Church Leaders learned about the functions of a Church through discipleship and training programs such as C.T.S. A vast amount of scripture memorization and Biblical principles can be "hidden in our hearts" when we take just one hour a week and devote it to C.T.S. Sunday School is great but adding another hour to your Christian education is very beneficial. What if we applied the same principle of adding one hour a week to our child's education?

C.T.S. is critical to young Christians. Statistics show that the odds of being saved decrease with age and most of what we learn in life is learned

in the early years of youth. Proverbs 22:6 tells us to, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

C.T.S. is also critical to the Seasoned Christian . . . Proverbs 9:9-10 says, "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." Also, it is a great time for older Christians to use their talents and gifts by teaching and sharing experiences to their students.

C.T.S. should be "family oriented" with classes for all ages. You can be creative in how you add C.T.S. to your weekly schedule. C.T.S. can be an "hour of power" for your students and families!

Submitted by: Valley Forge FWB Church Committee: Carl Roberson and Bob Ray

Education: Covy Rock FWB Church

As far as the secular part of society is concerned, education is a constantly changing entity. Things considered truth in education years ago may not be truths in today's world. As technology changes so does the demand on our society to keep up. Thus, education is a constantly changing medium. The ways education has changed from blackboards and chalk to laptops and smartphones has been a relatively short time. I found out how different things are done one evening two or three years ago when I thought I was helping my grandson with homework! I did a math problem the way we did things "in my day" and my grandson asked what I was doing. He did the math problem "today's way" and it took a lot longer than my way. Although my way worked, it was not the "right way." Sounds a lot like society today. Right? Or wrong?

I am glad (Praise God) that the Lord told us that His ways are so simple that "wayfaring men, though fools shall not err therein." Isaiah 35:8.

Daniel and his friends were very educated men in the kingdom of Babylon, though they were children of captivity. They still worshipped and served God the way they had been taught by their fathers. In our very "techy" world, lets be sure to seek the old paths wherein is a good way. Jeremiah 6:16. I like the saying concerning Jesus, "wise men still seek Him."

Although the ways and means of education have changed many times

over many years, our spiritual education is still sought the same way our forefathers sought it. Jesus said, "Seek the Kingdom of God first, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

Submitted by: Covy Rock FWB Church

Committee: Pastor Marvin Hensley

Ladies Auxiliary: Young's Chapel FWB Church

Auxiliary means giving help or support. A Ladies Auxiliary can be a wonderful asset to the church by giving financial and spiritual help and by helping those in need in the community. It needs to have dedicated Christian women who are willing to give of their time and to be faithful to the work of the Lord. We can pray and be an encouragement to each other and show the love of God by ministering to the lost.

It is our responsibility as older women to be an example for the younger women to follow, according to Titus 2:3-5: "The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becoming holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

Submitted by: Young's Chapel FWB Church Committee: Emogene Thompson and Ruth Laws

Church Outreach Reports:

International Missions: Low Gap FWB Church

In the last year, our mission's family has grown. After much prayer and consideration, Josh and Lydia decided to adopt a little boy that they had come into contact with in Bulgaria. But it was not without many troubles, problems and red tape from the government there. Josh stated that the government is extremely hard to deal with. Finally, this spring, the adoption became legal.

This is an awesome undertaking for this whole family. They ask for our prayers as this child adjusts to them and they and their children adjust to him.

The Provow family was originally scheduled to return stateside this spring but because of the Covid-19 virus and other complications, their furlough

was canceled. Josh had previously planned on making a visit to several of our churches. Now those plans have been postponed until next year.

The mission work is progressing well with people being saved and born into the Father's Kingdom. Also, they are training men and women to teach and preach the gospel so the work can multiply and they can spread the ministry. The church at Shuman is growing and Josh is very encouraged in the progress being made. We remind you that this church is in the middle of Moslem country.

Let us continue with our financial support and prayers as this young couple and their children spread of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Submitted by: Low Gap FWB Church

Committee: Pastor Blaine Whitson and Tonya Ray

Home Missions: Pensacola FWB Church

The definition of a mission is the vocation or calling of a religions organization, especially a Christian one to go out into the world and spread his faith. Jesus told his disciples to go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). This commandment stands true for us today. We send missionaries into foreign countries, into dangerous places and risk their lives to take the gospel to a lost and dying world; thus, they are obeying Jesus' commandment and fulfilling his word. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come (Matthew 24:14).

But what about home missions? We all have family members, friends, coworkers and neighbors that are just as lost as someone in a foreign country. What are we doing to win them to Jesus? I remember when I was a child in school that every child knew what the true meaning of Christmas and Easter was. When my son was in second grade, his teacher told me that she had told her class the Christmas story and over half of the class had never heard of it. This broke my heart but made me realize even more that there is a great need for mission work right here in our own communities and neighborhoods. We are in contact with lost people every day. What do we show them? Do we tell them about a Savior that is STILL SAVING SOULS AND FORGIVING SINS? There is a great mission work for every Christian right here at home. But, if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost. (II Corinthians 4:3).

There is a great and very needful work that needs to be done across the world and also here at home. You may never get to go to a foreign country to spread the gospel but the neighbors, co-workers, friends, loved ones, or even enemies, need to hear about our Savior and witness his presence in our lives. This is a mission that we all need and can do.

Submitted by: Pensacola FWB Church

Committee: Pastor Keith Miller, Chris Fender, Ronald Fox and Bonnie Higgins

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries:

Thank you for your prayers for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries Children's Home in Greeneville, TN., and all of our different ministries. This year has been so different from any other year we have faced. We continue to pray for all pastors, your families and your ministries. We look forward to being in services with you soon to give updates to you and your church.

In 2019:

55 youth were saved.

103 babies were born through the Hope Center Ministry.

5,059 campers used the Oaks Retreat.

We are currently serving around 150 children daily throughout our ministry, including around 60 in Foster Care.

We are serving around 150 residents through our 3 assisted living facilities.

Bro. Jim McComas has been having Bible Studies in his office, during Covid-19, with the youth on campus. Several youth have been saved and baptized during this time

Submitted by Brother Marvin Hensley as reported by the ministry

Individual Treasury Reports:

FREE WILL BAPTIST FAMILY MINISTRIES

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Commi	Dutions	uuiiiig	Association:

Crabtree	\$50.00
Young's Chapel	\$500.00
Union Hill	\$500.00
Total:	\$1050.00

Submitted by: Rev. Phillip Hughes, Treasurer

HOME MISSION FUND REPORT

Beginn	\$2754.05				
Received:	Association Collections:	\$ 155.00			
	Total:	\$2909.05			

Disbursements: Phone Call System \$420.00 **Ending Balance: July 24, 2020** \$2489.05

Submitted by: Rev Norman Loveless, Treasurer

INTERNATIONAL MISSION FUND REPORT

Beginning balance August 7, 2019	\$6491.92					
Missionary Josh Provow	-\$5300.00					
Contribution North Bend (quarterly)	\$900.00					
Balance July 24, 2020	\$2091.92					
Contributions of Associations						

Contributions at Association:

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Covy Rock		\$1000.00
Pathway		\$220.00
Woodby Hill		\$300.00
Woodby Hill		\$50.00
Low Gap		\$300.00
Pensacola		\$632.00
Crabtree		\$ 25.00
Southside		\$400.00
Big Creek		\$1500.00
North Bend		\$300.00
	Total Contributions	\$4727.00

Ending Balance July 26, 2019 \$6818.92 Submitted by: Rev. Blaine Whitson, Treasurer, Rev. Scott Jenkins, Assistant Treasurer

BURIAL FUND JACK'S CREEK F.W.B. ASSOCIATION

Beginning Balance \$20,332.60 Received as of August 1, 2020 \$780.00

Total: \$21.112.60

Ending Balance August 1, 2020

Submitted by: Rev. Rickey Hollifield, Treasurer

DISABLED MINISTERS FUND

Church Loan Extension Fund Investment Acct.

Beginning balance as of July 30, 2019 \$346,115.78
Interest earned +\$13,868.32
Withdrawal -\$5000.00

Ending Balance June 30, 2019 \$354,985.10

Checking Account: Beginning Balance as of Aug. 1, 2019 \$10207.30

Deposits

Churches: \$2100.00 Ministers: \$1885.00

Disbursements: Paid to Ministers \$4350.00 Administration fee -\$600.00

Misc. – postage, \$11.00

Balance in Checking 8-1-2019 \$9,951.30

Submitted by: Rev. Marvin Hensley, Treasurer

Money for Association

Clerk and Moderator Fund: \$499.00 Association Fund: \$940.00 Minute Fund: \$1000.25

OBITUARIES 2019-2020*

*The first four obituaries are from Middle District for last year. A sincere apology is issued to the families at Middle District for the omission. Your grace is appreciated!

Edna Phillips Street, age 79, of Hwy 226 N, Bakersville, NC went home to be with the Lord, March 31, 2019. She was a daughter of the late Oscar and Nora Stewart Phillips. She was a homemaker and a member of Middle District Free Will Baptist Church. Edna enjoyed cooking, gardening, and working in her church. Survivors include: her daughter:

Cherry Huskins (Bill Jr.), of Bakersville, NC, grandaughter; Brandy Dawn Huskins, of Bakersville, NC, grandson; James Brandon Huskins (Cassandra), of Johnson City, TN, one sister; Kathryn Phillips, of Bakersville, NC, and two great grandchildren; Brayden Charles Huskins and Maci Grace Huskins.

She was preceded in death in addition to parents by her husband Charles Street Jr., one son, Charlie Street III, three sisters, Dorothy Hoilman, Ruth Hoilman, and Mary Sue Garland, five brothers; Donald Lee, Gene, Arnold, Glenn, and Leonard Phillips.

> James Henry Street, Jr, born July 17, 1970, of the Buladean community passed away on Saturday, February 2, 2019. Henry graduated from Mitchell High School and then from Mayland Community College with a degree in Electronics Engineering. He was a life- long member of

Middle District Free Will Baptist Church in Buladean and a member of the Mayland Community College Board of Trustees from 2016 until his passing. Henry was an avid farmer and was a true lover of nature.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Robyn, his son Caleb (Morgan) of Buladean, his daughters Mikayla, McKenzie and McKenna of the home, his parents Henry and Judy Street of Buladean, his sister Dawn Blackburn (Patrick) of Asheville, three nephews, one niece, and a host of family members, friends, a loving church and community.

Marshall Gene Street, 85, of Bakersville, NC passed away on Friday, January 11, 2019 in the Brian Center in Spruce Pine. He was the son of the late Chester and Etta Honeycutt Street. He was a member of the Middle District

Free Will Baptist Church and was the owner/operator of Street Lumber Company. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Earlene Masters and brothers, Roger, Harlas and Carlos Street.

Survivors include his wife, Janice Ledford Street of the home; daughter, Marsha Schultz and husband Kurt of Bakersville; son, Milan Street of Bakersville; sisters: Cleo Lyons of Gap Creek, TN., Alma Cash and Ada Lee McKinney both of Bakersville; grandchildren: Sydney and Suzanna Schultz.

Wilma H. Troutman, age, 82, of the Buladean Community, went home to be with the Lord, February 18th, 2019, surrounded by her family. A native of Mitchell County, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Ilo Hughes. She was also preceded in death by her sister Betty Gail Hughes and her brothers Lawrence Hughes and Ernie Lee

Hughes. Wilma was member of Middle District Free Will Baptist Church. She loved being a Sunday School Teacher, Choir Leader, Bible School and Christmas Play Director. She loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband Earl Troutman; daughter Tina Whitson (Rick), of Green Mountain, son Greg Troutman (Amy); of Burnsville; granddaughters Kirby Troutman (Stevan Evans), of Burnsville; Samantha Taylor (Rodney) of Newland; grandson Luke Troutman of Burnsville; great-grandsons Ryder and Easton Taylor, Sister Evelyn Jenkins (Douglas) of Tennessee; sister-in-law Shirley Hughes of Buladeen; several nieces and nephews; special neighbors and church family.

It is with great sadness to report that Big Creek Church lost a cherished member. **Nancy Peterson Adkins** on April 12, 2020. She was a deacon's wife for 48 years, daughter of the late Sam and Maude Peterson, wife of Teddy Adkins, mother of Rodney and Joey Adkins, friend to so many and loved by all. Nancy was full of fun, humor, good spirit and generosity. She loved being a homemaker and many crafts, especially

quilting and crocheting. Nancy will be dearly missed by family and friends. She will not be forgotten.

Willis Adkins, age 86, went home to be with the Lord on April 14, 2020 at Governor's Bend in Erwin, TN. Willis was a member of Big Creek FWB Church where he served as a deacon for many years. His home was always open to ministers who pastored the church and he regularly visited the sick and witnessed to people about the Lord. After moving to Erwin, he attended Fellowship FWB Church for

several years. He was a skilled sawyer at mills in Erwin, TN, Lafayette, TN, and Marion, NC. He retired from Banco Lumber Company in Burnsville, NC after 27 years of service. Willis was a devoted husband to his late wife Lorene for 48 years. He leaves behind to cherish his memory one daughter, Tammy Peterson, husband Sherrill and one grandson, Joshua Peterson, wife Haley. Willis was a wonder father, friend, neighbor, and a faithful servant of God.

Roy Lee Anglin, 75, passed away on February 28, 2019 at Memorial Mission Hospital. He was born in Burnsville, NC, and was a life-long resident of Yancey County. He was a member of Covy Rock FWB Church and was the son of the late Cecil R. and Grace Allen Anglin.

Roy Lee was married to his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Charlotte Edwards Anglin for fifty-eight years, and while he was known for his career as an educator,

he will be remembered by those closest to him as the best husband, father, and grandfather anyone could ever ask for, as there wasn't anything "Papa" wouldn't do for his family.

Roy Lee served the children of Yancey County Schools for 37 years as a much loved and respected teacher and principal of both elementary and middle schools for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Edwards Anglin of their home in Green Mountain, NC, children, Angelia Anglin of Green Mountain, NC, Michelle Anglin Rider (James) of Denmark, WI, a brother, Jim Anglin (Ellen) of Burnsville, NC, and a sister, Genella Anglin Huskins (Bob) of Spruce Pine, NC.

Frances Vess Parker, age 88, departed this life on June 18, 2020 and is now at rest with the Lord. She was a faithful member of Davistown Church. She worked and supported the church any way she could until her health declined. For many years, she was the "card lady," sending cards for all occasions. We miss her sweet presence, but we are thankful that we'll meet again.



Creed Edwards, 85, of Burnsville, NC and born on July 4, 1934 went home to be with the Lord on November 30, 2019. He was a faithful member of Higgins FWB Church who loved the Lord and shared His love with everyone he met. He leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Mamie Edwards, a daughter, Dana Ray, and a son, Craig Edwards.

He also leaves behind grandchildren: Cody Hensley, Brittney Lewis, Tasha Edwards, Alexis Edwards, Ambria Edwards, Caden Edwards and Haley Brooks, and 5 great grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Ina Jean Pate, 84, of the Higgins community and born February 11, 1935, went home to be with the Lord on October 8, 2019. She was a faithful member of Higgins FWB Church. She was the wife of Bronas Pate, who passed away in 2017. She leaves behind a daughter, Jana Hughes and a grandson, Cody Hughes. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Jack Ted Street, age 91, left this earth to be in heaven on September 26, 2019. He gave his life to the Lord in 1941 and joined the Middle District FWB Church where he was a faithful member and served as Deacon, Trustee, and sang in the Choir. He loved being in the Christmas play and going Christmas Caroling. Jack loved the Lord, his Church and Family. He leaves behind his loving wife of 65 years, Mary Ann Street, 2 daughters, Barbara Laws (Roger), Janie Moffitt (Johnny), 2 grandsons, Allen Laws (Melissa), Kevin Laws (Tiffany), a granddaughter, Stephanie Moffitt, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Ona Jean Woody Hopson was born September 26, 1927 and departed this life on May 4, 2020. She was the wife of the late Charles Hopson. Ona was a devoted member of North Bend FWB Church for as long as her health allowed. She always had a quiet, sweet smile that made you feel good.

She is survived by sons: Michael (Susan), David (Sherrie), and Tommy (Glenda); and daughters: Pamela Cruz (Gabriel)

and Jeanie Proffit (Randy). She also is survived by 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Ona will be greatly missed by her family, friends and Church family.

Herman Talmage McCurry, 88, passed away on June 16, 2020 at home. A native of Yancey County, he was the son of the late Talmage and Axie Peterson McCurry. Herman was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Mae McCurry; brother, LeRoy McCurry; and sister, Mae Durham. Herman was an U.S. Air Force Korean War Veteran. He was also a logger.

He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Bonnie Laws McCurry; children: Anna Lynn McCurry of York, PA, Carolyn Marie Queen (Lee), of Hopkinsville, KY, Victor Clarence McCurry (Donna) of Delta, PA and Janet McCurry of Burnsville; nine grandchildren and fourteen greatgrandchildren.

Rev. Marvin Dale Silvers, age 58, of Lawhern Lane in Burnsville, went home to be with the Lord on May 30, 2020 from complications sustained in a 4-wheeler accident on April 7. Born on July 18, 1961, he was a son of Turner Silvers and the late Shirley Mae Honeycutt Silvers; maternal grandparents: Clifton and Naomi Honeycutt, and

paternal grandparents: Joe and Lois Silvers. Marvin grew up on Byrd Branch in the Jacks Creek Community. He was a loving husband, son, brother and uncle.

Marvin worked at Parker Lumber for many years but his main work was for the Lord. He was called to preach in September of 1990 and pastored several churches in Yancey and Mitchell Counties. He loved to brag on his Lord and he attended churches in the area to hear other preachers. Marvin also loved the outdoors and was a skilled hunter and fisherman.

Surviving is his loving wife of 30 years, Marleena Reavis Silvers; his father, Turner Silvers and wife, Mary Lou; brothers: Joel Silvers (Cheryl) and Melvin Silvers (Misty); sisters: Dedra Felts (Richard), Denise Silvers (Deon Carter), and Marsha Wilhelm (Ray) and several nephews and nieces.

Joyce Laws Pate, 79, of Burnsville, went home to be with the Lord, April 30, 2019, at her home. A native of Yancey County, she was a daughter of the late Carmon and Malinda Freeman Laws, and the wife of Jim Pate who died in 1993. She was a dedicated member of Peterson's Chapel FWB Church. Joyce served others through her work with Yancey County Social Services and continued serving others after her retirement.

Surviving are her daughters: Ramona Whitson (Rev. Donald) of Dandridge, TN, Connie Adkins (Victor) of Burnsville; a son, Bobby Angel (Jamie) of Kennesaw, GA; grandchildren: Keisha Huskins (Aaron), Monica Adkins, Brandy Whitson, Victoria Hensley (Justin), Jarred Whitson, Lauren Angel and Lanie Angel; great-grandchildren: Jazlynn, Grayson, Jett and Keifey; a step daughter, Kathy McHone of Burnsville and a step son, David Pate of Fairview; sisters: Jean Harris of Lancaster, SC, Louise Landress (Terry) and Mozelle Penland, all of Burnsville; a brother, Bruce Laws (Juanita) of Burnsville; special sisters-in-law: Wanda Chaney, Hope Chandler, Shelby Silvers and Ann Macquire; and, a host of nieces and nephews. Joyce 'Fought a good fight, kept the faith" and has now finished her course.

Madge Dulaney Robinson, 68, of Burnsville, went home to be with the Lord Monday, September 23, 2019 at Yancey House. A native of Yancey County, she was a daughter of the late Lloyd and Myrtle Hensley Dulaney, and the wife of Larry J. Robinson who passed away in 2006. Madge attended Pilgrims Chapel FWB Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Delores Garland (Bart); granddaughters, Maddison and Emmaline; and sisters, Margie Dulaney and Betty Jean Laws, all of Burnsville.

David Lee Blankenship, 73, of Shoal Creek, passed away December 27, 2019 at his home. A native of Yancey County, he was a son of the late Ray and Osie Atkins Blankenship. He was also preceded in death by brothers, Roy and Jerome Blankenship. David was a deacon and superintendent of Pilgrims Chapel FWB Church. He was a retired trucker and was loved by all who knew him.

Surviving are: his wife of 54 years, Eloise Hughes Blankenship; a daughter, Brandy Blankenship and a grandson, Tyler Blankenship, both of Leicester; a sister, Raylene Anglin (Ralph); and a brother, Gene Blankenship (Linda), all of Burnsville. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Clarence Garland was a faithful member of Sunset FWB Church until his health kept him from coming. He was the beacon on the hill above the church and looked out for the church. He had a curious smile and loved to joke with people. He loved his KayKay and his family very much. He is truly missed by everyone. We will see you in heaven, Clarence.

Florence Parlier was a faithful member of Sunset FWB Church until her sickness kept her at home. She was very brave and passed away from cancer on September 24, 2019. She was a quiet person but was very pleasant to be with and appreciated the church and everything everyone

did for her and her family. Florence is with her husband now in heaven and that is what she wanted the most. We miss her but we will meet again.

(The following six were members of Valley Forge FWB)

Roy Long, 81, went Home to be with the Lord on July 11, 2019. He and his wife Shirley were faithful to their church and loved gospel music.

Billie Troutman, 81, passed away on September 1, 2019. She and her husband Ralph were faithful to Valley Forge through the years. She especially loved her Young at Heart Ladies Sunday School class.

Helen Harrison, 84, went Home to be with her Lord on January 5, 2020 after an extended illness. She was a faithful Deacon's wife and dedicated wife to her husband Sam. Helen loved her family, church family, and the Young at Heart Ladies Sunday School class.

George Roberson, 81, passed away on February 1, 2020 after an extended illness. He leaves behind his wife Phyllis and a very close family.

Mark Weddle, 58, went Home to be with his Lord on April 9, 2020. He attended Valley Forge with his family whom he dearly loved. Mark was a man of great wealth – wealth not being measured by possessions, but by the way he was loved and the way he loved his family, friends, and business associates.

Betty Jo Greene, 89, left for Heaven on May 13, 2020. She was a baby when Valley Forge was established as a Church and was faithful to church her entire life. She loved her family, her church, and her sisters in the Young at Heart Ladies Sunday School class.

Lee Thompson, 84, of Burnsville, went to be with his Lord and Saviour on October 1, 2019, at Mission Hospital's Memorial Campus. A native of Yancey County, he was a son of the late Ralph and Viola Allen Thompson, and the husband of Billie Jean Price Thompson, who died in 2016. He was also preceded in death by sisters, Wreda Chrisawn and Pauline Anglin, and a brother, Ralph Thompson, Jr. Lee was a US Army Veteran, a

US Forest Service employee and deacon of Youngs Chapel FWB Church.

Surviving are: his wife, Emogene Branton Silver Thompson; children, Tim Thompson (Deanna) of Colorado Springs, CO, Sherry Dale (Paul),

Jennifer Laws (Bruce), and Rev. Roger Thompson (Patricia), all of Burnsville; grandchildren, Jessica Duncan (Justin), John Dale (Nicole), Erin Hughes (Jeremy), Lauren Ball (John David), Ethan Thompson (Krystal), Ashleigh Jones (Christian), Kiersten Thompson, Levi Bradford, and Caleb Thompson; great-grandchildren, Breanna, Landon, Aiden, Jackson, William, Maddie, Riley, Ava, Kendyl, and Olivia; 7 step children, 12 step grandchildren, and 3 step great-grandchildren.

Lee is deeply missed by his family, his church family, and his friends.

2019-2020 Conferences

Big Creek FWB Church October 26, 2019

The Jack's Creek Ministers Conference met at Big Creek FWB Church October 26, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.

The session began with Association Moderator Marvin Hensley welcoming the conference. The congregation sang "I'll Be Satisfied." Devotions were presented by Brother Russell Hughes reading from Galatians 5:1, encouraging us to "Stand fast in the liberty" and from Ephesians 6, to be strong in the whole armor of God as a mighty messenger for life, in Christ Jesus, with humility. Brother Terry Richardson testified and opened with prayer. A special prayer was requested by Brother Scott Pittman for his 23 year old son who has major health issues. The prayer was offered for God's healing touch!

The session was called to order by Moderator Brother Adam Miller and the rules of decorum were read. The clerk suggested that since the minutes are mailed to each minister that reading of the previous minutes be submitted for any correction instead of a full reading. It was suggested that any actionable business portions of the minutes be read. The conference agreed and the business items were read. There were no corrections for the minutes.

Ministers roll call was completed with everyone present standing in full fellowship. Inquiry was made as to the delinquency of Brothers Steve Cochran, Jacob Cochran, and Roger Thompson. Brother Thompson's explanation was accepted by vote and various comments on Brothers Steve and Jacob were presented indicating submission of their credentials was forthcoming. Brother Jacob has moved away from the area and Brother Steve has decided to end his membership in the conference. There was a call for visiting ministers and churches and none were

reported. A call for anyone seeking new license was made and there were none. Upon call for request for ordination, Brother Josh Hollifield presented his request. The letters of recommendation from his home church, Mt Calvary FWB, and his pastorate (associate), Davistown FWB Church, were read by the clerk. A motion was made to present him to the North Carolina Investigating Committee for report at the next conference. The report of the North Carolina Investigating Committee regarding Brother Doug Phillips was read by the clerk and, by motion and second, he was referred to the Ordaining Council for examination.

The Moderator called on Brother Marvin Hensley to speak about the Disabled Ministers Fund. He spoke on the stability of the fund and the need for support of the program. The funds were designated to be held with interest only to be used so that the fund would be self sufficient for the future. He explained that the funds are invested with the North American Ministries of the National Free Will Baptists Association. The interest rate is currently four percent and the funds are loaned to FWB churches nationally for expansion and building of the denomination and furtherance of Christ's Kingdom. The fund is financially secure with a thirty-year record of stability and success. There is no penalty for withdrawal. It is faith based and has a five star rating.

The Moderator called on Brother Frank Cable to speak on the Burial Fund. He reported that separating the Burial Funds from the Disabled Funds is being examined by the treasurers and the Board of Directors and a report will be forthcoming. He also reviewed the need for correct beneficiary information to be current.

The Moderator spoke about the wonderful Conference Revival held at Mt. Calvary in September. He suggested that the committee to organize for next year be established immediately. It was moved and seconded to retain the committee of Brothers Rick Wood, Marvin Hensley, and Roger Thompson. The Ordaining Council was dismissed to meet with the license candidate Brother Phillips.

The Moderator explained the July omission of the appointment of a Topic Committee for this conference and requested that today's Topic report be concerning Sustainability Committee efforts presented by Brother Blaine Whitson. Brother Blaine reported that the committee met earlier in October and discussed the opportunity for all member ministers to preach at conferences, associations, and revivals. He stated that each member is

valuable and loved and needs to participate. He spoke of the need to improve "training" and tutoring of our ministers and suggested that the Topic Committee time be used to review and modify our work on improving our ministry. He read and briefly commented on the Articles of Faith and mentioned the need for an Article on Resurrection, which we, as yet, do not have. His report was timely and well accepted. A move was made and seconded that Brothers Blaine Whitson, Ronnie Peterson, and Bernie Jones compose an annual Topic Committee to present at each conference our doctrinal principles in order to encourage, reinforce, and further educate our members to the enrichment of our brotherhood.

Brother Darrell Edwards testified mightily, which was well received, enjoyed, and appreciated! The conference dismissed business for the preaching hour.

11:00 AM Service

Rev. John L. Stockton brought the morning message quoting from Hebrews 2:1, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we should let them slip." He brought an inspiring message giving many examples and experiences throughout his ministry where, being led by God, he saw miraculous outcomes. Some examples came with heavenly rejoicing and some ending in sorrowful loss for the ungodly and unrepentant! John spoke with the power of the Spirit and the congregation rejoiced and marveled as the Lord moved through his servant and the experiences that he recounted. He spoke of work experiences, medical experiences, and church experiences that he recounted. He spoke of work experiences, medical experiences, and church experiences that he had been blessed through. He gave us the assurance that following God by the Spirit is always a benefit. He reminded us to be ready for battle and faithful unto the end. John reminded us that boldness in the Lord Jesus Christ is a secure and dependable marker for the servant of Christ. The message was timely, powerful, and a great blessing for the conference.

Brother Phillip Hughes, Assistant Moderator, filling the chair in the absence of Brother Miller who needed to leave, asked for the report from the Ordaining Council examination. The clerk read the report of the Council regarding Brother Doug Phillips. He was recommended to be licensed for the period of one year under the Senior Pastor, Brother Gary Huffman. It was moved and seconded to receive the recommendation and

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was unanimously approved by the conference.

The moderator called for Brother Phillips to come to the front and be welcomed by the Conference with the hand of fellowship. A hearty thanks was given to Big Creek for their hospitality to the Conference. The session was closed in "anointed" prayer and blessing on the lunch by Brother Ronnie Peterson. Fellowship with Brother Doug concluded the service.

Respectfully Submitted, Rodney Deyton, Clerk

North Bend FWB Church January 25, 2020

The Jack's Creek Ministers Conference met at North Bend FWB Church January 25, 2020 at 9:30 A.M. Pastor Phillip Hughes welcomed everyone to the Conference and the congregation sang, "Heaven's Jubilee." Devotions were given by Brother Gary Huffman reading from Job 42:1-3. He declared that we can understand and know God's will because He can show us all things. He admonished us to be like Job and stand on the word of God. Prayer was lead by Travis Cox. Brother Buck Thomason testified mightily.

The session was called to order by Moderator Adam Miller who read the Rules of Decorum. The Clerk read the roll call of ministers. Brother Ricky Hollifield explained his absence from the last conference. A letter was read from Brother Jacob Cochran requesting withdrawal from the Conference due to his relocation to LaFollette, Tennessee and explaining the loss of his credentials. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept his letter and explanation. There was a call given and all ministers stood in full fellowship. The actionable items of the previous minutes were read and the minutes were approved as written.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved for the Tennessee Investigating Committee to meet with Brother Steve Cochran and call for his credentials. Brother Norman Loveless spoke about the lack of concern of ministers about their credentials and the necessity of licensed ministers to keep a record of the required number of sermons each year (24).

There was a call for visiting Ministers who were Rev. Josh Miller and Rev. Travis Cox. The visiting church represented was United Friendship. There were no requests for membership nor ordination.

The Clerk read the report from the North Carolina Investigating Committee recommending Brother Joshua Hollifield to the conference for Ordination. It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously to present Brother Hollifield to the Ordaining Council. They were dismissed to examine the candidate. The Ladies Auxiliary was also dismissed to meet.

Brother Marvin Hensley delivered a continuing report about the Disabled Ministers Fund. It has a balance of about \$348,000. It is invested with a department of the National Free Will Baptists and is used to plant churches across the country. There is no stock market investment involved and it is "faith based." The organization has a thirty year successful record and is not secured by governmental agencies. Brother Lester Perkins expressed support of the fund and thanks for assistance he received due to his sicknesses.

Moderator Adam Miller appointed Brother Phillip Hughes to the Chair as he presented the report from the FWBFM. Brother Miller is the new regional representative for Family Ministries. (He is to be commended for his representation of our conference in this endeavor.) He stated that the organization is continually improving its financial stability by making strategic steps in management activities. There were 91 babies born thru the Hope Center, avoiding abortion. There have been 55 professions of faith connected to the Home Ministries! The ministry manages approximately 150 children and about 50 foster care clients on a consistent basis. The Hope Center has recently received a \$170,000 gift from the Niswonger Foundation towards completion of the "Family Support" facility for unwed mothers. He encouraged everyone to contribute to this endeavor of Pro-Life not just anti-abortion. He reported that the John Reed facility is progressing in recovery of financial stability and is operational. Also, the Governors Bend facility (Brother Steven Miller is a Chaplain there) and the Laurels are operating at near capacity. The Topic Committee continuing report was given by Brother Blaine Whitson. He expressed his belief that a great reason to be part of Jack's Creek Conference is discipline. It is a foundation for success and stability among our members. He then spoke on the Sustainability Committee's request that the topic of The Resurrection be addressed since the Treatise does not fully explain our doctrinal position on the matter. A complete written report will be forthcoming at the next conference and presented to Rules Committee for presentation at the Association in July. He spoke on the lack of full declaration in our Church Covenant about alcohol use and abuse, as will as illicit drug use. These evils are destructive and need to be addressed more completely. He closed with comments about working on a system that allows every minister

opportunity to preach at Conferences and Associations. The Sustainability Committee is working on a proposal to remedy this situation. Brother Ronnie Peterson, committee member, spoke powerfully about faithfulness in all aspects of ministry which was also well received.

The Ordaining Committee report was read recommending Brother Joshua Hollifield for Ordination. It was moved, seconded, and approved by the body. Ordination will follow the preaching service. The business session was dismissed for the preaching service.

11:00 A.M. Service

Brother Ricky Hollifield spoke briefly about his music ministry and requested opportunity to share with the churches of the Association. Pastor Phillip Hughes welcomed all to the preaching hour. Sister Faith Porter (Member of the North Bend Quartet) testified before they sang, "You're The Best Thing That Ever Happened To Me," "Revelation Song," "Resurrection Morn," and "The Old Ship Of Zion." Brother Brett Hopson testified of the true touch of the Holy Spirit. Moved by the singing and the Spirit, Brother Darrell Edwards testified mightily. Brother Joshua Hollifield then brought the message from Acts 27, beginning at verse 1 about the "Abundant Power of the Spirit." He opened with the reading of Paul's transport along the Mediterranean coast and his shipwreck. He questioned, "Who are we listening to?" The Centurion listened to the ship master, and not Paul, ending in great loss. Paul counseled to stay in place until God directs! He encouraged us to be obedient so God can bless as in the past. Don't pursue "bigger and better" possibilities without God's direction. Preaching without God's "Abundant Power of the Spirit" will lead to destruction in the House of God! God's word is the final authority on pleasing and honoring God. It was a powerful message and well received.

The Ordaining Council conducted the Ordination Service for Brother Joshua with Chairman Norman Loveless presenting the charge from I Timothy 3 and II Timothy 4. The Ordination concluded with the laying on of hands in prayer lead by Brother Blaine Whitson and fellowship with the candidate and his wife. Brother Jeff Gibson, a deacon from Davistown church (Brother Joshua's Pastorate), testified boldly endorsing the proceeding and praising God!

The service was closed with prayer and blessing on the food by Brother Travis Cox.

Respectfully Submitted, Rodney Deyton, Clerk

Covy Rock FWB Church July 24, 2020

The Jack's Creek Minister's Conference assembled at Covy Rock FWB Church at 1:00 P.M in conjunction with the Annual Association. The meeting was a condensed session due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Brother Phillip Hughes, Assistant Moderator, called for devotions by Rev. Jimmy Arrowood. He spoke from Daniel 1:1 about the three Hebrew children and the trial by fire. Fear was confronted with faith and God appeared! Daniel was also challenged by fear of the lion's den and his faith confronted his fear. God delivered again. He declared that it is time to confront our fears with faith in Jesus Christ. It is time to continue to serve God and let God address our fears for us. We are to endure one hundred percent of the time! Prayer was led by Brother Dennis Autrey.

Brother Hughes invited testimony and Brother Buck Thomason testified boldly asking "Is your house built upon the rock or upon the sand?" God has promised to see us through it all! He spoke with much encouragement for the conference. Brother Bernie Jones testified of the glory and the presence of the Lord! He gave God glory for a long ministry in the Lord. He has been a faithful servant for God.

Brother Phillip thanked Covy Rock FWB Church for their generosity and courage in providing for the Association under the present condition of the pandemic. He also thanked God for the wonderful preaching that was heard.

The meeting was called to order and the Rules of Decorum were read. The minister's roll call was given by the Clerk. All ministers stood in full fellowship.

A call was given for visiting ministers. Rev. Travis Cox, pastor of Brummitt's Creek, and Brother Verlin Anderson, Missionary from Ivory Coast, were present and welcomed to a seat in the body.

The actionable items from the minutes of the January session (April session was canceled) were read. The minutes were approved as distributed to the conference via mail by motion and vote. There was a call for license renewal. Brother Adam Miller's Ordination credentials were submitted in resignation from the Conference by the Moderator. Brother Hughes indicated that were no hardships or hurt feelings with anyone nor with the Conference according to Brother Miller. It was motioned and approved to accept his resignation.

The Moderator asked for a motion to retain all officers and committees with the exception of positions which Brother Miller held. It was moved by Brother Marvin Hensley, and seconded by Brother Lester Perkins to do so, and it was approved by conference vote.

Brother Phillip Hughes was nominated to become Conference Moderator by Brother Blaine Whitson and seconded by Brother Rickey Hollifield. He was approved by vote. It was moved and seconded that Brother Jimmy Arrowood become Assistant Moderator and approved by vote. A motion was made that Alternate to the Tennessee Minister's Investigating Committee be Brother Lester Perkins. It was seconded and approved. Brother Keith Tipton was nominated and seconded to be the Alternate for the Tennessee Flower's for Ministers designee. He was approved by vote.

Moderator Phillip Hughes moved to table the Sustainability Committee presentations until a future meeting when conditions allow for a thorough work to be done. The motion was seconded and approved.

Brother Roger Thompson spoke about his family issues and how God is working on the situation. God has helped and made interventions that were unexpected. He requested continued prayer and expressed sincere appreciation for previous prayers. Brother Junior McKinney testified of God's goodness. Brother John Stockton requested prayers for his daughter and her reoccurring sickness. Brother Blaine Whitson requested special prayer for healing and strength for Brother Scott Jenkins who is in the hospital in serious condition.

The next meeting time will be advised pending improvement in pandemic conditions. The meeting was closed in prayer until time and place.

Respectfully submitted, Clerk Rodney Deyton

(For historical documentation the following information is included.)

Churches and Members of the Jacks Creek Association and Conference:

Subject: Schedule modifications due to Covid-19 Pandemic

<u>Please inform your congregations of the following plans for the 2020</u>

<u>Association.</u>

- 1. The Association and Ministers Conference will meet July 24, 2020 at Covy Rock Freewill Baptist Church. The meeting will begin 9:00 A.M. Association will meet during the morning, Ministers Conference in the afternoon. There will be no night services this year. Lunch will be served outdoors, so bring a chair or you can eat in your car, the fellowship hall will not be used and no tables available. Masks will be available at the services.
- 2. Churches that may not want to attend due to the Covid-19 threat may begin sending your reports, church letters, contributions and obituaries to Bro. Rodney Deyton, Clerk. His address is in the minutes along with other fund treasurers that you may want to send money to. Ministers that can't attend this year send your burial fund money to Bro. Rick Hollifield or send it by someone coming to the meeting. Your contributions are needed because although we have not met regularly, we still are pledged to support various needs and causes.
- 3. Committee reports are still expected, but will not be read at the meeting. They will be published in the next minutes.
- 4. To avoid the long process of electing various committees, we will most likely retain last year's committees to serve the coming year. We know that some necessary changes are likely.
- 5. We will have speakers set up outside and radio transmitting for your cars if you can't stay inside for the sessions. If you have a fever or are sick you are encouraged to stay home. Anyone staying home this year will not be charged with an absence.
- 6. Ministers and church clerks whose addresses or phone numbers need to be updated, please get these changes to Bro. Rodney Deyton.
- 7. If you have reports or money for the Association or conference after the meetings are over, please mail them to the appropriate treasurers whose addresses are in the minutes. Do not send them to Bro. Rodney Deyton, because he lives in Greeneville TN. and doesn't see us all on a regular basis. Sending money to him only slows down the process as he then has to resend to someone else. Of course if you have minute fund and clerk fund money, please send it to Bro. Rodney.
- 8. Remember, only one day combined Association and conference this year: Friday, July 24, 2020. See you there!

In His Service,

Rev. Marvin Hensley, Association Moderator

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	828-675-5280
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The following ministers are pastoring churches outside of our Association

Arrowood, Jimmy	Odoms Chapel FWB Church, Bakersville, NC
Autrey, Dennis	Peppers Creek Baptist, Marion, NC
Bennett, Paul	Friendship Chapel, N. 226 Hwy., Bakersville, NC
Birchfield, Tony	Keystone FWB Church, Johnson City, TN
Greer, William J.	Watagua Valley FWB Church, Elizabethton, TN
Hedrick, Ralph	First FWB Church, Spruce Pine, NC
Loveless, Norman	Oakdale FWB Church, Bluff City, TN
Miller Stephen	First Free Will Baptist Church, Johnson City, TN
Stockton, John	First Free Will Baptist, Limestone Cove, TN
Styles, Billy	United Friendship Free Will Baptist, Marion, NC
Tipton, Keith	Roans Chapel Free Will Baptist, Bakersville, NC
Trivette, Charlie	Fork Mtn Free Will Baptist, Roan Mtn, TN
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." I Timothy 2: 5-6
- Article 2 **Holy Scriptures** We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." II Timothy 3:16
- Article 3 **Original Apostasy** We believe that Adam was created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat..." Genesis 3: 6
- Article 4 Free Grace We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings; that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation; that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." Romans 10: 12
- Article 5 Christian Faith We believe that Christian faith is belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures; that faith comes by hearing the Word of God. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3: 36
- Article 6 **Repentance** We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be effectual conviction of sin. "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." II Corinthians 7: 9-10
- Article 7 Free Agency We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation, "...what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6: 8

Article 8 - Perseverance - We do not believe, under the Gospel

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article 14 - **Judgment Day** - We believe in one general Judgment Day. Hebrews 9: 27. "Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained..." Acts 17: 31. "When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate

them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." Matthew 25: 31-32. We believe that the tribulation precedes the Judgment of both righteous and sinners. Matthew 24: 21-31, II Peter 2: 10-13, II Thessalonians 2: 6-9, Revelations 21: 1-6, Revelations 19: 6-9

Church Covenant

- 1. Having given ourselves to God by faith in Jesus Christ and adopted the Word of God according to the original Free Will Baptist doctrine as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to each other by the help of God.
- 2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe the commandments implied by a confession of faith, and in the spirit of meekness, rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray, and watch over each other's reputation and use our influence to the up-building of the church and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, and to confess our faults one to another, and to strengthen those that are weak.
- 3. We promise that by the help of God we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer, and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed Word in the minds of those under our care.
- 4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel and to contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also, we agree to be liberal with those that are afflicted and needy, and especially those of the household of faith.
- 5. We also agree to attend all regular meetings regularly if not providentially hindered and submit to all ordinances implied in a Profession of Faith.
 - 6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements.
- 7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors and not to use it as a beverage, nor to aid or assist in the manufacture of such nor to furnish it to others.
- 8. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath schools, good morals, and everything that is to the glory of God and to the welfare of men. May the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, may ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

Constitution of Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Association

- 1. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each church.
- 2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended in a letter from the church to which they belong and shall include the minister and some of the ablest members belonging to the church.
- 3. The Association shall elect annually a moderator and a clerk. The moderator shall not serve more than four (4) consecutive terms at one time. Amended August 9, 1986
- 4. The Rules of Decorum shall be read immediately after the body is organized.
- 5. The Association will encourage a sound ministry; such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Savior; having made salvation possible for every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.
- 6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberation, and have his name enrolled in our Minutes.
- 7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary to the expedition of business, and every committee appointed to any particular business shall report their proceedings in writing to the Association while in session, and all reports may be adopted or rejected by the body.
- 8. The Association shall have a book in which shall be kept an accurate account of all its proceedings.
- 9. Any church may become a member of the Association by making application by letter or by delegate and adopting our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.
- 10. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented.
- 11. There shall be an Association Fund for defraying expenses and charges that may accrue and for replenishing such. Each church may contribute at pleasure.
- 12. There shall be a treasurer appointed by the Association, whose duty it shall be to have care of and account for the money committed to his charge.
 - 13. The Association shall use the Freewill Baptist Treatise in full.
- 14. Each church shall be allowed one vote for every ten members or fraction thereof.

- 15. The Association advises all its churches to commemorate the death and suffering of our Lord at least twice a year.
 - 16. The Association shall pay its clerk at least \$5.00 for his services per annum.

Constitution and By-Laws Jack's Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference

- **Article 1.** This body shall be known as The Ministers Conference of the Jack's Creek Association of Free Will Baptist and shall be composed of all licensed and ordained ministers of said Association.
- **Article 2.** This Conference may receive any Christian minister, as a visiting minister. He may take part in any Biblical discussion. He may not vote or take part in the transaction of business matters.
- **Article 3.** This body shall elect a moderator quarterly, and a clerk annually, both ordained ministers of one year or more membership in this Conference after his ordination. Amended August 1, 2009
- **Article 4.** Each church may send two of its members as delegates to this Conference with all privileges of visiting brethren, as provided by Article 2.
- Article 5. This Conference shall meet on the last Saturday of October, January, April, and the Saturday of the yearly Association with some church in the Association previously agreed upon or at the call of the moderator, provided that more than one session may not be held with any church during the same Conference year. Amended July 25, 2014
- **Article 6.** The moderator is empowered and it is his duty to call an extra session of the Conference upon the petition of the members of this Conference; provided, however, that said petition is properly signed by seven members, three of whom shall be ordained ministers.
- **Article 7.** The Conference, upon being organized each year, shall proceed to elect an Ordaining Council composed of five regularly ordained ministers; all having been ordained at least two years, and one or more shall have served one or more years on the Ordaining Council, and one of the senior members shall be the chairman of the Council thus constituted. It shall be their duty to examine candidates, grant licenses, and conduct ordinations.
- **Article 8.** The Ordaining Council, when properly organized, shall have charge of all examinations and ordinations of candidates for the ministry who have been ordered before it by the Conference.
- **Article 9.** All men applying to this Conference for a license to preach, for ordination, or for membership, shall present a letter of recommendation from the Free Will Baptist Church of which he is a member. This letter shall be dated and signed by the pastor, the deacons, and the clerk. Upon the majority approval of this

Conference, the applicant will be received under our 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 e-mail to the clerk or assistant clerk.

- Article 12. Ordained ministers (men) from sister Associations seeking membership with this Conference shall present a letter of recommendation from their Conference, dated and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, in addition to the requirements of Article 9. If the Applicant is accepted by this Conference, a new Certificate of Ordination will be issued with the name of his original Conference and the names of the Ordaining Council on the margin.
- **Article 13.** The Conference may withdraw fellowship from any member who becomes disorderly. Any person presenting a charge against a minister must sign his name to the charge or it will be null and void.

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

- Article 14. To constitute a quorum, at least half of the members on the roll must be present in order for the meeting to be called to order and business conducted. No session of Conference will be considered legal if fifteen or more ordained ministers are not present. Amended August 1, 2009
- **Article 15.** No member shall serve as a pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, care for its pastor, and contribute to other benevolent enterprises according to its ability.
- **Article 16.** The moderator shall have the power to appoint any or all committees to carry on the work of the Conference.
- **Article 17.** Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contributions or by assessment of the members.
- **Article 18.** This Constitution and By-Laws, or any article thereof, may be suspended or amended, by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.
- **Article 19.** Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry.
- **Article 20.** This Conference will only allow its members to preach, teach, and use the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible as we believe it is the infallible Word of God. Added August 1, 2009

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

Resolutions and Rules Adopted Since 1948:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

89th Session 1984- Resolutions Committee Report: We make a motion that the following resolution be accepted, "This committee will be known as the rules Committee. It shall consist of five men: three deacons and two pastors. None on this committee shall belong to or attend the same church. All motions to make new, or

change existing rules or bylaws, shall be given to said committee in writing and signed. The committee will consider the motion, then upon its decision, bring the motion to the floor for explanation in detail. This body shall then vote on the motion as they may choose. However, if the committee cannot agree that the motion should be presented to the body, the motion will then be dead."

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

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

August 7, 1998- 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 flags 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 a Conference was called (postponed) after inclement weather, it would be a standing rule that it would convene the next Saturday.

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

July 27, 2018-Association-A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following recommendations from the Sustainability Committee. (Committee was originally appointed by the Moderator on July 28, 2017 to study

surveys collected regarding possible changes of operation)

- 1) The Association's Moderator shall contact the pastor of member churches in regards to specific committee assignments for the upcoming Association at the third minister's conference. This will allow the members ample opportunity to meet and plan for a presentation. Each church contacted will be responsible for a committee.
- 2) The assigned committed will choose one spokesperson to present their report during the Association. Each report shall not exceed five minutes in length.
- 3) The Rules and Resolution Committees shall be combined to create the Rules/Resolution Committee.
- 4) The Churches, Pastors, and Deacons, Sunday School, Church Training Services, Ladies Auxiliary, and Educations Committees shall be combined into one committee called the "Church Operations Committee. This multi-sectioned committee will be given five minutes per section, if necessary, with the committee choosing one spokesperson for each section.
- 5) Proposed minutes of each meeting shall be published and distributed to all member churches and preachers quarterly within one month after the conclusion of the meeting.
- 6) The Sustainability Committee shall become a standing committee designed to field questions, make recommendations and report to the association and conference. The Committee will present any recommendations to the Rules/Resolutions committee prior to the association. Into addition, the Committee will schedule times, during the next year, to meet with member churches for special sessions for conversations regarding how the conference might become more effective and efficient.
- 7) The funds of the Home Missions fund shall be expanded to include offerings, possible fees and other assorted expenses. Postage expenses for mailing the quarterly reports shall be included in these funds.
- 8) This new formed Sustainability Committee will be composed of five members with the chairman being replaced each year, the next member in line will become the chairman, and a new member will be elected which will serve for five years.

July 28, 2018-Conference- A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the following Sustainability Committee recommendations: 1) The Conference's Moderator is to be elected for a period of one year. 2) The Moderator is to create an agenda for each meeting, contacting members, if necessary to finalize the agenda. 3) Members wishing to have items placed on the agenda shall notify the Moderator at least one week prior to the quarterly meeting. 4) The Moderator will present at each meeting the agenda to be followed. 5) No additions will be made unless the Moderator deems it necessary in case of unforeseen circumstances.

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 be consulted and said board will determine the amount and method of financial help to be given. The board may direct the amount to be paid in lump sum or monthly for the duration of the need. (Amended August 12, 1977)
- 6. A standard form application will be furnished by the organization. This application is to be properly completed by the investigating committee while the

investigation is being conducted. Application for financial help may be requested by the individual in need, or by the church to which he belongs or may be pastor.

Burial Fund

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

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

Article 3. Participation in this program is completely voluntary.

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

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

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

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

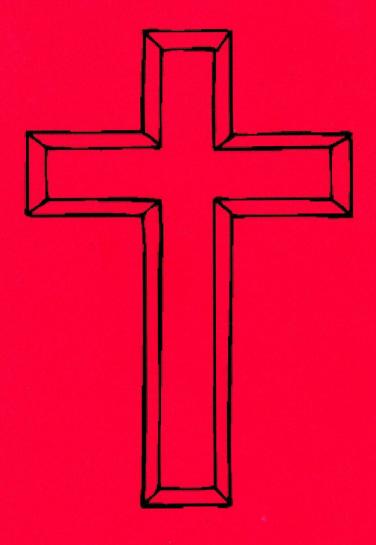
Article 8. If the minister precedes his wife in death, she has the option to continue in this program as long as she conducts herself as a Christian, remains unmarried, and pays her annual premiums.

Article 9. When a minister or his wife has paid into this fund the full amount of their coverage, they do not have to pay any more premiums to have full coverage at their death. Amendment added July 31, 2015. 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 your body:		
Our Stat	tistics Are As Follows:	
1) No. Rantized	12) Clerk & Moderator Fund	
2) Members Added	13) Paid Pastor	
1) No. Baptized	13) Paid Pastor14) Paid for Revivals	
4) Deaths	15) Family Ministries	
4) Deaths	16) Home Missions	
6) Avg. Attendance	17) International Missions	
6) Avg. Attendance	18) Disabled Ministers Fund	
8) Ladies Aux9) Number in C.T.S	19) Poor & Sick	
9) Number in C.T.S.	20) Prop. Improvements	
10) Minute Fund	21) Property Value	
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Please send at least \$1.50 to the you want.	ne Minute Fund for each copy of the minutes	
Pastor Elect	Phone No.	
Church Clerk	Phone No.	
Clerk's mailing address:		
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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