

MINUTES
of the
Seventy-Ninth Annual Session
of the
FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION
of
Free Will Baptists



Held at the
RED HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
ROUTE 3, MARSHALL, N. C.
AUGUST 8, 9, 10, 1957



NEXT SESSION

Of the French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists will be held at the Homer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at Black Mountain, North Carolina, beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1958, at 10:00 a. m. The Rev. T. A. Wheeler will preach the introductory sermon at 11:00 a. m. The Rev. Hobart Bullman will be the alternate.

OFFICERS

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

IN MEMORIAM



Rev. Mallie Rice, member of the Red Hill Free Will Baptist Church and former clerk of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association.

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PASTORS FOR NEXT YEAR

Church:	Sundays We Have Preaching
ASHEVILLE: Rev. Jack Hutchins Swannanoa, N. C.	Every
AVERY'S CREEK: Rev. Ralph Mumpower Swannanoa, N. C.	Every
BARNARD: Rev. Hobart Bullman Route 3, Box 119, Marshall, N. C.	1st & 3rd
BARNARDSVILLE: Not elected	1st & 3rd
BURGIN CHAPEL: Rev. James Rice Black Mountain, N. C.	Every
DRY BRANCH: Rev. G. Y. Burgin Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.	2nd and 4th
EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Rev. Fred Silvers Black Mountain, N. C.	Every
EAST FORK: Rev. Alford Taylor Route 1, Alexander, N. C.	Every
FUGATE: Rev. Harrison Lunsford Box 4, Walnut, N. C.	1st & 3rd
HAZEL GREEN: Rev. H. L. Chatham 2 Winding Road, Asheville, N. C.	Every
HOMER'S CHAPEL: Rev. Wilco Melton Box 634, Black Mountain, N. C.	Every
HYATT'S CREEK: Rev. Claude Mills Route 1, Waynesville, N. C.	Every
JONESTOWN: Rev. J. O. Waldrop Route 1, Asheville, N. C.	Not Stated
LAUREL FORK: Rev. T. A. Holder Jr. 895 Riverside Drive, Asheville, N. C.	1st & 3rd
LAURELTON CHAPEL: Not Elected	2nd & 4th
LOWER BIG PINE: Rev. G. Y. Burgin Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th
MARSHALL: Rev. Warren Reece 220 Virginia Ave., West Asheville, N. C.	Every
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Rev. Ervin Sluder Weaverville, N. C.	4th
MOUNT ZION: Not Stated	2nd & 4th
PAINT FORK: Rev. Raymond Shell Barnardsville, N. C.	2nd & 4th
PISGAH FOREST: Rev. Arnold Roberts Route 1, Ox Creek Rd., Weaverville, N. C.	1st & 3rd

RAY'S CHAPEL: Rev. Arthur Edmonds Box 34, Weaverville, N. C.	Every
RED HILL: Rev. R. H. Ballard 193 Pennsylvania Ave., West Asheville, N. C.	1st, 2nd, 4th
ROCKY BRANCH: Rev. Herman Pace Canton, N. C.	Every
SHADY GROVE: Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford Route 2, Weaverville, N. C.	2nd & 4th
SHOAL HILL: Not Stated	Not Stated
SWEETEN CREEK: Rev. John Lunsford Route 2, Box 188, Asheville, N. C.	Every
UNION CHAPEL: Rev. W. A. Ward Route 1, Box 501, Weaverville, N. C.	Every
UNION VALLEY: Rev. Allen Jackson Swannanoa, N. C.	Every
WALNUT: Rev. Harold Ballard 193 Pennsylvania Ave., West Asheville, N. C.	3rd

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Proceedings

Beginning on Thursday, August 8, at 10:00 a. m., at Red Hill Free Will Baptist Church. Opening song, "Where the Shades of Love Lie Deep," by Union Valley Duet, followed by the congregation singing "Amazing Grace."

Welcome: Rev. Hobart Bullman, Rev. R. H. Ballard; pastors of Barnard, Walnut and Red Hill Churches, respectively.

Scripture: Psalm 19:14.

Prayer: Rev. G. M. Reynolds.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

ELECTION OF READING CLERKS

Rev. Lonnie Crawford	Shady Grove Church
Rev. R. H. Ballard	Red Hill Church

At this time special recognition was given Rev. J. A. Collins as the oldest member of the association.

VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED

Rev. Bruce Barrow, Lucama, North Carolina, a member of Central Conference and president of North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists.

Rev. J. O. Fort, Central Conference; editor of Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

Rev. S. A. Smith, Eastern Conference, superintendent of Free Will Baptists Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina.

Rev. J. A. Evans, Western Conference, representing the Home Mission Board; P. O. Box 203, Wilson, North Carolina.

Rev. Bernard Williams, Sevier County, Tennessee Association, Route 6, Sevierville, Tennessee.

Rev. W. L. Cutshaw, East Tennessee Baptist Association, Route 1, Newport, Tennessee.

Rev. Fred Silvers, Blue Ridge Association, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

Rev. William Burkette Raper, Central Conference, president of Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Rev. David Jones, Toe River Association, Route 1, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Opening Song: "I Am Thine O Lord"; prayer: Rev. Fred Silvers.
Special Singing: Gosnell Sisters, Shady Grove; Rollins Sisters, Burgin Chapel; Lunsford Trio, Sweeten Creek; and Rev. Johnny Franks.
Sermon: Rev. Raymond Shell; Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:2.
Topic: "The Two Great Sins of David."
Closing Song: "Glory to His Name." Christian hand shake.

1:20 P. M. PROCEEDINGS

Opening Song: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."
Devotions: Rev. J. O. Waldrop; Scripture: 1 John 4:1-6.
Prayer: Rev. T. A. Wheeler.
Seating of Delegates.
Moved and seconded to accept Jonestown and East Fork Churches under the watchcare of the association for one year.
Moved and seconded to receive Lower Big Pine Church into full fellowship of the association.
At this time a memorial service was observed for Brother Mallie Rice, deceased, member of Red Hill Church and former clerk of the French Broad Association. A standing prayer of thanks for services rendered was led by Rev. G. M. Reynolds.

Heard: Rev. S. A. Smith, superintendent of Free Will Baptist Children's Home, who introduced some of our state board members and spoke on behalf of the home, the proposed administration building, and urged that the people of our section continue canning produce for the home.

Heard: Rev. J. O. Fort, editor of The Free Will Baptist Press, on behalf of all publications sent out by the press.

Heard: Rev. William Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive Junior College, who urged our support of the college and stressed the need of keeping our young people in our Free Will Baptist denomination.

Heard: Rev. W. L. Moretz on financing of the French Broad building (office and administration) at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex.

Heard: Rev. Bruce Barrow, president of North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists, who told us that the Free Will Baptists are now big business in North Carolina—that it takes approximately the sum of \$350,000 to meet the needs of the Free Will Baptist program and cited the comparison of this figure with those of other denominations per person or member. He also mentioned the need of a Free Will Baptist hymnal and future plans concerning same. He announced that the next State Convention would be held at Cramerton, North Carolina, on Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in September.

Appointment of Committees.

Heard: Rev. James Evans regarding the work of our State Home and

Foreign Mission Board on establishing Free Will Baptist churches in North Carolina.

Moved to adjourn until 10:00 a. m. on Friday.

THURSDAY NIGHT, 7:30 P. M.

Opening Song: Congregation singing, "Revive Us Again" and "I'm Bound for the Promised Land."

Prayer: Brother Bert Roberts. Special singing by the Roberts Sisters, Red Hill Quartet and Rev. Herman Gentry.

Sermon: Rev. Jesse Rice; Scripture: Jeremiah 5; Revelations 20.

Closing Song: "O How I Love Jesus." Christian hand shake.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

ASHEVILLE: Mrs. Bertha Hudson, Mrs. Ruth Bradley, Mrs. Gerome Ramsey, Mrs. Ernest Henderson, Rev. T. A. Holder Jr.

AVERY'S CREEK: Mrs. Thorton Coy, Mrs. J. H. Gasperson, Mrs. W. E. Justice, Mrs. Wayne Lisenbee, Wayne Jr. and Norman Lisenbee, Mrs. Mary E. Lance.

BARNARD: Brother Bert Roberts, Andy Farmer, Andrew Chandler, Edd Davis, Mrs. James Roberts, Mrs. Ernest Franklin.

BARNARDSVILLE: George Harris, Edith Harris, D. H. Harris.

BURGIN CHAPEL: D. L. Massey, Edith Rollins.

DRY BRANCH: Mr. Edd Sams, Mr. Ottis Davis, Mrs. Queen Robinson, Mrs. Amy Plemmons, Mr. Gilmer Teague.

EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Mrs. Ola Creasman, Mrs. Agnes Reynolds, Mrs. Jesse Reynolds.

EAST FORK: Kenneth Metcalf, Virgel Metcalf, Mrs. Paul Church, Robert Metcalf.

FUGATE: King Stokeley, Mrs. Ada Parks, Mrs. Hubert Ricker, Ray Stiles, Elza Gibbs.

HAZEL GREEN: Brother Henry Maxwell, Sister Gladys Sharpe, H. L. Chatham, M. E. Haynes.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: Mr. Robert Foster, Mrs. Essie Roland, Mrs. M. C. Worley.

HYATT'S CREEK: Rev. Claude Mills, Rev. Sam Chandler, Mr. Joe Green.

LAUREL FORK: Rev. T. A. Holder Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Riddle, Vance Conner.

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Cas H. Fender, Worley Capps, Arthur Honeycutt, Mrs. Mae Rice, Mrs. Velma Fender.

LOWER BIG PINE: Mr. Andrew Price, Mr. Collie Price, Mrs. Earl Roberts, Mr. Earl Roberts, Mr. Lonso Cogdill.

MARSHALL: Brother Charles Parris, Sister Alice Bryan, Brother Edward Chandler, Sister Jerry Ramsey, Brother Vader Shelton.

- MOUNTAIN VIEW: Walter Deweese, Raymond Hawkins, Mrs. Elmer Parham, Mrs. Janice Sluder, Mrs. Otis Sluder, Mrs. Roland Sluder.
- MOUNT ZION: Mr. Charles Conner, Mr. Orville Revis, Mr. B. Freeman, Mr. Sanford McGallian.
- PAINT FORK: T. R. Mundy, Eugene Duyck.
- PISGAH FOREST: Mrs. R. A. Lunsford, Mr. R. A. Lunsford, Mrs. Zeb Hensley.
- RAY'S CHAPEL: Mr. S. W. Ballew, Mrs. Sue Ray, Mrs. Arthur Edmonds.
- RED HILL: Johnny McDevitt, Mrs. Ronald Fisher, Jeter Ramsey, Fred Rigsby, L. E. Freeman, Frank Fisher, Mrs. Johnny McDevitt.
- ROCKY BRANCH: Mrs. Ruth Lanning, Mrs. Raleigh Saunders, Mrs. Laurence Killey, Irene Rider, Betty Boone, Mrs. Hester Rider, Mr. Lum Boone.
- SHADY GROVE: Ezekiel Bullman, Linda Ramsey, Joe Norton, Linda Chandler, Katherine Norton, Cora Gosnell.
- SHOAL HILL: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Payne, Mrs. Ruth Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lyda Brown, Mrs. Ada Payne.
- SWEETEN CREEK: Mrs. Floyd Israel, Janice Jenkins, Patsy Lunsford, Mr. E. Dockery, Mrs. George Marshall.
- UNION CHAPEL: W. F. Banks, W. A. Ward, L. F. Rumbough, John Sherlin, Hattie Rumbough.
- UNION VALLEY: Mrs. Jennie Ballard, Jay Ballard, Mrs. Evelyn Ballard, Lucious Hyatte, Mrs. Katherine Hyatte, Mrs. Ruth Ballard, and Jean Hyatte.
- WALNUT: Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stines, Mr. Emmitt Payne, Mrs. B. E. Gutherie, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Reeves, Mrs. Grace Dockery.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

- Arrangements:* A standing committee: pastor and delegates.
- Young People's Work:* Sister Salley Reid, Sister Dorothy Payne.
- Sunday Schools:* Brother Charles Parris, Rev. Andrew Chandler.
- Home and Foreign Missions:* Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. J. A. Edmonds.
- Pastor's Support:* Brother Bert Roberts, Mrs. Ronald Fisher.
- Education:* Rev. H. L. Chatham, Rev. G. M. Reynolds.
- Lord's Day Observance:* Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. Johnny Franks.
- 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:* Mrs. B. E. Gutherie, Mrs. Lockie Lunsford, Mrs. Ada Payne.

Resolutions: A standing committee: Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Lonnie Crawford.

Finance: Rev. Raymond Shell, Brother Bert Roberts, Rev. T. A. Wheeler.

Temperance: Rev. James Rice, Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Rev. Raymond Shell.

Free Will Baptist Children's Home: Rev. W. L. Moretx, Brother A. J. Farmer, Rev. Walter Wilson.

Periodicals: Sister Ruby Reece, Sister Alice Bryan, Sister Lockie Lunsford.

Woman's Auxiliary: Sister Grace Dockery.

Sessions: First delegate of each church.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10:00 A. M.

Opened with prayer. Called into business by moderator.

Visiting ministers welcomed. Reports of committees.

Heard: Rev. Herman Gentry on support of the Old Ministers' Fund.

Heard: Open discussion of Free Will Baptist literature by various ministers and lay members. Moved to adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

11:00 A. M.

Opening Song: "Revive Us Again." Prayer: Rev. Clarence Davis.

Special Singing: Rev. T. A. Holder Jr. and daughter; Rev. James Rice; Rev. and Mrs. Fred Silvers.

Sermon: Rev. Pearson Bradley; Scripture: Hebrews 11:1, 12, 13; 12:1-6.

Topic: "Faith." Closing Song: "There's a Great Day Coming."

1:15 P. M.

"Are You Washed in the Blood?" opening song.

Devotions: Brother Ray Roberts; Scripture: Psalm 15.

Prayer: Rev. Alford Taylor.

Business: Reports of committees, continued.

Heard: Committee on Sessions. All future delegates to the association please take note: Moved and seconded that each delegate bring his or her own basket lunch. The host church will furnish all drinks. Moved and seconded to have number of feet washings and communion services continued in our minutes.

Moved and seconded to pay moderator, \$25.00; clerk, \$35.00; historian, \$15.00.

Offering taken to help defray expenses of association, \$25.33.

At this time an offering was taken for the orphanage and a committee appointed for canning purposes of same. Committee: Clinton Worley, Black Mountain; Walter Wilson, Route 1, Marshall; Lum Boone, Route 1, Waynesville (Rocky Branch); and Jesse Rice, Route 2, Weaverville.

Moved to adjourn.

FRIDAY NIGHT, 7:30 P. M.

Opening Song: "The Unclouded Day." Prayer: Rev. Herman Gentry.

Special Singing: Sluder Trio; solo, Rev. James Rice; solo, Mr. Hubert Briggs; solo, Rev. T. A. Holder Jr.

Sermon: Rev. T. A. Holder Jr.; Scripture: Acts 27:9-44.

Topic: "Abide."

Closing Song: "When the Saints Go Marching In."

Closing Prayer: Rev. Gurney McKinney.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ARRANGEMENTS: A standing committee; pastor and delegates.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: We, your committee, urge first of all, that parents of the young people bring them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord; that they may remember their Creator in the days of their youth (Ecclesiastes 12:1). We suggest that after their conversion that they find their place in the Lord's work that they may feel that they are definitely a part of the church of the living God. May we, as Christians, encourage them to go forward in the work of the Lord, winning others to Him. By doing so they will grow in grace and be humble Christian leaders of tomorrow.

Sisters Salley Reid, Dorothy Payne, *Committee*

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Last year's report adopted. We, your committee, see the great need of having teachers who are filled with the Holy Spirit; that will take their class to God 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 be able to lead as well as to 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 should never be elected to teach simply because there is a vacancy to be filled, nor because they themselves or their friends desire the 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.

Brother Charles Parris, Rev. Andrew Chandler, *Committee*

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: We, the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions, recommend that all Free Will Baptist churches take

an interest in and support to the best of their ability both home and foreign missions with their financial support and their prayers.

Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. J. A. Edmonds, *Committee*

PASTOR'S SUPPORT: We, the Committee on Pastor's Support, believe that our churches should support our pastors so that they can put more time into the Lord's work; preaching the Word of God so that our people who are in sin may see the light and repent.

Brother Bert Roberts, Sister Ronald Fisher, *Committee*

EDUCATION: Last year's report adopted. 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 better be workmen in God's vineyard. Also, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

Rev. H. L. Chatham, Rev. G. M. Reynolds, *Committee*

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Last year's report adopted. 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. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Ephesians 5:11).

Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. Johnny Franks, *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, treasurer, A. S. Reeves, Jeter Ramsey, Kelly Metcalf and Frank Fisher. See "Old Minister's Fund" under statement of finances.

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 1 Thessalonians 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." We should never forget and always remember the ones that labor so faithfully among us.

Mrs. Lockie Lunsford, Mrs. Ada Payne, *Committee*

DEEPER DEVOTIONS: Spirituality is the life and power of the religion of Jesus Christ. The vocation of religion is devoted to God. Devotion is shown by consecration to God. Therefore, we urge our preachers to deeper spirituality. The Holy Spirit, in His office work, does a complete work. If we are submissive, we must be 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 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. Proverbs 20:1; "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." We believe as Paul taught in 1 Corinthians 6:12; "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me but I will not be brought under the power of any." 2 Peter 1:5, 6; "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness."

Rev. James Rice, Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Rev. Raymond Shell, *Committee*

FREE WILL BAPTIST'S HOME: We, your Committee on Children's Home Support, urge each church to set aside one Sunday each month for an offering for the support of our Children's Home, and that all funds for the regular support of the home be sent monthly to the superintendent, Rev. S. A. Smith, Middlesex, North Carolina. The special drives during May and November should be given prayerful attention by all pastors and churches. We strongly recommend that all churches resume the canning program and the giving of any other produce and commodities that can be used by the home. A committee should be appointed in the different localities to encourage the people to give and to gather it together for easy pick-up.

We further recommend that all churches set a definite goal and work toward raising the necessary funds for a much needed office building to be known as the French Broad Building. All money for this fund to be sent to Rev. Willet L. Moretz, treasurer, P. O. Box 548, Swannanoa, North Carolina.

A. J. Farmer, Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. Willet L. Moretz, *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 a greater precaution to prevent the falling into the hands of our youth false teachings and false doctrines. Some literature has enough of the Scripture to cause us, if we are not careful, to take it for the real Bible. First, we recommend reading the Bible (King James Version). 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, about the college and any other work that is carried on for the Glory of the Lord. To get this information we need to read the church paper!

Sisters Alice Bryan, Warren Reece, *Committee*

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY: Last year's report adopted. We, your committee, urge each church to organize a Woman's Auxiliary. "The 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 "... labourers together with God: . . ." (1 Corinthians 3:9). We urge each church to send delegates from auxiliary to the Woman's Auxiliary Convention at Cragmont.

Sister Grace Dockery, *Committee*

SESSIONS: The next session of the French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists will be held with the Homer's Chapel Church near Black Mountain, beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1958, at 10:00 a. m. The Rev. T. A. Wheeler will preach the introductory sermon at 11:00 a. m.; Rev. Clarence Davis will be the alternate. Delegates remember—bring a basket lunch!

FINANCE:

Minute Fund	\$290.60
Paid Historian	15.00
Paid Moderator	25.00
Paid Clerk	35.00
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Balance for Minutes and Postage	\$215.60
Orphanage: Total Amount Collected	245.23
Foreign Missions	30.00

Rev. Raymond Shell, Orphanage and Foreign Missions; Brother Bert

Roberts, Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Minutes; Committee on Finances, Hazel S. Reese, Clerk

OLD MINISTER'S FUND

Disbursements:

Rev. Mallie Rice	\$ 25.00
Mrs. Mallie Rice	50.00
Rev. James Collins	25.00
Rev. Johnny Franks	25.00
Rev. Clarence Wheeler	50.00
Rev. Herman Gentry	100.00
Rev. Jesse Rice	50.00

Total	\$325.00
Total Amount Received from This Association	\$404.55

Half of this amount (\$202.27) will be sent to the State Superannuation (Old Minister's) Board.

Checking Balance, August 1957	\$ 310.58
Savings Balance with Interest	1,095.40

Total Balance	\$1,405.98
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Please remember We urge each church to set aside each fifth Sunday offering to give to the Old Minister's Fund.

Plato Worley, Treasurer

REPORT OF FRENCH BROAD BUILDING FUND

Reported at 1956 Session of the Association	\$574.79
Received Since Last Association	100.00
Interest Paid Since Last Association	8.01
Total in Bank on Interest	\$682.80

All money for the French Broad Building Fund should be sent to Rev. Willet L. Moretz, treasurer, P. O. Box 548, Swannanoa, North Carolina.

CLERKS FOR NEXT YEAR

Asheville: Mrs. Ernest Henderson, 15 Beaver Drive, Asheville, N. C.
Avery's Creek: Mrs. W. E. Justice, Route 1, Avery's Creek Rd., Arden, N. C.
Barnard: Bert Roberts, Walnut, N. C.
Barnardsville: Not elected.
Burgin Chapel: D. L. Massey, Black Mountain, N. C.
Dry Branch: Mrs. Amy Plemmons, Route 1, Box 282, Marshall, N. C.
East Black Mountain: Boyce Crowe, Black Mountain, N. C.
East Fork: Mrs. Mack Allen, Route 2, Box 151, Mars Hill, N. C.
Fugate: Elza Gibbs, French Broad, Tenn.
Hazel Green: Mrs. Carson Allen, Swannanoa, N. C.
Homer's Chapel: Mr. Arnold Wheeler, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.

Hyatt's Creek: Mrs. Wayne Roberts, Box 601, Waynesville, N. C.
 Jonestown: Hobart Lambert, Box 224, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.
 Laurel Fork: Mrs. Coleman Caldwell, Box 371, Marshall, N. C.
 Laurelton Chapel: Cas H. Fender, Route 1, Flag Pond, Tenn.
 Lower Big Pine: Mrs. Collie Price, Route 1, Box 61, Walnut, N. C.
 Marshall: Mrs. Warren Reece, 220 Virginia Ave., West Asheville, N. C.
 Mountain View: B. W. Sluder, Alexander, N. C.
 Mount Zion: Mrs. Dellis Greene, Alexander, N. C.
 Paint Fork: Eugene Duyck, Barnardsville, N. C.
 Pisgah Forest: Mrs. R. A. Lunsford, Barnardsville, N. C.
 Ray's Chapel: Mr. S. W. Ballew, Weaverville, N. C.
 Red Hill: Mrs. Johnny McDevitt, Route 3, Marshall, N. C.
 Rocky Branch: Mr. Ray Willet, Route 1, Waynesville, N. C.
 Shady Grove: Edison Ramsey, Route 4, Marshall, N. C.
 Shoal Hill: Mrs. Ada Payne, Route 1, Box 212, Marshall, N. C.
 Sweeten Creek: Mr. George Hylemon, address not given.
 Union Chapel: W. F. Banks, Route 1, Box 501, Weaverville, N. C.
 Union Valley: Mrs. Jennie Ballard, Route 1, Box 447, Weaverville, N. C.
 Walnut: Mrs. Lina Stines, Walnut, N. C.

REVIVALS

Asheville: Number held, none.
 Avery's Creek: Number held, 1; held by Rev. H. L. Chatham.
 Barnard: Number held, 2; held by Rev. Hobart Bullman, Rev. Hazel Earle, Rev. Davis and Rev. Johnny Franks.
 Barnardsville: Number held, none.
 Burgin Chapel: Number held, 2; held by Rev. James Hunter, Rev. Jesse Rice and Rev. Arnold Bullman.
 Dry Branch: Number held, 1; held by, this was a community revival with a different preacher each night.
 East Black Mountain: Number held, 2; held by Rev. Frank Thompson of Johnson City, Tennessee, and Rev. Kenneth Frisby, Marion, North Carolina.
 East Fork: Number held, 2; held by Rev. Grady Harris, Rev. Alford Taylor, Rev. Bobby Penland and Rev. Evert Shelton.
 Fugate: Number held, 2; held by Rev. Loyd Chandler, Rev. Gaddy, Rev. Collen Livengston.
 Hazel Green: Number held, 2; held by Rev. Roy Duvall and Rev. Wilco Melton.
 Homer's Chapel: Number held, none.
 Hyatt's Creek: Number held, 3; held by Rev. Worley Wykle, Rev. Sam Chandler, Rev. Roy Ruff and Rev. Claude Mills.
 Jonestown: Number held, 1; held by Rev. Willet L. Moretz.
 Laurel Fork: Number held, 1; held by Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Rev. T. A. Holder Jr.

- Laurelton Chapel: Number held, 1; held by Rev. Alford Taylor and Rev. Evert Shelton.
- Lower Big Pine: Number held, 1; held by Rev. E. X. Hagan and Rev. Walter Wilson.
- Marshall: Number held, 1; held by Rev. William Calvert, Kannapolis, North Carolina.
- Mountain View: Number held, 1; held by Rev. Jesse Rice.
- Mount Zion: Number held, 2; held by Rev. Jesse Rice, Rev. James Rice and Rev. Herman Gentry.
- Paint Fork: Number held, 1; held by Rev. Ervin Sluder and Rev. T. A. Wheeler.
- Pisgah Forest: Number held, none.
- Ray's Chapel: Number held, 2; held by Rev. Ervin Sluder and Rev. Raymond Ponders.
- Red Hill: Number held, 2; held by Rev. Morris Banks, Rev. Jack Johnson and Rev. R. H. Ballard.
- Rocky Branch: Number held, 1; held by Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Route 3, Canton, North Carolina.
- Shady Grove: Number held, 1; held by Rev. James Davis, Rev. William Chandler and Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford.
- Shoal Hill: Number held, 1; held by Rev. Jack Hutchins and Rev. John Right.
- Sweeten Creek: Number held, 2; held by Rev. John Lunsford and Rev. Paul Ballenger.
- Union Chapel: Number held, 1; held by Rev. W. A. Ward, Rev. L. F. Rumbough and Rev. Grover Bailey.
- Union Valley: Number held, 1; held by Rev. Oscar Walker and Rev. N. F. Byrd.
- Walnut: Number held, 1; held by Rev. R. H. Ballard and Rev. G. M. Reynolds.

OBITUARIES

AVERY'S CREEK

On July 5, 1957, Mrs. Dora Gasperson, affectionately known as "Aunt Dora," went to be with the Lord. Though being physically ill and confined to her chair for a number of years, her pastor spoke of her at her funeral services as always saying, "The Lord has been so good to her."

She leaves two sons, seven grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

BURGIN CHAPEL

Mr. J. O. Burgin departed this life May 6, 1957. Brother Burgin was born April 13, 1887. He was 70 years old and was a member of Burgin Chapel Free Will Baptist Church for several years. Brother Burgin was

a kind and humble man. He always had a good word for everyone. He lived in this community all his life. He is missed by all his family and all the friends. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by a friend, Murel Smith

Mrs. Lena Mae Harris passed on to her reward April 13, 1956. She was born September 14, 1910. She was a member of Burgin Chapel Free Will Baptist Church for several years. She lived in the community for twenty years. Sister Harris was a devoted wife and mother. She was a mother to all the children. We miss Sister Harris in many ways, but her good work here is over and she has gone to a place of peace and joy that has no end.

Written by a friend, Murel Smith

EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN

On March 22, 1957, Mrs. Myrtle Crowe, wife of J. A. Crowe, a beloved member of East Black Mountain Church, passed on to her reward. Mrs. Crowe was a faithful and true servant of our Lord. She always found time and means and the opportunity to serve the church, her community and her Lord. Her life and her testimony will always be a memory with us. Mrs. Crowe was a wonderful mother. In addition to her husband, she leaves behind two daughters and two sons, to whom we say, your loss is our loss, but it is heaven's gain.

Written by members of East Black Mountain Church

PISGAH FOREST

On March 26, 1957, Mr. Walter Hyatt passed away. He was born June 11, 1886, and was a devoted member of Pisgah Forest Free Will Baptist Church. We miss that smile he always had, but his good work and his good deeds will never be forgotten. He loved his church, his community and people; and we all loved him. He has gone where happiness and singing, which he loved so well, will never end. We feel that our loss was heaven's gain.

—Written by a friend, Mrs. R. A. Lunsford

UNION CHAPEL

Brother N. D. Bailey, a member of Union Chapel Church for about 20 years, was drowned on June 16, 1957. He was a big hearted man and had a big welcome at his table; a hard workers and provided for his family. He is missed by many.

—Written by his pastor, Rev. W. A. Ward

Sister Polly Jane Banks, a member of Union Chapel Church for 25 years, passed away January 5, 1957, to be with the Lord forever and ever. We, the church, truly believe this. She was so faithful to the church and seemed to enjoy being present in the house of God. She is missed by the church and many friends and neighbors. She had often said that she was soon going to see her sainted mother.

Written by her pastor, Rev. W. A. Ward

UNION VALLEY

On March 2, 1957, John P. White passed away at the age of 80. He had been a member of Union Valley Free Will Baptist Church since September 10, 1922. He was an active member until recent years. In addition to his wife, he leaves six children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Our loss is heaven's gain. In his dying hours, Dad asked the blessings whenever he took some fluids. The life he lived and the testimony he left behind is worth it all. He is in a land of peace and rest and may we all be reunited on the other shore.

Written by his daughter, Mrs. Jennie Ballard

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

ASHEVILLE: Superintendent, Roy Waldrop, Elkmont Drive, Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Ruth Bradley, 73 Elkmont Drive, Asheville, N. C.; number classes, 6; number pupils, 97; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist and Bible; expenses, \$635.68.

EVERY'S CREEK: Superintendent, Mr. E. W. Conner, Route 1, Arden, N. C.; secretary, Mary Ellen Lance, Route 1, Arden, N. C.; number classes, 5; number of pupils, 50; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptists; expenses, \$46.00.

BARNARD: No report given.

BARNARDSVILLE: Superintendent, George Harris, Barnardsville, N. C.; secretary, Edith Harris, Barnardsville, N. C.; number classes, 3; number of pupils, 20; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$12.00.

BURGIN CHAPEL: Superintendent, D. L. Massey, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Clarence Davis, Black Mountain, N. C.; number classes, 4; number of pupils, 40; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses, not stated.

DRY BRANCH: Superintendent, Mr. Gilmer Teague, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Hilliard Payne, Marshall, N. C.; number classes, 5; number of pupils, 75; kind of literature used, Bible and Union; expenses, \$286.98.

EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Superintendent, Paul Reynolds, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Paul Reynolds, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; number classes, 8; number of pupils, 130; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$47.30.

EAST FORK: Superintendent, Mack Allen, Route 2, Mars Hill, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Alvin Allen, Route 2, Mars Hill, N. C.; number classes, 4; number of pupils, 50; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist and Bible; expenses, unknown.

FUGATE: Superintendent, Ray Stills, Paint Rock, N. C.; secretary, Elza Gibbs, French Broad, Tenn.; number classes, 3; number of pupils, 50; kind of literature used, Bible; Expenses, not stated.

HAZEL GREEN: Superintendent, M. E. Haynes, 345 Clayton Ave.,

Asheville, N. C.; secretary, James Allen, Swannanoa, N. C.; number classes, 6; number of pupils, 65; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses, \$136.45.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: Superintendent, Mr. Loyd Summey, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mr. Arnold Wheeler, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; number classes, 8; number of pupils, 108; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses, none.

HYATT'S CREEK: Superintendent, William Frizell, Route 1, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Lanon Stiles, Route 1, Waynesville, N. C.; number classes, 4; number of pupils, 100; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist and Bible; expenses, \$41.25.

JONESTOWN: No officers listed; number of pupils, 32; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, not stated.

LAUREL FORK: Superintendent, James Cooper, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Patsy Ward, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.; number classes, 3; number of pupils: 45; kind of literature used, Union; expenses, not stated.

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Superintendent, Cas Fender, Route 1, Flag Pond, Tenn.; secretary, Lucille Rice, Route 1, Flag Pond, Tenn.; number classes, 5; number of pupils, 65; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$48.35.

LOWER BIG PINE: Superintendent, Lonnie Cogdill, Walnut, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Earl Roberts, Walnut, N. C.; number classes, 3; number of pupils, 20; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses, \$10.00.

MARSHALL: Superintendent, Howard Reese, Box 93, Weaverville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Howard Reese, Box 93, Weaverville, N. C.; number classes, 7; number of pupils, 57; kind of literature used, Union; expenses, \$248.38.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Superintendent, Rev. Hubert Worley, Leicester, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Elmer Parham, Leicester, N. C.; number classes, 6; number of pupils, 70; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$300.00.

MOUNT ZION: Superintendent, Charlie Conner, Alexander, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Orville Revis, Marshall, N. C.; number classes, 6; number of pupils, 65; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses, \$222.58.

PAINT FORK: Superintendent, Taft Mundy, Barnardsville, N. C.; secretary, Lois Hale, Barnardsville, N. C.; number classes, 4; number of pupils, 55; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist and Bible; expenses, \$44.00.

PISGAH FOREST: Superintendent, Zeb Hensley, Barnardsville, N. C.; secretary, Louise Hensley, Barnardsville, N. C.; number classes, 4; number of pupils, 40; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$34.00.

RAY'S CHAPEL: Superintendent, Mr. Gus Rogers, Weaverville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Blanche Ballew, Weaverville, N. C.; number classes, 4; number of pupils, 45; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$231.75.

RED HILL: Superintendent, Frank Fisher, Marshall, N. C.; secretary,

Miss Judy Ramsey, Route 3, Marshall, N. C.; number classes, 7; number of pupils, 100; kind of literature used, Bible and Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$450.25.

ROCKY BRANCH: Superintendent, Raymond Willet, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, James Lanning, Route 1, Waynesville, N. C.; number classes, 4; number of pupils, not stated; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses, \$17.00.

SHADY GROVE: Superintendent, Ezekiel Bullman, Route 4, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Eloise Chandler, Route 3, Marshall, N. C.; number classes, 3; number of pupils, 40; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist and Bible; expenses, don't know.

SHOAL HILL: Superintendent, Mr. Howard Payne, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Ruth Henderson, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.; number classes, 3; number of pupils, 33; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist and Bible; expenses, \$38.00.

SWEETEN CREEK: Superintendent, Rev. Roy Redmon, Route 5, Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Hugh O'Kelly, 141 Glendale Ave., Biltmore, N. C.; number classes, 4; number of pupils, 75; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$387.81; paid to orphanage, \$78.60.

UNION CHAPEL: Superintendent, John Sherlin, Weaverville, N. C.; secretary, Edna Moore, Weaverville, N. C.; number classes, 3; number of pupils, 35; kind of literature used, David Cook and Bible; expenses, \$7.00.

UNION VALLEY: Superintendent, Jay Ballard, Weaverville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Fred Hyatte, Weaverville, N. C.; number classes, 4; number of pupils, 65; kind of literature used, Bible and Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$178.83.

WALNUT: Superintendent, Gilbert Stackhouse, Walnut, N. C.; secretary, Ruby Jean Plemmons, Walnut, N. C.; number classes, 5; number of pupils, 70; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$192.40.

TOTALS: Number classes, 131; number pupils, 1,697; expenses, \$3,616.01.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

BURGIN CHAPEL: President, Mrs. Eunice Carpenter, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Clarence Davis, Black Mountain, N. C.; number of members, 6; gained this year, none; money taken in, \$97.50; money paid out, \$85.97.

DRY BRANCH: President, Mrs. Addie Martin, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Queen Robinson, Marshall, N. C.; number members, 25; money taken in; \$114.99; money paid out, \$80.25.

EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: President, Mrs. Inez Rayburn, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Madge Runion, Black Mountain, N. C.; number members, 14; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$482.36; money paid out, \$462.30.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: President, Mrs. Loyd Summey, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. M. C. Worley, Route 1, Box 357A, Black Mountain, N. C.; number members, 18; meets every week; money taken in, \$299.25; money paid out, \$284.54.

MARSHALL: President, Mrs. Vada Davis, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Warren Reece, 220 Virginia Ave., W. Asheville, N. C.; number members, 12; meets every Sunday; money taken in, \$943.76; money paid out, \$918.52.

ROCKY BRANCH: President, Miss Ardith Wyatt, Route 1, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Ruth Lanning, Route 1, Waynesville, N. C.; number members, not stated; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$35.00; money paid out, \$7.86.

WALNUT: President, Mrs. Grace Dockery, Walnut, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Vonnie Lee Thomas, Walnut, N. C.; number members, 14; gained this year, none; meets every Tuesday; money taken in, \$311.94; money paid out, \$266.12.

Totals: Number members, 89; money taken in, \$2,284.80; money paid out, \$2,105.56.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

ASHEVILLE: Young People's Home Mission Workers. President, Rev. T. A. Holder Jr., 14½ McPherson St., Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Miss Jean Tesner, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.; number members, 20; meets every week; do you take a weekly offering? yes; kind of literature used, Bible.

JONESTOWN: No officers given; number members, 20.

MARSHALL: President, Miss Patricia Lackey, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Vader Shelton Jr.; Marshall, N. C.; number members, 14; meets every Sunday night; do you take a weekly offering? yes; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist League; number of groups, 2; leader, Mr. Bill Lackey, Marshall, N. C.

UNION VALLEY: President, Jean Hyatte, Route 1, Box 467, Weaverville, N. C.; secretary, Louise Ballard, Route 1, Box 465, Weaverville, N. C.; number members, 18; number of groups, 2; meets every Sunday; do you take a weekly offering? yes; kind of literature used, Bible.

FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

August 1956—August 1957

PROCEEDINGS

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met at the Hyatt's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Hazelwood, North Carolina, on Saturday, September 29, 1956. Opening song, "I'm Going that Way." Welcome was extended by Rev. Worley Hykle, pastor. Rev. John Lunsford led the opening (altar) prayer. Special singing during the day by Brother Cagle, Melton Sisters, Barbara Ann and Mary Catherine Inman, Rev. James

Rice and Rev. N. F. Byrd. Roll call with 22 ministers present and 1 visiting minister, Rev. Worley Wykle from the Western Conference. Rev. Wilco Melton preached at 11:00 a. m. Topic, "God's Shepherd." Scripture, John 10:1; Psalm 23.

Business: Extended license of Brother Claude Mills until next conference. Report of treasurer. Received at this meeting, \$13.27. Money paid out, \$15.00, flowers for funeral of Rev. Mallie Rice. Total amount in treasury, \$36.05. Closed with a Christian hand shake.

December 29, 1956

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Barnard Free Will Baptist Church, Barnard, North Carolina, December 29, 1956. Due to bad weather and icy roads making driving hazardous, only a few people were able to attend. Seven ministers counted present. This was a testimony meeting for all. No business transacted.

March 30, 1957

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Homer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Black Mountain, North Carolina, March 30, 1957. Opening singing by the choir and some visiting ministers. Welcome, Rev. Wilco Melton, pastor. Opening prayer by Rev. Clarence Wheeler. Special singing, Melton Sisters, Sluder Duet, and a group of mixed singers. Roll call with 25 ministers present and 2 visiting ministers: Rev. Jack Jones, Rev. Ponder (conference not stated). Rev. Alford Taylor preached at 11:00 a. m. with a special prayer for all sick.

Business: Ordained at this conference, Rev. Edward Coleman, Horney Heights Church; Rev. Roy Redmon, Sweeten Creek Church.

Licensed at this conference: Brother Raymond Ponder, Paint Fork Church.

Closed with a solo by Rev. Johnny Franks and a solo by Brother George Plemmons. Prayer by Rev. Clarence Davis.

(In absence of clerk, these minutes were taken by Mrs. M. C. Worley of the Homer's Chapel Church.)

June 29, 1957

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met on Saturday, June 29, 1957, at Ray's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Weaverville, North Carolina. Opening song, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be." Welcome by Rev. J. A. Edmonds, pastor. Prayer by Rev. Thomas Holder Jr. Special singing, Sluder Duet and Mary Edmonds. Roll call with 25 ministers present and 5 visiting ministers: Rev. C. T. Gasperson, Carolina Association, Hendersonville, North Carolina.; Rev. James Vaughn, Rev. W. L. Kell, Blue Ridge Association; Rev. T. A. Watts, Mt. Mitchell Free Will Baptist Association; Rev. William Calvert, Route 3, Box 308, Kannapolis, North Carolina. Rev. Sam Chandler preached at 11:00 a. m. Scripture, Revelation 21:1-3 Romans 1:16. Topic, "For I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel of Christ."

Business: Report of treasurer. Received at this meeting, \$11.60. Total amount in treasury, \$47.65.

Ordained at this conference: Rev. Claude Mills, Rocky Branch Church. Licensed at this conference: Brother Roy Gosnell, Sexton Church; Brother Arnold Bullman, Mount Zion Church; Brother Albert Riddle, Ray's Chapel Church.

Heard Rev. R. H. Ballard of the Investigating Committee regarding Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford. Report good. Moved and seconded that the Investigating Committee report on standing of Rev. J. B. Brigman with the conference. Moved and seconded that the clerk mail letters to all members asking for a report to the annual meeting of the association and conference to be held at Red Hill, August 8-10, 1957. Suggestion by Brother Plato Worley that pastors appoint some lay member to look after various phases of the work, such as Old Minister's Fund, Orphanage, or anything special regarding the financial report of the church. This was suggested because so many of our pastors are not present but one Sunday per month and to be progressive the work should be carried on daily. We believe a number of our churches are failing to give their people credit for all work done during the year. Appoint a responsible person and keep a written record!

Closing prayer by Rev. Charlie Hollifield.

ANNUAL SESSION

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met at the Red Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Marshall, North Carolina, Saturday, August 10, 1957. Opening song, "I Can Call Jesus Anytime" by the Melton Sisters. Devotions by Rev. Evert Shelton. Scripture, 1 Peter 2:1-17. Prayer by Rev. Loyd Chandler.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. Ervin Sluder
Vice-Moderator: Rev. T. A. Wheeler
Clerk: Hazel S. Reese

Weaverville, N. C.
Route 2, Canton, N. C.
Box 93, Weaverville, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. Walter Wilson and Rev. Raymond Shell.

PROCEEDINGS

Reading: Constitution and bylaws of Ministers' Conference by Moderator, Rev. Sluder. Heard Rev. G. Y. Burgin on "Backing Up" of our bylaws. Heard Rev. Raymond Shell and Rev. T. A. Holder Jr. in discussion of French Broad credentials.

Dropped Rev. J. B. Brigmon from roll. (No report in over 2 years.) Rev. Burgin asked for a motion requestion a letter from Brother Brigmon. Moved by Rev. Jesse Rice, seconded by Rev. T. A. Holder Jr., that the clerk write letter requesting that Rev. Brigmon turn in his credentials to the conference. Motion carried, vote taken.

Roll call with 41 ministers counted present and 2 visiting ministers.

Moved by Rev. G. Y. Burgin to relieve all retired ministers of paying into Old Minister's Fund. Motion carried. Moved and seconded to place Rev. Bob Freeman on retired list.

Retired minister in French Broad Free Will Baptist Conference: Rev. J. A. Collins.

Visiting minister welcomed: Rev. Allen L. Jackson, Box 342, Swannanoa, North Carolina, Blue Ridge Conference; Another visitor, James G. Eledge, Route 5, Box 208, Asheville, North Carolina.

Ordained at this conference Rev. James Rice. Ordination sermon by Rev. T. A. Wheeler. Scripture, 1 Timothy 4. Ordination prayer by Rev. Walter Wilson.

Heard Rev. Ervin Sluder on whether or not he owed Rev. J. B. Briggmon an apology. At this time there was an open discussion with several ministers speaking. This was followed by a standing vote of confidence given the moderator, Rev. Sluder.

Voted that the Ministers' Conference pay for the picture of Rev. Malie Rice, deceased, in the minutes.

Closed with an old-time hand shake with much rejoicing.

The next session of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Conference will be held with the Burgin Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Black Mountain, North Carolina, on Saturday, December 28, 1957, at 10:00 a. m. The Rev. Charlie Hollifield will preach at 11:00 a. m.

The next annual session of the Ministers' Conference will be held on Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1958, at the Homer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Rev. Grover Bailey, Route 2, Mars Hill, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Ballard, 193 Pennsylvania Ave., West Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Pearson Bradley, Route 1, Box 459, Weaverville, N. C.
Rev. G. W. Briggs, Route 1, Dandridge, Tenn.
Rev. Arnold Bullman (L), Route 3, Weaverville, N. C.
Rev. Hobart Bullman, Route 3, Box 119, Marshall, N. C.
Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. W. G. Burleson, Route 1, Alexander, N. C.
Rev. N. F. Byrd, Route 1, Waynesville, N. C.
Rev. Andrew Chandler, Walnut, N. C.
Rev. Loyd Chandler, Walnut, N. C.
Rev. Sam Chandler, Box 601, Waynesville, N. C.
Rev. H. L. Chatham, 2 Winding Road, Biltmore, N. C.
Rev. G. E. Cody, Route 1, Box 255, Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. Edgar D. Coleman, Route 3, Asheville, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Collins, 343 Riverview Drive, Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Cecil Creasman, Route 5, Asheville, N. C.

Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford, Route 2, Weaverville, N. C.
 Rev. Clarence Davis, Box 534, Black Mountain, N. C.
 Rev. Arnold Dorsey, 82 Ridge St., Gentry Park, Asheville, N. C.
 Rev. J. A. Edmonds, Box 34, Weaverville, N. C.
 Rev. Johnny Franks, Route 1, Box 249, Black Mountain, N. C.
 Rev. Bob Freemon, Walnut, N. C.
 Rev. Herman Gentry, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.
 Rev. Roy Gosnell (L), Route 2, Marshall, N. C.
 Rev. T. L. Guffey, Swannanoa, N. C.
 Rev. James G. Harris, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.
 Rev. T. A. Holder Jr., 895 Riverside Drive, Asheville, N. C.
 Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Black Mountain, N. C.
 Rev. W. L. Howell, 9331 W. Fort St., Apt. 1, Detroit 9, Mich.
 Rev. L. A. Hyatt, 4351 Grand W., Detroit 38, Michigan
 Rev. Robert Inman, Hazelwood, N. C.
 Rev. H. E. Lunsford, Box 4, Walnut, N. C.
 Rev. John Lunsford, Route 2, Box 188, Asheville, N. C.
 Rev. G. A. Marshall, 324 Vanderbilt Road, Biltmore, N. C.
 Rev. H. H. McFalls, Box 191, Ridgecrest, N. C.
 Rev. Gurney McKinney, Black Mountain, N. C.
 Rev. Wilco Melton, Box 634, Black Mountain, N. C.
 Rev. Claude Mills, Box 868, Route 1, Waynesville, N. C.
 Rev. W. L. Moretz, Box 548, Swannanoa, N. C.
 Rev. Raymond Ponders (L), Route 3, Box 93, Weaverville, N. C.
 Rev. George Plemmons, Box 438, Hazelwood, N. C.
 Rev. Charles Ownsbey, Box 405, Swannanoa, N. C.
 Rev. Vernon Radcliffe, Route 1, Alexander, N. C.
 Rev. Roy Redmon, Route 5, Box 402A, Asheville, N. C.
 Rev. Warren Reece, 220 Virginia Ave., West Asheville, N. C.
 Rev. G. M. Reynolds, Box 383, Black Mountain, N. C.
 Rev. James Rice, Route 1, Box 367, Black Mountain, N. C.
 Rev. Jesse Rice, Route 2, Box 75, Weaverville, N. C.
 Rev. Albert Riddle (L), Barnardsville, N. C.
 Rev. Loyd Roberts
 Rev. J. A. Roberts, 216 Westwood Place, West Asheville, N. C.
 Rev. Arnold Roberts, Route 1, Ox Creek Rd., Weaverville, N. C.
 Rev. L. F. Rumbough, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.
 Rev. Roy Ruff, c/o Frederick Chandler, Route 1, Waynesville, N. C.
 Rev. Frank Self, Del Rio, Tenn.
 Rev. Raymond Shell, Route 1, Barnardsville, N. C.
 Rev. Evert Shelton, Route 2, Box 345, Marshall, N. C.
 Rev. Ervin Sluder, Weaverville, N. C.
 Rev. Alford Taylor, Route 1, Box 301, Alexander, N. C.
 Rev. James Waldrop, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.
 Rev. Roy Waldrop, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.
 Rev. Raymond Ward, Alexander, N. C.
 Rev. W. A. Ward, Route 1, Box 496, Weaverville, N. C.

Rev. Charles Wheeler, Box 195, Ridgecrest, N. C.
 Rev. Clarence Wheeler, General Delivery, Swannanoa, N. C.
 Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Route 2, Canton, N. C.
 Rev. Walter Wilson, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.
 Rev. Hubert Worley, Route 1, Leicester, N. C.

DONATIONS TO THE OLD MINISTER'S FUND

Rev. Ervin Sluder	\$ 12.00
Rev. Walter Wilson	12.00
Rev. R. H. Ballard	12.00
Rev. G. A. Marshall	12.00
Rev. Hubert Worley	12.00
Rev. Raymond Shell	12.00
Rev. Charles Owensby	12.00
Rev. Vernon Radcliffe	10.00
Rev. H. L. Chatham	18.00
Rev. Edgar Coleman	12.00
Rev. Sam Chandler	12.00
Rev. T. A. Wheeler	12.00
Rev. G. E. Cody	12.00
Rev. Warren Reece	12.00
Rev. G. M. Reynolds	12.00
Rev. J. A. Lunsford	12.00
Rev. W. L. Howell	5.00
Rev. Clarence Davis	12.00
Rev. Loyd Chandler	1.00
Rev. Charlie Hollifield	12.00
Rev. L. A. Hyatt	12.00
Rev. Grady Harris	12.00
Rev. Wilco Melton	12.00
Rev. James Collins	1.00
Rev. G. Y. Burgin	1.00
Mrs. Sarah Bullman	1.00
Mrs. Dorothy Payne	1.00
Total	<u>\$266.00</u>

All minister's please note:

This fund is for both the young and the older ministers in our conference who are in need.

The total amount of this fund is kept within the conference. Thank you.

Plato Worley, Treasurer
 Route 1, Box 55
 Marshall, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. GROVER BAILEY: No. of churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 14; No. of sermons preached, 20; No. baptized, 3; No. of funerals, 2; received for revival services, \$17.00; received for all other services, none; given personally to the cause, \$20.00.

REV. R. H. BALLARD: No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, helped in 3; No. of conversions, 26; No. of sermons preached, 115; No. of members received, 10; No. of prayer meetings conducted, 75; No. baptized, 9; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 15; Received for pastoral services, \$1,513.63; received for revival services, \$23.32; received for all other services, \$210.00; total amount received, \$1,746.95; given personally to the cause, \$535.00; radio message each Sunday afternoon 4:30 to 5:00 p. m. WMMH, Marshall, N. C.

REV. G. W. BRIGGS: No. of sermons preached, 22; No. of revivals conducted, helped in 1; No. of marriages, 1; taught Sunday school class, prayed in homes, given to the cause, unknown; received for all services, \$15.28.

REV. HOBART BULLMAN: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 5; No. of sermons preached, 105; No. of members received, 3; No. baptized, 2; No. of funerals, 2; Received for pastoral services, \$131.29; received for revival services, \$45.68; received for all other services, \$12.00; total amount received, \$188.97; given personally to the cause, \$50.00; No. of homes visited, 25; No. of homes prayed in, 25; No. of sick visits made, 9; No. of miles traveled, 350; expenses: \$25.00.

REV. G. Y. BURGIN: No. of churches pastored, 3; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 12; No. of sermons preached, not stated; No. of members received, 6; No. baptized, 10; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 1; received for pastoral services, \$726.00; received for revival services, \$100.00; received for all other services, \$15.00; total amount received, \$941.00; given personally to the cause, \$350.00.

REV. ANDREW CHANDLER: No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of sermons preached, 52; received for all services, \$35.00; given personally to the cause, \$25.00.

REV. LLOYD CHANDLER: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 6; No. of sermons preached, 50; No. of funerals, 4; received for pastoral services, \$25.00; received for revival services, \$30.00; received for all other services, none; total amount received, \$55.00.

REV. SAM CHANDLER: No. of churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. of conversions, 55; No. of sermons preached, 40; No. of funerals, 1; total amount received (for revival services), \$100.00; given personally to the cause, \$70.00.

REV. H. L. CHATHAM: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 13; No. of sermons preached, 125; No. of

members received, 9; No. baptized, 7; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 3; received for pastoral services, \$765.12; received for revival services, \$67.91; received for all other services, \$5.00; total amount received, \$848.03; given personally to the cause, \$526.60.

REV. G. E. CODY: No. of churches pastored, none; No. of conversions, 1; No. of sermons preached, 6; total amount received for all services, \$365.00; given personally to the cause, \$300.00; Bible classes taught, 35; sick visits made, 4; Total miles traveled, about 90.

REV. LONNIE G. CRAWFORD: No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 5; No. of sermons preached, 68; No. of members received, 1; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 4; received for pastoral services, \$184.60; received for revival services, \$35.00; received for all other services, \$5.65; total amount received, \$225.25; given personally to the cause, \$30.00. Some of the above conversions were in prayer meeting services.

REV. CLARENCE L. DAVIS: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, helped in 3; No. of conversions, 8; No. of sermons preached, 26; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 1; received for pastoral services, \$12.00; received for revival services, \$60.33; received for all other services, \$8.00; total amount received, \$80.33; given personally to the cause, \$300.00.

REV. J. A. EDMONDS: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, helped in 2; No. of conversions, 10; No. of sermons preached, 85; No. of members received, 3; No. of funerals, 2; Received for Pastoral services, \$131.34; received for revival services, \$20.00; total amount received, \$151.34; given personally to the cause, \$35.00.

REV. BOB FREEMON: No. of sermons preached, 20; No. of funerals, 4; received for all services, \$1.00; given personally to the cause, \$5.00.

REV. HERMAN GENTRY: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 9; No. of sermons preached, 27; No. of members received, 5; No. baptized, 4; received for pastoral services, \$432.00; received for revival services, \$100.00; received for all other services, \$150.00; total amount received, \$682.00; given personally to the cause, \$25.00.

REV. T. L. GUFFEY: No. of revivals conducted, helped in 3; No. of conversions, 6; No. of sermons preached, 29; No. of funerals, 3; received for all services, \$10.00; total amount received, \$18.00; given personally to the cause, \$28.00.

REV. CHARLIE HOLLIFIELD: No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 10; No. of sermons preached, 11; No. of funerals, 1; received for revival services, \$44.00; given personally to the cause, \$200.00 (tithes).

REV. W. L. HOWELL: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 40; No. of sermons preached, 116; No. of members received, 18; No. baptized, 16; No. of marriages, 2; received for pastoral services, \$280.00; received for all other services, \$20.00; total amount received, \$300.00; given

personally to the cause, \$420.00. I have been busy, have a new work started. I have bought 3 lots to build a new church on. We desire your prayers that God will bless our work in Michigan.

REV. H. E. LUNSFORD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of sermons preached, 23; No. of conversions, 7; No. of homes visited, 26; No. of homes prayed in, 6; No. of sick visits made, 10; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 1; received for pastoral services, \$95.67; received for revival services, \$70.00; received for all other services, \$99.05; total amount received, \$264.72; given personally to the cause, \$13.85; No. of miles traveled, 936; expenses, \$15.00.

REV. JOHN LUNSFORD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 98; No. of sermons preached, unknown; No. of members received, 42; No. baptized, 19; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 7; received for pastoral services, \$556.34; received for revival services, \$14.00; received for all other services, \$282.25; total amount received, \$852.59; given personally to the cause, \$238.53.

REV. G. A. MARSHALL: No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 2; No. of sermons preached, 34; No. of funerals, 3; no money received; given personally to the cause, \$62.65. It is my desire to remain in the work of the Lord until He says it is enough!

REV. WILCO MELTON: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, no record kept; No. of sermons preached, 192; No. of members received, 15; No. baptized, 10; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 4; received for pastoral services, \$1,959.01; received for revival services, \$115.00; total amount received, \$2,074.01; given personally to the cause, no record kept.

REV. WILLET L. MORETZ: No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, 5; No. of conversions, 37; No. of sermons preached, 174; No. of members received, 32; No. baptized, 17; No. of marriages, 4; No. of funerals, 7; Received for pastoral services, \$2,375.00; received for revival services, \$350.00; received for all other services, \$40.00; total amount received, \$2,765.00; given personally to the cause, \$275.00.

REV. CHARLES OWNSBEY: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 1; No. of sermons preached, 52; No. baptized, 1; received for pastoral services, \$50.00; total received, \$50.00; given personally to the cause, \$261.98.

REV. VERNON RADCLIFFE: No. of conversions, 2; No. of sermons preached, 12; No. of homes visited, 5; No. of homes prayed in, 2; No. of sick visits made, 4; Sunday school lessons taught, 20; total amount received for all services, \$10.00; given personally to the cause, \$30.00.

REV. ROY J. REDMON: No. of churches pastored, none; No. of conversions, 62; No. of sermons preached, 42; No. baptized, 22; No. of marriages, 1; total amount received for all services, \$65.21; given personally to the cause: \$306.00.

REV. WARREN M. REECE: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 2; No. of sermons preached, 87; No. of members received, 5; No. baptized, 5; No. marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 6; received for pastoral services, \$1,094.07; received for all other services, \$25.00; total amount received, \$1,119.07; given personally to the cause, \$525.00.

REV. G. M. REYNOLDS: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 73; No. of sermons preached, 69; No. baptized, 3; No. of funerals, 7; No. of homes visited, 438; No. of homes prayed in, 351; No. of Sunday school lessons taught, 5; No. of sick visits made, 278; No. of miles traveled, 12,750; expenses, \$317.50; received for pastoral services, \$3,380.00; total amount received, \$3,380.00; given personally to the cause, \$599.95.

REV. JESSE RICE: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. of sermons preached, 48; No. of funerals, 3; received for pastoral services, \$136.38; received for revival services, \$123.00; received for all other services, \$50.00; total amount received, \$309.38; given personally to the cause, \$50.00.

REV. L. F. RUMBOUGH: No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 35; No. of sermons preached, 75; No. baptized, 2; No. of funerals, 2; total amount received, \$10.00 (for revival services); given personally to the cause, \$75.00.

REV. RAYMOND SHELL: No. of churches pastored, 2; no record kept of services; received for pastoral services, \$410.91.

REV. EVERT SHELTON: No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 16; No. of sermons preached, 50; No. baptized, 6; No. of marriages, 2; received for revival services, \$15.00; received for all other services, \$10.00; total amount received, \$25.00; given personally to the cause, \$65.00.

REV. ERVIN SLUDER: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 10; No. of sermons preached, 40; No. of funerals, 4; received for revival services, \$116.00; received for pastoral services, \$250.00; received for all other services, \$40.00; total amount received, \$406.00; given personally to the cause, \$50.00.

REV. ALFORD TAYLOR: No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, 6; No. of conversions, 32; No. of sermons preached, 72; No. of members received, 16; No. baptized, 7; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 1; No. of homes visited, 39; No. of homes prayed in, 25; No. of miles traveled, 3,580; expenses, \$255.15; received for pastoral services, \$173.30; received for revival services, \$95.47; total amount received, \$268.77; given personally to the cause, \$711.00.

REV. JAMES O. WALDROP: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of sermons preached, 65; No. of members received, 20; No. baptized, 3; received for pastoral services, \$300.00; received for revival services, \$17.00; total amount received, \$317.00.

REV. W. A. WARD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals con-

ducted, 1; No. of conversions, 7; No. of sermons preached, 70; No. of members received, 5; No. baptized, 5; No. of funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$15.28; received for all other services, \$44.48; total amount received, \$59.76; given personally to the cause, \$10.00.

REV. CHARLES WHEELER: No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 7; No. of sermons preached, 41; No. of marriages, 1; Total amount received for revival services, \$18.00; given personally to the cause, \$8.00. I have not been able to do much due to sickness.

REV. T. A. WHEELER: No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. of conversions, 48; No. of sermons preached, 80; No. of members received, 4; No. of funerals, 8; received for pastoral services, \$620.00; received for revival services, \$130.00; total amount received, \$750.00; given personally to the cause, not stated.

REV. HUBERT WORLEY: No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 4; No. of sermons preached, 60; no money received; given personally to the cause, \$60.00; prayed in 15 sick homes.

LICENSED MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. RAYMOND PONDERS: No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 12; No. of sermons preached, 35; No. baptized, 10; received for revival services, \$32.00; received for all other services, \$10.00; total amount received, \$42.00; given personally to the cause, \$150.00.

REV. JAMES RICE: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, unknown; No. of sermons preached, unknown; No. baptized, 5; No. of homes visited, 32; No. of homes prayed in, 25; No. of sick visits made, 23; No. of funerals, 1; received for pastoral services, \$338.20; received for revival services, \$15.40; received for all other services, \$34.00; total amount received, \$387.60; given personally to the cause, \$275.00; No. of miles traveled, 32,000; expenses, \$320.00.

REV. L. A. HYATT: The clerk received a very nice letter from Rev. Hyatt telling of the work he is doing in Detroit, where he now resides. He asks to remain in our conference. This letter was read on Saturday, August 10, 1957, at the Ministers' Conference. We, the clerk, the moderator, and the Ministers' Conference would appreciate hearing from some more of our ministers who have moved away. How about it, preachers!

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 bylaws 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, providing 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 member belonging to the church.

3. Th 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 Saviour, 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 delegate 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 a ransom for all to be testified in due time. 1 Timothy 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.”—Genesis 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 reproveth 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.”—Romans 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.” 2 Corinthians 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 result of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God. “Every tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them.”—Matthew 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.”—Romans 6:4.

11. **THE LORD’S SUPPER:** We believe the supper was instituted by

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

12. FEET WASHING: We believe that washing the saint's feet was a command of our Saviour 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."—1 Corinthians 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.

BYLAWS, 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 bylaws 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:

_____, _____
_____, _____
_____, _____

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 decrease.....; Last year's
membership.....; Present membership.....

Sundays we have preaching _____

No. of revivals.....; Held by:.....

No. of "feet washing" and communion services: _____

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor

Address

Clerk

Address

Pastor for next year

Address

Clerk for next year

Address

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Foreign Missions \$.....; Orphanage \$.....; Church re-

pairs 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

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CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Home Missions and Local Charity	Foreign Missions	F. W. B. Children's Home	Church Repair and Improvements	Other Purposes	Old Ministers' Fund	Minute Fund	Value of All Church Property	Clerks This Year
Asheville	\$ 948.79	\$ 324.46	\$ 67.25	\$ 218.25	\$ 864.65	\$ 364.10	\$ 10.56	\$ 15.00	\$ 9,000.00	Mrs. Ernest Henderson
Avery's Creek	665.75	72.72	100.71	55.00	5.27	118.26	5.00	5.00	5,000.00	Mrs. W. E. Justice
Barnard	135.92		25.00				10.00	5.00		Mrs. Roy Roberts
Barnardsville	109.60			25.00		36.00	10.00	5.00	4,000.00	Roy Mundy
Burgin Chapel	338.20	25.00	24.00	15.00		10.80	15.68	5.00	3,000.00	D. L. Massey
Dry Branch	362.35	44.54	51.00	10.00	322.50	42.01	10.00	10.00	3,850.00	Amy Plemmons
East Black Mountain	3,380.00	258.76	77.12	70.56	679.97	1,218.69	15.00	10.00	20,000.00	Boyce Crow
East Fork	151.16	40.00	5.00		25.00	20.00	5.00	6.00	1,500.00	Mrs. Mack Allen
Fugate	106.67				40.00			4.00	1,400.00	Elza Gibbs
Hazel Green	765.82	127.34	22.88	206.25	418.59	972.80	45.00	5.00	6,500.00	Mrs. Imogene Meadows
Homer's Chapel	1,959.01	244.75	60.00	90.00	500.00	502.60	15.00	10.00	17,000.00	McKinley C. Worley
Hyatt's Creek	340.00			30.00		124.33	3.50	20.00	5,000.00	Mrs. Wayne Roberts
East Fork								10.00		Carolyn Waldrop
Laurel Fork	320.36				30.00	140.00		5.70		Mrs. Coleman Caldwell
Laurelton Chapel	273.62				5.00	6.45		3.00	5,000.00	Cas H. Fender
Lower Big Pine	50.00				200.00		5.00	5.00	2,000.00	Mrs. Collie Price
Marshall	1,094.07	265.59	60.00	32.57	1,294.47	271.00	26.00	20.00	5,000.00	Mrs. Warren M. Reece
Mountain View	300.00	130.00	60.00	50.00			40.00	15.00	15,000.00	B. W. Sluder
Mount Zion	188.50				375.75	161.32	11.00	14.86	2,000.00	Mrs. Dellis Greene
Paint Fork	239.17	41.96		80.70			87.50	12.00	2,000.00	Eugene Duyck
Pisgah Forest	174.54					145.20		5.00	1,700.00	Mrs. R. A. Lunsford
Ray's Chapel	131.34			67.00				10.00	2,000.00	Stephen W. Ballew
Red Hill	987.82	505.27	180.00	136.26	99.50	219.58	52.17	11.71	25,000.00	Hattie Jarrett
Rocky Branch	991.66	343.49		258.62		400.34		10.00	3,850.00	Betty Boone
Shady Grove	75.00					21.60		5.00	1,500.00	Berlene Bullman
Shoal Hill	165.16	5.00	24.00	33.00		18.23		5.00	1,500.00	Mrs. Ada Payne
Sweeten Creek	556.34			5.00	322.00	153.00	20.00	8.00	5,000.00	Edgar Dockery
Union Chapel	15.28			4.00		5.00	8.00	5.00	1,500.00	W. F. Banks
Union Valley	437.66	100.00		25.50	275.00	310.50	10.82	15.00	1,950.00	Mrs. Jennie Ballard
Walnut	525.81	100.00	40.00	47.75			21.12	5.00	15,000.00	Lina Stines
Offering								25.33		
TOTALS	\$15,789.60	\$2,628.88	\$796.96	\$1,465.46	\$5,414.15	\$5,294.71	\$424.55	\$290.60	\$164,250.00	

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE, AUGUST 1956 - AUGUST 1957

CHURCHES	Members Received			Restoration	Members Lost			Total Increase	Total Decrease	Last Year's Membership	Present Membership	Pastors This Year	
	Experience and Baptism	Letter and Statement			By Letter	Expulsion and Erasure	By Death						
Asheville	10	6	4		1	1		9		264	275	T. A. Holder Jr.	
Avery's Creek	4	4			7	3	1	2	3	63	60	Ralph Mumpower	
Barnard	3		3						3	9	12	Hobart Bullman	
Barnardsville										44	44	Lonnie Crawford	
Burgin Chapel	1	1			1		1	1		44	44	James Rice	
Dry Branch	11	6	5		2	1	1	9		95	104	C. Y. Burgin	
East Black Mountain					4	2	2	2	4	149	145	C. M. Reynolds	
East Fork	23							6		29	29	Alford Taylor	
Fugate										38	38	Harrison Lunsford	
Hazel Green	9	9			43	7	33	3	34	80	46	H. L. Chatham	
Homer's Chapel	15	5	10		2		1	13		90	79	Wilco Melton	
Hyatt's Creek	6	3	3		1			5		115	120	Worley Wykle	
Jonestown	7							7		13	20	J. O. Waldrop	
Laurel Fork	1	1	1		2	2			1	48	46	C. Y. Burgin	
Laurelton Chapel	12	10	2		4	3		1	8	164	172	Alford Taylor	
Lower Big Pine	2			2				2		11	11	G. Y. Burgin	
Marshall	5	5			6	5		1	1	203	202	Warren M. Reece	
Mountain View	2	2	2		4	2		2		234	232	Ervin Sluder	
Mount Zion	9	5	4		2	1		1	7	149	156	Jesse Rice	
Paint Fork	2	1	1		1	1				126	127	Raymond Shell	
Pisgah Forest					1			1	1	30	29	Raymond Shell	
Ray's Chapel	3		3		2	2		1	1	27	28	Arthur Edmonds	
Red Hill	8	7	1		4	3		1	4	82	86	R. H. Ballard	
Rocky Branch	14	7	7		5	5		9		175	184	Herman Pace	
Shady Grove	1	1			1			1		101	101	Lonnie Crawford	
Shoal Hill										61	61	Jack Hutchins	
Sweeten Creek	42	19	3		2	1		15		27	50	John Lunsford	
Union Chapel	5	5			2			3		109	112	W. A. Ward	
Union Valley					7	6		1	7	106	99	N. F. Byrd	
Walnut	2	2			6	4		4		70	66	Harold Ballard	
TOTALS	197	96	49	2	110	49	36	23	102	57	2,716	2,578	

