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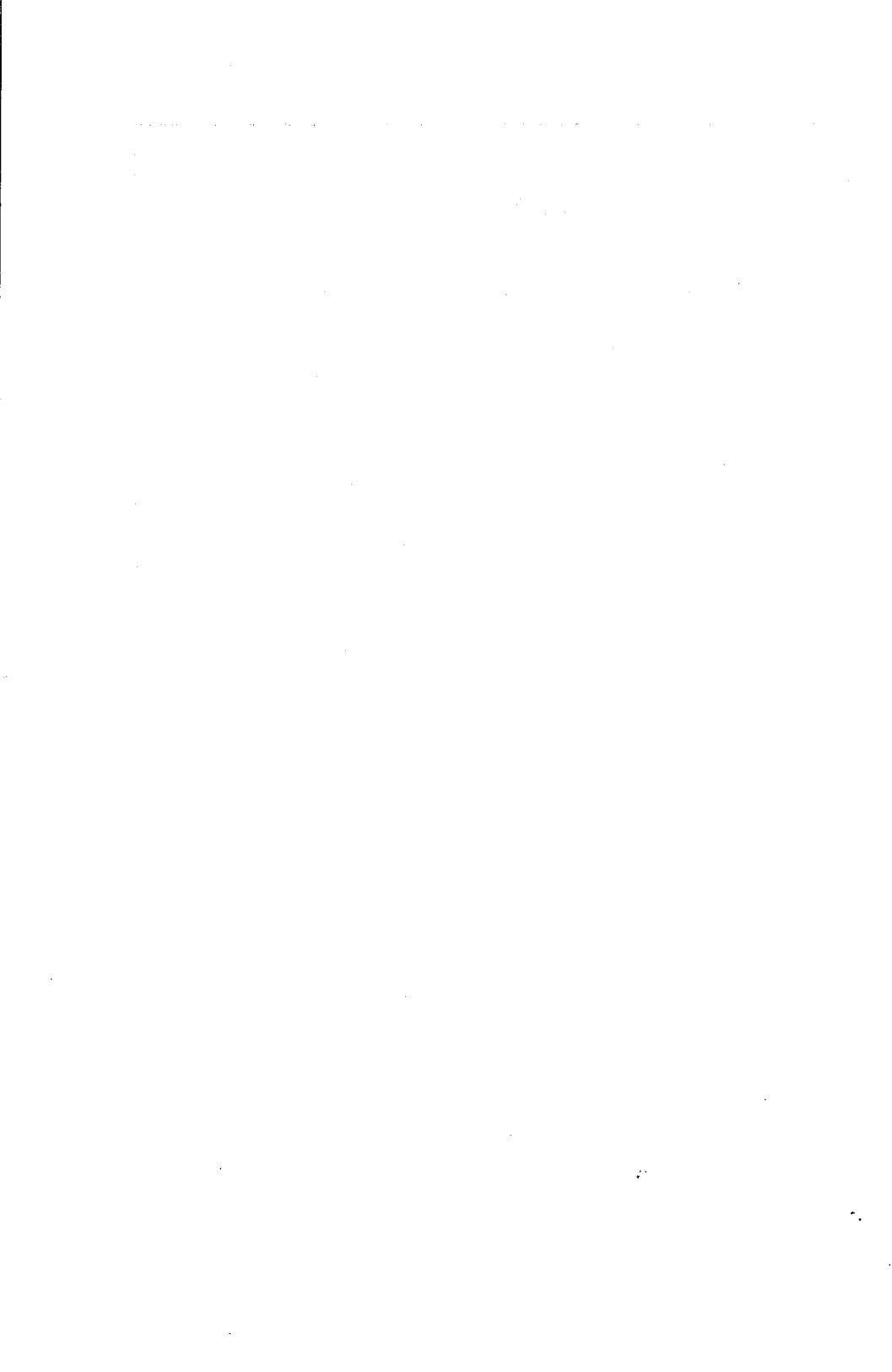


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Church	Sundays We Have Preaching
ASHEVILLE: Rev. W. O. Adcock 102 Pennsylvania Ave., West Asheville, N. C.	Every
EVERY'S CREEK: Rev. R. H. Ballard 193 Pennsylvania Ave., West Asheville, N. C.	1st, 2nd & 4th
BARNARD: Rev. Zenous Allen Route 2, Mars Hill, N. C.	1st & 3rd
BARNARDSVILLE: Rev. Charles Ownsbey Box 405, Swannanoa, N. C.	1st and 3rd
BEAVERDAM: Rev. Charlie Crisp	
BURGIN'S CHAPEL: Rev. Clarence Davis Box 534, Black Mountain, N. C.	Every
DRY BRANCH: Rev. Evert Shelton Route 5, Box 130, Marshall, N. C.	2nd & 4th
EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Rev. John Cansler Black Mountain, N. C.	Every
EAST FORK: Rev. Alford Taylor Route 1, Box 301, Alexander, N. C.	Every
FUGATE: Rev. Harrison Lunsford Walnut, N. C.	4th
HAZEL GREEN: Rev. H. L. Chatham 2 Winding Road, Biltmore, 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. A. Roberts 216 Westwood Place, West Asheville, N. C.	Every
LAUREL FORK: Rev. T. A. Holder Jr. 895 Riverside Drive, Asheville, N. C.	Every
LAURELTON CHAPEL: Rev. Jesse Rice Route 2, Box 75, Weaverville, N. C.	2nd & 4th
LOWER BIG PINE: Rev. G. Y. Burgin Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.	2nd & 4th
MARSHALL: Rev. Warren Reece 220 Virginia Ave., West Asheville, N. C.	Every
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Rev. Ervin Sluder Weaverville, N. C.	4th
MOUNT ZION: Rev. Arnold Bullman Route 3, Weaverville, N. C.	1st & 3rd
PAINT FORK: Rev. Raymond Shell Barnardsville, N. C.	2nd & 4th

PISGAH FOREST: Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford Route 2, Weaverville, N. C.	1st & 3rd
RAY'S CHAPEL: Rev. J. A. Edmonds . Box 34, Weaverville, N. C.	Every
RED HILL: Rev. Frances Radford Route 2, Mars Hill, N. C.	2nd & 4th
ROCKY BRANCH: Rev. Herman Pace Canton, N. C.	Every
SHOAL HILL: Rev. Jesse Rice Box 75, Route 2, Weaverville, N. C.	1st & 3rd
SWEETEN CREEK: Rev. John F. Lunsford Route 2, Asheville, N. C.	Every
UNION CHAPEL: Rev. W. A. Ward Route 1, Box 428, Weaverville, N. C.	Every
UNION VALLEY: Rev. Allen Jackson Box 342, Swannanoa, N. C.	Every
WALNUT: Rev. R. H. Ballard 193 Pennsylvania Ave., West Asheville, N. C.	3rd

EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
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Proceedings

Beginning on Thursday, August 7, 1958, at 10:00 a. m., Homer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Black Mountain, N. C. Opening song, "Amazing Grace." Opening prayer, Brother Ebb Wheeler. Welcome, Rev. Wilco Melton, pastor, Homer's Chapel Church.

Scripture: St. John 12:23-50.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. Ervin Sluder Weaverville, N. C.
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ELECTION OF READING CLERKS

Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford Shady Grove Church
Rev. R. H. Ballard Walnut Church

VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Mount Olive, N. C., Western Conference
Rev. S. A. Smith, Middlesex, N. C., Eastern Conference
Rev. Bruce Barrow, Lucama, N. C., Central Conference
Rev. J. O. Fort, Ayden, N. C., Central Conference
Rev. Ebb Wheeler, Route 1, Relief, N. C., Jack's Creek Association
Rev. Richmond Barnett, Route 1, Hampton, Tenn., Jack's Creek Association
Rev. Johnny Eason, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C., Second Western District Conference
Rev. Billy Gene Outland, Box 245, Beulaville, N. C.
Rev. L. E. Ballard, Selma, N. C., Sunday School Field Superintendent
Rev. Jack Jones, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C., Toe River Association

At this time we heard Rev. S. A. Smith report on the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex, N. C. He spoke on the progress being made on the office building. This structure is named the French Broad Building for this association. He announced plans for the Free Will Baptist State Convention to be held at the home on September 17 & 18. He pledged to give the very best, spend money the wisest, be fair to workers, teach of Jesus, have discipline. He ended with a special request for prayer. Following this, Rev. Wilco Melton spoke concerning the offering for same. Special offering received for the building fund, \$55.10.

Moved to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Lindsey Howell.

11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Opening Song: "Glory Land Way"; prayer: Rev. T. A. Holder Jr.

Special Singing: solo by Hyatt Union Valley Church.

Sermon: Rev. T. A. Wheeler. Topic: "The Spirit of the Lord." You have a covering, but not of My Spirit.

Closing Song: "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." Christian handshake.

2:00 P. M. PROCEEDINGS

Opened with congregational singing. Devotions: Rev. Claude Mills, Hyatt's Creek Church. Scripture: 2 Timothy. Prayer: Rev. Arnold Bullman.

Called to order by moderator.

Heard Rev. M. L. Johnson, moderator of the Western Conference. He extended an invitation to us to visit them at any time. Mr. Johnson was representing Mount Olive Junior College, one of our newest enterprises. He declared that in our youth we have our greatest potential! He challenged us to the development of the talent we have. To this Mount Olive College is dedicated!

Heard Rev. Bruce Barrow, president, North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists. He described denomination as being twofold. A denomination has a distinguished purpose. A denomination has a defined plan. To accomplish this, Free Will Baptists in North Carolina must walk hand in hand with God and hand in hand with each other!

Heard Rev. J. O. Fort, editor of the Free Will Baptist Press. He traced the beginning of the Press fifty years ago with \$9,000 in assets of property, building and equipment. Now the assets total almost a quarter million dollars. He showed us a copy of the first Free Will Baptist Hymnal, a book that we should be proud of! Price: \$2.00 per copy; \$1.85 per copy per dozen; \$1.75 per copy per hundred. He declared that the Press is dedicated to holding the line to holding the Faith once delivered to the saints.

Seating of Delegates.

Moved and seconded to receive Jonestown and East Fork Churches into full fellowship with the association.

Moved to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Allen.

THURSDAY NIGHT, 7:30 P. M.

Opening song: "Camping In Canaan Land." Choir singing led by Rev. Fred Silver. At this time we had special singing by several groups and individuals.

Prayer: Rev. Jack Jones. Sermon: Rev. Ervin Sluder.

Scripture: 1 Kings 12:25; Amos 7; and 2 Timothy.

Closing song: "Old Time Religion." Handshake and much rejoicing.

Dismissed by Rev. Ed Coleman.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

- ASHEVILLE: Rev. Grady Harris, Tony Hollar, Mrs. Ernest Henderson, Jerome Ramsey.
- EVERY'S CREEK: Mr. Wayne Lisenbee.
- BARNARD: Andy Farmer, Andrew Chandler, Edd Davis, Roy Roberts, Mrs. Andy Farmer.
- BARNARDSVILLE: Brother George Harris, Sister Blanch Ownsbey, Sister Edith Harris.
- BURGIN CHAPEL: Lee Davis, D. L. Massey, Clarence Davis.
- DRY BRANCH: Mr. Ottis Davis, Mr. Ray Roberts, Mr. Hall Davis, Mrs. Amy Plemmons.
- EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Mrs. Agnes Reynolds, Mrs. Mary Lunsford, Mrs. Wayne Rayburn.
- EAST FORK: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Metcalf, Mrs. Venable Church, Virgel Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Metcalf.
- FUGATE: Charlie Stillman, Mrs. Emmitt Gibbs, Odie Parks, Roy Stills, Harm Parks, Philman Griggs.
- HAZEL GREEN: Mr. Henry Maxwell, Mr. Elmer Sharpe.
- HOMER'S CHAPEL: Mrs. Helen Nanney, Mrs. M. C. Worley, Mrs. Lena Hollifield, Mrs. Ernest Roland.
- HYATT'S CREEK: Rev. Claude Mills, Rev. Sam Chandler, Henry Wyatt, Elbert Mills, Frank Wyatt.
- JONESTOWN: Mrs. G. N. Waldrop, Mrs. Tony Roberts, Rev. J. A. Roberts.
- LAUREL FORK: Mr. and Mrs. George Roberson, Mr. Luther Hagan and son.
- LAURELTON CHAPEL: Cas H. Fender, Horace Edwards, J. B. Roberts, Woodard Riddle.
- LOWER BIG PINE: Rev. G. Y. Burgin.
- MARSHALL: Sister Vadie Davis, Brother Vader Shelton, Sister Valeria Landreth, Sister Edd Candler, Sister Jerry Ramsey.
- MOUNTAIN VIEW: Mrs. Carlos Radcliffe, Mrs. Elmer Parham, Mrs. Janice Sluder, Raymond Hawkins, Elmer Parham, Walter Dewese.
- MOUNT ZION: Fred Briggs, Arnold Bullman, Sanford McGilliard, Belva Freeman.
- PAINT FORK: Eugene Duyck, Richard Hyder, Mrs. Raymond Hyder.
- PISGAH FOREST: Mrs. R. A. Lunsford, Mrs. Lide Thomas, Mr. R. A. Lunsford.
- RAY'S CHAPEL: Mrs. Sue Ray, Mrs. Blanche Ballew.
- RED HILL: McKinley Faulkner, Frank Fisher, Mrs. Cora Ramsey, Mrs. Ronald Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reid.
- ROCKY BRANCH: Mr. Dexter Barnes, Mrs. Martin Lanning, Mr. Martin Lanning.

SHOAL HILL: Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Payne, Rev. Walter Wilson, Mrs. Dewey Brown.
SWEETEN CREEK: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hylemon, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. Luther McCurrey, Mr. and Mrs. Rayford, Mr. John Hensley, Mr. Ben Taylor.
UNION CHAPEL: W. F. Banks, Joe Mundy, Hattie Rumbough.
UNION VALLEY: Mrs. Jennie Ballard, Mrs. Jean Tweed, Mrs. Cora Lee Hyatte, Mrs. Evelyn Ballard, Mr. Fred Hyatte.
WALNUT: Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stines, Mr. B. E. Guthrie, Mrs. Susie Davis, Mrs. Lottie Reeves, Mrs. Gracc Dockery.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

ARRANGEMENTS: A standing committee, pastor and delegates.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Mrs. Bertha Thomas, Mrs. Dorothy Payne, Mrs. Lockie Lunsford.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Brother Bert Roberts, Brother Edd Davis, Rev. Lonnie Crawford.
HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. W. O. Adcock.
PASTOR'S SUPPORT: Virgil Metcalf, Kenny Metcalf, Tony Hollar.
EDUCATION: Rev. Warren Reece, Rev. G. Y. Burgin.
LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Andy Farmer, Walter Deweese, Rev. Raymond Shell.
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, chairman, A. S. Reeves, Kelly Metcalf, Jeter Ramsey, Frank Fisher.
DEEPER DEVOTIONS: A standing committee, written by W. W. Ballard, deceased.
OBITUARIES: Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. Wilco Melton, Mrs. Alice Henderson.
RESOLUTIONS: A standing committee: Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford.
FINANCE: Rev. T. A. Holder Jr., Rev. Lane Chatham, Rev. Warren Reece.
TEMPERANCE: Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. Wilco Melton, Rev. Raymond Shell.
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME: Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. W. L. Moretz, Brother Bert Roberts.
PERIODICALS: Sister Lockie Lunsford, Mrs. Sylvene Shelton, Mrs. M. C. Worley.
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY: Mrs. Wilco Melton.
SESSIONS: First delegate of each church.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10:00 A. M.

Opening song: "Just Over in the Glory Land." Special singing: Melton Sisters. Devotions: Rev. Clarence Davis. Scripture: 1 John 1.

Prayer: Rev. Charlie Hollifield.

Called into business session by the moderator.

Reports of all committees. Moved and seconded to adopt all reports.

Heard Brother Plato Worley, chairman of the board of old minister's fund. Open discussion regarding the fund in general, insurance and retirement benefits. Several of our ministers spoke at this time.

Moved and seconded that Brother Worley subtract his expenses from the fund. Moved and seconded to place an age limit (subject to the will of the minister in question) on retirement benefits. Moved and seconded to appoint a committee to draft written rules regarding the same. This should clarify financial aid as required for both young and old ministers.

Committee appointed: Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Rev. Warren Reece, Rev. W. O. Adcock.

Moved to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Alford Taylor.

11:00 A. M.

Opening song: "I'll Fly Away." Special singing: Sluder Trio.

Prayer: Rev. George Reynolds. Sermon: Rev. Walter Wilson.

Scripture: Genesis 2:8, 9; Matthew 26:36-39. Topic: "Three Gardens."

Closing song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Christian handshake.

1:30 P. M.

Opening song: "I Feel Like Traveling On." Devotions: Rev. Warren Reece.

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-10. Prayer: Rev. Clarence Davis.

Committee reports continued. Moved and seconded to adopt same.

Heard Rev. W. L. Moretz report on French Broad Building Fund.

At this time we also had an open discussion on youth and home conditions. However, there was no action taken regarding this! Heard letter concerning Rev. Hardee Vaughn.

Moved and seconded that this association send a delegate to the State Convention. Open discussion. Vote taken. Motion defeated.

Suggested by Rev. Wilco Melton that the association have a field man. Moved and seconded to appoint Rev. Charlie Hollifield to this office. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Heard Brother Edd Davis and Brother Bert Roberts report on the progress being made on the new church building at Barnard. For all aid received financially, thank you.

Heard committee on sessions. Moved to adjourn.

FRIDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Opened with choir singing led by Edwin McKinney. Welcome: Rev. Wilco Melton. Prayer: Rev. Jack Jones. Special singing by several groups and individuals.

Sermon: Rev. Zenous Allen. Scripture: Genesis 18:1-8, 27.

Closed with an altar call. Solo: Rev. Johnny Franks. Testimony time with Rev. Jack Jones and Rev. Rome Woodson. Handshake by all.

Dismissed by Rev. Johnny Franks.

SATURDAY 10:00 A. M.

Opening song: "Jesus, Hold My Hand." Special choir singing.

Devotions: Rev. Ed Coleman. Scripture: Galatians 3. Prayer: Rev. Wilco Melton. Called into business session by moderator.

Heard petition regarding state pension aid for Rev. Hardec L. Vaughn. Standing vote is taken that the clerk and moderator sign letter to the effect that Rev. Vaughn is old and disabled to work due to a stroke.

Heard request of Beaverdam Church to join this association.

Moved and seconded to receive the Beaverdam Church under watch care of the association for a year.

Heard Rev. W. O. Adcock request to be received back into the association. Also heard Rev. Alford Taylor speaking for Rev. Walter Wilson concerning canned goods for the Children's Home. Moved to adjourn this eighteenth session of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association.

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 (Ecclesiastes 12:1), and when converted attend every service possible, read their Bibles daily, pray without ceasing, read clean Christian literature, and say a word for their Lord whenever they have an opportunity. In doing this, they might cause some lost soul to be saved.

Sisters Bertha Thomas, Lockie Lunsford, Dorothy Payne, *Committee*

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: We, your committee on Sunday schools, agree that much prayer and care should be given to Sunday school work. Jesus prayed before choosing His disciples. No one who does not have the Holy Spirit should be allowed to teach in this work. Too, teachers should have a fair knowledge of the Word. 2 Timothy 2:15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Sunday school officers should have a likable personality and be of good report. They should never be chosen just merely because of their friendship or popularity. If this gospel be hid, it is hid to those who are lost.

Rev. Lonnie Crawford, Edd Davis, Bert Roberts, *Committee*

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: We, the committee on home and foreign missions, recommend that all our Free Will Baptist churches take more interest in the support of both home and foreign missions. Too many of our people limit their mission work to their local church territories and stop there!

Revs. R. H. Ballard, W. O. Adcock, *Committee*

PASTOR'S SUPPORT: We, the committee on pastor's support, recommend that the churches of this association support their pastors in their labor in the Lord. As the Lord taught when He sent out the apostles, the laborer is worthy of his hire (Matthew 10:9, 10). As the apostle, Paul, wrote to the church at Corinth: ". . . they which minister about holy things live of things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:13, 14).

We believe the church should support its pastor according to its ability in order that its pastor might devote as much of his time to looking after the interests of the church and feeding the flock of God, which is the overseer or Shepherd.

Virgel Metcalf, Kenneth Metcalf, Tony Hollar, *Committee*

EDUCATION: We, the committee on education, present these facts: Ephesians 4:12, 15: "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: . . . That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind and doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." 2 Timothy 2:15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We want to encourage everyone to do his best for this needful part in every individual. We recommend that we support the enterprises of our denomination and prepare our young people to be a useful people to God.

We encourage every church to teach the doctrine of our discipline in order that every officer would know how to carry out his duties. Further, let every minister be acquainted with the parliamentary law which is in our discipline.

Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Rev. Warren Recce, *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. "And have no

fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Ephesians 5:11).

Rev. Raymond Shell, Andy Farmer, Walter Deweese, *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 Ministers Fund under statement of finances.

Amendment: We, your committee, recommend that the Old Minister’s Board of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association, be governed by the following:

1. That at the age of sixty-five (65) our ministers, if unable to support our insurance, at their own request, be relieved of this obligation.

2. That we continue to work with the state board regarding our eligible ministers who are in need of a state pension.

3. That our local ministers co-operate with our local board in every way possible.

Rev. Warren Reece, Rev. W. O. Adcock, Rev. C. Y. Burgin, *Committee*

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 ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.” We should never forget and always remember the ones that labor so faithfully among us.

Rev. Wilco Melton, Rev. Walter Wilson, Sister Alice Henderson, *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 besides 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."

Revs. Walter Wilson, Wilco Melton, Raymond Shell, Committee

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'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, N. C. 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 the office building known as the French Broad Building. All money for this fund to be sent to Rev. W. L. Moretz, treasurer, Box 548, Swannanoa, N. C.

Revs. R. H. Ballard, W. L. Moretz, Brother Bert Roberts, 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 Scriptures 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 colleges, and any other work that is carried out for the glory of the Lord. To get this information we need to read the church paper!

We object to dancing in any form which is being taught in the public schools.

Sisters Lockie Lunsford, Sylvene Shelton, Katherine Worley, Rev. G. Y. Burgin, *Committee*

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY: We, your committee, urge the churches to organize and uphold the woman's auxiliary. Our motto should be: "Go set a Watchman" (Isaiah 21:6). May we be spirit filled in all that we do, and encourage community missions as well as foreign missions.

Sister Nana Melton, *Committee*

SESSIONS: The next session of the French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists will be held with the Barnard Church near Walnut, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1959, at 10:00 a. m. The Rev. Fred Silvers will preach the introductory sermon at 11:00 a. m.; Rev. Arnold Bullman will be the alternate. Delegates remember, bring a basket lunch!

FINANCE:

Minute Fund	\$275.10
Paid Historian	15.00
Paid Moderator	25.00
Paid Clerk	35.00

Balance for Minutes and Postage	\$200.10
Orphanage; Total Amount Collected	\$223.40
Foreign Missions	\$100.46

Rev. T. A. Holder Jr., Rev. Lane Chatham (Minutes), Rev. Warren Reece (Orphanage), *Committee*

Hazel S. Reese, *Clerk*

FRENCH BROAD BUILDING FUND

Reported at 1957 Session of the Association	\$682.80
Received Since Last Association	129.78
Interest Paid Since Last Association	12.42
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Total to Be Accounted For	\$825.00
July 24, 1958: Paid Rev. S. A. Smith, Superintendent Free Will Baptist Children's Home	\$825.00
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Total Balance	.00

The office building has been built and will soon be in use. It has over the entrance a marble slab with the name "French Broad Building." We are

very proud to have this lasting memorial to our association. I will give you the complete cost as soon as the figures are available. It is suggested that we pay \$2,000 per year until it is paid for. I suggest that each church send a monthly donation in sufficient amount to raise at least \$2,000 by next session of the association. An average of \$6.00 per month per church will more than raise the amount.

Please send all money for the French Broad Building Fund to: Rev. Willet L. Moretz, treasurer, Box 548, Swannanoa, N. C.

OLD MINISTER'S FUND

Disbursements:

Rev. J. A. Collins	\$ 25.00
Rev. Johnny Franks	25.00
Rev. G. Y. Burgin	50.00
Rev. Grover Bailey	50.00
Rev. Raymond Shell	50.00
Rev. R. H. Ballard	50.00
Rev. Bob Freeman	25.00
Rev. Clarence Wheeler	50.00
Rev. H. L. Vaughn	50.00
Total	<u>\$375.00</u>

Total amount received from this Association \$433.75. Half of this amount (\$216.87) will be sent to the State Superannuation (Old Minister's) Board.

Amount Received From Churches:

1. Paint Fork	\$130.00	12. Ray's Chapel	10.00
2. Red Hill	61.43	13. Sweeten Creek	10.00
3. Hazel Green	38.00	14. East Fork	8.75
4. Marshall	31.00	15. Mount Zion	8.25
5. Homer's Chapel	25.00	16. Union Chapel	7.82
6. Mountain View	25.00	17. Shoal Hill	5.00
7. East Black Mountain	14.00	18. Avery's Creek	5.00
8. Asheville	12.50	19. Dry Branch	5.00
9. Barnard	10.00	20. Lower Big Pine	5.00
10. Barnardsville	10.00	21. Hyatt's Creek	2.00
11. Burgin Chapel	10.00		

The following Churches, for one reason or another, have *not* contributed to this fund: Fugate, Jonestown, Laurel Fork, Laurelton Chapel, Pisgah Forest, Rocky Branch, Union Valley and Walnut.

Checking Balance, August 1958	\$ 398.00
Savings Balance with Interest	<u>1,117.41</u>
Total Balance	\$1,515.41

Please remember: We urge each church to set aside each fifth Sunday

offering to give to the Old Minister's Fund. We appreciate your kind offerings to this fund and may God bless you all.

Plato Worley, Treasurer

CLERKS FOR NEXT YEAR

- ASHEVILLE: Mrs. Frances Ballard, 60 Chesnut Ridge, Asheville, N. C.
AVERY'S CREEK: Thorton Coy, Route 1, Arden, N. C.
BARNARD: Bert Roberts, Walnut, N. C.
BARNARDSVILLE: Roy Mundy, Barnardsville, N. C.
BEAVERDAM: Miss Frankie Smith. Route 2, Box 542, Candler, N. C.
BURGIN'S CHAPEL: D. L. Massey, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.
DRY BRANCH: Mrs. Queen Robinson, Route 5, Marshall, N. C.
EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Calvin Runion, Black Mountain, N. C.
EAST FORK: Miss Carolyn Metcalf, Route 2, Box 141, Mars Hill, N. C.
FUGATE: Luvanchie Cashen, Del Rio, Tenn.
HAZEL GREEN: Mrs. M. E. Haynes, 345 Clayton Ave., West Asheville, N. C.
HOMER'S CHAPEL: Mr. McKinley Worley, Route 1, Box 357-A, Black Mountain, N. C.
HYATT'S CREEK: Mrs. Wayne Roberts, Box 601, Waynesville, N. C.
JONESTOWN: Miss Carolyn Waldrop, 114 Jonestown Road, Asheville, N. C.
LAUREL FORK: Mrs. Della Riddle, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.
LAURELTON CHAPEL: Cas Fender, Route 1, Flag Pond, Tenn.
LOWER BIG PINE: Callie Price, Route 1, Box 61, Walnut, N. C.
MARSHALL: Mrs. Warren Reece Sr., 220 Virginia Ave., West Asheville, N. C.
MOUNTAIN VIEW: B. W. Sluder, Alexander, N. C.
MOUNT ZION: Fred Briggs, Route 2, Marshall, N. C.
PAINT FORK: Eugene Duyck, Barnardsville, N. C.
PISGAH FOREST: Mrs. R. A. Lunsford, Barnardsville, N. C.
RAY'S CHAPEL: Mrs. Blanche Ballew, Weaverville, N. C.
RED HILL: Mrs. Johnnie McDevitt, Route 5, Marshall, N. C.
ROCKY BRANCH: John Kilby, Route 1, Camp Branch Road, Waynesville, N. C.
SHOAL HILL: Mrs. Dewey Brown, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.
SWEETEN CREEK: George Hylemon, Route 1, Arden, N. C.
UNION CHAPEL: W. F. Banks, Route 1, Box 432, Weaverville, N. C.
UNION VALLEY: Mrs. Jennie Ballard, Box 375, Weaverville, N. C.
WALNUT: Mrs. Lina Stines, Walnut, N. C.

REVIVALS AND COMMUNIONS

- Asheville*: Number held, 2; held by Rev. Grady Harris, Rev. Zeb McDaris; No. of feet washing and communion services, none.
- Avery's Creek*: None stated.
- Barnard*: Number held, 1; held by T. A. Wheeler, Zenous Allen; No. of feet washing and communion services, none.
- Barnardsville*: None stated.
- Burgin Chapel*: Number held, 1; held by Rev. Alford Taylor.
- Dry Branch*: No. held, 2; held by Rev. Heatherly, Lloyd Ponder, Everett Shelton.
- East Black Mountain*: No. held, 2; held by Revs. Billy Atkins, James Rice; No. of feet washing and communion services, 2.
- East Fork*: No. held, 2; held by Revs. Alford Taylor, Coy Parham, Lloyd Ponder, N. H. Griffin; No. of feet washing and communion services, 2.
- Fugate*: No. held, 2; held by H. E. Lunsford; No. of feet washing and communion services, 4.
- Hazel Green*: No. held, 1; held by Rev. R. H. Ballard; No. of feet washing and communion services, 2.
- Homer's Chapel*: No. held, 3; held by Zeb McDaris, A. Stockton, G. Y. Burgin; No. of feet washing and communion services, 3.
- Hyatt's Creek*: No. held, 1; held by Rev. Grady Harris; No. of feet washing and communion services, 2.
- Jonestown*: No. held, 1; held by Rev. R. H. Ballard; No. of feet washing and communion services, every 5th Sunday night.
- Laurel Fork*: No. held, 1; held by Rev. Coleman; No. of feet washing and communion services, none.
- Laurelton Chapel*: No. held, 1; held by Revs. Jesse and James Rice; No. of feet washing and communion services, 1.
- Lower Big Pine*: No. held, 1; held by Rev. James Rice; No. of feet washing and communion services, 1.
- Marshall*: No. held, none; No. of feet washing and communion services, 4.
- Mountain View*: No. held, none; No. of communion and feet washing services, 1.
- Mount Zion*: No. held, 1; Held by Revs. T. A. Wheeler, Raymond Shell.
- Paint Fork*: No. held, 1; held by Revs. G. M. Reynolds, Wilco Melton; No. of feet washing and communion services, 2.
- Pisgah Forest*: No. held, 1; held by Horace Honeycutt, Arnold Roberts.
- Ray's Chapel*: No. held, 2; held by Rev. Raymond Shell, Rev. T. A. Holder; No. of feet washing and communion services, 2.
- Red Hill*: No. held, none; No. of feet washing and communion services, 2.
- Rocky Branch*: No. held, 1; held by Shelby Beaver; No. of feet washing and communion services, every 3 months.

Shoal Hill: No. held, 1; held by Jesse Rice, Ervin Sluder.

Sweeten Creek: No. held, 2; held by Rev. Harris, Rev. Stockton; No. of feet washing and communion services, 4.

Union Chapel: No. held, 1; held by W. A. Ward, Grover Bailey, Alford Taylor; No. of feet washing and communion services, 4.

Union Valley: No. held, 1; held by Rev. George Reynolds, Rev. Allen Jackson; No. of feet washing and communion services, 3.

Walnut: No. held, 1; held by Rev. Wayne Smith; No. of feet washing and communion services, 1.

OBITUARIES

ASHEVILLE

On January 19, 1958, Mr. Grady Radford passed on to his reward. He had served as a deacon of Asheville Church for nine years. He was a quiet, peaceful man, who set his course on the straight and narrow way, pressing onward to the reward of a full Christian life. He is missed by the church, community and a host of friends. Mr. Radford leaves in addition to his faithful companion, two daughters, one son and four grandchildren.

—Written by members of the Asheville Church

On December 18, 1957, Mrs. Minnie Snyder, affectionately known as "Aunt Minnie" passed on to her reward. She is missed by the church and a host of friends. We, the church, feel our loss was heaven's gain.

—Written by members of the Asheville Church

BURGIN CHAPEL

Nelson Young Burgin, son of Rev. and Mrs. G. Y. Burgin, departed this life November 4, 1957, at the age of fifteen years. Nelson was born September 27, 1942. He joined Burgin Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at the age of twelve. Nelson is missed by his family and a host of friends. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

—Written by a friend

PISGAH FOREST

On August 26, 1957, Mrs. Eunice Dodd passed on to her reward. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church for over twenty-five years. We miss Sister Dodd and her good deeds will never be forgotten. Sister Dodd didn't have any children of her own, but was a mother to other children. She leaves behind two brothers, one sister and a host of friends. We feel our loss was heaven's gain.

—Written by a member of the church

RED HILL

On November 1, 1957, Mrs. Robbie Cody, wife of Caney Cody, was called to her reward. She was a faithful member of Red Hill Church and a loyal, devoted, Christian mother. In addition to her husband, she leaves two

sons, a daughter and a host of friends who mourn their loss, but we believe it to be heaven's gain.

UNION CHAPEL

Sister Cora Dell Moore passed away in 1958 to meet her God. She was seventy-three years old, and had been a member of Union Chapel Church for twenty-three years. She was very faithful to the church while she was able to attend. We believe that she is at rest with her Lord forever. She left a husband, three boys and two girls.

—Written by her pastor, W. A. Ward

Brother J. W. Fortner passed away sometime in 1958 to meet God. He was a very faithful member of Union Chapel Church and is missed very much. He left a number of children and friends behind. We miss him, but our loss, we believe, is his gain.

—Written by his pastor, W. A. Ward

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

ASHEVILLE: Superintendent, Steve Deaver, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Ruth Bradley, 73 Elkmont Ave., Asheville, N. C.; number of classes, 7; number of pupils, 92; kind of literature used, Bible and Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$567.28.

AVERY'S CREEK: Superintendent, E. W. Conner, Route 1, Arden, N. C.; secretary, Miss Mary E. Lance, Route 1, Arden, N. C.; number of classes, 4; number of pupils, 40; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$58.11.

BARNARD: Superintendent, Andrew Chandler, Walnut, N. C.; secretary, Virginia Roberts, Walnut, N. C.; number of classes, 3; number of pupils, 30; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses, \$5.00.

BARNARDSVILLE: Superintendent, Clayton Ponder, Biltmore, N. C.; secretary, Edith Harris, Barnardsville, N. C.; number of classes, 3; number of pupils, 25; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$14.00.

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

DRY BRANCH: Superintendent, Hall Davis, Route 5, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Ann Robinson, Route 5, Marshall, N. C.; number of classes, 5; number of pupils, 60; kind of literature used, Bible and Union; expenses, \$163.18.

EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Superintendent, Paul Reynolds, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Miss Johnnie Runion, Black Mountain, N. C.; number of classes, 7; number of pupils, 130; kind of literature used, Bible and Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$45.00.

EAST FORK: Superintendent, Mr. Bascomb Dodd, Route 2, Mars Hill, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Alvin Allen, Route 2, Mars Hill, N. C.; number of

classes, 4; number of pupils, 50; kind of literature used, Bible and Free Will Baptist; expenses, unknown.

FUGATE: Superintendent, Roy Stills, Paint Rock, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Eliza Gibbs, French Broad, Tenn.; number of classes, 3; number of pupils, 55; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses, not stated.

HAZEL GREEN: Superintendent, Mr. Carson Allen, Swannanoa, N. C.; secretary, Jerry Blankenship, Indiana Ave., West Asheville, N. C.; number of classes, 6; number of pupils, 51; kind of literature used, Bible and Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$233.05.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: Superintendent, Mr. Lloyd Summey, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; number of classes, 8; number of pupils, 84; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses, none.

HYATT'S CREEK: Superintendent, Joe Green, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, Lavon Stiles, Waynesville, N. C.; number of classes, 4; number of pupils, 120; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$105.55.

JONESTOWN: Superintendent, Mr. Hobart Lambert, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Miss Carolyn Waldrop, 114 Jonestown Rd., Asheville, N. C.; number of classes, 3; number of pupils, 35; kind of literature used, Bible and Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$25.00.

LAUREL FORK: Superintendent, Homer Jarrett, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Gail Roberts, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.; number of classes, 4; number of pupils, 50; kind of literature used, Union; expenses, \$300.00.

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Superintendent, Cas H. Fender, Route 1, Flag Pond, Tenn.; secretary, Mrs. Velma Fender, Route 1, Flag Pond, Tenn.; number of classes, 5; number of pupils, 65; kind of literature used, Bible and Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$44.40.

LOWER BIG PINE: Superintendent, Lonnie Cogdill, Walnut, N. C.; secretary, Nora Anderson, Walnut, N. C.; number of classes, 3; number of pupils, 20; kind of literature used, Bibles; expenses, \$30.57.

MARSHALL: Superintendent, Charles Parris, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Hazel S. Reese, Box 93, Weaverville, N. C.; number of classes, 7; number of pupils, 53; kind of literature used, Union and Bible; expenses, \$116.11.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Superintendent, Rev. Hubert Worley, Leicester, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Elmer Parham, Leicester, N. C.; number of 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. Fred Briggs, Marshall, N. C.; number of classes, 5; number of pupils, 65; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses, \$421.61.

PAINT FORK: Superintendent, Taft Mundy, Barnardsville, N. C.; secretary, Lois Hale, Barnardsville, N. C.; number of classes, 4; number of pupils, 58; kind of literature used, Bible and Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$134.00.

PISGAH FOREST: Superintendent, Zeb Hensley, Barnardsville, N. C.;

secretary, Louis Hensley, Barnardsville, N. C.; number of classes, 4; number of pupils, 40; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$33.00.

RAY'S CHAPEL: Superintendent, Mr. Paul Ballew, Weaverville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Blanche Ballew, Weaverville, N. C.; number of classes, 4; number of pupils, 35; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$209.06.

RED HILL: Superintendent, Frank Fisher, Route 3, Marshall, N. C.; secretary: Miss Judy Ramsey, Route 3, Marshall, N. C.; number of classes, 7; number of pupils, 106; kind of literature used, Bible and Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$490.85.

ROCKY BRANCH: Superintendent, Clinton Rider, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, James Lanning, Waynesville, N. C.; number of classes, 4; number of pupils, 106; kind of literature used, Bible and Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$12.77.

SHOAL HILL: Superintendent, Howard Payne, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Mallie Henderson, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.; number of classes, 3; number of pupils, 38; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$41.08.

SWEETEN CREEK: Superintendent, E. C. Hensley, address not given; secretary: Carra Mae Hensley, address not given; number of classes, 4; number of pupils, 129; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$47.19.

UNION CHAPEL: Superintendent, Joe Mundy, Route 1, Weaverville, N. C.; secretary: Edna Moore, Weaverville, N. C.; number of classes, 3; number of pupils, 30; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses, \$10.00.

UNION VALLEY: Superintendent, Marshall Ballard, Weaverville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Fred Hyatte, Weaverville, N. C.; number of classes, 4; number of pupils, 40; kind of literature used, Bible and Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$98.65.

WALNUT: Superintendent, Mr. Gilbert Stackhouse, Route 3, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Ruby Jean Plemmons, Walnut, N. C.; number of classes, 5; number of pupils, 50; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$19.55.

TOTALS: Number of classes, 133; number of pupils, 1,767; expenses, \$3,525.01.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

BARNARD: President, Mrs. Polly Roberts, Barnard, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Blanche Farmer, Barnard, N. C.; number of members, 7; gained this year, none; meets every Thursday; money taken, \$387.30; money paid out, \$139.28.

BURGIN'S CHAPEL: President, Mrs. Eunice Carpenter, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Clarence Davis, Black Mountain, N. C.; number of members, 5; gained this year, none; money taken in, \$52.45; money paid out, \$60.00.

EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: President, Mrs. J. M. Watkins, Swannanoa, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Fred Silver, Black Mountain, N. C.; number of members, 11; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$457.76; money paid out, \$442.89.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: President, Mrs. Lloyd Summey, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. M. C. Worley, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; number of members, 21; gained this year, 3; meets every week; money taken in, \$363.83; money paid out, \$357.03.

JONESTOWN: President, Mrs. G. N. Waldrop, 114 Jonestown Road, Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Miss Carolyn Waldrop, 114 Jonestown Road, Asheville, N. C.; number of members, 10; meets once every month; money taken in, \$35.00; money paid out, \$10.00.

MARSHALL: President, Mrs. Vadie Davis, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Warren Reece, 220 Virginia Ave., West Asheville, N. C.; number of members, 14; gained this year, 2; meets every week; money taken in, \$312.53; money paid out, \$275.98.

ROCKY BRANCH: President, Mrs. James Lanning, Route 1, Box 722, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Martin Lanning, Route 1, Box 722, Waynesville, N. C.; number of members, 9; gained this year, 1; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$205.48; money paid out, \$181.87.

WALNUT: President, Mrs. Grace Dockery, Walnut, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Vonnie Lee Thomas, Walnut, N. C.; number of members, 14; gained this year, none; meets every Thursday; money taken in, \$553.83; money paid out, \$546.68.

Totals: Members, 91; money taken in, \$2,368.18; money paid out, \$2,013.73.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

ASHEVILLE: President, Mr. Walter Haynes, 14½ McPherson St., Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Miss Jean Tesner, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.; number of members, 20; number of groups, 1; meets every week: do you take a weekly offering? Yes; kind of literature used, Bible; do you have a Junior league? No; leader, not stated.

FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

August, 1957—August, 1958

PROCEEDINGS

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met at the Burgin's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Black Mountain, N. C., on Saturday, December 28, 1957. Opening Song, "Just Over in the Glory Land." Welcome, Rev. James Rice, pastor. Scripture reading, Rev. Arnold Bullman. Prayer led by Rev. Alvin McPeters. Roll call, 33 ministers counted present, with 2 visiting ministers, Rev. Alvin McPeters, Route 3, Burnsville, N. C.; and Rev. Vernon Hensley, 116 Fairway Drive, Asheville, N. C. Rev.

Charlie Hollifield preached at 11:00 a. m., using Scripture from Revelation 22. Singing by various groups during the day. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Vernon Hensley.

Business: Licensed Brother Albert Mills, Box 157-A, Waynesville, N. C. Rev. Walter Wilson prayed the closing prayer.

March 29, 1958

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the East Fork Free Will Baptist Church, Mars Hill, N. C., March 29, 1958. Opening song, "Love Lifted Me." Singing led by Rev. Fred Silvers. Scripture, Rev. Lane Chatham, Philippians 2. Roll call, no record kept as to number of ministers present. Visiting ministers: Rev. S. A. Smith, superintendent of Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Rev. Smith reported on the progress being made on the construction of the office building known as the French Broad Building. He listed financial needs of same. Rev. M. L. Johnson, Mount Olive Junior College. Rev. Johnson reported that the enrollment now stands at 102 students, and requested our prayers and financial support. Rev. W. L. Moretz gave the financial report of the French Broad Building Fund and asked that a special offering be made by the various churches to support same.

Welcome Rev. Alford Taylor, pastor. Rev. James Rice preached at 11:00 a. m. Scripture, Acts 4:1-29. Text, "Boldness."

Afternoon: A brief memorial service in honor of Rev. Vernon Hensley who passed away a short time before. Singing, praying and reading of Decorum. Offering taken for treasury, \$14.75.

Business: Rev. Fred Silver received under watch care of the French Broad Conference until letter of recommendation is received from the Blue Ridge Conference. Rev. Raymond Ponder, under year's license, was asked to continue under license for a while longer. Brother Coy Parham, Mountain View Church, was refused license as he had no church recommendation.

Closed with a preaching and testimony time.

June 28, 1958

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Hyatt's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Waynesville, N. C., June 28, 1958. Opening song, "Victory in Jesus." Prayer by all who feel led. All singing led by Rev. James Rice. Welcome, Rev. Claude Mills, pastor. Roll call, 21 ministers counted present with 5 visiting ministers: Revs. Ransom Phillips, T. F. Silver, W. L. Queen, Worley Wykle and Jim Elliot.

Treasurer's Report: Paid out, \$22.50 for flowers for Mrs. Andrew Chandler and Rev. Vernon Hensley, leaving a balance of \$39.90. Received at this meeting, \$15.31. Making a total balance, \$55.21.

Special singing by Sluder Trio and Rev. W. L. Queen. Rev. Raymond Shell preached at 11:00 a. m. Scripture, Jeremiah 1. Text, "If I Build Again the Things that I Destroy, I Make Myself a Transgressor."

Business: Ordained Rev. Arnold Bullman, Route 3, Weaverville, N. C.

Prayer, Rev. Jesse Rice. Sermon: Rev. T. A. Wheeler. Special singing and testimony time.

ANNUAL SESSION

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met at the Homer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Black Mountain, N. C., August 9, 1958. As a follow-up of the association, the conference was immediately called into business session.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. Ervin Sluder
Vice-Moderator: Rev. G. Y. Burgin
Clerk: Hazel S. Reese

Weaverville, N. C.
Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.
Box 93, Weaverville, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Rev. R. H. Ballard, Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Rev. T. A. Holder Jr.

PROCEEDINGS

Heard reading of minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report. Roll call, 30 ministers counted present. Visiting ministers welcomed.

Heard Rev. G. Y. Burgin of the investigating committee regarding the standing of Rev. N. F. Byrd. Also heard reports by ministers present regarding standing of a number of our ministers who have failed to be present or send in a written report over the years.

Moved and seconded that the investigating committee see these ministers before bringing them before the conference. Open discussion. The motion carried.

Notice: All ministers dropped from the French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference will please turn in their credentials!

Moved and seconded to accept the letters of Rev. Fred Silvers and Rev. James Vaughn from the Blue Ridge Association. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to reinstate Rev. L. E. Rathburn into full fellowship. Motion carried. Moved and seconded to receive Rev. W. O. Adcock under watch care of the conference for one year. Motion carried.

Upon the report of the ordaining council, Brother Charles Crisp was placed under liberation for a few months. Ordained at this conference: Rev. Albert Riddle, Ray's Chapel Church. Rev. T. A. Holder Jr. preached the ordination sermon. Scripture, 2 Timothy 4; and Titus 2.

Closing prayer, Rev. T. A. Wheeler.

The next session of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference will be held with Mountain View Church, Leicester, N. C., on Saturday, November 29, 1958. Rev. Lane Chatham 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, 1959, at the Barnard Free Will Baptist Church, Barnard, N. C.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS, FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL
BAPTIST CONFERENCE

- Rev. W. O. Adcock, 102 Pennsylvania Ave., West Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Grover Bailey, Box 25, Fletcher, 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, Route 3, Weaverville, N. C.
Rev. Hobart Bullman, Route 3, Box 82, Marshall, N. C.
Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. W. G. Burleson, Route 1, Alexander, N. C.
Rev. Andrew Chandler, Box 13, Walnut, N. C.
Rev. Lloyd Chandler, Route 5, Marshall, 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 379, Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. Edgar D. Coleman, Route 3, Asheville, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Collins, Mills Gap Road, c/o Bill Lackey, Arden, 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, Route 2, Marshall, N. C.
Rev. T. L. Guffey, Swannanoa, 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, Michigan
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 220, Asheville, N. C.
Rev. G. A. Marshall, 324 Vanderbilt Road, Biltmore, N. C.
Rev. Gurney McKinney, Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. Wilco Melton, Box 634, Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. Albert Mills, Box 157-A, Waynesville, N. C.
Rev. Claude Mills, Route 1, Box 868, Waynesville, N. C.
Rev. W. L. Moretz, Box 548, Swannanoa, N. C.
Rev. Raymond Ponders, 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. L. E. Rathburn, 400 Stratford Road, Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Roy Redmon, Route 5, Box 402 A, 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 78, Weaverville, N. C.
 Rev. Albert Riddle, Barnardsville, N. C.
 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. Raymond Shell, Route 1, Barnardsville, N. C.
 Rev. Evert Shelton, Route 5, Box 130, Marshall, N. C.
 Rev. Fred Silvers, Black Mountain, N. C.
 Rev. Ervin Sluder, Weaverville, N. C.
 Rev. Alford Taylor, Route 1, Box 301, Alexander, N. C.
 Rev. James Vaughn, 71 Glendale Ave., Biltmore, 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, Ridgcrest, 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.

Pending the report of the investigating committee, Rev. N. F. Byrd has been dropped from our roll. Rev. James Grady Harris turned in his credentials (August 9, 1958). Rev. Lloyd Roberts has joined a Missionary church, and the Revs. H. H. McFalls and Frank Self have been dropped due to failure to report over a number of years.

DONATIONS TO THE OLD MINISTERS' FUND

Rev. Ervin Sluder	\$ 12.00
Rev. R. H. Ballard	12.00
Rev. Raymond Shell	12.00
Rev. Edgar Coleman	12.00
Rev. G. E. Cody	12.00
Rev. Clarence Davis	12.00
Rev. Wilco Melton	12.00
Rev. H. E. Lunsford	7.00
Rev. G. Y. Burgin	1.00
Rev. Herman Gentry	1.00
Rev. Walter Wilson	12.00
Rev. G. A. Marshall	12.00
Rev. H. L. Chatham	12.00
Rev. T. A. Wheeler	12.00
Rev. Warren Reece	12.00
Rev. Charlie Hollifield	12.00

Rev. W. L. Moretz	12.00
Rev. J. A. Edmonds	5.00
Rev. Arnold Bullman	1.00
Rev. James Vaughn	1.00
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Total Amount	\$182.00

All minister's please note:

This fund is a sort of insurance for both the young and old ministers in our conference who are in need. Approximately one-third of our ministers have contributed, and since the total amount of this fund is kept within the Ministers' Conference and is for your benefit, we would appreciate the support of more of the ministers on our roll. We take this opportunity to say, "Thank you," for all contributions. May God bless you and remember to pray for us that this work might go forward in His name. "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, . . ." (Matthew 12:50). "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9). Put your answer here!

Plato Worley, Treasurer
Route 1, Box 155
Marshall, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTER'S REPORTS

REV. GROVER BAILEY: No. of churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 13; No. of sermons preached, 30; No. of members received, none; No. of funerals, 1; received for revival services, \$8.90; received for all other services, \$113.00; total amount received, \$121.90; given personally to the cause, \$35.00; No. of homes visited, 35; No. of homes prayed in, 30; No. of sick visits made, 15; No. of miles traveled, 1,200; expenses, \$40.00.

REV. R. H. Ballard: No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 17; No. of sermons preached, 180; No. of members received, 5; No. baptized, 14; No. of marriages, 4; No. of funerals, 6; received for pastoral services, \$1,291.54; received for revival services, \$70.42; received for all other services, \$212.80; total amount received, \$1,574.76; church and home prayer meetings, 140; no other record kept; telephone, AL 3-3032.

REV. PEARSON BRADLEY: No. of sermons preached, 10; No. of homes visited, 8; No. of homes prayed in, 3; total amount received, \$10.00; amount given personally to the cause, \$5.00; No. of miles traveled, 500.

REV. GEORGE BRIGGS; No. of sermons, 21; helped in 1 funeral; total amount received, \$19.75.

REV. HOBART BULLMAN: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 26; No. of sermons preached, 103; No. of members received, none; No. baptized, 15; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 1; received for pastoral services, \$96.29; received for revival services, \$10.00; received for all other services, \$10.00; total amount received,

\$116.29; given personally to the cause, \$50.00; No. of homes visited, 50; No. of homes prayed in, 30; No. of sick visits made, 25; No. of miles traveled, 300; expenses, \$25.00.

REV. G. Y. BURGIN: No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of sermons preached, 110; No. of conversions, 20; No. of members received, 6; received for pastoral services, \$500.00; received for revival services, \$100.00; total amount received, \$600.00; given personally to the cause, \$400.00; No. of homes prayed in, 25; No. of homes visited, 100; No. of sick visits made, 25; No. of miles traveled, 6,000; expenses, \$300.00.

REV. ANDREW CHANDLER: No. of churches pastored, none; No. of conversions, 2; No. of sermons preached, 50; No. baptized, 4; total amount received, \$72.00; given personally to the cause, \$20.00; No. of homes visited, 10; No. of homes prayed in, 8; No. of sick visits made, 1; No. of miles traveled, 50; expenses, none.

REV. LLOYD CHANDLER: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 26; No. of sermons preached, 60; No. baptized, 24; No. of funerals, 1; received for pastoral services, \$30.00; received for revival services, \$25.00; total amount received, \$55.00; given personally to the cause, \$15.00; no other record.

REV. SAM CHANDLER: No. of churches pastored, none; No. of conversions, 20; No. of sermons preached, 25; given personally to the cause, \$220.00; No. of homes visited, 6; No. of sick visits made, 12; note: My health will not permit me to do much.

REV. H. L. CHATHAM: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, helped in 1; No. of conversions, 12; No. of sermons preached, 130; No. of members received, 16; No. baptized, 7; No. of funerals, 3; received for pastoral services, \$612.32; received for all other services, \$164.00; total amount received, \$776.32; given personally to the cause, \$284.50; No. of homes visited, 35; No. of sick visits made, 50; No. of miles traveled, 4,219; expenses, \$210.95.

REV. G. E. CODY: No. of churches pastored, none; No. of sermons preached, 8; No. of Bible classes taught, 40; No. of conversions, 3; total amount received, \$32.95; given personally to the cause, \$366.00; No. of homes prayed in, 7; No. of sick visits made, 7; No. of homes visited, 5; No. of miles traveled, 832; expenses, \$33.00.

REV. EDGAR D. COLEMAN: No. of churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, unknown; No. of sermons preached, 75; No. of funerals, 3; No. of visits in hospitals and homes, unknown; total amount received for all services, \$79.00; given personally to the cause, \$200.00.

REV. LONNIE G. CRAWFORD: No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of conversions, 2; No. of sermons preached, 62; No. baptized, 1; No. of marriages, 3; No. of funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$175.00; received for all other services, \$15.00; total amount received, \$190.00; given personally to the cause, \$10.00; No. of homes visited, 75; No. of homes prayed in, 20; No. sick visits made, 28; expenses, \$38.50.

REV. CLARENCE DAVIS: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals, helped in 1; No. of conversions, 4; No. of sermons preached, unknown; No. of funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$33.60; received for revival services, \$14.50; total amount received, \$48.10; given personally to the cause, \$320.00; No. of miles traveled, 2,000; expenses, \$65.33.

REV. J. A. EDMONDS: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of sermons preached, 80; No. of members received, 4; No. baptized, 6; No. of marriages, 1; received for pastoral services, \$167.00; no other record kept.

REV. POB FREEMAN: No. of sermons preached, 10; No. of funerals, 2; received for all other services, \$100; given personally to the cause, \$30; No. of homes visited, 4; No. of homes prayed in, 6; No. of miles traveled, 100; expenses, \$50.

REV. H. E. LUNSFORD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 32; No. of sermons preached, 20; No. of members received, 19; No. baptized, 18; No. of funerals, 3; received for pastoral services, \$104.87; received for revival services, \$75.30; received for all other services, \$131.00; total amount received, \$311.17; given personally to the cause, \$34.48; No. of homes visited, 30; No. of homes prayed in, 10; No. sick visits made, 5; No. of miles traveled, 1,410; expenses, \$25.00.

REV. JOHN LUNSFORD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 52; No. of sermons preached, unknown; No. baptized, 26; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 7; received for pastoral services, \$1,159.37; received for revival services, \$34.35; total amount received, \$1,193.72; given personally to the cause, \$196.49; other records, unknown.

REV. G. A. MARSHALL: No. of churches pastored, none; No. of sermons preached, 15; total amount received, none; given personally to the cause, \$542.50; No. of homes visited, 47; No. of homes prayed in, 47; No. of sick visits made, 47; no other record kept.

REV. WILCO MELTON: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of sermons preached, 188; No. of members received, 18; No. baptized, 10; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$1,262.93; received for revival services, \$190.00; received for all other services, \$10.00; total amount received, \$1,462.93; no other record kept.

REV. CLAUDE MILLS: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 72; No. of sermons preached, 75; No. baptized, 11; No. of marriages, 6; No. of funerals, 1; received for pastoral services, \$100.00; given personally to the cause, \$150.00; no other record kept.

REV. W. L. MORETZ: No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 24; No. of sermons preached, 129; No. of members received, 17; No. baptized, 12; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 7; received for pastoral services, \$2,400.00; received for revival services, \$175.00; received for all other services, \$50.00; total amount received, \$2,625.00; given personally to the cause, \$275.00; No. of miles traveled, 38,000; expenses, \$625.00.

REV. CHARLES J. OWNSBEY: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of sermons preached, 46; No. of members received, 5; received for pastoral services, \$125.14; total amount received, \$125.14; given personally to the cause, \$135.00; No. of homes visited, 189; No. of homes prayed in, 137; No. of sick visits made, 95; No. of miles traveled, 3,664; expenses, \$241.00; telephone: NO 9-4482, Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. VERNON RADCLIFFE: No. of churches pastored, none; witnessed 5 conversions; total amount received, none; given personally to the cause, \$20.00; No. of sick visits made, 5; No. of hospital visits made, 5.

REV. WARREN REECE: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of sermons preached, 94; No. of members received, 1; No. baptized, 1; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals, 1; received for pastoral services, \$968.72; received for all other services, \$8.00; total amount received, \$976.72; given personally to the cause, \$550.00; no other record kept.

REV. G. M. REYNOLDS: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. of conversions, 144; No. of sermons preached, 63; No. of funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$207.08; received for revival services, \$187.50; total amount received, \$394.58; given personally to the cause, \$241.70.

REV. JAMES RICE: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of sermons preached, unknown; No. baptized, 10; No. of marriages, 1; received for pastoral services, \$133.08; received for revival services, \$174.36; received for all other services, \$216.48; total amount received, \$523.92; given personally to the cause, \$300.94; other record, unknown.

REV. JESSE RICE: No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 2; No. of members received, 3; No. baptized, 13; received for pastoral services, \$328.79; received for revival services, \$29.99; total amount received, \$358.78; given personally to the cause, \$150.00; no other record.

REV. ARNOLD ROBERTS: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 19; No. of sermons preached, 62; No. of sermons preached, 62; No. of members received, 5; No. baptized, 7; received for pastoral services, \$64.15; received for all other services, \$101.00; total amount received, \$165.15; No. of homes visited, 20; No. of homes prayed in, 6; No. sick visits made, 6; other record, unknown.

REV. L. F. RUMBOUGH: No. of churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 32; No. of sermons preached, 80; total amount received for all services, \$99.00; given personally to the cause, \$99.50; No. of homes visited, 20; No. of homes prayed in, 20; No. sick visits made, 3; No. of miles traveled, 600; expenses, \$30.00; conducted 32 prayer services; had radio program for 8 weeks.

REV. RAYMOND SHELL: No. of churches pastored, 1; amount received for pastoral services, \$368.26; full report not kept.

REV. EVERT SHELTON: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals

conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 35; No. of sermons preached, 70; No. of members received, 3; No. baptized, 1; No. of funerals, 1; received for pastoral services, \$69.28; received for revival services, \$11.45; received for all other services, \$10.00; total amount received, \$90.73; given personally to the cause, \$50.00; No. of homes visited, 55; No. of homes prayed in, 30; No. of sick visits made, 20; No. of miles traveled, 2,000; expenses, \$75.50.

REV. THOMAS F. SILVER: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. of conversions, 160; No. of sermons preached, 213; No. of members received, 11; No. baptized, 6; No. of marriages, 3; No. of funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$3,298.40; received for revival services, \$300.00; received for all other services, \$80.86; total amount received, \$3,679.26; given personally to the cause, \$600.53; No. of homes visited, 84; No. of homes prayed in, 68; No. sick visits made, 58; telephone: NO 9-8653, Black Mountain, N. C.

REV. ALFORD TAYLOR: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 8; No. of conversions, 47; No. of sermons preached, 120; No. of members received, 13; No. baptized, 5; No. of funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$208.13; received for revival services, \$198.15; total amount received, \$406.28; given personally to the cause, \$93.00; No. of homes visited, 86; No. of homes prayed in, 48; No. sick visits made, 10; No. miles traveled: 4,936; expenses, \$253.00.

REV. J. O. WALDROP: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals, helped in 2; received for pastoral services, \$300.00; No. of sick visits made, 30; hospital visits made, 20; no other record kept.

REV. W. A. WARD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 12; No. of sermons preached, 48; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 1; received for pastoral services, \$19.22; received for all other services, \$34.00; total amount received, \$53.22; given personally to the cause, \$10.00; No. of homes visited, 10; No. of homes prayed in, 10; No. of sick visits made, 12; No. miles traveled, 300; expenses, \$5.00; conducted 25 prayer services.

REV. CHARLES WHEELER: No. of churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, helped in 2; No. of conversions, 11; No. of sermons preached, 32; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 1; received for revival services, \$23.40; No. of homes prayed in, 20; No. of sick visits made, 14; note: I have not been able to do much due to sickness.

REV. T. A. WHEELER: No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 18; No. of sermons preached, 86; No. of members received, 3; No. baptized, 4; No. of funerals, 4; amount received for pastoral services, \$463.00; received for all other services, \$61.50; total amount received, \$524.50; given personally to the cause, \$93.00; no other record kept.

REV. HUBERT WORLEY: No. of sermons preached, 25; No. of conversions, 5; No. of funerals, 1; total amount received, \$84.00; No. homes prayed in, 7.

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, 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 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 delegates and adopting our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

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

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

Articles of Faith

1. **GOD:** We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself 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 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."—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, 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 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."—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."—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 es-

pecially 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 _____.

Last years membership _____.

Sundays we have preaching _____

No. of revivals _____; held by:

No. of communion and feet washing 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

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 \$

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 \$
No. homes visited; No. homes prayed in; No. of
sick visits made; No. of miles traveled; expenses
.....
Minister
Address

FINANCIAL REPORT, AUGUST 1957 - AUGUST 1958

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Home Missions and Local Charity	Foreign Missions	F. W. B. Children's Home	Church Repair and Improvement	Other Purposes	Old Minister's Fund	Minute Fund	Value of All Church Property	Clerks This Year
Ashville	\$ 928.06	\$ 537.36	\$ 60.00	\$ 188.36	\$ 651.29	\$ 278.09	\$ 12.50	\$ 15.00	\$ 9,000.00	Mrs. Ernest Henderson
Avery's Creek	656.99	70.00	104.30	65.31	6.70	189.86	5.00	5.00	5,000.00	Mrs. W. E. Justice
Barnard	96.25	51.50	5.00	15.00	2,000.00		10.00	7.00		Bert Roberts
Barnardsville	93.67	72.00		25.00		61.25	10.00	5.00	3,000.00	Roy Mundy
Burgin Chapel	256.84	16.23	24.00	15.00			10.00	5.00	2,000.00	D. L. Massey
Dry Branch	257.61	153.19	37.50	10.00	300.00	59.55	5.00	10.00	2,850.00	Mrs. Amy Plemmons
East Black Mountain	3,298.40	453.95		19.10	25.00	1,084.20	14.00	6.86	20,000.00	Boyce Crowe
Fugate	250.00	110.70	8.50	17.76	200.00		8.75	4.65	1,700.00	Miss Carolyn Metcalf
Hazel Green	104.87			10.00	250.00			4.00	1,600.00	Emmitt Gibbs
Homer's Chapel	768.38	141.04	26.96	127.66	84.43	731.53	50.00	5.00	6,500.00	Mrs. Carson Allen
Hyatt's Creek	1,262.93	55.01	60.00	90.00	324.52	693.29	25.00	15.00	17,000.00	McKinley C. Worley
Jonestown	100.00	225.00		127.00	831.85		2.00	10.00	6,000.00	Mrs. Wayne Roberts
East Fork	300.00							10.00		Miss Carolyn Waldrop
Laurel Fork	900.00				30.00			5.00	5,000.00	Homer Jarrett
Laurelton Chapel	313.86	31.92			216.02	37.50		4.20	5,000.00	Cas Fender
Lower Big Pine	135.30			5.00	130.57		5.00	4.00	2,130.47	Callie Price
Marshall	968.72	116.10	60.00	55.61	560.60	175.00	30.16	20.00	5,000.00	Mrs. Warren Reece
Mountain View	200.00	259.50	60.00	45.00		125.00	25.00	15.00	15,000.00	B. W. Sluder
Mount Zion	235.73					61.03	8.25	8.00	2,300.00	Mrs. Dellis Green
Paint Fork	368.26			130.00			130.00	10.00	2,000.00	Eugene Duyck
Pisgah Forest	64.15					29.56		6.25	1,700.00	Mrs. R. A. Lunsford
Ray's Chapel	167.00			72.00	22.00	12.00	10.00	5.00	2,000.00	S. W. Ballew
Red Hill	691.54	133.15	120.00	150.16	126.88	266.51	61.23	10.45	25,000.00	Mrs. Johnnie McDevitt
Rocky Branch	1,474.25	313.17		159.20		345.19		10.00		John Kilby
Shoal Hill	43.60	75.00	24.00	32.25			5.00	5.00	1,500.00	Mrs. Dewey Brown
Sweeten Creek	1,159.37			97.72	1,500.00	1,048.96	10.00	15.00	7,000.00	George Hylemon
Union Chapel	19.29	9.96		6.40	10.00			4.00	1,500.00	W. F. Banks
Union Valley	610.30	110.61		16.80	375.00	176.21		15.00	2,100.00	Mrs. Jennie Ballard
Walnut	600.00	70.00	135.00	45.00	212.55			5.00	16,000.00	Mrs. Lela Stines
Offering								27.10		
Beaverdam								5.00		
TOTALS	\$16,325.37	\$3,005.39	\$725.26	\$1,525.33	\$7,857.41	\$5,402.90	\$444.74	\$275.51	\$167,880.47	

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE, AUGUST 1957 - AUGUST 1958

Churches	Members Received	Experience and Baptism		Letter and Statement		Restoration		Members Lost		Expulsion and Erasure		By Death		Total Increase		Total Decrease		Last Year's Membership		Present Membership	Pastors This Year
Ashville	6	3	4					4	2			2	2	2	2	3	75	77	Grady Harris		
Avery's Creek								3	1								60	57	Ralph Mumpower		
Barnard	2	3	2					2									12	14	Hobart Bullman		
Barnardsville	5	3	2					5	5								42	42	Charles Ownsbey		
Burgin Chapel								1				1			1		40	39	Herman Gentry		
Dry Branch	6	1	5					4	4					2			104	106	G. Y. Burgin		
East Black Mountain	11	4	7											11			149	160	T. F. Silvers		
East Fork	5		5											5			29	34	Alford Taylor		
Fugate	19	19												19			50	69	H. E. Lunsford		
Hazel Green	16	10	6					2				2	14				38	52	H. L. Chatham		
Homer's Chapel	18	7	5	6	16					16			2	2			79	81	Wilco Melton		
Hyatt's Creek	8	8												8			115	123	Claude Mills		
Jonestown	3	3												3			21	24	J. O. Waldrop		
Laurel Fork	2	2												2					T. A. Holder Jr.		
Laurelton Chapel	6	6						4	4					2			172	174	Jesse Rice		
Lower Big Pine																	11	11	G. Y. Burgin		
Marshall	1	1						9	8			1					202	194	Warren Reece		
Mountain View								5	3								232	227	Ervin Sluder		
Mount Zion	1	1															149	150	T. A. Wheeler		
Paint Fork	13	8	5											13			127	140	Raymond Shell		
Pisgah Forest	5	5						1				1	4				30	34	Arnold Roberts		
Ray's Chapel	4	3	1										4				28	32	J. A. Edmonds		
Red Hill	4	4						2	1			1	2				104	106	R. H. Ballard		
Rocky Branch	3	3						16	16						13			67	67	Herman Pace	
Shoal Hill	2	2						5	4			1		3			61	58	Jesse Rice		
Sweeten Creek	46	26	2					1				1	45				44	89	John Lunsford		
Union Chapel								2				2		2			109	107	W. A. Ward		
Union Valley														2			99	101	Allen Jackson		
Walnut	2	1	1					2						2			82	80	R. H. Ballard		
TOTALS	188	120	45	6	82	48	18	14	14	143	37	2,264	2,448								

