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**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**MT. MITCHELL**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
OF THE  
**Original Free Will Baptists**  
**of North Carolina**



**Organizational Meeting Held With**  
**North Bend Church, March 9-10, 1956**

**THIRD REGULAR ANNUAL SESSION**  
**Held With**  
**Mine Fork Church, August 21-22, 1958**



**FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION**

Scheduled to convent with Prices Creek Church, Thursday  
Rev. Frances Radford to deliver the introductory message;  
before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1959 at 10:30 A.M.  
Brother Roscoe Briggs to be the alternate speaker.

# MINUTES

## OF THE THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

The third annual session of the Mt. Mitchell Free Will Baptist Association convened with Mine Fork Church, Burnsville, N. C., Route 1, Thursday, August 21, 1958 at 10:30 a.m. Services opened with congregational singing of "Standing on The Promises," "Camping In Canaans' Land," and "Lord, Lead Me On." Opening prayer led by Brother Roscoe Briggs after which Brother C. H. Honeycutt read the Scripture lesson from Romans 6:20-23 and John 15:1-5. Brother T. E. Woody then led us to the throne of grace again in prayer. Brother Honeycutt brought an instructive and practical message, dwelling on the theme of "The Church Abiding In Christ, Spirit-led and Spirit Filled." Message closed with Christian handshake and song, "Just Look For Me At The Gate." Following the message, the Moderator, Brother T. E. Woody, made some very appropriate remarks. A committee to select a topic for discussion in the afternoon session was chosen, consisting of Brothers E. P. Blevins, Sam Moore and Joe Woody, after which we were dismissed to enjoy a bountiful lunch spread by the ladies of the community.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvened at 2:00 p.m. for business. Services opened with singing by choir of "In God's Garden," "On The Mountain With My Lord," and "I Have Built My House On A Rock." Devotional conducted by Sister Vinita Miller who read Job 35:3-8 and called on Brother Hubert Freeman to lead us in prayer. Proceeded with business by appointing Brother Hubert Freeman and Sister Bessie Woody reading clerks; Brothers Levi Deyton to receive Disabled Ministers Fund, Brother Joe Woody to receive Orphanage Fund, and Sister Frances Radford to receive Foreign Mission Fund. Church letters were read and delegates seated as follows: PRICES CREEK CHURCH—Brothers W. R. Arrowood, Roy Austin, Joe Blankenship.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CHURCH—Brothers Charlie Berry, Arnold Miller, Earl Fox and Sisters Della Berry, Bessie Woody.

MINE FORK CHURCH—Sister Malinda Laws and Brothers U. B. Deyton, Sid Laws, Theodore Freeman.

BOWDITCH CHURCH—Sisters Julia Boone, Pearl Briggs, Brother Bill Burlison, Sister Bertie Hensley and Brother Alex Hensley.

TERRYS FORK CHURCH—Mrs. Albert Gardner, Mrs. W. C. Radford, Brother Wayne Metcalf and Mrs. T. D. Hicks.

SOUTH BEND CHURCH—Brothers John G. Peterson, Levi Deyton, Fred Peterson and Landon Briggs.

Called for applications for churches requesting membership in the body and South Bend Church of Green Mountain, Rt. 1, presented application. Letter read voted to receive church in full fellowship. Clerk instructed to insert this notation; tha: South Bend Church is composed of former members of North Bend Church, and that the statistical report turned in on South Bend Church letter is for the past associational year and includes record of the work of the entire group. Following seating of delegations the following committees were appointed:

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION: Brothers C. H. Honeycutt, Roy Austin and Frank Laws.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS: Sister Frances Radford, Brothers Hubert Freeman and Roy Austin.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION: Brothers Arnold Miller, Joe Woody and Cassie Thomas.

*E* COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS: Brothers T. A. Watts, Roscoe Briggs and Joe Blankenship. *H J*

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE: Brothers Mose Miller, E. P. Blevins and Sam Moore.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES: Sisters Julia Boone, Josephine Blevins and Eula Price.

COMMITTEE ON DEEPER DEVOTION AND SPIRITUAL PROMOTION: (These two committees combined because of overlapping of reports). Sisters Lydia Duncan, Vinita Miller and Bertie Hensley.

COMMITTEE ON SESSIONS: Sisters Bessie Woody, Malinda Laws, Brothers W. R. Arrowood, John G. Peterson and Sisters Pearl Briggs, Vivian Gardner.

*E* COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE: Brothers Joe Woody, Levi Deyton and Rex Renfro.

COMMITTEE ON AGED AND DISABLED MINISTERS FUND: Brothers Joe Woody, John G. Peterson and Hubert Freeman.

COMMITTEES ON CHURCHES AND PASTORS: Sisters Bessie Woody, Pearl Briggs and Brothers Fred Peterson, E. P. Blevins, T. A. Watts.

COMMITTEE ON LORD'S ACRE WORK: Brothers Levi Deyton, Joe Woody, Carmon Laws, Roscoe Briggs and Cassie Thomas.

Following committee appointments, Sister I oyce Deyton was elected clerk and Rev. T. E. Woody, moderator.

Ministers present were as follows:

Rev. E. P. Blevins .....	Micaville, N. C.
Rev. Josephine B. Blevins .....	Micaville, N. C.
Rev. Vinita Gail Miller, Rt. 1 .....	Burnsville, N. C.
Rev. T. E. Woody, Rt. 2 .....	Burnsville, N. C.
Rev. C. H. Honeycutt, P.O. Box 581 .....	Marion, N. C.
Rev. Frances Radford, Rt. 1 .....	Mars Hill N. C.
Rev. T. A. Watts, Rt. 1 .....	Weaverville, N. C.
Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Rt. 2 .....	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Rev. Frank Laws, Rt. 1 .....	Burnsville, N. C.

Ministers absent were as follows: Rev. James Peterson, Rt. 2, Travelers Rest, S. C. (Due to sickness). Rev. Edith Pauley, Erwin, Tenn.

Deacons present were:

W. R. Arrowood.....	Prices Creek Church
Carmon Laws.....	Mine Fork Church
Sam Moore.....	Green Mountain Church
Hubert Freeman.....	Mine Fork Church
Cassie Thomas.....	Bowditch Church
Landon Briggs.....	South Bend Church
Joe Woody.....	Green Mountain Church
Arnold Miller.....	Green Mountain Church

Topic Committee report called for and submitted as follows: "A Spiritual Foundation," discussed by Brothers E. P. Blevins and Sam Moore.

Then voted to retain Sister Josephine Blevins as treasurer of Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund. Dismissed by Brother E. P. Blevins to meet back at 7:45 p.m. for preaching.

### THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Met back for services at 7:45 p.m. Service began with choir singing, "In The Sweet Forever," "I'm Camping In Canaan's Land," "I Would Not Be Denied" and "Lord Lead Me On." As the congregation sang "Heavenly Sunlight" an offering was taken for the visiting minister, Rev. Zeb McDaris in the sum of \$9.78. Introductory talk given by Sister Frances Radford. Called for an altar of prayer led by Brother Roy Auston. Rev. Zeb MaDaris, Mrs. Elliot and Sister Frances Radford then sang, "How Firm A Foundation," with much spirit. Sisters Vinita Miller and Frances Radford sang, "The Bleeding Heart." The Mine Fork Trio sang, "Heaven's Gonna Shine." Rev. Zeb McDaris read from Luke 23:32-43 bringing a wonderful and enlightening message on "The Crucifixion of Christ." After an altar call, closing remarks made by Sister Frances Radford. Dismissed to meet Friday at 9:45 a.m. for business, and preaching at 11:00 a.m. by Brother Roscoe Briggs.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met back at 9:45 a.m. for business and preaching. Services began with choir singing, "In Have Found The Way," "I'll Live In Glory," and "Won't It Be Wonderful There." Then Sister Vinita Miller led us in prayer. Business session called to order. Yesterday's minute read and adopted. Visiting ministers called for. None present.

Report of committee on Temperance called for. Committee adopted last years' report. Body received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Churches and Pastors called for, read and discussed by Brother E. P. Blevins, Sister Josephine Blevins. Brothers Cassie Thomas, Sam Moore, Arnold Miller, Sister Frances Radford, Brothers C. H. Honeycutt and T. E. Woody. Received and adopted.



Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools called for, committee adopted last years' report. Discussed by Sister Frances Radford, Pearl Briggs, Brother Roy Austin, Sister Vinita Miller and Brother Frank Laws. Received and adopted.

Dismissed for short intermission. Service at 11:00 a.m. began with choir singing, "In The Sweet Forever and "When I Reach That City." Following the singing Brother Cassie Thomas led us in prayer. Brother Roscoe Briggs read from the book of Romans, bringing a good message on "Obeying The Word of God." Service ended with a Christian handshake as the choir sang, "An Empty Mansion." Dismissed to meet at 2:00 p.m. for business. We enjoyed a real good lunch prepared by the ladies of the community.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met at 2:00 p.m. for business. Service began with choir singing, "Keep Telling The Story" and "I Have Built My House On A Rock." Prayer led by Sister Frances Radford. Business session called to order.

Report of Committee on Missions called for, read, the discussed by Sister Frances Radford, Brother Arnold Miller, Sister Josephine Blevins, Brothers Hubert Freeman, Roy Austin, Cassie Thomas, T. E. Woody and Sister Minnie Radford. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Deeper Devotion and Spiritual Promotion called for, read, and discussed by Sister Vinita Miller. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Sessions Called for, read and adopted.

Brother Wayne Metcalf requested that an offering be taken for Brothr Clyde Duncan who has been sick for about a year. Received the sum of \$15.52.

Report of Committee on Orphanage called for, read, then discussed by Brother Joe Woody, Sister Mary Laws, Brothers W. R. Arrowood, T. E. Woody and Levi Deyton. Adopted.

Dismissed in prayer by Sister Frances Radford to meet at 7:45 p.m. for preaching.

### FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Met back at 7:45 p.m. for pearching. Services began with choir singing, "A Beautiful Life," "That Glad Reunion Day" and "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There." Remarks made by Brother Frank Laws to welcome visitors. An offering taken for Zeb McDaris. Received the sum of \$8.42. Sister Frances Radford opened the service with some wonderful words on "Obeidance." Then Brother Sam Moore led us in an altar of prayer in behalf of the sick and the prayer meeting at Brother Arnold Miller's home. Afterwards the Shoal Creek children sang, "O The Glory Did Roll," "I'm Feeling Fine," "I'll Not Be A Stranger" and "Lord Jesus Lead Me On." Sisters Bernice Laws, Mary Laws and Vinita Miller sang, "Where Could I Go." Brother Zeb McDaris, Brother and Sister Elliot, Sister Frances Radford sang, "I'm In A New World." A christian handshake followed as the congregation sang, "Amazing Grace." A wonderful spirit of love dwelt among us. Brothers Guy Honeycutt gave a spirit-filled talk on "The Church Living A Life That Will Draw Sinners to the Lord." Sister Eula Price, Brother Clate Wheeler, Sister Madge Clark and Brother Rotha Ogle gave good testimonies. Brother Zeb McDaris and Sister Frances Radford then sang "Pearly White City." A good testimony by Brother W. R. Arrowood followed. Wonderful songs and testimonies given

by Brother and Sister Elliot. Brother Zeb McDaris read from John 3: 1-21 and I Peter 1: 18-25, then brought a soul-stirring message on "Ye Must Be Born Again." As the choir sang an altar call was made. One soul found the Lord for which we are thankful. After the christians shook hands with the new convert Sister Bernice Laws made some good remarks. Dismissed to meet at 9:30 a.m. for business.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met back at 9:30 a.m. for business. Service began with choir singing, "Camping In Canaan's Land" and "I Have Built My House On A Rock." Prayer led by Brother Haden Honeycutt. Business session called to order. Yesterday's minute read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund called for, read then discussed by Brothers Joe Woody, W. R. Arrowood, Sister Josephine Blevins, Brother Cassie Thomas, Sister Frances Radford, Brothers T. E. Woody, E. P. Blevins, Haden Honeycutt, Sam Moore and Frank Laws. Voted to appoint one member from each church to see about raising money for Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund. Those appointed were as follows:

- Joe Woody ..... Green Mountain Church
- Hubert Freeman ..... Mine For k Church
- Wayne Metcalf ..... Terrys Fork Church
- Cassie Thomas ..... Bowditch Church
- John G. Peterson ..... South Bend Church
- W. R. Arrowood ..... Prices Creek Church

Treasurers report read. Report received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Lord's Acre Project called for, read then discussed by Brothers Joe Woody, Levi Deyton, Sister Frances Radford, Brothers Roscoe Briggs, Cassie Thomas, Rotha Ogle, Sisters Nora Miller, Lucy Deyton, Brother Ralph Cook, Sister Elsie Thomas, Brothers T. E. Woody, Haden Honeycutt and Hubert Freeman. Received and adopted. Received an offering for the Moderator and Clerk. The sum of \$15.26. The Moderator extend sincere thanks for the entire association to the Mine Fork Free Will Baptist and Presbyterian Churches for their kindness in caring for the association. We know the Lord will bless them for it. Business of association adjourned to meet with Prices Creek Free Will Baptist Church in August 1959.

### REPORTS OF FORMERLY NAMED COMMITTEES:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance offer the following to be considered in the light of the Scripture, and to be in harmony with sound doctrine and godliness:

Temperance—moderation, self-control, and restraint from over indulgence of any kind.

Temperate—moderate, mild and calm. Man can be temperate in things that are lawful, but things that unlawful, he should abstain from, such as indulgence in strong drink and everything that is sinful. Be mild and calm in talking; moderate in our eating. We think that modesty is very much related to temperance. Scripture reference: Galations 5:13-26, II Peter 1:6, Acts 24:25, I Timothy 2:8-11, Titus 1:1-3, Romans 14: 21. E. P. BLEVINS, MOSE MILLER, SAM MOORE

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCHES & PASTORS

We, your committee on Churches and Pastors offer the following:

We believe that the preacher is the overseer and is to feed the sheep and to care for the church of God. He is to watch for the souls of men. Acts 20:28-29.

We believe that the church is all of Gods Born Again Children and is to work with the pastor, not usurp authority over him in any wise. Deacons do not have a right to rule over the pastor. The church should support the pastor, so that he can give more time to the church. Hebrews 13:17.

E. P. BLEVINS, BESSIE WOODY, PEARL BRIGGS

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools believe that all parents should encourage their children to take part in Sunday School classes. We should have the most spiritual teachers possible. Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

JOE BLANKENSHIP, ROSCO BRIGGS, JOE WOODY

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Missions, believe that it is impossible for one to fully believe and obey the Word of God without believing in and practicing missions. Our Lord's last command to his disciples before his ascension was, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commended you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:19-20. Jesus, Himself, was the first Gospel foreign missionary. In His parables of the kingdom, He tells us, "The field is the world". Matthew 13-38. He did not say a certain portion of the world, but "the world," meaning all the inhabited earth. He also said, "As My Father hath sent me, so send I you." John 20:21.

We farther believe that Jesus gave us his own pattern for missionary labor when he said, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and into the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

The divine order is:

- 1—Empowerment by the Holy Ghost.
- 2—Witnessing begins at home.
- 3—Spreads from home to the uttermost part of the earth.

We farther submit that the early church was strongly missionary-minded in its faith and practice. See the entire book of the Acts of the Apostles, especially Chapter 15:1-4.

Our recommendation is therefore that all our churches realize the responsibility laid upon us by our Lord himself, and that both as individuals and as a body—we take him at his word and obey his command.

Respectfully—

FRANCES RADFORD, ROY AUSTIN, HUBERT FREEMAN

### MISSION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Total Funds turned in by churches for Josephine M. Stevens—

North Bend .....	\$137.98
Prices Creek .....	133.94
Bowditch .....	116.46
Mine Fork .....	52.35
Terrys Fork .....	64.52

TOTAL .....	\$505.25
Already Mailed .....	\$399.25
Ready to Mail .....	106.00

TO OTHER MISSIONS—

North Bend—\$26.00 to National F.W.B. Board for New African field.  
Terrys Fork—\$16.00 to Rev Wesley Grant for Haitian Mission.  
Complete total for Foreign Missions by churches.

North Bend .....	\$163.98
Prices Creek .....	133.94
Bowditch .....	116.46
Mine Fork .....	52.35
Terrys Fork .....	70.52
Green Mountain .....	

COMPLETE TOTAL .....\$537.25  
for 1957-58 associational year.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEEPER DEVOTION AND SPIRITUAL PROMOTION

We, your committee on deeper devotion and spiritual promotion submit the following: By going deeper in our devotion to Christ, we gain a promotion in our spiritual growth and sight. In Romans 12:1-2 we are told to present our bodies a living sacrifice to God. In Hebrews 5:12 we read of a group of Christians that haven't been promoted in the spiritual life, and therefore are very little help to others. 11 Peter 3:18 we are told to, "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

LYDIA DUNCAN, VINITA GAYLE MILLER, BERTIE HENSLEY

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SESSIONS

We, your Committee on Sessions, agree that the Mt. Mitchell Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Prices Creek Church, Rt. 3, Burnsville, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1959. The introductory sermon will be delivered by Rev. Frances Radford: her alternate to be Rev. Roscoe Briggs.

MRS. JOE WOODY, MRS. CARMON LAWS, W. R. ARROWOOD,  
J. G. PETERSON, PEARL BRIGGS, MRS. VIVIAN GARDNER

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE

We, your committee on orphanage recommend that each church in our association have one Sunday in each month set aside for an offering for the orphanage. Also, all the churches that have Lord's Acre project set aside a certain per cent of it for them. The first Mon-



day in October has been set for general collection of foods, which will be delivered to the Green Mountain Church on Tuesday, to be picked up by the orphanage trucks. Lets think of them as our own children and our responsibility, remembering them in our prayers. As the Bible teaches, pure and undefiled religion before God the Father, is to visit the widows and orphans in their afflictions, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

LEVI DEYTON, REX RENFRO, JOE WOODY

**Report of Receiver for Orphanage Funds:**

Bowditch Church .....	\$19.30
Mine Fork Church .....	22.60
South Bend Church .....	27.50
Terrys Fork Church .....	7.46
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Total received at Association .....	\$76.86

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGED AND DISABLED  
MINISTERS FUND**

We, your committee on aged and disabled ministers fund, wish to urge every church to work harder to build this fund, so not one of our ministers who become disabled or get old will be dependant on the world or charity. We feel it is our duty and responsibility to provide means to take care of them.

We do urge all churches to appoint someone to see after this and to help in it.

JOE WOODY, HUBERT FREEMAN, J. G. PETERSON



**Treasurer's Report on Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund**

Amount on hand .....	\$397.19
Received at Association .....	86.30
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Total amount .....	\$483.49

Treasurer—Josephine Blevins



**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LORD'S ACRE PROJECT**

We, your committee on the Lord's Acre and Lord's Hour Work, believing that the fruits of everything belongeth unto the Lord and that we should "honor the Lord with our substance and with the first fruits of all our increase," (Proverbs 3:9). Urge all our churches to support this work. In some churches, individual projects are more practical; in others, a project by the church as a whole or perhaps a Sunday School Class may work better; and some churches may use

both systems profitably. We believe anyone who tries this work will find it such a blessing, he will want to continue. Our church reports for this year are ample proof of the financial returns of this work and the testimonies of those who have engaged in it prove its spiritual worth. God will bless every effort we put forth to serve Him, and each other in love; and we, your committee feel that the Lord's Acre and Lord's Hour work is one of the most practical ways we have found to advance. His cause, both spiritually and financially.

LEVI DEYTON, JOE WOODY, ROSCOE BRIGGS,  
CASSIE THOMAS, CARMON LAWS



Report on South Bends Lord's Acre Work: Total received from church project \$409.00. Distributed as follows:

20% to Sister Stevens, our Missionary to Africa .....	\$81.80
20% to Disabled Ministers Fund .....	81.80
10% to Orphanage .....	40.90
50% to local church treasury .....	204.50

Boys Sunday School Class taught by Brother Clyde Duncan had separate project dedicated to building of Sunday School rooms.

Return from this project .....

Return from this project .....	\$120.00
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Total now in Treasury for both projects .....	\$324.50
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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

MRS. Ida Renfro Peterson . . . departed this life after a brief illness, February 20, 1958 at the age of 80 years. She was united in marriage to John K. Peterson in young womanhood, who preceded her in death May 8, 1928. To their union seven children were born. Ike, Joe, Lydia Duncan and Carry Renfro of Green Mountain, N. C.; Anna Evans of Burnsville, N. C.; Arthur of Hickory, N. C. and Nelle Broccoli of Providence, R. I. Also surviving are, twenty five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She united with North Bend Church in the year 1894 and attended there regularly all her life. She was a loving Mother, a devoted Christian, who was always ready to do her part in the Church. She taught the Junior Sunday School Class fo rabout forty years. Her load was not always light, but she bore it with patience. Her faith was secure in the Lord. When trouble came he was her refuge. We miss her in the home and in the church, but our daily prayer is that we may be united in Heaven.

Written by her daughter,  
Lydia Duncan

By special request by Sister Petersons' daughter, Nelle, we give you the following:

### The Rose Still Grows Beyond The Wall

Near shady wall a rose once grew,  
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,  
Watered and fed by morning dew,  
Shedding its sweetness day and night  
As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,  
Slowly rising to loftier height,  
It came to a crevice in the wall,  
Through which there shone a beam of light.  
Onward it crept with added strength,  
With never a thought of fear or pride;  
It followed the light through the crevice-length  
And unfolded itself on the other side.  
Shall claim of death cause us to grieve  
And make our courage faint or fall?  
Nay, let us faith and hope receive;  
The rose still grows beyond the wall.  
Love  
Joe & Bessie Woody.



### PROCEEDINGS OF THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Minutes of The Mount Mitchell Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conferences from December 27, 1957 through August 23, 1958.

We The Mount Mitchell original Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the church at Bowditch December 27, 1957 at 10:30 A.M. Singing by congregation. Prayer by Brother Charlie Miller. Introductory by Brother E. P. Blevins. Scripture reading Matthew 24. Subject, "The Signs of The Times." Brother Blevins brought a very appropriate message. Closed with a handshake and prayer by Brother Coy Austin.

Conference called to order and minute of last conference read and adopted. Committee on topic appointed. They were Sister Frances Radford, Brother E. P. Blevins and Nathan Renfro. Assigned homes for delegates. Voted to meet back at 2:30 p.m. for business of conference. Asked for any visiting Brothers from other churches. Brother Fred Allen from the Church of God present, and welcomed to a seat in conference.

Met back at 2:30 p.m. Opened with singing by congregation. Devotional by Sister Vinita Miller. Prayer by Sister Josephine Blevins. Enrolled ministers present were: Sister Frances Radford, Josephine Blevins, Vinita Gail Miller, Brothers T. E. Woody, E. P. Blevins, Roscoe Briggs and T. A. Greene. Ministers absent were: Brothers Hayden Honeycutt, T. A. Watts and Alvin McPeters.

Called for letters from churches. Received the following:

Prices Creek—Pastor—Brother E. P. Blevins, Clerk—Brother Moscoe Towe, Delegates—Brothers Roy Austin, Coy Austin and Charles Penland.

North Bend—Pastor—Frances Radford, Clerk—Mrs. Lydia Duncan, Delegates—Brothers Nathan Renfro, Rex Renfro, Brother and Sister Levi Deyton.

Mine Fork—Pastor—Frances Radford, Clerk—Mrs. Essie Laws, Delegates—Sisters Mary Laws, Louise Laws, and Brother Frank Laws.

Green Mountain—Pastor—Brother T. E. Woody, Clerk—Mrs. Joe Woody, Delegates—Brother Charlie Miller and Sister Vinita Miller.

Called for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund. Received \$12.00.

Called for topic and received the following: "The Manifold Grace of God." Discussed by Sisters Frances Radford and Josephine Blevins, Brothers E. P. Blevins, Roscoe Briggs, T. E. Woody. Adopted. Dismissed for preaching by Sister Frances Radford at 7:30 p.m.

Met at 7:30 p.m. for preaching. Singing by congregation. Prayer by Brother James Bursleson. Scripture reading Romans 10. Text "Faith Cometh By Hearing." Sister Radford brought a wonderful message. Closed with singing and handshake to meet at 9:30 Saturday morning.

Met at 9:30 a.m. Opened with singing. Prayer by Brother Roscoe Briggs. Conference called to order by Moderator. Friday's minute read and adopted. Called for any applicant for license or ordination. None presented. Moved to have our next conference with the Prices Creek Church. Called for topic and the following was presented: "Great Is The Mystery of Godliness," discussed by Brother E. P. Blevins, Sister Frances Radford, Brother Roy Austin and others, with much demonstration of the Spirit. Closed with handshake for preaching at 11 o'clock by Sister Vinita Miller.

11 o'clock service opened with singing. Prayer by Brother Coy Austin, after which Sister Vinita read Ezekiel 10:1-5, Luke 5. Subject: "Hear The Word of The Lord." Sister Miller brought a very inspiring message. Closed with prayer.

Brother T. E. Woody appointed to preach the introductory message; Brother T. A. Watts to be his alternate at next conference. Closed with prayer by Brother Woody, to meet with the Church at Prices Creek on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1958.

### Proceedings of The Ministers Conference

We the Original Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met with the Church at Prices Creek March 28, 1958 at 10:30 a.m. Opened with singing by congregation. Prayer by Sister Frances Radford, after which Brother T. E. Woody used for a subject, "The Right of a Woman to Obey The Lord." He read 1 Corinthians 11: 4-15 and Chapter 14 verse 34. Brother Woody brought a wonderful message. Closed with handshake and prayer by Brother E. P. Blevins. Homes assigned for delegates. Dismissed by Brother Woody to meet at 2:00 p.m. for business of conference.



Met back at 2:00 p.m. Singing by the congregation. Prayer by Brother Roscoe Briggs. Devotional. Ministers roll called.

Those present were: Brothers T. E. Woody, Roscoe Briggs, E. P. Blevins, Sisters Frances Radford, Josephine Blevins, Vinita Miller.

Those absent were: Brothers Alvin McPeters, Jimmy Peterson, Hayden Honeycutt, T. A. Watts.



Called for letters and seated delegates. Offering taken for Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund. Received \$14.00.

Letters received and adopted.

Mine Fork—Pastor—Frances Radford, Clerk—Mrs. Essie Laws, Delegates—Brother Frank Laws, Sister Melinda Laws.

Prices Creek—Pastor—E. P. Blevins, Clerk—Mocoe Towe, Delegates—Joe Blankenship, W. R. Arrowood.

North Bend—Pastor—Frances Radford, Clerk—Mrs. Lydia Duncan, Delegates—Brothers J. G. Peterson, Landon Briggs.

Bowditch—Pastor—E. P. Blevins, Clerk—Mrs. Julia Boone, Delegates—Brothers Cassie Thomas, Jimmie Thomas, Sister Elsie Thomas.

Terrys Fork—Pastor—Frances Radford, Clerk—Mrs. Barbara Gardner, Delegates—Brothers Wayne Metcalf, Kenneth Chambers.

Green Mountain—Pastor—T. E. Woody, Clerk—Mrs. Joe Woody, Delegates—Brother Charlie Berry, Sister Della Berry, Vinita Miller.

Fellowship called for and all in fellowship. Sister Edith Pauley appointed to preach at 7:30 p.m. Called for topic and the following was presented, "Power of God or The Holy Ghost." Discussed by Brothers E. P. Blevins, Roy Austin, T. E. Woody, Roscoe Briggs and Sister Josephine Blevins in demonstration of the Spirit. Closed to meet at 7:30 p.m. for preaching.

Met at 7:30 p.m. for preaching. Opened with singing by congregation. Prayer by Brother Joe Woody, after which Sister Edith Pauley read Ruth 1-24 and Revelation 21: 1-4. Subject, "Going Home." She brought a very inspiring message. Closed with prayer and handshake.

Met Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Called to order by Moderator. Singing by congregation. Prayer by Sister Vinita Miller.

Ask for any applicants for license or ordination. Brother Frank Laws and Sister Edith Pauley asked for license and received.

Voted to have our next conference with North Bend Church beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in June 1958. Brother Roscoe Briggs to preach the introductory, Brother T. E. Woody to be his alternate. Singing of "The Prettiest Flowers Will Be Blooming," by congregation. Voted for Brothers E. P. Blevins, Joe Woody, Roscoe Briggs to serve as investigating committee. Ask for report of investigating committee and voted to examine the applicants. After examination voted to grant them license to preach for one year. Voted to appoint Brothers T. A. Watts and T. E. Woody to serve as ordaining council with Brother E. P. Blevins. Brother Roscoe Briggs ask for ordination. Conference to meet back in the afternoon for ordaining service. Dismissed for preaching at 11 o'clock by Sister Frances Radford.

Met for preaching. Opened with singing by choir. Prayer by Sister Edith Pauley. Sister Frances read, Joshua 5: 1-9 and Isaiah 45: 1-14. Text "Courage." She brought a very inspiring message. Closed with handshake and rejoicing in the Holy Spirit. Brother Briggs then presented to the ordaining council, examined and found worthy. Ordained with prayer and laying on of hands. Ask the conference for an offering to buy Brother Briggs a Bible. Received \$17.13.

### Proceedings of The Ministers' Conference

We The Original Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met with the church at North Bend June 27, 1958 at 10:30 a.m. Opened with singing by the congregation. Prayer by Brother E. P. Blevins. Preaching by Brother E. P. Blevins. Scripture, Genesis 1: 26-27. Subject, "What Is Man." He brought a very appropriate message. Closed with handshake and singing.

Called to order by Moderator for business. Minutes of last conference read and adopted. Roll of Ministers called.

Those present were: Brothers T. E. Woody, E. P. Blevins, Hayden Honeycutt, Frank Laws, and Sisters Frances Radford, Josephine Blevins, Edith Pauley.

Those absent were: Brothers T. A. Watts, Jimmy Peterson, T. A. Greene, Roscoe Briggs and Sister Vinita Miller. Appointed a committee on topic, Brothers Cassie Thomas, Moscoe Towe, Sam Moore. Assigned home for delegates. Offering taken for Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund. Received \$15.75. Dismissed to meet at 2:30 p.m.

Met at 2:30 p.m. Opened with singing by congregation. Devotional by Brother Hayden Honeycutt. Called to order by Moderator. Asked for letters. The following were presented and adopted:

Green Mountain—Brothers Arnold Miller, Sam Moore and Sister Mollie Moore.

Prices Creek—Brother Moscoe Towe, Sisters Cora Arrowood and Tomilee Burleson.

Mine Fork—Brothers Frank Laws, Carmon Laws, Uranus Deyton.

Terrys Fork—Brothers Wayne Metcalf, Kenneth Chambers, Sisters Barbara Gardner, Vivian Gardner.

North Bend—Brothers J. G. Peterson, Nathan Renfro.

Appointed Sister Edith Pauley to preach at 8:00 p.m. Called for topic and received the following, "Limiting The Power of God." Discussed by Brothers Sam Moore, E. P. Blevins, Cassie Thomas, Hayden Honeycutt and Sister Frances Radford. Closed with singing and handshake to meet at 8:00 p.m. for preaching.

Met at 8:00 p.m. Singing by choir. Prayer by Brother Oscar Letterman. Sister Pauley read Ecclesiastes 3-1, Matthew 1: 18-25. Subject, "A Time To All Things." She brought a wonderful message. Closed with handshake and testimonies to meet Saturday morning at 10 o'clock for business of conference.

Met at 10:00 a.m. Saturday. Opened with singing by congregation. Devotional by Brother T. A. Watts. Prayer by Brother Cassie Thomas. Conference opened by Moderator. Case of Brother Alvin McPeters presented. Voted t table until next confernc and to talk with Brother Alvin in person. Called for any visiting preacher. None present. Called for applicants for license or ordination. None presented. Voted

to close the conference to meet with the church at Mine Fork at the association. Closed with prayer by Brother T. E. Woody, for preaching at 11 o'clock by Brother Hayden Honeycutt.

Met for preaching at 11 o'clock. Opened with singing by congregation. Sister Frances Radford and Brother Rotha Ogle then sang, "Camping In Canaan's Land." Brother Honeycutt read Acts 3: 1-2 and 4:13. Text, "Manifesting Ourself To Another." Brother Honeycutt brought a good message. Closed with singing and handshake, with prayer and testimonies.

#### Proceedings of The Ministers' Conference

We The Original Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met with the Mine Fork Church August 23, 1958 at 1:30 p.m. Singing by congregation. Prayer by Brother Charlie Miller. Called to order by Moderator. Voted to omit reading of Minutes of last conference. Roll of Ministers called.

Those present were: Brothers T. E. Woody, E. P. Blevins, Hayden Honeycutt, Frank Laws, Roscoe Briggs, and Sisters Josephine Blevins, Frances Radford, Vinita Miller.

Those absent were: Brothers T. A. Watts, Talmage Greene, Jimmy Peterson and Sister Edith Pauley.

Offering taken for Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund. Received \$19.85. Called for case of Brother Alvin McPeters. Voted to dismiss Brother McPeters by request. Voted to use our associational delegation in ministers conference.

Voted to retain Sister Josephine Blevins as clerk. Elected Brother E. P. Blevins, Moderator. Elected Brothers T. E. Woody, Hayden Honeycutt, Roscoe Briggs as ordaining council. Called for applicants for license or ordination. Brothers Sam Moore and Arnold Miller presented for license. Presented to ordaining council. Called for an altar prayer in behalf of our two Brothers as they go out to preach the Gospel. Clerk asked to write Brothers Moore and Miller license to preach the Gospel for one year. Voted to have our next conference with the Bowditch Church beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday, November 28, 1958.

Received at the Association for The Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund \$86.30. Dismissed by prayer to meet in our next session with the church at Bowditch, Brother Sam Moore to preach the introductory message; Brother Arnold Miller to be his alternate.

**CONSTITUTION FOR PRESENTATION TO DELEGATE OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES CONVENED IN BUSINESS SESSION WITH THE NORTH BEND CHURCH.**

**ARTICLE 1**

This Association shall be known as the Mount Mitchell Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

**ARTICLE 2**

The objects of this Association shall be: to proclaim a full salvation and lift up a standard of holy living in accordance with the teaching of the Bible; to promote unity, fraternity, fellowship, and cooperation within the bounds of our own churches, and Christian charity toward all Christians; to encourage and engage in larger Christian enterprises than can be carried on by one church; to combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptists within its bounds in one sacred effort to encourage and promote the general spread of the Gospel, and all of its benevolent enterprises.

**ARTICLE 3**

1. This Association shall be composed of all licensed and ordained ministers, and of delegates chosen and sent by each church within its bounds, said delegates being duly recommended by letter from the church to which they belong.
2. Each church, irrespective of size, shall be entitled to five (5) delegates, with an additional delegate for every ten (10) members or fraction thereof above fifty (50). Each church is expected to send with its delegation a contribution to help defray the expenses of the Association and the causes which it fosters.
3. The Association disclaims the right to exercise lordship over the churches, or to have any power which entitles it to infringe upon the internal affairs or rights of any of the churches composing it. Each church shall consider its internal affairs to be its own business, but it shall not disrespect the Association and those placed in authority by the proper processes.

**ARTICLE 4**

The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegation, providing however, that any church accused of disorderly walk or unscriptural doctrine shall have the same right as an individual in the church to have specific charges presented in writing, together with convincing evidence; a fair opportunity for defense, and to be considered innocent until proved guilty.

**ARTICLE 5**

This Association shall make use of the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists adopted by the National Association November 7, 1935, at Nashville, Tennessee; recognizing however, the truth stated therein, that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our only infallible rule of faith and practice.

**ARTICLE 6**

Churches coming from another denomination will be carefully examined and approved as to doctrine and practice before being received as members.

**ARTICLE 7**

1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Historian, all of whom shall be elected for a term of two years, except the Moderator and Assistant Moderator, who shall be elected annually. They shall enter upon the duties of their offices at the close of the current session.
2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all the meetings of the Association.
3. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to preside in the absence of the Moderator.



4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association in a business-like manner, to superintend printing and distribution of the minutes, and to give over all properties belonging to his or her office to his or her duly elected successor.

5. The clerk shall be paid a fee to be determined by the Association. Minutes of the Association shall be sent to all visiting Free Will Baptist Ministers.

6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds belonging to the Association, and to disburse same as directed by the Association. The treasurer shall be bonded for an amount sufficient to cover all the funds for which he is responsible.

7. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep a record of such items of interest as may be useful in the future, especially a file of all the minutes, and to preserve the same in a book. He or she shall also be required to give over all properties of the office to the successor to the office.

#### ARTICLE 8

The Association shall appoint annually such committees as it shall deem necessary to expedite its business. These committees may be called upon to serve in either a temporary or standing capacity. Temporary committees complete their work and make a report of it during the same session in which they are appointed. Standing committees are appointed to assist in such matters as may require service both during and between sessions. The Moderator is empowered to choose the Chairman of each Committee, and the delegates may assist in choosing other members of said committees from among their own ranks.

#### ARTICLE 9

The Executive Board of this Association shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, and three (3) members elected from the floor. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to have the supervision of the work of the Association between sessions. The Moderator and Clerk, by virtue of their respective offices, shall be Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE 10

It shall be the duty of this Association to encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour, having made salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

#### ARTICLE 11

A church may become a member of this Association by making request by delegation, which delegation shall present a letter showing vital statistics of said church, provided however, that such church shall be examined as to doctrine, practice, and willingness to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of this Association.

#### ARTICLE 12

The by-laws of this Constitution shall be read annually immediately after the body is organized.

#### ARTICLE 13

This Association advises all its churches to commemorate the death and sufferings of our Lord at least twice a year, with the service of feet-washing to follow the communion.

#### ARTICLE 14

This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the second Sunday in September for the purpose of worship and the transaction of business. There shall be no less than two (2) worship services daily while the Association is in session.

ARTICLE 15

This Association's printed Minutes shall consist of a record of all business transacted and all worship services during the annual meeting, the proceedings of the quarterly sessions of Conference, the Constitution and By-laws of the Association and the Constitution and By-laws of the Ministers' Conference, the Church Covenant, and such tables of statistics and blank forms as may be necessary.

ARTICLE 16

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual meeting of the Association.

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**BY-LAWS OF THE MOUNT MITCHELL ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA.**

ARTICLE 1

A session of this Association shall meet annually.

ARTICLE 2

This Association shall be opened with Bible reading and prayer.

ARTICLE 3

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

ARTICLE 4

Every person wishing to speak shall first arise to his feet, address the moderator and receive recognition.

ARTICLE 5

No member shall interrupt another who is speaking.

ARTICLE 6

Every member shall attend to the subject under consideration.

ARTICLE 7

No member shall speak more than three (3) times on any one subject.

ARTICLE 8

Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon after suitable discussion unless withdrawn by those who made it.

ARTICLE 9

A motion before the house must be acted upon before another motion can be made.

ARTICLE 10

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

ARTICLE 11

The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

ARTICLE 12

We will admit of no other title but that of Brother or Sister while in session.

ARTICLE 13

No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without permission of the Moderator.

ARTICLE 14

Any person transgressing these by-laws shall be admonished by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 15

No less than seven (7) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 16

These by-laws may be amended at any regular annual meeting by two-thirds vote.

**CONSTITUTION FOR PRESENTATION TO MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF THE NEWLY FORMED MOUNT MITCHELL ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA.**

**ARTICLE 1**

This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Mount Mitchell Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

**ARTICLE 2**

This body is formed under and by the authority of the Mount Mitchell Association, and shall be composed of its licensed and ordained ministers, with such delegates as provided by Article 8.

**ARTICLE 3**

This body shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said Association, issuing license, prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, and at all times working for the most harmonious and effective ministry. Each licensed minister shall work under a license for a period of not less than one year; then being eligible for ordination, providing he can meet all other requirements set forth by the Ordaining Council.

**ARTICLE 4**

We deem it necessary for the protection of the Gospel not to receive anyone as a minister who has two living wives.

**ARTICLE 5**

Suitable women may be ordained to the Christian ministry, provided there are no objections to such indorsement other than the matter of sex. (NOTE: This is a word for word copy of a ruling passed in the General Conference of the Free Will Baptist Church in 1886.)

**ARTICLE 6**

We believe the Bible teaches that Christian women should wear modest apparel, have long hair, and avoid adorning their persons with useless jewelry. This body shall require its female members to be guided by these principles.

**ARTICLE 7**

The officers of this Conference shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Clerk-Treasurer, who shall be elected annually, and shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers.

**ARTICLE 8**

Each church shall be advised by its pastor to send two delegates to each session of this Conference, with a letter of authorization from the church, which delegation shall enjoy equal privileges with the ministry, both in deliberations and in voting.

**ARTICLE 9**

Each year, upon being organized, this body shall elect an Ordaining Council. This Council shall consist of three (3) ordained ministers. One member of this Council shall be retained from the preceding year's Council, the other two (2) to be elected at the discretion of the Conference.

**ARTICLE 10**

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. It shall also conduct due investigation into the social life of any candidate for ordination.

#### ARTICLE 11

This Conference may receive any Christian minister as a visiting member, and when thus received he may enjoy all rights and privileges of regular members except voting privileges.

#### ARTICLE 12

This Conference shall meet on Friday before each fifth Sunday, 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; and providing also that there be no session held at the fifth Sunday in April immediately following the adoption of this Constitution.

#### ARTICLE 13

The Moderator is empowered, and it is his duty, to call an extra session of the Conference, upon receiving a properly signed petition from five (5) members, at least (3) three of whom shall be ordained ministers.

#### ARTICLE 14

Each applicant for either license or ordination shall present a letter of recommendation from his church, properly signed by both pastor and clerk. He must of necessity be a member of a church within the bounds of this Conference. Any minister coming from another denomination shall first unite with one of our churches, then present a letter of recommendation from the church, just as any applicant for license or ordination.

#### ARTICLE 15

Any minister who does not represent either in person or by letter for two (2) successive sessions of Conference shall be charged with delinquency and shall be deprived of his vote on any question until his disability is removed by vote of the Conference. However, if the delinquent brother offer a satisfactory reason for his absence, a majority vote of the Conference may remove his disability.

#### ARTICLE 16

The Conference may withdraw fellowship from any member who becomes disorderly, provided however, all Scriptural and Christian means have first been used to help him.

#### ARTICLE 17

The Moderator is empowered to appoint any Committee the Conference deems necessary to expedite its business.

#### ARTICLE 18

Any article of this Constitution or its By-laws may be suspended or amended by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

#### ARTICLE 19

A session of Conference shall be held in connection with the yearly Association.

#### ARTICLE 20

Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum, provided at least three (3) of them shall be ordained ministers.



**BY-LAWS OF THE MOUNT MITCHELL FREE WILL BAPTIST  
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE**

No licentiate shall succeed to ordination unless he can furnish sufficient evidence that he has obeyed the Scriptural admonition to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth." The Ordaining Council must be satisfied that he or she is divinely called, and the fruit of life and work during the period served under license must be satisfactory to the Ordaining Council. If it deems such a course advisable, the Ordaining Council may require a licentiate to renew his license, for as often as may be necessary, before ordination.

**ARTICLE 2**

Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contribution or by assessment of its members.

**ARTICLE 3**

No member shall serve as pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, care for its pastor according to its ability, and strive to go forward in spiritual progress and the advancement of the cause of Christ.

**ARTICLE 4**

Any member who meddles with the work of another, or injures another's reputation for usefulness shall be subject to a charge of disorderly conduct, and shall be dealt with according to Article 16 of the Constitution.

**ARTICLE 5**

Each member, not excused by age or infirmity, is expected to do some work to advance the Cause of Christ and make a full report at each annual meeting.

**ARTICLE 6**

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



**FAITH**

Saving faith is an asset of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation; an acceptance of the Gospel, through the influence of the Holy Spirit; and a firm confidence and trust in Christ. The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel. The power to believe is the gift of God; but believing is an act of the creature, which is required as a condition of pardon, and without which the sinner cannot obtain salvation. All men are required to believe in Christ; and those who yield obedience to this requirement become the children of God by faith.

Scripture References to Faith: II Cor. 7:10; Prov. 28:13; Ezek. 18:30; Acts 17:30; Luke 13:5; Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:9, 10; Acts 16:31; James 2:17; Phil. 1:29; Gal. 3:26.

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**CHURCH COVENANT**

Having given ourselves to the Lord, through Jesus Christ, we agree to accept the Free Will Baptist articles of faith; we give ourselves to each other by the help of God. (2) We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe, rebuke and admonish those having gone astray and watch over each others reputation, use our influence to the upbuilding of the church, commands implied in a profession of faith, and in the spirit of kindness 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 to one another, and to strengthen those who are weak. (3) We promise by the help of God, that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer and strive to cultivate the doctrine of Gods revealed Word in the minds of those under our care. (4) We also agree to use our influence for the support to the Gospel and contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those who are afflicted and needy, and especially to those of the household of faith. (5) We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not Providentially hindered, and to submit to all ordinances applied 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; not to use it as a beverage, nor aid or assist in the manufacture of such, nor to furnish it to others. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath Schools, good moral and everything that is for the glory of God, and to the welfare of men, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever, Amen.

## TABLE OF STATISTICS

	(UNION) BOWDITCH	GREEN MOUNTAIN	MINE FORK	SOUTH BEND	PRICES CREEK	TERRY'S FORK
Meeting Days .....	1-3	2-4	2-3-4	1	2-4	Full
No. Baptized .....	0	2	2	2	0	0
Added Otherwise .....	1	3	5	0	0	0
Excluded .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed .....	6	0	0	1	0	0
Deaths .....	0	0	0	1	0	0
Communion Services .....	0	1	0	1	1	1
No. In Sunday School .....	50	75	35		54	35
Total Membership .....	50	118	35	30	65	25
Times Pastor Present .....	20	23	36	24	23	24
Minute Fund .....	10.00	10.04	7.00	12.00	10.00	10.00
Paid Pastor .....	189.42	441.15	211.79	398.93	252.30	200.00
Paid for Revivals .....	94.69	165.00	31.80	70.00		85.00
Foreign Missions .....	116.46	0	52.35	163.90	133.94	70.52
Orphanage .....	154.70	142.98	22.60	118.40	191.50	27.41
Poor and Sick .....	150.00	169.16	0	36.00	82.00	125.00
Monthly Mission Pledge .....	5.00	0	3.00		3.00	3.00
Value Church Property .....	10,050.00		6000.00		3000.00	2250.00
Improvements .....	62.50	0	0	0	0	50.00
Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund .....	7.00	50.00	5.20	81.80	18.08	5.00
Visiting Ministers .....	130.00	59.45	4.00	21.26	30.00	50.44
Lord's Acre Receipts .....				529.00		

## DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, LOCAL ORPHANAGE, AND LORD'S ACRE WORK COMMITTEE

Church and Pastor	Clerk and Address	Orphanage Chairman	Lord's Acre Work Chairman
Bowditch— Frances Radford .....	Julia Boone Micaville, N. C. ....	Bertie Hensley .....	Alec Hensley
Green Mountain— T. E. Woody .....	Mrs. Joe Woody Burnsville, N. C. .... Rt. 1, Box 25	Earl Fox .....	Earl Fox
Mine Fork— Frances Radford .....	U. B. Deyton Burnsville, N. C. .... Rt. 1, Box 105	Carmon Laws .....	Hubert Freeman
South Bend— T. E. Woody .....	Mrs. Lydia Duncan Green Mountain, N. C. ....	Luther Renfro .....	Levi Deyton
Prices Creek— E. P. Blevins .....	Moscoe Towe Burnsville, N. C. .... Rt. 3	Moscoe Towe .....	James Burleson
Terry's Fork— Richard Ward .....	Barbara Ann Gardner Mars Hill, N. C. .... Rt. 2	Phil Anderson .....	



**CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION**

We, the..... Free Will Baptist Church,  
now in session, send Christian greetings to the Mount Mitchell Associa-  
tion, and the following delegates to represent us in your body

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Our statistics are as follows:—

Our regular preaching days are.....; Number baptized.....;  
Members added otherwise.....; Excluded.....; Dismissed  
.....; Deaths.....; Total membership.....; Average  
number in Sunday School.....; Number of communion and feet-  
washing services.....; Number of times pastor present.....

We paid our pastor \$.....; Paid for revivals \$.....; Paid for  
Orphanage support \$.....; For foreign missions \$.....; For  
local church and Sunday School operating expense \$.....; To aged  
and disabled ministers' fund \$.....; For minute fund \$.....;  
For poor and sick \$..... and to the visiting ministers \$.....  
We pledge to pay to Aged and Disabled ministers' fund \$.....;  
To foreign mission support \$..... per month.

Our church property is valued at \$..... We have spent ap-  
proximately \$..... for church property improvement.

Number of revivals..... Conducted by.....  
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We believe our general spiritual condition, as compared with a year  
ago is .....

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Pastor this year .....

Pastor-elect .....

Clerk .....

Address .....

Steward .....

