

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
78th Annual Session of the  
FRENCH BROAD  
ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
Held at The  
Mountain View F. W. B. Church,  
Leicester, N. C.  
August 9, 10, 11, 1956**



**NEXT SESSION**

Of The French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists will be held at The Red Hill Church at Marshall, N. C., Route 3; beginning on Thursday before the Second Sunday in August, 1957, at 10:00 A. M. The Rev. Raymond Shell will preach the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 A. M. The Rev. Hobart Bulman will be the Alternate.

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**Officers:**

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





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**IN MEMORY OF**

**REV. WILLIAM E. CAPPS, (84)**

of Walnut, North Carolina, who passed away April 28, 1955  
Funeral services were held at Walnut Free Will Baptist Church where  
Brother Capps was a member. Burial was in French Broad Cemetery,  
Alexander. Mrs. W. E. Capps

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PASTORS FOR NEXT YEAR

Church:	Sundays We Have Preaching:
ASHEVILLE: Rev. Thomas Holder, Jr. 895 Riverside Drive, Asheville, N. C.	Every
AVERY'S CREEK: Rev. Ralph Mumpower Route 4, Asheville, N. C.	Every
BARNARD: Rev. Hobert Bullman Route 3, Box 119, Marshall, N. C.	1st & 3rd
BARNARDSVILLE: Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford Route 2, Weaverville, N. C.	1st & 3rd
BURGIN CHAPEL: Rev. James Rice Black Mountain, N. C. (c/o Early's Drive-In Cleaners)	2nd & 4th
DRY BRANCH: Rev. G. Y. Burgin Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.	2nd & 4th
EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Rev. G. M. Reynolds Black Mountain, N. C.	Every
FUGATE: Rev. Harrison Lunsford Walnut, N. C.	2nd
HAZEL GREEN: Rev. H. L. Chatham 2 Winding Road, Biltmore, N. C.	Every
HOMER'S CHAPEL: Rev. Wilco Melton Black Mountain, N. C.	Every
HYATT'S CREEK: Rev. Worley Wykle Whittier, N. C.	Every
LAUREL FORK: Rev. G. Y. Burgin Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.	1st & 2nd
LAURELTON CHAPEL: Rev. Alford Taylor Route 1, Alexander, N. C.	2nd & 4th
LOWER BIG PINE: Rev. G. Y. Burgin Black Mountain, N. C.	2nd & 4th
MARSHALL: Rev. Warren Reece 220 Virginia Avenue, West Asheville, N. C.	Every
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Rev. Ervin Sluder Weaverville, N. C.	4th
MOUNT ZION: Rev. Jesse Rice Route 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. J. A. Edmonds Weaverville, N. C.	Every
RED HILL: Rev. R. H. Ballard 193 Pennsylvania Avenue, Asheville, N. C.	1st, 2nd & 4th
ROCKY BRANCH: Rev. Not stated	Every
SHOAL HILL: Rev. Jack Hutchins Swannanoa, N. C.	1st & 3rd
SWEETEN CREEK: Rev. John Lunsford Route 2, Box 188, Asheville, N. C.	Every
UNION CHAPEL: Rev. W. A. Ward Route 1, Box 496, Weaverville, N. C.	Every
UNION VALLEY: Rev. Clarence Wheeler Black Mountain, N. C.	Every
WALNUT: Rev. Harold Ballard 193 Pennsylvania Avenue, Asheville, N. C.	3rd

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**PROCEEDINGS**

Beginning at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday August 9th, at Mountain View Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening Song: Amazing Grace

Scripture: Rev. Vernon Radcliffe; Psalms: 15

Prayer: Rev. Raymond Shell.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Moderator: Rev. Ervin Sluder.....Weaverville, N. C.  
Vice 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

**VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED**

Rev. David Jones, Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C., Toe River F.W.B.  
Rev. Ernest Strickland, Rt. 1, Candler, N. C., Blue Ridge  
Rev. Harry E. Taylor, Rt. 1, Candler, N. C., Blue Ridge  
Rev. Cecil F. Penley, 1569 E. Otis St., Hazel Park, Michigan  
Rev. R. H. Jackson, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, N. C.  
Rev. H. E. Willis, P.O. Box 994, Greensboro, N. C. Rev. Willis was representing the State Mission Board and The Free Will Baptist Press.  
Rev. Thomas Silver, Box 127, Old Fort, N. C., Blue Ridge.

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

Song: Glory Land Way

Prayer: Rev. Kell, Pastor, Cedar Hill Church.

Special Singing: Mountain View Quartet, Rev. and Mrs. N. F. Byrd,

Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr.

Sermon: Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr. Scripture Galatians, 5th Ch.

Topic: Stand Fast Therefore In the Liberty Wherein God Hath Made You Free.

Song: Where He Leads Me. Closing: Christian Handshake.

**2:00 P.M. SERVICE**

Opening Song: When We All Get To Heaven

Special Singing: Rev. and Mrs. N. F. Byrd

Devotions: Rev. Lonnie Crawford. Exodus 14:13.

Prayer: Rev. George Briggs—Welcome: Visiting Ministers

Seating of Delegates.

Heard: Rev. R. H. Jackson on Free Will Baptist Orphanage. Also heard at this time: Rev. Homer Willis. Rev. Willis informed us that there are now Free Will Baptist Churches in 40 of the 48 states, and in approximately 75 of our North Carolina counties.

Appointment of Committees.

Moved to adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Friday.

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

Opening Song: Send The Light. Prayer: Rev. Hermon Gentry.

Welcome: Rev. Sluder. Special Singing: Rev. and Mrs. N. F. Byrd.

Sermon: Rev. N. F. Byrd. Scripture: Ephesians: 2:8, 2 Corinthians:

12:9. Subject: Grace.

## CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

- ASHEVILLE: Mrs. Ruth Bradley, Mrs. Bertha Hudson, Mrs. Oscar Reese, Gerome Ramsey.
- AVERY'S CREEK: Mrs. W. E. Justice, Mrs. J. H. Gasperson, Mrs. S. R. Brown, Wayne Lisenbee.
- BARNARD: Bro. Edd Davis, Bro. Andrew Chandler, Bro. Bert Roberts, Roy Roberts, Mrs. Loyd Roberts, Mrs. James Roberts.
- BARNARDSVILLE: George Harris, Edith Harris, Roy Mundy, Hilliard Harris, Katherine Riddle.
- BURGIN CHAPEL: D. L. Massey.
- DRY BRANCH: Mrs. Amy Plemmons, Mrs. Ruth Connor, Mrs. Addie Martin, Mr. Ottis Davis, Mr. Gilmer Teague, Mr. Hall Davis.
- EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Mrs. G. M. Reynolds, Mrs. Annie Bartlett, Mrs. Wilma Poteat, Mrs. Zora Runion, Mr. Boyce Crowe.
- FUGATE: Claude Sawyer, Dorothy Sawyer, Charlie Steelman, Bill Steelman, Harry Ellison.
- HAZEL GREEN: Mrs. Imojeane Meadows, Mrs. Harrison Spivey, Mr. Jerry Sharpe.
- HOMERS CHAPEL: Mrs. Lennie Cody, Mrs. M. C. Worley.
- HYATT'S CREEK: Mrs. Hattie Mathis, Mrs. Mary Wyatt, Mrs. Jessie Ann Gunter, Rev. Roy Ruff, James Arrington.
- LAUREL FORK: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sluder, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Riddle, Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, Walter Ball.
- LAURELTON CHAPEL: Cas Fender, Claude Proffitt, Lewis Fender, Arthur Honeycutt, Mrs. Jessie Fender.
- LOWER BIG PINE: Mr. Earl Roberts, Mrs. Earl Roberts, Dan Price.
- MARSHALL: Mrs. Vader Shelton, Mrs. Jerry Ramsey, Mrs. Zinnie Parris, Mrs. Vada Davis, Vader Shelton.
- MOUNTAIN VIEW: Vernon Radcliffe, Roland Sluder, Raymond Hawkins, Vance Ponder, Mrs. Vance Ponder, Walter Deweese, Mrs. B. W. Sluder, Merritt Bradburn.
- MOUNT ZION: Charlie Conner, Robert Revis, Spurgeon Bullman.
- PAINT FORK: Harry Burrell, Eugene Duyck, Vergil Burrell, Dorothy Burrell, Grace Hyder, Dale Duyck.
- PISGAH FOREST: Mrs. R. A. Lunsford, Hilliard Stines, Sam Gaddy, R. A. Lunsford.
- RAY'S CHAPEL: Mr. Will Rice, Mrs. Sue Ray.
- RED HILL: Mrs. Cora Ramsey, Mrs. Eugene Buckner, Johnnie McDevitt, McKinley Faulkner, Jim Rigsby, Hattie Jarrett, Rev. R. H. Ballard.
- ROCKY BRANCH: Lum Boone, Bragg Wood, Lula Wood, Betty Boone, Hester Rider.
- SHOAL HILL: Mr. and Mrs. Lyda Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Payne, Mr. Walter Wilson, Mrs. Ada Payne.
- SWEETEN CREEK: E. L. Dockery, Mrs. J. F. Lunsford, Mrs. D. Dockery, Mr. B. Green, Mrs. G. A. Marshall.
- UNION CHAPEL: W. F. Banks, Hattie Rumbough.
- UNION VALLEY: Mrs. Jennie Ballard, Mr. Fred Hyatt, Mrs. Fred Hyatt, Mr. Lucious Hyatt.
- WALNUT: Mr. and Mrs. Luther Chandler, Mrs. A. S. Reeves, Mrs. Susie Davis, Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, Mrs. Grace Dockery, Mr. Emmitt Payne, Mr. Raymond Stines.

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

- ARRANGEMENTS: A standing committee: Pastor and Delegates.
- YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Rev. John Lunsford, Rev. Lonnie Crawford, Bro. Edd Davis.
- SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Rev. Andrew Chandler, Rev. Hubert Worley, Bro. Charlie Connor.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: Rev. George Briggs, Sister Hattie Jarrett, Rev. R. H. Ballard.  
 PASTOR'S SUPPORT: Sister Eugene Buckner, Sister Dorothy Payne.  
 EDUCATION: Rev. H. L. Chatham, Rev. G. M. Reynolds.  
 LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Rev. T. A. Holder, Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. Clarence Davis.  
 MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: A standing committee, written by Rev. Henry Ballard, deceased. Amendment: Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr., Rev. Walter Wilson.  
 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: Sister Rosa Lee Bullman, Sister Annie Bartlett, Sister Wilma Potect.  
 RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Lonnie Crawford.  
 FINANCE: Rev. R. H. Ballard, Plato Worley, Rev. John Lunsford, Rev. Raymond Shell.  
 TEMPERANCE: Rev. Johnny Franks, Bro. Harry Burrell.  
 ORPHANAGE: Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. Warren Reese, Rev. Hobart Bullman.  
 PERIODICALS: Rev. Raymond Shell, Sister Alice Bryan.  
 WOMAN'S AUXILIARY: Sister Warren Reece, Sister Berry Stines.  
 SESSIONS: First delegate of each church.



## PROCEEDINGS FRIDAY 9:45 A.M.

Opening Song: "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms."  
 Devotions: Rev. Pearson Bradley; Romans: 8:1-27.  
 Prayer: Rev. R. H. Ballard. Welcome of Visiting Ministers.  
 Reports of Committees. Adjourned until 1:30 P.M.

### 11:00 A.M.

Opening Song: "I'll Fly Away." Special Singing: Solo, Rosa Lee Bullman. Solo: Rev. Johnny Franks.  
 Prayer: Rev. Jack Jones. Sermon: Rev. George Briggs.  
 Scripture: 1 Kings: 18. Closing Song: "Lord, I'm Coming Home."

### 2:00 P.M.

Opening Song: "There's A Great Day Coming."  
 Special Singing: John Lunsford Quartet, Solo: Rosa Lee Bullman.  
 Devotions: Rev. Bullman; Hebrews: 3.  
 Prayer: Rev. Loyd Chandler.  
 Reports of Committees. Report of Historian. Report on French Broad Building Fund.

Moved and seconded: To have this Association meet on Thursday before the second Sunday in August permanently.

Heard: Rev. Johnny Franks in appreciation for the hospitality and kindness shown this Association by the Mountain View Church. Standing vote of thanks given.

Moved to adjourn.

## FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M.

Opening Song: "Just Over In The Glory Land."  
 Special Singing: Solo: Judy Reese; Solo: Rev. Thomas Holder, Jr.  
 Prayer: Rev. Rosecoe Penley.  
 Sermon: Rev. Jack Jones. Scripture: Luke: 13:6.  
 Subject: The Unjust Steward. Closing: Christian Handshake.



## 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. Lonnie Crawford, Bro. Edd Davis, 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.

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. Andrew Chandler, Rev. Hubert Worley, Bro. Charlie Connor, 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, churches, and deacons investigate and support our Home and Foreign Mission programs.

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 we first keep our existing churches active and if possible create new churches.

It has been brought to our attention that there are now 39 of the 49 states in the Union having Free Will Baptist Churches.

Bro. G. W. Briggs, Sister Hattie Jarrett, Rev. R. H. Ballard, 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 men 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."

We the committee on Pastor's support also believe that our churches should support our pastors so that they can put more time in the Lord's Work and to preach the Gospel.

Sister Eugene Buckner, Sister Dorothy Payne, 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 Work, 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.

Heard: Rev. R. H. Jackson on F.W.B. Bible Colleges.  
Rev. H. L. Chatham, Rev. G. M. Reynolds, 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.

Rev. T. A. Holder, Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. Clarence Davis, Committee.

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

Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr., Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. Clarence Davis, 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. We will not ordain or license ministers who have two living wives.

A standing committee, written by Rev. Henry Ballard, deceased.  
Amendment: Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr., Rev. Walter Wilson.

**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."

Sister Rosa Lee Bullman, Sister Annie Bartlett, Sister Wilma Poteet, Committee.

**DEEPER DEVOTIONS:** Spiritually 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 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. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Lonnie Crawford.

**TEMPERANCE:** We your committee on temperance believe it to be unchristian to be intemperate in any form. We believe it sinful to use intoxicating beverages, for the cost of strong drink is high. "He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man; he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich." Prov. 21:17. 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." Are they who abstain from these evils safe from temptations? "Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. Prov. 3:23.

Rev. J. C. Franks, Bro. Harry Burrell, Committee.

**FINANCE:**

Minute Fund .....	\$257.58
Paid Historian .....	25.00
Paid Moderator .....	25.00
Paid Clerk .....	35.00

Balance for Minutes and Postage .....	\$172.58
Orphanage: Total Collected .....	120.00
Foreign Missions .....	10.00
Voted at this Association to reduce to \$15.00 the amount paid to Historian.	

Rev. John Lunsford, Rev. Raymond Shell—Minutes; Rev. R. H. Ballard—Orphanage; Mrs. B. E. Guthrie—Foreign Missions; Committee on Finances. Hazel S. Reese, Clerk.

**OLD MINISTER'S FUND**

**Disbursements:**

Rev. Charles Wheeler .....	\$50.00
Rev. Mallie Rice .....	75.00
Rev. Johnnie Franks .....	25.00
Rev. J. A. Collins .....	25.00
Rev. Herman Gentry .....	50.00
Rev. Grady Harris .....	50.00

Total . . . . . \$275.00

Total Amount Received from this Association ..... \$310.83  
 Half of this amount (\$155.00) will be sent to the State Super-annuation (Old Minister's) Board.

Checking Balance, August, 1956 .....	\$ 466.73
Savings Balance, with interest .....	\$1,073.83

Total Balance . . . . . \$1,540.56

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

—Plato Worly, 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 each church make a special drive during the months of May and November. We strongly recommend that the churches resume 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. Warren Reese, Rev. Hobert Bullman, Committee.

**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, Sister Alice Bryan.

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:** We your committee urge each church to organize a Woman's Auxiliary. "This hour is come that the Son should be glorified." John 12:23. The harvest is ripe and the laborers are few. Our motto for the Auxiliary should be "Laborers together with God." I Cor. 3:9. We urge each church to send delegates from their auxiliary to the Woman's Auxiliary Convention at Cragmont.

Mrs. Warren Reece, Mrs. Berry Stines, Committee.

**SESSIONS:** The next session of the French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists will be held with the Red Hill Church, with the Walnut and Barnard Churches assisting, beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1957, at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Raymond Shell will preach the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 a.m.; Rev. Hobart Bullman will be the alternate.

**REPORT OF HISTORIAN:** Since last Association I have received several copies of back minutes, but my files are far from complete. I will greatly appreciate the co-operation of every one in collecting these which I do not have. Any of the numbers prior to 1907 are especially wanted.

The Library of the University of N. C. has written me for any copies that I can spare from my files. These cannot be sent, only as I have more than one of given years, so if you have any of any date that you are willing to have put on file either for your Association or for the University Library I will appreciate getting them and will see that they are sent to the proper place or filed to the permanent property of this Association.

Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Historian.

**REPORT OF FRENCH BROAD BUILDING FUND**

Reported at 1955 session of the Association.....	\$468.84
Received since last Association .....	100.00
Interest paid since last Association .....	5.95

Total in bank on interest ..... 574.79

I hope that the pastors will see to it that the needs of more office space are brought to the attention of their churches. Please send your regular offerings to Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Treasurer, P. O. Box 548, Swannanoa, North Carolina.

**CLERKS FOR NEXT YEAR**

- ASHEVILLE: Mrs. Ernest Henderson; Beaver Dr., Asheville, N. C.
- EVERY'S CREEK: Mrs. W. E. Justice; Route 1, Arden, N. C.
- BARNARD: Mrs. Roy Roberts; Walnut, N. C.
- BARNARDSVILLE: Roy Mundy; Barnardsville, N. C.
- BURGIN CHAPEL: D. L. Massey; Black Mountain, N. C.
- DRY BRANCH: Mrs. Amy Plemmons; Route 3, Marshall, N. C.
- EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Boyce Crowe, Black Mountain, N. C.
- FUGATE: Elzie Gibbs; French Broad, Tennessee
- HAZEL GREEN: Mrs. Imogene Meadows; 1 Westview Rd., Asheville, N. C.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: M. C. Worley; Black Mountain, N. C.  
 HYATT CREEK: Mrs. Wayne Roberts; P.O. Box 601, Waynesville, N. C.  
 LAUREL FORK: Floyd L. Sluder; Route 1, Marshall, N. C.  
 LAURELTON CHAPEL: Cas Fender; Route 1, Flag Pond, Tennessee  
 LOWER BIG PINE: Not stated.  
 MARSHALL: Mrs. Alice Bryan; Marshall, N. C.  
 MOUNTAIN VIEW: B. W. Sluder; Alexander, N. C.  
 MOUNT ZION: Mrs. Dellis Greene; 58 Pelzer Street, Asheville, N. C.  
 PAINT FORK: Eugene Duyck; Route 1, Barnardsville, N. C.  
 PISGAH FOREST: Mrs. R. A. Lunsford; Barnardsville, N. C.  
 RAY'S CHAPEL: S. W. Ballew; Weaverville, N. C.  
 RED HILL: Hattie Jarrett; Route 3, Marshall, N. C.  
 ROCKY BRANCH: Miss Betty Lee Boone; Rt. 1, Box 136, Waynesville, N. C.  
 SHOAL HILL: Mrs. Ada Payne; Route 1, Box 189, Marshall, N. C.  
 SWEETEN CREEK: Mr. Edgar Dockery; Rt. 5, Box 204, Asheville, N. C.  
 UNION CHAPEL: W. F. Banks; Weaverville, N. C.  
 UNION VALLEY: Mrs. Jennie Ballard; Weaverville, N. C.  
 WALNUT: Lina Stines; Walnut, N. C.

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**REVIVALS, NUMBER HELD, AND BY WHOM**

**CHURCH:**

ASHEVILLE, 2, Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr., Rev. T. A. Wheeler  
 AVERY'S CREEK, 1, Rev. Wesley Sprinkle  
 BARNARD, 1, Rev. Hobert Bullman—Rev. Herman Gentry—Rev. Alford Taylor  
 BARNARDSVILLE, 1, Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford—T. A. Watts—Raymond Ponder  
 BURGIN CHAPEL, 2, Rev. Bascombe Brigman, Rev. Clifford Reed  
 DRY BRANCH, 1, Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Rev. Wilco Melton  
 EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN, 2, Rev. Frank Thompson, Rev. Wilco Melton  
 FUGATE, 3, Rev. Livingston, Rev. Sam Chandler, Rev. Lloyd Chandler  
 HAZEL GREEN, 1, Rev. Joe Dotson  
 HOMER'S CHAPEL, 1, Rev. Jack Green, Rev. Orville Whitehead  
 HYATT CREEK, 3, Rev. Worley Wyckle, Rev. Sam Chandler, Rev. Pace  
 LAUREL FORK, 1, Rev. Wilco Melton, Rev. G. Y. Burgin  
 LAURELTON CHAPEL, 1, Rev. J. B. Brigman, Rev. Arthur Edmons  
 LOWER BIG PINE, 1, Rev. Edd Coleman  
 MARSHALL, 1, Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. Warren Reece  
 MOUNTAIN VIEW, 1, Rev. Clarence Wheeler  
 MOUNT ZION, 2, Rev. Jesse Rice, Rev. Alvin McPeters  
 PAINT FORK, 1, Rev. Wilco Melton  
 PISGAH FOREST, 1, Rev. Gurney McKinney, Rev. Raymond Shell  
 RAY'S CHAPEL, 3, Rev. McPeters, Rev. Paul Hyder, Rev. Gurney McKinney  
 RED HILL, 1, Rev. Ervin Sluder, Rev. R. H. Ballard  
 ROCKY BRANCH, 2, Rev. Oscar Walker, Amt. rec'd: \$96.26; Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Amt. rec'd: \$83.03.  
 SHOAL HILL, none  
 SWEETEN CREEK, 2, Rev. Horace Hunnicut, Rev. Wilco Melton, Rev. John Lunsford  
 UNION CHAPEL, 1, Rev. L. F. Rumbough, Rev. Zeke O'Stein  
 UNION VALLEY, not stated  
 WALNUT, 1, Rev. Harold Ballard, Rev. Gentry



## OBITUARIES

### Barnardsville

On July 9, 1956, Mr. John McKinney passed on to his reward. He had been a member of the North Fork community all his life, and a faithful member of Pisgah Forest Church all his life. He was a quiet and peaceful man who had been looking forward for a home in Heaven for a long time. He is missed by the church, community, and a host of friends and neighbors. He leaves two sisters, three brothers and several nieces and nephews.

### Mountain View

Mrs. Hester Fore, wife of Jerome Fore, died at the age of 79. She was a member of Mountain View Church for a number of years. She was the mother of a large family. She loved them and labored hard for them. May her labor not be in vain, but a guiding star to Heaven.

—Written by Margaret Ponder.

Mr. Jimmie Sluder, age 78, departed this life on October 7, 1955. He had been a member of Mountain View Church for 40 years. He was faithful to the church until death. His testimony and faithfulness will always be a memory with us. He leaves three daughters, two sons, a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

—Written by Margaret Ponder.

### Paint Fork

On December 16, 1955, Brother R. L. Webb passed away at the age of 77. He had been a member of the Paint Fork Free Will Baptist church and was faithful until death. His family and many friends miss him very much. But we feel that he is with his loved ones in a better home.—Written by a Friend.

On March 31, 1956, Mr. D. A. Mundy departed this life for his home in Heaven, at the age of 84. He was a Deacon of the Paint Fork Free Will Baptist Church, a faithful and useful member for many years, and always stood firmly for what he thought was right, setting his course on the straight and narrow way. His family and many friends miss him very much, but we know that he is resting from his labors, and those who are faithful will meet him in Heaven.

—Written by his granddaughter, Mrs. Grace Hyder.

On July 4, 1956, Mrs. Toledo Burrell, wife of Harry Burrell, was called to her reward. She was a faithful member of the Paint Fork Free Will Baptist Church as long as her physical health permitted, and a loyal, devoted Christian mother. In addition to her husband, she leaves two daughters and a host of friends who mourn her loss, but we believe it to be Heaven's gain. She cannot come back to us but we may by the help of God go to her. We feel today she is in a place of rest and glory with her loved ones and Jesus.

—Written by Mrs. Grace Hyder.

### Red Hill

On October 13, 1956, Mr. Lorenza Cody passed away. Mr. Cody joined Red Hill Church in 1910 and was a faithful and true servant of our Lord. In sickness and in death he was found a willing and ready helper—a comfort and a knowledge that someone cared. Hardly a family in our community or surrounding neighborhoods but has had the services of this friend as a brother. We miss this humble servant of his fellow man, but he left behind a glowing testimony of where he was going. He leaves behind a loving wife of many years, two daughters, four sons, and several grandchildren. To you we offer our sympathy and trust that we may meet our departed brother on Heaven's bright shore one day soon.

On July 12, 1956, Mrs. Queen Ramsey, a beloved member of the Red Hill Church passed on to her reward. Mrs. Ramsey was a devout Christian. She always found time and means and the opportunity to serve her church, her community, and her Lord. For more than a quarter century, Sister Queen was a Sunday School teacher and worked in other capacities, being the church treasurer for many years. She was a loving mother and leaves behind a dear daughter and husband to whom we say your loss is our loss but it is Heaven's gain. May we see her again on that bright shore.

### Union Valley

On January 13, 1956, at the age of 80, Mr. Denny Ballard passed on to his reward, after a lingering illness. A life-long resident of this community, Mr. Ballard joined the Union Valley Baptist Church in the year of 1890. He always started out early on Sunday morning and would stop and visit his neighbors and children. He was an active church member until about six months before his death. A jovial man with a pleasant word for every one, he leaves an empty chair among his family and a host of friends that cannot be filled. Uncle Denny leaves, in addition to his faithful companion, eleven living children and a number of grandchildren. The circle is broken down here but may we all be reunited up there.

—Written by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. B. Ballard.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

**ASHEVILLE:** Superintendent, K. H. Metcalf; Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Bradley, 73 Elkmont Drive, Asheville, N. C.; No. classes, 6; No. pupils, 100; kind of literature used, F.W.B. and Bible; Expenses, \$500.42.

**AVERY'S CREEK:** Superintendent, Mr. E. W. Conner, Route 1, Arden, N. C.; Secretary, Miss Mary Ellen Lance, Route 1, Arden, N. C.; No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 46; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$43.54.

**BARNARD:** Superintendent, Rev. Andrew Chandler, Walnut, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Roberts, Walnut, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 35; Kind of literature used, Bible; Expenses, \$35.88.

**BARNARDSVILLE:** Superintendent, George Harris, Barnardsville, N. C. Secretary, Edith Harris, Barnardsville, N. C.; No. classes, 3; No. pupils, 30; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$14.

**BURGIN CHAPEL:** Superintendent, D. L. Massey, Black Mountain, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Clarence Davis, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. classes, 3; No. pupils, 40; Kind of literature used, Bible; Expenses not stated.

**DRY BRANCH:** Superintendent; Mr. Ottis Davis, Rt. 3, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Miss Shirley Jean Rector, Route 3, Marshall, N. C.; No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 70; Kind of literature used, Union and Bible; Expenses, \$79.61.

**EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN:** Superintendent, Calvin Runion, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Edith Penley, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. classes, 8; No. pupils, 185; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$46.51.

**FUGATE:** Superintendent, Charlie Steelman, Rt. 1, French Broad, Tennessee; Secretary, Elzie Gibbs, French Broad, Tennessee; No. classes, 3; No. pupils, 35; Kind of literature used, Bible.

**HAZEL GREEN:** Superintendent, Mr. M. E. Haynes, 345 Clayton Ave., Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Imogene Meadows, 1 Westview Road, Asheville, N. C.; No. classes, 6; No. pupils, 71; Kind of literature used, Bible; Expenses, \$4.90; Orphanage, \$136.52.

**HOMER'S CHAPEL:** Superintendent, Lloyd Summey, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Arnold Wheeler, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. classes, 7; No. pupils, 102; Kind of literature used, Bible; Expenses, \$423.90.

**HYATT CREEK:** Superintendent, Bill Frizzel, Route 1, Waynesville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Lonon Stiles, Route 1, Waynesville, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 90; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$46.60.

**LAUREL FORK:** Superintendent, George Robinson, Rt. 1, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Gail Roberts, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, not stated; Kind of literature used, Union; Expenses, not stated.

**LAURELTON CHAPEL:** Superintendent, Cas Fender, Rt. 1, Flag Tennessee; Secretary, Mrs. Jessie Fender, Rt. 1, Flag Pond, Tennessee; No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 60; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses \$38.82.

**LOWER BIG PINE:** Superintendent, Earl Roberts, Walnut, N. C.; Secretary, Nora Anderson, Walnut, N. C.; No. classes, 2; No. pupils, 20; Kind of literature used, Bible; Expenses, not stated.

**MARSHALL:** Superintendent, Howard Reese, Box 93, Weaver-ville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Evert Shelton, Route 2, Box 345, Marshall, N. C.; No. classes, 8; No. pupils, 79; Kind of literature used, Union; Expenses, \$160.75.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Superintendent, Rev. Hubert Worley, Leicester, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Elmer Parham, Leicester, N. C.; No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 75; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$300.

**MOUNT ZION:** Superintendent, Charlie Conner, Rt. 2, Alexander, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Arville Revis, Rt. 2, Marshall, N. C.; No. classes, 5; No. pupils, 65; Kind of literature used, Bible; Expenses, \$105.38.

**PAINT FORK:** Superintendent, Taft Mundy, Rt. 1, Barnardsville, N. C.; Secretary, Lois Hale, Rt. 1, Barnardsville, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 50; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. and Bible; Expenses, \$36.

**PISGAH FOREST:** Superintendent, Mr. Zeb Hensley, Barnardsville, N. C.; Secretary, Louise Hensley, Barnardsville, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 45; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$32.

**RAY'S CHAPEL:** Superintendent, Jimmie Edmonds, Weaverville, N. C.; Secretary, Betty A. Crawford, Weaverville, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 35; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, not stated.

**RED HILL:** Superintendent, Frank Fisher, Rt. 3, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Miss Judy Ramsey, Rt. 3, Marshall, N. C.; No. classes, 7; No. pupils, not stated; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. and Bible; Expenses, \$430.06.

**ROCKY BRANCH:** Superintendent, Raymond Willett, Rt. 1, Waynesville, N. C.; Secretary, Hester Rider, Rt. 1, Box 899, Waynesville, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, not stated; Kind of literature used, Bible; Expenses, \$198.50.

**SHOAL HILL:** Superintendent, Mr. Howard Payne, Rt. 1, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Henderson, Rt. 1, Marshall, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, not stated; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$81.30.

**SWEETEN CREEK:** Superintendent, Mr. B. Green, 14A West Terrace, West Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Patsy Lunsford, Rt. 2, Box 188, Asheville, N. C.; No. classes, 4; No. pupils, 65; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$113.06.

**UNION CHAPEL:** Superintendent, Leroy Moore, Weaverville, N. C.; Secretary, Joe Munday, Weaverville, N. C.; No. classes, 3; No. pupils, 40; Kind of literature used, Bible; Expenses, \$6.

UNION VALLEY: Superintendent, Lewis Sprouse, Weaverville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Fred Hyatt, Weaverville, N. C.; No. of classes, 4; No. pupils, 61; Kind of literature used, Bible and F.W.B.; Expenses, \$25.

WALNUT: Superintendent, Gilbert Stackhouse, Walnut, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Lankford Thomas, Walnut, N. C.; No. classes, 6; No. pupils, 70; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$25.05.

TOTALS: No. classes, 127; No. pupils, 1439; Expenses, \$288.80.

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**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

BURGIN CHAPEL: President, Mrs. Eunice Carpenter, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Clarence Davis, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. members, 4; Gains and Meetings, not stated; Money taken in, \$66.20; Money paid out, \$48.03.

DRY BRANCH: President, Mrs. Addie Martin, Rt. 3, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Robert Norton, Rt. 3, Marshall, N. C.; No. of members, 25; Gains and Meetings, not stated; Money taken in, \$41.33; Money paid out, \$42.20.

EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: President, Agnes Reynolds, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Myrtle Edmonds, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. members, 10; Gains, not stated; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, \$421.48; Money paid out, \$329.05.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: President, Mrs. Jack Wheeler, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Bernie Hollifield, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. members, 20; Gains, not stated; Meets every week; Money taken in, \$118.98; Money paid out, \$78.43.

MARSHALL: President, Mrs. Vada Davis, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Warren Recce, 220 Virginia Ave., Asheville, N. C.; No. members, 12; Gained this year, 6; Meets every Sunday night; Money taken in, \$123.85; Money paid out, \$91.

UNION VALLEY: President, Mrs. Nana Melton, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Euna Ballard, Weaverville, N. C.; No. members, 9; Gains, not stated; Meets every month; Money taken in, \$75.23; Money paid out, \$54.51.

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, \$312.24; Money paid out, \$233.17.

**FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE**

ASHEVILLE: YOUNG PEOPLE'S HOME MISSION WORKERS: President, Tate Gentry, 77 Elkmont Drive, Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Miss Jean Tesner, Rt. 1, Asheville, N. C.; No. members, approx. 30; No. groups, not stated; Meets every week; Do you take a weekly offering? yes; Kind of literature used, Bible.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: President, Mrs. Lena Hollifield, Blue Ridge Road, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Rita Dillingham, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. members, 25; No. groups, 3; Meets every week; Do you take a weekly offering? yes; Kind of literature used, Bible; Do you have a Junior League? yes; Leaders, Tommie Hollifield and Elaine Worley, Black Mountain, N. C.

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**FRENCH BROAD F.W.B. MINISTER'S CONFERENCE**  
 August 1955-August 1956  
**PROCEEDINGS**

The French Broad F.W.B. Minister's Conference met at the Mountain View Church, Leicester, N. C., on Saturday, October 29th, 1955. Opening song: "I'm In The Glory Land Way." Rev. Herman Gentry preached at 11:00 A.M. Scripture: Ezekiel: Chapter 8; Amos 8:11; Isaiah 9:2. Subject: Darkness Over God's People.

BUSINESS: Ordained at this Conference: Rev. Hobart Bullman, Barnard.

Licensed at this Conference: Rev. Claude Mills, Rocky Branch.

Report of Treasurer: Amount of Offering: \$14.97. Total amount in treasury: \$25.66. 22 Ministers counted present. Closed with a Christian Handshake.

The French Broad F.W.B. Minister's Conference met at the Marshall Church, Marshall, N. C., on Saturday, January 28th, 1956. Opening song: "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing." Welcome extended by Rev. Warren Reece, Pastor. Prayer by Rev. Arthur Edmonds. Special singing by the Roberts Sisters from Laurel Fork Church and Rev. and Mrs. N. F. Byrd. Rev. Raymond Shell preached at 11:00 A.M. Scripture: Genesis 18:16-19; Luke 19. Topic: For Today I Must Abide At Thy House.

BUSINESS: Ordained at this Conference: Rev. Andrew Chandler, Barnard.

Licensed at this Conference: Rev. Edgar D. Coleman from the Horney Heights Church.

Report of Treasurer: Amount of Offering: \$9.87. Total amount in Treasury: \$35.53. 27 Ministers counted present.

The French Broad F.W.B. Minister's Conference met at the Sweeten Creek Church, Biltmore, N. C., on Saturday, April 28th, 1956. Welcome by Rev. John Lunsford, Pastor. Opening song: "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Rev. Ervin Sluder. Rev. N. F. Byrd preached at 11:00 A.M. Scripture: Romans: 1: 16-18. Topic: Holding The Truth In Unrighteousness—For I Am Not Ashamed of The Gospel of Christ.

BUSINESS: At this time, Bro. Plato Worley, Treasurer of the Board, Old Minister's Fund gave a report on finances. Heard in discussion were Revs. R. H. Ballard, Warren Reece, Raymond Shell, Grady Harris, Herman Gentry, John Lunsford, G. M. Reynolds and T. A. Wheeler. Moved and seconded that each Minister pay \$1.00 per month to build up Fund and insure adequate amount of cash when needed. Love Offering taken at this time—amount received: \$28.86.

Ordained at this Conference: Rev. Welzie Banks, Arden, N. C.

Licensed at this Conference: Rev. Roy Redmon, Hazel Green Church.

Report of Treasurer: Amount of Offering: \$22.25. Paid Rev. Grady Harris \$20.00. Total amount in Treasury: \$37.78.

21 Ministers counted present. Visiting Ministers: Rev. Worley Wykle, Western Association, Rev. Fred Moore, Black Mountain, N. C. Rev. Junior Ball, Horney Heights Church.



### ANNUAL SESSION

The French Broad F.W.B. Minister's Conference met at the Mountain View Church, Leicester, N. C., on Saturday August 11th, 1956. Opening song: "Just Over In The Glory Land." Devotions by Rev. Clarence Davis; Acts 2:14—Prayer: Rev. Herman Gentry.



### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. Ervin Sluder ..... Weaverville, N. C.  
Vice Moderator: Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr., 895 Riverside Dr., Asheville, N. C.  
Clerk: Hazel S. Reese..... Box 93, Weaverville, N. C.



### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. Wilco Melton and Rev. G. M. Reynolds.



### PROCEEDINGS

Special singing: Melton Sisters. Reading: Constitution and By-Laws of Minister's Conference by Moderator, Rev. Sluder.

Roll call of Ministers. Heard: Rev. R. H. Ballard regarding Rev. Welzie Banks who sent in his Credentials.

Moved: To drop Rev. Claude Bradley who has joined the Missionary Conference.



Moved: To drop Rev. Rome Woodson who doesn't hold membership in any Free Will Baptist Church now. Seconded same.

Moved: That the Investigating Committee know and investigate those Ministers already in our Conference as well as those wishing to unite with us.

Members of Investigating Committee: Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Clarence Davis. Added: Rev. G. Y. Burgin.

Love Offering taken for Rev. Sluder. Received: \$27.00.

Ordained at This Conference:

Rev. Vernon Radcliffe, Rev. Hubert Worley; Mountain View Church  
Rev. Roy C. Ruff, Hyatt's Creek Church; Rev. George Plemmons, Rocky Branch Church.

Licensed at this Conference: Bro. James Rice, Bro. Rice will be Pastor under watchcare of his father, Rev. Jesse Rice. He has been liberated from Sexton Church for five years.

Rev. George Briggs preached the Ordination Sermon. Scripture: 2 Timothy: 4th chapter. Ordination Prayer: Rev. G. M. Reynolds.

Closing song: "Glad Reunion Day," by the Sluder Trio. This song was dedicated to Bro. Plato Worley and Wife, Robena, in memory of Bro. Jerry Ramsey.

Closed with Christian Handshake.

### SESSIONS

The next session of The French Broad F.W.B. Minister's Conference will be held with the Hyatt's Creek F.W.B. church on Saturday, Sept. 29, 1956 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, 1957, at the Red Hill Free Will Baptist Church at Marshall, N. C., Route 3.

## FRENCH BROAD MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

### Roll Call of Ministers

Rev. Grover Bailey	Reems Creek Rd., Weaverville
Rev. R. H. Ballard	193 Pennsylvania Ave., West Asheville
Rev. Pearson Bradley	Route 1, Box 459, Weaverville
Rev. G. W. Briggs	Route 1, Dandridge, Tennessee
Rev. J. B. Brigman	Route 4, Box 270, Asheville
Rev. Hobart Bullman	Route 3, Box 119, Marshall
Rev. G. Y. Burgin	Route 1, Black Mountain
Rev. W. G. Burleson	Route 1, Alexander
Rev. N. F. Byrd	Box 302, Fletcher
Rev. Andrew Chandler	Walnut
Rev. Lloyd Chandler	Walnut
Rev. Sam Chandler	P. O. Box 601, Waynesville, N. C.
Rev. H. L. Chatham	2 Winding Road, Biltmore
Rev. G. E. Cody	Route 1, Box 255, Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. Edgar D. Coleman (L)	Route 3, Asheville
Rev. J. A. Collins	Alexander
Rev. Cecil Creasman	Route 2, Asheville
Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford	Route 2, Weaverville
Rev. Clarence Davis	Box 534, Black Mountain
Rev. Arnold Dorsey	82 Ridge Street, Gentry Park, Asheville
Rev. J. A. Edmonds	Box 34, Weaverville
Rev. Johnny Franks	Route 1, Box 249, Black Mountain
Rev. Bob Freeman	Walnut
Rev. Herman Gentry	Route 1, Asheville
Rev. T. L. Guffey	Swannanoa
Rev. James G. Harris	Route 1, Black Mountain
Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr.	895 Riverside Drive, Asheville
Rev. Charlie Hollifield	Black Mountain
Rev. W. L. Howell	11 Orchard St., River Rouge 18, Michigan
Rev. L. A. Hyatt	59 Cumberland Avenue, Asheville
Rev. Robert Inman	Hazelwood

Rev. H. E. Lunsford	Box 4, Walnut
Rev. John Lunsford	Route 2, Box 188, Asheville
Rev. G. A. Marshall	324 Vanderbilt Road, Asheville (Biltmore)
Rev. H. H. McFalls	Box 191, Ridgecrest
Rev. Gurney McKinney	Black Mountain
Rev. Wilco Melton	Box 634, Black Mountain
Rev. Claude Mills (L)	Route 1, Waynesville
Rev. W. L. Moretz	Box 548, Swannanoa
Rev. George Plemmons	Box 438, Hazelwood
Rev. Charles Ownsbey	Box 405, Swannanoa
Rev. Vernon Radcliffe	Route 1, Alexander
Rev. Roy Redmon (L)	Route 5, Box 402A, Asheville
Rev. Warren Reese	220 Virginia Avenue, West Asheville
Rev. G. M. Reynolds	Box 383, Black Mountain
Rev. James Rice (L)	c/o Earley's Drive In Cleaners, Black Mountain
Rev. Jesse Rice	Route 2, Box 75, Weaverville
Rev. Mallie Rice	Route 3, Marshall
Rev. Lloyd V. Roberts	Route 3, Marshall
Rev. J. A. Roberts	216 Westwood Place, West Asheville
Rev. Arnold Roberts	Walnut
Rev. L. F. Rumbough	Route 1, Asheville
Rev. Roy Ruff	General Delivery, Waynesville
Rev. Frank Self	Del Rio, Tennessee
Rev. Raymond Shell	Route 1, Barnardsville
Rev. Evert Shelton	Route 2, Box 345, Marshall
Rev. Ervin Sluder	Weaverville
Rev. Alford Taylor	Route 1, Box 301, Alexander
Rev. James Waldrop	Route 1, Asheville
Rev. Roy Waldrop	Route 1, Asheville
Rev. Raymond Ward	Alexander
Rev. W. A. Ward	Route 1, Box 496, Weaverville
Rev. Charles Wheeler	Box 195, Ridgecrest
Rev. Clarence Wheeler	General Delivery, Swannanoa
Rev. T. A. Wheeler	Route 2, Canton
Rev. Walter Wilson	Route 1, Marshall
Rev. Hubert Worley	Route 1, Leicester

Minister Conference: Donations to Old Minister's Fund: Beginning

April 28, 1956.	
Rev. Ervin Sluder	\$12.00
Rev. Walter Wilson	12.00
Rev. Warren Reese	12.00
Rev. Sam Chandler	12.00
Rev. R. H. Ballard	12.00
Rev. G. M. Reynolds	12.00
Rev. G. A. Marshall	12.00
Rev. James G. Harris	12.00
Rev. Hubert Worley	12.00
Rev. Roy J. Redmon	4.00
Rev. George Plemmons	4.00
Rev. Roy C. Ruff	4.00
Rev. Clarence Davis	3.00
Rev. Raymond Shell	3.00
Rev. Edd Coleman	3.00
Rev. J. H. Lunsford	4.00
Rev. Jim Collins	1.00
Love Offering of Minister's Conference	28.88

TOTAL.....\$162.88

Plato Worley, Treasurer, Old Minister's Fund,  
Address: Box 303, Marshall, N. C.

## ORDAINED MINISTER'S REPORTS

**REV. GROVER BAILEY:** No. churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. conversions, 37; No. of sermons preached, 40; No. of members received, none; No. baptized, none; No. of homes visited, 20; No. homes prayed in, 15; No. of sick visits made, 17; No. of marriages, none; No. of funerals, 3; Received for pastoral services, none; received for revival services, \$15.00; Received for all other services, none; Given personally to the cause, \$25.00; No. miles traveled, 800; Expenses, \$20.00.

**REV. R. H. BALLARD:** No. churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, 3; conversions, 33; No. of prayer meetings, 100; No. of sermons preached, 78; No. of members received, 21; No. baptized, 15; No. of sick visits made, no record; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals, 12; Received for pastoral services, Walnut—\$562.90, Red Hill—\$901.95; Received for all other services, \$46.50; Total am't received, \$1,678.20. Given personally to the cause, \$494.05; No record kept of miles traveled or expense.

**REV. G. W. BRIGGS:** No. of sermons preached, 21; No. of funerals, 3; No. of marriages, 2; Received for all services, \$15.00; Given to the Cause, unknown.

**REV. HOBART BULLMAN:** No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. conversions, 6; No. of sermons preached, 93; No. of members received, 1; No. baptized, 7; No. of homes visited, 25; No. of homes prayed in, 25; No. of sick visits made, 10; No. of marriages, none; No. of funerals, 1; Received from pastoral services, \$140.28; Received for revival services, \$21.97; Received for all other services, \$25.00; Total amount received, \$188.25; Given to the Cause, \$25.00; No. of miles traveled, 600; Expenses, \$30.00.

**REV. G. Y. BURGIN:** No. churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. conversions, 28; No. of sermons preached, 104; No. of members received, 14; No. baptized, 6; No. of homes visited, 100; No. of sick visits made, 21; No. of marriages, 1; No. funerals, 1; Received for pastoral services, \$826; Received for revival services, \$26; Received for all other services, \$10.00; Total amount received, \$952; Given personally to the Cause, \$300; No. of miles traveled, 2500; Expenses, \$250.

**REV. ANDREW CHANDLER:** No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of sermons preached, 52; No. baptized, 7; No. of homes visited, 15; No. of homes prayed in, 15; No. of sick visits made, 10; Received for all services, \$35; Given personally to the Cause, \$20; No. of miles traveled, 25; Expenses, \$3.

**REV. LOYD CHANDLER:** No. churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. conversions, 6; No. of sermons preached, 60; No. of homes visited, 35; No. of homes prayed in, 15; No. of sick visits made, 10; No. of funerals, 1; Received for pastoral services, \$50; Received for revival services, \$25; Received for all other services, \$12; Total amount received, \$87; Given personally to the Cause, \$10; No. of miles traveled, 600; Expenses, \$20.

**REV. SAM CHANDLER:** No. churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. conversions, 45; No. of sermons preached, 35; No. of homes visited, 20; No. of homes prayed in, 10; No. of sick visits made, 15; Received for revival services, \$100; Total amount received, \$100; Given personally to the Cause, \$50; No. of miles traveled, 200; Expenses, \$50.

**REV. H. L. CHATHAM:** No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, helped in three; No. conversions, 22; No. of sermons preached, 125; No. of members received, 8; No. baptized, 4; No. of homes visited, 35; No. of homes prayed in, 15; No. of sick visits made, 20; No. marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 3; Received for pastoral services, \$601.67; Received for all other services, \$35; Total amount received, \$636.67; Given personally to the Cause, \$253.08; No. of miles traveled, 4069; Expenses, \$203.45.

REV. G. E. CODY: No. churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, none; No. conversions, 1; No. of sermons preached, 7; No. of members received, none; No. baptized, none; No. of homes visited, 6; No. homes prayed in, 3; No. of sick visits made, 3; No. of marriages, none; No. of funerals, none; Bible classes taught, 30; Received for all services, \$1; Given personally to the Cause, \$350; No. of miles traveled, 350; Expenses, \$12.

REV. LONNIE G. CRAWFORD: No. churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. conversions, 5; No. of sermons preached, 60; No. of homes visited, 75; No. of homes prayer in, 28; No. of sick visits made, 40; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals, 4; Received for pastoral services, \$121.61; Received for revival services, \$7.50; Received for all other services, \$34.54; Total amount received, \$163.65; Given personally to the Cause, \$25; No. of miles traveled, approx. 1000; Expenses, \$13.

REV. CLARENCE L. DAVIS: No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, helped in 1; No. of conversions, 5; No. of sermons preached, 96; No. baptized, 5; Received for pastoral services, \$134.54; Received for revival services, \$20; Total amount received, \$154.54; Given personally to the Cause, \$300.

REV. J. A. EDMONDS: No. churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. conversions, 12; No. of sermons preached, 20; No. of members received, none; No. baptized, 4; No. of homes visited, 15; No. of homes prayed in, 8; No. of sick visits made, 12; No. of marriages, none; No. of funerals, 2; Received for revival services, \$18; Received for other services, \$25; Total amount received, \$43; Given personally to the Cause, \$40.

REV. BOB FREEMAN: No. conversions, 1; No. of sermons preached, 16; No. of homes visited, 8; No. of homes prayed in, 4; No. of sick visits made, 4; No. of funerals, 2; Received for all services, \$34; Given personally to the Cause, \$3; Expenses, \$2.

REV. H. E. LUNSFORD: No. churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. conversions, 2; No. of sermons preached, 35; No. of members received, 2; No. baptized, 2; No. of homes visited, 30; No. of homes prayed in, 18; No. of sick visits made, 7; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 2; Received for pastoral services, \$72.85; Received for revival services, \$34.60; Received for all other services, \$80.20; Total amount received, \$187.65; Given personally to the Cause, \$10.45; No. miles traveled, 1036; Expenses, \$20.

REV. JOHN F. LUNSFORD: No. churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. conversions, 59; No. of sermons preached, Unknown; No. of members received, 27; No. baptized, 7; No. of homes visited, unknown; No. of sick visits made, no record kept; No. of marriages, none; No. of funerals, 7; Received for pastoral services, \$435.08; Received for revival services, \$26.22; Received for all other services, \$309.65; Total amount received, \$770.95; Given personally to the Cause, \$184.07; No. of miles traveled, no record kept; Expenses, no record kept.

REV. G. A. MARSHALL: No. churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, none; No. conversions, 4; No. of sermons preached, 51; No. of members received, none; No. baptized, none; No. of homes visited, 18; No. of homes prayed in, 12; No. of sick visits made, 18; No. of marriages, none; No. of funerals, 1; Received for pastoral services, none; Total amount received, none; Given personally to the Cause, \$73.15; No. of miles traveled and expense, no record kept.

REV. WILCO MELTON: No. churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 8; conversions, 130; No. of sermons preached, 262; No. of members received, 7; No. baptized, 18; No. of homes visited, 196; No. of homes prayed in, 100; No. of sick visits made, 84; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 6; Received for pastoral services, \$467.51; Received for revival services, \$305.78; Received for all other services, \$52; Total amount received, \$625.29.

REV. WILLET L. MORETZ: No. churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. conversions, 27; No. of sermons preached, 136; No. of members received, 24; No. baptized, 16; No. of homes visited, 96; No. of homes prayed in, 40; No. of sick visits made, 104; No. of marriages, 4; No. of funerals, 6; Received for pastoral services, \$2300; Received for revival services, \$300; Received for all other services, \$150; Total amount received, \$2750; Given personally to the Cause, \$275; No. of miles travelled, 24,000; Expenses, \$600.

REV. CHARLES J. OWNSBEY: No. churches pastored, 2; No. conversions, 7; No. of sermons preached, 41; No. of members received, 2; No. baptized, 1; No. of homes visited, 76; No. of homes prayed in, 40; No. of sick visits made, 100; No. of marriages, none; No. of funerals, none; Received for pastoral services, \$25; Received for all other services, \$25; Total amount received, \$50; Given personally to the Cause, \$93.50; No. of miles traveled, 3885; Expenses, \$170.

REV. WARREN REECE: No. churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 1; No. of sermons preached, 102; No. of members received, 5; No. baptized, none; No. of homes visited, 35; No. of homes prayed in, 35; No. of sick visits made, 15; No. of marriages, none; No. of funerals, 1; Received for pastoral services, \$1100.23; Received for all services, \$1100.23; Given personally to the Cause, \$450; No. of miles traveled, 5,000; Expenses, \$500.

REV. G. M. REYNOLDS: No. churches pastored, 1; No. conversions, 153; No. sermons preached, 73; No. of members received, 19; No. baptized, 13; No. of homes visited, 334; No. homes prayed in, 220; No. of sick visits made, 125; No. funerals, 7; Received for pastoral services, \$3085; Total amount received, \$3085; Given personally to the Cause, \$384.30; No. of miles traveled, 13,600; Expense, \$387.

REV. JESSE RICE: Received from Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church \$246.41 for pastoral services and for revivals \$76. Homes visited, 300; miles traveled, 4000.

REV. ROY C. RUFF: No. revivals conducted, 3; No. baptized, 11; No. of sermons preached, 63; No. of sick visits made, 12; No. hospital visits, 35; conversions, 20; Prison Camp, 1; miles traveled, 2500; Expense, \$150.

REV. L. F. RUMBOUGH: No. churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. conversions, 20; No. of sermons preached, 75; No. of members received, none; No. baptized, none; No. of homes visited, 75; No. of homes prayed in, 30; No. of sick visits made, 8; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, none; Received for all services, none; Given personally to the Cause, \$40; No. of miles traveled, 300; Expenses, \$75.

REV. EVERT SHELTON: No. churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. conversions, 33; No. of sermons preached, 51; No. of homes visited, 49; No. of homes prayed in, 32; No. of sick visits made, 16; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 1; Received for pastoral services, \$6.50; Received for revival services, \$11; Total amount received, \$17.50; Given personally to the Cause, \$40; No. of miles traveled, 825; Expenses, \$35.



REV. ALFORD TAYLOR: No. churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. conversions, 56; No. of sermons preached, 55; No. of members received, 4; No. baptized, 1; No. of homes visited, 44; No. of homes prayed in, 20; No. of sick visits made, 6; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 1; Received for pastoral services, \$119.20; Received for revival services, 99 cents; Received for all other services, \$5; Total amount received, \$125.19; Given personally to the Cause, \$25; No. of miles traveled, 2585; Expenses, \$123.

REV. W. A. WARD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, none; No. conversions, 25; No. of sermons preached, 80; No. of members received, none; No. baptized, none; No. of homes visited, 50; No. of homes prayed in, 10; No. of sick visits made, 8; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, none; Received for pastoral services, \$27; Received for all other services, \$24.75; Total amount received, \$51.75; Given personally to the Cause, \$10; No. of miles traveled, 300; Expense, \$10.

REV. CHARLES WHEELER: No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. conversions, 7; No. of sermons preached, 53; No. of homes prayed in, 14; No. of sick visits made, 27; No. of marriages, none; No. of funerals, none; Received for revival services, \$40.21; Received for all other services, \$16; Total amount received, \$56.21; Given personally to the Cause, \$8; No. of miles traveled, 2142; Expense, \$22. (Due to sickness in family, my work was limited this year).

## STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE—AUG. 1955—AUG. 1956

CHURCHES	Members Received	Experience & Baptism	Letter & Statement	Restoration	Members Lost	By Letter	Expulsion & Erasure	By Death	Total Increase	Total Decrease	Last Year's Membership	Present Membership	PASTOR (This Year)
ASHEVILLE .....	7	4	3						7		197	264	Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr.
AVERY'S CREEK .....	3	2	1		8	5	2	1		5	68	63	Rev. Ralph Mumpower
BARNARD .....	1								1		14	15	Rev. Hobart Bullman
BARNARDSVILLE .....											44	44	Rev. Lonnie Crawford
BURGIN CHAPEL .....													Rev. Clarenre Davis
DRY BRANCH .....	4		1	3					4		91	95	Rev. G. Y. Burgin
EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN...	19	4	15		2			2	19		156	175	Rev. C. M. Reynolds
FUGATE.....	2	2							2			38	Rev. Harrison Lunsford
HAZEL GREEN.....	8	4	3	1	2	1		1	6		74	80	Rev. H. L. Chatham
HOMER'S CHAPEL.....	3		3		4	2	2			1	93	92	Rev. Dwight Green
HYATT'S CREEK.....	12	2	5	5	4	1		3		4		70	Rev. Worley Wykle
LAUREL FORK.....	9	9	2		1	1							Rev. G. Y. Burgin
LAURELTON CHAPEL.....	7	6	1		6	4		2	1		163	164	Rev. Alford Taylor
LOWER BIG PINE.....											20	20	Rev. G. Y. Burgin
MARSHALL.....	6		5	1	8	6	2			2	205	203	Rev. Warren Reece
MOUNTAIN VIEW.....					5	3		2		5	239	234	Rev. Erwin Sluder
MOUNT ZION.....	26	8	18		6	3	1	2	20		145	165	Rev. Jesse Rice
PAINT FORK.....					3			3		3	126	123	Rev. Raymond Shell
PISCAH FOREST.....					1			1		1	30	29	Rev. Raymond Shell
RAY'S CHAPEL.....											26	26	Rev. J. A. Edmonds
RED HILL.....	21	15	6		3	1		2	18		82	100	Rev. R. H. Ballard
ROCKY BRANCH.....	20	18	2		6	6				6	155	175	Rev. N. F. Byrd
SHOAL HILL.....					2	2				2	63	61	Rev. Jack Hutchins
SWEETEN CREEK.....	27	8	20						27		45	72	Rev. John Lunsford
UNION CHAPEL.....				1		1			1		108	109	Rev. W. A. Ward
UNION VALLEY.....	7	4			4	2		2	3		103	106	Rev. Wilco Melton
WALNUT.....					4	4				4	87	83	Rev. R. H. Ballard
<b>TOTALS . . . . .</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>42</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2334</b>	<b>2546</b>	

## FINANCIAL REPORT—AUG. 1955—AUG. 1956

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Home Missions ann Local Charity	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Church Property Improvements	Other Purposes	Old Minister's Fund	Minute Fund	Value of All Church Property	CLERKS  (This Year)
ASHEVILLE	\$ 1080.33	\$ 93.89	\$ 69.85	\$ 169.41	\$ 435.76	\$ 661.79	\$	\$ 12.00	\$	Mrs. Pauline Dorsey
AVERY'S CREEK	614.75	70.29	67.81	110.51	285.52	77.61	5.00	5.00	5,000.00	Roy Mundy
BARNARD	140.28		5.00	5.00			5.00	4.00	300.00	Mrs. W. E. Justice
BARNARDSVILLE	121.61			29.00		84.50	10.00	5.00	4,000.00	Mrs. Roy Roberts
BURGIN CHAPEL		30.00	24.00	15.00	155.93		10.00	5.00		D. L. Massey
DRY BRANCH	366.13	179.58	48.11	10.00	18.43	11.00	10.00	10.00	2,850.00	Mrs. Amy Plemmons
EAST BLACK MTN.	3085.00	486.70	91.00	205.71	1516.60	949.86	15.00	10.00	15,000.00	Wilma Poteat
FUGATE	88.60			6.00				3.00	14.00	Elzie Gibbs
HAZEL GREEN	601.67	180.58			485.25	537.84	12.00	5.00	6,000.00	Mrs. Imogene Meadows
HOMER'S CHAPEL	1716.56	75.00		55.00		1913.59	15.00	10.00	17,000.00	Clarence Worley
HYATT'S CREEK	10.23	57.75		30.00		165.25	10.00	5.00	5,000.00	Mrs. Wayne Roberts
LAUREL FORK	459.18	21.06					4.80	8.18	2,000.00	Floyd Sluder
LAURELTON CHAPEL	101.25				196.50	92.36		2.35	5,000.00	Cas Fender
LOWER BIG PINE	100.00							3.00		Colie Price
MARSHALL	1100.23	181.00	91.50	33.72	631.25	335.19	32.15	20.00	5,000.00	Alice Bryan
MOUNTAIN VIEW	200.00	205.00	60.00	22.00	2000.00		20.00	15.00	15,000.00	B. W. Sluder
MOUNT ZION	246.11	25.00				351.88	10.00	11.00	2,000.00	Mrs. Dellis Greene
PAINT FORK	143.25	47.18		50.00	45.50		41.70	10.00	2,000.00	Harry Burrell
PISGAH FOREST	189.74			20.00	80.00	147.94		3.70	1,700.00	Mrs. R. A. Lunsford
RAY'S CHAPEL	85.00			170.00	103.25	422.74	100.82	10.00	2,000.00	S. W. Ballew
RED HILL	901.96	127.92	60.00					10.00	25,000.00	Hattie Jarrett
ROCKY BRANCH	549.80	124.95	16.32	122.85		142.56		10.00	3,850.00	Betty Lee Boone
SHOAL HILL	222.12		24.00	40.39			6.00	5.00	1,500.00	Mrs. Ada Payne
SWEETEN CREEK	435.08			5.00	300.00		5.00	2.00		Edgar Dockery
UNION CHAPEL	22.00	21.28		4.60			3.36	3.50	1,500.00	W. F. Banks
UNION VALLEY	468.00	100.00	5.00	39.67	165.77	207.76	5.00	11.15	1,950.00	Jennie Ballard
WALNUT	562.90	121.53		20.00				5.00	15,000.00	Lina Stines
OFFERING:								26.20		
Rev. Ervin Sluder								25.00		
Rev. W. L. Moretz								2.50		
Mrs. Will Capps								5.00		
<b>TOTALS:.....</b>	<b>\$13611.78</b>	<b>\$2148.71</b>	<b>\$582.59</b>	<b>\$1163.86</b>	<b>\$6419.76</b>	<b>\$6254.87</b>	<b>\$320.83</b>	<b>\$257.58</b>	<b>\$138,664.00</b>	

## 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.

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## 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 a 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.

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## BY-LAWS, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. The regular meeting of this Conference shall be held annually the day after 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.

## 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 delegates represent us:

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## STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

No. of members received.....; By experience and baptism.....;  
By letter and statement.....; By restoration.....;  
No. of members lost.....; By letter.....; By expulsion and  
erasure.....; By death.....; Total increase..... or de-  
crease.....; Last year's membership.....; Present member-  
ship.....

Last years membership.....

Sundays we have preaching.....

No. of revivals.....; Held by:  
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## OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor .....

Address .....

Clerk .....

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Pastor for next year.....

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Clerk for next year.....

Address .....

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's salary \$.....; Home Mission-Local Charity \$.....

Foreign Mis-ions \$..... Orphanage \$.....: Church  
repairs and improvements \$.....; Other purposes \$.....;

Old Minister's Fund, \$.....; Minute Fund \$.....

Value of Church property \$.....; .....



## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

No. of members \_\_\_\_\_ ; Gained this year \_\_\_\_\_

Meets every \_\_\_\_\_

Money taken in \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Money paid out \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

President \_\_\_\_\_ ; Address \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ ; Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Do you take a weekly offering? \_\_\_\_\_ ; Kind of literature used \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ; Do you have a Junior League? \_\_\_\_\_

Leader \_\_\_\_\_ ; Address \_\_\_\_\_

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ ; Address \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ ; Address \_\_\_\_\_

No. of classes \_\_\_\_\_ ; No. of pupils \_\_\_\_\_ ; Kind of Literature

used \_\_\_\_\_ ; Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ;

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Have a Junior League? \_\_\_\_\_

Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_



MINISTERS' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 195..., TO 195.....

No. of churches pastored.....; No. of revivals conducted.....; No. of conversions.....; No. of sermons preached.....; No. of members received.....; No. baptized.....; 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 . . . . . \$.....

Minister .....

Address .....

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