

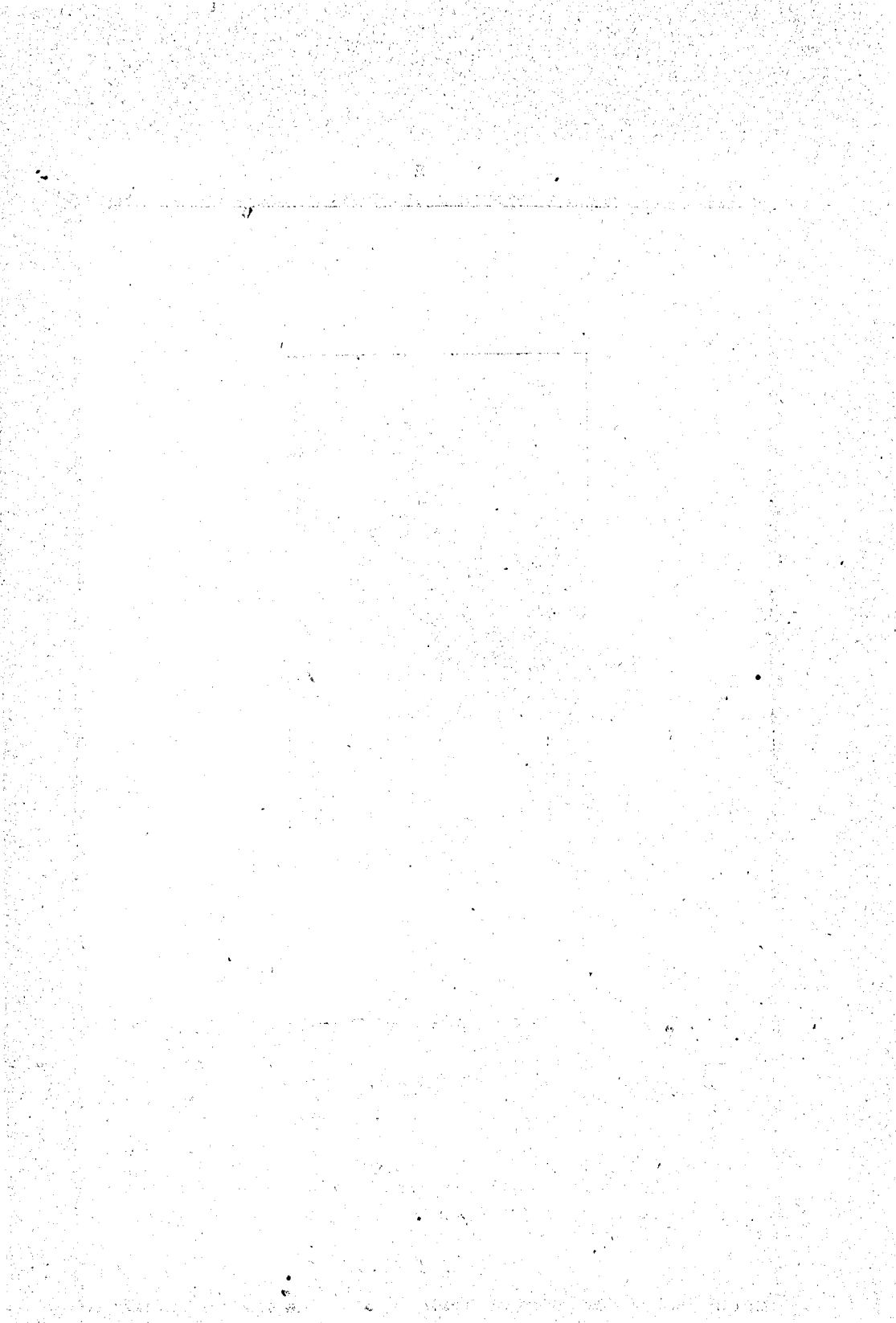
MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL
SESSION
OF THE
French Broad Association
of Free Will Baptists

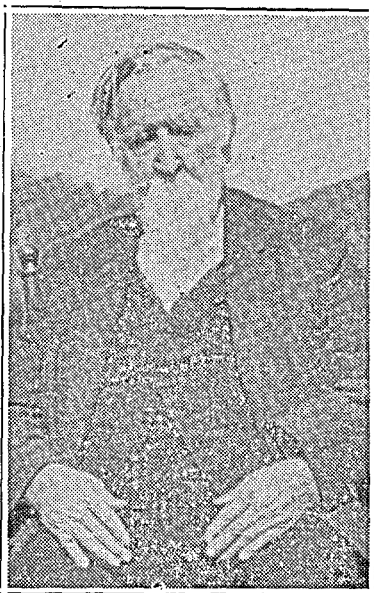


Held With The Red Hill Church,
Marshall, N. C., Route 3.
August 19, 20, 21, 22, 1937



The next session of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Paint Fork Free Will Baptist Church, near Barnardsville, in Buncombe County, beginning Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1938. Rev. J. A. Martin will preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 A. M.





REV. T. M. COLE

MEMORIAL

Rev. T. M. Cole passed to his reward December 11, 1936. Brother Cole was about 94 years old, and had been confined to his bed for five years. He preached for the Methodist people for sometime, and later on in life joined the Free Will Baptist church. Brother Cole organized several Free Will Baptist churches, held many revival meetings, and a great number of people were converted under his preaching.

The following scripture can well be applied to brother Cole: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Rest on thou man of God, for you have earned your rest, and we will see you again in the morning.

By B. E. GUTHRIE

PROCEEDINGS

Commencing Thursday, August 19, 1937, at 10:00 o'clock. Opening song: "Amazing Grace". Prayer by the Rev. J. A. Collins.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. B. E. Guthrie was elected Moderator and Mally Rice, Clerk. Visiting brothers were seated: Rev. Benjamin Ross, Rev. J. P. Mason, from the Missionary Baptist church, and Rev. Jesse Laws, from the Union Association. Song, "Nothing But the Blood". Intermission.

Met again at 11:00 o'clock. Opening song, "The Sweet By and By", prayer by brother Lon Sluder. Song, "Glory to His Name". Scripture lesson read, 10th chapter John, prayer by Rev. Benjamin Ross. Text, Genesis 4:7. An able sermon by Rev. Ervin Sluder, closed with a Christian handshake, and great rejoicing. Benediction.

Met at 2:30 p. m., opening song, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow", prayer by Rev. George Hensley. Reading Clerks appointed: Brother I. M. Reece and Mrs. Edna Ballard. Finance committee: J. B. McDevitt and W. L. Howell.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

MARSHALL: W. A. Treadaway, Brother Maynard and Mrs. Lee Bryan.

PAINT FORK: Taft Munday and M. M. Munday.

MT. BETHEL: I. M. Reece and H. A. Piercy.

WALNUT: Mrs. James Rice, Mrs. Lottie Reeves and Mrs. Lina Stines.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Lon Sluder, Mattie Sluder, Mrs. Ervin Sluder and John Tipton.

LUNSFORD CHAPEL: Dewey Lunsford, and Garden Treadaway.

CHARITY: By the Pastor, the Rev. J. W. Banks.

DRY BRANCH: Jonah Fisher.

SWANNANOVA: Frank Wilson.

SHOAL HILL: H. K. Lunsford, Lyda Brown, Mrs. Lyda Brown and Boney Payne.

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Martin Hensley, Everett Johnson and Andrew Hazel.

OLD FORT: Mrs. Ella Pressley and Mrs. Alie Hollifield.

ASHEVILLE: Mrs. Kelly Metcalf, Frank Ramsey, Jerome Ramsey, and Mrs. Edna Jamerson.

UNION CHAPEL: W. A. Ward and W. F. Banks.

CHESTNUT HILL: Jacob Griffith.

RED HILL: J. B. McDevitt, McKinley Faulkner, Jeter Ramsey, James Rigsby and Mrs. Lulu Rice.

MT. ZION: Mrs. Robert Reece.

HYATTS CREEK: Hiram Wyatt.

UNION VALLEY: Pearson Bradley, Lucias Hyatt, and Arthur Ballard.

SHADY GROVE: Brother Ben Chandler.

LAUREL FORK: R. W. Ponder, Jerry Ramsey and Edna Ramsey.

CEDAR HILL: Dallas Gaddy, Garfield Hensley and Mrs. Edna Ballard.

HAZEL GREEN, PISGAH FOREST, FRENCH BROAD AND PAINT ROCK, under the watchcare of the Association until next year.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

ARRANGEMENTS: Pastor and delegates of the Red Hill Church.

TEMPERANCE: Ervin Sluder, J. A. Collins and Dewey Lunsford.

EDUCATION: Mattie Sluder, W. A. Ward and Mrs. Edna Ballard.

OBITUARIES: Mrs. Lola Rice, Mrs. Lee Bryan and Mrs. J. B. McDevitt.

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FINANCE: J. B. McDevitt and W. L. Howell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: I. M. Reece, Lon Sluder and W. A. Howell.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Mrs. W. W. Ballard and Ervin Sluder.

HOME MISSIONS: J. B. Brigman and C. A. Kent.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: G. W. Briggs and L. A. Hyatt.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: W. A. Treadaway, H. K. Lunsford and Lina Stines.

LADIES AID: Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, Miss Allie Ramsey and Mrs. James Rice.

RESOLUTIONS: J. A. Martin and B. E. Guthrie.

SESSIONS: First delegate from each church.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Mrs. Lee Bryan, Mrs. Jack Plemmons and R. C. Wheeler.

OLD MINISTERS' BOARD: J. B. McDevitt, Lee Bryan, J. M. Sluder, Clinton Hawkins and A. S. Reeves.

ORPHANAGE: We request all churches to lend all they can to the orphanage.

Song, "Glory to His Name", benediction by Rev. Bob Freeman.

Met at 8 p. m., Thursday night. Opening song, "How Firm a Foundation", prayer by Rev. G. W. Briggs. Song "The Sweet By and By", prayer by Rev. Benjamin Ross, sermon by Rev. G. E. Hensley, Text: Ex. 12:13. A real spiritual sermon by the speaker, followed by Rev. J. A. Martin. Benediction.

Friday Morning Service

Met at 9 o'clock as usual, opening song, "Amazing Grace", prayer by Rev. B. M. Wheeler.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

TEMPERANCE: Whereas the 18th amendment has been repealed, we urge that all our preachers and all Christians should work and unite their efforts for the cause of temperance, and all strong drinks, and other intemperance.

James A. Collins and Ervin Sluder, committee.

EDUCATION: Seeing the need of our young people being educated, to meet the demands of the day, we recommend and urge each pastor to urge the churches to raise funds to build a college for Juniors, somewhere in the bounds of the Association.

Mrs. Edna Ballard and W. A. Ward, committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: We realize that the training of the young mind is of the utmost importance because earliest impressions are the deepest and often the most enduring, therefore we urge our churches to make the Sunday School as attractive as possible, and use Godly men and women as teachers.

I. M. Reece, Lon Sluder and W. A. Howell, committee.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Spirituality is the life and power of the religion of Jesus Christ. The vocation of religion is devotion to God. Devotion is shown by consecration to God, therefore we urge our preachers to deeper spirituality. The Holy Spirit in His office work does a complete work. If we are submissive, we must be anointed by the Holy One. So undertake to preach without this power is to be disobedient, and our preaching will prove fatal and disastrous, Luke 24:49. We believe it would be better to remain silent, although congregation should be disappointed, than to undertake to preach when the Holy Spirit does not speak in us. We know that the Holy Spirit teaches a full Gospel, a Holy life and salvation from sin. He testifies of Christ and brings His teachings to our remembrance, and guides us into all truth, John 16:13.

Mrs. W. W. Ballard and Mrs. Edna Ballard, committee.

HOME MISSIONS: We, your committee, believe we are not doing what we should. We believe our preachers should preach, and teach, our people to be more Biblical in giving to home missions, for we believe this is one among the greatest works in the church. We believe, by our churches failing to do this, God is withholding His blessings from us; for Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Christ said, "He that seeth his brother in need and shuteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him.

J. B. Brigman and C. A. Kent, committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Our Lord's command is to go into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature. We urge our preachers

to do their best in this great work, and preach Christ to as many as possible. We believe we should have a missionary in the field and try to help support him.

W. E. Capps and G. E. Hensley, committee.

PERIODICALS: We recommend first, the Bible, and urge our people to read and obey it. We insist that the parents protest against their children attending worldly amusements, and we recommend our church paper to every home. We protest against the State Authorities for bringing books in our schools that are contrary to the Bible. Committee.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: We protest against parents giving permits for license to children under lawful age. We also protest against marriage of persons who are unfit to care for a family. There is only one Biblical cause for divorce. We will not allow our ministers to officiate at the marriage of any divorced persons, unless they are satisfied that the ones to be married are justified in their separation.

W. A. Treadaway, H. K. Lunsford and Lina Stines, committee. Intermission.

Met again at 11 o'clock. Opening song, "Oh, How I Love Jesus", prayer by brother Lon Sluder. Scripture lesson read, John 17th chapter, sermon by Rev. Benjamin Ross. A real uplifting sermon by the speaker. Closed with a Christian handshake and great rejoicing. Benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Met at 2:30 p. m. Opening song, "The Sweet By and By", prayer by Rev. Jesse Laws.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES, (Continued)

FINANCE: Minute fund, \$45.57. Voted to pay Clerk, \$5.00, and Historian, \$3.00. Balance for minutes and expenses, \$37.57. J. B. McDevitt and W. L. Howell, committee.

RESOLUTIONS: In this day when people are led away by various doctrines, which have caused divisions in our churches, and unless carefully managed will bring divisions in our Association, and we deem it necessary to have a standing committee of three, or five, to investigate the doctrine of any church and its Pastor, when desiring to become a member of the Association. Any church, or preacher, who desires to become a member of the French Broad Association, or the Ministers conference, shall make application to the committee in time to be heard before the Association meets. B. E. Guthrie and J. A. Martin, committee.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: We, the committee, believe it is the Christian duty of our churches, to put the young people forward, realizing and knowing that they are to be men and women of tomorrow, and an early start gives great results. We also urge our pastors to give them work in their churches. Mrs. Jack Plemmons and Mrs. Lee Bryan, Com.

SESSIONS: The next Association will be held with the Paint Fork church, in Buncombe County, near Barnardsville, beginning Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1938, at 10:00 o'clock, Rev. J. A. Martin to preach the introductory sermon at 11:00 o'clock.

OLD MINISTER'S REPORT

One note on Horney Heights church -----	\$100.00
Cash on certificate of deposit -----	249.01
Interest for one year -----	6.25
Pledges, old and new -----	17.00
Checking account -----	10.88

Total cash on hand -----	\$273.14
Lee Bryan, Chairman, and J. B. McDevitt, Sec. & Treas.	

OBITUARIES

MT. BETHEL: Sister Dealia Silvers departed this life and has gone to be with her saviour. She leaves 9 children, and a husband to mourn her loss. She has been a good loss. She will not be seen any more on earth, but we will go and meet her on the other shore. She has left 5 boys and 4 girls. The

church will miss her. She had been a devoted Christian, and devoted to her family. She was converted 36 years ago. May God help us to live the life that she has lived.

Sister Nina Fore, a member of this church has gone to her reward. She was a good woman, and we will miss her for she loved her church and was present when she was able to go. She has a husband and children to grieve after her, but we will see her again in Heaven.

JESSE LAWS, Pastor

I. M. REECE, Clerk

UNION VALLEY: Sister Lou Hyatt died July 31, 1937, age 67 years. She professed faith in Christ at the age of 14 years, and was united with the Free-Will Baptist church at Union Valley, and was a member of that church until she was called to the church triumphant. She was a faithful worker and is greatly missed, especially in the church. She loved to sing praises to Jesus, of whom she said in her last hour, His name was the sweetest name she had ever heard. She leaves a husband, one sister, and 5 children, and many friends to mourn her loss; but their loss is her eternal gain. While they miss her here so much, she is singing with the Angels around the throne of God, and they can meet her in the land where the weary are at rest.

WRITTEN BY A FRIEND

UNION CHAPEL: Mrs. Elizabeth Whittemore departed this life February 21, 1937, at the age of 25 years. She professed faith in Christ, and united with the church at Union Chapel. She leaves a host of friends to mourn her loss; but we believe our loss is her eternal gain.

WRITTEN BY A FRIEND

Rev. A. M. Gentry departed this life May 24th, 1937, age 39 years. He preached the Gospel for a number of years. When the summons came, and he was taken, we felt the loss of a faithful member. His place is vacant in the church, but he has a mansion in Heaven. We believe his work will still live on. He leaves a wife, and children, and many friends to mourn his loss.

WRITTEN BY A FRIEND

RED HILL: Brother Joseph Craine, who was a member of the Red Hill church, has gone to his reward. We will miss him in the community and at church. He loved the worship of the Lord.

WRITTEN BY MRS. TENNIE RAMSEY

SWANNANOVA: Mrs. Elva Grogg Lee, a devoted member of the Free-Will Baptist church, died September 12, 1936. She was 26 years 9 months and 2 days old. Mrs. Lee left behind her a husband, a deacon in the church, and a son and daughter. Because of ill health she could not attend church often, but she was always anxious to help support the church and do her part in other ways. She is greatly missed in the community, for all who knew her loved her for her patient ways.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. L. MORETZ

MOUNTAIN VIEW: "Aunt Polly" Parham departed this life some time ago. She was nearly 100 years old, and was a true and faithful Christian. She has gone to be with Jesus, and her relatives and friends gone before.

BY A FRIEND

HYATT'S CREEK: Brother Jerry Mason was a member of our church, but for some purpose God called him away. He was loved by all who knew him. He was preparing to preach the Gospel when he was called away. We hope to meet him in a better world some day. He has been a servant of the Lord for many years.

Respectfully, H. E. WYATT, MRS. V. M. WYATT

Rev. E. M. Smith, who was formerly a member of the Charity church, at Barnardsville, was called to his reward some months ago. He was in ill health for several years. He will be missed by all who knew him. We trust he has gone to a place where all pain and sorrow will be over.

WRITTEN BY A FRIEND

We, the committee, on obituaries agree that obituaries of all our churches be printed in our minutes. Mrs. Lee Bryan, Mrs. Lola Rice and Mrs. J. B. McDevitt, committee.

LADIES AID SOCIETIES

We know of no other organization that can be of more help to the church than a Ladies Aid, for it is one of the ways to raise money for the church. We believe that every church should have a Ladies Aid, and that every lady in the church should be a member of the Ladies Aid. We wonder how we could interest the ladies of the church in our work. Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, Mrs. James Rice and Miss Allie Ramsey.

LADIES AID REPORT

OLD FORT: President, Mrs. J. R. Hollifield, address, Old Fort. Secretary, Mrs. Ella Presley. Number of members, 28. Gained this year 21. Money taken in \$9.00. Money paid out \$8.50.

CEDAR HILL: Mrs. Edna Ballard, president of Ladies Aid. Money on hand \$12.00.

WALNUT: President, Mrs. Lattie Reeves. Secretary, Mrs. B. E. Guthrie. Number of members 5. Meets every two weeks. Money taken in \$33.71. Money in the treasury \$23.83. Paid out \$24.94. Goods on hand \$12.35.

PLEDGES FOR OLD MINISTERS SUPPORT

J. A. Martin, \$1.00 pd.; B. M. Wheeler, \$1.00; J. P. Mason, \$1.00 pd.; J. R. Swann, \$1.00 pd.; J. M. Calloway, \$1.00; J. B. McDevitt \$5.00 pd.; Mrs. D. E. Presley, \$1.00; Mrs. Edna Ballard \$1.00 pd.; Miss Lizzie Brown \$1.00; Ervin Sluder, \$1.00 pd.; Lon Sluder, \$1.00 pd.; A. W. Ballard, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. B. M. Wheeler, \$1.00; B. E. Guthrie, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. J. B. McDevitt, \$1.00; Mrs. Lyda Brown, \$1.00, pd.; Mrs. J. R. Hollifield, \$1.00; Jerry Ramsey, \$1.00, pd.; C. A. Kent, \$1.00, pd.; Mrs. James Rice, \$1.00; Lyda Brown, \$1.00, pd.; Mrs. R. B. Fisher, \$1.00, pd.; H. E. Lunsford, \$1.00.

CHURCH LETTERS

MARSHALL—Increase this year 14: By experience and Baptism 10: By letter 4: Total increase 14: Decrease 1: Last year's membership 123: Present membership 137: Ordained ministers, 1: Rev. J. B. Brigman: Licensed ministers, 2; C. C. Caldwell, and T. J. Anders: Pastor, Rev. J. B. Brigman; Clerk, Lee Bryan: Preaching Sundays, 1st and 3rd: Revivals held, 1: By Rev. J. B. Brigman: Pastor's salary, \$99.00: Other purposes, \$25.00: Value of church property, \$2,000.00: Minute fund, \$150.

SWANNANOVA: Increase last year by baptism, 1: Decrease by death, 1: Present membership, 68: Males, 27: Females, 41: Pastor, Rev. B. E. Guthrie: Clerk, Mrs. W. L. Moretz: Preaching Sundays 2nd and 4th. Ordained ministers, Rev. W. L. Moretz: Licensed ministers, 1, Rev. John Suttles: Pastor's salary, \$155.38: Foreign Missions, \$6.85: Orphanage, \$53.82: Other expenses, \$64.75: Total, \$285.81: Value of church property, \$5,000: Minute fund, \$5.00.

DRY BRANCH—Decreased by death, 2: Decreased by letter, 10: Total decrease, 12: Present membership, 52: Pastor, Rev. G. W. Briggs: Clerk, Miss Myrtle Payne: Pastor's salary, \$18.43: Value of church property, \$500.00: Minute fund, \$1.00.

SHOAL HILL—Increase by baptism, 1: Present membership 70: Pastor, Rev. Herman Gentry: Clerk, Miss Bertha Payne: Preaching Sundays, 4th: Revivals held 1, by Rev. Herman Gentry and Rev. J. A. Martin: Pastor's salary, \$41.00: Other purposes, \$15.20: Value of church property, \$5,000.00: Minute fund, \$2.00.

LAURELTON CHAPEL—Last year's membership, 83: Present membership, 83: Males, 24: Females, 59: Pastor, Rev. Grady Fender: Clerk, E. M. Wilde: Preaching Sundays, 3rd: Pastor's salary, \$50.08: Value church property, \$500.00: Minute fund, \$2.00.

OLD FORT—Increase this year, 7: By baptism, 7: Total increase, 7: Last year's membership, 82: Present membership, 89: Pastor, B. M. Wheeler: Clerk, Allie Hollifield: Preaching days, every Sunday: Revivals held, 2, by Rev. B. M. Wheeler and J. W. Banks: orphanage, \$10.00:

Minute fund: \$1.00.

UNION VALLEY—Decrease this year, 2: By death, 2: Last year's membership, 88: Present membership, 86: Licensed ministers, 1, Rev. Pearson Bradley: Pastor, Rev. G. M. Hensley: Clerk, Miss Esta L. Hyatt: Preaching Sundays, 2nd: Revivals held, 1; by Rev. J. M. Hensley: Pastor's salary, \$36.00: Value of church property, \$500.00: Minute fund, \$2.80.

LAUREL FORK—Increase by baptism, 11: By letter, 12: Total increase, 23: Present membership, 23: Males 9: Females 14: Pastor, Rev. J. A. Martin: Clerk, Jerry Ramsey: Value of church property, \$2,000.00: Pastor's salary, \$30.00: Home missions, \$44.15: Building purposes, \$12.60: Minute fund, \$2.65.

RED HILL—Increase by baptism, 4: Total increase, 4: Decrease by death, 2: Last year's membership, 250: Present membership, 249: Pastor, Rev. J. A. Martin: Clerk, Mrs. J. B. McDevitt: Preaching Sundays, 1st: Revivals held, 2, by Rev. Gosnell, Rev. Laughter and Re. B. B. Ross: Pastor's salary, \$47.70: Home missions, \$40.00: For revival work, \$110.00: Other purposes, \$11.00: Value of church property, \$1,000.00: Minute fund, \$2.40.

MT. BETHEL—Decrease during year, 3: Male, 30: Female, 83: Total membership, 113: Home Missions, \$25.00: Orphanage, \$5.00: Building and repairs, \$200.00: Value of church property, \$2,500.00: Minute fund, \$1.00: Ordained ministers, 4.

PAINT FORK—Present membership, 55: Males, 20: Females, 35: Pastor, Rev. G. M. Hensley: Clerk, D. A. Munday: Preaching Sundays 1st: Revivals held, 1, by Rev. G. W. Hensley: Pastor's salary, \$14.00: Value of church property, \$700.00: Minute fund, \$1.80.

CHESTNUT HILL: Present membership, 31: Pastor, Rev. J. L. Ledford: Clerk, Jacob Griffee: Preaching Sundays, 4th: Revivals held, 1: By Rev. J. L. Ledford and Rev. Scotty Bullman: Pastor's salary, \$3.50: Minute fund, \$1.00.

UNION CHAPEL—Increase this year, 20: By baptism, 12: By letter, 7: By restoration, 1: Total increase, 20: Last year's membership, 38: Present membership, 58: Males, 25: Females, 33: Pastor, G. M. Hensley: Clerk, J. W. Waldrup: Preaching Sundays, 2nd and 4th: Number of revivals, 2, held by Rev. G. M. Hensley: Pastor's salary, \$19.77: Other purposes, \$9.75: Value of church property, \$800.00: Minute fund, \$1.80.

ASHEVILLE: Increase this year 17: By baptism, 8: By letter, 9: Total increase, 17: Last year's membership, 79: Present membership, 96: Males, 38: Females, 55: Pastor, Rev. J. W. Banks: Clerk, Mrs. C. W. Moss: Preaching Sunday's, every Sunday: Revivals held 1, held by Rev. J. W. Banks and Rev. L. Israel: Pastor's salary, \$48.73: Other purposes, \$23.00: Value of church, \$5,000.00: Minute fund, \$2.50.

MT. ZION—Decrease this year, 5: By letter, 3: By death, 2: Last year's membership, 124: Present membership, 119: Pastor, Rev. W. L. Howell: Clerk, Mrs. R. H. Reese: Preaching Sundays, 2nd: No. of revivals, 1, held by Rev. W. L. Howell and Rev. Robert Israel: Pastor's salary, \$7.52: Other purposes, \$6.26: Minute fund, \$2.00: Value of church property, \$1,500.00.

HYATTS Creek—Received by restoration, 2: Decrease by letter, 2: By death, 1: Pastor, Rev. H. G. Gentry: Clerk, J. J. Lanning: Preaching Sundays, 1st: Number of revivals held, 3, by Rev. J. M. Calloway and Charley Parton: Minute fund, \$1.05: Pastor's salary, \$15.85: Value of church property, \$300.00.

PISGAH FOREST: Total membership, 30: Pastor, Rev. G. M. Hensley: Clerk, Lucille Burlison: Minute fund, \$1.00: Value of church property, \$400.00.

CHARITY : Last year membership, 62: Present membership, 61: Decrease by death, 1: Ordained ministers, 4, Rev. M. M. Whitson, Rev. Ralph Rice, Rev. J. M. Burlison, and Rev. J. W. Banks: Pastor, Rev. J. W. Banks: Clerk, J. L. Ballard: Pastor's salary, \$11.00: Other purposes, \$5.00: Minute fund, \$2.00: Value of church property, \$700.00.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Decrease by letter, 2: By death, 1: Last year's membership, 187: Present membership, 184: Pastor, Rev. Jesse Laws, Clerk, J. M. Sluder: Preaching Sundays, 4th: Ordained ministers, 2, Rev. J. A. Martin and Rev. Ervin Sluder: Pastor's salary, \$70.00: Orphanage, \$15.00: Value of church property, \$5,000.00: Minute fund, \$3.45.

LUNSFORD CHAPEL: Increase this year, 4: By baptism, 1: By letter, 3: Total increase, 4: Last year's membership, 13: Present membership, 17: Males, 6: Females, 11: Pastor, Rev. Bob Freeman; Clerk, Curtis W. Goforth: Preaching Sundays, 3rd; No. of revivals, 1, held by Rev. Bernie Burke: Pastor's salary, \$13.57: Other purposes, \$29.70: Minute fund, 65c: Value of church property, \$800.00.

WALNUT—Increase during the year by baptism, 4: By letter, 1: Total increase, 5: Last year's membership, 138: Present membership, 143: Pastor, Rev. Malley Rice: Clerk, Mrs. Lina Stines: Preaching Sundays, 3rd: Pastor's salary, \$51.72: Ordained ministers, 5, Rev. B. E. Guthrie, Rev. Bob Freeman, Rev. Sam Chandler, Rev. Lloyd Chandler: and Rev. H. E. Lunsford: Value of church property, \$1,000.00: Minute fund, \$1.50.

CEDAR HILL—Received members this year, 2: Present membership, 100: Pastor, Rev. J. B. Brigman: Clerk, Mrs. Terry Wilson: Pastor's salary, \$141.17: Orphanage, \$14.32: Paid other churches, \$36.00: Paid out for building, \$505.00: For revival, \$54.00: For other purposes, \$46.00: Minute fund, \$3.00: Added 3 class rooms to the church, \$450.00: Value of church property, \$2,500.

Investigation committee appointed Rev. J. B. Brigman, Ervin Sluder and G. E. Hensley.

A move was made and adopted, to get the past history of the churches.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Met at 8 p. m., as usual. Song, "Nearer My God To Thee", prayer by Rev. J. A. Collins. Scripture lesson read, Acts 3rd chapter, sermon by J. P. Mason. A real soul stirring sermon by the speaker. Closed with a Christian handshake and conviction with the unsaved, and an altar service. Benediction by Rev. G. W. Briggs.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Met at 9 o'clock as usual. Opening song, "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again", prayer by Rev. G. W. Briggs.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. G. W. Briggs: Sermons preached, 35: Received in the church, 13: Baptized, 4: Couples married, 4: Received from the churches and other gifts, \$24.46. Pastored 3 churches, until February.

Address, Dandridge, Tenn., Route 1.

Rev. J. B. Brigman: Churches pastored, 2: Revivals conducted, 2: Conversions, 33: Sermons preached, 165: Members received, 9: Baptized, 4: Homes visited, 175: Sick visits made, 55: Homes prayed in, 100: Special sermons, 10: Couples married, 4: Funerals conducted, 6: Sunday School classes taught, 15: Total amount received, \$246.46: Raised for the cause, \$75.00: Given to the cause, \$145.00. Miles traveled, 1200: Expenses, \$60.00.

Address, Asheville, N. C., Route 1.

Rev. Sam Chandler: Church pastored, 1: Revivals conducted, 1: Conversions, 12: Sermons preached, 275: Baptized, 4: Homes visited, 50: Sick visits made, 30: Homes prayed in, 401: Funerals conducted, 2: Received for pastoral services, \$36.00: For revival work, \$4.32: Miles traveled, 1000. Address, Barnard, N. C.

Rev. Bob Freeman: Churches pastored, 3: Revivals conducted, 2: Conversions, 12: Sermons preached, 50: Members received 18: Baptized, 1: Homes visited, 26: Sick visits made, 15: Homes prayed in, 20: Special sermons, 5: Funerals conducted, 4: Received for pastoral services, \$25.00:

For revival work, \$7.00: Raised for the cause, \$1.00: Given to the cause, \$2.00: Miles traveled, 1000: Expenses, \$15.00.

Rev. M. D. Roberts: Revivals conducted, 3: Conversions 5: Sermons preached, 25: Homes visited, 10: Sick visits made, 5: Homes prayed in, 3: Special sermons, 5: Funerals held, 2: Miles traveled, 150: Expenses, \$2.00.

Address, Weaverville, N. C., Route 2.

Rev. Malley Rice: Churches pastored 1: Revivals helped in, 2: Conversions 32: Sermons preached, 50: Members received, 5: Baptized, 4: Homes visited, 127: Sick visits made, 16: Homes prayed in, 10: Special Sermons, 10: Couples married 1: Funerals conducted 2: Sunday school classes taught, 14: Received for pastoral work, \$51.62: Received for all other services, 14.90: Miles traveled, 593: Expenses, \$20.00: Prayer meetings conducted, 6: Address, Marshall, N. C., R-3.

Rev. B. M. Wheeler: Churches pastored, 1: Revivals conducted, 2: Conversions, 42: Sermons preached, 92: Members received, 9: Baptized, 7: Homes visited, 31: Sick visits made, 10: Homes prayed in, 31: Special sermons, 11: Funerals conducted, 3: Sunday school classes taught, 15: Received for pastoral services, \$115.00: For revival work, \$30.00: Total amount received, \$145.00: Given to the cause, \$15.00: Miles traveled, 1,500: Expenses, \$40.00: Address, Old Fort, N. C.

Rev. Lloyd Chandler: Revivals conducted, 2: Conversions, 20: Sermons preached, 60: Baptized, 1: Homes visited, 25: Special sermon, 10: Received for revival services, \$25.00: Given to the cause, \$5.00: Miles traveled, 500: Address, Barnard, N. C.

Rev. H. E. Lunsford: Revivals conducted, 1: Conversions 22: Sermons preached, 60: Homes visited, 30: Sick visits made, 17: Homes prayed in, 16: Couples married, 1: Funerals held, 3: Sunday School classes taught, 10: Received for revival work, \$41.00: For all other services, \$30.00: Given to the cause, \$7.00: Miles traveled, 1000: Expenses, \$15.00: Address, Barnard, N. C.

Rev. W. E. Capps: Churches pastored, 1: Sermons preached, 75: Homes visited, 15: Sick visits made, 7: Homes prayed in 10: Special sermons, 5: Couples married, 3: Sunday School classes taught, 4: Received for pastoral work, \$3.00: Total amount received, \$4.00: Miles traveled, 225: Expenses, \$2.25: Prayer meetings conducted, 21: Address, Barnard, N. C.

Rev. W. L. Moretz: Revivals conducted, 2: Conversions, 34: Sermons preached, 67: Members received, 27: Baptized, 16: Funerals conducted, 7: Received for revival work, \$82.17: For other services, \$5.53: Total amount received, \$87.70: Subscriptions taken for the F. W. B., 10: Miles traveled, 1,950: Address, Swannanoa, N. C.

Rev. Rufus A. Burrell: Churches pastored, 1: Revivals held, 1: Conversions, 27: Sermons preached, 23: Homes visited, 54: Sick visits made, 33: Homes prayed in, 21: Sunday School classes taught, 34: Received during the year, \$1.25: Given to the cause, \$13.83: Miles traveled, 1,033: Expenses, \$34.72: Address, Asheville, N. C., Route 3.

Rev. W. L. Howell: Churches pastored, 2: Revivals conducted, 2: Conversions, 45: Sermons preached, 121: Homes visited, 109: Sick visits made, 75: Homes prayed in, 54: Special sermons, 7: Couples married, 3: Funerals held, 3: Sunday school classes taught, 20: Received for pastoral work: \$65.00: For revival work, \$12.00: Total received this year \$117.00: Raised for the cause, \$45.00: Given to the cause, \$35.00: Miles traveled, 3,235: Expenses, \$75.00: Prayer meetings conducted, 20: Address, West Asheville, N. C., Route 3.

Rev. B. E. Guthrie: Churches pastored, 1: Sermons preached, 24: Members received, 1: Homes visited, 50: Sick visits made 31: Special sermons, 3: Couples married, 9: Funerals conducted, 12: Sunday School classes taught, 12: Received for pastoral work, \$155.39: For other services, \$27.80: Total amount received, \$183.19: Miles traveled, 1,677: Expenses, \$39.00: Address, Walnut, N. C.

Rev. Ervin Sluder: Revivals conducted, 2: Conversions, 7: Sermons preached, 25: Funerals conducted, 3: Received for revival work, \$26.00:

Given to the cause, \$4.00: Address, Leicester, N. C.

Rev. Pearson Bradley: Sermons preached, 20: Helped in Revivals, 1: conversions, 3: Address, Weaverville, N. C., Route 1.

Rev. T. A. Wheeler: Sermons preached, 16: Homes prayed in, 10: Revivals held, 1: Professions, 8: Address, Swannanoa, N. C.

Rev. J. W. Banks: Churches pastored, 2: Revivals conducted, 1: Conversions, 51: Sermons preached, 70: Members received, 30: Baptized, 8: Homes visited, 20: Sick visits made, 15: Homes prayed in, 20: Special sermons, 1: Couples married, 3: Funerals held, 2: Total amount received, \$59.73: Given to the cause, \$15.00: Miles traveled, 400: Expenses \$20.00: Address, 103, State St., West Asheville, N. C.

Rev. W. L. Rogers: Sermons preached, 8: Prayer meetings conducted, 5: Sick homes visited, 15: Conversions, 25: Money received, \$5.00: Given to the cause, \$2.00: Miles traveled, 300: Address, West Asheville, N. C., Route 3.

Rev. E. N. Smith: Revivals held, 2: Conversions, 55: Sermons preached, 30: Baptized, 8: Homes visited, 40: Sick visits made, 25: Couples married, 1: Funerals conducted, 2: Given to the cause, \$25.00: Miles traveled, 100: Address, 35 Hudson St., West Asheville, N. C.

Rev. Ralph Rice: Sermons preached, 24: Homes visited, 7: Sick visits made, 12: Homes prayed in 7: Special sermons preached, 1: Funerals helped in, 2: Sunday School classes taught, 18: Amount given to the cause, \$15.95: Miles traveled, 200: Expenses, \$3.50: Address, Barnardsville, N. C.

Rev. Andrew Davis: Conversions, 2: Sermons preached, 29: Homes visited, 21: Sick visits made, 4: Homes prayed in 3: Sunday School classes taught, 30: Total amount received, \$19.00: Given to the cause, \$10.00: Miles traveled, 80: Expenses, \$2.00: Address, Asheville, N. C., Route 4.

Rev. J. A. Martin: Sermons preached, 103: Conversions, 127: Received into the church, 32: Baptized 18: exhortations, 16: Churches organized, 1: Revivals held and helped in, 4: Funerals held, 27: Homes visited and prayed in, 160: Miles traveled, 6,000: Churches pastored, 3: Received from Red Hill, \$47.70, from Laurel Fork, \$30.00, from Whitney, S. C., \$232.50: Received for all other works, \$91.63: Total amount received, \$401.83: Expenses, \$34.30: Given to the cause, \$35.00: Address, Marshall, N. C., Route 1.

Rev. C. C. Caldwell: Sermons preached, 17: Sunday School classes taught, 9: Sick homes visited, 9: Homes prayed in, 12: Given to the cause \$5.85: Money received, \$2.50: Miles traveled, 87: Prayer meetings conducted, 12: Revivals helped in, 4: Conversions, 16: Address, Marshall, N. C.

Rev. R. H. Reese: Sermons preached, 36: Homes visited, 15: Homes prayed in, 7: Sick visits made, 11: Funerals conducted, 2: Sunday School classes taught, 2: Prayer meetings conducted, 9: Special sermons, 8: Raised for the cause, \$15.00: Miles traveled, 857: Expenses, \$20.65. Address, Asheville, N. C., Route 4.

Rev. G. M. Hensley: Churches pastored, 3: Revivals held, 3: Conversions, 40: Baptized, 13: Couples Married, 3: Funerals held, 6: Sermons preached, 85: Address, West Asheville, N. C.

Rev. R. C. Wheeler: Revivals held, 1: Conversions, 13: Sermons preached, 12: Prayer meetings conducted, 25: Homes visited, 35: Homes prayed in, 40: Sick visits made, 15: Address, Swannanoa, N. C.

Rev. C. A. Kent: Revivals held, 2: Conversions, 54: Sermons preached, 39: Homes visited, 32: Sick visits made, 7: Homes prayed in, 21: Received for Revival work, \$3.01: For all other services, \$10.73: Total received, \$13.74: Given to the cause, \$39.85: Miles traveled, 1,263: Expenses, \$31.29: Address: 378 Broadway, Asheville, N. C.

Rev. T. J. Anders: Sermons preached, 42: Revivals helped in, 2: Conversions, 34: Homes prayed in, 11: Prayer meetings conducted, 18: Sunday School classes taught, 9: Money received, \$12.22: Given to the cause, \$11.55: Address, Marshall, N. C.

Rev. J. M. Calaway: Revivals conducted, 3: Sermons preached, 82: Conversions, 18: Homes visited, 120: Sick visits made, 40: Homes prayed

in, 60: Special Sermons preached: 1: Funerals held, 1: Sunday School classes taught, 8: Received for revival work, \$3.50: For all other services, \$36.00: Total amount received, \$42.00: Given to the cause, \$28.00: Miles traveled, 760: Expenses, \$6.75: Prayer meetings conducted, 40: Prayer meetings organized, 2.

Rev. J. A. Collins reports verbally, stating he is still in the work.

A move and second was made and passed to thank the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful service during this session.

OBITUARY OF MRS. LUKE WEST

In memory of my dear mother, who departed this life, Feb. 7, 1937. She was 60 years old, and had been a member of Mt. Zion church for a number of years. She lived a devoted christian life, and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves a husband, her mother, 5 sisters and three brothers. We miss her so much, but we know our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her daughter, MRS. R. H. REESE

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that this Association be empowered to have jurisdiction over all churches in this body, and shall have the power to settle any and all disputes that may come before it. Any church that may have a dispute that cannot be settled peaceably in said church, the dissatisfied party shall have a right to appeal to the Association, and abide by the decision of the same.

REV. B. E. GUTHRIE

The Association adjourns until next session, to meet with the Paint Fork church, in Buncombe County, near Barnardville; beginning Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1938, at 10:00 o'clock, with Rev. J. A. Martin to preach the opening sermon at 11:00 o'clock.

REV. B. E. GUTHRIE, Moderator, and MALLEY RICE, Clerk

SATURDAY—11 A. M.

Opening song, "The Beautiful Land", sermon by Rev. B. M. Wheeler, text, Gal. 6:7. a soul stirring sermon by the speaker. An offering was taken for sister W. W. Ballard amounting to \$7.50. Closing song, "Oh, Father now, Our Meeting Is Over." Benediction by Rev. J. P. Mason.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The conference, as usual, elected Rev. B. E. Guthrie, Moderator, and Malley Rice, Clerk.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

J. A. Martin, Malley Rice, B. E. Guthrie, G. W. Briggs and J. W. Banks.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. A. Martin, B. M. Wheeler, Malley Rice, Lloyd Chandler, Bob Freeman, J. T. Ledford, H. E. Lunsford, M. D. Robert, Scottie Bullman, J. A. Collins, J. B. Brigman, G. W. Briggs, J. W. Banks, H. G. Gentry, G. M. Hensley, J. M. Burleson, Ervin Sluder, B. E. Guthrie, Ralph Rice, A. L. Davis, W. L. Howell, W. E. Camps, Bly Jackson, W. L. Moretz, R. H. Reese, C. W. Rogers, Sam Chandler and C. A. Kent.

LICENTIATES

R. C. Wheeler, Pearson Bradley, Coleman C. Caldwell, Rufus A. Burrell, J. M. Calaway and T. J. Anders.

Rev. C. A. Kent was ordained at this conference. Rev. J. P. Mason read the charge that the apostle Paul gave to Timothy, and gave the charge to the one who was ordained, and Rev. Benjamin Ross prayed the ordination prayer, with laying on of the hands by the Presbytery.

The Association voted to thank the Red Hill church and community for their kind hospitality and able manner in caring for this Association.

The Conference adjourned until next August, 1938, to meet with the Paint Fork church in Buncombe County, near Barnardville, N. C., on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August at 10:00 o'clock.

SATURDAY NIGHT, 8:00 P. M.

Met as usual, opening song, "Higher Ground," prayer by Rev. Ervin Sluder. Sermon by Rev. W. L. Howell, text, the 23rd Psalm. A real spiritual sermon, singing and a christian handshake, and a number of requests for prayer. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Martin.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE, 9:30

Met with Sunday school, as usual, had a real good Sunday School.

Met at 11:00 o'clock, with singing by the Laurel Fork choir. Opening song, "When The Pearly Gates Unfold." Prayer by brother Thomas Marler, sermon by Rev. R. S. Woodson, text, James 2:1-4. A real good sermon, followed by Rev. J. A. Martin, a testimony meeting and an old time Christian handshake, with great rejoicing among the Christians, and some requests for prayer. Benediction by brother R. S. Woodson.

— REV. B. E. GUTHRIE, Moderator and MALLEY RICE, Clerk —

CONSTITUTION, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association.

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 Moderator and Secretary-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 a vote of two-thirds.

BY-LAWS, MINISTER'S 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. The Moderator 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 each 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 contributions 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 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 the body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry.

12. These By-Laws may be amended by a 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, commands implied in a profession of faith, and in the spirit of kindness and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of Peace, and to confess our faults to one another, and to strengthen those who are weak. 3. We promise by the help of God, that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer, and strive to cultivate the doctrine of 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 amusement. 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. 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. This 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 or 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 delegates. 11. This Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This 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 person 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 these By-Laws shall be admonished by the Moderator.

13. No less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

14. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds.

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 also unto her husband with her; and 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.—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 that showeth 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.—Micah 6:8.

8. **PERSEVERENCE**—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 WORK**—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 good 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 spiritually 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 service, 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 is 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.

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, The Free Will Baptist Church of _____ at

_____, N.C., send Christian salutation to The
French Broad Association.

_____, _____,
_____, _____,
_____, _____,

Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are:

_____, _____,
_____, _____,

Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are:

_____, _____,
_____, _____,

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

Increase during the year _____; By experience and baptism _____;
By letter and statement _____; By restoration _____; Total increase
this year _____; Present membership _____; Decrease during the
year _____; By letter _____; By expulsion and erasure _____;
By death _____; Total decrease this year _____; Last year's mem-
bership _____.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor _____, Address _____

Clerk _____, Address _____

Sundays we have preaching _____; No. of revivals _____
Who held them?

_____, _____,
_____, _____,

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Superintendent _____, Address _____
 Secretary _____, Address _____
 No. of Schools _____; No. of pupils _____; No. of teachers _____;
 Kind of literature used _____; Expenses \$_____

LADIES AID

President _____, Address _____
 Secretary _____, Address _____
 No. of members _____; Gained this year _____; Meets every _____;
 Money taken in \$_____; Money paid out \$_____; Paid out to _____
 _____,
 _____,

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 Ministers 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_____.

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL
 YEAR OF 193____, TO 193____

No. of churches pastored _____, No. of revivals conducted _____,
 Conversions _____ No. of sermons preached _____ No. of mem-
 bers received _____, No. baptized _____, No. of homes visited
 _____, No. of sick visits made _____, No. of homes prayed in
 _____, No. of special sermons and lectures delivered _____, No.
 of marriage ceremonies performed _____, No. of funerals conducted
 _____, No. of Sunday School classes taught _____, Amount
 received for pastoral services _____, Amount received for revival
 services \$ _____, Amount received for all other services \$ _____
 _____, Total amount received during the year \$ _____, Total a-
 mount raised for the cause \$ _____, Amount given personally to
 the Cause \$ _____, No. of subscriptions taken for the Free Will
 Baptist _____, No. of miles traveled _____, Expenses
 \$ _____, Remarks of any other work under your charge _____

-----, Minister.
 Address -----

