

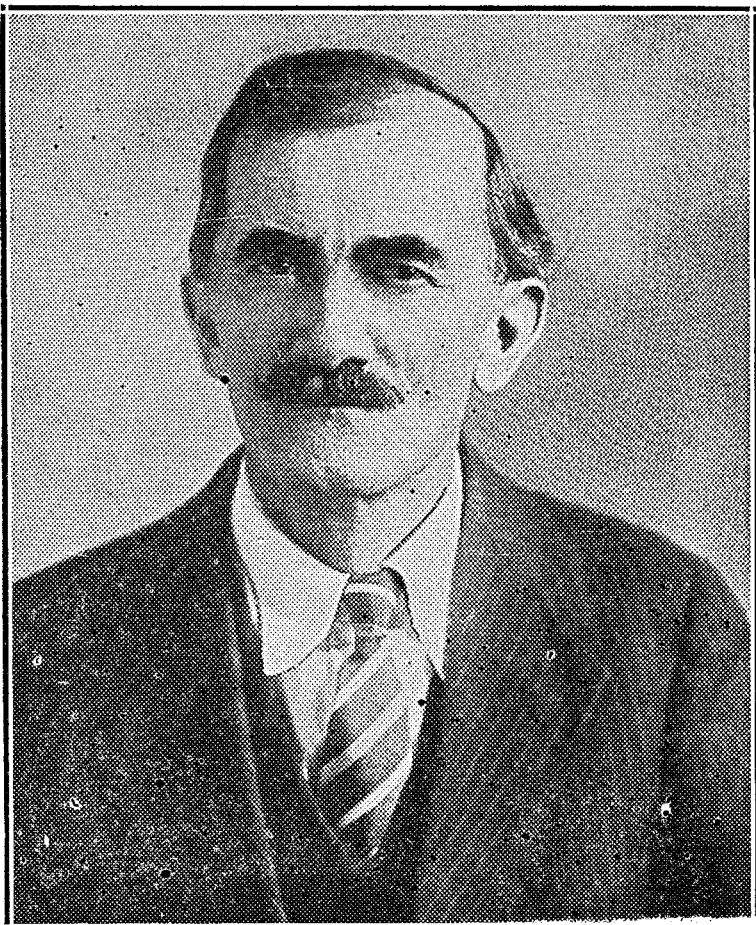
MINUTES
of the
Sixty-Fifth
Annual Session
of the
French Broad Association
of
Free Will Baptists

Held With Marshall Church
Marshall, N. C.
August 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1943



The next session of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the East Black Mountain Free Will Baptist Church at Black Mountain, in Buncombe County, beginning Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1944. Rev. Ervin Sluder will preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 A. M.





REV. J. A. MARTIN

Rev. J. A. Martin has been voted a field evangelist by the various churches of this association, each church to contribute to his salary and expenses. He has been released from duties as a pastor of any church.

PROCEEDINGS

Commencing Thursday, August 19th, 1943, at 10 o'clock, a. m., opening song was "Draw Me Nearer". Prayer by Rev. Ervin Sluder.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. B. E. Guthrie was elected moderator and the Rev. J. B. Brigman, clerk. Visiting brothers welcomed: Rev. Johnnie Franks, from Whitney, S. C.; Rev. C. Y. Elkins, from Candler, N. C.; Rev. J. A. Corn, from Asheville, N. C.; and Rev. Jesse Corn, of Marshall, Route 2.

ELECTION OF READING CLERKS

Rev. Ralph Mumpower and Mrs. Robert Reece.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

DRY BRANCH: Jonah Fisher, Will Fisher and Mrs. Clay Payne.

RAY'S CHAPEL: Mrs. Sue Ray, Mrs. J. A. Edmonds and Jessie Rice.

SHOAL HILL: Ruth Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Payne, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Brown.

LAUREL FORK: Jeanette Ball, Wade Ponder, Mrs. Vance Conner, T. J. Anders, Walter Ball and Mrs. Pearl Adams.

UNION CHAPEL: W. A. Ward, J. W. Fortner and F. E. Courtney.

MARSHALL: J. E. Faulkner, F. E. Bowman, Jerry Ramsey, Mrs. Arthur Crowe, Mrs. Plato Worley and Cora Banks.

SWANNANOVA: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Mrs. Ralph Mumpower, and Mrs. J. M. Watkins.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Otis Sluder, Roland Sluder, Mrs. Harriet Sluder, Mrs. T. A. Tipton, Herman Rogers and Coy Parham.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: J. A. Crowe, Hazel Green, Dewey Jackson, Jr., Lenten Summie, Jr., and Troy Mathes.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Joe Randall, Mrs. Roy Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Bynum Lance, Mrs. Mollie Harding and Mrs. Fred Ellis.

MT. BETHEL: Mrs. Troy McCurray, Mrs. Hubert Rice, Mrs. Melba Waldrop and Alfred Reece.

RED HILL: Shuford Smith, Fred Rigsby, Tennie Ramsey and Robert Ramsey.

CEDAR HILL: Mrs. Edna Ballard, Mrs. Terrie Wilson and Mrs. Fred Dover.

BARNARDSVILLE: Mrs. Ballard, Pearl Munday, D. H. Harris, Mr. Compton and Dosisa Hagan.

SHADY GROVE: Jackie Bullman, Jonah Bullman and B. F. Chandler.

HYATT'S CREEK: Fred Early and Rev. W. L. Queen.

UNION VALLEY: J. R. Swann, D. L. Ballard, A. L. Hyatt and Rev. Pearson Bradley.

EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: R. C. Mumpower.

MT. ZION: Mrs. Robert Reece, Johnnie Revis, Mrs. Edna Revis, Mrs. Anna Collins and Mrs. Mae Buckner.

WALNUT: Rev. and Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, Mrs. A. S. Reeves and Mr. A. S. Reeves.

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Mack Fender and Cas Fender.

ASHEVILLE: Rev. Clyde Reece and Mrs. Kelly Metcalf.

EVERY'S CREEK: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sitton, Mrs. A. L. Satterfield, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lisenbee, Floyd Metcalf and Miss Clyde Pinner.

ANDERSON BRANCH: Texie Ball, Beverly Freeman, Moody Davis and Arnold Roberts.

PAINT FORK: Luke Harwood, Verilee Harwood, Call White and H. W. Munday.

Met again at 11 o'clock, Prayer by Rev. A. B. Lowery. Sermon by Rev. Ralph C. Mumpower, his scripture being the 12th chapter of Hebrews. Prayer by Bro. A. L. Wilson. A real good sermon by the speaker. His subject was taken from the first verse of the chapter he read. Song, "I Am

Bound For The Promised Land". Closed with christian handshake.

Met Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Opening song, "In The Glory Land Way." Rev. W. L. Queen read the 133rd Psalm and prayed.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

ARRANGEMENTS: Pastor and delegates of Marshall church.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. J. A. Martin, Rev. R. C. Mumpower and A. L. Wilson.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Mrs. Arthur Sitton, Mrs. Wayne Lisenbee and Mrs. R. C. Mumpower.

LADIES AID: Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Mrs. R. C. Mumpower and Mrs. B. E. Guthrie.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Joe Randall, Jerry Ramsey and A. W. Munday.

HOME MISSIONS: Mrs. Watkins, Rev. Ervin Sluder and A. L. Wilson.

PASTOR'S SUPPORT: Mrs. Robert Reece, Mrs. A. L. Wilson and Miss Frances Radford.

EDUCATION: R. C. Mumpower, J. B. Brigman and Miss Frances Radford.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE: Herman Gentry, Ervin Sluder and Ellie Crowe.

PERIODICALS: Rev. Mr. Sutton, Jerry Ramsey and Rev. Pearson Bradley.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: A standing committee, W. A. Treadway and B. M. Wheeler.

OLD MINISTERS' BOARD: A standing committee, J. B. McDevitt, A. S. Reeves, Clinton Hawkins, Jeter Ramsey and Jerry Ramsey.

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

FOREIGN MISSIONS: A. B. Lowery, Joe Randall and Jerry Ramsey.

OBITUARIES: Mrs. Alice Bryan, Mrs. Ronald Fisher and Mrs. Robert Reece.

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. J. A. Martin and B. E. Guthrie, standing committee.

FINANCE: Rev. Ralph Mumpower, Rev. Ervin Sluder.

ORPHANAGE: Rev. Lindsey Howell, J. B. Brigman and Plato Worley.

SESSIONS: First delegate from each church.

Benediction by Bro. A. L. Wilson.

Met at 7:45 o'clock Thursday night. Opening song, "I've Found A Friend In Jesus". Prayer by Rev. J. B. Brigman. Sermon by Rev. A. B. Lowery. Lesson read, 5th chapter of Revelations. A wonderful sermon was heard.

At the Thursday night service the concert class from the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., presented a very impressive program of songs and recitations, after which an offering was made for them amounting to \$100.00

Several songs were beautifully rendered by the Townsend family from High Point. Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE

Met again at 9 o'clock. Opening song, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder". Had a few moments of silent prayer. Report of churches.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE: Minute Fund	-----	\$74.05
Voted to pay clerk	-----	10.00
Voted to pay historian	-----	5.00
Balance for Minutes	-----	59.05
OLD MINISTERS REPORT: Balance on savings account		
August 18, 1943	-----	\$384.27
Deposits	-----	49.01
Interest	-----	9.16
TOTAL	-----	\$442.44
Paid on Rev. Mallie Rice's hospital bill	-----	25.00
Total amount left	-----	\$417.44

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TEMPERANCE: We your committee on Temperance submit the following: That we go on record as being against the manufacturing and sale of intoxicating beverages, or the use thereof. And that we also go on record against intemperance in any form and that we closely observe the example and commandment of our Lord, that we let our light shine before men and keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Rev. J. A. Martin, Rev. R. C. Mumpower, Bro. A. L. Wilson

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Since it is a positive fact that the young girls and boys of today are the future of tomorrow, they should fully surrender their lives to the Lord at an early age, that their work may not be in vain. Apostle Paul says, "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" Christ commanded "Whosoever will, let him deny himself and tak up his cross and follow Me". We urge the parents and older people of today to stand by to encourage and help them in every way possible, since there is a promise to those who "train up a child in the way he should go", and a reward to those who labor in the Lord to life's journey's end.

Mrs. Arthur Sitton, Mrs. Wayne Lisenbee, Mrs. Mumpower.

LADIES AID: The Ladies Aid, as an auxiliary of the church, may be helpful in many ways, relieving the pastor and church of some of their obligations, namely, contacting by personal work those who stand in need of financial help, visiting the sick which our Lord commanded. Also bringing to the attention of the church various duties outside of the church. We are aware of the fact that the majority of our Ladies Aid memberships are small, consequently their offering is small. Therefore we recommend that our churches support our auxiliaries financially, that they in turn may carry out their work assigned to their hand.

Mrs. R. C. Mumpower, Mrs. A. L. Wilson and Mrs. B. E. Guthrie

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: We, the committee on Sunday Schools, realize the training of the mind is of the most 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 we suggest each teacher open class with prayer and that each teacher encourage the class to stay for church services.

J. M. Randall, Jerry Ramsey, A. W. Munday.

HOME MISSIONS: We, your committee on Home Missions, believe that the proverbial saying "Charity begins at home", is very true. We do not mean that foreign mission work or our contributions to the work be neglected, but we do feel that home mission work, especially personal work, has been handicapped by the lack of financial aid. The christian life is a life of service. Christ said, "Whosoever hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"—1 John 3:17.

Mrs. Watkins, Rev. Ervin Sluder, A. L. Wilson.

PASTOR'S SUPPORT: We, your committee on Pastor's Support, believe it is our duty to support our pastors and uphold them in our prayers. If the members of our churches would give the tenth of their income, our pastors could live on a financial equality with his church, and would have time to study and visit homes and other general duties of a pastor. We therefore urge our pastors to encourage tithing among our churches. For God hath ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel. 1st Cor. 9.

Mrs. R. H. Reese, Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Miss Frances Radford.

REPORT ON EDUCATION: We, your committee on education, feel deeply the need of a real Christian influence in our schools. If we, as a people, embrace all that is to be found in our present educational system,

we must embrace much that is contrary to the word of God. For in our schools, as in our churches, many deceivers have crept in, who have no love for the truth. It is our indispensable christian duty to observe closely the effect that education has upon our youth, and when we find it a good influence, strengthen it with every available means; when the effect is evil, fight it with every available means.

We recommend that every christian parent visit the schools as often as possible to observe how we may improve our influence upon the schools. If our young people grow up with no knowledge of the reality of God, and if they accept the fashion of scepticism toward all that is spiritual and really good, we shall be largely to blame because we have failed in our duty to instruct them in the ways of truth.

We recommend also that the ministers consider themselves a special committee to investigate our educational system; that each minister visit often those schools closest to him that we may gain a greater influence over the students and that we may know better how to support the truth when it is taught and to combat the evil that may be found.

We further recommend that parents instruct their children prayerfully at home, and that we all, as instruments of God, "study to show ourselves approved unto Him, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Miss Frances Radford, Rev. R. C. Mumpower, Rev. J. B. Brigman.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Spirituality is the life and power of the religion of Jesus Christ. The vocation of religion is devoted 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 annointed 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 remembrance and guides us into all truth.

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

FRIDAY MORNING, 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Met at 11 o'clock. More wonderful music by the Townsend family and a fine sermon was delivered by Rev. Sister Frances Radford. Her subject was "That Woman Jezebel". Rev. J. A. Martin sang a song, then the Townsend family sang and played "There'll Be No Disappointments In Heaven". Closed with great rejoicing. Benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Ladies Aid met at 1:30 for an hour.

Pledges for old ministers support: Archillee Roberts, \$1.00 pd.; H. H. McFall, \$2.00 pd.; J. E. Roberts, \$1.00 pd.; Rev. Tom Anders, \$1.00 pd.; C. E. Cody, \$1.00 pd.; Nea Roberts, 25c pd.; J. A. Crowe, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. J. M. Watkins, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. Stack Reeves, \$1.00 pd.; Ellie Crowe, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, \$1.00, pd.; Mrs. M'nie Radford, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. Edna Ballard, \$1.00 pd.; A. L. Wilson, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. Ethel McKinney, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. Hubert Rice, \$1.00, pd.; Rev. Ervin Slu-\$2.00 pd.; Rev. J. B. Brigman, \$1.00 pd.; Rev. Malley Rice, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. Howard Payne, \$1.00 pd.; Rev. Loyd Chandler, \$1.00; J. C. White, \$1.00; Rev. Pearson Bradley, \$1.00; C. Y. Elkins, \$2.00 Rev. Robert Reece, \$1.00; Mrs. Robert Reece, \$1.00; Rev. Herman Gentry, \$1.00; Rev. Charles Hollifield, \$1.00; Mt. Bethel church, \$5.00; Avery's Creek church, \$5.00; Ray's Chapel, \$5.00; Mrs. Nea Roberts, \$1.00; Swannanoa church, \$10.00; Barnardsville church, \$5.00; Hazel Green church, \$5.00; Union Valley church, \$5.00; Laurel Fork church, \$5.00; Hyatt's Creek church, \$5.00; Red Hill church, \$5.00; Mountain View church, \$5.00; Marshall church, \$5.00; Paint Fork church, \$5.00; Shoal Hill church, \$5.00; Ladies Aid of Walnut church, \$5.00; Mt. Zion church, \$5.00; East Black Mountain church, \$5.00; Ladies Aid of Swannanoa church, \$5.00; Walnut church, \$5.00; Lat Cody, \$1.00, pd.

OBITUARIES

HOMER'S CHAPEL: Mrs. Nancy Walker, 78 years of age, passed away last February. She was the only Charter member of Homer's Chapel church. She joined the church when she was young and was a lifelong member. She was loved by all who knew her. She finished her work down here and is gone on to live with Jesus where we expect to meet her some day. She left many friends to mourn her loss, but our loss is heaven's gain, for she is resting from her labor and her works shall live on.

MT. VIEW: Mrs. Frank Wright was called to her reward at the age of 39. She was a devoted member of the church for nearly 20 years. She wasn't able to attend church regularly because of ill health. She was patient through all her sickness and left the testimony that she was ready to go. She leaves a husband, mother and father, 7 brothers and 2 sisters, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

MT. VIEW: J. Matty Sluder departed this life July 9, 1943, at the age of 71. He had been a devoted member of our church for over forty years and was one of the oldest deacons. He was faithful to his church and attended services as long as he was able. He leaves many relatives and friends to mourn his loss, but we feel our loss is his eternal gain.

RED HILL: Sister Etta Smith departed this life May 24, 1943. A devoted christian mother, she always met us with a smile, but she is far happier now than when here with us. We miss her very much. She had been a member of Red Hill church since 1885. She was a blessing to all who knew her. Her work on earth is done and God called her home.

Written by her friend, MRS. J. B. McDEVITT

UNION VALLEY: Mr. D. A. Ballard, age 82, of Weaverville, N. C., Route 1, moved to glory land some few weeks ago. He left his dear wife and 7 children, and many, many friends lonely without him. He was not a member of our church but was present there when able to attend. He was a child of God. Each day his light did shine along the way. He helped in time of need and journeyed on with rapid speed. He visited the sick, the poor and weak and words of kindness he did speak. Farewell dear friend, we will meet you in the morning.

Written by a friend, ESTA L. HYATT

BARNARDSVILLE: Rev. James Marion Burleson, a member of the Free Will Baptist church for fifteen years, died July 16, 1943. He leaves a wife and some children to mourn his loss, but our loss is his eternal gain.

DOCIA HOGAN

HAZEL GREEN: Mrs. Zelma Jones Williams departed from this life April 3, 1943. She had been a member of Hazel Green church all her life and held the office of clerk of the church for several years. She left behind her husband and several small children. We pray that the Lord will be with them and may He bless them and comfort their heart.

Clerk of Hazel Green Church, MRS. DEWEY JACKSON

HAZEL GREEN: In remembrance of one of our church officers and members who departed this life January 1, 1943, and left a host of friends who will remember him always as their brother in Christ, we, the church of Hazel Green, send this in memory of Bro. J. H. Bradburn.

Clerk of Hazel Green Church, MRS. DEWEY JACKSON

LADIES AID REPORTS

SWANNANOVA: We meet every two weeks, study year book and Bible. We have 10 active members. Money taken in, \$285.27; money paid out for mission orphanage (chest of drawers for the boys' dormitory), and literature, \$259.67; flowers given, 85; sick visits made, 277; trays, 21; money given, 39; cloths, 7; Bibles, 43; cards, 46; cottage p. m., 12; soul winning efforts, 29; Mrs. J. M. Watkins, president; Mrs. C. L. McMahan, secretary; and Mrs. A. J. Earwood, treasurer.

WALNUT: Meets every two weeks; active members, 9; since our last association we have taken in \$57.83; in the last year we have sent to the orphanage \$40.00 to clothe one child and \$7 as an extra donation; paid out to other causes, \$50.83; Mrs. Lottie Reeves, president; Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, secretary and treasurer.

LADIES AID CONVENTION: Meeting convened at 1 o'clock, August 20, 1943. Mrs. Edna Ballard was elected president; Mrs. J. B. Brigman, secretary; Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, treasurer; field workers elected, Swannanoa, Mrs. W. L. Moretz, Mrs. Ralph Mumpower, Walnut, Mrs. Dockery. Reports were read, collection was taken and received \$6.86. 75c was taken out to order manuals, leaving in treasury \$5.11.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: President, Mrs. Pansey Munday; address, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Myrtle Crowe; address, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. of members, 11; meets every other week; money taken in, \$16.00; Money paid out, \$10.00; paid out to orphanage.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: (One-half year), President, Mrs. Alva S. Ellis; address, Route 2, Candler, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Fred Ellis; address, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; No. members, 63; gained this year, 12; meets every Wednesday; money taken in, \$48.02; money paid out, \$47.80; paid out to Missionary and orphanage.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Rev. Bayless McDonald, president; address, Biltmore, N. C.; Miss Katherine Cox, secretary; address, Haw Creek, N. C., Route 2; No. members, 25; No. groups, 1; meets every Sunday; we take weekly offering; kind of literature used, F. W. B.

CEDAR HILL: Mrs. Edna Ballard, president; address, Route 3, Asheville, N. C.; No. members, 25; No. groups, 1; meets every Sunday; kind of literature used, F. W. B.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: Mrs. Crowder, president; address, Black Mountain, N. C.; Frances Munday, secretary; address, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. members, 20; No. groups, 2; meets every Sunday; we take weekly offering; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; we have Junior League; leader, Mrs. Crowder.

SWANNANOA: Josephine Mumpower, president; address, Swannanoa, N. C.; Jean McMahon, secretary; address, Swannanoa, N. C.; No. members, 10; No. groups, 1; meets every week; we take weekly offering; kind of literature used, F. W. B.

AVERY'S CREEK: Mr. Floyd Metcalf, president; address, Arden, N. C.; Mrs. Clyde Pinner, secretary; address, Arden, N. C.; No. members, 30; No. groups, 2; meets every Sunday; we take weekly offering; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; we have Junior League; leader, Mrs. Ruby Metcalf; address, Arden, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

PAINT FORK: Supt. T. R. Munday; address, Barnardsville, N. C.; Secretary, Lois Hale; address, Barnardsville, N. C.; No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 50; No. of teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$8.00.

HAZEL GREEN: Supt. Mr. H. Spivy; address, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Dirvel Summie; address, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; No. of classes, 3; No. of pupils, 42; No. of teachers, 3; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$54.39.

MT. BETHEL: Supt. W. T. McCurry; address, Weaverville, N. C.; Secretary, Melba Waldrop; address, Alexander, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 45; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$46.00.

CEDAR HILL: Supt. Mr. D. G. Gaddy; address, Route 3, Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Bettie Warren; address, Route 3, Asheville, N. C.; No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 80; No. teachers, 5; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$71.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Supt. Mr. Joe M. Randall; address, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Victor Murdock; address, 105 Carrier St., West Asheville; No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 78; No. teachers, 5; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$104.03.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: Supt. Artie Stone; address, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Frances Munday; address, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 71; No. teachers, 5; kind of literature used, Bible and F. W. B.; expenses, \$139.89.

RED HILL: Supt. Fred Rigsby; address, Route 3, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Inez Ramsey; address, Route 3, Marshall, N. C.; No. classes, 6; No. pupils, 75; No. teachers, 6; kind of literature used, Bible and F. W. B.; expenses, \$35.00.

DRY BRANCH: Supt. T. A. Woody; address, Route 3, Marshall; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 40; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, Union; expenses, \$-----.

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Supt. Frank Fender; address, Flag Pond, Tenn.; Secretary, Mabel Farmer; address, Flag Pond, Tenn.; No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 50; No. teachers, 5; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$20.

ASHEVILLE: Supt. Carl L. Dockery; address, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Miss Evelyn Vaughn; address, Hazel Mill Road, Asheville, N. C.; No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 56; No. teachers, 5; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$69.44.

EVERY'S CREEK: Supt. Mr. Floyd Metcalf; address, Arden, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Frank Chatham; address, Arden, N. C.; No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 40; No. teachers, 5; kind of literature, F. W. B.; expenses, \$78.86.

ANDERSON BRANCH: Supt. Mr. Arnold Roberts; address, Barnard, N. C.; Secretary, Tex'e Ball; address, Barnard, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 26; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses, \$2.68.

WALNUT: Supt. Lina Stines; address, Walnut, N. C.; Secretary, Edna Mae Crane; address, Walnut, N. C.; No. classes, 6; No. pupils, ---; No. teachers, 6; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$48.

MT. ZION: Supt. Johnnie Revis; address, Route 2, Alexander, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Ensley; address, Route 2, Alexander, N. C.; No. classes, 3; No. pupils, 23; No. teachers, 3; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$11.61.

HYATT'S CREEK: Supt. W. L. Queen; address, Hazelwood, N. C.; Secretary, Doris Paremores; address, Hazelwood, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 50; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$30.14.

CHARITY: Supt. John Anders; address, Barnardsville, N. C.; Secretary, Mary Jo Harris; address, Barnardsville, N. C.; No. classes, 3; No. pupils, 35; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$4.85.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Supt. Vernon Radcliff; address, Alexander, N. C.; Secretary, Margaret Sluder; address, Leicester, N. C.; No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 70; No. teachers, 5; kind of literature used, Cook's; expenses, \$72.00.

SWANNANOVA: Supt. Emory Whitaker; address, Swannanoa, N. C.; Secretary, Lena Briggs; address, Swannanoa, N. C.; No. classes, 7; No. pupils, 212; No. teachers, 7; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$215.58.

MARSHALL: Supt. F. E. Bowman; address, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Blanche Worley; address, Marshall; No. classes, 7; No. pupils, 85; No. teachers, 7; kind of literature used, Union; expenses, \$170.62.

UNION CHAPEL: Supt. W. A. Ward; address, Weaverville, N. C.; Secretary, Dorca Hunter; address, Weaverville, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 35; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, David C. Cook; expenses, \$-----.

LAUREL FORK: Supt. T. J. Anders; address, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Miss Joyce Adams; address, Marshall, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 45; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, Union; expenses, \$25.

RAY'S CHAPEL: Supt. Mr. Jessie Rice; address, Weaverville, N. C.; Secretary, Miss Mary Edmonds; address, Weaverville, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 40; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$38.72.

SHOAL HILL: Supt. R. B. Tweed; address, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Etta M. Payne; address, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 35; No. teachers, 4; kind of literature used, Bible and F. W. B.; expenses, \$18.00.

CHURCH LETTERS

PAINT FORK: Increase during year, 15; by experience and baptism, 15; total increase during year, 15; present membership, 103; last year's membership, 88; pastor, Rev. Ervin Sluder; address, Leicester, N. C.; clerk, D. A. Munday; address, Barnardsville, N. C.; we have preaching 2nd Sundays; revivals held, 1; held by Herman Gentry; paid for revival, \$35.68; pastor's salary, 36.55; minute fund, \$1.80; value church property, \$700.

HAZEL GREEN: Increase during year, 34; by experience and baptism, 4; by letter and statement, 3; total increase this year, 34; present membership, 92; decrease during year, 4; by letter 2; by death, 2; last year's membership, 58; ordained minister who holds membership with us is W. O. Adcock; licensed minister who holds membership with us is Rufus A. Burrell; pastor, John A. Roberts; address, 215 Westwood Place, West Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Dewey M. Jackson; address, 196 Westwood Place, West Asheville, N. C.; we have preaching every Sunday; No. revivals held, 2; held by Rev. John A. Roberts, pastor; given to orphanage, \$15.00; other purposes, \$37.70; minute fund, \$3.10; value of church, \$1000.

MT. BETHEL: Increase during year, 4; by experience and baptism, 3; by letter and statement, 1; total increase this year, 4; present membership, 94; last year's membership, 90; pastor, Rev. Mr. Fowler; address, Route 1, Candler, N. C.; clerk, I. M. Recce; address, Route 1, Alexander, N. C. we have preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by, Rev. Mr. Fallor; pastor's salary, \$426; home missions, \$40.00; orphanage, \$15.00; minute fund, \$3.00; value of church property, \$2,600.

RED HILL: Increase during year, 3; by experience and baptism, 3; present membership, 245; decrease during the year, 3; by death, 1; pastor Rev. Ervin Sluder; address, Leicester, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. J. B. McDevitt; address, Marshall, N. C.; we have preaching 1st Sunday; No. revivals held, 2; held by Rev. Ervin Sluder, Rev. Rome Woodson, Rev. Mr. Emery; amount received for revivals, \$101.98; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. J. L. Ledford, Rev. Mallie Rice; pastor's salary, \$144.40; home missions, \$35.50; orphanage, \$101.64; other purposes, \$20.85; minute fund, \$4.00; value of church property, \$100.

DRY BRANCH: Increase during the year, 1; total increase this year, 1; present membership, 50; last year's membership, 49; pastor, Rev. B. E. Guthrie; address, Walnut, N. C.; clerk, T. A. Woody; address, Route 3, Marshall; we have preaching 1st Sunday; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. B. E. Guthrie and Rev. Sam Chandler; pastor's salary, \$56.50; home missions, \$7.77; minute fund, \$1.00; value of church property, \$500.

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Increase during year, 6; by experience and baptism, 2; by letter and statement, 4; total increase during year, 6; present membership, 134; decrease during year 1; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 1; last year's membership, 128; pastor, Rev. Grady Fender; address, Nebo, N. C.; clerk, Claude Proffitt; address, Flag Pond, Tenn. Route 1; we have preaching 2nd Sunday; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. Grady Fender and Rev. Dan Walker; pastor's salary, \$155.67; minute fund, \$2.00; value of church property, \$2500.

ASHEVILLE: Increase during year, 15; by experience and baptism, 13; by letter and statement, 2; total increase this year 19; present membership, 134; last year's membership, 119; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. W. L. Howell, Rev. H. L. Vaughn, Rev. A. L. Davis, Rev. J. W. Banks, Rev. Cecil Kent; pastors, Rev. W. L. Howell, Hazel Mill Road, West Asheville, N. C., and Rev. H. L. Vaughn, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Carl L. Dockery; address, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.; we have preaching every Sunday; No. revivals, 2; held by Rev. W. L. Howell and Rev. H. L. Vaughn; pastors' salary, \$361.28; home missions, \$20.00; orphanage, \$113.00; other purposes, \$582.56; minute fund, \$3.00.

ANDERSON BRANCH: Present membership, 47; decrease during the year, 1; by erasure; last year's membership, 46; pastor, Rev. Walter Wilson; address, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.; clerk, Beverly Freeman; address, Barnard, N. C.; we have preaching 4th Sunday; pastor's salary, \$9.00;

home missions, 47c; minute fund, \$1.50; value of church property, \$1000.

MT. ZION: Increase during year, 15; by experience and baptism, 15; total increase this year, 15; present membership, 122; decrease during year, 1; by letter, 1; last year's membership, 108; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. J. A. Collins and Rev. R. H. Reese; pastor, Rev. Sam Chandler; address, Walnut, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. R. H. Reese, address, 621 Merrimon, Ave, Asheville, N. C.; we have preaching 2nd Sundays; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. Sam Chandler and Rev. Jack Davis; pastor's salary, \$41.90; home missions, \$20.00; minute fund, \$2.85; value of church property, \$1,500.

UNION VALLEY: present membership, 90; decrease during year, 1; by letter, 1; total decrease this year, 1; last year's membership, 91; ordained minister who holds membership with us is Rev. Pearson Bradley; pastor, Rev. B. E. Guthrie; address, Walnut, N. C.; clerk, Esta L. Hyatt; address, Weaverville, N. C.; we have preaching 2nd and 4th Sundays; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. K. B. Johnson; pastor's salary, \$134.60; home missions, \$15.26; minute fund, 2.25; value of church property, \$500.00.

EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN; present membership, 19; decrease during year, 2; by letter, 2; total decrease this year, 2; last year's membership, 21; pastor, Rev. R. C. Mumpower; address, Swannanoa, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Coraie Bartlett; address, Black Mountain, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$72.30; orphanage, \$5.00; minute fund, \$2.00; value of church property, \$2000.00; value of other property, \$200.00

HYATT'S CREEK: Increase during year, 4; by experience and baptism, 3; by restoration, 1; total increase this year, 1; present membership, 37; decrease during year, 5; by expulsion and erasure, 4; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 5; last year's membership, 38; ordained minister who holds membership with us, Rev. W. L. Queen; pastor, Rev. J. H. Cochran; address, Alarka, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. W. L. Queen; address, Hazelwood, N. C.; we have preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. J. H. Cochran, Rev. Roy Greer and Rev. W. L. Queen; pastor's salary, \$60.45; orphanage, \$3.65; other purposes, \$67.51; minute fund, \$1.00; value of church property, \$1,000.

SHADY GROVE: Increase during year, 5; total increase during year, 5; decrease during year, 1; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 1; last year's membership, 39; ordained minister who holds membership with us is Rev. Scottie Bullman; pastor, Rev. Scottie Bullman; address, Walnut, N. C.; clerk, Lattie Barnett; address, Route 3, Marshall, N. C.; we have preaching 2nd Sundays; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. Sam Chandler; minute fund, \$1.25; value of church, \$700.00; present membership, 44.

CHARITY: Increase during year, 14; by experience and baptism, 5; by letter and statement, 3; total increase this year, 14; decrease during year, 1; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 1; last year's membership, 50; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. J. W. Banks, and Rev. Jim Compton; licensed minister who holds membership with us is Garson Burleson; pastor, Rev. J. W. Banks; address, 184 Montana Ave., West Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Roy Munday; address, Barnardsville, N. C.; we have preaching the 2nd Sunday; No. revivals, 2; held by Rev. J. W. Banks and Frances Radford; pastor's salary, \$42.00; home missions, \$36.50; orphanage, \$15; minute fund, \$3.30; value church property, \$2,000.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Present membership, 213; decrease during year, 3; by letter, 1; by death, 2; total decrease this year, 23; last year's membership, 216; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. J. A. Martin and Rev. Ervin Sluder; pastor, Rev. T. E. Woody; address, Windsor, N. C.; clerk, B. W. Sluder; address, Alexander, N. C.; we have preaching 4th Sundays; pastor's salary, \$167.60; home missions, \$25.00; orphanage, \$60; other purposes, \$55.00; minute fund, \$4.00; value of church property, \$5,000.00.

MARSHALL: Increase during year, 7; by experience and baptism, 2; by letter and statement, 5; total increase this year, 7; present membership, 159; decrease during year, 4; by erasure, 4; total decrease this year, 4; last

year's membership, 116; pastor, Rev. P. J. Sheehan; address, Caroleen, N. C.; clerk, J. E. Faulkner; address, Marshall, N. C.; we have preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. P. J. Sheehan and Rev. E. F. Sprinkle; pastor's salary, \$350.00; home missions, \$125.00; orphanage, \$100.00; other purposes \$59.72; minute fund \$5.00; value of church property, \$2,000.00.

UNION CHAPEL: Increase during year, 2; by experience and baptism, 1; by restoration, 1; total increase this year, 2; present membership, 71; last year's membership, 69; ordained minister who holds membership with us is, Rev. M. D. Roberts; pastor, Rev. S. Bullman; address, Walnut, N. C.; clerk, J. W. Waldroup; address, Weaverville, N. C.; we have preaching 2nd Sundays; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. S. Bullman, Rev. J. C. Bailey and Pearson Bradley; pastor's salary, \$32.60; minute fund, \$1.20; value of church property, \$800.

LAUREL FORK: Increase during year, 29; by experience and baptism, 12; by letter and statement, 7; total increase this year, 29; present membership, 78; last year's membership, 49; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. J. B. Brigman, Rev. Thomas Marler; licensed minister who holds membership with us is T. J. Anders; pastor, Rev. J. B. Brigman; address, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.; clerk, J. H. Naves; address, Route 1, Marshall; we have preaching 2nd Sundays; No. revivals held, 2; held by, Rev. J. B. Brigman; pastor's salary, \$161.63; other purposes, \$79.80; minute fund, \$3.30.

RAY'S CHAPEL: Present membership, 49; decrease during year, 5; by letter 5; total decrease this year, 5; last year's membership, 54; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are John Roberts, J. A. Edmonds, Grover Bailey; pastor, Rev. J. W. Banks; address, West Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Ray; address, Weaverville, N. C.; we have preaching every Sunday; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. Carroll Fowler; pastor's salary, \$34.07; old ministers' fund, \$2.00; other purposes, \$18.63; minute fund, \$2.00; value of church property, \$800.00.

SHOAL HILL: Increase during year, 1; by experience and baptism, 1; by letter and statement, 1; total increase this year, 2; present membership, 70; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 1; last year's membership, 73; ordained minister who holds membership with us is Rev. Walter Wilson; pastor, Rev. J. B. Brigman; address, Asheville, N. C., Route 1; clerk, Ruth Roberts; address, Marshall, N. C., Route 1; we have preaching every 4th Sunday; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. J. B. Brigman; pastor's salary, \$121.61; home missions, \$10.00; minute fund, \$1.50; value of church property, \$1,000.

WALNUT: Increase during year, 3; by experience and baptism, 3; present membership, 45; last year's membership, 42; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. B. E. Guthrie, Rev. Sam Chandler, Rev. Bob Freeman and Rev. Lloyd Chandler; pastor, Rev. J. B. Brigman; address, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Lina Stin's; address, Walnut, N. C.; we have preaching 3rd Sundays; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. J. B. Brigman, Rev. Mr. West and Rev. Mr. Griffin; pastor's salary, \$133.32; home missions, \$40.00; minute fund, \$2.00; value of church property, \$1,000.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Increase during the year, 12; by experience and baptism, 7; by letter and statement, 5; total increase during year, 12; present membership, 203; decrease during year, 2; by letter, 2; total decrease this year, 2; last year's membership, 191; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Alva S. Ellis, Rev. W. D. Fowler, Rev. B. B. Moore; pastor, Rev. Alva S. Ellis; address, Route 2, Candler, N. C.; clerk, Mr. Bynum Lance; address, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; we have preaching every Sunday; No. revivals, 2; held by Rev. Alva S. Ellis and Rev. White Eagle; pastor's salary, \$308.24; orphanage, \$56.05; minute fund, \$5.00; value of church property, \$5,000.

CEDAR HILL: Increase during year, 13; by experience and baptism, 9; by letter and statement, 4; total increase this year, 13; present membership, 103; decrease during year, 3; by letter, 2; by death, 1; total de-

crease this year, 3; last year's membership, 90; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are A. P. Rich and Jay Ball; pastor, Rev. Mr. Vaughn; address, Route 3, Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Terrie Wilson; address, Route 3, Asheville, N. C.; Sundays we have preaching, every; No. revivals, 2; held by Rev. W. L. Howell and Rev. Hardy Vaughn; pastor's salary, \$508; home missions, \$59; foreign missions, \$5; orphanage, \$1.00; other purposes, \$224; minute fund, \$3.00; value of church property, \$2,000.

SWANNANOA: Increase during year, 19; by experience and baptism, 15; by letter and statement, 4; total increase this year, 19; present membership, 171; decrease during year by death, 1; total decrease during year, 1; last year's membership, 152; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. W. L. Moretz, Rev. R. C. Mumpower, Rev. A. B. Lowery, and Rev. Elmer King; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are Gurney McKinney, Robert Jones and Charles Hollifield; pastor, Rev. Lindsey Howell; address, West Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. C. L. McMahon; address, Swannanoa, N. C.; we have preaching every Sunday; No. revivals, 2; held by Rev. William Huntley and Rev. Lindsey Howell; pastor's salary, \$1,317.66; orphanage, \$147.08; other purposes, \$890.65; minute fund, \$10.00; value of church property, \$4,000.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: Increase during year, 36; by experience and baptism, 6; by letter and statement, 2; total increase during year, 36; present membership, 58; decrease during year by death, 1; total decrease this year, 1; last year's membership, 41; pastor, Rev. G. M. Reynolds; address, Nebo, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Myrtle Crowe; address, Black Mountain, N. C.; we have preaching 2nd and 4th Sundays; No. revivals, 1; held by Rev. G. M. Reynolds and Rev. Wade Calvert; pastor's salary, \$354.15; orphanage, \$54.76; minute fund, \$3.00; value of church property, \$1,000.

EVERY'S CREEK: Increase during year, 8; by experience and baptism, 4; by letter and statement, 4; total increase this year, 13; decrease during the year, 3; by expulsion and erasure, 3; total decrease this year, 3; last year's membership, 52; ordained minister who holds membership with us is Rev. Henry Robinson; pastor, Rev. Jack Hutchins; address, Swannanoa, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. A. L. Satterfield; address, Arden, N. C.; we have preaching twice each Sunday; No. revivals, 2; held by Rev. Dewey Kline and Rev. Cecil Higgins; pastor's salary, \$379.35; home missions, \$17.22; christian education, \$37.20; other purposes, \$362.76; minute fund, \$2.00; value of church property, \$200.00; homecoming day was observed July 25, 1943, and the Rev. Jack Hutchins, pastor, brought the message in the church dedication service.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened with music by Townsend family. A real, plain sermon was delivered by Rev. C. Y. Elkins. closed with music by Townsend family.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Met at 10 o'clock and opened with a congregational song. Prayer by Rev. Herman Gentry, and a short talk by Rev. Rome Woodson.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

ORDAINING COUNCIL

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

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Revs. J. A. Martin, B. M. Wheeler, Malley Rice, Loyd Chandler, Bob Freeman, H. E. Lunsford, J. L. Ledford, M. D. Roberts, Scottie Bullman, J. A. Collins, J. B. Brigman, G. W. Briggs, Ervin Sluder, B. E. Guthrie, A. L. Davis, W. L. Howell, W. E. Capps, W. L. Moretz, R. H. Reec, C. W. Rogers, Sam Chandler, Walter Wilson, Pearson Bradley, T. A. Wheeler, W. L. Queen, Elmer King, R. C. Mumpower, Hardy Vaughn, J. W. Banks, W. O. Adcock, R. C. Wheeler, Herman Gentry, H. M. McFalls, Alva G. Ellis.

LICENTIATES

C. H. Harley, W. G. Burleson, Clyde Reece, William H. Bradley, Jewel Radford, William H. Manley, Tom Anders, Grover Bailey and William Ward.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. GURNIE MCKINNEY: No. of sermons preached, 8; No. of homes prayed in, 15; No. homes visited, 15; No. sick visits made, 6; amount given personally to the cause, \$25.00; No. of miles traveled, 300; expenses, \$5.00.

REV. J. A. MARTIN: Sermons preached, 110; professions witnessed, 97; received in church, 14; baptized, 13; funerals preached, 13; homes visited and prayed in, 92; miles traveled, 4,855; pastored one church, Whitney, S. C., giving it half time; received from Whitney church, \$285.00; held and helped hold 5 revivals; received for revivals, local work and private gifts, \$242.40; total received for the year, \$527.40; expenses for traveling, about \$125.00; paid the tenth; address, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.

REV. C. R. WHEELER: Revivals held, 3; professions witnessed, 25; sermons preached, about 60; prayer meetings conducted, 12; sick visits made, 8; homes prayed in, 10; helped conduct 2 funerals; Sunday school classes taught, 2; money received for the cause, \$65.00; money given for the cause, \$75.00; address, Black Mountain, N. C.

REV. H. E. LUNSFORD: No. revivals conducted, 1; conversions, 17; No. homes visited, 80; No. sick visits made, 15; No. homes prayed in, 10; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 45; No. funerals conducted, 6; amount received for revival services, \$10.00; amount received for all other services, \$72.80; total amount received during the year, \$82.80; amount given personally to the cause, \$10.00; No. miles traveled, 10,000; expenses, \$15.00; address, Barnard, N. C.

REV. SAM CHANDLER: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 10; conversions, 88; No. sermons preached, 150; No. members received, 16; No. baptized, 37; No. homes visited, 45; No. sick visits made, 25; No. homes prayed in, 30; No. funerals conducted, 4; amount received for pastoral services, \$58.86; amount received for revival services, \$24.22; amount received for all other services, \$68.11; total amount received during the year, \$151.19; No. miles traveled, 1,000; expenses, \$15.00; address, Walnut, N. C.

REV. RALPH C. MUMPOWER: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 1; conversions, 7; No. sermons preached, 46; No. baptized, 12; No. homes visited, 14; No. homes prayed in, 8; No. funerals conducted, 2; No. Sunday school classes taught, 2; amount received for pastoral services, \$72.30; amount received for revival services, \$4.35; amount received for all other services, \$176.17; total amount received during the year, \$252.82; amount given personally to the cause, \$45.00; No. miles traveled, 1,200; expenses, \$5.00; address, Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. J. A. EDMONDS: Assistant pastor of 1 church; assisted in 1 revival; conversions, 8; No. sermons preached, 40; No. homes visited, 15; No. sick visits made, 10; No. homes prayed in, 15; No. Sunday school classes taught, 35; amount received for all other services, \$22.00; total amount received during year, \$22.00; amount given personally to the cause, \$25.00; No. miles traveled, 500; address, Box 34, Weaverville, N. C.

REV. H. L. VAUGHN: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals conducted, 4; conversions, 85; No. sermons preached, 178; No. members received, 31; No. baptized, 26; No. homes visited, 50; No. sick visits made, 15; No. homes prayed in, 35; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 8; No. marriages performed, 1; No. Sunday school classes taught, 18; amount received for pastoral services, \$316.57; amount received for revival services, \$49.78; total amount received during year, \$366.35; total amount raised for the cause, \$700.00; amount given personally to the cause, \$125.00; No. miles traveled, 2,850; expenses, \$90.00; address, 105 Hazel Mill Road, West Asheville, N. C.

REV. WILLET L. MORETZ: Churches pastored, 4; sermons preached, 148; revival conducted, 6; conversions, 46; members received, 65; baptisms, 53; funerals conducted, 7; marriages, 2.

REV. T. A. WHEELER: Sermons preached, 40; revivals helped in, 1;

professions witnessed, 15; received for the cause, \$76.70; paid out for the cause, \$40; Sunday school classes taught, 8; address, Route 2, Canton, N.C.

REV. R. H. REESE: No. sermons preached, 15; No. conversions witnessed, 10; No. members received, 5; No. homes visited, 6; No. sick visits made, 2; No. homes prayed in, 6; No. special sermons and lectures, 8; No. prayer meetings conducted, 7; No. miles traveled, 500; given personally to the cause, \$8.00; amount raised for cause, \$15.00; expenses, \$10.00; address, 612 Merrimon Ave, Asheville, N. C.

REV. PEARSON BRADLEY: Sermons preached, 24; No. homes visited, 10; No. sick visits, 5; homes prayed in, 5; Sunday school classes taught, 2; amount received, \$6.00; given personally to the cause, \$3.00; revivals helped in, 1; conversions witnessed, 15; address, Route 1, Weaverville, N.C.

REV. G. W. BRIGGS: Preached 8 sermons; conducted several prayer meetings, taught Sunday school class; married 2 couples; conducted one funeral; address, Dandridge, Tenn.

REV. ERVIN SLUDER: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals held, 2; conversions, 30; No. sermons preached, 75; No. members received, 20; No. baptized, 15; No. funerals conducted, 5; amount received for pastoral services, \$181.25; amount received for revival services, \$42.00; total amount received during the year, \$223.25; amount given personally to the cause, \$40; address, Leicester, N. C.

REV. WALTER WILSON: No. churches pastored, 1; conversions, 1; No. sermons preached, 92; No. homes visited, 25; No. sick visits made, 15; No. homes prayed in, 20; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 7; No. funerals conducted, 2; No. Sunday school classes taught, 15; amount received for pastoral services, \$9.25; amount received for revival services, \$4.00; total amount received during year, \$30.00; total amount raised for the cause, \$15.00; amount given personally to the cause, \$12.00; No. miles traveled, 150; address, Route 1, Box 204, Marshall, N. C.

REV. JAMES A. COLLINS: On account of failing health and the illness of my wife, I haven't been able to preach many sermons this year, but my desire to serve is as great as ever. I have received around \$60, some by mail and various other ways. The people have been so very nice to me. It has been greatly appreciated. I give my thanks to all.

REV. G. E. CODY: Revivals conducted, 1; assisted in 4 others; sermons preached, 37; prayer services conducted, 9; conversions witnessed, 31; Homes visited, 11; sick visits made, 5; homes prayed in, 4; sick homes prayed in, 6; miles traveled, 7,126; money received, \$6.10; expenses, \$23.55; money given, \$35.22; address, Black Mountain, N. C.

REV. W. L. HOWELL: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals conducted, 8; conversions, 177; No. sermons preached, 426; No. members received, 31; No. baptized, 20; No. homes visited, 94; No. sick visits made, 92; No. homes prayed in, 94; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 20; No. marriages performed, 2; No. funerals conducted, 8; No. Sunday school classes taught, 14; amount received for pastoral services, \$456.34; amount received for revival services, \$394.00; amount received for all other services, \$24.00; total amount received during the year, \$874.34; total amount raised for the cause, \$753.25; amount given personally to the cause, \$57.45; No. miles traveled, 4,650; expenses, \$212.50; conducted 112 prayer meetings; address, 107 Hazel Mill Road, Asheville, N. C.

CHARLIE HOLLIFIELD: No. sermons preached, 4; No. homes visited, 10; No. homes prayed in 3; amount given personally to the cause, \$100.00; No. miles traveled, 1,500; expenses, \$20.00; address, Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. S. BULLMAN: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals conducted, 2; No. sermons preached, 83; No. members received, 4; No. baptized, 4; No. homes prayed in, 22; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 66; No. funerals conducted, 3; No. Sunday School classes taught, 32; amount received for pastoral services, \$39.10; amount received for revival services, \$2.50; amount received for all other services, \$12.65; amount given personally to the cause, \$9; No. miles traveled, 965; expenses, \$422.50; address,

Walnut, N. C.

REV. B. E. GUTHRIE: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals held, 2; conversions, 29; No. sermons preached, 34; No. members received, 1; No. homes visited, 29; No. sick visits made, 15; No. homes prayed in, 15; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 2; No. funerals conducted, 10; No. Sunday school classes taught, 12; amount received for pastoral services, \$191.19; amount received for all other services, \$12.75; total amount received during year, \$203.94; amount given personally to cause, \$15.26; No. miles traveled, 1,739; expenses, \$41.25; address, Walnut, N. C.

REV. HERMAN GENTRY: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 5; conversions, 64; No. sermons preached, 110; No. members received, 14; No. baptized, 13; No. homes visited, 50; No. sick visits made, 15; No. homes prayed in, 30; amount received for pastoral services, \$240.00; amount received for revival services, \$149.25; amount received for all other services, \$48.00; total amount received during year, \$437.25; amount given personally to the cause, \$15.00; No. miles traveled 900; expenses \$43.00; address, Route 2, Newport, Tenn.

REV. MALLEY RICE: conversions, 31; No. sermons preached, 20; No. homes visited, 25; No. sick visits made, 10; No. homes prayed in, 10; No. funerals conducted, 2; No. Sunday school classes taught, 12; amount received for all other services, \$54.56; amount given personally to the cause, \$5.00; No. miles traveled, 384; expenses, \$28; conducted 15 prayer meetings; address, Route 3, Marshall, N. C.

REV. W. O. ADCOCK: No. churches pastored, 1 for 4 months; No. revivals conducted, 1; conversions, 9; No. sermons preached, 35; No. members received, 2; No. baptized 2; No. homes visited 30; No. sick visits made 10; No. homes prayed in, 12; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 18; No. funerals conducted, 1; No. Sunday school classes taught, 16; amount received for pastoral services, \$30.60; amount received for revival services, \$17.28; total amount received during year, \$68.27; amount given personally to the cause, \$10.00; No. miles traveled, 250; address, 502 Westwood Pl., Asheville, N. C.

REV. B. M. WHEELER: Preached 280 sermons; conversions, 167; received \$2.90; given to the cause, \$86.00; pastored 1 church.

REV. BOB FREEMAN: No. churches pastored, 1; conversions, 4; No. sermons preached, 50; No. homes visited, 15; No. sick visits made, 6; No. homes prayed in, 15; No. funerals conducted, 4; amount received for pastoral services, \$52.80; total amount received during the year, \$52.80; total amount raised for cause, \$3.75; amount given personally to cause, \$2.00; No. miles traveled, 300; expenses, \$7.00; address, Walnut, N. C.

REV. ALVA S. ELLIS: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 1; conversions, 15; No. sermons preached, 90; No. members received, 10; No. baptized, 5; No. homes visited, 130; No. sick visits made, 70; No. homes prayed in, 112; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 26; No. marriages performed, 3; No. funerals conducted, 3; No. Sunday school classes taught, 30; amount received for pastoral services, \$316.04; Amount received for revival services, \$12.00; amount received for all other services, \$154.60; total amount received during year, \$470.64; total amount raised for the cause, \$200.00; amount given personally to cause, \$206.27; No. miles traveled, 1,282; expenses, \$103.44; address, Candler, N. C.

REV. J. B. BRIGMAN: No. churches pastored, 3; No. revivals conducted, 4; conversions, 86; No. sermons preached, 125; No. members received, 17; No. baptized, 19; No. homes visited, 85; No. sick visits made, 35; No. homes prayed in, 45; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 5; No. marriage ceremonies performed, 9; No. funerals conducted, 8; No. Sunday school classes taught, 10; amount received for pastoral services, \$668.61; amount received for revival services, \$131.00; amount received for all other services, \$10.00; total amount received during the year, \$809.61; total amount raised for the cause, \$65.00; amount given personally to the cause, \$41.00; No. miles traveled, 5,080; expenses, \$45.00; address,

Route 1, Asheville, N. C.

REV. GROVER BAILEY: No. revivals held, 4; conversions, 65; No. sermons preached, 50; No members received, 4; No. baptized, 4; No. homes visited, 50; No. sick visits made, 20; No. homes prayed in, 50; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 3; No. Sunday school classes taught, 4; amount received for revival services, \$15.00; amount received for all other services, \$5.00; total amount received during year, \$20.00; total amount raised for cause, \$5.00; amount given personally to cause, \$25.00; No. miles traveled, 1,000; expenses, \$35.00; address, Hicksville, Long Island, N. Y.

RESOLUTIONS

The association adjourned until next session to meet with the East Black Mountain church at Black Mountain in Buncombe County beginning on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1944, at 9 a. m., with the Rev. Ervin Sluder to preach the Introductory sermon.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Met at 7:45 o'clock. The Townsend family made the opening music. Prayer by Bro. Sawyer, from South Carolina. A visiting minister from South Carolina brought the message, his subject being "Knockers and Blockers". Song by the Townsend family followed by benediction by Bro. Martin.

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 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

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 MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. The regular meeting of this Conference shall be held annually in connection with the meeting of the Association.
2. Each member shall report 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. Licentiate 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 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 up-building 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 in 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 of but the sorrow of the world worketh death."—2nd Cor. 7:9-10.
7. **FREE AGENCY:**—We believe that the human will is free and that men have 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 result 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.

I have done the best I could in preparing these minutes with the notes I got from the churches. I was absent from one service, of which no notes were made.

REV. J. B. BRIGMAN

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Church of _____ at _____, N. C., send Christian salutation to The French Broad Association and the following delegates represent us:

_____, _____
 _____, _____
 _____, _____

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 _____;

Held by:

_____, _____
 _____, _____

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastory'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-----.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Superintendent -----; Address -----
 Secretary -----; Address -----
 No. of Classes -----; 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

Secretary -----, Address -----
 President -----, 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 -----



