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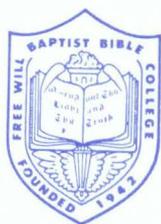
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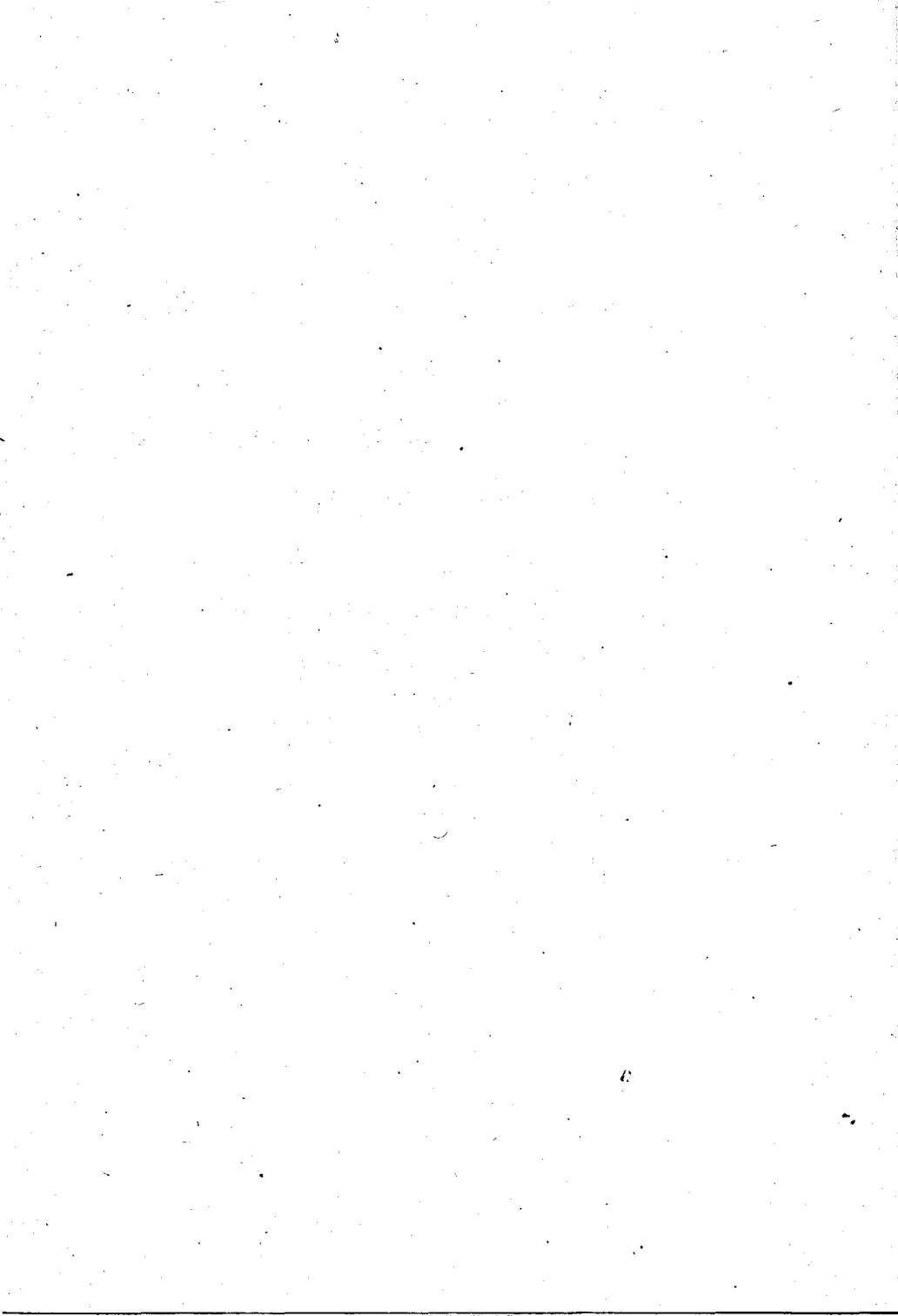
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PROCEEDINGS

Commencing Thursday, August 21.

Association opened with song and prayer service at 10 a. m. Prayer by Rev. T. M. Cole of Union Valley Church. Association called to order by Rev. R. V. Self. Then election of officers called for. Rev. R. V. Self elected moderator, Rev. C. S. Long clerk for the year. Then the moderator reads and explains the rules of the decorum. Then proceeded to organize by appointing J. G. Ramsey and Mallie Rice reading clerks. Letters read and delegates enrolled. Association adjourned until 1 p. m. Prayer by Rev. L. E. Ballard.

11 a. m. Introductory sermon, by Rev. J. L. Hurdt of Walnut, N. C. Text Mark 4.20. Subject, The Sowers. Prayer by Rev. G. E. Quntion.

12 p. m. Dinner on ground.

1 p. m. Scripture reading by Rev. A. P. Rich, pastor of Whitney Church.

The following visiting brethren welcomed and invited to sit with us: Delegates from Jacks Creek, Rev. Zeb Ledford of Erwin, Tenn., Rev. G. M. Hensley of West Asheville, N. C., Rev. A. H. Outlaw of the Eastern Conference, Rev. D. W. Alexander of the Central Conference.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Red Hill—J. G. Ramsey, Jr., Mrs. J. G. Ramsey, Mrs. W. E. Ensley.

Union Valley—J. P. Munday, D. L. Ballard.

Hazel Green—Mr. H. G. Howell and Mrs. H. G. Howell, and A. E. Kuykendall, Mrs. C. Y. Elkins.

Ceder Hill—Mr. G. G. Wilson, Mr. John Masters, Mr. Will Pettit.

Jewel Hill—Mr. and Mrs. James Rice, Mr. Bob Freeman, Carl Ramsey.

Mountain View—Mr. Ervin Sluder, J. S. Sluder, J. C. Sluder, Willard Griffin, Ottis Sluder.

Mount Zion—G. W. Briggs, A. D. Freeman, D. J. Deal.

New Bridge—D. F. Ramsey, J. R. Ray, R. L. Mann.

Lockhart—George Candler, O. C. Childres.

Shoal Hill—C. H. Brown, Lissie Brown.

Barnard Chapel—Mrs. J. H. Lunsford, P. G. Lunsford.

Anderson Branch—By Mallie Rice.

Valley Union—W. B. Guthrie, J. P. Messer.

Horney Heights—J. M. Randall, Mrs. J. M. Randall, C. W. Earwood, Mrs. C. W. Earwood.

Dry Branch—Carrie Davis, Sallie Smith, Kellie Roberts.

Beaverdam—J. Clayton, Sister L. Clayton, Bessie Neal.

Landrum—Jim Tucker, Mrs. Zucie Weaver, Mr. A. H. Porter, Mrs. Mary Kelley.

Whitney—Cloud Sawyers, J. R. Law.

Black Mountain—J. R. Swan, D. S. Atkins.

Marshall—W. A. Treadway.

Riverside—Mrs. S. C. Stroup, J. C. Camby, Miss Vester Reynolds.

Kanapolis—M. S. Lewis, E. Wheelles.

Bessemer City—D. A. Cope.

FOLLOWING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Arrangements—R. V. Self, C. S. Long, Mallie Rice.

Temperance—A. H. Outlaw, C. Y. Elkins, G. W. Quntion.

Education—D. W. Alexander, L. E. Ballard, J. S. Burnett.

Finance—James Rice, G. W. Briggs, G. G. Wilson.

Obituaries—Mrs. H. G. Howell, Lizzy Ramsey, Sister L. Sluder, Mrs. R. V. Self.

Sunday School—A. H. Outlaw, B. E. Guthrie, George Hensley.

Periodicals—A. P. Rich, R. S. Woodson, Mallie Rice.

Deeper Devotion—J. L. Hurt, Zeb Ledford, J. G. Ramsey.

Pulpit—R. V. Self, B. E. Guthrie, J. A. Martin.

Home Mission—J. W. Ray, Joe Banks, L. T. Mills.

Foreign Mission—C. S. Long, Miss Terrie Pettit, C. Y. Elkins, A. H. Outlaw.

Session First Delegate of Each Church.

Marriage and Divorce—T. M. Cole, L. E. Ballard, James Rice.

Ladies Aid—Mrs. H. G. Howell, Mrs. S. C. Stroup, Mrs. A. P. Rich, Mrs. Joe Revis, Mrs. James Rice.

Young Peoples Work—Miss Terrie Pettit, L. E. Ballard, Mrs. C. W. Earwood, Miss Vester Reynolds.

Resolutions—R. Neal, G. G. Wilson, H. G. Howell.

Ministerial—R. V. Self, D. W. Alexander, R. L. Mann.

Association adjourned at 4 p. m. to meet Friday morning at 9 a. m.

Prayer by Rev. T. M. Cole. Night sermon by D. W. Alexander of the Central Conference. Subject, The Purpose of the Church.

FRIDAY MORNING AT 9 O'CLOCK

Scripture lesson by Rev. J. W. Banks. Prayer by Rev. G. M. Hensley. Then rules or decorum read by moderator and opened for business. Reports of committees called for.

First—That we call for Arrangements Committee report.

Second—That we call for Resolutions Committee report.

Third—That we call for Historian's report.

Fourth—That we call for Orphanage report.

Fifth—That we call for Minister's reports.

Temperance

We your committee on Temperance recommend that we be temperate in all things especially those things that degrade. We further recommend that we go on record as pledged Christians to place men in office who will strive to destroy the liquor traffic regardless to political party, and stand by them in their efforts. Remarks by Rev. C. Y. Elkins.

Sunday School

We your committee on Sunday School recommend that we organize the two union meetings into District Sunday School Conventions in compliance with the request of the State Sunday School Board and Convention and in accordance with other union meetings districts of the state. We recommend further that the session be held with the Spring and Fall terms of the union meetings they giving a day for the Sunday School work. We further recommend the cradle roll department to every Sunday School and refer them to Rev. T. E. Beaman, Morehead City, N. C., for information.

Finance

Committee on Finance report \$58.20 on hand; for printing the minutes, voted to pay the clerk, \$7.00 and the historian \$4.00, for their service leaving a total of \$47.20.

Historian

Rev. B. E. Guthrie was elected historian in place of J. H. Ballard after he had resigned.

Resolution

Passed that we release the following Churches and Preachers to organize a South Carolina Association: Calhan View, Whitney, Landrum, Beaverdam, Lockhart, Kannapolis, Bessemer City; Rev. R. Neal, L. G. Baynard, L. T. Mills, W. L. Tucker, J. C. Stafford, and all South Carolina preachers.

Passed that the Association send Rev. J. A. Martin and Rev. C. S. Long and Rev. R. S. Woodson to this Association to help organize, which will be held with the Beaverdam Church, Greer, S. C., Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1924, A. D.

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 in humble submission to the will of God. It is explained as entire consecration. Regeneration comes as a result of repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Sanctification or baptism of the Holy Ghost comes as a result of entire consecration, bringing ourselves into active service the altar sanctifies the gift.

Marriage and Divorce

First, we protest against parents giving permits for marriage license being issued to children under lawful age.

Second, we protest against marriages of persons who are mentally and physically unfit to care for a family.

Third, as there is only one Biblical cause for a divorce we will not allow our ministers to officiate at the marriage of any divorced persons, unless they are fully satisfied that the person to be married was justified in their separation.

Periodicals

We recommend first of all the Bible, and urge our people not only to read it but to also live by the Bible. We also recommend that we read and support only first class and clean literature. We urge our people to use Free Will Baptist Sunday School literature published at Aydo, N. C. We highly recommend our paper to every home.

Association adjourned till 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Rev. R. S. Woodson.

11:00 o'clock, sermon by Rev. Zeb Ledford, of Erwin, Tenn. Subject, The Office Work of the Holy Spirit.

Called to order at 1:30 p. m.

Devotional, by Rev. L. E. Ballard. Then remarks by moderator; rules of decorum read.

Sessions

Voted that the next Association to be held with New Bridge Church at New Bridge, R. F. D. 1, Asheville, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1925, A. D., at 10:00 o'clock, a. m. Rev. B. E. Guthrie of Walnut, N. C., to preach the introductory sermon.

Ladies' Aid Societies

Walnut Ladies Aid membership, \$10.00; dues paid, \$18.00; received for work, \$28.47; paid \$40.00 for organ for the Church; paid \$15.00 to the sick; paid for material, \$7.09. Money in treasury, \$22.83. Mrs. Thomas, president; Mrs. Guthrie, treasurer.

New Bridge Church—The Aid at this Church was reorganized November 13, 1923. Membership 21. Taken in \$296.35. Paid on organ, \$52.00; paid on Church and Home Missions, \$100.75; in treasury, \$143.60. Mrs. R. L. Mann, president; Mrs. C. W. Moss, secretary-treasurer.

Ceder Hill Church—Membership 10. Money paid out, \$104.00; money on hand, \$7.00. Mrs. Mary Wilson, president; Mrs. Docia Rich, vice president; Miss Essie Gaddy, secretary; Miss Madeline Gudger, treasurer; Mrs. W. M. Pettit, enrollment.

Hazel Green Church—Membership 20. Paid on church, \$117.37; paid pastor \$8.00; paid Rev. Zeb Ledford, \$10.00; paid for flowers for Rev. W. W. Ballard, \$10.00; amount in treasury, \$52.44. Mrs. C. A. Vaughan, president; Mrs. C. Y. Elkins, treasurer. Delegates, Mrs. J. G. Roberts, Mrs. M. H. Jackson.

Dry Branch Church—Membership 8. Dues paid in, \$5.50; give to charity, \$22.00; give to orphanage, \$10.00; paid pastor, \$7.75; work on hand, \$15.00; money in bank, \$50.00. Money in treasury, \$6.37. Mrs. L. C. Smith, president; Mrs. T. A. Woody, secretary-treasurer.

Red Hill Church—Received in treasury, \$37.42; paid to orphanage, \$15.00; to W. W. Ballard, \$10.00; paid J. L. Hurldt, \$3.00; paid to church \$13.00; in treasury, \$8.08. Membership, 17. Jane Ramsey, president; Jennie Ramsey, secretary-treasurer.

Horney Heights Church—Membership, 21. Taken in treasury, \$356.78. Paid out of treasury, \$309.39; in treasury, \$47.39. Mrs. Joe Revis, president.

Riverside Church—Mrs. Gaze, president; Mrs. Stroup, vice president; Mrs. Nash, secretary-treasurer. Received in treasury, \$114.08; paid out on church, \$77.75; in treasury, \$26.33.

Home Mission

We ask each member to pray in each home you go in and visit the sick and for each church to make a record of what they do for home mission.

Ministerial Support

We your committee recommend our preachers to pay the 10th of each dollar to God and each member so we can pay the preacher out of the treasury.

Foreign Mission

We recommend a board to have charge of this great work and report their work at each Association and this board shall meet from time to time and devise means of educating our people to the importance of this work; and this board work with the state board. Rev. C. S. Long, chairman; Miss Terrie Pettit, treasurer; Rev. C. Y. Elkins.

Education

We find that this Association has raised this year the sum of \$77.33, to apply on note due the college; this leaves a balance of \$78.23. On this note we suggest that an effort be made to collect on this, and that each male member pay \$1.50, and each female member 50 cents, and this is to be sent to Clyde S. Long, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.

Young People's Work

We recommend first, that a field secretary be elected to work this year in the Association; second, that during the month of November a special effort be made to introduce the work in every church; third, we recommend

to our young people the Young Peoples Friend, published at Greenville, N. C. We ask each league to comply with the constitution and send in each month 10 per cent of money collected for general work.

Resolution

Be it resolved that our pastors and churches prohibit any and all preachers and teachers from occupying our pulpits if said preachers cannot show proper license or credentials from some church organization which credentials must be satisfactory to the pastor and the said preacher is in harmony with our church doctrines, also our Sunday School teachers must be in harmony with our church doctrine.

Delegates Appointed

State Convention—D. L. Ballard.

Jacks Creek—Rev. G. E. Quntion and Joe Reaves.

National Convention—C. S. Long, L. E. Ballard.

Central Conference—A. P. Rich.

Eastern Conference—L. E. Ballard.

Resolution of Respect

Whereas, in His Divine Providence, our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call from his labors to reward our dear brother Rev. W. W. Ballard, who though a member of another Association, was ever zealous in laboring among the people of our Association; be it resolved that we bow our heads in humble submission to the will of God thanking Him for the life and works of this truly consecrated pastor and evangelist who for many years has labored to build the Free Will Baptist Church in Western North Carolina, and that we the French Broad Association as a body in this way express to the family and friends of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy praying that the Comforter of Hearts may help them bear the heavy burden of their loss and ours; further, be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family, a copy be sent to the Asheville Citizen and the Asheville Times, and to the Free Will Baptist for publication, and that a copy be printed in the next issue of our minutes.

Resolution

Seeing the need of a consecrated ministry which means a separation from the world we ask our preachers not to affiliate themselves with any organization that operates under disguise or in the dark. Jesus said men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. John 3.19. Paul said come out from among them and be ye separated saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing. II Cor. 6:17.

OBITUARIES

Mountain View Church—Brother Joe Black died May 22, 1924. He was a devoted Christian and had been a loyal Free Will Baptist for many years. He was loved by all who knew him.

Sister Mattie Sluder died in June, 1924. She was a devoted Christian; had been a great worker in the church and Sunday school. We will miss her.

Lockhart Church—Bro. John Jones passed away February 15, 1923.

Sister Quncie Taylor died February 16, 1924. She was a loyal Free Will Baptist.

Hazel Green Church—Brother J. G. Roberts, a faithful member of our church, died on September 5, 1923. He was a faithful deacon of the church for sixteen years. He was loyal to his church; our loss is his gain. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss.

Beaverdam Church—Brother Cliff Hayes died in the faith.

Red Hill Church—Sister Dollie Davis, she joined the church at Red Hill the year of 1899; died 1923. She said she was ready to go.

Horney Heights Church—Brother F. W. Bomgartner was born October 27, 1871. Died June 18, 1924. He was a member who has been missed; he was a loyal and loving husband and a loving father. Our loss is his gain.

Sister Ida Parker died February 7, 1924. She was a devoted Christian; she leaves a husband and three small children. She has gone where there is no more good-byes.

Brother George C. Harper died May 11, 1924. A deacon and a dear member and one who will be missed. He leaves a dear wife who will miss him. Everybody loved George C. Harper. He was loyal to the church and loyal to his country.

New Bridge Church—Brother Back Jones, he had been a member of the church since 1914. He died in November, 1923. He is gone but not forgotten.

Home Missionary

Rev. J. A. Martin we recommend him to our people and church.

Rev. R. S. Woodson was appointed local evangelist.

Adjourned until 9 a. m. Saturday morning. Prayer by Rev. Jim Collins.

NIGHT SERVICE

A Foreign Mission play by Miss Terrie Pettit, and her class. This was given under the Foreign Mission board. This class will go to all churches in the Association this year with the board. Sermon by Rev. A. H. Outlaw, of the Eastern Conference. Prayer by C. Y. Elkins.

SATURDAY MORNING AT 9 O'CLOCK

Song and prayer by Rev. James Collins. Lesson read by Rev. G. E. Quntion. Remarks by moderator. Rev. E. W. Woody seated, and Rev. F. Lance.

CHURCH LETTERS

Marshall Church—Membership 137. Gained this year 19. Minute fund, \$1.50; paid pastor, \$78.72; other expense \$10.00. James Clemons, clerk; Rev. J. A. Martin, pastor. S. S. report total for year, \$26.05; received in treasury, \$34.40.

Black Mountain Church—Membership 12. Pastors salary, \$60.00; orphan fund, \$10.00; college, \$12.00; minute fund, \$2.00. Pastor, Rev. A. S. Crabtree; W. D. Hyatt, clerk.

Horney Heights—Rev. R. V. Self, pastor; J. M. Randall, clerk, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. Received in church 39, membership 146. Received in treasury, \$2,340.31; paid out, \$2,047.90; paid to Rev. C. S. Long for college fund, \$17.50; paid to orphanage, \$47.86; church extension fund, \$7.14; paid charity, \$41.50; pastors salary, \$520.00; minute fund, \$5.00. This church has service every Sunday.

Whitney—Membership 149. Minute fund, \$2.50; paid pastor, \$170.00. Pastor J. Franks; J. S. Massey, clerk.

Jewel Hill—Membership 144. Pastor Rev. J. L. Hurdt; clerk, Carl Ramsey, Walnut, N. C. Paid pastor, \$92.00; home mission, \$25.00; value of church, \$1,000; minute fund, \$2.00.

Landrum Church—Pastor L. T. Mills, Route 2, Inman, S. C. Mrs. Mary Kelley, clerk, Tryon, N. C. Membership 68. Value of church, \$600.00. Paid pastor, \$57.65. Meeting days second and fourth Sundays.

Beaverdam Church—Pastor R. Neal. Paid on church \$600.00. Lillie Calyton clerk. Minute fund \$1.00.

Riverside Church—Pastor, Rev. C. Y. Elkins. Clerk Mrs. S. C. Stroup. Membership 33. Value of church, \$2,500. Received in treasury, \$517.55. Paid home mission, \$24.00; paid pastor, \$11.00; paid on church, \$480.00. A good S. S. Minute fund, \$1.00.

Kannapolis Church—Pastor Rev. J. C. Franks. Clerk Mr. W. Plyler. Membership 40. Value of church, \$1,500.00. Minute fund, \$1.00.

Bessemer City Church—Pastor J. C. Franks. Clerk D. A. Cape. Membership 23. Minute fund, \$1.00.

Dry Branch Church—Membership 58. Pastors salary \$107.24; paid C. S. Long for college, \$5.00; orphanage, \$10.00; pastor B. E. Guthrie, Walnut, N. C. Clerk Miss Nellie Crow, Marshall, N. C., Route 4. Have a good Sunday school, Brother T. M. Woody, superintendent; R. L. Crow, secretary.

Valley Union—Membership 27. Pastor A. P. Rich. Clerk R. W. Guthrie, Marshall, N. C., Route 3. Value of church, \$800.00; paid pastor, \$26.43. Minute money, \$1.00.

Anderson Branch—Pastor Mallie Rice. Clerk C. H. Hagan, Marshall, N. C., Route 5. Membership 58. Value of church, \$1,000. Minute fund, \$2.30.

Barnard Chapel—Membership 20. Paid pastor \$41.00; minute fund, \$1.35. Preaching the fourth Sunday, Rev. W. H. Wright, pastor; Dewey Lunsford, clerk, Barnard, N. C.

Red Hill—Membership 283. Paid pastor, \$170.35; home mission, \$259.30; meeting days the second Saturday and Sunday. Value of church, \$1,000. Paid for revival, \$87.25; minute fund, \$5.00; paid orphanage, \$35.00; old ministers fund, \$25.00. Pastor J. L. Hurt, Walnut, N. C. J. G. Ramsey clerk, Marshall, N. C., Route 4.

Mountain View—Membership 279. Paid orphanage, \$6.00; paid home mission, \$6.00; paid to the monument fund to W. W. Ballard, \$7.00; minute fund, \$3.00; paid pastor, \$34.00. Value of church, \$1,000. Meeting days the fourth Saturday and Sunday, Rev. W. W. Ballard pastor; clerk, J. M. Sluder, Alexander, N. C.

Shoal Hill—Membership 70. Pastor A. P. Rich. Value of church, \$3,000. Minute fund, \$1.50; paid pastor, \$35.00. Clerk Miss Zura Payne, Marshall, N. C., Route 5.

Lockhart—Membership 167. Rev. R. S. Woodson, pastor. Value of church, \$2,000; paid pastor, \$150.00. G. W. Quinton clerk, Lockhart, S. C.

Ceder Hill—Membership 78. Pastor C. S. Long. New pastor A. P. Rich. Paid pastor, \$62.00; paid on church, \$450.81; paid visiting ministers, \$75.00; other expense, \$30.00; minute fund, \$3.00; paid on piano, \$50.00. Clerk Miss Terrie Pearl Pettit, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.

Union Valley—Membership, 110. Paid pastor \$129.40; union meeting, \$4.50; Rev. W. W. Ballard, \$11.00; to Rev. C. S. Long for college, \$6.60; minute fund, \$3.10; value of church, \$1,200; meeting days, second Sunday. Rev. A. S. Crabtree, pastor. Clerk D. L. Ballard, Weaverville, N. C.

Mt. Zion—Paid pastor, \$31.04; home mission, \$20.23; minute fund, \$2.00; paid orphanage, \$10.00. Membership 65. Value of church, \$1,000. Preaching the fourth Sunday, A. P. Rich, pastor. G. W. Briggs, clerk.

Hazel Green—Pastor J. A. Martin. Membership 80. Value of church, \$4,000. Paid pastor, \$125.78; orphanage, \$10.00; minute fund, \$3.00; home mission, \$135.20; paid union meeting, \$14.00. Preaching every Sunday. Mrs. H. G. Howell clerk, Asheville, N. C.

New Bridge Church—Membership 102. Paid pastor, \$173.12; Rev. J. A. Martin, pastor. Mrs. Pearl Moss clerk, Route 1, Asheville, N. C. Paid assistant pastors, \$32.00; other preachers, \$78.45; other church expenses, \$176.85; to C. S. Long for college, \$25.00; in treasury, \$240.34; young peoples class

in treasury, \$165.00; total received in treasury, \$872.14; minute fund, \$3.25.
Calhan View—Minute fund, \$7.00. Pastor R. Neal. Clerk, Mrs. F. A. Gosnell.

LADIES' AID

We the L. A. insist that every minister in our Association encourage the ladies of his church to organize a Ladies Aid Society and to impress upon them the need of the society as it is not only a help financially but is also such a help spiritually; there are so many things the L. A. can do for the churches that would not be were there not an L. A. Society. We trust that every sister of our church may in the near future get this great work upon their hearts. Remarks by Mrs. A. P. Rich and Mrs. H. G. Howell.

REPORTS OF UNION MEETINGS

Marshall District Union—Held three sessions; received in treasury, \$43.31. Rev. G. E. Quinton, moderator; J. G. Ramsey, treasurer; Rev. R. S. Woodson, clerk.

Asheville District Union—Rev. C. S. Long, moderator; Rev. John Collins, clerk; J. C. Self, treasurer. Paid in treasury, \$400.00.

REPORT OF OUR FINANCIAL AGENT

Received: Rev. R. S. Woodson, \$1.00; Horney Heights, \$17.50; Union Valley, \$6.60; New Bridge, \$25.00; Asheville District Union meeting and Black Mountain church, \$28.13; Ceder Hill, \$4.00; Dry Branch, \$5.00; L. E. Ballard, \$1.00; Red Hill, \$2.00; Hazel Green, \$4.00. Total paid, \$94.23.

Report of Ceder Hill F. W. B. L.—We wish to report the league in good condition. Members 30. Money in treasury, \$10.00.

VOTE OF THANKS

On motion the Association thanked the people for the able manner in which they cared for the Association and also Rev. R. V. Self for the able manner in which he presided over the Association.

PLEDGES FOR THE OLD MINISTERS' FUND

Mrs. Mary Kelley, \$3.00 paid; Rev. A. P. Rich, \$10.00; Rev. R. V. Self, \$10.00; J. G. Ramsey, \$10.00; Mrs. J. G. Ramsey, \$5.00; C. S. Long, \$5.00; C. Y. Elkins, \$5.00; Mrs. A. P. Rich, \$5.00; Rev. G. E. Quinton, \$5.00; Mr. H. G. Howell, \$5.00; J. P. Messer, \$5.00; J. C. Canby, \$5.00; J. B. McDivitt, \$10.00; R. S. Woodson, \$5.00; J. W. Banks, \$5.00; Mrs. R. V. Self, \$5.00; Mr. J. W. Ray, \$5.00 paid; J. E. Randall, \$5.00; M. H. Taylor, \$5.00 paid; Mrs. A. Keener, \$5.00; Mrs. J. W. Ray, \$2.00 paid; Sam Keener, \$5.00; C. W. Earwood, \$5.00; Mrs. Bob Ballard, \$1.00 paid; Mrs. Chunn, \$1.00 paid; Sam Farr, \$1.00 paid; Miss Terrie Pettit, \$5.00; Mr. L. J. Brown, \$1.00 paid; J. A. Martin, \$1.00. Total amount pledged, \$145.00.

PLEDGES FOR ORPHANAGE

J. B. McDivitt, \$10.00; J. G. Ramsey, \$10.00; Ladies Aid, Red Hill, \$10.00; A. P. Rich, \$10.00; J. C. Self, \$10.00; Hazel Green Church, \$10.00; Ladies Aid, \$5.00; Ladies Aid, Ceder Hill, \$10.00; Mrs. Bob Ballard, \$5.00; New Bridge Church, \$10.00; Riverside Church, \$10.00; Miss Terrie Pettit, \$5.00; J. C. Wallace, \$5.00; Horney Heights Church, \$25.00; R. V. Self, \$10.00; Mrs. R. V. Self, \$5.00; Horney Heights Ladies Aid, \$10.00; Union Valley, \$25.00; A. S. Crabtree, \$5.00; Cloud Sawyers, \$5.00; Mountain View, \$10.00; Mrs. S. C. Stroup, \$5.00; Lockhart Church, \$10.00; J. J. Redmon, \$10.00; Mrs. James Roberts, \$2.00; Shoal Hill Church, \$10.00; O. C. Childress, \$5.00; Sam Farr, \$5.00; Ceder Hill Church, \$5.00; Mount Zion, \$5.00; G. E. Quinton, \$5.00; C. Y. Elkins, \$5.00; G. W. Briggs, \$2.00 paid; Mrs. Mary Kelley, \$5.00 paid. Total amount pledged, \$274.00.

Association adpourned. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Wallace.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

of the French Broad Association of Free Will Baptist met at Horney Heights, West Asheville, N. C., August 23, 1924, 10:30 a. m. On motion Rev. B. E. Guthrie was elected moderator and Rev. C. S. Lang clerk.

Adjourned until 1 p. m.

11:00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. R. S. Woodson. Text, 1 Peter, 4 chapter, verse 1. Subject, Armor of God.

Called to order at 1 p. m. Remarks by moderator. Minutes of last session were read and approved. Rules of decorum read.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

E. W. Morgan, sermons preached, 12; funerals, 2; prayer meetings conducted, 7; Sunday school addresses, 5; paid to the cause, \$30.00. Rev. A. P. Rich, pastored 4 churches; sermons, 75; baptized, 14; received, \$262.47; paid to cause, \$33.40; expense for traveling, \$75.00. Rev. W. L. Tucker, converts, 5; paid to the cause, \$103.00; received, \$4.00. Rev. E. R. Frady, sermons, 35. Rev. John Collins, sermons, 81; converts, 63; received, \$104.00; paid to the cause, \$25.00. Rev. C. S. Long, sermons, 196; revivals, 10; churches served, 2; converts, 169; marriages, 6; organized on church riverside received, \$210.23. Members received, 40; baptized, 28; subscriptions for paper, 29; paid to the cause, \$130.00. Rev. J. A. Martin, sermons, 77; converts, 65; received in church, 15; baptized, 20; funerals, 8; pastored two churches; received, \$382.43. Rev. R. Neal, sermons, 120; revivals, 4; converts, 82; funerals, 1; baptized, 8; received in church, 78; received, \$60.00; paid out, \$1.10. Rev. R. S. Woodson, sermons, 151; revivals, 8; converts, 350; received, \$407.20; give to the cause, \$50.00; expenses, \$90.00; funerals, 8; marriages, 2; baptized, 71; received in church, 11; pastored one church. Rev. G. E. Quinton, sermons, 294; converts, 75; pastored four churches; baptized, 12; members received, 5; revivals, 8; funerals, 4; money received, \$279.50; paid to the cause \$50.00. Rev. Mallie Rice, sermons, 114; revivals, 6; converts, 90; funerals, 2; baptized, 9; received, \$175.00. Rev. B. E. Guthrie, sermons, 30; funerals, 3; marriages, 1; received, \$107.24; from other source, \$21.25. Rev. J. L. Hurdtt, pastored, 3 churches. C. L. Lunsford, sermons, 36; gave to cause, \$25.00; received, \$2.00. Rev. J. W. Banks, sermons, 60; converts, 70; gave to cause, \$40.00. Rev. James Collins, reports a life for God. Rev. C. Y. Elkins, sermons, 58; converts, 27; pastored one church; received, \$11.00; paid to the cause, \$116.50. Arthur Hensley, converts, 75; baptized, 28; pastored one church; received \$140.74; given to the cause, \$25.50. Rev. R. V. Self, revivals, 6; converts, 732; baptized, 32; funerals, 8; marriages, 5; sermons, 212; received, \$1,575.00; gave to the cause, \$380.00. L. E. Ballard, sermons, 148; revivals, 3; received \$1,210.00; given to the cause, \$214.00. L. T. Mills, sermons, 200; funerals, 4; converts, 32; baptized, 11; received, \$57.65. Rev. H. Chandler, plain letter. H. Grogan, sermons, 20; converts, 31; received, \$25.00

ROLL CALLED AND MINISTERS PASSED UPON

J. A. Martin, J. H. Ballard, T. M. Cole, B. E. Guthrie, R. Neal, E. W. Morgan, R. V. Self, Mallie Rice, J. L. Hurdtt, L. E. Ballard, C. S. Long, A. S. Crabtree, J. C. Wallace, A. P. Rich, Arthur Hensley, L. T. Mills, W. H. Wright, W. L. Tucker, R. S. Woodson, C. Y. Elkins, J. W. Banks, E. R. Frady, John Collins, C. L. Lunsford, G. E. Quinton.

ORDINATION COUNCIL

J. A. Martin, R. V. Self, B. E. Guthrie, C. S. Long, A. P. Rich, R. S. Woodson. Council recommends C. L. Lunsford, John Collins, C. Y. Elkins, J. W. Banks to be licensed. Conference adjourned to meet again in connection with the Association in August, 1925. At New Bridge.

NIGHT SERVICE

Sermon by B. E. Guthrie of Walnut, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING

Sermon on Sunday School by A. H. Outlaw at 10 a. m. Sermon by D. W. Alexander at 11 a. m.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' 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 others reputation, and 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 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 Saviour, 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 arise 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 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 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 as ransom for all to be testified in due time.—I Tim. 2:5.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE—We believe that God is 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. THE 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 reproveth 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 do 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 looketh 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 unto 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 Saviour 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 Co. 1:28-29.

12. **FEET WASHING**—We believe that washing the saint's feet a command of our Saviour, 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 _____ sent
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 de-
crease _____; 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 teach-
ers _____; Kind of literature used _____; Baptism this year
_____; Church meeting Sunday _____; How many revivals and
who held them? _____

_____ Church Clerk.

P. O. _____ N. C.

This the _____ day of _____ 192_____



Western,
Cape Fear
Fades Creek
Rock Fish
mt moriah
State Convention
Western F.W.S. yearly mtg.
Anihalia Assn.

Don't Kick Me, Don't Tear Me,
Don't Throw Me Away
BUT READ ME, AND I WILL DO YOU GOOD.

Bentley

