

**MINUTES**  
of the  
*87th Annual Session*  
of  
**FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Held at the  
**HOT SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**HOT SPRINGS, N. C.**

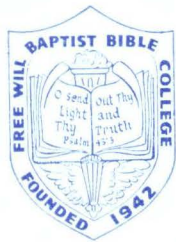
**AUGUST 12, 13, 14, 1965**

**NEXT SESSION**

Of the French Broad Association of the Free Will Baptists will be held at the Mountain View F. W. B. Church, Alexander, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1966, at 10:00 A.M. Rev. Ervin Sluder will preach the introductory Sermon at 11:00 A.M. Rev. R. C. Stockton will be the alternate.

**OFFICERS**

Moderator ..... Rev. Raymond Shell,  
Blue Ridge Ave., Black Mountain, N. C.  
Vice Moderator ..... Rev. Evert Shelton,  
Rt. 1, Box 39, Marshall, N. C.  
Clerk ..... Katherine Worley, Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.



FREE WILL BAPTIST  
BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Rev. Jesse Laws

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These minutes are dedicated to Rev. Ervin Sluder, who has served this Association faithfully and well. Also to the memory of Mrs. Ervin Sluder and Rev. J. A. Edmonds, who have gone to be with their Maker.

**Church****Sundays We Have Preaching**

ASHEVILLE: Rev. Warren Reece, 220 Virginia Ave., West Asheville, N. C. ....	Every
AVERY'S CREEK: Not elected .....	Every
BALSAM GROVE: Rev. Ransom Phillips, Cullowhee, N. C. ....	2nd and 4th
BARNARD: Rev. Zenes Allen, Rt. 2, Marshall, N. C. ....	1st and 3rd
BARNARDSVILLE: Rev. Talmadge Maynor, Black Mountain, N. C. ....	Every
BURGINS CHAPEL: Rev. G. M. Reynolds, Box 383, Black Mountain, N. C. ....	Every
CLAYTON AVENUE: Rev. John F. Lunsford, 70 Willow Brook Rd., Asheville, N. C. ....	Every
DRY BRANCH: Rev. Arnold Bullman, Rt. 3, Weaverville, N. C. ....	Every
EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Rev. Jack Jones, Black Mountain, N. C. ....	Every
EAST FORK: Rev. Raymond Ponder, Rt. 3, Weaverville, N. C. ....	Every
FAITH: Rev. Lawrence Smith, Rt. 2, Weaverville, N. C. ....	Every
FUGATE: Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr., Hot Springs, N. C. ....	Every
HOLLY GROVE: Rev. Ernest Ownby, Box 845, Balsam, N. C. ....	Every
HOMERS CHAPEL: Rev. Calvin Grogan, 124 Oakland Dr., Black Mountain, N. C. ....	Every
HOT SPRINGS: Rev. Hobart Bullman, Rt. 4, Box 88, Marshall, N. C. ....	Every
HYATT CREEK: Rev. Claude Mills, 1044 Allens Creek Rd. Waynesville, N. C. ....	Every
JONESTOWN: Rev. Roy Gosnell, Rt. 1, Alexander, N. C. ....	Every
LAUREL FORK: Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C. ....	Every
LAURELTON CHAPEL: Not given .....	1st and 3rd
MARSHALL: Not given	
MT. BETHEL: Rev. Jesse Laws, Rt. 1, Afton, Tenn. ....	Every
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Rev. Jesse Rice, Weaverville, N. C. ....	4th
MOUNT ZION: Rev. Jesse Rice, Weaverville, N. C. ....	1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th
OLD FORT: Rev. William Vaughn, Box 117, Old Fort, N. C. ....	Every
PAINT FORK: Not elected .....	2nd and 4th
PISGAH FOREST: Not elected .....	1st and 3rd
RAY'S CHAPEL: Rev. Charles Ownsbey, 341 Fountain Way Swannanoa, N. C. ....	Every
RED HILL: Rev. Talmadge Maynor, Black Mountain, N. C. ....	2nd and 4th
ROCKY BRANCH: Rev. Columbus Boone, Rt. 1, Waynesville, N. C. ....	Every
SHADY GROVE: Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford, Rt. 2, Weaverville, N. C. ....	2nd and 4th
SHOAL HILL: Rev. Jesse Rice, Weaverville, N. C. ....	1st and 3rd
SULPHUR SPRINGS: Rev. W. L. Queen, Box 674, Hazelwood, N. C. ....	Every
SWEETEN CREEK: Rev. Allison Robinson, Fletcher, N. C. ....	Every
UNION CHAPEL: Rev. W. A. Ward, Weaverville, N. C. ....	Every
UNION VALLEY: Rev. Winfred Roland, Swannanoa, N. C. ....	Every
WALNUT: Rev. Roy Waldrop, 87 Elkmont Dr., West Asheville, N. C. ....	1st and 3rd
LOWER BIG PINE: Rev. Andrew Chandler, Rt. 7, Marshall, N. C. ....	

**Note:** Grace Church was taken under the watchcare of the Association for one year.

**OUR MISSIONARIES**

MRS. JOSEPHINE MUMPOWER STEVENS

Mselvi Mission Station, P. O. Mkuke, Zululand, South Africa.

LOUIS and FLORINE COSCIA

Campinas, Brazil

Please send your Mission offerings to:

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**EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
PROCEEDINGS**

Beginning on Thursday, August 12, 1965, at 10:00 A.M. at Hot Springs Free Will Baptist Church at Hot Springs, N. C.

Opening Song: "Heaven's Jubilee"

Devotionals and Welcome by Pastor: Rev. Hobert Bullman

Scripture: Luke 18:15-18

Prayer: Rev. Johnny Franks

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Moderator: Rev. Raymond Shell ..... Black Mountain, N. C.  
 Vice Moderator: Rev. Evert Shelton ..... Marshall, N. C.  
 Clerk: Katherine Worley ..... Black Mountain, N. C.

**APPOINTMENT OF READING CLERKS**

Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford ..... Mrs. Wayne Rayburn

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Roy Waldrop, Mr. Ed. Davis, and Mr. Plato Worley

Following the election the Moderator read the "Rules Of Decorum".

**VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED**

Rev. Talmadge Maynor ..... Black Mountain, N. C.—Upper South Carolina Conference  
 Rev. Bill Vaughn ..... Old Fort, N. C.—Clinch Valley Conference  
 Rev. R. A. Ward ..... Clyde, N. C.  
 Rev. Calvin Grogan, 124 Oakland Drive, Black Mountain, N. C.—Blue Ridge Conference  
 Rev. Roscoe Briggs ..... Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.—Mt. Mitchell Conference  
 Rev. Milburn Shelton ..... Rt. 2—Weaverville, N. C.  
 Rev. Warren Reece ..... West Asheville, N. C.  
 Rev. Floyd Watts ..... Candler, N. C.  
 Rev. Conley Ward ..... Waynesville, N. C.

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

Song: "Victory In Jesus"

Special Singing: Sluder Family and Sawyer Family

Prayer: Rev. Raymond Shell

Sermon: Rev. T. A. Wheeler

Scripture: Isaiah 21:11-12



## 1:30 PROCEEDINGS

Song: "Heaven Holds All To Me"

Special Singing: Duet and Quartette from Old Fort

Devotionals: Rev. Jesse Rice

Scripture: Ephesians 6:8-9

Prayer: Rev. John Lunsford

The Churches in the Association turned in their reports and the committees were appointed. A committee was appointed to decide what was to be done with the Orphanage fund that the Association has in the bank. Those appointed were Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford, Rev. T. A. Wheeler, and Rev. Charlie Hollifield.

## 7:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "Just A Little Talk With Jesus"

Special Singing: Claude Sawyer and daughter, Georgie Gosnell, and Mr. Phil Gragg

Prayer: Rev. G. Y. Burgin

Sermon: Rev. Evert Shelton

Scripture: John 1:1-5, II Tim. 2:14-18, Hebrews 21:4, James 1:12-21, I PETER 1:22-25, Rev. 19:11-13

## CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

ASHEVILLE: Mrs. Alice Waldrop, Mrs. Aletha Lawrence.

AVERY'S CREEK: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lisenbee, Mrs. Holmes Price.

BALSAM GROVE: Ransome Phillips, Evelyn Mathis, Joy Phillips.

BARNARD: Edd Davis, Andrew Chandler, A. J. Farmer.

BARNARDSVILLE: Edith Harris, Bernice Calloway.

BURGINS CHAPEL: G. M. Reynolds, G. Y. Burgin.

CLAYTON AVENUE: Rev. and Mrs. John Lunsford, R. H. Spivey, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Haynes, Mr. Ivan Sams, Mrs. Edith Lyda, Mrs. John Goldsmith, Mrs. R. B. Meadows.

DRY BRANCH: Edd Sams, James Marler, Charlie Conner.

EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Inez Rayburn, Agnes Reynolds, Katherine Blanks.

EAST FORK: Mrs. Oleta Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Metcalf.

FAITH: Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster, Mrs. Raymond Shell.

FUGATE: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sawyer, Clyde Davis, Rev. Evert Shelton.

HOLLY GROVE: Mrs. Joe Mashburn, Mrs. Ralph Robinson, Mrs. Ernest Ownby.

HOMES CHAPEL: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Crew, Rev. Johnny Franks, Katherine Worley.

HOT SPRINGS: Joe Moore, Dolly Franklin, Herman Thomas, Elvia Fuller, Nan Cogdill, Georgia Gosnell.

HYATT CREEK: Rev. Claude Mills, Jean Mills.

JONESTOWN: Melvin Chandler, Truman Burrell.

LAUREL FORK: Oliver Ferguson, Mrs. John Sherlin.

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Cas Fender, Woodard Riddle, Ruth McGee.

LOWER BIG PINE: Andrew Price, Callie Price, Robert Anderson.

MARSHALL: Mrs. Vader Shelton, Mrs. Hubert Rector, Miss Maxine Rector, Mrs. Charles Parris, Mrs. Howard Reece, Mrs. Plato Worley.

MT. BETHEL:

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Mr. and Mrs. Vance Ponder, Walter Deweese, Mark Sluder, Mrs. Roland Sluder, Mrs. Janice Sluder.

MOUNT ZION: Sanford McGalliard, T. A. Watts, Arvilee Revis, Mrs. Fred Briggs.

OLD FORT: Mrs. Carter Ogle, Judy Allison, Dianne Allison, Marilyn Chrisawn, Mrs. Russel Allen.

PAINT FORK:

PISGAH FOREST: Lockie Lunsford, R. A. Lunsford.

RAY'S CHAPEL: Mrs. Sue Ray, Gus Rogers, L. P. Rice, Mrs. L. P. Rice, Johnnie Ray.

RED HILL: Mrs. Eugene Buckner, Jim Rigsby, Jack Cole, Jeter Ramsey, Mrs. Dorothy Rigsby, Frank Reid.

ROCKY BRANCH: Ronald Edward Wilson, Rannin Willett, Rev. Columbus Boone.

SHADY GROVE: Mr. Fred Ramsey, Mrs. Lillie Ramsey, Mrs. Martha Ramsey, Mrs. Cora Gosnell, Mrs. Helen Chandler.

SHOAL HILL: Rev. Walter Wilson, Mrs. Lyda Brown, Mrs. Dorothy Payne, Mrs. Jack Ball, Mr. Howard Payne, Mrs. Carole Johnson.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Ward, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Queen.

SWEETEN CREEK: Mrs. Ben Taylor, Mr. Paul Jenkins, Mrs. Pearl Jenkins, Edgar L. Dockery.

UNION CHAPEL: Joe Mundy, Hattie Rumbough, Hazel Tucker.

UNION VALLEY: Fred Hyatt, Lige Fortner.

WALNUT: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Plemmons, Pat Blackwell, Barbara Reed, Pauline Chandler, Susie Davis.

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

ARRANGEMENTS: A standing committee, Pastor and Delegates.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Mr. Vader Shelton, Mrs. Carole Johnson.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Paul Ballard and Rev. Jesse Rice.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: Dorothy Payne, Rev. James Vaughn.

PASTOR'S SUPPORT: Mrs. Claude Sawyer and Carrie Foster.

EDUCATION: Rev. Roscoe Briggs and Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lisenbee and Rev. T. A. Wheeler.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: A standing committee, written by Rev. Henry Ballard, deceased.

AMENDMENT: Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr., and Rev. Walter Wilson.

OLD MINISTERS' FUND: A standing committee, Plato Worley, Chairman.  
DEEPER DEVOTIONS: A standing committee, written by W. W. Ballard, deceased.  
OBITUARIES: Mrs. Dollie Franklin and Inez Rayburn.  
RESOLUTIONS: A standing committee, Rev. Charlie Hollifield and Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford.  
FINANCE: A standing committee.  
TEMPERANCE: Rev. Evert Shelton and Edd Davis.  
PERIODICALS: Rev. Robert Bullman and Rev. Lloyd Chandler.  
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY: Mrs. Charles Parris and Susie Davis.  
SESSIONS: First delegate of each Church.

### FRIDAY MORNING

Song: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."  
Devotionals: Rev Ernest Ownby.  
Scripture: Psalm 32.  
Prayer Led by Rev. Columbus Boone.  
Church reports were given. Also reports of the committees.

### 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

Song: "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All."  
Prayer: Rev. T. A. Wheeler.  
Special Singing: The Claude Sawyer Family and a harp solo by Charlie Sluder.  
Sermon: Rev. Columbus Boone.  
Scripture: Ezekiel 3:17 and Rev. 21:19.

### 1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "This World Is Not My Home".  
Devotionals: Rev. Ervin Sluder.  
Scripture: 11 Kings 3-11-18.  
Prayer: Rev. Lloyd Chandler.

A motion was made and passed to have all the delegates from the different churches to answer to the roll call. An offering was taken for Ray's Chapel. The amount was \$27.81.

Rev. James Vaughn resigned from the Investigating Committee as he had moved so far away. Rev. Columbus Boone was named to fill his place. Other members of the committee are Rev. Arnold Bullman and Rev. Roy Waldrop.

### FRIDAY 7:30 P.M.

Song: "Amazing Grace."  
Special Singing: Mrs. Claude Sawyer and daughter, and the Hot Springs Quartette.  
Sermon: Rev. Alford Tayler  
Scripture: Genesis 2-8-13.  
The body had a prayer of healing.



**SATURDAY, 9:30 A.M.**

Song: "An Empty Mansion".

Special Singing: Mr. and Mrs. Ford.

Devotionals: Rev. Roy Waldrop.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-12.

Prayer: James Rice.

Special Prayer for Healing for Howard Reece.

Special Singing: Wheeler Quartette.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A standing Committee, Pastor and delegates.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK:** We, your committee on young people's work, believe that encouragement and cooperation are vital for young people to attain greater goals in the Christian work. Many of our young people come from non-Christian homes. The responsibility is great.

The parents and leaders of the church should live lives so as to encourage our young people to "remember thy Creator in the Days of thy Youth".

We believe that all churches should take an extra special interest in their young people as they are our leaders of tomorrow. Mrs. Vader Shelton and Mrs. Carole Johnson.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS:** We urge that more emphasis be placed on Sunday School attendance. That we as Christian leaders gather them up and bring them in, visit the absentees, encourage and nourish them with the word of God. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path". Psalm 119:105.

We insist that all pastors, deacons, and teachers do their best to persuade all Sunday School scholars to be present in the Worship Service of the church. As important as the Sunday School is it does not and cannot replace the preaching of the Gospel. Rev. Jesse Rice and Paul Ballard.

**HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS:** We, your committee on Home and Foreign Missions, firmly believe that every born-again child of God is a home missionary. When you are saved you want to tell others about our wonderful Saviour. May we as Christian Missionaries at home see the need to support our God-called Missionaries in foreign lands. Read Acts 1:8, also Matthew 28:19. Rev. James Vaughn and Dorothy Payne.

**PASTORS' SUPPORT:** We, the committee on pastors' support, wish to stress the importance of supporting our pastors. In Deuteronomy 32:10, God's ministers are referred to as "the apple of his eye". God isn't going to hold us guiltless when we withhold our means of support for them and cause their burdens to be greater than they would be if we would do what God requires of us.

We would like to mention some of the ways of supporting our pastors. We all know that it takes money to survive in the days in which we live. God has prospered most of us with health and good jobs, and yet there are very few people compared to the church membership of our land who even give to God the tithes that belong to Him; not to mention free-will offerings and being willing to sacrifice on our own part for the support of our pastor and for the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ. We believe that members should support their pastors by prayer. So many of us when we leave the church on Sunday are prone to forget our pastor and his family's

needs until the next service time. We believe that members should visit their pastor and his family during the week, fellowship with them and find out if they are in need. There is no need for us to ask God to supply their needs when it is in our power to do so, for we are God's hands and He works through us for the betterment of His kingdom. Let us say that it encourages a pastor to see his members interested in his family's welfare. Let's all unite this year in a special prayerful way to make it the best year our pastor has had and see if God doesn't "open the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it". (Malachi 3:10) Mrs. Claude Sawyer and Carrie Foster.

**EDUCATION:** We, your committee on education, recommend that we Free Will Baptists "Study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth". It is our duty to equip ourselves in the work of the Lord so that we can tell others about the Lord and the plan of salvation.

We think it good to back and support our institutions of learning. One is the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. They train our people in the way of the Lord. God gives us our talents and we should not bury them but use them to the best effect for His glory. By studying the Word of the Lord we can tell others in an effective way. Only one who knows can tell it. Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr., and Rev. Crawford.

**LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE:** We, the committee on Lord's day observance, believe that we should remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy as God has commanded in Exodus 20:8. In Mark 2:27 we read that the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. He that regardeth the day regardeth it unto the Lord: Romans 14:6. It should be a day of worship and rest from our labours—Hebrews 10:25—not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lisenbee and Rev. T. A. Wheeler.

**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 persons, 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., and Rev. Walter Wilson.

**OLD MINISTERS' BOARD:** A standing committee—Plato Worley, Treasurer; Howard Reece, A. S. Reeves, Kelly Metcalf, Ed. Davis. See Old Ministers Fund under Statement of Finances.

**Amendment:** We, your committee, recommend that the Old Ministers' Board of the French Broad Free Will 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 our local ministers cooperate with our local board in every way possible. Rev. Warren Reece, Rev. W. O. Adcock, G. Y. Burgin.

**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 to us. We know when 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.

**OBITUARIES:** We, your committee on obituaries, believe that we should continue to put in our minutes the obituaries of our members who pass away. Remembering the word in 1 Thess. 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." Then to warn the people now while they have time and opportunity to prepare to live after this life, with Christ. Mrs. P. E. Franklin and Mrs. Wayne Rayburn.

**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. If we had worked as hard as the communists to carry 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, Rav. Lonnie G. Crawford.

**TEMPERANCE:** We, your committee on temperance, believe we should be temperate in all things. We believe it is a sin to use alcoholic beverages in any form. Those who drink become drunkards and the Bible plainly says that no drunkard shall enter Heaven. We see the effects of it: murder, broken homes, and most of all the major crimes have been committed by people who have been drinking alcohol. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise". (Proverbs 20:1).

When Jesus turned the water into wine Paul told Timothy to drink a little wine for his stomach's sake. They were pure wines, not intoxicants.

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and maketh him drunken also" (Habakkuk 2:15) Rev. Evert Shelton, Ed Davis.

**PERIODICALS:** We, your committee, realize that we are living in the most careless and dangerous time that we have ever known. There are all kinds of literature and false doctrines being sent out over our nation. An example is "THE WATCHTOWER", printed by the so-called Jehova Witnesses, the product of Russelism. This kind of literature has enough of the Scriptures to cause many people to accept it as truth. The Bible tells us to "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". 11 Timothy 2:15.

No better book can be found than the King James version of the Bible. It will teach our youth to live. If we live by the word we will be able to die by the word. Rev. Hobert Bullman, Rev. Lloyd Chandler.

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:** We, your committee, believe that every church needs an auxiliary. The purpose is to aid the church, remembering the sick and needy. Our motto should be "Go set a watchman" (Isaiah 21:6). May we be spirit filled in all that we do, encouraging community missions as well as foreign missions. Susie Davis, Zennie Parris.

**SESSIONS:** The next session of Free Will Baptists will be held with the Mountain View Church at Alexander, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1966, at 10:00 A.M. The Rev. Ervin Sluder will preach the introductory sermon at 11:00 A.M. The Rev. R. C. Stockton will be the alternate. Delegates, remember to bring your lunch.

## CLERKS FOR NEXT YEAR

- ASHEVILLE: Mrs. Helen Hollar, 109 Weaverville Rd., Asheville, N. C.  
AVERY'S CREEK: Mrs. Wayne Lisenbee, Glen Bridge Rd., Rt. 1, Arden, N. C.  
BALSAM GROVE: Mrs. Cora Wood, Cullowhee, N. C.  
BARNARD: Blanch Farmer, Rt. 7, Box 26, Marshall, N. C.  
BARNARDSVILLE: Roy A. Mundy, Barnardsville, N. C.  
BURGIN'S CHAPEL: Mrs. Oval Shook, 135 Fountain Way, Swannanoa, N. C.  
CLAYTON AVENUE: Mrs. R. B. Meadows, 280 Hazel Mill Rd., West Asheville, N. C.  
DRY BRANCH: Mrs. Betty Marler, Box 144, Marshall, N. C.  
EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: A. T. Hollifield, Black Mountain, N. C.  
EAST FORK: Mrs. Vera Dean Metcalf, Rt. 2, Mars Hill, N. C.  
FAITH: Not given.  
FUGATE: Claude Sawyer, Rt. 3, Hot Springs, N. C.  
HOLLY GROVE; Mrs. James Lanning, Rt. 1, Box 747, Waynesville, N. C.  
HOMER'S CHAPEL: Miss Frances Mundy, Box 101, Black Mountain, N. C.  
HYATT'S CREEK: Jean Mills, 1044 Allens Creek Rd., Waynesville, N. C.  
HOT SPRINGS: Georgia Gosnell, Hot Springs, N. C.  
JONESTOWN: Mrs. Ruth Bradley, 6 Valley Park Rd., Asheville, N. C.  
LAUREL FORK: Mrs. O. W. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Marshall, N. C.  
LAURELTON CHAPEL: Cas Fender, Rt. 6, Marshall, N. C.  
LOWER BIG PINE: Mrs. Callie Price, Rt. 7, Box 71, Marshall, N. C.  
MARSHALL: Miss Maxine Rector, Box 373, Marshall, N. C.  
MT. BETHEL: W. B. Edwards, Rt. 1, Box 90, Weaverville, N. C.  
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Miss Shirley Parham, Rt. 3, Leicester, N. C.  
MOUNT ZION: Mrs. Fred Briggs, Rt. 2, Marshall, N. C.  
OLD FORT: Mrs. Lucille Hollifield, Old Fort, N. C.  
PAINT FORK: Carrol Mundy, Barnardsville, N. C.  
PISGAH FOREST: Lockie Lunsford, Barnardsville, N. C.  
RAY'S CHAPEL: Mrs. Sue Ray, Rt. 2, Weaverville, N. C.  
RED HILL: Mrs. Vernon Ramsey, Rt. 4, Marshall, N. C.  
ROCKY BRANCH: Bonner R. Wilson, Rt. 1, Waynesville, N. C.  
SHADY GROVE: Mrs. Helen Chandler, Rt. 4, Marshall, N. C.  
SHOAL HILL: Mrs. Carole Johnson, Rt. 5, Box 31, Marshall, N. C.  
SULPHUR SPRINGS: Harold Queen, Box 674, Hazelwood, N. C.  
SWEETEN CREEK: Paul J. Jenkins, Rt. 5, Box 204, Asheville, N. C.  
UNION CHAPEL: W. E. Banks, Weaverville, N. C.  
UNTON VALLEY: Mrs. Robbie Fortner, Rt. 1, Box 254, Weaverville, N. C.  
WALNUT: Mrs. Dorothy Cody, Rt. 5, Box 212, Marshall, N. C.

## REVIVALS AND COMMUNIONS

- ASHEVILLE: Revivals 1: Rev. Allen Jackson.
- AVERY'S CREEK: Communion 2.
- BALSAM GROVE: None.
- BARNARD: Communion 1.
- BARNARDSVILLE: Revivals 2, Rev. G. M. Reynolds and Rev. V. E. Condrey, Rev. Frances Radford and Rev. Talmage Maynor.
- BURGIN'S CHAPEL: Revivals 4, Rev. Frank Thompson, Rev. Talmadge Maynor, Rev. John Lunsford, Rev. Allen Jackson, and Rev. T. C. Heatherly. Communion 3.
- CLAYTON AVENUE: Revivals 1: Rev. G. M. Reynolds and Rev. Talmage Maynor. Communion 4
- DRY BRANCH: Revivals 1
- EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Revivals 1: Rev. Jack Jones
- EAST FORK: Revivals 1: Rev. Raymond Ponder and Rev. Guy Honeycutt. Communion 1
- FAITH: Revivals 1, Communion 2
- FUGATE: Revivals 1: Rev. Arnold Bullman, Communion 4
- HOLLY GROVE: Revivals 1: Rev. Carl Presnell, Communion 4
- HOMERS CHAPEL: Revivals 1: Rev. J. W. Stacey, Communion 3
- HOT SPRINGS: Revivals 2: Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Rev. James Rice, and Rev. Ed Parris. Communion 6
- HYATT CREEK: Revivals 1: Rev. Carl Chastain. Communion 1
- JONESTOWN: Revivals 3: Rev. Archie Rice, Rev. Alton Rathbone, and Rev. J. O. Waldrop. Communion 2
- LAUREL FORK: None
- LAURELTON CHAPEL: Revivals 1: Rev. Allen Jackson and Rev. Orphard Hensley. Communion 1
- LOWER BIG PINE: Revivals 2: Rev. G. Y. Burgin and Rev. Alvin McPeters.
- MARSHALL: None
- MT. BETHEL: Revivals 1: Rev. Edgar Coleman and Rev. Jessie Laws. Communion 1
- MOUNTAIN VIEW: Communion 4
- MOUNT ZION: Revivals 1: Rev. Jesse Rice and Rev. Alford Taylor. Communion 1
- OLD FORT: Revivals 2: Rev. James Wilhide and Rev. Garland Hammons. Communion 2
- PAINT FORK: Revivals 1: Rev. Arnold Bullman. Communion 3
- PISGAH FOREST: None
- RAY'S CHAPEL: Revivals 2: Rev. Joe Rice, Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Rev. Kilby, and Rev. Coleman.
- RED HILL: Revivals 1: Rev. James Childers. Communion 1

ROCKY BRANCH: Communion 2

SHADY GROVE: Revivals 1: Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford and Rev. William Chandler.

SHOAL HILL: None

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Revivals 2: Rev. Elmer Keener and Rev. Lonnie Henderson. Communion 2

SWEETEN CREEK: Revivals 1: Rev. J. C. Wilson. Communion 4

UNION CHAPEL: Revivals 1: Rev. J. O. Waldrop and Rev. Edgar Coleman.

UNION CHAPEL: Revivals 1. Rev. J. O. Waldrop and Rev. Edgar Coleman. Communion 4

UNION VALLEY: Revivals 1: Rev. G. M. Reynolds. Communion 2

WALNUT: Revivals: 1: Rev. Jesse Rice, Communion 1

## OBITUARIES

### IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED DEAD

**EAST FORK:** Charlie N. Anderson, Born September 19, 1896, Died March 21, 1965. He was a member of East Fork Free Will Baptist Church. His memory still lives on in the hearts of all who knew him. He was a faithful Christian and always loved his church. His loss down here is Heaven's gain and we all hope to meet him at the great getting-up morning when the trumpet of God shall sound and those that sleep shall rise to meet the Lord in the air.—Written by a daughter, Mrs. Robert Metcalf.

**EAST FORK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH:** In memory of our loving sister, Mrs. Minnie Marino, who passed away October 28, 1964, at the age of 73. She was a very loyal member to the church and was loved by all. With her gentle face and pleasant smile no one can fill her vacant place.—Written by a Sister, Ruby Church.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:** On February 24th, 1965, God called our loving wife and mother, Mrs. Hester Deweese Sluder home to be with Him. She was seventy-six years of age, a Godly mother, and a devoted preacher's wife. She always put Christ first in her life and was willing to suffer for the Gospel's sake. Her greatest desire was to see souls born into His kingdom. She longed to go to her eternal home and we feel that the joys of Heaven are hers to enjoy today. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.—Rev. Ervin Sluder and family.

### BEAUTIFUL HANDS

Mother, with your hands the Gospel was told;  
We can see you now as you often strolled,  
Clasping your hands and praising God with a Heavenly smile;  
Plain and humble as a little child,  
Feeding the hungry, oh how sweet,  
Carrying the cross, and washing saints' feet.

I cannot say and I will not say,  
That you are dead—you are just away.  
With a cheery smile, and a wave of your hand,  
You have wandered into God's Heavenly Land  
The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away  
Blessed be Thy name.

Mrs. Pearl Deweese, age 70

Mr. Sampson Meadows, age 76

Mr. Harley Worley, age 88

**SHOAL HILL:** Mrs. Milinda Payne

**UNION CHAPEL:** Mr. J. W. Waldrop passed away August 7, 1965. He was a very faithful member while here. He moved to Florida and still remained true to the Lord. He was 70 years old. He is missed by his wife, children, and friends but is looking for them to follow on in the faith.—Written by an old friend, Rev. W. A. Ward

Mr. J. G. Roberts passed away to meet the Lord January 26, 1965. He was 56 years old. He had belonged to the Union Chapel Church for 20 years. We believe our loss is his gain. He left behind him several children and lots of friends.—Written by a friend, Rev. W. A. Ward

**UNION VALLEY:**

Mr. Sam Shelton

Mr. David Lucious Ballard

Mrs. Martha Ballard (Aunt Martha) A real Christian

**MOUNT BETHEL:** Rev. Arthur Edmonds, 67, of Weaverville, N. C., died August 26, 1964. He was a life-long resident of Buncombe County. He was an ordained Free Will Baptist minister for 23 years. He was a member of Mt. Bethel Church, where he once pastored for five years. So often he said he would rather live a sermon than try to preach one. No one could doubt it. His life still lives on in this community and church. He was a faithful member of the French Broad Conference.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

**ASHEVILLE:** Superintendent Mr. Ira L. Jamerson, 7 Elkmont Terrace, Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Miss Jane Hollar, 109 Weaverville Rd., Asheville, N. C.; No. classes 7; No. pupils 61; kind of literature used, F.W.B. and Bible; expenses \$460.94.

**EVERY'S CREEK:** Superintendent, Mr. Holmes Price, Rt. 1, Arden, N. C.; Secretary, Glenda Coy, Rt. 1, Arden, N. C.; No. classes 4. No. pupils 22. kind of literature used, F.W.B. and Bible; expenses \$23.63.

**BALSAM GROVE:** Superintendent, Mr. Dell Wood, Cullowhee, N. C.; Secretary, Miss Joy Phillip, Cullowhee, N. C.; No. classes 2; No. pupils 20; kind of literature used, Union; expenses \$20.00.

**BARNARD:** Superintendent, Andrew Chandler, Walnut, N. C.; Secretary, Julia Roberts, Walnut, N. C.; No. classes 3; No. pupils 32; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses \$13.96.



- BARNARDSVILLE:** Superintendent, Clayton E. Ponder, 61 Clarendon Ave., Asheville; Secretary, Imogene Clinton, Barnardsville, N. C.; No. classes 4; No. pupils 50; kind of literature used, F.W.B.; expenses \$36.00.
- BURGIN'S CHAPEL:** Superintendent, Mallie Hall, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Oval Shook 135 Fountain Way, Swannanoa, N. C.; No. classes 8; No. pupils 100; kind of literature used, Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$154.22.
- CLAYTON AVENUE:** Superintendent, M. E. Haynes, 345 Clayton Ave., West Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Steve Lunsford, 70 Willowbrook Rd., Asheville, N. C.; No. classes 5; No. pupils 54; kind of literature used, Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$114.35.
- DRY BRANCH:** Superintendent, Charlie Corner, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Ruth Corner, Rt. 1, Alexander, N. C.; No. classes 5; No. pupils 70; kind of literature used, Bible and cards; expenses \$138.62.
- EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN:** Superintendent, Gordon Runion, Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Judy Bartlett, High School Rd., Black Mountain, N. C.; No. classes 7; No. pupils 64; kind of literature used, F.W.B. and Bible; expenses \$8.20.
- EAST FORK:** Superintendent, Vaughn Metcalf, Rt. 2, Mars Hill, N. C.; Secretary, Josephine McMahan, Rt. 2, Mars Hill, N. C.; No. classes 3; No. pupils 50; kind of literature used, Bible and F.W.B., expenses \$10.00.
- FAITH:** Superintendent, Lacy Howell, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. classes 4; No. pupils 36; kind of literature used, Bible.
- FUGATE:** Superintendent, Clyde Davis, Del Rio, Tenn; Secretary, Dorothy Sawyer, Hot Springs, N. C. No. classes 3; No. pupils 40; kind of literature used, Bible.
- HOLLY GROVE:** Superintendent, Joe Mashburn, 208 Skyview Drive, Waynesville, N. C.; Secretary, James Lanning, Rt. 1, Box 747, Waynesville, N. C.; no. classes 5; no. pupils 65; kind of literature used, Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$46.33.
- HOMER'S CHAPEL:** Superintendent, Carson Allen, Rt. 1, Box 347, Swannanoa, N. C.; Secretary, Jimmy Cordell, Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; no. classes 7; no. pupils 91; kind of literature used, Bible.
- HOT SPRINGS:** Superintendent, Woodrow Ramsey, Hot Springs, N. C.; Secretary, Mabel Ramsey, Hot Springs, N. C.; no. classes 3; no. pupils 50; kind of literature used, Bible and cards; expenses \$16.00.
- HYATT CREEK:** Superintendent, Mr. Joe Green, Rt. 1, Waynesville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Helen Mercer, 112 Beach St., Hazelwood, N. C.; no. classes 4; no. pupils 85; kind of literature used, Bible, expenses \$14.60.
- JONESTOWN:** Superintendent, Rev. Archie Rice; 1 Vine St., Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Linda Austin, 135 Jonestown Rd., Asheville, N. C.; no. classes 4; no pupils 40; kind of literature used, Bible.
- LAUREL FORK:** Superintendent, Howard Riddle, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Miss Robbie Cooper, Marshall, N. C.; no. classes 4; no. pupils 30; kind of literature used, Union and Bible, expenses \$21.25.
- LAURELTON CHAPEL:** Superintendent, Cas Fender, Rt. 6, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Marilyn Fender, Rt. 6, Marshall, N. C.; no. classes 4; no. pupils 60; kind of literature used, Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$63.76.
- LOWER BIG PINE:** Not given.

- MARSHALL:** Superintendent, Howard Reece, Box 93, Weaverville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Hubert Rector, Box 373, Marshall, N. C.; no. classes 5; no. pupils 32; kind of literature used, American Union; expenses \$119.99.
- MOUNT BETHEL:** Superintendent, Dennis Ponder, Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Nancy Edwards, Weaverville, N. C.; no. classes 4; no. pupils 40; kind of literature used, Bible.
- MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Superintendent, Walter DeWeese, Rt. 3, Leicester, N. C.; Secretary, Shirley Parham, Rt. 3, Leicester, N. C.; no. classes 6; no. pupils 70; kind of literature used, Bible and F.W.B., expenses \$8.00.
- MOUNT ZION:** Superintendent, Sanford McGalliard, Alexander, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Arville Revis, Rt. 2, Marshall, N. C.; no. classes 3; no. pupils 30; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses \$95.27.
- OLD FORT:** Superintendent, Bob Cable, Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Judy Allison, Old Fort, N. C.; no. classes 5; no. pupils 85; kind of literature used, Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$55.15.
- PAINT FORK:** Superintendent, Eugene Duyck, Barnardsville, N. C.; Secretary, Alma Coates, Barnardsville, N. C.; no. classes 5; no. pupils 47; kind of literature used, Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$30.25.
- PISGAH FOREST:** Superintendent, Howard Lunsford, Barnardsville, N. C.; Secretary, not given; no. classes 3; no. pupils 30; kind of literature used, F.W.B.; expenses \$29.84.
- RAY'S CHAPEL:** Superintendent, Joe Rice, Rt. 2, Weaverville, N. C.; Secretary, Nancy Rice, Rt. 2, Weaverville, N. C.; no. classes 3; no. pupils 25; kind of literature used, Bible.
- RED HILL:** Superintendent, Vernon Ramsey, Rt. 4, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Claude Bullman, Rt. 5, Marshall, N. C.; no. classes 7; no. pupils 89; kind of literature used, F.W.B. and Bible; expenses \$701.93.
- ROCKY BRANCH:** Superintendent, Robert Jones, Rt. 1, Waynesville, N. C.; Secretary, Ethel Boone, Rt. 1, Waynesville, N. C.; no. classes 4; kind of literature used, Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$29.77.
- SHADY GROVE:** Superintendent, Fred Ramsey, Rt. 4, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Helen Chandler, Rt. 4, Marshall, N. C.; no. classes 3; no. pupils 60; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses \$15.00.
- SHOAL HILL:** Superintendent, Jack Ball, Rt. 5, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Ruth Henderson, Rt. 5, Marshall, N. C.; no. classes 4; expenses \$19.03.
- SULPHUR SPRINGS:** Superintendent, Mr. Bob Griffin, Hazelwood, N. C.; Secretary, Mr. Dock Caldwell, 1113 Sulphur Springs Rd., Hazelwood, N. C.; no. classes 4; no. pupils 40; kind of literature used, F.W.B.; expenses \$55.00.
- SWEETEN CREEK:** Superintendent, Henry S. Jenkins, Fletcher, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Ben Tayler, Biltmore, N. C.; no. classes 6; no. pupils 75; kind of literature used, Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$87.55.
- UNION CHAPEL:** Superintendent, James O. Waldrop, Weaverville, N. C.; Secretary, Regina Chandler, Rt. 3, Mars Hill, N. C.; no. classes 3; no. pupils 35; kind of literature used, Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$10.00.
- UNION VALLEY:** Superintendent, Mr. Gay Tweed, Weaverville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Fred Hyatt, Weaverville, N. C.; no. classes 3; no. pupils 24; kind of literature used, Bible and F.W.B.; expenses, \$85.30.
- WALNUT:** Superintendent, Mr. P. J. Cody, Rt. 5, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Miss Janie Plemmons, Marshall, N. C.; no. classes 6; no. pupils 55; kind of literature used, F.W.B.; expenses \$136.20.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

- ASHEVILLE:** President, Mrs. Warren Reece, 220 Virginia Ave., West Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Edna Jamerson, 7 Elkmont Terrace, Asheville, N. C.; no. members 14; gained this year 14; meets every month; money taken in \$175.59; money paid out \$13.90.
- BURGIN'S CHAPEL:** President, Mrs. Ollie Melton, Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Madge Runnion, 102 5th St., Black Mountain, N. C.; no. members 12; gained this year 3; meets every two weeks; money taken in \$35.44; money paid out \$452.53.
- EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN:** President, Mrs. Olive Slagle, Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Lawrence Bartlett, Black Mountain, N. C.; no. members 11; meets every two weeks; money taken in \$300.29; money paid out \$251.66.
- FAITH:** President, Mrs. Charlie Hollifield, Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. B. C. Hollifield, Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; no. members 10; meets every two weeks; money taken in \$573.01; money paid out \$451.19.
- HOLLY GROVE:** President, Mrs. Ernest Ownby, Box 845, Balsam, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Lawrence Kilby, Rt. 1, Box 746, Waynesville, N. C.; no. members 12; gained this year 2; money taken in \$2,470.03; money paid out \$2,466.08.
- HOMER'S CHAPEL:** President, Mrs. Mynota Glenn, 715 Rhododendron, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Katherine Worley, Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; no. members 15; gained this year 2; meets every week; money taken in \$1,082.84; money paid out \$852.12.
- MARSHALL:** President, Mrs. Sue Edwards, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Zenna Parris, Marshall, N. C.; no. members 12; meets each month; money taken in \$445.15; money paid out \$266.70.
- OLD FORT:** President, Mrs. Nellie Robinson, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Glenn Dale, Old Fort, N. C.; no. members 12; meets every two weeks; money taken in \$332.30; money paid out \$142.13.
- WALNUT:** President, Mrs. Grace Dockery, Rt. 7, Marshall, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Cody, Rt. 5, Box 212, Marshall, N. C.; no. members 14; meets every week; money taken in \$306.66; money paid out \$382.74.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

- WALNUT:** President, Mr. Paul Ballard, Rt. 7, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Mary Hensley, Rt. 5, Marshall, N. C.; no. members 24; no. groups 2; meets every Sunday; literature used, F.W.B.; Junior League leader, Mrs. Dorothy Cody, Rt. 5, Marshall, N. C.

## FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE AUGUST 1964 — AUGUST 1965

### PROCEEDINGS

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Shoal Hill Church at Marshall, N. C., on Saturday, November 28, 1964, at 10:00 A.M.

Special singing by the Calvary Girls. The pastor of the church welcomed everyone to the church. Devotionals: Rev. Joe Pressley; Scripture: Isaiah 53; Prayer, Rev. Ervin Sluder.

The Conference was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Wheeler, who read the "Constitution of Ministers' Conference". Twenty-four ministers answered to the roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Visiting ministers present were: Rev. Burl Ledford of Burnsville, N. C.; and Rev. Calvin Grogan of Black Mountain, N. C.

11:00 Service: Special Singing by the "Calvary Girls".. Sermon by Rev. Clarence Davis; Prayer, Rev. T. A. Wheeler; Scripture: John 19:23-37; Psalm 16:7-11.

1:00 P.M. Service—Special Singing: "Calvary Girls". Devotions, Rev. Ernest Ownby; Scripture: John 14:1-6, 16-18; Prayer, Rev. Joe Pressley.

Business Session: Rev. Wilco Melton turn in his credentials. Rev. W. O. Adcock was dropped from the Ministers' Conference due to his continual absence and lack of report. Our field worker, Rev. Charles Ownsbey, gave a talk on his work, Rev. R. C. Stockton was named to the Ordination Council. The council gave license to Rev. Burl Ledford of Rt. 4, Burnsville, N. C. He is a member of the Bald Mountain Church in Yancy County. A collection was taken for the flower fund \$20.75. Total in fund \$25.81.

The next conference will be held with the Fugate Church January 30, 1965. The Rev. Joe Pressley is scheduled to preach.

The French Broad Free-Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Fugate Church, Saturday, January 30, 1965, at 10:00 A.M.

Opening Song: "Camping in Canaan Land."

Devotionals: Rev. Alford Taylor.

Prayer: Rev. Charlie Hollifield.

Scripture: Matthew 5:10-16.

The Conference was called to order by the Moderator, who read "The Constitution of Ministers' Conference".

Visiting Ministers present were: Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr., and Rev. R. A. Ward. The secretary was requested to write to Rev. Roy Gosnell and ask him to be present at the next Conference and report to the Ordination Council. Seventeen ministers answered to the roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Special prayer was made for Mrs. Ervin Sluder. The service was dismissed by Rev. Clarence Wheeler.

#### 11:00 SERVICE

Scripture reading by Rev. Evert Shelton, Isaiah 13:17-22.

Prayer: Rev. Lloyd Chandler.

Sermon: Rev. Joe Pressley.

Scripture: 11 Kings 4:38-44.

1:15 P.M. Service.

Special Singing: Calvary Girls and Hot Springs Choir.

Devotionals: Rev. R. A. Ward.

Scripture: Isaiah 53.

Prayer: Rev. James Vaughn.

Rev. James Vaughn and Rev. Clarence Wheeler appointed to the Ordination Council. Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr., was granted Ordination papers. He brought a letter in good standing from the Mount Mitchell Conference. Collection for flower fund \$10.93. Total in fund \$46.74.

The next Conference is scheduled for May 29, 1965, at the Barnard Church. Rev. Lawrence Smith is scheduled to preach.

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Barnard church at Barnard N. C., on Saturday, May 29, 1965, at 10 A.M.

Opening Song. "OH, I WANT TO SEE HIM".

Special singing: THE WHEELER FAMILY.

Devotionals: Rev. Hobert Bullman.

Scripture: Psalm 23.

Prayer: Rev. Jesse Rice.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator who read "Constitution of Ministers' Conference".

Thirty-three ministers answered to the roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

### 11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Singing by "The Calvary Girls".

Sermon: Rev. Lawrence Smith.

Prayer: Rev. R. C. Stockton.

Scripture: Acts 5:24-32.

### 5:30 SERVICE

Song: "In Gethsemane Alone."

Special Singing: Rev. and Mrs. N. F. Byrd, The Joe Sluder Family, and The Calvary Girls; also a harp solo by Mr. Charlie Sluder.

Devotionals: Rev. Raymond Shell.

Scripture: Matthew 6:1-13.

Prayer: Rev. Ervin Sluder.

Rev. Archie Rice was licensed to preach. Collection for flower fund \$20.09. Total \$66.83. Special collection for Rev. R. C. Stockton \$21.75.

Visiting Ministers: Rev. Zenous Allen, Rev. James Marshal, Rev. N. F. Byrd, Rev. J. W. Edmonds, and Rev. Floyd Watts.

The next meeting will be a follow up of the Association at Hot Springs, N. C., August 14, 1965.

## ANNUAL SESSION

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Hot Springs Church, August 14, 1965, as a follow up of the Association.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. T. A. Wheeler..... Rt. 2, Canton, N. C.  
Vice Moderator: Rev. Jesse Rice ..... Rt. 2, Box 78, Weaverville, N. C.  
Secretary and Treasurer: Katherine Worley ..... Black Mountain, N. C.

Ordaining Council: Rev. Raymond Shell, Rev. Jesse Rice, Rev. Evert Shelton, Rev. R. C. Stockton, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Vernon Radcliffe.

There was a standing of good fellowship by the ministers. Forty ministers answered to the roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Moderator read the "Constitution of Ministers' Conference".

Visiting ministers present were: Rev. Floyd Watts, Candler, N. C.; Rev. R. C. Briggs, Burnsville, N. C.; and Rev. Conley Ward, Waynesville, N. C.

The body voted to send flowers to Mr. Howard Reece, a patient in a hospital, in appreciation for his help with the Old Ministers' Board. A love offering of \$32.62 was taken for the Old Ministers.

The conference will be held with the Marshall church, October 30, 1965. Rev. R. C. Briggs, Jr., is scheduled to preach. Rev. Burl Ledford will be the alternate.

## ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

### French Broad Free Will Baptist Conference

Rev. Grover Bailey .....	Box 25, Fletcher, N. C.
Rev. Columbus Boone .....	Box 136, Rt. 1, Waynesville, N. C.
Rev. G. W. Briggs .....	Rt. 1, Dandridge, Tenn.
Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr. ....	Micaville, N. C.
Rev. Arnold Bullman .....	Rt. 3, Weaverville, N. C.
Rev. Hobert Bullman .....	Rt. 4, Box 88, Marshall, N. C.
Rev. G. Y. Burgin .....	Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. Andrew Chandler .....	Box 13, Walnut, N. C.
Rev. Lloyd Chandler .....	Walnut, N. C.
Rev. Sam Chandler .....	Box 601, Waynesville, N. C.
Rev. G. E. Cody .....	Rt. 1, Box 93-A, Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. Edgar D. Coleman .....	155 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Cecil Creasman .....	Rt. 5, Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford .....	Rt. 2, Box 41, Weaverville, N. C.
Rev. Clarence Davis .....	Box 534, Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. Johnny Franks .....	Rt. 1, Box 249, Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. Roy Gosnell .....	Rt. 1, Alexander, N. C.
Rev. T. L. Guffey .....	Swannanoa, N. C.
Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr. ....	Box 291, Hot Springs, N. C.
Rev. Charlie Hollifield .....	Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. W. L. Howell .....	4290 9th St., Ecorse 29, Michigan
Rev. L. A. Hyatt .....	59 Cumberland Ave., Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Burl Ledford (L) .....	Rt. 4, Burnsville, N. C.
Rev. H. E. Lunsford .....	Box 4, Walnut, N. C.
Rev. John Lunsford .....	70 Willowbrook Rd., Asheville, N. C.
Rev. G. A. Marshall .....	324 Vanderbilt Rd., Biltmore, N. C.
Rev. Ernest Messer .....	304 Smathers St., Waynesville, N. C.
Rev. Elbert Mills .....	157-A, Waynesville, N. C.
Rev. Claude Mills .....	1044 Allens Creek Rd., Waynesville, N. C.
Rev. Fred L. Moody .....	113 Cornwell Dr., Waynesville, N. C.
Rev. Ernest Ownby .....	Box 845, Balsam, N. C.
Rev. Charles Ownsby .....	341 Fountain Way, Swannanoa, N. C.
Rev. Ransome Phillips .....	Cullowhee, N. C.
Rev. Raymond Ponder .....	Box 20 E., Weaverville, N. C.

Rev. Marvin Ponder .....	Rt. 3, Weaverville, N. C.
Rev. George Plemmons .....	Box 608, Hazelwood, N. C.
Rev. Joe Pressley .....	Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. W. L. Queen .....	Box 674, Hazelwood, N. C.
Rev. Vernon Radcliffe .....	Rt. 1, Alexander, N. C.
Rev. L. E. Rathburn .....	400 Stratford Rd., Asheville, N. C.
Rev. G. M. Reynolds .....	Box 385, Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. Archie Rice .....	1 Vine St., Asheville, N. C.
Rev. James Rice .....	106 Louisa St., Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. Jesse Rice .....	Rt. 2, Box 78, Weaverville, N. C.
Rev. Albert Riddle .....	33 Green Oak Rd., Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Ray Roberts .....	Box 494, Marshall, N. C.
Rev. L. F. Rumbough .....	Rt. 1, Box 135, Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Roy Ruff .....	302 Richland St., Hazelwood, N. C.
Rev. Raymond Shell .....	103 E. Blue Ridge Ave., Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. Evert Shelton .....	Rt. 1, Box 39, Marshall, N. C.
Rev. Ervin Sluder .....	Weaverville, N. C.
Rev. R. C. Stockton .....	Rt. 4, Marion, N. C.
Rev. Ernest Strickland .....	Rt. 2, Candler, N. C.
Rev. Lawrence E. Smith .....	Rt. 2, Weaverville, N. C.
Rev. Alford Taylor .....	Rt. 1, Box 301, Alexander, N. C.
Rev. James Vaughn .....	Box 247, Robbinsville, N. C.
Rev. James Waldrop .....	Rt. 1, Box 169, Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Roy Waldrop .....	87 Elkmont Dr., Asheville, N. C.
Rev. W. A. Ward .....	Rt. 1, Box 428, Weaverville, N. C.
Rev. Clarence Wheeler .....	Swannanoa, N. C.
Rev. T. A. Wheeler .....	Rt. 2, Canton, N. C.
Rev. Walter Wilson .....	Rt. 1, Marshall, N. C.
Rev. James D. Wilhride .....	Black Mountain, N. C.
Rev. Benjamin Walker .....	Old Fort, N. C.

### FINANCE REPORT

Minute Fund .....	\$320.25
Paid Historian .....	15.00
Paid Moderator .....	25.00
Paid Clerk .....	35.00
Balance for minutes and postage .....	245.25

### OLD MINISTERS' FUND

#### Disbursements:

Rev. J. C. Franks .....	\$132.00
Rev. Ervin Sluder .....	100.00
Rev. Lonnie Crawford .....	100.00
Rev. Charlie Hollifield .....	100.00
Rev. R. C. Stockton .....	50.00



**WIDOWS**

Mrs. Mallie Rice .....	85.00
Mrs. Eva Gentry .....	57.00

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

Rev. Ervin Sluder .....	5.00
Rev. Walter Wilson .....	5.00
Rev. Sam Chandler .....	5.00
Rev. H. E. Lunsford .....	5.00
Rev. J. C. Franks .....	5.00
Rev. Lloyd Chandler .....	5.00
Rev. G. W. Briggs .....	5.00
Stamps .....	5.00
	\$664.00

**Amount Received From Churches**

Asheville .....	\$ 25.00	Paint Fork .....	120.00
Avery's Creek .....	17.65	Lower Big Pine .....	2.00
Balsam Grove .....	10.00	Pisgah Forest .....	5.00
Barnard .....	10.00	Ray's Chapel .....	5.00
Barnardsville .....	10.00	Red Hill .....	65.00
Burgin's Chapel .....	10.00	Rocky Branch .....	5.00
Clayton Avenue .....	25.00	Shoal Hill .....	54.88
Dry Branch .....	10.00	Sulphur Springs .....	10.00
East Black Mountain .....	22.00	Sweeten Creek .....	20.00
Faith .....	25.00	Union Chapel .....	7.37
Holly Grove .....	20.00	Union Valley .....	10.00
Homer's Chapel .....	59.81	Laurel Fork .....	9.00
Hyatt's Creek .....	25.00	Marshall .....	51.43
Jonestown .....	12.00	Walnut .....	108.50
Mountain View .....	92.00		
Mt. Zion .....	15.00	Total .....	\$972.35
Old Fort .....	10.00		

REMEMBER ALL FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERINGS ARE SET ASIDE FOR  
THE OLD MINISTERS' FUND.

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE .....	\$854.50
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE .....	3,500.00
	Total .....
	\$4,354.50

## DONATIONS TO THE OLD MINISTERS' FUND

Rev. G. Y. Burgin .....	\$ 9.31	Rev. R. C. Stockton .....	12.00
Rev. G. W. Briggs .....	5.00	Rev. Lawrence Smith .....	12.00
Rev. Hobert Bullman .....	10.00	Rev. James Vaughn .....	12.00
Rev. Sam Chandler .....	3.00	Rev. Roy Waldrop .....	12.00
Rev. G. E. Cody .....	12.00	Rev. Benjamin Walker .....	12.00
Rev. Edgar Coleman .....	12.00	Rev. T. A. Wheeler .....	12.00
Rev. Lonnie Crawford .....	12.00	Rev. James D. Wilhide .....	12.00
Rev. Clarence Davis .....	12.00	Rev. Walter Wilson .....	15.00
Rev. J. C. Franks .....	12.00	Rev. Burl Ledford .....	12.00
Rev. Charlie Hollifield .....	24.00	<b>Friends Who Gave</b>	
Rev. Fred I. Moody .....	3.00	Mr. Bob Foster .....	5.00
Rev. Ernest Ownby .....	12.00	W. C. Deweese .....	2.00
Rev. Charles Ownsbey .....	12.00	Charlie Sluder .....	1.00
Rev. Joe Pressley .....	5.00	Rev. Floyd Watts .....	1.00
Rev. Jesse Rice .....	12.00	Offering from Conference .....	32.60
Rev. Raymond Shell .....	12.00		
Rev. Everet Shelton .....	12.00	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$321.60</b>

### A NOTE TO ALL MINISTERS:

This fund is a kind of insurance for both old and young ministers in our conference who are in need. Please don't neglect it until you are in need. We take this opportunity to say "Thanks to every one who has contributed to this good cause. May God bless you all. Remember to pray for us that the work may go forward in His name. For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in Heaven, the same as my brother." Matt: 12:50.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS' REPORTS

- REV. GROVER BAILEY:** No. of revivals conducted 1; no. of conversions 10; no. of sermons preached 80; no. baptised 5; no. of funerals 2; received for revival services \$50.00; given personally to the cause \$210.00; no. of homes visited 50; no. of homes prayed in 75; no. of sick visits made 100; no. of miles traveled, 2,520; expenses \$252.00.
- REV. COLUMBUS BOONE:** No. of churches pastored 1; no. of revivals conducted 2; no. of conversions 5; no. of sermons preached 190; no. of members received 4; no. baptised 2; no. of funerals 4. Received for pastoral services \$395.89. Given personally to the cause \$167.17.
- REV. G. W. BRIGGS:** No. of revivals conducted 1; no. of conversions 2; no. of sermons preached 19; no. of marriages 1; no. of funerals 7; Received \$15.00.
- REV. ARNOLD BULLMAN:** No. of churches pastored 1; no. of revivals conducted 4; no. of members received 3; no. baptised 10; no. of funerals 4; Received for pastoral services \$417.28; Received for revival services \$255.29; Total \$672.57.

REV. HOBERT BULLMAN: No. of churches pastored 1; no. of revivals conducted 2; no. of conversions 15; no. of sermons preached 125; no. of members received 4; no. baptized 10; no. of marriages 2; no. of funerals 5. Received for pastoral services \$309.00; received for revival services \$30.00. Total \$339.00. Given personally to the cause \$75.00; no. of homes visited 50; no. of homes prayed in 25; no. of sick visits made 25; no. of miles traveled 700. Expenses \$70.00.

REV. G. Y. BURGIN: No. of churches pastored 2; no. of revivals conducted 2; no. of conversions 12; no. of sermons preached 150; no. of members received 2; no. baptized 2; no. of funerals 1. Received for pastoral services \$600; received for revival services \$50; received for other services \$10; total \$660; given to the cause personally \$20; no. of homes visited 50; no. of homes prayed in 20; no. of sick visits made 4; no. of miles traveled 6,000; expenses \$300.

ANDREW CHANDLER: No. of churches pastored 1; no. of conversions 5; no. of sermons preached 400; no. of members received 1; given personally to the cause \$40; no. of homes prayed in 6; no. of sick visits made 5; no. of miles traveled 30.

LLOYD CHANDLER: No. of revivals conducted 1; no. of conversions 19; no. of sermons preached 40; no. baptized 8; no. of funerals 1; received for revival services \$10; received for all other services \$50; total \$60; given personally to the cause \$10; no. homes visited 60; no. of homes prayed in 35; no. of sick visits made 15; no. of miles traveled 20.

LONNIE G. CRAWFORD: No. of churches pastored 2; no. of revivals conducted 1; no. of conversions 22; no. of sermons preached 48; no. of members received 10; no. baptized 10; no. of marriages 3; no. of funerals 3; received for pastoral services \$270; received for revival services \$40; received for all other services \$30; total \$340; given personally to the cause \$30; no. of homes visited 48; no. of homes prayed in 20; no. of sick visits made 60.

CLARENCE L. DAVIS: No. of churches pastored 1; no. of conversions 8; no. of sermons preached 182; no. of members received 5; no. baptized 3; no. of funerals 3; received for pastoral services \$341.06; no. homes visited 20; no. of homes prayed in 20; no. of sick visits made 30; no. of miles traveled 4600.

W. L. HOWELL: Reports that he has been ill and unable to pastor a church but attends and preaches when able.

H. E. LUNSFORD: No. of sermons preached 4; no. of marriages 4; no. of funerals 1; received for all other services \$143.05; given personally to the cause \$23.75; no. homes visited 15; no. of homes prayed in 5; no. of sick visits made 10; no. of miles traveled 400; expenses \$11.

JOHN F. LUNSFORD: No. of churches pastored 1; no. of revivals conducted 2; no. of conversions 48; no. baptized 9; no. of marriages 1; no. of funerals 7; received for pastoral services \$800.83; received for revival services \$50; total \$850.83; given personally to the cause \$264.75.

G. A. MARSHALL: No. of conversions 3; given personally to the cause \$125.

ERNEST MESSER: Revivals 3; saved 50; baptized 12; married 2.

CLAUDE MILLS: No. of churches pastored 1; no. of revivals conducted 1; no. of conversions 76; no. of sermons preached 124; no. baptized 7; no. of funerals

erals 4; received for pastoral services \$767.99; received for revival services \$70.50; total \$838.49; given personally to the cause \$100; no. of sick visits made 20; no. of miles traveled 1000.

**FRED L. MOODY:** No. of churches pastored 1; no. of revivals conducted 1; no. of conversions 12; no. of sermons preached 72; no. of members received 2; no. baptized 2; no. of marriages 1; no. of funerals 2; received for pastoral services \$84; given personally to the cause \$60; no. homes visited 28; no. of homes prayed in 19; no. of sick visits made 48; no. of miles traveled 1400.

**ERNEST OWENBY:** No. of churches pastored 1; no. of revivals conducted 1; no. of conversions 9; no. of sermons preached 128; no. of members received 3; received for pastoral services \$1613.40; received for revival services \$126.80; total \$1740.20; given personally to the cause \$685.35; no. homes visited 74; no. of homes prayed in 32; no. of sick visits made 187; no. of miles traveled 10477; expenses \$847.70.

**CHARLES J. OWNSBY:** No. of conversions 2; no. of sermons preached 20; no. of funerals 1; received for pastoral services \$25.89; received for all other services \$28.14; total \$54.03; given personally to the cause \$112.26; no. homes visited 25; no. of sick visits made 15; expenses \$200.

**RANSOM PHILLIPS:** No. of churches pastored 1; no. of sermons preached 25; no. of funerals 3; received for pastoral services \$10; no. of miles traveled 50; expenses \$10.

**RAYMOND PONDER:** No. of churches pastored 1; no. of revivals conducted 1; no. of conversions 24; no. of sermons preached 60; no. of members received 8; no. baptized 3; no. of marriages 1; no. of funerals 2; received for pastoral services \$200; received for all other services \$30; total \$230; given personally to the cause \$250; no. homes visited 14; no. of homes prayed in 13; no. of sick visits made 7.

**MARVIN PONDER:** No. of churches pastored 1; no. of sermons preached 50; received for pastoral services \$575; given personally to the cause \$200; no. homes visited 15; no. of homes prayed in 8; no. of sick visits made 10; expenses \$150.

**GEORGE PLEMMONS:** No. of revivals conducted 3; no. of sermons preached 200.

**W. L. QUEEN:** No. of churches pastored 1 (assistant); no. of sermons preached 15; received for pastoral services \$575; given personally to the cause \$150.

**VERNON RADCLIFF:** No. of funerals 2; no. of sick visits made 10.

**G. M. REYNOLDS:** No. of churches pastored 1; no. of revivals conducted 2; no. of conversions 75; no. of sermons preached 85; no. of members received 9; no. baptized 4; no. of marriages 3; no. of funerals 6; received for pastoral services \$3178.10; received for revival services \$75; total \$3253.10; given personally to the cause \$660.90; no. homes visited 124; no. of homes prayed in 60; no. of sick visits made 131; no. of miles traveled 11330; expenses \$435.

**JESSE RICE:** No. of churches pastored 2; no. of revivals conducted 5; received for pastoral services \$929.01; received for revival services \$267.03; total \$1196.04; given personally to the cause \$100.

**L. F. RUMBOUGH:** No. of churches pastored 1; no. of conversions 19; no. of ser-

mons preached 52; no. baptized 1; received for pastoral services \$30; received for revival services \$15; total \$45; given personally to the cause \$300; no. homes visited 10; no. of homes prayed in 5; no. of sick visits made 3; no. of miles traveled 500; expenses \$150.

**ROY RUFF:** No. of revivals conducted 1; no. of conversions 15; no. of sermons preached 80; received for all other services \$50; given personally to the cause \$100.50; no. baptized 2; no. of homes prayed in 25; no. of sick visits made 35.

**RAYMOND SHELL:** No. of churches pastored 1; received for pastoral services \$1511; given personally to the cause \$504.

**EVERT SHELTON:** No. of churches pastored 1; no. of revivals conducted 2; no. of conversions 23; no. of sermons preached 112; no. baptized 5; no. of marriages 2; no. of funerals 2; received for pastoral services \$430.16; received for revival services \$8.78; received for all other services \$60; total \$498.94; given personally to the cause \$80; no. homes visited 56; no. of homes prayed in 18; no. of sick visits made 22; no. of miles traveled 4250; expenses \$180.

**ALFORD TAYLOR:** No. of churches pastored 1; no. of revivals conducted 2; no. of conversions 13; no. of sermons preached 115; no. of members received 1; no. of marriages 2; received for pastoral services \$149.17; received for revival services \$57; received for all other services \$45; total \$251.17; given personally to the cause \$225; no. of homes visited 34; no. of homes prayed in 35; no. of sick visits made 21; no. of miles traveled 655; expenses \$175.

**JAMES O. WALDROP:** No. of revivals conducted 2; no. of conversions 37; no. of sermons preached 102; no. baptized 3; no. of marriages 1; no. of funerals 4; received for revival services \$37; given personally to the cause \$175; no. homes visited 30; no. homes prayed in 12; no. sick visits made 24.

**W. A. WARD:** No. of churches pastored 1; no. of revivals conducted 1; no. of conversions 27; no. of sermons preached 50; no. of members received 5; received for pastoral services \$120; received for all other services \$100; total \$220; given personally to the cause \$25; no. homes visited 15; no. of homes prayed in 10; no. of sick visits made 7; no. of miles traveled 200; expenses \$25.

**C. R. WHEELER:** No. of churches pastored 1; no. of revivals conducted 1; no. of sermons preached 50; no. baptized 4; no. of funerals 1; received for pastoral services \$75; received for all other services \$200; total \$275; given personally to the cause \$25; no. homes visited 20; no. of homes prayed in 15; no. of sick visits made 10; no. of miles traveled 4000; expenses \$120.

**T. A. WHEELER:** No. of churches pastored 2; no. of revivals conducted 3; no. of conversions 26; no. of sermons preached 79; no. of members received 9; no. baptized 11; no. of funerals 7; received for pastoral services \$1112.30; received for revival services \$222.45; received for all other services \$92.50; total \$1427.25; given personally to the cause \$85.50.

**JAMES D. WILHIDE:** No. of churches pastored 1; no. of revivals conducted 1; no. of members received 2; no. of marriages 3; received for pastoral services \$1560; received for revival services \$50; received for all other services \$10; total \$1620.

## RESOLUTIONS

We believe in Congregational Government, the Church being the highest tribunal power ruled only by the vote of the majority of the active church members of the church that is involved.

### CONSTITUTION, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association.
2. This conference is formed under and by the authority of the French Broad Association and shall be composed of licensed and ordained ministers.
3. It shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said association, issuing licenses, prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, working for the most harmonious and effective ministry. Any person having the call of God to preach His Word, shall be liberated by his church for one year before presenting himself to the ordaining council to be licensed. Each licensed minister shall be elected as pastor of a duly organized church of the regular Free Will Baptists, in this or some other association or conference, he may apply for ordination after having been licensed one year.
4. The officers of this conference shall be a moderator and secretary-treasurer, who shall be elected annually and perform the duties usually performed by such officers.
5. This conference shall have the power to make such by-laws and other regulations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties.
6. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of four-fifths.

### Rules of Decorum

1. The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. There shall be no conversation by the members, one with another so as to interrupt business, while in session.
3. Every member speaking shall first rise and address the moderator.
4. No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.
5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of "Brother".
6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.
7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
9. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.
10. On all motions made where the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.
11. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.
12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.
13. Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

## Constitution

1. The association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each church.
2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended by letter from the church to which they belong and shall include the minister and some of the most able members belonging to the church.
3. The association when met and formed shall elect a moderator, assistant moderator and clerk.
4. The rules of decorum shall be read immediately after the association is formed.
5. This association will encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all sufficient 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. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes. I Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.
2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man; who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of heaven at the last day to judge both the quick and the dead. I Tim. 2:5-6; I John 2:2; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15.
3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God. St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4, 6.
4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a State of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily, by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death. Gen. 2:17; 3:19.
5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish; but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature. Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17; I Tim 2:4.
6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought them;



because they believe not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all contradiction that all men, at one time or other, are found in such a capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved. Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; I John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16-17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made to God in Christ for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe the Gospel. Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19-29; Luke 13:3-5; Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers his divine aid to all the human family, so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teaching; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit, shall at a further day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation, for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace. Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:44; Ps. 1:1; Mt. 2:11-12; Jer. 22:29

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation; considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ who brought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth that they might be saved; therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that does evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God. Jude 1:4; II Peter 2:1; II Thes. 2:11-12, Rom. 2:9-11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state, shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for of such is the kingdom of God. I Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36-37; Matt. 19:14.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men. Rev. 22:14-15; Isa. 1:19-20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34-35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God, through Jesus Christ believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God. Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20, 21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any persons to everlasting death or everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice, farther than He hath appointed the godly unto life and the ungodly, who die in sin, unto death. Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31; Matt. 25:31-46.

15. We believe, as touching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of the hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saint's feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, praying, singing praise to God and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament. Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5-17; Jas. 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subject for baptism. Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 2:28, 39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day. John 5:28, 29; II Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless. Matt. 25:46.

### **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, educations, Sabbath school, good morals and everything that is for the glory of God, and to the welfare of men, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever.

—Amen

### **By-Laws, Ministers' Conference**

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

2. Each member shall report at the annual meeting, either in person or by written report. \$1.00 shall accompany each minister's report to merit necessary expenses of this organization.

3. Five members shall constitute a quorum at all regular or legal meetings.

4. The moderator may call a special session at any time on request of three members.

5. At each meeting there shall be elected an ordaining council whose duty shall be to examine candidates, grant licenses, conduct ordinations, etc., and report at each regular meeting.

6. No member shall serve as pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, care for their pastor and contribute to other benevolent enterprises according to their ability.

7. No member shall meddle with the work of another or injure his reputation for usefulness, but watch over each other and thus promote harmony and love among the membership.

8. Each member, not excused from age or infirmities, is expected to do something to advance the cause of Christ and make a full report at each regular meeting.

9. Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry.

10. These by-laws may be amended by a vote of four-fifths majority at any annual meeting.

11. A minister will not be licensed or ordained in this conference if he owns a television.

**CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION**

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

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**STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE**

No. of members received.....; by experience and baptism.....;  
by letter and statement.....; by restoration.....; No. of members  
lost.....; by letter.....; by expulsion and erasure.....;  
by death.....; total increase.....; or decrease.....;  
present active membership.....; last year's active membership.....  
Sundays we have preaching .....

No. of revivals.....; held by: .....

No. of communion and feet washing services:  
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**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 \$.....; church repairs and improvements \$.....;  
other purposes \$.....; old ministers' 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 196.....  
TO 196.....

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. of homes prayed in .....

No. of sick visits made .....; No. of miles traveled .....

Expenses \$.....

Minister .....

Address .....







