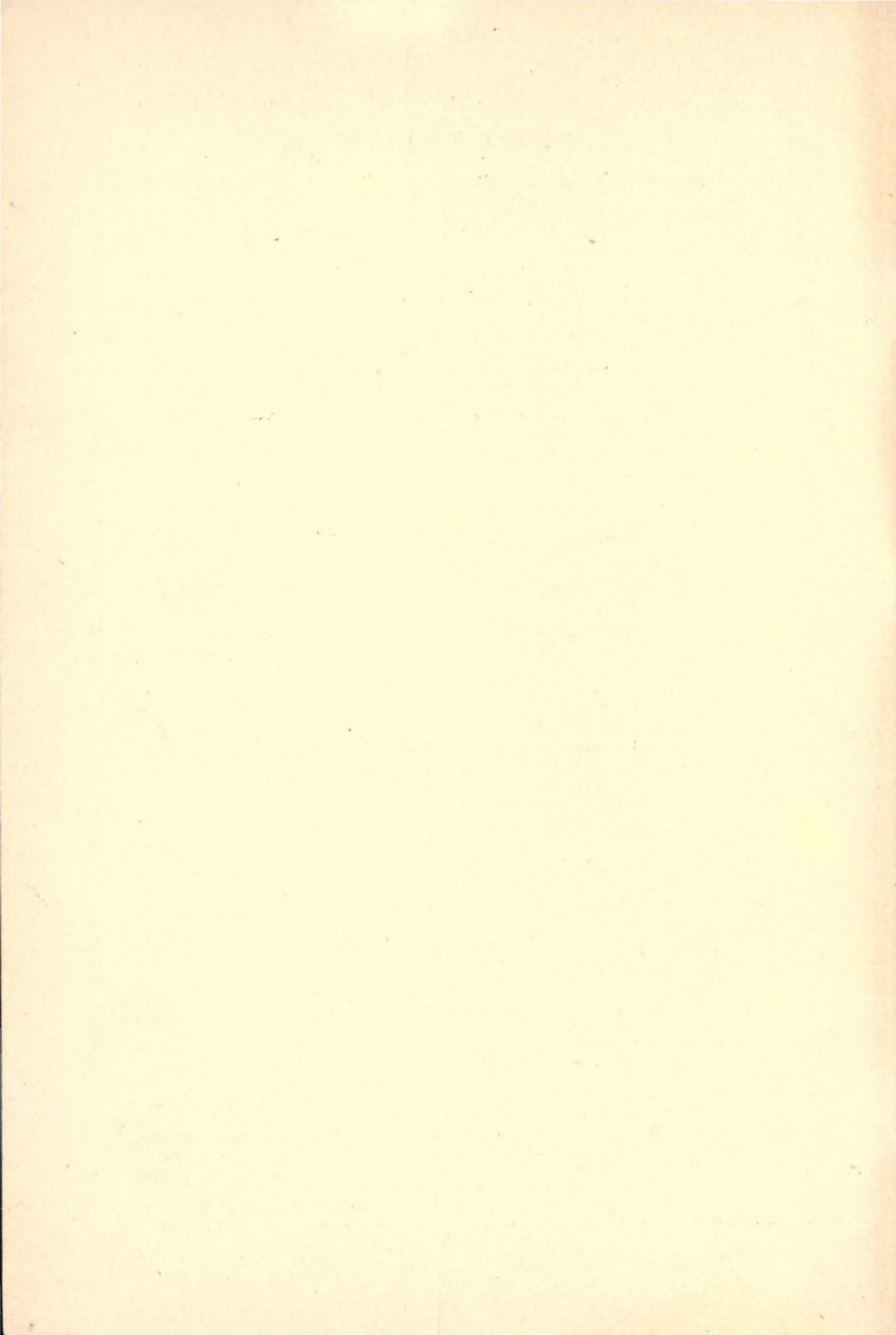


**MINUTES**  
*of the*  
**Sixty-Fourth**  
**Annual Session**  
*of the*  
**French Broad Association**  
*of*  
**Free Will Baptists**

**Held With The Horney Heights Church**  
**West Asheville, N. C.**  
**August 20-23, 1942, Inclusive**



The next session of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Marshall Free Will Baptist Church, Marshall, N. C., beginning Thursday at 10 A. M., before the 4th Sunday in August, 1943. Rev. R. C. Mumpower will preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 A. M.



# PROCEEDINGS

Commencing Thursday, August 20, 1942, at 10 A. M. Opening song, "Sweet By And By", and prayer by the Rev. J. H. Evans. After several messages in song we again were led in prayer by Bro. Jerry Ramsey. Call was made for nominations for Moderator. As usual, the Rev. B. E. Guthrie was elected. The Rev. K. C. Mumpower was again selected as Clerk. Song. Intermission.

## ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opening song, "Power In The Blood", prayer by the Rev. Gurney McKinney. Message by the Rev. A. B. Lowery, scripture, Rev. 6:1-2. An edifying message by speaker and really enjoyed by everyone present. Dismissed for lunch. Upon finding a bountiful supply of sandwiches and lemonade that the ladies of the Horney Height church had prepared for the visiting brethren, hunger soon vanished and we found time to make new acquaintances and renew old ones that we had not seen since last Association.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Song, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart", prayer by the Rev. James Collins. Visiting ministers were asked to stand and be welcomed and recognized. They were the Rev. Alvin Ellis and the Rev. Paul Sheehan. Moderator called for appointment of committees.

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

ARRANGEMENT: Pastor and delegates of Horney Heights church.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. A. B. Lowery, Rev. Alvin Ellis and Rev. J. B. Brigmon.

EDUCATION: Bro. Randall, Rev. Mr. Compton and Mrs. Edna Ballard.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: Standing resolution by Rev. J. H. Ballard, deceased.

LADIES AID: Mrs. Lee Bryan, Mrs. Arthur Crowe and Mrs. R. V. Fisher.

RESOLUTION: Rev. J. A. Martin and Rev. B. E. Guthrie. (Standing committee).

SESSIONS: First delegate from each church.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Mrs. Loy Ballard, Mrs. C. L. McMahan and Mrs. Arthur Satterfield.

OLD MINISTER'S BOARD: Standing committee. Bros. J. B. McDewitt, A. S. Reeves, Clinton Hawkins, Jeter Ramsey and Jerry Ramsey.

OBITUARIES: Mrs. J. M. Watkins and Mrs. Esta Hyatt.

FINANCE: Rev. Ervin Sluder and Bro. Jerry Ramsey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Jerry Ramsey, Bro. Randall, Bro. Coy Parham, and Bro. A. L. Wilson.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Standing resolution written by Rev. W. W. Ballard, deceased.

HOME MISSION: Mrs. C. L. McMahan, Bro. A. L. Wilson, and Bro. Garfield Hensley.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Rev. J. B. Brigmon, Mrs. J. M. Watkins and Mrs. Arthur Sitton.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE: Rev. Pearson Bradley, Mrs. Julia Hawkins and Mrs. Hanson.

PASTOR'S SUPPORT: Mrs. Ervin Sluder, Mrs. R. H. Reece and Bro. Lon Mundy.

PERIODICALS: Bro. Alvin Ellis, Bro. Ervin Sluder, Bro. J. B. Brigmon, Bro. Dave Mundy.

We were fortunate to have with us OUR children from Middlesex Orphanage who rendered a number of songs to the delight of everyone present. We of the French Broad Conference of Free Will Baptists, are proud of these children and will look forward to their being with us Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August at Marshall, N. C., 1943. Bro. J. H. Evans, superintendent of the Orphanage, gave a very interesting talk concerning the needs and what they were doing at the orphanage, which was enlightening to and enjoyed by our people. After Bro. Evans came Mrs. Loy Ballard, of Greenville, N. C., who gave a very interesting talk stressing the importance of Home and Foreign Mission work and the oneness in Christ.

At this time a free will offering was taken for concert class. Amount received was \$29.16. (Have receipt for same). Swannanoa, New Bridge and Marshall were again selected as depots for canned goods and produce for orphanage. Bro. A. L. Wilson is in charge of all churches in Buncombe, Haywood and McDowell counties and Bro. Plato Worley is in charge of Madison County. Truck from orphanage will call for goods on or before October 7, 1942. Dismissed.

#### THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

After the usual number of songs we had prayer by Rev. W. L. Howell leading. Rev. J. H. Evans, superintendent of orphanage, brought a very timely message using scripture from Romans 8:14-17. Text, "What Of Being Children of God?" Dismissed.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE

Song "We Shall Meet", prayer by Rev. Elmer King. On request by Bro. A. L. Wilson, move and second was received to incorporate into future minutes the subject of "Prayer". After further discussion of Foreign Mission, Sister Edna Ballard, being very much interested and had much to do with offering being taken which amounted to (one hour) Bro. Willey needs, \$21.00. Anyone wishing to donate to the horse fund for our Foreign Missionary in Cuba, may forward same to clerk at Swannanoa, N. C. Intermission. At the eleven o'clock service "Nothing but the Blood" was the selection sung. Prayer was led by Rev. Mr. Compton. Message was by Rev. James Collins, one of our oldest and best loved ministers. Dismissed until 1:30 P. M.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Various ones pleaded for support of Old Minister's Fund. The response was so good the clerk was not able to get names of those who paid during association, but did manage to get names of those whose pledge was to be paid on or before next association. Various ones pledged and paid, the below is a partial list:

A. D. Adeock, \$1.00; Mrs. Pitman, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Bynum Lance, \$2.00; H. G. Howell, \$1.00; Mrs. Ervin Sluder, \$1.00; Rev. Ervin Sluder, \$2.00; Mrs. Annie Bailey, \$1.00; Rev. J. W. Banks, \$1.00; Verle Harwood, \$1.00; Grover Bailey, \$1.00; Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, \$1.00; Rev. Elmer King, \$1.00 pd.; Rev. R. C. Mumpower, \$1.00; Rev. J. B. Brigmon, \$1.00; J. C. White, \$1.00; Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Reese, \$2.00 pd.; Mrs. H. A. Vaughn, \$1.00 pd.; R. H. Spivey, \$1.00 pd.; Rev. Jack Hutchins, 50c pd.; Frank Lunsford, \$1.00 pd.; Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Gaddy, \$2.00 pd.; Ray Metcalf, \$1.00 pd.; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McMahan, \$2.00 pd.; J. W. McMahan, \$1.00 pd.; Bennie Sluder, \$1.00 pd.; Grace Tipton, 25c pd.; Mrs. Parham, 50c pd. From the various offerings pledged and paid, the Old Minister's Fund realized approximately \$47.50.

Opened by song and prayer and a fine spiritual talk by Mrs. Ervin Sluder. After discussing financial problems, the Association found that perhaps there were many of our churches having the plan of salvation at heart but perhaps a little slack concerning God's financial plan, that God loves a cheerful giver and that it is better to give than to receive. Perhaps it has slipped our minds but we are aware of the fact when called to our attention that at our annual association offerings are taken for orphanage, old minister's and foreign missionary work. The amount given in all offerings this year was approximately \$85.00. Good for 1942, but not good enough for 1943. We suggest that every church send by their first delegate \$3.00 if possible, to go in offering that may be taken at association. May we start now to take care of this item and not wait until nearer association time and be hard put to get it up. Please think on these things. Dismissed until 7:30.

#### FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm", prayer by Rev. Rome Woodson. Special number by Ballard Sisters. Also Bro. Gentry's daughter render a selection.

Upon taking charge of services, Rev. Paul Sheehan proceeded to bring many truths. Dismissed.

### SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by song; prayer by Rev. Mr. Queen. A rising vote of thanks was given the Moderator and Clerk for their services. A move was received and carried that Association adjourn to meet with Marshall Free Will Baptist church, Marshall, N. C., on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1943.

### MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Bro. Guthrie and Bro. Mumpower were again selected to serve as Moderator and Clerk for Ministers Conference. A vote of confidence was given the present ordaining council by retaining them for the coming year. At this time the clerk was authorized to call to the attention of our ministers that article two of the By-Laws of Ministers' Conference must be adhered to. Bro. Alvin Ellis made application for entrance to French Broad association and was accepted into full fellowship. It was also at this time moved and seconded that rules be suspended and Bro. Adcock be ordained at this time. Call was made for all license ministers wishing to be ordained to present themselves. Rev. Mr. King, Rev. Mr. Adcock, Rev. Mr. Bradley and Rev. Mr. Vaughn came forward. The Moderator at this time gave opportunity for anyone wishing to unite with ministers' conference. Bro. Herman Gentry, after a very nice talk, presented himself as candidate and was immediately accepted into full fellowship of ministers' conference.

Next came the ordination of Rev. Elmer King, Rev. W. O. Adcock, Rev. Pearson Bradley and Rev. H. L. Vaughn. Rev. W. L. Howell rendered the ordination prayer with the Rev. T. E. Woody giving the charge scripture, reading 2 Timothy 4-11. Preach the word. Next came Bro. T. E. Woody presenting the needs of our orphanage as an eye-witness and our obligation to meet them. It was moved and carried that Bro. Rome Woodson be taken under watchcare of ministers' conference until such a time as he becomes a member of F. W. B. church he formerly belonged to. After such, he automatically becomes full member of ministers' conference. It seemed good to the ministers' conference to eliminate Saturday morning preaching hour in the future. With no unfinished business before it the ministers' conference moved to adjourn to meet with association at Marshall on Thursday before fourth Sunday in August, 1943.

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Revs. J. A. Martin, B. E. Guthrie, Ervin Sluder, Malley Rice, and Lindsey Howell.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Revs. J. A. Martin, B. M. Wheeler, Malley Rice, Loyd Chandler, Bob Freeman, J. L. Ledford, H. E. Lunsford, M. D. Roberts, Scottie Bullman, J. A. Collins, J. B. Brigmon, G. W. Briggs, Ervin Sluder, J. W. Banks, J. M. Bureson, B. E. Guthrie, A. L. Davis, W. L. Howell, W. E. Capps, W. L. Moretz, R. H. Reece, Sam Chandler, C. A. Kent, Walter Wilson, R. C. Wheeler, B. B. Moore, W. L. Queen, R. C. Mumpower, W. O. Adcock, Hardy Vaughn, Elmer King and Pearson Bradley.

### LICENTIATES

J. A. Roberts, Houston Rich, Robert Jones, Charles Hollifield, G. E. Cody, Gurnie McKinney, T. A. Wheeler, W. W. Howard, Rufus A. Burrell, Simon Norton, Grover Bailey and J. A. Edmonds, licenses were extended.

### SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song and prayer. Rev. W. L. Howell brought the message with great power and was well received. Christian handshake. Dismissed.

### CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Mrs. Victor Murdock, Mr. Joe M. Randall, Mr. Fred Ellis, Mrs. J. E. Randall, Mrs. Roy Metcalf.

HAZELGREEN: J. H. Bradburn, Ula Roberts, Mary Spivy, Rev. Robert Reece, John Goldsmith.

HOMER CHAPEL: Mrs. Myrtle Crow, Mr. Horace Taylor, Mrs. Horace Taylor, Mr. Floyd Williams.

HYATTS CREEK: Mr. W. L. James, Mrs. W. L. James.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Coy Parham, O. F. Sluder, Mrs. Julia Hawkins, Miss Evelyn Parham.  
 SWANNANOVA: Mrs. C. L. McMahon, Mrs. J. M. Watkins, Mr. W. L. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wilson.  
 OLD FORT: Dewey Cody, Linie Cody, Essie Lanning, Lola Thomas.  
 SHADY GROVE: B. F. Chandler, Jackie Bullman, Jonah Bullman.  
 AVERY'S CREEK: Mr. J. A. Sitton, Mrs. J. A. Sitton, Mrs. A. L. Satterfield.  
 ANDERSON BRANCH: J. W. Ball, Preston Wilson.  
 UNION VALLEY: Mr. Clyde Ballard, Rev. Pearson Bradley, Mr. D. L. Ballard, M. ss Myrtle Hyatt, Esta L. Hyatt.  
 RAY'S CHAPEL: Mr. Will Rice, Mr. Claude Rice, Mr. Grover Bailey.  
 MOUNT BETHEL: Warren Reece, A. C. McCurry, Mrs. Callie Fox  
 MARSHALL: J. E. Faulkner, Plato Worley, Mrs. Arthur Crowe, Jerry Ramsey, Mrs. Sam Sumter, Mrs. Plato Worley.  
 PAINT FORK: A. M. Mundy, Callie White, Ver'lee Harwood.  
 SHOAL HILL: Ruth Roberts, Malissa Brown, Ethel Brown, Jack Payne, Ruth Henderson, Mall'e Henderson, Glen Martin.  
 UNION CHAPEL: W. A. Ward, J. W. Fortner.  
 PAINT ROCK: Sam Norton, John Dixon, Lizzie Taylor.  
 CEDAR HILL: Mrs. Stella Wilson, Mrs. Edna Ballard, Mrs. Terrie Wilson, Mrs. Bertie Spivey.  
 EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: D. C. Mundy, Nelson Massey, Mrs. Donnie Massey.  
 MT. ZION: Lyda Mart'n, Mrs. R. H. Reese, Mrs. Edna Rev's, Mrs. Anna Collins.  
 WALNUT: Mrs. James Rice, Mrs. B. E. Guthrie.  
 PISGAH FOREST: J. W. McKinney.  
 LAUREL FORK: Vance Conner, Mrs. Vance Conner, Wade Ponder, J. H. Naves, M' ss Jeanette Ball, Miss Pearl Ponder.  
 LAURELTON CHAPEL: Mrs. Martin Hensley, Miss Orla Fender.  
 DRY BRANCH: Mildred Blankenship, Jonah Fisher, Will Fisher, Mrs. Otis Davis, Mae Belle Blankenship.  
 ASHEVILLE: Mrs. C. W. Moss, Mrs. I. L. Jamerson, Bro. Freeman Jamerson, Bro. Andy Queens.  
 RED HILL: Mrs. Ronald Fisher, Allie Ramsey, Tennie Ramsey.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

PERIODICALS AND THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PAPER: The reading of good literature that will leave good impressions on the mind of our young people and of adults is urged and recommended by this committee. Everyone should realize the importance of reading and studying the Bible, through which God reveals himself to all persons. We also encourage everyone to read our church paper, The Free Will Baptist, so that our members will be enlightened as to what the Free Will folks are doing. Also to avail themselves with good reading matter. We condemn and discourage the reading of modern literature such as novels of the True Story type, etc.

J. B. Hyatt, Mrs. A. B. Lowery and Mrs. Edna Ballard.

LADIES AID: An active Ladies Aid is desired by every church. Their work is essential to the church. Greatest of all through them many souls are saved. They contribute financially through their many projects. They visit the sick, the bereaved and attend to these things which often others forget. We recommend an active Ladies Aid for every church and full cooperation in the district convention.

EDUCATION: We recommend that our association do everything possible to promote the educational interest of all people, especially to the advancement of God's word. Paul said "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Education will help everyone to really understand how to divide the word of truth and we also recommend that our pastors recognize the college which opens in September, 1942, at Nashville, Tenn.

J. M. Compton, J. M. Randall, Mrs. Edna Ballard.

HOME MISSIONS: We your committee on Home Missions recommend that each church support its pastor so that he will be able to visit the people of the community and see that each member put forth an effort to visit the

fatherless and widows. Strive to get those out of church back in the service again. Encourage parents to put forth greater effort to go and take their children to church.

A. L. Wilson, Mrs. C. L. McMahon and Mr. G. W. Hensley.

**TEMPERANCE:** We your committee on temperance submit the following: That temperance covers more than intoxicating beverages. It covers all things that would be displeasing to God. To be temperate is to be led by the Holy Spirit concerning all the things of life, and shun the appearance of evil and keep yourself unspotted from the world.

A. L. Wilson, Rev. A. B. Lowery and Rev. R. H. Reese.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS:** We the committee on Sunday Schools, realize the training of the mind is of the utmost importance because early 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. Also suggest each teacher open class with prayer and each pupil and teacher put forth a greater effort to get those that are not in Sunday School to come to Sunday School.

A. L. Wilson, Jerry Ramsey, Joe Randall, Coy Parham.

**FOREIGN MISSIONS:** Owing to the fact that our churches and pastors have showed lack of interest in foreign missions, we earnestly plead that all Christians will do more this coming year in this field. Our dear Lord commands us that "This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come." Mat. 24:14.

**SABBATH OBSERVANCE:** The Lord has commanded that we remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. A great many church members are breaking this commandment by using the Sabbath as a day for sport and pleasure, thereby neglecting the Sunday School and church services. We urge parents to teach their children the importance of Sabbath observance, restraining them from engaging in games of sport on that day. We also urge our preachers to stress the importance of keeping this command.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK:** The young boys and girls of today are the men and women of tomorrow, therefore we urge them to take an active part in the christian work of the church. We urge every church to have a young people's league and the older people to take more interest and stand behind the boys and girls. We solicit your support for the young people's assembly that our children may have a christian camp to go to in the summer to study and commune together.

Mrs. Loy E. Ballard, Mrs. C. L. McMahon, Mrs. Satterfield.

**MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE:** We protest against parents giving permits for licenses 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 a divorce. We will not allow our ministers to officiate at the marriage of any divorced persons, unless they are satisfied that the couples to be married are justified in their separation.

Standing resolution by the Rev. J. H. Ballard.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Because of various doctrines going out in the world which are confusing our churches and dividing our people, we deem it necessary to appoint a standing committee of at least five for the purpose of investigating into the fellowship and doctrine of any church seeking entrance into our association. Also to investigate into the character and doctrine of any minister seeking to enter our conference.

Revs. J. A. Martin and B. E. Guthrie.

**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 to 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 the 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 teaching to our remem-

brance and guides us into all truth.

Standing Resolution by Rev. W. W. Ballard, deceased.

OLD MINISTERS FUND: J. B. McDevitt, Treasurer.

Balance August 1st, 1942 -----	\$415.62
Deposit -----	14.66
Interest -----	1.00
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Total balance Old Ministers Fund Oct. 2, 1942 -----	\$431.28
FINANCE: Minute Fund -----	\$65.75
Voted to pay Historian -----	5.00
Voted to pay clerk -----	10.00
Amount for Minutes -----	49.00
Reserved for postage -----	1.75

R. C. MUMPOWER, Clerk

**PASTOR'S SUPPORT:** We your committee on pastor's support believe it is our duty to support our pastors and uphold them, not only from the financial standpoint, but uphold them in our prayers. We feel that our pastors today are in greater need than ever for Christian support. And, we as Christians should cooperate with them and hold them up in our prayers.

Mrs. Ervin Sluder, Mrs. R. H. Reese, Mr. Lon Mundy.

**NEED OF PRAYER:** The importance of prayer cannot be over stressed. We believe that the promises of God are on conditions and God has promised, "Walk in my statutes, keep my commandments, ask what you will and it shall be done." He has also said in II Chron. 7-14, "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways. Then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land." This committee wishes to remind our ministers and lay members that the weekly prayer meeting and prayer life are essential to the Christian life.

Bro. Wilson, Bro. Lowcry, Bro. Howell, Bro. Woody.

#### OBITUARIES

Sister Rettie Tipton departed this life April 13th, 1942. She was a faithful and devout Christian worker as long as her health permitted. She is greatly missed by her host of friends and loved ones but our loss is her eternal gain.

#### MARSHALL FREE WILL CHURCH

Bro. Grover Redmon has departed this life. He was a great worker in his church before leaving Marshall. He is greatly missed by his many friends.

#### MARSHALL FREE WILL CHURCH

**HORNEY HEIGHTS:** Mrs. Etta Sluder, wife of Rev. Houston Sluder, departed this life Dec. 24, 1941. She was a devoted, faithful member of our church. We all miss her very much but we feel our great loss is her eternal gain. They that believeth and are faithful until death will have eternal life.

Rev. J. C. Wallace, charter member of our church departed this life Friday evening, Dec. 5, 1941. He was 72 years old. He started in ministry about the age of fifty years. He has pastored several churches in the French Broad association. He was faithful in service until death, and was a loyal member of our church. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to his family and people and many friends he has left behind.

REV. J. A. MARTIN AND MRS. FRED ELLIS.

**RED HILL:** Harrison Treadaway died Sept. 1941. He had been a member of Red Hill church since 1911.

Etzel Treadaway passed away July, 1942. She had been a member of Red Hill church since 1918. She left behind her a good testimony and a wonderful hope of heaven.

MRS. J. B. McDEVITT



**HYATTS CREEK:** Dear old Brother Benton came to Hyatts Creek 13 years ago and set up a little christian band of Free Will Baptists of 7 members. He also pastored the church that year and gained several members. He was loved by all who knew him. Brother Benton was called to his reward May, 1942. He was 74 years old. He was true to his church and community. We know we have lost a true soldier for Jesus, but we feel Jesus knew best. He has served in the past as pastor of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist church. At the time of his death he was pastor of the F. W. B. church in Thomasville, N. C. Brother Benton is survived by the widow, Annie Benton, 4 daughters, 4 sons, 1 brother, 1 sister and 6 grandchildren who mourn his loss. But we feel that their loss is his eternal gain.

WRITTEN BY A FRIEND

**ASHEVILLE:** Sister Frank Ramsey, a member of the Asheville F. W. B. church died during the past year. She had been a devoted member of our church for many years. Sister Ramsey is survived by her husband, six children and a host of friends to mourn her loss. But this loss is her eternal gain and if we live true to God, we shall meet her again in that bright city.

A FRIEND

**EVERY'S CREEK:** Mrs. William Hensley, a member of Avery's Creek Free Will Baptist church, departed this life September 2, 1941. Mrs. Hensley was an active church member and enjoyed her christian life. She was well known and loved by everyone who knew her. She is missed by her relatives and friends.

A FRIEND

**UNION VALLEY:** Mrs. Nancy Herron, a faithful christian and a member of Union Valley church went to her home upon New Year's night. She was 60 some years of age. She left a companion and five (5) children. She is greatly missed by them and many friends, but we feel our loss is her eternal gain. Her toiling here is done. The life crown is won and she is now at rest with Him above. While here on earth she did work for the Master. Yes, she toiled day by day, sowing seeds of kindness along the way. Now she is with Jesus in that mansion so far waiting for her dear ones to join her up there. Come on, dear ones. A delightful place this is—no sorrow, no sickness. Come on and with us forever live.

WRITTEN BY A FRIEND, ESTA L. HYATT

**PAINT FORK:** Brother John Arrington passed away October 24, 1941. He was sixty years old. He was united to the church at the age of 23 and for the past few years of his life lived a devoted christian life. He joined the Paint Fork F. W. B. church some 3 years past and was a great spiritual help to the church in Sunday School and prayer meeting and every good work. We miss him greatly and his dear wife would like us to remember her and her family in prayer. We believe our loss is heaven's gain.

WRITTEN BY A FRIEND, MRS. VERLIE HARWOOD

**CEDAR HILL:** Mr. General Wilson passed on to his reward May, 1941. He was a member of Cedar Hill church for 28 years, serving mainly as a deacon. His wife and children greatly miss his good advice and helping hands. Our church feels the great need and the absence of our beloved Brother. Also, the community as well as many friends miss his kind words and friendly smiles.

A SISTER IN CHRIST, MRS. EDNA BALLARD

Mrs. Nancy Harwood, for many years a member of Union Valley church left her companion and eight children. She is greatly missed by them and all her friends. Children, give your heart to Jesus, upward lift your eyes. If you love your mother, meet her in the skies.

BY ESTA L. HYATT

Mr. Gus Gardner a member of Union Valley church, has gone on and left behind his wife and children. He is missed by them and his many friends. Jesus said, "Therefore, be ye also ready for in such a hour as you think not the Son of man cometh."

BY ESTA L. HYATT

Lill'e Mae Gunter, the wife of Calvin Gunter died July 8, 1942, leaving her husband, three children and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

WRITTEN BY A FRIEND

**LADIES AID REPORTS**

**HORNEY HEIGHTS:** Mrs. A. S. Ellis, president. Address, 48 Middlemount Ave, Asheville. Mrs. Fred Ellis, secretary. Address, Route 3, Asheville. No. of members, 12; gained this year, 2; meets every Wednesday p. m.; money taken in, \$113.96; money paid out, \$113.04; paid to Foreign Missions, water bills, church debt.

**HAZEL GREEN:** Ula Roberts, president. Address, Asheville, Route 3. No. members, 18; meets every Thursday; money taken in \$48; money paid out, \$48.

**HOMERS CHAPEL:** Mrs. T. A. Pittman, president. Address, Black Mountain. Mrs. J. A. Crow, secretary. Address, Black Mountain. No. members, 18; meets every 1st & 3rd Saturday night; money taken in, \$58.35; money paid out, \$56.00; paid to, \$30.00 new church, \$3.00 flowers, \$3.00 for sick and \$20.00 revival.

**SWANNANOA:** Mrs. J. M. Watkins, president. Address, Swannanoa. Mrs. C. L. McMahan, secretary. Address, Swannanoa. No. members, 12; meets every 2 weeks; money taken in, \$139.97; money paid out, \$138.35; paid out to orphanage, home missions, foreign missions, literature.

**WALNUT:** Mrs. Lottie Reeves, president. Address, Walnut. Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, secretary, Walnut. No. members, 8; meets every two weeks; money taken in \$69.36; money paid out, \$64.04.

**FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE**

**SWANNANOA:** Josephine Mumpower, president. Address Swannanoa. Ruby Ballard, secretary. Address, Swannanoa. No. of members, 12; No. groups, 2; meets every week; we take weekly offering; kind of literature, F. W. B.

**AVERY'S CREEK:** William Echols, president. Address, Arden. N. C. Eureka Satterfield, secretary. Address, Arden. N. C. No. members, 18; No. groups, 2; meets every week; we take weekly offering; kind of literature, F. W. B.; we have a Junior League leader, Mamie Sitton. Address, Arden, N. C.

**CEDAR HILL:** Mrs. Terrie Wilson, president. Address, Asheville Rt. 3. No. members, 25; No. groups, 1; meets every Sunday; kind of literature, F. W. B.

**HORNEY HEIGHTS:** Mr. Morris Williams president. Miss Margaret Frisbee, secretary. Address, Route 2, Candler. No. groups, 2; meets every Sunday; we take weekly offering; kind of literature, F. W. B.; we have a Junior League leader, Mrs. Fred Ellis, of Route 3, Asheville.

**JUNIOR LEAGUE REPORT OF HORNEY HEIGHTS:** Meets every Sunday night at 6:45 p. m.; Betty Ellis, president. Address, Middlemount Ave., Asheville. Edward Randall, secretary. Address, County Home Road, Asheville; No. members, 13; No. groups, 2; we take weekly offering; kind of literature, F. W. B.; paid on church note, \$5.00.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS**

**HAZEL GREEN:** Supt. R. S. Spivey. Address, Rt. 3, Asheville. Mrs. R. S. Spivey, secretary. Address, Rt. 3, Asheville. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 21; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$28.60.

**HOMER'S CHAPEL:** Supt. Nelson Massey. Address, Black Mountain. Frances Mundy, secretary. Address, Black Mountain. No. classes, 6; No. members, 65; No. teachers, 6; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$4.61.

**HYATTS CREEK:** Supt. W. L. James. Address, Waynesville, Rt. 1. Doris Passmore, secretary. Address, Hazelwood, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. members, 73; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$26.85.

**MT. VIEW:** Supt. O. F. Sluder. Address, Leicester, N. C. Emma Sluder, secretary. Address, Alexander, N. C. No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 75; No. teachers, 5; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$90.00.

**SWANNANOA:** Supt. Emory Whitaker. Address, Swannanoa, N. C. Josephine Mumpower, secretary. Address, Swannanoa, N. C. No. classes, 7; No. pupils, 212; No. teachers, 7; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$170.82.

**OLD FORT:** Supt. D. F. Lanning. Address, Old Fort, N. C. Kinley Mc-Peterson, secretary. Address, Old Fort. No. classes, 3 No. teachers, 3; kind of literature used, F. W. B.

**SHADY GROVE:** Supt. Paterson Chandler, Marshall, Rt. 3. Dinah Bullman, secretary. Address, Walnut. No. classes, 3; No. pupils, 35; No. teachers, 3; kind of literature used, Lit & Bible; expenses, \$1.35.

**EVERY'S CREEK:** Supt. William Echols. Address, Arden, N. C. Bay-less McDonald, secretary. Address, Arden, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 42; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$101.65.

**UNION VALLEY:** Supt. Mr. Robert Bradley. Address, Weaverville, N. C. Mrs. Marshall Ballard, secretary. Address, Weaverville, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 40; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, Union; expenses \$18.00.

**RAY'S CHAPEL:** Supt. Mr. Will Rice. Address, Weaverville, N. C. Elizabeth Penland, secretary. Address, Weaverville, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 40; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$40.

**MOUNT BETHEL:** Supt. Mrs. C. Sheppard. Address, Alexander, N. C. Harold Lunsford, secretary. Address, Weaverville, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 75; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$20.00.

**MARSHALL:** Supt. J. E. Faulkner. Address, Marshall. Kathleen Martin, secretary. Address, Marshall. No. classes, 7; No. pupils, 90; No. teachers, 7; kind of literature used, Union; expenses, \$81.82.

**PAINT FORK:** Supt. T. R. Mundy. Address, Barnardsville, N. C. Louise Hale, secretary. Address, Barnardsville, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 45; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$6.

**SHOAL HILL:** Supt. R. B. Tweed. Address, Marshall, Route 1. Etta M. Payne, secretary. Address, Marshall, Route 1. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 30; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B. & Bible; expenses, \$20.

**UNION CHAPEL:** Supt. W. A. Ward. Address, Weaverville, N. C. Dorcaus Hunter, secretary. Address, Weaverville, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 35; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, David Cook; expenses, \$5.00.

**PAINT ROCK:** Supt. Sam Norton. Address, Paint Rock, N. C. Mattie Dixon, secretary. Address, Paint Rock, N. C. No. classes, 3; No. teachers, 3; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$6.00.

**CEDAR HILL:** Supt. Dalis Gaddy. Address, Asheville, Route 3. Wilma Gaddy, secretary. Address, Asheville, Route 3. No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 50; No. teachers, 5; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$35.00.

**MT. ZION:** Supt. Johnny Revis. Address, Alexander, Route 2. Mrs. Evelyn Ensley, secretary. Address, Alexander, Route 2. No. classes, 3; No. pupils, 24; No. teachers, 3; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$8.37.

**WALNUT:** Supt. Lina Stines. Address, Walnut, N. C. Junior Reeves, secretary. Address, Walnut, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 30; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses \$20.00.

**PISGAH FOREST:** Supt. Hettie Dodd. Address, Barnardsville, N. C. Cleo Wheeler, secretary. Address, Barnardsville, N. C. No. classes, 3; No. pupils, 50; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$18.

**DRY BRANCH:** Supt. T. A. Woody. Address, Marshall, N. C. Mae Pille Blankenship, secretary. Address, Marshall, N. C. No. classes, 1; No. pupils, 51; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, Union; expenses, \$20.00.

**RED HILL:** Supt. Fred Rigsby. Address, Marshall, Route 3. Inez Ramsey, secretary. Address, Marshall, Route 3. No. classes, 10; No. pupils, 75; No. teachers, 6; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$25.00.

**ASHEVILLE:** Supt. Kelly Metcalf. Address, Asheville. Burnice Metcalf, secretary. Address, Asheville. No. classes, 6; No. pupils, 100; No. teachers, 6; kind of literature, F. W. B. & Bible; expenses, \$130.21.

**LAUREL FORK:** Supt. Wade Ponder. Address, Marshall. Jeanetta Bell, secretary. Address, Marshall. No. classes, 1; No. pupils, 50; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, Union; expenses, \$31.00; money on hand,

\$9.68.

**LAURELTON CHAPEL:** Supt. Martin Hensley. Address, Marshall, Route 2. Emory Fender, secretary. Address, Marshall, Route 2. No. classes, 1; No. pupils, 65; No. teachers, 0; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$15.00.

**HORNEY HEIGHTS:** Mr. J. M. Randall, Supt. Address, West Asheville, Route 3. Mrs. Victor Murdock, secretary. Address, 105 Carrier St., Asheville. No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 50; No. teachers, 5; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$110.74.

#### CHURCH LETTERS

**HORNEY HEIGHTS:** Increase during year 17; by experience and baptism, 16; by letter and statement, 1; total increase this year, 17; present membership, 191; decrease during the year, 4; by letter 4; total decrease this year, 4; last year's membership, 174; pastor, Rev. A. S. Ellis; address, 48 Middlemont Ave., West Asheville; clerk, Mr. Bynum Lance; address, 79 Sand Hill Road, West Asheville; we have preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. William Huntley, Rev. Mr. Cannon, Rev. A. S. Ellis; pastor's salary, \$482.34; old ministers fund, \$3; other purposes, \$251.12; minute fund, \$11.00; value of church property, \$5,000; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Alva Ellis, Rev. W. D. Fowler, Rev. B. Moore.

**LAURELTON CHAPEL:** Increase during the year, 3; by experience and baptism, 2; by letter and statement, 1; total increase this year, 3; present membership, 128; decrease during year, 1; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 1; last year's membership, 125; pastor, Rev. Floyd Phillips; address Erwin, Tenn.; clerk, T. G. Fender, Flag Pond, Tenn.; we have preaching the first Sunday; No. revivals, 1; held by, Rev. Floyd Phillips and Rev. Ben Powers; pastor's salary, \$78.00; orphanage, \$50.00; other purposes, \$18.00; minute fund, \$1.50; value church property, \$2,500.

**LAUREL FORK:** present membership, 49; pastor, Rev. J. A. Martin; address, Marshall, N. C.; clerk, J. H. Naves; address, Marshall, N. C.; we have preaching the second Sunday; No. revivals, 1; held by, Rev. Wade Calvert and Rev. J. A. Martin; pastor's salary, \$40; other purposes, \$68; minute fund, \$2.60; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Thomas Marlow.

**ASHEVILLE:** Increase during year, 12; by experience and baptism, 10; by letter and statement, 2; total increase this year, 24; present membership, 117; decrease during year, 2; by letter, 1; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 2; last year's membership, 107; pastor, Rev. W. L. Howell; address, Hazel Mill Road, West Asheville; assistant pastor, Rev. Hardy Vaughn; address, Hazel Mill Road, West Asheville; clerk, Carl Dockery; address, Route 1, Asheville; we have preaching each Sunday; No. revivals, 1; held 1; held by Rev. W. L. Howell and Rev. Hardy Vaughn; pastor's salary, \$206.74; home missions, \$4.00; foreign missions, \$1.75; orphanage, \$64.01; other purposes, \$517.72; minute fund, \$3.00; value of church property, \$5,000.00; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Howell, Rev. A. L. Davis, Rev. J. W. Banks, Rev. A. C. Kent; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Hardy Vaughn.

**RED HILL:** Present membership, 200; decrease during the year, 5; by letter, 3; by death, 2; total decrease this year, 5; pastor, Rev. Ervin Suder; address, Leicester, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. J. B. McDevitt; address, Marshall, Route 3; we have preaching 1st Sunday; No. revivals 1; pastor's salary, \$110.00; home missions, \$51.93; orphanage, \$55.07; other purposes, \$5.25; minute fund, \$1.50; value of church property, \$1,000.00; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Mallie Rice, Rev. J. L. Lr-dford.

**DRY BRANCH:** Present membership, 49; decrease during the year, 3; by letter, 2; by death, 1; total decrease during the year, 3; last year's membership, 52; pastor, Rev. B. E. Guthrie; address, Walnut, N. C.; clerk, Mildred Blankenship; address, Marshall, Route 3; we have preaching 1st Sunday; pastor's salary, \$89.58; other purposes, \$18.00; minute fund, \$1.50; value of church property, \$500.

**PISGAH FOREST:** present membership, 14; pastor, Rev. C. A. Kent; address, Asheville; clerk, Hattie Dodd; address, Barnardsville, N. C.; we have preaching 2nd Sunday; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. C. A. Kent;

pastor's salary, \$5.90; minute fund, \$1.00; value of church property, \$400.

**WALNUT:** Present membership, 45; last year's membership, 45; pastor, Rev. J. B. Brigmon; address, Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Lina Stines; address, Walnut, N. C.; we have preaching 3 Sundays; No. of revivals, 1; pastor's salary, \$100.84; orphanage, \$4.00; other purposes, \$38.43; minute fund, \$3.00; value church property, \$1,000; value other property, \$100; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. B. E. Guthrie, Rev. Sam Chandler, Rev. Will Capps, Rev. Bob Freeman, Rev. H. Lunsford, Rev. Loyd Chandler.

**MT. ZION:** Present membership, 107; last year's membership, 107; pastor, Rev. Sam Chandler; address, Walnut, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. R. H. Reese; address, 612 Merrimon Ave, Asheville; we have preaching 2nd Sunday; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. Sam Chandley and Rev. Loyd Chandley; pastor's salary, \$38.00; other purposes \$20.00; minute fund, \$1.75; value of church property, \$1,500.00; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. J. A. Collins, Rev. R. H. Reese.

**EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN:** Increase during year, 21; by experience and baptism, 21; pastor, Rev. R. C. Mumpower; address, Swannanoa; clerk, Mrs. D. Bartlett; address, Black Mountain; we have preaching 1st & 3rd Sundays; minute fund, \$3.10; value of church property, \$900.00; value other property, \$100.00.

**CEDAR HILL:** Increase during year, 3; by experience and baptism, 3; total increase this year, 3; present membership, 90; decrease during the year, 4; by letter, 4; total decrease this year, 4; last year's membership, 94; clerk, Mrs. Stella Wilson; address, Route 3, Asheville; we have preaching every Sunday; pastor's salary, \$203.38; home missions, \$10.00; orphanage, \$70.36; other purposes, \$152.07; minute fund, \$3.00; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. A. P. Rich, Rev. J. H. Ball.

**PAINT ROCK:** Increase during the year, 4; by experience and baptism, 1; total increase this year, 22; decrease during year, 3; by letter 2; by death, 1; last year's membership, 24; pastor, Loyd Chandler, Barnard, N. C.; clerk, Lizzie Taylor; address, Paint Rock, N. C.; we have preaching 4th Sunday; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. Loyd Chandler; pastor's salary, \$23.70; orphanage, \$1.75; minute fund, 60c.

**UNION CHAPEL:** Increase during the year, 1; by letter and statement, 1; present membership, 67; last year's membership, 66; pastor, Rev. J. B. Brigmon; address, Asheville, Route 1; clerk, J. W. Waldrup; address, Weaverville, N. C.; we have preaching 2 Sundays; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. J. B. Brigmon, Rev. Wilcy Corn; pastor's salary, \$17.97; other purposes, \$89.50; minute fund, \$1.00; value of church property, \$800; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, M. D. Roberts.

**SHOAL HILL:** Increase during year, 3; by experience and baptism, 1; by letter and statement, 2; total increase during year, 3; present membership, 73; decrease during the year, 1; by letter, 1; last year's membership, 70; pastor, Rev. J. B. Brigmon; address, Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Ruth Roberts; address, Marshall, N. C.; we have preaching 4th Sunday; pastor's salary, \$96.00; orphanage, \$7.00; minute fund, \$2.00; value church property, \$1,000; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Walter Wilson.

**PAINT FORK:** Increase during year, 1; by experience and baptism, 1; total increase this year, 1; present membership, 88; decrease during year, 1; by death, 1; last year's membership, 88; pastor, Rev. Ervin Sluder; address, Leicester; clerk, D. A. Mundy; address, Barnardsville, N. C.; we have preaching 2nd Sunday; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. Ervin Sluder, Rev. Mitch Embler; pastor's salary, \$32.37; orphanage, \$21.54; minute fund, \$1.50; value church property, \$700.00.

**MARSHALL:** Increase during the year, 32; by experience and baptism, 20; by letter and statement, 12; total increase this year, 32; present membership, 116; decrease during the year 4; by letter, 2; by death, 2; total decrease this year, 4; last year's membership, 88; pastor, Rev. P. J. Sheehan; address, Caroleen; N. C.; clerk, J. E. Faulkner; address, Marshall, N. C.; we have preaching 1st & 3rd Sundays; No. revivals, 2; held by Rev. E. F. Sprinkle, Rev. P. J. Sheehan, Rev. Ervin Sluder; pastor's salary, \$309.25; home missions, \$23.05; orphanage, \$70.00; other purposes, \$380; minute

fund, \$3.50; value of church property, \$2 000; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are: Rev. J. B. Brigmon.

**MOUNT BETHEL:** Increase during the year, 12; by experience and baptism, 10; by letter and statement, 2; total increase this year, 14; present membership, 90; pastor, Rev. Carroll E. Fowler; address, West Asheville, N. C.; clerk, I. M. Reece; address, Alexander, N. C.; we have preaching every Sunday; No. revivals, 2; held by, pastor; pastor's salary, \$250; home missions, \$100; foreign missions, \$3.00; orphanage, \$15; value church property, \$2,600; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are: Walter Rogers.

**RAY'S CHAPEL:** Increase during year, 7; by experience and baptism, 7; present membership, 54; decrease during year, 1; by letter, 1; last year's membership, 47; pastor, Rev. J. W. Banks; address, West Asheville; clerk, Mrs. Sue Ray; Weaverville: we have preaching every Sunday; No. revivals, 2; held by, Rev. George Ingle, Rev. Johnny Tiller, Rev. Mr. McElreath, Rev. J. W. Banks; pastor's salary, \$15.45; orphanage, \$10.35; other purposes, \$16.50; minute fund, \$2.20; value church property, \$800.00; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. John Roberts, Rev. J. A. Edmonds.

**HAZEL GREEN:** Increase during year, 3; by experience and baptism, 1; by letter and statement, 2; total increase this year, 3; present membership, 58; last year's membership, 55; pastor, R. H. Reece; address, Asheville, N. C.; clerk, J. H. Bradburn; address, Route 3, Asheville, N. C.; we have preaching every Sunday; No. revivals, 3; pastor's salary, \$13.46; home missions, \$15.00; orphanage, \$11.60; other purposes, \$5.80; minute fund, \$2.25; value church property, \$1,000; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Rufus Burrell, W. O. Adcock.

**UNION VALLEY:** Present membership, 91; decrease during year, 9; by letter, 5; by death, 4; total decrease this year, 9; last year's membership, 100; pastor, Rev. B. E. Guthrie; address, Walnut; Esta L. Hyatt, clerk; Address, Weaverville; we have preaching 2nd and 4th Sundays; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. K. B. Johnson; pastor's salary, \$110.33; home missions, \$18.52; orphanage, \$9.67; minute fund, \$1.55; value church property, \$500; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Pearson Bradley.

**ANDERSON BRANCH:** Increase during year, 8; by experience and baptism, 5; by restoration, 3; total increase this year, 8; present membership, 52; decrease during year, 1; by letter, 1; total decrease this year, 1; last year's membership, 44; pastor, Sam Chandler; address, Barnard, N. C.; clerk, Berely Freeman; address, Barnard, N. C.; we have preaching 1st Sunday; No. revivals, 1; held by J. E. Landers, Walter Wilson; pastor's salary, \$3.00; home missions, \$5.00; minute fund, \$1.60; value church property, \$1,000.

**AVERY'S CREEK:** Increase during year, 10; by letter and statement, 10; total increase this year, 10; present membership, 52; decrease during year, 2; by letter, 2; by expulsion and erasure, 23; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 26; last year's membership, 68; we have preaching every Sunday; No. revivals, 2; held by, Rev. Carroll Fowler, Rev. A. B. Lowery; pastor's salary, \$65.68; home missions, \$25.00; orphanage, \$7.57; minute fund, \$1.50; value of church property, \$2,000; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Henry Robinson.

**SHADY GROVE:** Present membership, 39; last year's membership, 39; pastor, Scottie Bullman; address, Walnut, N. C.; clerk, Dinah Bullman; address, Walnut, N. C.; we have preaching 2nd Sunday; No. revivals, 1; held by, Scottie Bullman; home missions, \$3.20; other purposes, \$17.51; minute fund, \$1.00; value church property, \$500; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Scottie Bullman; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Simon Norton.

**OLD FORT:** Increase during this year, 2; by letter and statement, 2; total increase this year, 2; present membership, 119; last year's membership, 117; pastor, Jack Hutchins; address, Swannanoa, N. C.; clerk, Bethel Williams; address, Old Fort, N. C.; we have preaching 1st and 2nd Sundays; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. Dewey Cline, Jack Hutchins; pastor's salary, \$48.10; other purposes, \$9.25; minute fund, \$2.00; value church property, \$500; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are: B. M. Wheeler, Clarence Wheeler; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are:

Dewey Cody.

**SWANNANOVA:** Increase during this year, 16; by experience and baptism, 8; by letter and statement, 8; present membership, 152; decrease during the year, 96; by revision of church book, 95; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 80; last year's membership, 232; pastor, Rev. A. B. Lowery; address, Black Mountain, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. C. L. McMahan; address, Swannanoa, N. C.; we have preaching every Sunday; No. revivals, 2; held by, Rev. Paul Sheehan, Rev. E. P. Blevins; pastor's salary, \$1,115.00; home missions, \$40.18; foreign mission, \$106.80; orphanage, \$161.20; other purposes, \$1,342.70; minute fund, \$10.00; value church property, \$4,000; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Moretz, Rev. R. C. Mumpower, Rev. A. B. Lowery, Rev. Elmer King; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are: Rev. Gurney McKinney, Rev. Charles Hollifield, Rev. Robert Jones, Rev. Mac Plemmons.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Increase during year, 6; by experience and baptism, 4; by letter and statement, 2; present membership, 214; decrease during the year, 7; by letter, 4; by death, 3; total decrease this year, 7; last year's membership, 215; pastor, Rev. L. E. Woody; address, Windon, N. C.; clerk, B. W. Sluder; address, Alexander, N. C.; we have preaching 4th Sundays; pastor's salary, \$112.00; home missions, \$65.00; orphanage, \$53.00; minute fund, \$4.00; value church property, \$5,000.00; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. J. A. Martin, Rev. Ervin Sluder.

**HYATTS CREEK:** Increase during year, 20; by experience and baptism, 8; by letter and statement, 9; by restoration, 3; total increase this year, 20; present membership, 38; decrease during the year, 19; by expulsion and erasure, 18; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 19; last year's membership, 37; pastor, Rev. W. L. Queen; address, Hazelwood, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. W. L. Queen; address, Hazelwood, N. C.; we have preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays; No. revivals, 4; held by, Rev. W. L. Queen, Rev. Will Massie, Rev. Houston Rich, Rev. Fred Inman, Rev. Lee Freeman, Rev. Columbus Queen; pastor's salary, \$21.62; orphanage, \$2.00; minute fund, \$1.50; value church property, \$1,000; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Queen.

**HOMERS CHAPEL:** Increase during year, 2; by experience and baptism, 3; by restoration, 9; total increase during year, 14; present membership, 41; decrease by expulsion and erasure, 7; last year's membership, 51; pastor, Rev. Ralph Mumpower; address, Swannanoa, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Dolly Bartlett; address, Black Mountain; we have preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays; No. revivals, 2; held by, Rev. P. J. Sheehan, Rev. Everett Sprinkle, Rev. Mr. Mumpower, Rev. A. B. Lowery; pastor's salary, \$221.91; orphanage, \$23.00; other purposes, \$140.00; minute fund, \$2.50; value of church property, \$1,000.

#### MINISTERS' REPORT

**ADCOCK, REV. W. O.:** Conversions, 5; No. sermons preached, 34; No. homes visited, 25; No. sick visits made, 12; No. Sunday School classes taught, 45; total amount raised for the cause, \$6.00; amount given personally to the cause, \$8.00; conducted 15 prayer meetings; request your prayers; address, 502 Westwood Place, West Asheville.

**BANKS, REV. J. W.:** No. churches pastored, 1; No. sermons preached, 52; No. members received, 8; No. baptized, 10; No. homes prayer in, 15; No. funerals conducted; amount received for pastoral services, \$17; amount given personally to the cause, \$5.00; No. miles traveled, 400; expenses, \$12.00; address, 184 Montana Ave, West Asheville, N. C.

**BRIGMON, REV. J. B.:** No. churches pastored, 3; No. revivals conducted, 3; conversions, 28; No. sermons preached, 72; No. members received, 4; No. baptized, 4; No. homes visited, 31; No. sick visits made, 15; No. homes prayed in, 20; No. special sermons delivered, 10; No. marriages performed, 5; No. funerals conducted, 5; No. Sunday School classes taught, 10; amount received for pastoral services, \$222.41; amount received for revival services, \$74.00; amount received for all other services, \$10.00; total amount received during year, \$310.41; total amount raised for cause, \$81.00; amount given personally to cause, \$45.00; No. subscriptions taken for Free Will Baptist, 5; No. miles traveled, 1440; expenses, \$40.60; address, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.

BRADLEY, REV. PEARSON: Sermons, 11; Sunday School classes taught, 4; homes visited, 10; sick visits made, 3; homes prayed in, 3; address, Weaverville, N. C.

BULLMAN, REV. S.: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 2; No. sermons preached, 80; No. baptized, 14; No. sick visits made, 10; No. homes prayed in, 15; No. funerals conducted, 8; No. Sunday School classes taught, 12; amount received for revival services, \$3.00; amount given personally to the cause, \$8.00; address, Walnut.

BAILEY, REV. GROVER: Helped in 1 revival; No. conversions, 21; No. homes visited, 28; No. homes prayer in, 20; amount received for revival services, \$1.00; amount received in all, \$3.61; No. sermons preached, 50; No. miles traveled, 1670; expenses, \$32.00; address, Route 5, Hendersonville, N. C.

CHANDLER, REV. SAM: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals conducted, 2; conversions, 26; No. sermons preached, 75; No. members received, 1; No. baptized, 1; No. homes visited, 50; No. sick visits made, 25; No. homes prayed in, 30; No. funerals conducted, 6; amount received for pastoral services, \$41.00; amount received for revival services, \$14.00; amount received for all other services, \$32.00; total amount received during year, \$77.00; amount given personally to cause, \$3.45; No. miles traveled, 700; expenses, \$4.00; address, Walnut, N. C.

CHANDLER, REV. LOYD: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 3; conversions, 40; No. sermons preached, 80; No. homes visited, 25; No. sick visits made, 15; No. homes prayed in, 30; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 8; No. funerals conducted, 3; amount received for revival services, \$50.00; amount received for pastoral services, \$23.70; total amount received during year, \$73.70; amount given personally to cause, \$10.00; No. miles traveled, 600; expenses, \$20.00; address, Barnard, N. C.

COODY, REV. G. E.: Revivals conducted, 1; assisted in 3 others; conversions witnessed, 24; sermons preached, 25; homes visited, 26; sick homes visited, 6; homes prayed in, 19; total amount received, \$10.72; amount given, \$8.00; miles traveled, 1233; expenses, \$23.00.

COLLINS, REV. JAMES: On account of ill health I haven't been able to preach, but I have visited 10 or 12 churches. The people have been so very good to me. I appreciate every kind word and deed they have rendered me. I pray God will richly bless each and every one. I have received about \$40 from different people, some coming by mail. I have raised \$18 for orphanage and given \$2 myself. Remember my wife also in prayer, who has been sick 4 years.

CAPPS, W. E.: No. sermons preached, 40; No. homes visited, 20; No. sick visits made, 4; No. homes prayed in, 5; No. funerals conducted, 2; No. miles traveled, 200.

ELLIS, REV. ALVA S.: Churches pastored, 3; revivals conducted, 3; conversions, 66; No. sermons preached, 110; No. members received, 10; No. baptized, 4; No. homes visited, 182; No. sick visits made, 101; No. homes prayed in, 100; No. funerals conducted, 4; No. Sunday Schools classes taught, 5; amount received for pastoral services, \$323.10; amount received for revival services, \$22.48; total amount received during year, \$345.58; total amount raised for cause, \$50.00; amount given personally to cause, \$173.05; No. miles traveled, 2311; expenses, \$140.00; address, 48 Middlemont Ave., West Asheville, N. C.

FREEMAN, REV. BOB: No. churches pastored, 1; conversions, 7; No. sermons preached, 50; No. members received, 5; No. homes visited, 15; No. sick visits made, 6; No. homes prayed in, 10; No. funerals conducted, 11; total amount raised for cause, \$2; No. miles traveled, 600; expenses, \$7 address, Walnut, N. C.

FOWLER, REV. CARROLL E.: No. churches pastored, 3; No. revivals conducted, 5; conversions, 500; No. sermons preached, 225; No. members received, 25; No. baptized, 100; No. homes visited, 500; No. sick visits made, 100; No. homes prayed in, 500; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 10; No. marriage ceremonies performed, 1; No. funerals conducted, 16; amount received for pastoral services, \$2.50; amount received for revival



services, \$1.00; amount received for all other services, \$5.00; total amount received during year, \$4.00; total amount raised for cause, \$5.00; amount given personally to cause, \$4.00; No. subscriptions taken for the Free Will Baptist, 9; No. miles traveled, 6,000; address, 4 1-2 Trotter Place, West Asheville, N. C.

GENTRY, REV. HERMAN: Took one church as pastor for the latter part of last year for 4 months, Lows Chapel at Newport, Tenn.; received for pastoral work and revival work at that church, \$87.00; added to church, 9; received for revival work other places, \$83.10; conversions, 42; baptized, 15; miles traveled, 700; total received, \$170.10; address, Route 4, Asheville.

GUTHRIE, REV. B. E.: No. churches pastored, 2; No. sermons preached, 38; No. homes visited, 37; No. sick visits made, 21; No. homes prayed in, 14; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 1; No. funerals conducted, 6; No. Sunday School classes taught, 10; amount received for pastoral services, \$201.91; amount received for all other services, \$14.45; total amount received during year, \$216.36; amount given personally to cause \$7.00; No. miles traveled, 1,238; expenses, \$34.60; conducted 10 prayer meetings; address, Walnut, N. C.

HOWELL, REV. W. L.: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 4; conversions, 75; No. sermons preached, 185; No. members received, 24; No. baptized, 30; No. homes visited, 50; No. sick visits made, 40; No. homes prayed in, 35; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 8; No. marriage ceremonies performed, 2; No. funerals conducted, 6; No. Sunday School classes taught, 13; amount received for pastoral services, \$125.00; amount received for revival services, \$25.00; amount received for all other services, \$15.00; total amount received during year, \$145.00; total amount raised for cause, \$5.30; amount given personally to cause, \$17.00; No. miles traveled, 4,000; expenses, \$2.85; prayer meetings conducted, 35; address, 107 Hazel Road.

KENT, REV. C. A.: Pastored 1 church; sermons, 62; special lectures, 9; revivals, 2; conversions, 27; homes visited, 31; homes prayed in, 9; received for pastoral work, \$5.90; amount received for other work, \$30.15; given personally to cause, \$10.24; address, 378 Broadway, Asheville, N. C.

KING, REV. ELMER W.: No. revivals conducted, 1; conversions, 17; No. sermons preached, 15; No. homes visited, 10; No. sick visits made, 8; No. homes prayed in, 45; No. Sunday School classes taught, 4; amount given personally to cause, \$5.00; No. miles traveled, 500; expenses, \$10.00; address, Swannanoa, N. C.

LOWERY, REV. A. B.; No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 4; conversions, 50; No. sermons preached, 135; No. members received, 16; No. baptized, 8; No. funerals conducted, 5; amount received for pastoral services, \$1,115.00; amount received for revival services, \$175.00; total amount received during year, 1,290.00; address, Black Mountain, N. C.

MOORE, REV. B. B. No. of sermons preached, 2; No. homes visited, 15; No. sick visits made, 6; No. homes prayed in, 3; amount given personally to cause, \$5.00; expenses \$3.00; was out of the work this year due to illness; address, Tampa, Fla.

McKINNEY, REV. GURNIE: No. churches pastored, 1; conversions, 1; No. sermons preached, 52; No. Sunday School classes taught, 2; amount received for pastoral services, \$65.68; amount received for all other services, \$7.00; total amount received during year, \$72.68; amount given personally to cause, \$15.00; No. miles traveled, \$1,300; expenses, \$28.50; one prayer meeting conducted; address, Swannanoa, N. C.

MUMPOWER, REV. RALPH C.: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 5; conversions, 49; No. sermons preached, 89; No. baptized, 8; No. homes visited, 32; No. sick visits made, 25; No. homes prayed in, 20; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 1; No. funerals conducted, 4; No. Sunday School classes taught, 1; amount received for pastoral services, \$115.41; amount received for revival services, \$54.75; amount received for all other services, \$58.15; total amount received during year, \$238.31; amount given personally to cause, \$43.00; No. subscriptions taken for the Free Will Baptist, 2; No. miles traveled, 900; expenses, \$15.00; organized East Black Mountain Free Will Baptist church; address, Swannanoa, N. C.

MARTIN, REV. J. A.: Sermons preached, 98; professions witnessed, 160; funerals conducted, 17; homes visited and prayed in, 137; exhortations, 25; Sunday School classes taught, 20; dedicated one church; Newport, Tenn.; miles traveled, 5,350; held and helped hold 7 revivals; pastored 2 churches, Laurel Fork and Whitney, S. C.; received from Laurel Fork, \$40.00; received from Whitney, S. C., \$219.50; received from local and revival work, \$237.40; total received for the year, \$496.90; expenses paid out, about \$50; address, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.

MORETZ, WILLET L.: No. churches pastored, 3; No. revivals conducted, 4; conversions, 57; No. sermons preached, 142; No. members received, 76; No. baptized, 38; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 7; No. marriage ceremonies performed, 1; No. funerals conducted, 1; amount received for pastoral services, \$720.00; amount received for revival services, \$240.00; amount received for all other services, \$84.00; total amount received during year, \$1,050.00; total amount raised for cause, \$523.00; amount given personally to cause, \$100.05; No. subscriptions taken for the Free Will Baptist, 86; No. miles traveled, 18,536; expenses, \$276.00; address, Swannanoa, N. C.

QUEEN, REV. W. L.: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 4; conversions, 33; No. sermons preached, 56; No. members received, 20; No. baptized, 8; No. homes visited, 17; No. sick visits made, 3; No. homes prayed in, 16; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 6; No. funerals conducted, 5; No. Sunday School classes taught, 4; amount received for pastoral services, \$21.62; amount received for all other services, \$6.25; total amount received during year, \$27.87; total amount raised for the cause \$341.23; amount given personally to the cause, \$25.00; address, Hazelwood, N. C.

REWSE, REV. R. H.: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 1; conversions, 35; No. sermons preached, 64; No. members received, 2; No. baptized, 1; No. homes visited, 20; No. homes prayed in, 16; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 20; amount received for pastoral services, \$33.15; amount received for all other services, \$1.75; total amount received during year, \$34.90; total amount raised for cause, \$21.00; amount given personally to cause \$4.00; No. miles traveled, 2,000; expenses, \$44.65; address, 612 Merrimon Ave., Asheville, N. C.

ROBERTS, REV. M. D.: No. churches pastored, 1; No. sermons preached, 25; No. members received, 1; No. homes visited, 15; No. sick visits made, 10; No. homes prayed in, 5; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 5; No. funerals conducted, 1; amount received for pastoral services, \$5.00; amount received for all other services, \$3.00; total amount received during year, \$8.00; No. miles traveled, 200; address, Weaverville, N. C.

RICE, REV. MALLEY: No. revivals conducted, 2; conversions, 6; No. sermons preached, 20; No. homes visited, 63; No. homes prayed in, 15; No. funerals conducted, 3; No. Sunday School classes taught, 16; total amount received during year, \$11.40; No. miles traveled, 540; prayer meetings held, 8; Sunday School talks, 4; address, Route 3, Marshall, N. C.

SLUDER, REV. ERVIN: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals conducted, 6; conversions, 137; No. sermons preached, 85; No. members received, 6; No. baptized, 5; No. funerals conducted, 7; amount received for pastoral services, \$131.38; amount received for revival services, \$149.40; total amount received during year, \$280.88; amount given personally to cause, \$35.00; address, Leicester, N. C.

VAUGHN, REV. H. L.: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals held, 2; conversions, 51; No. sermons preached, 87; No. members received, 24; No. baptized, 28; No. homes visited, 26; No. sick visits made, 12; No. homes prayed in, 16; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 6; No. Sunday School classes taught, 10; amount received for pastoral services, \$92.56; amount received for revival services, \$10.00; amount received for all other services, \$112.05; total amount received during the year, \$112.05; total amount raised for the cause \$517.72; amount given personally to the cause, \$74.00; No. miles traveled, 3,000; prayer meetings, 15; money given to other causes, \$47.00; address, 105 Hazelmill Rd., West Asheville, N. C.

WILSON, REV. WALTER: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 2; No. sermons preached, 7; No. baptized, 7; No. sick visits

made, 25; No. funerals conducted, 5; No. Sunday School classes taught, 18; amount received for pastoral services, \$6.00; amount received for revival services, \$14.00; total amount received during year, \$32.00; total amount raised for the cause, \$11.50; amount given personally to the cause, \$12.00; No. miles traveled, 300; address, Box 204, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.

WHEELER, REV. CLARENCE: Revivals held, 3; professions, 40; sermons, 50; prayer meetings conducted, 10; Bible classes taught, 8; homes prayed in, 18; sick visits made, 4; No. baptized, 4; miles traveled, 3000; amount received for work, \$60.00; expenses, \$40.00; address, Swannanoa.

WHEELER, REV. B. M.: Sermons preached, 268; professions, 290; organized one church; pastored 1 church; funerals conducted, 7; special lectures, 18; baptized, 27; address, Black Mountain, N. C.

WHEELER, REV. T. A.: Sermons preached, about 30; money received for the cause, \$35.00; revivals helped in, 3; professions witnessed, 27; address, Route 2, Canton, N. C.

### RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that this association be empowered to have jurisdiction over all churches in this body, and shall have the power to settle disputes that may come before it. Any church that may have a dispute that cannot be settled peacefully 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

### 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 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 licenses, 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 repu-

tation 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 accept the Free Will Baptist articles of faith, we give ourselves to each other by the help of God. 2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe, rebuke and admonish those 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 faith 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 to the Gospel and contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those who are afflicted and needy, and especially 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. 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. The 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 minister and some of the most able members belonging to the church.

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

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

5. This Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all sufficient Savior, having salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel which is freely offered to all.

6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations 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 the committees may be

adopted by the body.

8. Any church can become a member of the Association by making application by letter or by delegates and adopting our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

9. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegate.

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

#### *RULES OF DECORUM*

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

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

3. Every member speaking shall first rise and address the moderator.

4. No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### *ARTICLES OF FAITH*

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

3. **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 the fruit thereof and did eat and gave to her husband with her and he did eat."—Gen. 3:6.

4. **FREE GRACE:**—We believe the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and 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; for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing, for Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented or 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 ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He hath shewed 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. **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 and turn again to sin and finally be lost. "And Jesus said unto him: 'No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God.'"—Luke 9:62.

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

10. **CHRISTIAN BAPTISM:**—We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death that like Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father even so we should walk in the newness of life."—Rom. 6:4.

11. **THE LORD'S SUPPER:**—We believe the supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation unto himself not discerning the Lord's body."—1 Cor. 11:28-29.

12. **FEET WASHING:**—We believe that washing the saint's feet was a command of our Savior and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all our churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of our 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 by the Gospel."—1 Cor. 9:14.



