

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**Seventy-Seventh Annual Session**  
**OF THE**  
*French Broad Association*  
**OF**  
*Free Will Baptists*

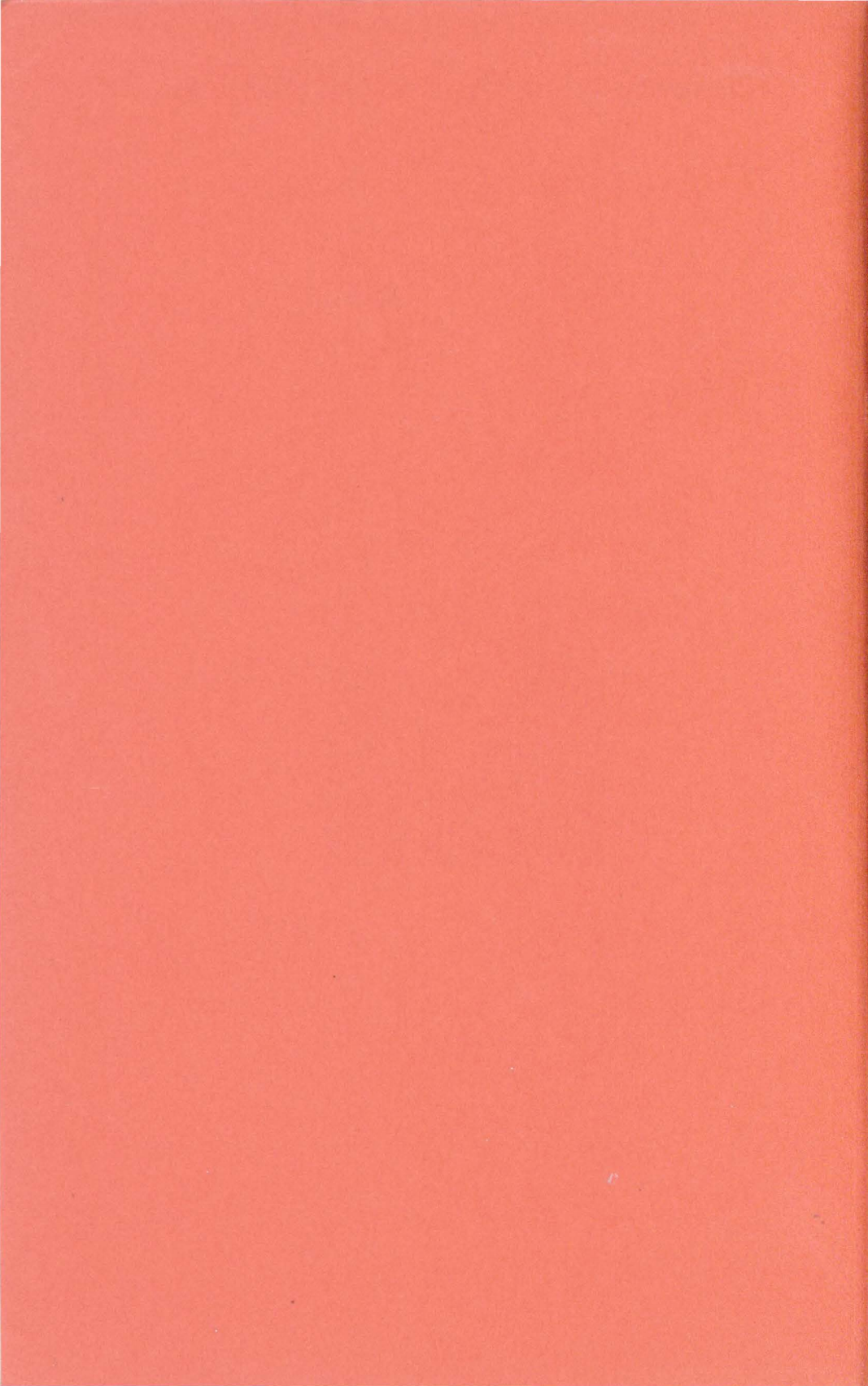
**HELD AT**  
**THE BARNARDSVILLE F. W. B. CHURCH**  
**at Barnardsville, N. C.**

**AUGUST 25, 26, 27, 1955**

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The next session of The French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists will be held at Mountain View F. W. B. Church at Leicester, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the Second Sunday in August, 1956, at 10:00 A. M. The Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr. will preach the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 A. M. The Rev. Lonnie Crawford will be the Alternate.

Moderator: Rev. Erwin Sluder ..... Weaverville, N. C.  
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Walter Wilson ..... Rt. 1, Marshall, N. C.  
Clerk: Hazel S. Reese ..... Box 93, Weaverville, N. C.



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**"ABSENT"**



**Rev. J. A. Martin**

On July 21, 1955, as the night shades gathered around us, God called our father, Rev. J. A. Martin, home. With heavy hearts, but submissive to his will, we bowed our heads and said, "Not our will, but thine." He was 83 years old and had been preaching since 1902. Truly his greatest joy was proclaiming the name of Jesus. The following verse of song expresses the longing and joy of his ministry.

Just the whispered name of Jesus  
Makes me long to tell to all  
How he saves, from sin and sorrow,  
Those who listen to his call.  
Just the whispered name of Jesus  
Fills my heart with joy untold,  
That some day his gracious presence  
I shall certainly behold.

May we ever be grateful to our Heavenly Father for such a heritage as was ours, that of such a wonderful Christian father and mother.

The Martin children.

FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PASTORS FOR NEXT YEAR

Church:	Sundays We Have Preaching
ASHEVILLE: Rev. Thomas Holder, Jr. 895 Riverside Drive, Asheville, N. C.	Every
EVERY'S CREEK: Rev. Ralph Mumpower Swannanoa, N. C.	Every
BARNARD: Rev. Hobart Bullman Rt. 3, Marshall, N. C.	1st & 3rd
BARNARDSVILLE: Rev. Lonnie Crawford Rt. 2, Mars Hill, N. C.	1st & 3rd
BURGIN CHAPEL: Rev. Clarence L. Davis Box 534, Black Mountain, N. C.	2nd & 4th
DRY BRANCH: Rev. G. Y. Burgin Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.	2nd & 4th
EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Rev. G. M. Reynolds Box 383, Black Mountain, N. C.	Every
FUGATE: Rev. Harrison Lunsford Barnard, N. C.	1st & 3rd
HAZEL GREEN: Rev. H. L. Chatham 2 Winding Rd., Biltmore, N. C.	Every
HOMER'S CHAPEL: Not Stated	Every
HYATT'S CREEK: Rev. Worley Wykle Whittier, N. C.	1st & 3rd
LAUREL FORK: Rev. G. Y. Burgin Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.	1st & 3rd
LAURELTON CHAPEL: Rev. Clyde Fender Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.	2nd & 4th
MARSHALL: Rev. Warren Reece 220 Virginia Ave., W. Asheville, N. C.	Every
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Rev. Ervin Sluder Weaverville, N. C.	4th
MOUNT ZION: Rev. Jesse Rice Rt. 2, Box 75, Weaverville, N. C.	2nd & 4th
PAINT FORK: Rev. Raymond Shell Barnardsville, N. C.	2nd & 4th
PISGAH FOREST: Rev. Raymond Shell Barnardsville, N. C.	1st & 3rd
RAY'S CHAPEL: Rev. Claude Bradley Rt. 1, Weaverville, N. C.	Every
RECTOR BRANCH: Rev. G. Y. Burgin Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.	Not stated
RED HILL: Rev. R. H. Ballard 193 Pennsylvania Ave., Asheville, N. C.	Every
ROCKY BRANCH: Rev. Nayford F. Byrd Rt. 1, Waynesville, N. C.	Every
SHADY GROVE: Rev. Lonnie Crawford Rt. 2, Mars Hill, N. C.	2nd & 4th
SHOAL HILL: Rev. Jack Hutchins Swannanoa, N. C.	1st & 3rd
SWEETEN CREEK: Rev. _____ Lunsford	Sunday morning and night
UNION CHAPEL: Rev. W. A. Ward Rt. 1, Box 496, Weaverville, N. C.	Every
UNION VALLEY: Rev. Wilco Melton Black Mountain, N. C.	Every
WALNUT: Rev. R. H. Ballard 193 Pennsylvania Ave., Asheville, N. C.	3rd

**77th SESSION**  
**FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Beginning at 10:00 A. M., August 25th, 1955 at the Barnardsville Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Lonnie Crawford in charge.

Opening Song: Leaning On The Everlasting Arms.

Scripture: John :14.

Prayer: Rev. Thomas Holder, Jr.

**PROCEEDINGS**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Moderator: Rev. Ervin Sluder ..... Weaverville, N. C.  
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Walter Wilson ..... Rt. 1, Marshall, N. C.  
Clerk: Hazel S. Reese ..... Box 93, Weaverville, N. C.

**ELECTION OF READING CLERKS**

Rev. N. F. Byrd ..... Rocky Branch Church  
Rev. Lonnie Crawford ..... Barnardsville Church

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Thomas Holder Jr.; Bro. Burt Roberts ..... Minutes  
Rev. R. H. Ballard ..... Orphanage  
Bro. Plato Worley ..... Old Minister's Fund

**VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED**

Rev. James A. Evans, 202 S. Bruton St., Wilson, N. C.  
Rev. R. H. Jackson, F. W. B. Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C.  
Rev. Walter Blankenship, Chuckey, Tenn., Union Association.  
Rev. C. E. Lowe, Block Church, Greeneville, Tenn., Union Association.  
Rev. J. N. Shuford, Barnardsville, N. C., Buncombe Baptist Association.  
Rev. Ernest Strickland, Rt. 1, Candler, N. C., Blue Ridge Association.  
Rev. Harry Taylor, Rt. 1, Candler, N. C., Blue Ridge Association.  
Rev. J. E. Wooten, Craigmont Assembly, Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C., Central Association.  
Rev. Loy E. Ballard, Box 381, Bladenboro, N. C.  
Rev. John Ray, Church Of God, Barnardsville, N. C.

**IN MEMORY**

At this time a Memorial Service was held in recognition and appreciation of the late Revs. J. A. Martin and Will Capps. Rev. Martin had been a member of this Conference for 53 years, and Rev. Capps was one of our oldest members. Rev. Ervin Sluder, Moderator, read the Scripture using 1 Corinthians :5:17. With the entire Congregation standing, a prayer of Thanksgiving for the lives of these our deceased Brethren, was led by Rev. R. H. Ballard.

HEARD: Mrs. B. E. Guthrie concerning our Foreign Missionaries and their work. Mrs. Guthrie stressed the need of tangible supplies such as the use of old sheets for bandages and any medical supplies. She requests the Ladies Aid to help in this project.

Moved to adjourn until 2:00 P. M.

**11:00 A. M. SERVICE**

Song: Near The Cross.  
Prayer: Rev. Alford Taylor.  
Special Singing: Rev. T. A. Wheeler and family from Canton, N. C.  
Sermon: Rev. Warren Reece.  
Scripture: I Peter 1:1-19.  
Topic: Encouragement To The Strangers Scattered Abroad.  
Prayer: Rev. R. H. Ballard.  
Song: If I Could Read My Titles Clear.  
Closing: Old Time Christian Handshake.

2:00 P. M.

Opening Song: I'm Bound For The Promised Land.

Devotions: Rev. H. L. Chatham.

Scripture: I Peter 2: 1-12.

Prayer: Rev. Walter Blankenship.

Seating of Delegates.

HEARD: Rev. James A. Evans regarding the three-fold program of North Carolina Free Will Baptists. He outlined: 1: N. C. State Mission Board; 2: Craigmont Assembly; 3: Boundary Line Committee. Rev. Evans pointed out the fact that there are Free Will Baptist Churches in 66 of our North Carolina Counties; none in 34. It is the objective of the State Mission Board to reach and establish Churches in these 34 Counties. To date there are 356 Free Will Baptist Churches in North Carolina.

He expressed the hope and extended the invitation that more of our French Broad Free Will Baptists take advantage of our Assembly grounds at Black Mountain, N. C. (Craigmont). The Boundary Line Committee is being formed to define certain territories to certain Associations.

REPORT: Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Supt. R. H. Jackson. Offering taken for same.

Song: Amazing Grace.

Appointment of Committees.

Moved to adjourn until 9:30 A. M. on Friday.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT, 7:30 P. M.

Opening: Congregational singing.

Prayer: Rev. Raymond Shell.

Welcome: Rev. Lonnie Crawford, Pastor.

Special Singing: Rev. T. A. Wheeler and Family.

Sermon: Rev. T. A. Wheeler.

Subject: The Shepherds Have Eaten The Fat Of The Land.

Christian Handshake.

#### CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

ASHEVILLE: Mrs. W. O. Hudson, Mrs. O. W. Reece, Mrs. Belle Roller, Mrs. Jamerson.

AVERY'S CREEK: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Satterfield.

BARNARD: Andrew Chandler, Bert Roberts, Edd Davis, Andy Farmer, Roy Roberts, Rev. Hobart Bullman.

BARNARDSVILLE: George Harris, Edith Harris, Nelle Anders, Kathleen Riddle.

BURGIN CHAPEL: Parnell Carpenter, D. L. Massey.

DRY BRANCH: Ruth Conner, Amy Plemmons, Otis Davis, Mrs. Jonah Fisher, Mrs. Polly Payne, Mrs. Queen Robinson.

EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Mrs. Wilma Poteat, Mrs. Kathryn Blanks, Mrs. Myrtle Edmonds, Rev. G. E. Cody.

FUGATE: Frank Self, Charlie Steelman, Claude Sawyers, Walter Sawyers, Dorothy Sawyers.

HAZEL GREEN: C. D. Jordan, Mrs. Clem Gaddy, Harrison Elkins, Rev. H. L. Chatham.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: Mrs. W. A. Stone, Mrs. Helen Nanney, Mrs. G. E. Cody, Mrs. Lena Hollifield.

HYATT'S CREEK: Rev. Sam Chandler, Mrs. James Gunter, Mrs. Frank Green, Mrs. Wayne Roberts, Miss Frances Green, Miss Janie Morgan.

LAUREL FORK: Luther Hagan, Richard Ball, Vance Conner, Althea Ball, Zetta Hagan, Lois Payne, Pearl Caldwell.

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Cas A. Fender, Worley Capps, Arthur Honeycutt.

MARSHALL: Mrs. Alice Bryan, Mrs. Ruth Ramsey, Mrs. Betty Marler, Mrs. Sally Ramsey, Mrs. Vada Davis.



## FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

- MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Vance Ponder, Otis Sluder, Merrit Bradburn, Vernon Radcliffe, Mrs. Julia Hawkins, Mrs. Stella Sluder.
- MOUNT ZION:** Raymond Ward, Charlie Conner, Spurgeon Bullman, Robert Revis.
- PAINT FORK:** Richard Hyder, Carroll Mundy, Grady Mundy.
- PISGAH FOREST:** R. A. Lunsford, C. M. Gaddy, Sam Gaddy.
- RAY'S CHAPEL:** Mr. Will Rice, Mrs. Nell Rogers, Mrs. Sue Ray.
- RECTOR BRANCH:** (Lower Big Pine): Mrs. Dan Price, Mrs. Callie Roberts, Mrs. Nora Roberts, Mr. Earl Roberts.
- RED HILL:** Mrs. Eugene Buckner, Mr. Fred Rigsby, Mrs. Frank Reid, Mrs. Jeter Ramsey, Mrs. Ronald Fisher, Mr. McKinley Faulkner, Miss Hattie Jarrett.
- ROCKY BRANCH:** Lum Boone, Bragg Wood, Raymond Willett, Lula Wood, Hester Rider, Betty Boone.
- SHADY GROVE:** Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford, Jackie Bullman.
- SHOAL HILL:** Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Brown, Mr. Howard Payne, Mrs. Howard Payne, Mrs. Ada Payne.
- SWEETEN CREEK:** Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Creasman, Mrs. George Marshall.
- UNION CHAPEL:** John Sherlin, Joe Mundy, Hattie Rumbough, Paul Banks.
- UNION VALLEY:** Jennie Ballard, E. C. McFee, Pearson Bradley, Fred Hyatte, Lucious Hyatte.
- WALNUT:** Mrs. B. E. Gutherie, Mr. B. W. Stines, Mrs. Jack Gahagan, Mrs. B. W. Stines.

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

- ARRANGEMENTS:** A standing committee: Pastor and Delegates.
- YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK:** Rev. John Lunsford, Rev. Warren Reece.
- SUNDAY SCHOOLS:** Rev. Thomas Holder, Jr., Rev. Raymond Shell, Bro. Otis Davis.
- HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS:** Mrs. B. E. Gutherie, Mrs. R. H. Ballard, Rev. W. L. Moretz.
- PASTOR'S SUPPORT:** Bro. Bert Roberts, Bro. Lum Boone.
- EDUCATION:** Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. H. L. Chatham.
- LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE:** Rev. Thomas Holder, Jr., Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. T. A. Wheeler.
- MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE:** A standing committee—written by Rev. Henry Ballard, deceased.
- OLD MINISTER'S FUND:** A standing committee—Plato Worley, A. S. Reeves, Kelly Metcalf, Jeter Ramsey, Frank Fisher.
- DEEPER DEVOTIONS:** A standing committee—written by W. W. Ballard, deceased.
- OBITUARIES:** Rev. Ervin Sluder, Mrs. Lina Stines, Mrs. Jack Gahagan.
- RESOLUTIONS:** A standing committee—Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. J. A. Martin, deceased.
- FINANCE:** Rev. Thomas Holder, Jr., Bro. Bert Roberts, Rev. R. H. Ballard, Plato Worley.
- TEMPERANCE:** Rev. Lonnie Crawford, Rev. Sam Chandler, Rev. Clarence Wheeler.
- ORPHANAGE:** Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. H. L. Chatham, Rev. W. L. Moretz.
- PERIODICALS:** Rev. Raymond Shell, Bro. Edd Davis, Rev. Clarence Davis.
- WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:** Mrs. R. H. Ballard, Mrs. Berry Stines, Mrs. G. E. Cody.
- TOPIC:** Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr.
- SESSIONS:** First delegate of each church.

**PROCEEDINGS**

**FRIDAY, 9:45 A. M.**

Opening Song: Bringing In The Sheaves.

Devotions: Rev. Herman Gentry.

Scripture: I John 1-10.

Prayer: Rev. Walter Wilson.

Song: Rev. Herman Gentry, in memory of Rev. J. A. Martin—"Precious Bible".

Notified: By letter, Beaverdam and Cedar Hill Churches are withdrawing from French Broad Ass'n. Have joined Blue Ridge Conference.

Visiting ministers welcomed.

Reading: Rules of Decorum, Moderator.

Reports of Committees.

Adjourn until 2:00 P. M.

**FRIDAY, 11:00 A. M.**

Opening Song: Leaning On The Everlasting Arms.

Prayer: Rev. Hobart Bullman.

Sermon: Rev. Walter Wilson.

Prayer: Rev. Wilson.

Closing: Christian Handshake.

**FRIDAY, 2:00 P. M.**

Opening Song: Oh, How I Love Jesus.

Devotions: Rev. Clarence Wheeler.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12.

Prayer: Rev. G. E. Cody.

Reports of Committees.

Appointed: Bro. Kelly Metcalf to Old Minister's Board in place of Bro. Edd Davis. This in order that more sections be represented.

Offering taken: Love token for Old Minister's Fund. Rec'd: \$28.50.

Moved to adjourn.

**FRIDAY, 7:30 P. M.**

Opening Song: I'm Going That Way.

Prayer: Rev. Wilco Melton.

Special Singing: Melton Sisters; Sluder Trio; Solo, Vernon Radcliffe.

Sermon: Rev. Herman Gentry.

Scripture: Heb. 10:1-10; Revelations 5:1-6.

Alter Prayer: Led by Rev. Hubert Worley.

Subject: The One That Was Worthy To Open The Book and Loose The Seven Seals.

Closed: Christian Handshake and much rejoicing.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A standing committee: Pastor and Delegates.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK:** We, your committee, suggest that our young people remember their Creator in the days of their youth (Ecc. 12:1), read their Bible daily, and lead other young people to the Lord. May our young people of today be humble Christian leaders of tomorrow.

Rev. John Lunsford, Rev. Warren Reece, Committee.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We your committee see the great need of having teachers who are filled with the Holy Spirit; that will take their class to God in prayer every time they pray; that they might win the lost to Christ. We believe by prayer they could attend to every care and problem of the individual members of their class. We believe a teacher should so live a Christian life as to have the confidence of their class and to be able to lead as well as teach.



## FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Great care should be used in the selection and election of teachers, that none but suitable teachers be put into office. This counsel cannot be too emphatically urged. Teachers never should be elected to teach simply because there is a vacancy to be filled, nor because they themselves or their friends desire their election. Never, unless there is a service for them to perform; never unless there are persons whom the church, with some good degree of unanimity, believe to be fitted for to teach; and never, without much prayer for divine guidance in the selection. To attempt to fill sacred offices by partisan zeal and party caucusing, is a scandal to the Sunday School and to religion.

Rev. Thomas Holder, Rev. Raymond Shell, Bro. Otis Davis, Committee.

**HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS:** In the work of Foreign Missions, we recommend that the churches of this Association continue and increase their support of Sister Josephine Stevens, and that the Woman's Auxiliaries send her all materials and supplies possible for use in her work. We further recommend that all our pastors and churches support our entire Foreign Mission Program.

All funds for Foreign Missions should be sent to Rev. N. B. Barrow, Treas., Lucama, N. C.; earmarked for the purpose desired to be used.

In the Home Mission field we recommend that we do all in our power to help in the establishment of new churches of our denomination in each of the 34 counties in N. C. not having Free Will Baptist churches.

It has been brought to our attention that there are 27 of the 48 states in the Union not having Free Will Baptist Churches. We believe that we join with the National Association in this great work in order that we may better make Christ known both in the home and foreign land.

Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Committee.

**PASTOR'S SUPPORT:** We, the committee on Pastor's Support believe that churches should supply the needs of our Pastors—so they can put their time to feeding the flock and gathering in our loved ones who are in sin. In Paul's writing to the Corinthians, he said: "For if there be just a willing mind, it is accepted according to what a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality.

Bro. Bert Roberts, Committee.

**EDUCATION:** We, the committee on education, recommend that we Free Will Baptists devote every possible moment and exercise every legitimate effort in attaining a better knowledge of God's Word, not to glorify ourselves, but that we may be better workmen in God's vineyard.

Also: Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy, 2:15.

Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. H. L. Chatham, Committee.

**LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE:** We, your committee on the Lord's Day Observance, agree: first, that we go on record as being opposed to all kinds of public sports and worldly amusements such as baseball, golf, dancing and anything of the world. Second, that we urge all our people to strictly abstain from taking part in them. We are opposed to operating such as parks, theaters, and others on the Sabbath. Third, we believe the Lord's Day to be a day of rest and for spiritual worship.

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“... And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.” Ephesians 5:11.

Rev. Thomas Holder, Jr., Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Committee.

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

A standing committee, written by J. Henry Ballard, deceased.

**OLD MINISTER'S BOARD:** A standing committee: Plato Worley, Chairman; A. S. Reeves, Jeter Ramsey, Kelly Metcalf, and Frank Fisher.

**OBITUARIES:** We, your committee, recommend that we continue to put in our minutes the obituaries of our faithful members who pass away, keeping in mind I Thes. 4:13: “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that we sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.”

Rev. Sluder, Mrs. Lina Stines, Mrs. Jack Gahagan, Committee.

**DEEPER DEVOTIONS:** 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 this Holy Spirit teaches a full Gospel, holy life and salvation from sin. He testifies of Christ and brings His teachings to our remembrance, and guides us into all truth.

A standing committee; written by Rev. W. W. Ballard, deceased.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Be it resolved that we study additional ways and means by which the rank and file of our churches may be aroused to action in increasing their support to all phases of the work, and particularly Home and Foreign Missions; for if we had worked as hard as the Communists to carry out our mission of sharing Christ as they have carried out their mission, so many doors would not be closed to missionaries today.

A standing committee: Rev. J. B. Brigman, Rev. Charlie Hollifield.

**TEMPERANCE:** We your committee on Temperance, believe it to be unchristian to be intemperate in any form. We believe it sinful to sell or use liquor, beer and wine as intoxicating beverages. We believe as Paul taught in I Cor. 6:12—All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient. All things are lawful unto me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

Rev. Lonnie Crawford, Rev. Sam Chandler, Rev. Clarence Wheeler, Committee.

**FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**FINANCE:**

Minute Fund .....	\$246.10
Paid Historian .....	25.00
Paid Moderator .....	25.00
Paid Clerk .....	35.00
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Balance for Minutes and Postage .....	\$161.10
Orphanage: Collections .....	\$109.19
Offering taken .....	45.98
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Total .....	\$155.17
Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr.; Bro. Bert Roberts .....	Minutes
Rev. R. H. Ballard .....	Orphanage
Committee on Finances.	

Hazel S. Reese, Clerk.

**OLD MINISTER'S FUND**

Checking Balance, August 31, 1954 .....	\$ 203.00
Disbursements:	
Christmas love offering.	
Rev. J. A. Martin .....	25.00
Rev. Johnnie Franks .....	25.00
Rev. Mallie Rice .....	25.00
Rev. James Collins .....	25.00
Rev. Mallie Rice .....	10.00
Rev. Grady Harris .....	100.00
Bank check cost .....	.50
Total paid out .....	\$ 210.50

**Money Received: Special donations to build up Fund.**

Walnut .....	\$ 20.00
Red Hill .....	48.00
Hazel Green .....	13.00
Union Valley .....	15.00
Marshall—Reimbursement, money paid Pastor, Rev. Harris .....	100.00
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Total received .....	\$ 196.00
Checking Balance, August 21, 1955 .....	\$ 191.49
Savings Balance, with interest .....	\$1063.18
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Total Balance .....	\$1254.67

Please remember: We urge each church to set aside each 5th. Sunday offering to give to the Old Minister's Fund

Received at this Association: \$120.00. Half of this amount will be sent to the State Superannuation (Old Minister's) Board.

Plato Worley, Treasurer.

**ORPHANAGE:** We, your committee on orphanage support, urge each church to set aside one Sunday each month for an offering for our orphanage, and that the funds be sent in each month. We also urge that each church make a special drive during the months of May and November. We strongly recommend that the churches re-sume canning and giving any other produce; that a committee be appointed in the different localities, encouraging the people to give that what is given be gathered to central locations for pick up. We recommend that all churches set a definite goal and work toward it in raising funds for the orphanage office; this building to be known as the French Broad Building.

Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. H. L. Chatham, Rev. W. L. Moretz, Committee.

## FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**PERIODICALS:** We, your committee, realize that the type of literature read by our youth contributes materially to the shaping of the character of the rising generation. We recommend to our people that they take greater precaution to prevent the falling into the hands of our youth the type of literature that will tend to lower their moral and Christian character. First, we recommend reading the Bible. The dictionary definition of religion is love and obedience toward God; and those who love Him love His Word because it makes us feel close to Him in spiritual understanding. Then, our Free Will Baptist people need more information about Free Will Baptist affairs—to get this information, we need to read our church paper!

Rev. Raymond Shell, Bro. Edd Davis, Rev. Clarence, Davis, Committee.

**LADIES' AUXILIARY:** We, your committee, suggest that our pastors urge the ladies of their churches to organize a Ladies' Aid. The Ladies' Aid is helpful in so many ways, relieving the pastors and church of some of their obligations, namely, visiting the sick and sorrowing, furnishing the needs of the needy, and attending to those things that others often forget. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few, pay therefore the Lord of the harvest that He may send forth laborers into His harvest; Matthew 9:37-38. Read Acts 9:36. We feel this was the start of the Ladies' Aid Committees.

Mrs. R. H. Ballard, Mrs. Berry Stines, Mrs. G. E. Cody, Committee.

**TOPIC:** Some don't seem to understand the purpose of a topic. The purpose of a topic is to introduce and discuss certain points of Scripture that each Minister feels impressed to give his opinion of.

Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr., Committee.

**SESSIONS:** The next session of the French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists will be held with the Mountain View Church, beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1956, at 10:00 A. M. Please note the change of time! The Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr., will preach the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 A. M.; Rev. Lonnie Crawford will be the alternate.

**BOUNDARY LINE COMMITTEE:** No action taken!

Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. H. L. Chatham, Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr., Committee.

### PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY A. M. 9:30

Opening Song: I'm In The Glory Land Way.

Devotions: Rev. Gurney McKinney.

Prayer: Rev. Raymond Shell.

**CONFERENCE IN SESSION:**

Reports of Committees.

Discussion: F. W. B. Orphanage. Requested that our Orphanage submit a written Statement of Finances to French Broad Association regarding whatever work or offerings our churches may have done the past year. Appointed Rev. R. H. Ballard to take care of same. Also appointed Bro. Plato Worley to take charge of the gathering of foodstuffs and canned goods for the Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphanage.

Visiting Ministers Welcomed.

Discussion: Boundary Line Committee.

Heard: By word from Mount Bethel Church. It seems that the Mount Bethel Church voted not to report to the Association this year. Such action automatically gives this Association the right to withdraw from their fellowship. Please read Article 9 of Constitution, French Broad Association. Moved and seconded. Vote taken. Discussion regarding same.

## FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Heard: Rev. R. H. Ballard. An expression and vote of thanks to the Barnardsville, Paint Fork, and Pisgah Forest Churches for the fine co-operation, hospitality, and kindness shown this Association. For which we all say Thank You!

Suggestion: Time change. That the French Broad Association meet early in August. Meeting the latter part of August coincides with the beginning of school, the farmer's busiest season, etc. Please see the report of the Committee on Sessions.

Moved to adjourn.

### FRENCH BROAD BUILDING FUND:

Reported at the 1954 session of the Association .....	\$363.83
Received since last Association (from Asheville F.W.B. Church 100.00	
Interest paid since last Association .....	5.01
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Total in bank on interest .....	\$468.84

Since the need for an office building at the Orphanage is so great I am asking that every church in the Association make a contribution to this cause once each month, beginning with September, 1955. I shall expect to send reminders to the pastors and clerks as often as I deem it necessary. Please take your offerings regularly and mail to:

Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Treas.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN: During the year I have had several leads to copies of old minutes of former sessions of the Association. Due to the pressing duties of full time pastoral work I have not been able to make the necessary trips to collect them, but I hope to in the near future. In the meantime, I will appreciate any copies, especially those prior to 1907. I am anxious to find a copy of the following years, also: 1922, 1920, 1915, 1913, 1911, 1910, 1909 and 1908. If any one can furnish any of these please send them to me at once.

Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Historian

### CLERKS FOR NEXT YEAR

ASHEVILLE: Mrs. Pauline Dorsey; 125 Woodfin Ave, Asheville, N. C.  
AVERY'S CREEK: Not elected.  
BARNARD: Mrs. Roy Roberts; Walnut, N. C.  
BARNARDSVILLE: Roy A. Mundy; Barnardsville, N. C.  
BURGIN CHAPEL: Parnell Carpenter; Box 995, Black Mountain, N. C.  
DRY BRANCH: Mrs. Amy Plemmons; Rt. 3, Marshall, N. C.  
EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Wilma Poteat; Black Mountain, N. C.  
FUGATE: Eliza Gibbs; French Broad, Tenn.  
HAZEL GREEN: Mrs. Ima Jean Meadows; 2 Ora St., Asheville, N. C.  
HOMER'S CHAPEL: Clarence Worley; Box 223, Black Mountain, N. C.  
HYATT'S CREEK: Mrs. Wayne Roberts; Waynesville, N. C.  
LAUREL FORK: Luther Hagan; Rt. 1, Marshall, N. C.  
LAURELTON CHAPEL: Cas H. Fender; Rt. 1, Flag Pond, Tenn.  
MARSHALL: Mrs. Alice Bryan, Marshall, N. C.  
MOUNTAIN VIEW: B. W. Sluder, Alexander, N. C.  
MOUNT ZION: Mrs. Delles Green; Rt. 1, Alexander, N. C.  
PAINT FORK: Harry Burrell, Weaverville, N. C.  
PISGAH FOREST: Mrs. Bertha Hyatt; Barnardsville, N. C.  
RAY'S CHAPEL: S. W. Ballew, Weaverville, N. C.  
RECTOR BRANCH: Not stated.  
RED HILL: Miss Hattie Jarrett; Rt. 3, Marshall, N. C.  
ROCKY BRANCH: Betty Boone; Waynesville, N. C.  
SHADY GROVE: Mrs. Evelyn Ramsey; Rt. 4, Marshall, N. C.  
SHOAL HILL: Mrs. Ada Payne; Rt. 1, Marshall, N. C.  
SWEETEN CREEK: Mrs. G. A. Marshall; 324 Vanderbilt Rd., Asheville, N. C.  
UNION CHAPEL: Paul Banks, care W. A. Ward, Rt. 1, Box 496, Weaverville, N. C.  
UNION VALLEY: Mrs. Jennie Ballard, Weaverville, N. C.  
WALNUT: Mrs. B. W. Stines, Walnut, N. C.

**MINISTERS WHO HOLD MEMBERSHIP WITH US  
REVIVALS; COMMUNIONS, Etc.**

- ASHEVILLE: No. revivals, none. Communion and feet washing, 2.
- AVERY'S CREEK: No. revivals, 2; held by: Rev. Fred Silvers, Rev. Jim Frizzell. Communion and feet washing, 2; Minister's Membership: Rev. R. H. Ballard, Ordained; Mr. Richard Swann, Licensed.
- BARNARD: No. revivals, 2; held by: Rev. Luke Griffin, Rev. Hobart Bullman, Rev. Hazel Earle. Communion and feet washing, 1; Minister's Membership: Revs. Hobart Bullman, Andrew Chandler, Licensed.
- BARNARDSVILLE: Minister's Membership: Revs. Raymond Shell, Garson Burleson, Ordained.
- BURGIN CHAPEL: No. revivals, 2; held by: Rev. Clarence Wheeler, Rev. Ervin Sluder; communion and feet washing, 2; Minister's Membership: Revs. Clarence Davis, Grady Harris, Tom Guffey, Ordained.
- DRY BRANCH: No. revivals, 2; held by: Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Rev. Ervin Sluder, Rev. John Wright; communion and feet washing, 2; Minister's Membership: Revs. G. Y. Burgin, Ordained; Charles Owensby, Licensed.
- EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: No. revivals, 2; held by: Revs. Ray Long, Wade Huntley; communion and feet washing, 4; Minister's Membership: Revs. J. C. Franks, G. E. Cody, Ordained.
- FUGATE: No. revivals, 3; held by: Revs. Harrison Lunsford, Loyd Roberts; communion and feet washing, 1.
- HAZEL GREEN: No. revivals, 2; held by: Revs. David Chatham, John Lunsford; communion and feet washing, 4; Minister's Membership: Revs. W. O. Adcock, ordained; Roy Redmon, licensed.
- HOMER'S CHAPEL: No. revivals, not stated; communion and feet washing, 1; Minister's Membership: Revs. B. J. Woody, Clarence Wheeler, Ordained; Rev. Charles Hale, Licensed.
- HYATT'S CREEK: No. revivals, 2; held by: Revs. Worley Wykle, Sam Chandler, Elbert Mills, Roy Ruff; communion and feet washing, 1; Minister's Membership: Rev. Sam Chandler, Ordained; Revs. Elbert Mills, Roy Ruff, Licensed.
- LAUREL FORK: No. revivals, 1; held by: Revs. G. Y. Burgin, John Wright.
- LAURELTON CHAPEL: No. revivals, 1; held by: Revs. Clyde Fender, Shelby Beaver; communion and feet washing, 1.
- MARSHALL: No. revivals, 2; held by: Revs. Alford Taylor, James G. Harris, Paul Sheehan; communion and feet washing, 2; Minister's Membership: Revs. Bob Freeman, Alford Taylor, Loyd Roberts, Ordained; Rev. Evert Shelton, Licensed.
- MOUNTAIN VIEW: No. revivals, none; communion and feet washing, 1; Minister's Membership: Rev. Ervin Sluder, Ordained; Revs. Hubert Worley, Vernon Radcliffe, Licensed.
- MOUNT ZION: No. revivals, 2; held by: Revs. Jesse Rice, James Rice, Grady Harris; communion and feet washing, 2.
- PAINT FORK: No. revivals, 1; held by: Revs. G. M. Reynolds, Wilco Melton; communion and feet washing, 1.
- PISGAH FOREST: No. revivals, 1; held by: Revs. Raymond Shell, Jack Wright; communion and feet washing, 1.
- RAY'S CHAPEL: No. revivals, 1; held by: Revs. T. A. Wheeler, Jack Jones; communion and feet washing, yes; minister's membership: Revs. Lonnie Crawford, John Lunsford, Floyd Ray, Grover Bailey, Ordained.
- RECTOR BRANCH: None stated.
- RED HILL: No. revivals, none; communion and feet washing, 2; Minister's Membership: Revs. J. L. Ledford, G. W. Briggs, Mallie Rice, Ordained.

- ROCKY BRANCH: No. revivals, 2; held by: Revs. Frank Thompson, George Plemmons.
- SHADY GROVE: No. revivals, 1; held by: L. G. Crawford, William Chandler, Taylor Woody; communion and feet washing, 1.
- SHOAL HILL: No. revivals, 1; held by: Revs. Jack Jones, Clarence Wheeler; Minister's Membership: Rev. Walter Wilson, Ordained.
- SWEETEN CREEK: No. revivals, none; communion and feet washing, 4.
- UNION CHAPEL: No. revivals, 1; held by: Revs. Alford Taylor, Grady Harris; communion and feet washing, 4; Minister's Membership: Revs. W. A. Ward, L. F. Rumbough, Ordained.
- UNION VALLEY: No. revivals, 1; held by: Revs. G. M. Reynolds, Wilco Melton; communion and feet washing, 2; Minister's Membership: Revs. Wilco Melton, L. A. Hyatte, Pearson Bradley, Ordained.
- WALNUT: No. revivals, 2; held by: Revs. Clarence Davis, R. H. Ballard, G. M. Reynolds; communion and feet washing, 1; Minister's Membership: Rev. Loyd Chandler, Ordained.

## OBITUARIES

### MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mrs. T. A. Tipton was a devoted mother, humble, giving her life to the service of her home, church and community.

She lived to be 82. Many deeds, smiles and praises of joy will be the memory left with us. She longed to join her husband who departed one year ago. We want to see them in their new home.

—Written by Hester Sluder.

Ben W. Hawkins, age 75, died suddenly at his home of a heart attack, Thursday, May 5, 1955, at 4 P. M. He was a member of Mountain View Church 50 years. He loved his home and Bible and was loved by all who knew him. We miss that smile he always had, but his good work was through and he has gone where happiness and singing, which he loved, will never end.

He leaves a wife, one son and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

—Written by his wife, Mrs. Ben W. Hawkins, Asheville, N. C.

### RED HILL

On January 29, 1955, Mr. Julius Faulkner passed on to his reward. He had been a member of this community most of his life and a faithful and devoted member of Red Hill Church since 1910. A quiet, peaceful man, who set his course on the straight and narrow way, steadily pressing onward to the reward of a full Christian life—he is missed by the church, community, and a host of friends. He leaves the widow, a faithful companion for many years, three daughters, one son, and several grandchildren.

On July 25, 1955, Mr. Ernie Ramsey passed away after a lingering illness. A life long resident of this community, Mr. Ramsey joined the Red Hill Church in 1909 as a youth and was always a faithful member, present for church services as long as his physical well being would permit. A jovial man with a pleasant word for every one, he leaves an empty chair among his family and host of friends that cannot be filled. We miss his presence among us. Mr. Ramsey leaves in addition to his faithful companion, three daughters, one son, and a number of grandchildren.



SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

ASHEVILLE: Superintendent, Mr. R. H. Ray, Rt. 1, Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Miss Frances Lance, Rt. 1, Asheville, N. C. No. classes, 6; No. pupils, 100; kind of literature used, F. W. B. and Bible; amount sent to orphanage, \$82.41; expenses, \$205.21.

EVERY'S CREEK: Superintendent, Earl Conner, Rt. 1, Arden, N. C.; secretary, Cordelia Higgins, Rt. 1, Arden, N. C. No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 50; literature, F. W. B.; amount sent to orphanage, \$81.13; expenses, \$46.72.

BARNARD: Superintendent, Rev. Andrew Chandler, Walnut, N. C.; secretary, Ruby Roberts, Walnut, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 40; literature, Bible; expenses, \$101.24; amount sent to orphanage, \$10.00.

BARNARDSVILLE: Superintendent, George Harris, Barnardsville, N. C.; secretary, Edith Harris, Barnardsville, N. C. No. classes, 3; No. pupils, 22; literature, F. W. B.; expenses, \$16.00.

BURGIN CHAPEL: Superintendent, D. L. Massey, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Clarence Davis, Black Mountain, N. C.. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 35; literature, Bible; expenses, \$14.40; amount sent to orphanage, \$15.00.

DRY BRANCH: Superintendent, Robert Norton, Rt. 3, Marshall, N. C. secretary, Ruth Conner, Alexander, N. C. No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 70; literature, Bible; expenses, \$100.00; amount sent to orphanage, \$10.00.

EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Superintendent, Calvin Runion, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Max Penley, Black Mountain, N. C. No. classes, 7; No. pupils, 155; literature, F. W. B.; expenses, \$64.27; amount sent to orphanage, \$187.90.

FUGATE: Superintendent, Elza Gibbs, French Broad, Tenn.; secretary, Carrie Hill, French Broad, Tenn. No. classes, 3; No. pupils, 25; literature, Bible; expenses, \$10.00.

HAZEL GREEN: Superintendent, M. E. Haynes, 345 Clayton Ave., W. Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Wanda Gosnell, 1007 Riverside Dr., Asheville, N. C. No. classes, 6; No. pupils, 65; literature, Bible; expenses, \$88.15; amount sent to orphanage, \$139.66.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: Superintendent, Jack Wheeler, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Faye Hollifield, Black Mountain, N. C.. No. classes, 8; No. pupils, 119; literature, Bible; amount sent to orphanage, \$25.00.

HYATT'S CREEK: Superintendent, Joe Green, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, Jessie D. Gunter, Waynesville, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 66; literature, F. W. B.; expenses, \$39.05; amount sent to orphanage, \$6.40.

LAUREL FORK: Superintendent, Floyd Sluder, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Leta Jo Riddle, Marshall, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 60; literature, Union and Bible; amount sent to orphanage, \$11.30.

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Superintendent, Cas H. Fender, Rt. 1, Flag Pond, Tenn.; secretary, Mrs. Jessie Fender, Rt. 1, Flag Pond, Tenn. No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 60; literature, F. W. B.; expenses, \$37.02 amount sent to orphanage, \$48.00.

MARSHALL: Superintendent, Howard Reese, Box 93, Weaver-ville, N. C.; secretary, Hazel S. Reese, Box 93, Weaverville, N. C. No. classes, 9; No. pupils, 114; expenses, \$175.45; literature, Union; amount sent to orphanage, \$19.87 received from Crowe Reunion, Aug. 7th.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Superintendent, Rev. Hubert Worley, Leicester, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Elmer Parham, Leicester, N. C. No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 75; literature, F. W. B.; expenses, \$300.00; amount sent to orphanage, \$15.00.

MOUNT ZION: Superintendent, Arvillee Revis, Rt. 2, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Nettie Revis, Rt. 2, Marshall, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 50; literature, Holy Bible; expenses, \$120.16; amount sent to orphanage, none.

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**PAINT FORK:** Superintendent, Taft Mundy, Barnardsville, N. C.; secretary, Lois Hale, Barnardsville, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 47; literature, F. W. B. and Bible; expenses, \$18.00; amount sent to orphanage, \$42.00.

**PISGAH FOREST:** Superintendent, H. C. Stines, Barnardsville, N. C.; Secretary, Louise Hensley, Barnardsville, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 40; literature, F. W. B.; expenses, \$56.65.

**RAY'S CHAPEL:** Superintendent, Wayne Shepherd, Mars Hill, N. C.; secretary, Maglene Shepherd, Mars Hill, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 45; literature, F. W. B.; expenses, \$18.75; amount sent to orphanage, \$19.50.

**RECTOR BRANCH:** No report given.

**RED HILL:** Superintendent, Frank Fisher, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Miss Judy Ramsey, Rt. 3, Marshall, N. C. No. classes, 7; No. pupils, 95; literature, F. W. B. and Bible; expenses, \$297.36.

**ROCKY BRANCH:** Superintendent, Lum Boone, Rt. 1, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, Hester Rider, Rt. 1, Waynesville, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 70; literature, F. W. B.; expenses, \$62.35; amount sent to orphanage, \$134.29.

**SHADY GROVE:** Superintendent, James Davis, Rt. 4, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Berlene Bullman, Rt. 4, Marshall, N. C. No. classes, 3; No. pupils, 52; literature, F. W. B.; expenses, \$10.00.

**SHOAL HILL:** Superintendent, Howard Payne, Rt. 1, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Ruth Henderson, Rt. 1, Marshall, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 25; literature, F. W. B.; expenses, \$50.00; amount sent to orphanage, \$6.55.

**SWEENTEN CREEK:** Superintendent, Luther McCurry, Rt. 5, Box 196, Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. George Marshall, 324 Vanderbilt Rd., Biltmore, N. C. No. classes, 4; literature, F. W. B.; amount sent to orphanage, \$26.95.

**UNION CHAPEL:** Superintendent, John Sherlin, Weaverville, N. C.; secretary, Joe Mundy, Weaverville, N. C. No. classes, 3; No. pupils, 40; literature, David C. Cook; expenses, \$6.00; amount sent to orphanage, \$7.30.

**UNION VALLEY:** Superintendent, E. C. McFee, Weaverville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. J. N. Ballard, Weaverville, N. C. No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 59; literature, F. W. B. and Bible; expenses, \$25.00; amount sent to orphanage, \$69.37.

**WALNUT:** Superintendent, Gilbert Stackhouse, Walnut, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Lankford Thomas, Walnut, N. C. No. classes, 6; No. pupils, 75; literature, F. W. B.; expenses, \$47.75.

**TOTALS:** Expenses \$1953.90; amount sent to orphanage \$913.26. No. pupils, 1654; No. classes, 129.

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

**BURGIN CHAPEL:** President, Mrs. Eunice Carpenter, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Clarence Davis, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. members, 6; Gained this year, 1; Meets every 2 weeks; Money taken in, \$223.85; Money paid out, \$118.40.

**DRY BRANCH:** President, Annie Goforth, Walnut, N. C.; Secretary, Queen Robinson, Marshall, N. C.; No. members, 24; Gained this year, 1; Meets every 2 weeks; Money taken in, \$132.05; Money paid out, \$46.98.

**EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN:** President, Mrs. Carl Edmonds, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Agnes Reynolds, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. members, 22; Gained this year, 2; Meets every 2 weeks; Money taken in, 609.23; Money paid out, \$502.00.

**HOMER'S CHAPEL:** President, Mrs. W. A. Stone, Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. B. C. Hollifield, Rt. 1, Box 173, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. members, 20; Gained this year, 5; Meets every week; Money taken in, \$572.23; Money paid out, \$396.14.

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**HYATT'S CREEK:** President, Mrs. Hester Hampton, Waynesville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Hattie Mathis, Rt. 1, Waynesville, N. C.; No. members, 24; Gained this year, 5; Meets once each month; Money taken in, \$43.04; Money paid out, \$42.50.

**MARSHALL:** President, Mrs. Vada Davis, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Betty Marlor, Marshall, N. C.; No. members, 22; Meets every month; Money taken in, \$128.42; Money paid out, \$110.00.

**WALNUT:** President, Mrs. Grace Dockery, Walnut, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Lankford Thomas, Walnut, N. C.; No. members, 16; Gained this year, 2; Meets every week; Money taken in, \$407.48; Money paid out, \$383.48.

### FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

**ASHEVILLE:** Young People Report.

**DRY BRANCH:** President, Eugene Martin, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Louise Norton, address not given; No. members, 30; No. groups, 1; Meets every week; Do you take a weekly offering? yes; Literature, F. W. B.; Leader, Robert Norton, Marshall, N. C.

**HOMER'S CHAPEL:** Leader, Mrs. Lena Hollifield, Black Mountain, N. C. No. groups, 2; Meets every week; Do you take a weekly offering? yes; Literature, Bible.

**UNION VALLEY:** President, Fred Sprouse, Weaverville, N. C.; Secretary, Doris Lovelace, Asheville, N. C.; No. members, 12; No. groups, 1; Meets every Sunday; Literature, Bible; Leader, Appointed.

### PROCEEDINGS

#### FRENCH BROAD MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

AUG. 1954 — AUG. 1955

The French Broad Minister's Conference of Free Will Baptists met at the Dry Branch Church, Marshall, N. C., on Saturday, October 30th, 1954. After reading the Constitution and By-Laws, the Moderator, Rev. Sluder stressed the fact that the Minister's Conference is under and by the Authority of the Association. Rev. R. H. Ballard preached at 11:00 A. M. Scripture: John 1:19-35; John 3. Subject: What Kind of a Man Does God Stamp His Approval On? Song: My Last Move. Rev. J. A. Martin, testimony regarding his Ministry which started in 1902. He mentioned the fact that he was the only minister in the Conference when it was organized who is still active. (Rev. Martin has since passed on to his reward).

**BUSINESS:** Motion: Rev. G. Y. Burgin—to form an Investigating Committee of 3 to investigate the lives and work of those ministers wishing to unite with this Conference. Seconded same, vote taken.

Motion: Rev. R. H. Ballard—That the Ordaining Council have supremacy over the Investigating Committee. Vote taken.

Investigating Committee: Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. Charlie Hollifield and Rev. Clarence Davis.

Ordained at this Conference: Rev. Arnold Roberts, Walnut, N. C.; Rev. Roy Waldrop, Rt. 1, Asheville, N. C.

Licensed at this Conference: Bro. N. F. Byrd, Rt. 1, Waynesville, North Carolina.

Request: Rev. Rome Woodson—to be re-instated into Conference. Moved and seconded to grant same. Vote taken.

Heard: Rev. H. L. Chatham—regarding our young preachers; our F. W. B. Doctrine and Discipline in general. He suggested a week's schooling of same. No action taken.

Closing song, Amazing Grace. Closed with Christian handshake.

The French Broad Minister's Conference of Free Will Baptists met at the Beaverdam Church at Candler, N. C., on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in January, 1955. Due to the extremely bad weather and icy roads, there were only a few of our Ministers present. These enjoyed Christian fellowship with a fine old time singing, testimony and prayer meeting time. No business transacted.

Rev. Raymond Shell preached at 11:00 A. M.; also Rev. T. A. Wheeler.

## FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The French Broad Minister's Conference of Free Will Baptists met with the Union Valley Church, Weaverville, N. C., on Saturday May 28, 1955. Opening song, When We All Get To Heaven. Welcome, Rev. Wilco Melton, pastor. Scripture: II Timothy, 2; Prayer: Rev. Grover Bailey.

42 ministers counted present, also several women and lay members. Special singing, Melton Sisters. Sermon, Rev. N. F. Byrd. Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20; Subject: Be Strong In The Spirit and Power of The Lord.

Business: Moderator in charge. Reading of By-Laws and Constitution.

Recognized memory of W. W. Ballard, who wrote Constitution, Union Valley being his home church.

Report of Ordaining Council, Rev. G. M. Reynolds.

Bro. Roy Redmon of the Hazel Green Church was liberated in March, 1955. Bro. Redmon willing to wait and work for 1 year before being licensed.

Lost: Rev. Will Capps, one of our oldest members, who passed away.

Moved to adourn.

The French Broad Minister's Conference of Free Will Baptists met with the Rocky Branch Church at Waynesville, N. C., on Saturday, July 30, 1955. Opening song, Victory in Jesus; Rev. Raymond Shell leading in alter Prayer. Visiting Ministers welcomed, Rev. Lloyd Shell, Blue Ridge Baptist Conference. 22 ministers counted present. Special singing, Rev. and Mrs. N. F. Byrd. Sermon, Rev. R. H. Ballard. Scripture: James 5:17; Samuel 1; Luke 22. Subject: Prayer.

Business: Discussion regarding James Plemmons, who requests credentials to join Detroit Conference. Seems that Bro. Plemmons has been dropped from this Conference. No action taken.

Appointed: Hazel S. Reese as Treasurer, Minister's Conference. Flowers for funeral, Rev. J. A. Martin (book stand, Holy Bible), Cost \$20.00. Amount in Treasury, \$10.69.

Licensed at this Conference: George Plemmons, Box 438, Hazelwood, N. C.; Roy Ruff, Gen. Del., Waynesville, N. C.

### ANNUAL SESSION

The French Broad Minister's Conference of Free Will Baptists met with the Barnardsville Church, Barnardsville, N. C., on Saturday, August 27, 1955. As a "follow-up" of the Association, the Moderator proceeded with the business at hand.

Election of Officers: Moderator, Rev. Ervin Sluder, Weaverville, N. C.; Clerk, Hazel S. Reese, Weaverville, N. C.

Ordaining Council: Rev. James G. Harris, Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. Wilco Melton.

Roll Call of Ministers.

Added: Name, W. G. Bursleson.

Heard by letter: Rev. W. L. Howell.

Received into full fellowship: Rev. Gurney McKinney, from the Jack's Creek Association.

Lost: Rev. Ernest Strickland, Rev. Harry Taylor, both having joined the Blue Ridge F. W. B. Conference.

Suggestion: Rev. G. Y. Burgin—to use the old blanks in filling out our Ministers Reports.

Ordination Sermon: Rev. R. H. Ballard. Scripture: I John 1; also Paul's Charge to Timothy.

Ordination Prayer: Rev. Wilco Melton.

Ordained at this Conference: Rev. James O. Waldrop, Rt. 1, Asheville, N. C.; Rev. Nayford F. Byrd, Rt. 1, Waynesville, N. C.; Rev. Evert Shelton, Marshall, N. C.; Rev. Charles J. Ownsbey, Box 405, Swannanoa, N. C.

Licensed at this Conference: Claude Robert Bradley, Rt. 1, Weaverville, N. C.

Re-Licensed at this Conference: Hubert Worley, Rt. 1, Leicester, N. C.; Vernon Radcliffe, Rt. 1, Alexander, N. C.; Hobart Bullman, Rt. 3, Marshall, N. C.; Andrew Chandler, Barnard, N. C.

Retired Ministers: Revs. James A. Collins, Mallie Rice.

FRENCH BROAD MINISTER'S CONFERENCE  
ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Rev. Grover Bailey.....	Reems Creek Rd., Weaverville
Rev. R. H. Ballard.....	193 Pennsylvania Ave., W. Asheville
Rev. Pearson Bradley.....	Rt. 1, Box 459, Weaverville
Rev. G. W. Briggs.....	Rt. 1, Dandridge, Tenn.
Rev. J. B. Brigman.....	Rt. 4; Box 270, Asheville
Rev. Hobart Bullman (L).....	Rt. 3, Marshall
Rev. G. Y. Burgin.....	Rt. 1, Black Mountain
Rev. W. G. Burleson.....	Rt. 1, Alexander
Rev. Andrew Chandler (L).....	Barnard
Rev. Lloyd Chandler.....	Walnut
Rev. Sam Chandler.....	General Del., Waynesville
Rev. H. L. Chatham.....	2 Winding Rd., Biltmore
Rev. G. E. Cody.....	Rt. 1, Box 255, Black Mountain
Rev. J. A. Collins.....	Alexander
Rev. Cecil Creasman.....	Rt. 2, Asheville
Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford.....	Rt. 2, Mars Hill
Rev. Clarence Davis.....	Box 534, Black Mountain
Rev. Arnold Dorsey.....	82 Ridge St., Gentry Park, Asheville
Rev. J. A. Edmonds.....	Box 34, Weaverville
Rev. Bob Freeman.....	Walnut
Rev. T. L. Guffey.....	Swannanoa
Rev. James G. Harris.....	Rt. 1, Black Mountain
Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr.....	895 Riverside Dr., Asheville
Rev. Charlie Hollifield.....	Black Mountain
Rev. W. L. Howell.....	11 Orchard St., River Rouge 18, Mich.
Rev. L. A. Hyattt.....	59 Cumberland Ave., Asheville
Rev. Robert Inman.....	Hazelwood
Rev. H. E. Lunsford.....	Box 4, Walnut
Rev. John Lunsford.....	Rt. 2, Box 123, Asheville
Rev. G. A. Marshall.....	324 Vanderbilt Rd., Biltmore
Rev. H. H. McFalls.....	Box 191, Ridgecrest
Rev. Gurney McKinney.....	Black Mountain
Rev. Wilco Melton.....	Box 634, Black Mountain
Rev. W. L. Moretz.....	Box 548, Swannanoa
Rev. George Plemmons (L).....	Box 438, Hazelwood
Rev. Charles Ownsbey.....	Box 405, Swannanoa
Rev. Vernon Radcliffe (L).....	Rt. 1, Alexander
Rev. Warren Reece.....	220 Virginia Ave., W. Asheville
Rev. G. M. Reynolds.....	Box 383, Black Mountain
Rev. Jesse Rice.....	Rt. 2, Box 75, Weaverville
Rev. Mallie Rice.....	Rt. 3, Marshall
Rev. Lloyd V. Roberts.....	Rt. 3, Marshall
Rev. J. A. Roberts.....	216 Westwood Pl., W. Asheville
Rev. Arnold Roberts.....	Walnut
Rev. L. F. Rumbough.....	Rt. 1, Asheville
Rev. Roy Ruff (L).....	Gen. Del., Waynesville
Rev. Frank Self.....	Del Rio, Tenn.
Rev. Raymond Shell.....	Rt. 1, Barnardsville
Rev. Evert Shelton.....	Rt. 2, Box 345, Marshall
Rev. Ervin Sluder.....	Weaverville
Rev. Alford Taylor.....	Rt. 1, Box 301, Alexander
Rev. James A. Waldrop.....	Rt. 1, Asheville
Rev. Roy Waldrop.....	Rt. 1, Asheville
Rev. Raymond Ward.....	Alexander
Rev. W. A. Ward.....	Rt. 1, Box 496, Weaverville
Rev. Charles Wheeler.....	Box 195, Ridgecrest
Rev. Clarence Wheeler.....	General Del., Swannanoa
Rev. T. A. Wheeler.....	Rt. 2, Canton
Rev. Walter Wilson.....	Rt. 1, Marshall
Rev. Hubert Worley (L).....	Rt. 1, Leicester
Rev. Johnnie Franks.....	Rt. 1, Box 249, Black Mountain

Rev. Herman Gentry..... Rt. 1, Asheville  
 Rev. Welzie Banks (L)..... Arden  
 Rev. N. F. Byrd..... Rt. 1, Waynesville  
 Rev. Rome Woodson..... Weaverville  
 Rev. Claude R. Bradley (L)..... Rt. 1, Weaverville

SESSIONS: The next session of the Minister's Conference will be held with the Mountain View Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, October 29, 1955, at 10:00 A. M.

The next annual session of the Minister's Conference will be held on Saturday before the Second Sunday in August, 1956, at the Mountain View Free Will Baptist Church. This church is located on the Alexander-Leicester Highway.

**ORDAINED MINISTER'S REPORTS**

REV. GROVER BAILEY: No. churches pastored, none; No. revivals conducted, 1; No. conversions, 10; No. sermons preached, 50; No. baptized, 5; No. funerals, 2; received for revival services, \$300.00; given personally to the cause, \$35.00; Do you tithe? yes.

REV. R. H. BALLARD: No. churches pastored, none; No. revivals conducted, 2; No. conversions, 22; No. sermons preached, 71; No. baptized, 5; No. funerals, 6; No. home visits, 70; No. hospital visits, 33; No. homes prayed in, 55; received for revival services, \$71.73; received for all other services, \$118.99; total received, \$190.72; given personally to the cause, \$229.18 plus traveling expenses; Do you tithe? yes.

REV. G. Y. BURGIN: No. churches pastored, 3; No. revivals conducted, 3; No. conversions, 20; No. sermons preached, 60; No. members received, 17; No. baptized, 12; No. marriages, 1; No. funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$640.95; received for revival services, \$100.00; total received, \$740.95; given personally to the cause, \$456.00.

REV. LOYD CHANDLER: No. revivals conducted, 1; No. conversions, 20; No. sermons preached, 60; No. funerals, 1; received for revival services, \$5.00; received for all other services, \$2.00; total received, \$7.00; given personally to the cause, \$5.00.

REV. SAM CHANDLER: No. churches pastored, none; No. sermons preached, 100; No. revivals held, 5; No. conversions, 60; No. marriages, 1; No. funerals, 2; No. miles traveled, 600; Love offerings, \$100.00; given personally to the cause, \$100.00.

REV. H. L. CHATHAM: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 2; No. conversions, 41; No. sermons preached, 125; No. members received, 12; No. baptized, 7; No. marriages, 1; No. funerals, 1; received for pastoral services, \$551.32; received for all other services, none; total received, \$551.32; given personally to the cause, \$363.07; Do you tithe? yes.

REV. LONNIE G. CRAWFORD: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals, 4; No. conversions, 63; No. sermons preached, 108; No. members received, 5; No. marriages, 1; No. funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$240.80 received for revival services, \$54.93; received for all other services, \$14.00; total received, \$309.73; given personally to the cause, \$35.00.

REV. CLARENCE L. DAVIS: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 1; No. sermons preached, 104; No. members received, 5; No. baptized, 2; No. funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$326.97; received for revival services, \$6.00; total received, \$332.97; Do you tithe? yes.

REV. J. A. EDMONDS: No. churches pastored, none; No. conversions, 5; No. sermons preached, 24; No. baptized, 4; No. funerals, 1; total amount received, \$113.69; given personally to the cause, \$60.00.

REV. BOB FREEMAN: No. conversions, 2; No. sermons preached, 12; No. funerals, 2; total amount received, \$12.00; given personally to the cause, \$3.00.

REV. HERMAN GENTRY: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 2; No. conversions, 15; No. sermons preached, 75; No. members received, 6; No. baptized, 5; No. marriages, 1; No. funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$525.00; received for revival services, \$150.00 total received, \$675.00.

## FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

REV. T. L. GUFFEY: No. churches pastored, none; No. revivals conducted, 1; No. conversions, 20; No. sermons preached, 45; given personally to the cause, \$45.00.

REV. CHARLIE HOLLIFIELD: No. sermons preached, 3; No. funerals, 1; No. prayer meetings, 1; No. healing services, 5; No. sick visits, 36; No. hospital visits, 10; No. homes visited, 8; total amount received, \$4.00; traveling expenses, \$25.00; given personally to the cause, \$200.00.

REV. H. E. LUNSFORD: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 3; No. conversions, 48; No. sermons, 30; No. members received, 14; No. baptized, 3; No. funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$131.75; received for revival services, \$167.70; received for all other services, \$48.00; total received, \$347.45; given personally to the cause, \$12.82.

REV. JOHN F. LUNSFORD: No. revivals, 1; No. conversions in revival, prayer meetings and other services, 53; No. baptized, 10; total received, unknown; No record kept, expenses and miles traveled.

REV. G. A. MARSHALL: No. churches pastored, none; No. conversions, 6; No. sermons preached, 21; No. funerals, 1; No. sick visits, 22; No. homes prayed in, 19; given personally to the cause, \$33.50; Do you tithe? yes.

REV. WILCO MELTON: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals, 2; No. conversions, 25; No. sermons preached, 95; No. members received, 19; No. baptized, 10; No. marriages, 1; No. funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$467.51; received for revival services, \$150.50; total received, \$618.01; do you tithe? yes.

REV. WILLET L. MORETZ: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals conducted, 3; No. conversions, 20; No. sermons preached, 120; No. members received, 24; No. baptized, 12; No. marriages, 3; No. funerals, 8; received for pastoral services, \$2,453.00; received for revival services, \$250.00; received for all other services, \$125.00; total received, \$2,828.00; given personally to the cause, \$285.00; Do you tithe? yes.

REV. WARREN M. REECE: No. churches pastored, none; No. sermons preached, 12; total received, no record kept. Do you tithe? yes.

REV. G. M. REYNOLDS: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 5; No. conversions, 97; No. sermons preached, 83; No. members received, 39; No. baptized, 5; No. homes visited, 410; No. homes prayed in, 255; No. funerals, 4; No. Sunday School classes taught, 4; amount received for pastoral services, \$2,589.86; amount received for revival services, \$250.92; total received, \$2,840.78; total amount raised for the cause, \$353.90; given personally to the cause, \$442.37; No. miles traveled, 14,974; expenses, \$384.00.

REV. JESSE RICE: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals conducted, 5; No. conversions, 90; No. sermons preached, 48; No. funerals, 2; amount received for pastoral services, \$464.31; amount received for revival services, \$87.54; total received, \$551.85.

REV. L. F. RUMBOUGH: No. churches pastored, none; No. conversions, 35; No. of sermons preached, 80; No. baptized, 15; No. marriages, 1; No. funerals, 1; total amount received, \$25.00.

REV. RAYMOND SHELL: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals conducted, 2; No. sermons preached, 87; No. baptized, 5; No. funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$222.80; received for revival services, \$26.37; received for all other services, \$33.42; total received, \$282.59; Do you tithe? yes.

REV. ALFORD TAYLOR: No. revivals conducted, 3; No. conversions, 26; No. sermons preached, 55; No. baptized, 9; No. homes visited, 31; No. homes prayed in, 24; No. Sunday School classes taught, 3; total amount received, \$70.51; given personally to the cause, \$25.00; expenses paid, \$141.00; No. miles traveled, 110,900.

REV. W. A. WARD: No. churches pastored, 1; No. conversions, 28; No. of sermons preached, 70; No. members received, 9; No. baptized, 15; No. funerals, 1; received for pastoral services, \$19.00; received for all other services, \$33.50; total received, \$52.50; given personally to the cause, \$10.00.



## FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

REV. CHARLES WHEELER: No. revivals conducted, 1; No. conversions, 17; No. of sermons preached, 57; received for revival services, \$23.64; received for all other services, \$47.28; total received, \$70.92; given personally to the cause, \$12.00.

### LICENSED MINISTER'S REPORTS

REV. HOBART BULLMAN: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 3; No. conversions, 13; No. sermons preached, 83; No. baptized, 7; No. marriages, 1; No. funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$147.86; received for revival services, \$53.80; received for all other services, \$15.75; total received, \$217.41; given personally to the cause, \$50.00; Do you tithe? yes.

REV. N. F. Byrd: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 3; No. conversions, 67; No. of sermons preached, 192; No. baptized, 37; No. funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$475.22 received for revival services, \$103.00; total received, \$578.22; given personally to the cause, \$375.00; Do you tithe? yes.

REV. CHARLES J. OWNSBEY: No. churches pastored, 2; No. sermons preached, 37; received for pastoral services, \$20.00; given personally to the cause, \$133.00; Do you tithe? yes.

REV. ROY C. RUFF: No. churches pastored, none; No. revivals conducted, 10; No. conversions, 30; No. of sermons preached, 70; No. baptized, 9; No. of sick homes visited and prayed in, 15; total amount received, \$15.00; expenses, \$125.00; No. of miles traveled, 400; given personally to the cause, \$25.00.

REV. EVERT SHELTON: No. churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. conversions, 51; No. of sermons preached, 42; No. baptized, 5; No. funerals, 1; received for pastoral services, \$12.62; received for revival services, \$8.00; received for all other purposes, \$6.38; total received, \$27.00; No. miles traveled, 1,200; expenses, \$45.00; given personally to the cause, \$75.00.

### 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.

### 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 licenses, prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, working for the most harmonious and effective ministry. Any person having the call of God to preach His Word, shall be liberated by his church for one year before presenting himself to the ordaining council to be licensed. Each licensed minister shall be elected as pastor of a duly organized church of the regular Free Will Baptists, in this or some other Association or Conference, he may apply for ordination after having been licensed one year.
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 the 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 annual meeting by a vote of four-fifths.

### 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.

### 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 Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk.
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 be 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 delegates.
10. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

### 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 mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself as ransom for all to be testified in due time. I Tim. 2:5.
2. **THE HOLY SCRIPTURE:** We believe that God is 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 APOSTASY:** 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 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 that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessing, 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." II 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 that shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what does 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 as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father even so we also should walk in 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."—I 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 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."—I Cor. 9:14.

### 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 having gone astray and watch over each other's reputation, use our influence to the upbuilding of the church, commands implied in a profession of faith, and in the spirit of kindness and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of Peace, and to confess our faults to one another, and to strengthen those who are weak. 3. We promise by the help of God, that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed Word in the minds of those under our care. 4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel and contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those who are afflicted and needy, and especially to 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 applied 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 to 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 the Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

### BY-LAWS, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. The regular meeting of this Conference shall be held annually the day before the meeting of the Association.
2. Each member shall report at the annual meeting, either in person or by written report. \$1.00 shall accompany each minister's report to merit necessary expenses of this organization.
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 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. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry.
10. These by-laws may be amended by a vote of four-fifths majority at any annual meeting.

## STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE — AUG. 1954 - AUG. 1955

CHURCHES	Members Received	Experience and Baptism	Letter and Statement	Restoration	Members Lost	By Letter	Expulsion and Erasure	By Death	Total Increase	Total Decrease	Last Year's Membership	Present Membership	PASTOR (This Year)
Asheville.....	11	6	5		3	3		1	11	4	175	186	Rev. Thomas Holder, Jr.
Avery's Creek.....					11	10		1		11	79	68	Rev. Fred Silvers
Barnard.....												14	Rev. Hobart Bullman
Barnardsville.....	3		3						3		41	44	Rev. Lonnie Crawford
Burgin Chapel.....	3	4	1										Rev. Clarence Davis
Dry Branch.....	1	4	4			1			8		83	91	Rev. G. Y. Burgin
East Black Mountain.....	39	5	35			1			38		118	156	Rev. G. M. Reynolds
Fugate.....	1	2	1			1		1			42	43	Rev. Harrison Lunsford
Hazel Green.....	12	7		5		7			5		67	74	Rev. H. L. Chatham
Homer's Chapel.....	1				5	3				5	97	93	Rev. Farrell Sparks
Hyatt's Creek.....	12	12			2			2	10		72	82	Rev. Worley Wykle
Laurel Fork.....	4	3	1										Rev. G. Y. Burgin
Laurelton Chapel.....	3	3			4	3		1		1	163	163	Rev. Clyde Fender
Marshall.....	13	7	6		4	3		1	9	4	196	205	Rev. James G. Harris
Mountain View.....	2		2		12	7		5		10	249	239	Rev. Ervin Sluder
Mount Zion.....	1	1							1		144	145	Rev. Jesse Rice
Paint Fork.....	3	2	1						3		123	126	Rev. Raymond Shell
Pisgah Forest.....				1								30	Rev. Raymond Shell
Ray's Chapel.....					1	1							Rev. T. A. Wheeler
Rector Branch.....								2		2	84	82	Rev. G. Y. Burgin
Red Hill.....													Rev. T. E. Woody
Rocky Branch.....	11	5	2	6	7	6		1			154	166	Rev. N. F. Byrd
Shady Grove.....	1		1						1		100	101	Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford
Shoal Hill.....											63	63	Rev. Jack Hutchins
Sweeten Creek.....	47				2				2	2	45	45	Rev. J. A. Roberts
Union Chapel.....	9				2		1		7	3	103	109	Rev. W. A. Ward
Union Valley.....	19	6	13					1	19		103	121	Rev. Wilco Melton
Walnut.....	7	4	3		3	1		2	4		84	88	Not Given
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2385</b>	<b>2534</b>	

## FINANCIAL REPORT — AUG. 1954 - AUG. 1955

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Revivals	Church Repair and Improvement	Other Purposes	Minute Fund	Orphanage	Christian Education	Old Ministers' Fund	Foreign Missions	Local Charity	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage
Asheville .....	1061.16		\$ 68.71	\$ 464.32	\$ 16.00	\$120.54			\$ 66.70	\$ 252.47		
Avery's Creek .....	620.64	\$ 83.66	181.61	60.45		81.13	51.75	\$ 5.00	89.70	40.77	\$ 5000.00	
Barnard .....	147.86	158.45			3.50	10.00			60.00		300.00	
Barnardsville .....	125.09	33.73		107.50		35.00		10.00	24.00		2000.00	
Burgin Chapel .....	319.97	91.31	100.63							23.00	2000.00	
Dry Branch .....	348.00	156.69	137.93	26.50	15.00	10.00		5.00	48.00	20.00	2837.93	
East Black Mountain .....	2550.00	353.90	1275.31	696.58	10.00			27.33	86.50	303.51	12000.00	
Fugate .....	131.44				4.00						1200.00	
Hazel Green .....	551.32	111.84	850.24	651.32	10.00			29.00	16.27	316.01	6000.00	
Homer's Chapel .....	2806.95			1201.47	10.00	57.50		10.00	60.00		10000.00	7000.00
Hyatt's Creek .....	275.00		140.68		5.50	40.00				45.00	3000.00	
Laurel Fork .....	405.08	65.65			4.00						2000.00	
Laurelton Chapel .....	337.34	25.00	152.22	64.40	2.00	48.00					5000.00	
Marshall .....	1420.30	88.75		300.00	20.00	33.65		25.00	40.00	212.37	5000.00	
Mountain View .....	300.00				12.00			16.25	126.25	141.00	5000.00	
Mount Zion .....	172.68	118.71		12.00	6.00						2000.00	
Paint Fork .....	117.73	151.80			5.00	42.00				27.50	1500.00	
Pisgah Forest .....	104.47	35.00	100.00		4.60						1700.00	
Ray's Chapel .....				38.00	10.00	19.50					2000.00	
Rector Branch .....					2.00	4.00		4.00			700.00	
Red Hill .....	981.84			161.54	9.00	157.45		113.41	212.78	72.65	25000.00	
Rocky Branch .....	475.22	337.85	299.03	688.16	13.00	134.25		12.00	266.03	80.00	3850.00	
Shady Grove .....	115.71	15.00		18.00	4.00						1700.00	
Shoal Hill .....	161.35	18.00			3.50			5.00	24.00	15.00	1500.00	
Sweeten Creek .....	356.08		16.68	46.05	3.00	5.00		5.00				
Union Chapel .....	19.00				3.75	7.30				30.00	1500.00	
Union Valley .....	467.15	98.96	440.25	131.75	13.50	69.37		15.00		148.71	1750.00	
Walnut .....	668.92	100.00	423.52		5.00	60.00			103.00		15000.00	1200.00
Offering .....					27.25							
Rev. W. L. Moretz .....					2.50							
Rev. Ervin Sluder .....					12.00							
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$15040.30</b>	<b>\$2044.35</b>	<b>\$4186.81</b>	<b>\$4668.04</b>	<b>\$251.10</b>	<b>\$934.76</b>	<b>\$51.75</b>	<b>\$281.99</b>	<b>\$1223.23</b>	<b>\$1727.99</b>	<b>\$119537.93</b>	<b>\$8200.00</b>

FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

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

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STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

No. of members received.....; By experience and baptism
.....; By letter and statement.....; By restoration.....;
Total increase.....; No. of members lost.....; By letter.....;
By expulsion and erasure.....; By death.....; Total decrease
.....; Present membership.....; Last year's membership
..... Sundays we have preaching
No. of revivals.....; Held by:.....

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor .....
Address .....
Clerk.....
Address .....
Pastor for next year.....
Address .....
Clerk for next year.....
Address .....

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's salary: \$.....; Home Missions and Local Charity:
\$.....; Foreign Missions: \$.....; Orphanage: \$.....;
Church Property Improvements: \$.....; Other Purposes: \$.....;
Old Minister's Fund: \$.....; Minute Fund: \$.....;
Value of all Church property: \$.....

SUNDAY SCHOL STATISTICS

Superintendent.....
Address .....
Secretary.....
Address .....
No. of classes.....; No. of pupils.....; Kind of literature
used.....; Expenses \$.....

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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



FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

President .....

Address .....

Secretary .....

Address .....

No. of members ..... ; No. of groups ..... ; Meets every

..... ; Do you take a weekly offering?..... ;

Kind of literature used ..... ; Do you have a

Junior League?.....

Leader ..... ; Address .....

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL

YEAR OF 195 ..... , TO 195 .....

No. churches pastored ..... ; No. of revivals conducted.....;

No. conversions ..... ; No. of sermons preached ..... ; No.

of members received ..... ;No. baptized.....; No. of homes

visited ..... ; No. of homes prayed in ..... ; No. of sick visits

made.....; No. of marriages.....; No. of funerals .....

Received for pastoral services ..... \$.....

Received for revival services ..... \$ .....

Received for all other services ..... \$.....

TOTAL ..... \$ .....

Given personally to the Cause ..... \$.....

No. of miles traveled..... ; Expenses ..... \$ .....

Minister ..... 47 .....

Address .....

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