

MINUTES  
OF THE  
FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
French Broad Association  
of  
Free Will Baptists



Held With Laurelton Chapel Church

Flag Pond, Tenn., Route 1

August 19, 20, 21, 22, 1931



Bro. Lee Bryan, Moderator, Marshall, N. C.

Rev. Malley Rice, Clerk, Marshall, N. C.



## PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION

Commencing Thursday, August 20, 1931, at 10:00 o'clock. Opening song: "Where We'll Never Grow Old." Prayer by Rev. A. P. Rich.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bro. Lee Bryan was elected Moderator. Rev. Malley Rice was elected Clerk for the year.

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

- Arrangements—E. S. Woodson and G. W. Briggs.
- Temperance—A. P. Rich, R. V. Self and C. A. Cowan.
- Education—C. A. Ballard, A. M. Hickle and Kelly Metcalf.
- Finance—J. B. McDevitt and Frank Ramsey.
- Obituaries—Mrs. A. P. Rich, Mrs. A. D. Freeman, Flora Lewis and Mrs. Lee Bryan.
- Sunday Schools—Clinton Hawkins, R. H. Reece, A. R. Crow and A. M. Hickle.
- Periodicals—E. S. Woodson, S. J. Fortner and J. B. McDevitt.
- Deeper Devotion—G. E. Quinton, Ervin Sluder and A. P. Rich.
- Home Missions—M. H. Taylor, J. B. Brigman and Joe Banks.
- Foreign Missions—R. V. Self, Mrs. A. M. Hickle and H. A. Percy.
- Marriage and Divorce—R. S. Woodson, E. H. Ponder and J. M. Sluder.
- Ladies Aid—Mrs. J. B. McDevitt, Mrs. Charlie Erewond, Mrs. A. P. Rich and Mrs. A. R. Crow.
- Resolutions—R. V. Self and A. P. Rich.
- Young People's Work—John Fortner, Clyde Ballard and S. G. Fortner.
- Minister's Support—J. B. McDevitt, Marsh Taylor and Malley Rice.
- Sessions—One delegate from each church.
- Old Minister's Fund—J. B. McDevitt, A. S. Reeves, Lee Bryan J. M. Sluder and Clinton Hawkins.
- Orphanage—Malley Rice Treas., Marshall, N. C., Route 4.
- College—Treasurer, W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa, N. C.
- Devotional service at 11:00 o'clock. Song: "Glory to His Name." Prayer by Rev Ervin Sluder. Sermon by Rev. R. V. Self. Text: Luke 22:32. Benediction by R. V. Self. Met again at 2:30 P. M. Scripture lesson read: Mark 1st Chapter, by Rev. J. B. Brigman. Prayer by W. F. Phillips. Reading Clerk's appointed: R. S. Woodson and W. L. Moretz.

### CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

- Ceday Hill—Mrs. A. P. Rich and Mrs. Martha Prince.
- Mountain View—J. M. Sluder, Mrs. Malinda Sluder, Clinton Hawkins, Arthur Rogers and Harley Parham.
- Red Hill—J. B. McDevitt, Mrs. J. B. McDevitt, John Faulkner, McKinley Faulkner, Robbie Ramsey, Allie Ramsey, Tennie Ramsey, Queen Waldroup and Frances Ramsey.
- Mt. Zion—Mrs. A. D. Freeman.
- Mt. Bethel—H. A. Piercy, J. M. Reece, Earl Ponder, Ruth Phillips and Walter Rogers.
- Marshall—Lee Bryan, Mrs. Lee Bryan, A. R. Crow and Mrs. A. R. Crow
- Riverside—Jack Gaze and Sister Zack Allen.
- Dry Branch—By B. E. Guthrie, the pastor.
- Sexton—Not represented.
- Hot Springs—Burnett Moore and Joe Moore.
- Shady Grove—Simon Norton and Jonah Bulman.
- Horney Heights—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hickle, M. M. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Earwood and J. F. Metcalf.
- Swannanoa—T. V. Ballard, Lee Hutchins.
- Anderson Branch—By R. S. Woodson.
- Jewel Hill—Joe Reeves, Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, Mrs. John Rigsby and Donald Stines.
- New Bridge—Frank Ramsey, Kelly Metcalf, Mrs. Jamerson and Eula Jamerson.

Homer's Chapel—J. A. Crow, R. B. Miller, Mrs. Cora Miller and F. A. Jenkins.

Paint Rock—By R. S. Woodson.

Hazel Green—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lunsford and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Elledge.

Laurelton Chapel—T. G. Fender, S. P. Fender and C. D. Lewis.

West Canton—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and Bro. Neise Henderson.

Shoal Hill—Lidia Brown, Guss Wilson and Bonnie Wilson.

Union Chapel—W. A. Board and Lat Calloway.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT

Service opened at 7:30. Song: "The Beautiful City of Gold." Prayer by Rev. Joe Banks. Sermon by Rev. C. Y. Elkins. Text: John 14:27. Benediction by J. A. Collins.

#### FRIDAY MORNING

Opened at 9:00 A. M. with singing. Prayer by Rev. J. B. Brigman.

The Minister's Conference voted and granted Rev. C. Y. Elkins, a letter in good standing from this body to the Union Association.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

##### TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, ask this body, that we go into a covenant, not to support anyone coming out on a wet ticket, also anyone who is in favor of whiskey or wines of any kind.

Committee:—J. M. Reece and H. A. Piercy.

##### DEEPER DEVOTION

Spirituality is the power of the religion of Christ. The vocation of religion is devotion to God. It is explained as entire consecration, regeneration as a result of repentance and faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Sanctification or the baptism of the Holy Ghost comes as a result of entire consecration. The altar sanctifies the gift.

##### MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

We, your committee on marriage and divorce, protest against parents giving marriage license and being issued to children under lawful age. There is only one Biblical cause for a divorce, and we will not allow our ministers to officiate at the marriage of any divorced person unless they are fully satisfied that the persons are justified in their separation.

R. S. Woodson and B. M. Wheeler, Committee.

##### SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Realizing that in the unforced tendencies of the youth of our land, we have the material for prophesy as to what the future of our child shall be. We would recommend to our Sunday School Superintendents and teachers, the need of being Godly in their places, and be so filled with the Spirit that every member of the School may feel their influence in winning them to Christ.

Clinton Hawkins, L. M. Reece and A. R. Crow, Committee.

##### RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved, that our pastors and churches prohibit all preachers 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 in harmony with our church doctrine.

R. V. Self and A. P. Rich, Committee.

##### FINANCE REPORT

Reports \$40.20 on hand. Voted to pay the Clerk \$7.00 and the Historian \$3.00. Balance for minutes \$30.20.

J. B. McDevitt and Frank Ramsey, Committee.

##### SESSIONS

The next Association will be held with the Shoal Hill church on Little Pine Creek, Marshall, N. C., Route 5, beginning Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1932, at 10:00 o'clock. The introductory sermon to be preached at 11:00 o'clock by Rev. Ervin Sluder.

##### HOME MISSIONS

We believe it the duty of every Christian to visit the sick, pray with

the lost, and contribute liberally to the poor, especially to those of the household of faith.

H. Taylor, J. B. Brigman and Joe Banks, Committee.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, the committee on Foreign Missions, recommend that our pastors preach once a year on the subject of Foreign Missions, and take an offering to be sent to the Treasurer, Mrs. Ferné Telett Wilson, West Asheville, N. C., Route 3.

A. M. Hickle and Rev. R. V. Self, Committee.

#### EDUCATION

Education is very beneficial in carrying out Christ's work, and every effort should be made to encourage true Christian Education. We recommend, first, that our pastors and churches support Eureka College at Ayden, N. C., with their prayers and means, and they also urge our young people to attend it. Second, we endorse the idea of a better educated ministry, and recommend that all preachers urge young people to educate themselves as much as possible before entering ministerial work.

C. A. Ballard, A. M. Hickle and Kelly Metcalf, Committee.

#### PERIODICALS

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

R. S. Woodson, S. J. Fortner and J. B. McDevitt, Committee.

#### MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

We recommend that our preachers pay the tenth to the Lord, and that we teach our people to do the same; also that we support our preachers as much as possible.

J. B. McDevitt, Marsh Taylor and Malley Rice, Committee.

#### OBITUARIES

Red Hill—Bro. John Ramsey died May 13, 1931. He joined the church and was baptized in 1907. He was one of the leaders in the French Broad Association, and also in his church. We feel we can't say too many good things of him. He often would tell us how to carry on the work at Red Hill when he was gone, and to never let the little prayer meeting stop. He told us the Lord was going to slip him off to Heaven and sure enough the Lord did slip him off from his little store on May 13. We feel such a great loss to give him up, but our loss is his eternal gain.

Sister Emeline Proffitt died June 1931. She joined the church at Red Hill in 1892. She has gone to her reward.

Bro. John Searcy died Dec. 1930. He joined the church at Red Hill and was baptized in 1891. He was faithful until death.

Mountain View—Bro. Troy Parham, died Dec. 9, 1930. He was 40-years old, being a member of Mountain View church for 13 years, and was a faithful Christian until death. He leaves a wife and five children.

He bore his cross till his work was done,

Entered into peace to receive the crown he won.

Aunt Bettie Haynie, the oldest member of Mountain View church, died May 29, 1931, age 91 years, a member of this church 50 years. She leaves two sons and one daughter and many friends to mourn her loss.

Hazel Green—Sister Bessie Webb was a member of this church at her death. She was a good mother and wife, and was loyal to her church. She has gone to rest from the toils of this life to a better world.

Anderson Branch—Bro. C. H. Hagan departed this life July 1931. He was a member of the Anderson Branch church for about 20 years. He was Deacon for many years, was faithful to his church, and said he was going to Heaven. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss, but their loss is his gain.

Homer's Chapel—Our Bro., Jonathan Walker, aged 82-years departed this life March 19, 1931. He was a minister of the Gospel for a number of

years. He was loved by all who knew him. He left a host of friends to mourn his loss, but he had a building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. We are striving to do the will of the Lord, that when we pass out, we may join hands with him on the other shore.

Mrs. A. P. Rich, Mrs. A. D. Freeman, Mrs. Lee Bryan and Flora Lewis, Committee.

#### LADIES' AID SOCIETIES

Red Hill Ladies' Aid—Our Ladies Aid has 12 members. Money received for the year \$12.00. Paid out \$10.00 on Rev. J. L. Hurd's tombstone. Paid for revival work, \$2.00. Mrs. Cora Ramsey, Pres., Mrs. J. B. McDevitt, Vice-President, Miss Tennie Ramsey, Secretary and Treasurer.

Walnut Ladies' Aid—Mrs. Lattie Reeves, Pres., Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, Sec'y. No. of members, 8 joined this year—2. Money taken in \$34.07. Paid out \$33.72.

Horney Heights Ladies' Aid—No. of members 25, gained this year, 18. Mrs. R. M. Marshall, Pres., Mrs. Jack Pruitt, Sec'y. Address West Asheville, North Carolina.

We, the committee on Ladies' Aid recommend that each church have a Ladies' Aid Society, and send a report of their work each year to the Association.

Mrs. A. P. Rich, Mrs. J. B. McDevitt, Mrs. A. R. Crow.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Realizing the great need of Young People's Work, we urge that this work be organized as soon as possible. We also urge that our young people become of a deeper Spiritual nature, endeavoring to exalt Christ, and Him crucified, as the only remedy for sin.

John Faulkner, Clyde Ballard and S. J. Fortner, Committee.

#### OLD MINISTER'S REPORT

Reports \$345.00 in notes. No money in bank or treasury.

Orphanage reports—Sent to orphanage during the year \$166.86. No money in bank or treasury.

Malley Rice, Treasurer, Marshall, N. C., Route 4.

#### FRIDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Opening song—"Where We'll Never Grow Old." Prayer by Mrs. J. B. McDevitt. Sermon by Rev. J. B. Brigman. Dismissed by Rev. J. A. Martin.

#### FRIDAY, 2:00 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Song—"What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Lesson read by Rev. J. A. Martin. Prayer by Rev. R. S. Woodson.

A move and second was made and granted by this Association, that the Horney Height church in Buncombe County have a right to organize an Association for themselves.

#### CHURCH LETTERS

Jewell Hill—Increase by baptism, 2. Total decrease, 2. Present membership, 148. Pastor, Rev. J. A. Martin; Clerk, Mrs. Frank Smith, Walnut, N. C. Pastor's salary, \$84.49. Home Missions, \$25.00. Paid orphanage \$10.00. Minute fund, \$1.60.

Horney Heights—Increase during year: 170 by experience and baptism. By letter, 50. By restoration, 11. Present membership 270. By expulsion, 30. Last years membership, 130. Pastor, Rev. R. V. Self, West Asheville, N. C. No. of revivals, 2, held by Rev. McHaffy and R. V. Self. Pastor's salary \$830.63. Home Missions, \$80.00. Paid orphanage \$10.61. Minute fund \$5.00. Value of church property, \$10,000.00. J. M. Randall, Clerk, West Asheville, North Carolina, Route 3.

Hazel Green—Church in good condition. Received by baptism, 1. By experience, 6. Present membership, 97. Last year's membership, 90. By death, 1. Rev. H. C. Peek, pastor. Mrs. Grover Haney, West Asheville, N. C. No. of revivals, 2, held by H. C. Peek and Joe Banks. 57 conversions. Pastor's salary, \$6.49. Home Missions, \$18.32. Church expenses, \$51.73. Minute fund, \$2.25. Value of church property, \$1,000.00.

Union Chapel—Increase by experience and baptism, 7. By letter, 2.



Present membership, 27. Pastor, M. D. Roberts. Pastor's salary, \$25.00. value of church property, \$8,000. Repair on church, \$10.00. Minute fund, F. E. Prutney, clerk, Weaverville, N. C.

Cedar Hill—Church in good condition. Present membership, 41. Pastor, Rev. A. P. Rich. Clerk, Bro. G. G. Wilson. Value of church property, \$2,000.00. Paid pastor \$30.96. Orphanage, \$11.60, other expenses \$15.00. Paid visiting minister, \$19.35. Home Missions, \$15.00. Total, \$91.91. Minute fund, \$3.00.

Red Hill—Increase by baptism, 15. Decrease, 3. Present membership 304. One revival held by Bro's. G. W. Briggs, and Ervin Sluder. Paid for revival, \$48.85. Orphanage, \$15.05. Home Missions, \$89.45. Pastor's salary, \$90.20. Minute fund, \$4.00. Value of church property, \$1,000.00. Rev. J. A. Martin, pastor, Mrs. J. B. McDevitt, Clerk, Marshall, N. C., Route 4.

New Bridge—Ordained ministers, 1. Licensed ministers, 1. Increase this year, 9. Present membership, 109. Decrease, 2. Last year's membership, 102. Pastor, Rev. A. P. Rich. No. of revivals, 1. Pastor's salary, \$68.38. Paid on church, \$179.00. Other purchases, \$34.05. Value of church property, \$8,500.00. Minute fund, \$2.55. Church Clerk, R. Pearl Moss, Asheville, R. 1

Mount Zion—Increase by baptism, 1. Present membership, 83. Pastor, Rev. Ervin Sluder. Revivals, 1, held by Ervin Sluder and G. W. Briggs. Pastor's salary, \$23.57. Minute fund, \$1.80. Mrs. A. D. Freeman, Clerk, Marshall, N. C., Route 3.

Mountain View—Ordained ministers, 3. Increase by baptism, 9. By letter, 1. Last year's membership, 247. Decrease, 2. Present membership, 255. Pastor, T. E. Worley, Windom, N. C. Revivals, 1. Pastor's salary, \$133.00. Orphanage, \$5.00, other purposes, \$16.00. Minute fund, \$2.35. Value of church property, \$5,000.00. J. M. Sluder, Clerk, Alexander, N. C.

Homer's Chapel—Increase by experience and baptism, 13. By letter, 6. Total increase, 19. Last year's membership, 19. Present membership, 46. Pastor, Rev. E. L. Beachboard. Pastor's salary, \$84.50. Minute fund, \$3.00. Revivals, 1. Value of church property, \$1,000.00. Mrs. Myrtle Crow, Clerk, Black Mountain, N. C.

Anderson Branch—Number of members, 22. Increase, 2. Decrease by death, 1. Spiritual condition of church, good. Revivals, 1. Pastor, R. S. Woodson. Paid pastor, \$20.00. Home Missions, \$12.00. Minute fund, \$1.00. J. B. Ramsey, Clerk, Marshall, N. C. Route 5.

Swannanoa—Increase this year, 23. By experience and baptism, 14. By letter, 9. Present membership, 44. Last year's membership, 64. Decrease, 20. Pastor, T. E. Worley. Pastor's salary, \$54.96. Home Missions, \$75.00. Orphanage, \$80.00, other purposes, \$351.50. Value of church property, \$10,000.00. Minute fund, \$2.00. T. V. Ballard, Clerk, Swannanoa, N. C.

Shady Grove—Increase by baptism, 7. By restoration, 4. Present membership, 41. Pastor, Rev. Scottie Bulman. Revivals, 1. Minute fund, 75cts. Lattie Barnett, Clerk, Marshall, N. C., Route 4.

Hot Springs—Increase, 5. Present membership, 83. Last year's membership, 78. Pastor, H. Grogan. Revivals, 1, held by pastor. Pastor's salary, \$80.00. Other expenses, \$24.40. Minute fund, \$1.50. Value of church property, \$3,000.00. Martha Ledford, Clerk, Hot Springs, N. C.

Dry Branch—Present membership, 53. Meeting days, 2nd, Sunday. Pastor, B. E. Guthrie. Paid pastor \$9.59. Minute fund, 75c. Amy Fisher, Clerk, Marshall, N. C., Route 4.

Riverside—Church in good condition. We have paid \$45.00 on Building Loan. Paid pastor, \$35.74. Piano, \$36.00. Other expenses, \$24.47. No. members, 40. Pastor, Floyd Phillips. Mrs. J. H. Gaze, Clerk, 425 Riverview Drive, West Asheville, N. C.

Mt. Bethel—Present membership, 101. By restoration, 3. Last year's membership, 98. Pastor, S. J. Fortner. Revivals, 1. Pastor's salary, \$67.80. Home Missions, \$200.00. Minute fund, \$1.50. Church property, \$1,000.00. Ruth Reece, Clerk, Alexander, N. C.

Marshall—Increase by baptism, 1. By letter, 2. Total increase, 3. Present membership, 113. Decrease, 3. Ordained ministers, 1. Licensed

ministers, 2. J. B. Brigman, pastor. Paid pastor \$67.00. Home Missions, \$55.00. Orphanage, \$7.80. Other purposes, \$25.00. Minute fund, \$1.30. Value of church property, \$5,000.00. Lee Bryan, Clerk, Marshall, N. C.

West Canton—Church in good condition. We organized a church of 50 members. Paid pastor \$75.00. Other expenses, \$120.00. Minute fund, \$1.00. H. Grogan, Pastor. Sister Ward, Clerk, Wes Canton, N. C.

Shoal Hill—Church in good condition. Revivals, 1. held by G. W. Briggs and Ervin Sluder. 5 added to the church. Membership, 60. Pastor's salary, \$22.11. Minute fund, \$1.00. Orphanage, \$10.50. Revival work \$24.53 Value of church property, \$1,500.00. Pastor, G. W. Briggs. Clerk, Gertie Brown, Marshall, N. C., Route 5.

Laurelton Chapel—Membership, 53. Deceased, 3. Pastor, G. W. Briggs. Paid pastor \$35.40. Minute fund, \$1.50. Value of church property, \$700.00. J. G. Johnson, Clerk, Flag Pond, Tenn., Route 1.

Paint Rock and Sexton churches failed to represent by letter.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song service. Prayer by Mrs. J. B. McDevitt. Song—"What a Friend We Have In Jesus." Sermon by Rev. R. S. Woodson. Lesson read: John 16th Chapter. A good sermon by the speaker.

Benediction by Rev. R. V. Self.

#### SATURDAY MORNING AT 9:30 O'CLOCK

Song. Lesson read. Psalms 34th Chapter, by Rev. Ervin Sluder.

Prayer by Rev. G. W. Briggs.

#### MINISTER'S REPORT

Rev. G. W. Briggs pastored 3 churches, held 2 revivals. Conversions, 60. Preached 74 sermons. Received in the church, 20. Baptized 20. Married 2 couples. Funerals, 5. Money received for pastoral work, \$63.36. For revival work, \$32.13. Total amount received, \$102.79. Marshall, N. C., R. 3.

Rev. A. P. Rich—Churches pastored, 3. Revivals held, 4. Conversions 36. Sermons preached, 151. Received in the church, 18. Baptized 13 Homes visited, 150. Visits to sick, 20. Homes prayed in, 123. Couples married, 1. Funerals conducted, 3. Money received, \$151.00. Amount raised for the cause, \$50.00. Miles traveled, 1,500. Expenses, \$50.00. Address: West Asheville, N. C.

Rev. B. E. Guthrie—Churches pastored, 1. Sermons preached, 17. Homes visited, 20. Visits to the sick, 5. Couples married, 39. Funerals conducted, 6. Sunday School classes taught, 38. Received for pastoral work, \$9.59. Received for other work, \$67.40. Total amount received, \$76.99. Given to the cause, \$12.00. Miles traveled, 288. Address: Walnut, N. C.

Rev. C. H. Matthews—Revivals held, 8. Number of conversions, 200. Offerings received, \$1,000.00. Miles traveled, 5,000.

Rev. R. V. Self—Churches served, 1. Revivals held, 5. Sermons preached, 195. Members received, 199. Baptized 111. Sick visits made 130. Funerals conducted, 8. Special sermons, 7. Conversions, 788. Money received, \$1,384.48. Amount given, \$143.50. Address: West Asheville, N. C.

Rev. J. B. Brigman—Churches pastored, 1. Revivals conducted, 2. Conversions, 12. Sermons preached, 70. Members received, 3. Baptized, 7. Homes visited, 59. Special sermons, 8. Couples married, 2. Sunday School classes taught, 48. Received for pastoral service, \$67.00. For revivals, \$153.00. Other services, 76.82. Miles traveled, 2,200. Address: Woodfin St. West Asheville, N. C.

Rev. Anson Brown—Helped in 4 revivals. Preached 22 sermons. Received in the church, 16. Homes visited, 63. Sick homes prayed in, 30. Sunday School Classes taught, 52. Received about \$5.00. Traveling expenses, \$25.00. Address: West Asheville, N. C.

Rev. Ervin Sluder—Churches pastored, 1. Revivals, 4. Conversions, 73. Sermons preached, 60. Members received, 2. Baptized, 2. Funerals conducted, 6. Received for pastoral service, \$23.57. For revivals, \$50.85. Total received, \$74.42. Given to the cause, \$5.00. Leicester, N. C.

Rev. Loyd Chandler—Churches pastored, 1. Revivals, 3. Baptized 2. Conversions, 33. Sermons preached, 60. Homes visited, 60. Funerals con-



ducted, 2. Miles traveled, 800. Address: Barnard, N. C.

Rev. Boo Freeman—Churches pastored, 1. Revivals, 2. Conversions, 16. Sermons, 50. Baptized 5. Homes visited, 40. Visits to sick, 10 Homes prayed in, 20. Funerals conducted, 9. Money received, \$10.00. Miles traveled, 800. Address: Walnut, N. C.

Rev. Harrison Lunsford—Revivals, 2. Conversions, 36. Sermons preached, 40. Homes visited, 15. Funerals conducted, 2. Total recieved, \$26.65. Miles traveled, 200. Address: Walnut, N. C.

Rev. Sam Chandler—Revivals, 2. Conversions, 36. Sermons preached, 40. Homes visited, 12. Sick visits made, 10. Homes prayed in, 10. Funerals held, 4. Money received, \$1.75. Miles traveled, 200. Address: Walnut, N. C.

Rev. G. E. Quinton—Sermons preached, 150. Revivals, 5. Professions witnessed, 50. Funerals preached, 6. Couples married, 6. Homes visited, 65. Sick visits, 15. Homes prayed in, 50. Money received, \$183.59. Given to the cause, \$50.00. Miles traveled, 812. Address: Bee Log, N. C.

Rev. J. L. Leadford—Conversions, 18. Sermons preached, 42. Homes visited, 46. Visits to sick, 8. Homes prayed in, 9. Money received, \$10.00. Given to the cause, \$8.00. Miles traveled, 700. Marshall, N. C., Route 4.

Rev. Coleman C. Caldwell—Sermons preached, 10. Homes visited, 23. Homes prayed in, 4. Sunday School classes taught, 6. Given to the cause, \$6.50. Miles traveled, 62. Expenses, \$4.50. Helped in 1 revival. Prayer meetings conducted, 10. Conversions witnessed, 30. Address: Marshall, N. C.

Rev. B. M. Wheeler—Sermons preached, 57. Pastored 1 church. Revivals, 3. Conversions, 83. Homes visited, 37. Address: Old Fort, N. C.

Rev. Scotty Bulman—Pastored 1 church. Revivals, 1. Received in the church, 2. Baptized, 7. Homes visited, 25. Visits to sick, 8. Homes prayed in, 22. Special sermons, 18. Funerals conducted, 5. Sunday Schools clases taught, 33. Miles traveled, 140. Address: Revere, N. C.

Rev. J. W. Banks—Revivals held, 7. Conversions, 138. Sermons preached, 135. Baptized 11. Special sermons, 25. Couples married, 1. Funerals conducted, 2. Received for revival work, \$76.60. Given to the cause, \$15.00. Miles traveled, 600. County Home Road, N. C.

Rev. R. H. Reese—Sermons preached, 8. Prayer meetings conducted, 3. Sunday School classes taught, 12. Homes prayed in, 12. Sick visits made, 9. Exhortations, 4. Sunday School addresses, 4. Address: Asheville, N. C., Route 4.

Rev. W. L. Moretz—Churches pastored, 1. Revivals, 1. Conversions, 15. Sermons preached, 112. Members received, 23. Baptized, 14. Homes visited, 93. Sick visits made, 48. Prayed in 29 homes. Special sermons, 5. Married 1 couple. Conducted 2 funerals. Sunday School classes taught, 49. Received for pastoral services, \$54.96. For other services, \$2.70. Total received, \$56.66. Amount raised for the cause, \$526.50. Given to the cause, \$84.50. Miles traveled, 1,045. Address: Swannanoa, N. C.

Rev. R. S. Woodson—Sermons preached, 60. Pastored 2 churches. Revivals, 2. Baptized, 2. Funerals held, 6. Couples married, 1. Received for work, \$60.00. Address: Marshall, N. C., Route 4.

Rev. S. J. Fortner—Revivals held, 5. Conversions, 104. Sermons preached, 66. Homes visited, 48. Sick visits, 20. Homes prayed in 33. Special sermons, 4. Received for revivals, \$11.41. Total received, \$16.40. Given to the cause, \$5.00. Miles traveled, 1075. Expenses, \$13.40. Address: Marshall, N. C., Route 2. Box 2.

Rev. Malley Rice—Sermons, 46. Homes visited, 66. Professions, 38. Revivals helped in, 2. Pastored 1 church. Sunday Schools organized, 1. Prayer meetings conducted, 5. Funerals held, 9. Couples married, 1. Miles traveled, 600. Money received, \$11.00. Address: Marshall, N. C., Route 4.

Rev. J. A. Martin—Churches pastored, 2. Sermons preached, 46. Exhortations, 23. Professions, 42. Funerals, 17. Baptized 3. Homes visited, 87. Helped in 3 revivals. Miles traveled, 1084. Money received, \$208.24. Address: Marshall, N. C., Route 1.

Rev. H. Grogan—Churches pastored, 2. Revivals, 2. Conversions, 37.

Sermons preached, 75. Members received, 55. Baptized 1. Homes visited 50. Homes prayed in, 15. Special sermons, 1. Couples married, 1. Funerals conducted, 1. Received for pastoral work, \$150.00. Miles traveled, 1500. Expenses, \$100.00. Address: Canton, N. C.

Rev. B. B. Moore—Sermons preached, 15. Sunday School talks, 2. Prayer meetings conducted, 12. Homes visited, 32. Prayed in 7 homes. Helped in 3 revivals. Professions, 152. Given to the cause \$16.00. Miles traveled, 1670. Expenses, \$38.00. Visits to hospitals, 9. Address: Swannanoa, N. C., Box 29.

Rev. J. A. Collins, reports verbally, says: He is still in the work. Address: Marshall, N. C., Route 3.

#### SATURDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Opening song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer by C. C. Bulman. Sermon by Rev. P. F. Phillips. Text: Matthew 6-13. Benediction by W. L. Moretz.

The Association adjourned until Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1932, at Shoal Hill, on Little Pine Creek.

LEE BRYAN, Moderator  
MALLEY RICE, Clerk.

#### MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The Conference met as usual. Rev. R. V. Self, Moderator, and Malley Rice, Clerk.

Ordained Ministers—J. B. Banks, G. W. Briggs, John Gant, H. Grogan, B. E. Guthrie, B. B. Moore, J. A. Martin, W. L. Moretz, H. C. Peek, Malley Rice, Ervin Sluder, R. V. Self, G. E. Quinton, B. M. Wheeler, J. B. Brigman, R. S. Woodson, A. P. Rich, Anson Brown, J. A. Collins, Andrew Davis, R. H. Reese, Loyd Chandler, Sam Chandler, Bob Freeman, J. L. Ledford, H. E. Lunsford, M. D. Roberts, Scotty Bulman, S. J. Fortner, J. H. Ballard, and T. M. Cole.

Licensed Ministers—Licensed at this conference:—Simon Norton and Neise Henderson.

Ministers ordained at this Conference:—S. J. Fortner and Scotty Bulman.

Rev. R. V. Self gave the charge. Rev. C. H. Matthews prayed the ordination prayer, with laying on of hands.

#### RESOLUTIONS

On the testimony of two Ministers in good standing with the Minister's Conference, a Minister that is absent can be vouched for and put in good standing.

Voted to adjourn until Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1932.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opening song: "The Skys Will be Brighter Some Day." Prayer by Mrs. A. D. Freeman. Sermon by Rev. G. E. Quinton. Lesson read: Rev. 21st Chapter. Closed with a Christian handshake. Dismissed by Malley Rice.

#### SUNDAY MORNING AT 10:00 O'CLOCK

Met at 10:00 A. M. with singing. Prayer by Bro. W. L. Fender.

Rev. G. W. Briggs announced the thanks to the Laurelton Chapel Church and community for caring for this Association.

Prayer by Rev. G. E. Quinton. Sermon at 11:00 o'clock by Malley Rice. Text: Luke 6:46.

Closed with a Christian handshake and great rejoicing.

LEE BRYAN, Moderator.  
MALLEY RICE, Clerk.

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTER'S 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 licenses, prescribing qualifications for the ministry, con-

ducting examinations, and ordaining ministers, working for the most harmonious and effective ministry. 4. The officers of this Conference shall be 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 THE MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

1. The regular meeting of this Conference shall be held annually in connection with the meeting of the Association. 2. Each minister shall report at each regular or legal meetings. 3. Chairman may call a special session at any meeting either in person or by letter. 4. Five members shall constitute a quorum on request of 3 members. 5. At each regular meeting there shall be elected an ordaining council, whose duty shall be to examine candidates, grant license, conduct ordinations, 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 assessments of its members. 8. No member shall serve as pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, care for its pastor, and contribute to other benevolent enterprises, according to its 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, re-buke and admonish those who have gone astray, and watch over each other's 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 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 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 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 aid or assist in the manufacture of such, nor 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

1. That Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each church. 2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended by letter from the church to which they belong and shall include the ministers 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 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

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 speak-

ing, 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. 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. 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 Jesus Christ, who gave Himself as ransom for all to be testified in due time.—1 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. **THE ORIGINAL APOSTACY**—We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression, fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin, and when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave unto her husband. With her he did eat. Genesis 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 reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation, for there is no difference between the 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.—2nd 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 that 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 into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.—Matt. 7:19-23.

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 in 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. 7:4.

11. **THE LORD'S SUPPER**—We believe the Supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemoration 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.—1 Cor. 11:28-29.

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.—1 Cor. 9:14.

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 19... to 19...  
 No. of churches pastored..... No. of revivals conducted.....  
 Conversions..... No. of sermons preached..... No. of members  
 received..... No. baptized..... No. homes visited..... No. of spe-  
 cial sermons and lectures delivered..... No. of marriage ceremonies per-  
 formed..... No. of funerals conducted..... No. of Sunday School  
 classes taught..... Amount received for pastoral service \$.....  
 Amount received for revival services \$..... Amount received for all  
 other services \$..... Total amount received during the year \$.....  
 Total amount raised for the Cause \$..... Total amount given person-  
 ally, to the Cause \$..... No. of subscriptions taken for the Free Will  
 Baptist paper..... No. of miles traveled..... Expenses \$.....  
 Remarks of any other work under your charge.....  
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....., Minister.  
 Address.....

**CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION**

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Warren, North at  
Beheville, N. C., send Christian salutation to The  
 French Broad Association. We send the following messengers to sit in  
 Council with you:

Mr. J. H. [unclear] Mr. J. W. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear] Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear] Mr. [unclear]

Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are:  
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Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are:  
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**STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE**

Increase during the year 13; By experience and baptism 3;  
 By letter and statement 10; By restoration.....; Total increase

this year.....; Present membership 102; Decrease during the year 9; By letter 14; By expulsion and erasure.....; By death 2; Total decrease this year.....; Last year's membership.....

**OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor L. P. Ballard, Address new st  
Clerk W. H. ..., Address W. ...  
Sundays we have preaching all; No. of revivals 1  
Who held them? George Hamrick

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS**

Superintendent J. M. ..., Address.....  
Secretary W. H. ..., Address.....  
No. of Schools.....; No. of pupils.....; No. of teachers 6;  
Kind of literature used General Baptist Expenses \$.....

**LADIES' AID**

President Mrs. Ballard, Address.....  
Secretary Mrs. ..., Address.....  
No. of members 25; Gained this year 22; Meets every 2 wks  
Money taken in \$.....; Money paid out \$.....; Paid out.....

**FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE**

President....., Address.....  
Secretary....., Address.....  
No. of members.....; No. of groups.....; Meets every.....  
Do you take a weekly offering?.....; Kind of literature used?.....  
.....; Do you have a Junior League?.....  
Leader....., Address.....

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Pastor's salary \$.....; Home Missions \$.....; Foreign Missions \$.....;  
Orphanage \$.....; Christian Education \$.....; Old Minister's Fund \$.....  
Other purposes \$.....; Minute Fund \$.....

**CHURCH HOLDINGS**

Value of Church property \$.....; Do you have a Parsonage?.....  
Value of Parsonage \$.....; Value of other property \$.....  
....., Church Clerk  
Address.....

This the..... day of....., 19.....



~~Dear Santa Claus~~

~~I will be good~~

~~at all times~~



