

MINUTES

of the

Forty-Third Annual Session

of the

French Broad Free Will Baptist Association

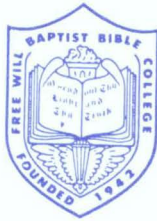
Which Convened With

Shoal Hill Church, Route 5, Marshall, N. C.

August 25, 26, 27 and 28, 1921



ADVOCATE, ASHEVILLE, N. C.



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

The Family of A. H. Outlaw

PROCEEDINGS

Commencing Thursday, August 25th, 10 o'clock a. m.

Opened with song service.

Prayer by Rev. J. F. Gant.

Introductory sermon by Rev. W. S. Meadows from first chapter of Revelations beginning on fifth verse. "Set your affections on Christ only." Confirmed by Rev. J. L. Hundt. Song and Christian hand shaking.

Prayer by brother Lon Sluder.

Rev. A. J. Martin welcomed the Association. Prayer by Brother Jim Rice. Work was begun by appointing reading clerks J. G. Ramsey and Sister Vestie Brown. Letters read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Red Hill—Mrs. Cora Ramsey; Mrs. Dora Rice; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ramsey and Mollie Rice.

Union Valley—Represented by letter.

Jewell Hill—Mrs. Maley Ramsey; Mrs. Kate Ramsey; and Carl Ramsey.

Dry Branch—By letter.

Mountain View—Rev. S. A. Meadows; Lon Sluder and Erwin Sluder.

Mount Zion—David Deal.

Paint Rock—By letter.

New Bridge Chapel—D. F. Ramsey; C. E. Dockey.

Laurel Fork—J. C. Brooks.

Craggy Chapel—J. F. Gant and L. E. Sprinkle.

Lockhart, S. C.—J. W. Revis; I. D. Sealy.

Shoel Hill—C. H. Brown; A. H. Clark and Vestie Brown.

Hazel Green—Stephenson Jones; Henry Vaughn.

Barnards Chapel—J. H. Lunsford.

Shady Grove—B. F. Chandler; S. Bullman and C. C. Bullman.

Anderson Branch—Cisley Hagon.

Marshall—W. A. Treadway; C. L. Creasman.

Cedar Hill—A. P. Rich; Mrs. A. P. Rich and Miss Terrie Pettit.

Valley Union—No report.

Goodwill—Letter.

On motion the rules of decorum were read by the moderator and all visiting christians of all denominations welcomed.

Rev. A. J. Martin was elected moderator and L. E. Sprinkle clerk by the association.

Committees appointed as follows:

Arrangements—J. G. Ramsey, Jim Rice and Moderator and clerk.

Temperance—J. H. Ballard, B. E. Guthrie and Willis Ballard.

Education—Loy Ballard, A. H. Butlaw, Mollie Rice.

Finance—S. A. Meadows, J. G. Ramsey, Frank Ramsey.

Obituaries—Lizzie Ramsey, Cora Ramsey, and Clyde Long.

Sunday Schools—B. E. Guthrie, Ervin Sluder, A. H. Butlaw and R. S.

Woodson.

Periodicals—W. S. Meadows, G. W. Quinton, Kaney Brown.

Deeper Devotion—Willis Ballard, Lon Sluder, R. V. Self.

Pulpit—Pastor and delegates of church.

Sessions—First delegate of each church.

Missions—H. A. Vaughn, W. A. Treadway.

Marriage and Divorce—J. H. Ballard, J. L. Hundt, R. Neal.

Ministerial Support—R. V. Self, I. D. Sealy, J. C. Wallace, E. E. Dockry.
Ladies Aid Society—Mrs. J. G. Ramsey, Mrs. J. H. Ballard, Mrs. A. P. Rich.

Young People's Work—Loy Ballard, B. E. Guthrie, Terrie Pettit, C. L. Creasman, Lona Ramsey.

Motion for adjournment at one p. m. until night service.

Night service began at 7:30.

Sermon by Rev. J. F. Gant.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26.

Opened with song at 9 o'clock a. m.

Scripture lesson by Rev. A. H. Outlaw a visiting minister from Moorehead City, N. C. taken from Romans 10. Chain of prayers by Moderator and others. Rules of Decorum read by Moderator.

11 a. m. devotional service sermon by J. L. Hundt. Text from Thes. 5:16-17-18. Visiting ministers and others welcomed to the association. Brother Hensley with Rev. Willis Ballard from Jacks creek Association and Rev. A. H. Outlaw from Moorehead City, N. C.

Reassembled at 2:40 p. m. song service.

Scripture lesson by Rev. Loy Ballard from Eph. 6:5. Prayer.

Report of committee on arrangements.

1st. That we call for committees reports.

2nd. That we call for resolutions.

3rd. That we call for historians reports.

4th. That we call for orphanage reports.

5th. That we call for ministers reports.

TEMPERANCE

We commend the officers of our county and nation at large for the brave efforts they are putting forth to enforce the prohibition laws of our country. Our prayer is that every minister and member of our denomination will stand behind our officers with their prayers and put forth every effort possible to help them in destroying so great an evil. We favor our denomination as going on record as being opposed to any and all things that would cause the life of any person to become intempered.

Talk of importance of Temperance by Rev. Willis Ballard. Adopted.

EDUCATION.

We suggest that each church help its pastor to take a course at our seminary at Ayden, N. C., or take a course by mail, as we realize that the day has come that our ministers must have an education to preach the Bible as there is so much false being preached. We ask each church to make up money to help their minister accomplish this. Adopted.

FINANCE.

Committee on Finance report \$51.37 on hand for printing of the minutes. Voted to pay clerk \$7 and historian \$4 to be taken out of the \$51.37 leaving \$40.37. J. G. Ramsey, Chairman.

OBITUARIES.

New Bridge Chapel—Brother Tommie Grindstaff, a retired deacon. Sister Mollie Grindstaff, Brother John Thorpe and Sister Mollie Jones all died during past year. All died in the Faith.

Red Hill—Brother Clark Gosnel died March 1921. Was a holy consecrated Christian.

Mountain View—Sister Lizzie Hawkins died during last year. Faithful for years.

Jewell Hill—Brother Isaac Freeman member for 50 years died during past year. Charlie Braziel Faithful for five years died during the past year.

Marshall—Brother Henry Davis. Faithful member died first day of this association.

Shoel Hill—In March 1920 the death angel took Brother Anderson Walker, Blessed are the dead which die in Christ.

Anderson Branch—Brother J. M. Randall, a faithful brother died during the past year.

Shady Grove—Sister Eliza Ramsey, faithful for 40 years died Dec. 30th, 1920.

Our loss was only their gain and we will meet them in another association beyond this world of care.

Blessed is the Lord that gives; and Blessed is the Lord that takes.

Craggy Chapel—Little Doyle, son of L. E. and Amy Sprinkle died March 5th 1921. Their darling was only with them nine short months when early one morning Jesus called it home where no sorrow or pain can ever come.

Written and sent to the Association by a friend.

Mrs. Lizzie Ramsey, Chairman.

PERIODICALS.

1. We recommend the Bible to our people for their daily study.
2. We recommend our Free Will Baptist Sunday school literature to our people.
3. We recommend our Free Will Baptist paper published at Ayden, N. C. Adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Realizing the need of a more uniform basis upon which to do Sunday school work and the need of State wide unity, we resolve to support in as large measure as possible the State Sunday School Board, and stand by Rev. Thos E. Beaman, State Sunday school secretary in our association for the best progress possible. We further resolve to use the Free Will Baptist Sunday school literature.

DEEPER DEVOTION.

Spirituality is the life and power of the religion of Jesus Christ. The vocation of religion is devotion to God, devotion means to adore, love and obey. Yielding to or humble submission to the will of God. Romans 6:16, 12:1-4. It is explained as entire consecration. Regeneration comes as a result of repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Sanctification or the Baptism of the Holy Ghost comes as the result of entire consecration, bringing ourselves to the action of service the Alter sanctifies its gift.

We urge our ministers to preach a full gospel and to emphasize the doctrine of repentance, justification and consecration. The baptism of the Holy Ghost by which we receive power (Acts 1:8) from on high whereby we become efficient workers with Him by whom we do all things.

Splendid remarks by Rev. Willis Ballard, voted on and unanimously adopted.

SESSIONS.

Voted and adopted that next association be held with Hazel Green church,

West Asheville, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1922. Rev. B. E. Guthrie to preach introductory sermon.

MISSIONS

1st. We ask every pastor to have mission days in each of his churches and to preach on missions and teach the people that God demands that every Christian help spread the gospel.

2nd. We ask our association to work with the State mission board in bringing about a greater mission work.

3rd. We recommend that we turn our mission funds into the hands of the State Mission Board and help them put men into the field who will build up the Free Will Baptist church from one side of North Carolina to the other. Adopted as of old.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

1st. We protest against parents giving permits for marriage license to be issued for children under lawful age.

2nd. We protest against marriage of persons who are mentally or physically unfit to care for a family.

3rd. As there is but one Biblical cause for divorce we protest against our clergymen officiating at the marriage of any divorced person unless they are fully satisfied that the person to be married was justified in the separation from their former companion.

Adopted as of old.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We find that the plan of raising money for the support of ministers of last association has been a success to a great extent. We urge that the resolution be readopted this year and that every church contribute liberally as is possible and see that their pastor has sufficient support. Adopted.

LADIES AID SOCIETY.

We believe that each church in our association should organize a Ladies Aid society that the ladies should meet weekly or monthly in each church and keep an annual report of what they have done during the year and send in a delegate to the Association reporting their work and that each pastor should do all in his power to see that this society is organized and that our report be recognized in the association.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Realizing the great need of encouragement the young people of our church more and that our denomination is behind others in that line of work we introduce the mutual Endeavor Union, movement of the state convention and suggest the organization in each of our churches. We recommend a secretary of young people's work whose duty will be to visit the churches and make addresses on the work. We urge each church visited to take up special collection to defray the secretary's expenses. Adopted.

Loy Ballard and Miss Terrie Pettit elected field secretaries.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

Devotion service sermon by B. E. Guthrie, John 25. Closing prayer by Rev. Outlaw.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 27.

Devotion service. Scripture lesson from Eph. 6:1 by R. S. Woodson.

Voted that committee be appointed to put tombstones to Rev. A. J. Elenburg and Rev. T. A. Center's graves. The following committee was appointed:

J. J. Redmon and J. G. Ramsey. Voted that they be entitled to use money necessary to pay their expenses of securing same.

Treasurers report as adopted:

Received \$183.85. Paid out \$185.50.

The association appointed R. S. Woodson and C. E. Quinton and Rev. R. V. Self as delegates to Jacks Creek association for this year.

Appointed Loy Ballard and L. E. Sprinkle as delegates to Nantahala association for 1922.

Appointed J. G. Ramsey and R. L. White as delegates to the State convention this year.

Appointed Rev. J. H. Ballard to national association at Marshall, N. C., to be held Wednesday before the last Sunday in May 1922.

Resolution No. 1. Whereas, we find that our churches have increased in membership until the delegation is so large as to make it burdensome on a community to care for them. Be it resolved that we change the basis of our representation and make it as follows: One delegate for each church, and one additional delegate for every fifty members or major fraction thereof. Adopted.

Resolution No. 2. Be it Resolved, That this Association goes on record as favoring more stringent inspection laws by the State and Federal governments of jails, penitentiaries, orphan homes and convents, where children and prisoners are confined, and that the authorities see that they are kept in good sanitary condition. We furthermore protest against the confinement of any adult in any prison or convent contrary to their will, when there is no charge or crime against them. Be it further known that we are opposed to any Court or Judge sending any orphan child or children of Protestant parents, to schools or convents kept by Roman Catholics. We favor the freedom of the press, free speech and free schools, with the reading of the Holy Bible encouraged. Adopted.

Resolution No. 3. Be it resolved, that we the Free Will Baptists of this association go on record as being contentious objectors to fighting with arms or participating in any way in war. Adopted.

Resolution No. 4. Whereas, we believe we can do more effective work if organized into union meetings, be it

Resolved, that we organize into three union meetings. Asheville union to include Cedar Hill, New Bridge Chapel, Union Valley, Craggy Chapel, Mountain View and Ministers. Walnut Union, Jewell Hill, Paint Rock, Shady Grove, Stackhouse, Anderson Branch, Dry Branch. These unions to meet each fifth Sunday and to consider means for better co-operation in church work and the support of our institutions. The officers shall be a moderator and clerk elected each year. Each church will be allowed one delegate for each twenty-five members or majority fraction thereof. Adopted.

MINISTERS REPORT.

Loy E. Ballard delivered thirty-seven sermons. Taking twelve into the church. Baptized two. Conducted three funerals. Married three couples. Received \$84.28 from all services.

C. C. Bullman, R. Neal, J. L. Hundt, R. S. Woodson and Tom Penland

reported verbally.

J. H. Ballard excused on account of age.

B. J. Baynard delivered twenty-two sermons, visited thirty-eight homes with prayer. Visited the sick at two hospitals. Witnessed six conversions. Traveled six hundred miles. Received \$400.00.

B. E. Guthrie delivered twenty-nine sermons. Traveled three hundred and thirteen miles. Visited two sick homes. Married two couples. Received \$190.42.

C. L. Long delivered one hundred and twenty-two sermons. Witnessed one hundred and six conversions. Gave to the cause \$155.25. Received for preaching \$208.68. Conducted one funeral. Held two revivals.

Malley Rice delivered one hundred and eight sermons. Eighteen exhortations. Visited with prayer 112 homes. Visited twenty sick people. Supplied three churches. Held three revivals. Helped in five other revivals. Baptised two. Attended one funeral. Witnessed sixty professions. Witnessed the baptism of the Holy Ghost of thirty. Traveled six hundred miles. Received \$115.81.

H. Chandler pastored one church. Received \$39.00.

J. C. Wallace delivered twenty-five sermons. Witnessed forty-three conversions. Received \$35.00. Gave to cause \$50.00.

G. E. Quinton delivered two hundred and forty-six sermons. Witnessed eighty-six conversions. Took thirty-seven members into the church. Baptised twenty-three. Traveled one thousand one hundred and ninety-six miles. Spent for transportation \$56.00. Gave \$27.00 to the cause. Held eight revivals. Pastored three churches. Received \$328.34.

J. F. Gant delivered one hundred sermons. Held twenty prayer meetings, prayed in twenty-five homes. Traveled eight hundred miles. Witnessed thirty conversions. Held three revivals. Conducted three funeral services, one of which was my mother in law as per her request before death.

J. A. Martin delivered ninety-one sermons. Witnessed seventy-eight conversions. Received eighteen into the church. Baptised seventeen. Held six burial services. Gave ten exhortations. Visited with prayer eighty-five homes. Traveled three thousand three hundred and eighty-three miles. Supplied four churches. Delivered sermons to every church invited to, that he could reach regardless of race or denomination. Received \$723.24.

E. W. Morgan delivered twenty-nine sermons. Conducted twelve prayer meetings. Visited with Bible reading and prayer fifteen homes. Conducted two funeral services. Witnessed five conversions. Paid \$19.00 to the cause. Received \$10.40.

SATURDAY. AUGUST 27.

Rev. R. V. Self preached at 11 a. m. He used as his subject "The Town of Consecration" and made a stirring appeal for deeper devotion, and a complete surrender of our selves to God. A number came forward for prayer of consecration.

Rev. A. H. Outlaw of Moorehead City preached at 8 p. m. Taking as his text Deut. 32:11. He told how God was stirring up His people to a realization of their duty, and urged all to be more loyal and work harder for the salvation of souls and the building up of the church than before.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27.

Met at 2:30 p. m. Opened by singing "Some Glad Day." Prayer by

Rev. J. A. Martin.

Conference called to order by Rev. J. H. Ballard, the Moderator, who read the Constitution and By-laws and a short account of the founding of the Conference.

Officers for the ensuing year elected as follows: Rev. B. E. Guthrie, Moderator, and Rev. L. E. Ballard, Secretary.

Charter and standing of the following ministers phased as follows:

J. A. Martin, J. H. Ballard, R. Neal, B. E. Guthrie, E. W. Morgan, H. Chandler, T. E. Penland, T. M. Cole, S. Smith, R. V. Self, W. V. Rice, J. N. Rice, J. N. Coats, R. S. Woodson, Mallie Rice, John Gant, G. E. Quinton, J. L. Hurt, C. H. Capps, J. P. Messer, L. E. Ballard.

Voted to drop Jas. Collins, M. V. Rice and J. N. Coats for non-attendance, and to restore C. C. Bullman. Voted to receive J. C. Wallace and A. P. Rich as licensed ministers and to receive A. S. Crabtree and indorse his credentials from the General Baptists.

Treasurer reports on Minister's Aid Fund as follows: Received to date \$383.31; paid out during year \$65.00; on hands \$317.31; pledges for next year \$185.00. Report received.

The Council, after examination, ordained C. S. Long, J. C. Wallace, L. G. Baynard and Arthur Hensley. W. H. Wright granted license for one year.

Ordaining Council for ensuing year elected as follows: J. A. Martin, R. V. Self, J. L. Hurte, B. E. Guthrie, T. E. Penland, L. E. Ballard.

Conference adjourned to meet again on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1922, at Hazel Green church.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28.

Rev. W. W. Ballard of Barnardsville preached at 11 a. m. His splendid message on Sanctification was enjoyed by the hundreds who had assembled on the hill for the all day services. Three or four classes were present to render music, and Miss Terrie Pettit and Mrs. A. P. Rich rendered a number of selections.

The farewell sermon of the association was preached at 3 p. m. by Rev. L. E. Ballard who used as his subject "Working Faith" and urged the preachers and delegates not only to hear the deliberations but to go home and do the things that will make our church what God wants it to be.

Rev. A. P. Rich preached to the people of Shoel Hill Sunday night.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LADIES AID SOCIETY.

Jewell Hill—Orphan's Home at Middlesix, N. C.-----	\$25.00
Material -----	10.00
R. V. Self -----	5.00
Mrs. Molley Reeves--doctor bill -----	5.00
Church Repairs -----	5.00
Mr. Capps -----	4.50
Christmas presents to aged members -----	2.00
Total funds to Charitable cause -----	46.50
Total dues of members amounted to (past year) -----	21.50
Total Amount received for work -----	25.50
In bank at present time (balance)-----	35.00
Value of quilts now on hand for sale-----	20.00
Red Hill paid out—John Allen (a cripple) -----	10.00
To ministers -----	10.00
Orphanage -----	15.00
In revival -----	10.00

Mrs. Clark Gosnel (widow)	5.00
Mrs. McDwitt, sick	1.40
For cleaning of the church	6.00
Total paid out	57.40
Balance in treasurer	12.80

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTER CONFERENCE.

1. This body shall be known as the Minister's Conference of the French Broad Association of the Free Will Baptists.
2. This conference is formed under and by the authority of the French Broad Association and shall be composed of licensed and ordained ministers.
3. It shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said Association issuing license, prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, working for the most harmonious and effective ministry.
4. The officers of this conference shall be a chairman, secretary, and treasurer, who shall be elected annually and perform the duties usually performed by such officers.
5. This Conference shall have power to make such by-laws and other regulations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties.
6. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by vote of two thirds.

BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. The regular meeting of this Conference shall be held annually in connection with the meeting of the association.
2. Each member shall report at each regular meeting either in person or by letter.
3. Five members shall constitute a quorum at all regular or legal meetings.
4. Chairman may call a special session at any time on request of three members.
5. At each regular meeting there shall be elected an ordaining council, whose duty shall be to examine candidates, grant license, conduct ordinations, etc., and report at the next regular meeting.
6. Licentiates shall pursue a definite course of study under the direction of the ordaining council.
7. Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contribution or by assessment of its members.
8. No member shall serve as pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, care for their pastor and contribute to other benevolent enterprises, according to their ability.
9. 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.
10. Each member not excused from age or infirmities is expected to do something to advance the cause of Christ and make a full report at each regular meeting.
11. Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry.
12. These by-laws may be amended by vote of two-thirds at any regular meeting.

- CHURCH COVENANT.

1. Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ, we agree to adopt 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 who have gone astray, and watch over each other's reputation, and use our influence to the upbuilding 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 by the help of God that 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 the monthly meetings regularly, if not providentially hindered, and to 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, 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 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 our Lord Jesus Christ that we may be happily admitted into the kingdom of God, where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each individual church.

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

3. The Association, when met and formed, shall elect a chairman and secretary.

4. The rules of decorum shall be read immediately after the Association is formed.

5. This association will encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all sufficient Savior, having salvation possible to 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 his name enrolled in our minutes.

7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expediting of business, and every committee appointed to attend to any particular business shall report their proceedings in writing to the Association while in session, and all reports made by committee may be adopted by the body.

8. All queries regularly presented to the Association by any church

shall be attended to.

9. Any church may become a member of this Association by making application by letter or by delegates 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 by letter or delegate.

11. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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

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

4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of brother.

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

7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.

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

9. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.

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

11. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair be filled.

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

13. Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. GOD.—We believe that there is only one, true and living God, who is personally the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.—I. Tim. 2:5.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE.—We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of his church. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, instruction in righteousness.

3. ORIGINAL APOSTACY.—We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into the 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, and gave unto her husband with her he did eat.—Gen. 3:6.

4. FREE GRACE.—We believe the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproofs the world of sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. For there is no difference between the Jews and the Greeks, for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call

upon him.—Rom. 10:12.

5. **CHRISTIAN FAITH.**—We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.—John 3:36.

6. **REPENTANCE.**—We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance, 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 Cor. 7:9-10.

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 as they are revealed in the Holy Scripture. He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to doo justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.—Mich. 6:8.

8. **PERSEVERANCE.**—We do not believe under 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 their faith, turn again to sin and be finally lost. And Jesus said unto him, "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.—Luke 9-62.

9. **GOOD WORKS.**—We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have not faith, cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God. Every tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them!—Matt. 7:19-20.

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 Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should also walk in newness of life.—Rom. 6:4.

11. **THE LORD'S SUPPER.**—We believe the Supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. 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 unto himself, not discerning the Lord's body."—I Cor. 11:28-29.

12. **FEET WASHING.**—We believe that washing the saint's feet a command of our Savior, and that his followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all our churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command especially among the members of their churches. "If I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet."—St. John 13:14.

13. **THE GOSPEL.**—We believe it to be 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 Cor. 9:14.

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION.

We, the Free Will Baptist church at _____ send Christian salutation to the French Broad Association.

We send the following messengers to sit with you in council _____
_____ Ordained ministers who hold membership with us _____
Licensed ministers who hold membership with us _____

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE.

Increase in the year by experience and baptism _____; by letter or statement _____; by restoration _____; Total increase this year _____; Present membership _____; Decrease this year by letter _____; By expulsion and erasure _____; By death _____; Total decrease _____; Last year's membership _____

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH AND SOCIETIES.

P. O.	R. F. D. No.	County	State
Pastor _____,	_____,	_____,	_____
S. S. Supt. _____,	_____,	_____,	_____
Value of church property \$ _____;	Value of Parsonage _____,		
Pastor's salary \$ _____.			

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

No. of schools _____; No. of pupils _____; No. of teachers _____; Kind of literature used _____; Baptism this year _____; Church meeting Sunday _____; How many revivals and who held them? _____

This the _____ day of _____ 19____

_____ Church Clerk.

P. O. _____ N. C.

Churches	Clerks and Addresses	Pastor's Salary	Orphanage	Other Expenses	Baptized	By Letter	By Relation	Total Inc. for Year	Died	Given Letter	No. of Members	Minute Funds	Value of Church Property	Meeting Days
Red Hill	J. G. Ramsey, Walnut, N. C.	\$120.00	\$459.38	\$ 85.00	9			9	1		281	\$6.06	\$1000	2 Sun
Union Valley	D. L. Ballard, Weaverville, N. C.	50.00			3			3			72	3.00	1200	2 Sun
Jewel Hill	Molley Ramsey, Walnut, N. C.	150.20	153.00	45.50				1	2		138	3.25	1000	3 Sun
Dry Branch	Annie Henderson, Walnut, N. C.	127.45	5.00							1	53	2.00		1 Sun
Mountain View	J. M. Sluder, Alexander, N. C., R. 1	40.57	35.00		2	3		5	1	1	242	2.35	1000	4 Sun
Mount Zion	G. W. Briggs, R. 3, Marshall, N. C.	40.00	25.00		2			2			60	1.25	700	4 Sun
Paint Rock	M. L. Thornburg, Paint Rock, N. C.	27.00		45.00						2	48			
New Bridge Chapel	Pearl Moss, R. 1, Asheville, N. C.	70.33	30.80	70.66	4	3		7	4	2	77	6.50	1100	
Laurel Fork	Maggie Ramsey, R. 5, Marshall, N. C.	27.65	20.00							2	32		500	1 Sun
Craggy Chapel	L. E. Sprinkle, R. 4, Asheville, N. C.	74.17		162.00					1		22	1.25	800	By Ap.
Cedar Hill, Lockhart, S	G. W. Quinton, Lockhart, S. C.	393.66	5.00	5.00	13			13			88	5.00		1 Sun
Shoal Hill	Maggie Payne, R. 3, Marshall, N. C.	40.00							1		75	3.60	3100	3 Sun
Hazel Green	J. W. Goldsmith, R. 3, Asheville, N. C.	136.03	59.50	536.43	20	4		24		2	90	5.00	3000	
Barnard's Chapel	P. G. Lunsford, Barnard, N. C.	85.83		52.70	2			2			23	1.60		
Shady Grove	R. L. Ramsey, Reveir, N. C.	3.80							1		43	2.10	400	
Anderson Branch	C. H. Hagan, R. 5, Marshall, N. C.	21.92							1		42	1.35		
Marshall	C. L. Creasman, Marshall, N. C.	402.40		5339.00	50			50	2	25	100	2.60	6000	1 Sun
Cedar Hill	Terie Pettit, R. 3, Asheville, N. C.	100.00	125.62	7.49	6			6			119	2.41	700	2 Sun
Valley Union											23		500	
Good Will	Texie Ball, R. 2, Marshall, N. C.	29.00	16.00		7	2		9			109	1.00	200	
Beaverdam		30.00									20	2.30		

