

**MINUTES**  
Of The  
**93rd Annual Session**  
Of  
**FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Held at the  
**Sulphur Springs Free Will Baptist Church**  
**Hazelwood, N. C.**

**August 12, 13, 14, 1971**

**NEXT SESSION**

of the French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists will be held at Mt. O'Dale F.W.B. Church, Embreville, Tenn. beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1972, at 10:00 A.M. Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr. will preach the introductory sermon at 11:00 A.M., Rev. Ben Frisbey will be the alternate.

**OFFICERS**

**Moderator** ..... **Rev. Raymond Shell**  
**Blue Ridge Ave. Black Mountain, N. C.**

**Vice Moderator** ..... **Rev. Johnny Franks**  
**Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.**

**Clerk** ..... **Mrs. Archie Rice**  
**Rt. 1, Box 357-A, Black Mountain, N. C.**

**Historian** ..... **Mr. Howard Payne**  
**Marshall, N. C.**



## FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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CHURCH	PASTOR	SUNDAY WE HAVE PREACHING
BALSAM GROVE:	Rev. Ransome Phillips, Cullowhee, N.C.	2nd and 4th
BERNARD:	Rev. James Rice, Rt. 2, Box 78, Weaverville, N.C.	2nd and 4th
CAMP BRANCH:	Rev. Floyd Watts, Rt. 1, Box 402, Candler, N.C.---	
DRY BRANCH:	Rev. Jesse Rice, Rt. 2, Box 78, Weaverville, N.C.	every
EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN:	Rev. J.C. Almond, Black Mountain, N.C.	every
FAITH:	Rev. Raymond Shell, 103 Blue Ridge Ave., Black Mountain, N.C.	every
FUGATE:	Rev. John Maloy, Newport, Tenn.	every
GRACE:	Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr. Micaville, N.C.	1st and 3rd
HOLLY GROVE:	Rev. Floyd Frisbee, 107 Virginia Ave. Hazelwood, N.C.	every
HOT SPRINGS:	Rev. Hobert Bullman, Rt. 4, Marshall, N.C.	Every
HYATT CREEK:	Rev. Larry Coates, Rt. L, Barnardsville, N.C.	every
JONESTOWN:	Rev. Alford Taylor, Rt. 1, Alexander, N.C.	every
LAUREL FORK:	Rev. Roy Waldrop, Elkmont Dreve, Ashville, N.C.	every
LAURELTON CHAPEL:	Rev. Roscoe Higgins, Erwin, Tenn. N.C.	every
MARSHALL:	Rev. Vernon Radcliffe, Rt. 1, Alexander, N.C.	1st and 3rd
MOUNTAIN VIEW:	Rev. Vernon Radcliffe, Rt. 1., Alexander, N.C.	4th
MT'O'DALE:	Rev. R.C. Stockton, Rt. 1, Unicol. Tenn.	every
MOUNT ZION:	Rev. Elmer Edwards, Weaverville, N.C.	2nd and 4th
PAINT FORK:	Rev. Quince Miller, Rt/ 3, Box 185, Leicester, N.C.	every
PISGAH:	Rev. Bruce Freeman, Weaverville, N.C.	
RED HILL:	Rev. Cass Thomas, Rt. 5, Burnsville, N.C.	1st and 3rd
ROCKY BRANCH:	Rev. George Plemmons Box 608 Hazelwood, N.C.	every
SHOAL HILL:	Rev. Jennis Sluder Weaverville, N.C.	1st and 3rd
SULPHUR SPRINGS:	Rev. Elmer Keener 134 N. Main St., Canton, N.C.	every
WALNUT:	Rev. Warren Raece 220 Virginia Ave. West Ashville, N.C.	1st and 3rd
ERNESTVILLE:	Rev. James Black Mountain, N.C..	

Ernesville Church taken under watchcare of the Association

NINETY THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE  
FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION  
OF THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PROCEEDINGS

Beginning on Thursday, August 12, 1971 at 10:00 A.M. at Sulphur Springs  
Free Will Baptist Church at Hazelwood, N.C.

Opening song: "Heaven's Jubilee"

Welcome and devotionals by Rev. Elmer Keener

Scripture I Cor. 13

Prayer: Rev. Hobert Bullman

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR: Rev. Raymond Shell ----- Black Mountain, N.C.

VICE MODERATOR: Rev. Johnny Franks--- Black Mountain, N.C.

CLERK: Mrs. Archie Rice----- Black Mountain, N.C.

Historian Mr. Howard Payne ----- Marshall, N.C.

APPOINTMENT OF READING CLERKS

Rev. Roy Waldrop-----Brother Bill Bartlett

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Old Misisters Fund Mr. Howard Wheeler      Minute Fund      Rev. Watts

Missions Rev. Ben Frisbey, Jr.

Following the election of officers the moderator read the Rules of decorum. The body had a standing prayer in memory of member of the churches who have passed away since the last association led by Rev. T.A. Wheeler.

VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED

Rev. Coy Cavis, Rev. J.C. Almond,  
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 Rev. Elmer Keener, Rev. Rosco Higgins

11 A.M. Service  
 Song: 'Be Eady to Go'  
 Sermon: Rev. Larry Coates  
 Scripture: Rev. 13: 1-9  
 Prayer: Rev. Jennis Sluder.  
 1:30 Proceedings  
 Song: "Well Done My Child"

Special Singing: Wheeler Duet, Wilson Duett  
 Devotionals; Rev. Quince Miller  
 Scripture: 1 Peter  
 Prayer: Rev. Quince Miller

The church reports were read and the committees were appointed. Fugate Church requested a letter of transfer. The request was granted. The Ernestville Church was taken under the watchcare of the Association for a year.

7:30 P.M. Service  
 Altar Prayer

Song: "I Never Shall Forget The Day"  
 Special Singing: Wheeler Duet

SERMON: Rev. Raymond Shell

Scripture: Jeremiah 6.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BALSAM GROVE: by letter

BARNARD: Andy Farmer, ~~Wilet~~ Massey, Vannie Massey

Camp Branch: Rev. Floyd Watts

DRY BRANCH: Charlie C

ONNER, Edd Sams, Rev. Jesse Rice

East-Black Mountain: Inez Rayborn, Ellen Fox, Bill Bartlett, Rev.  
 and Mrs. J.C. Almond

ERNESTVILLE: Brother Belve Sanders and Brother Warren G. Hardin

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

FUGATE: by letter

grace; Mr. and Mrs. Kieth Smathers, Mr. Mrs. Howard Wheeler, Mrs.  
 Gerald Wheeler and Mrs. Leland Payne, Mrs. Russell Wheeler, Mrs.

Randall Shuford

HOLLY GROVE: Mrs. Lawrence Kilby

HOMERS CHAPEL: Mr. Mrs. J.A. Crowe, Rev. J.C. Franks, Mrs. Archie Rice

HOT SPRINGS: Elizabeth Sawyer, Elsa Fuller, Mrs. Perry Ricker, Ralph Woody,  
 Rev. Hobert Bullman

HYATT CREEK: by letter

JONESTOWN: Tony Hollar, Sanford McGallard, Darlene Ingle, Pauline Taylor

LAUREL FORK: Mr. Mrs. Walter Ball, Mrs. Sally Payne, Mrs. Oliver Ferguson, Mrs. Orpha Berlin

LAURELTON CHAPEL: by letter

MARSHALL: Sylevene Shelton, Donna Mary Parris

MOUNTIN VIEW: Walter de Weese, Will Radcliffe, Margaret Sluder, Kathleen Sluder

MT. O' DALE: Gene Bennet, Iris Mae Miller, Mary Hensley

MT. ZION: Rev. Jennis Sluder, Mrs. Faye Norton

PAINT FORK: Joe Gibson, Marion Mundy, Alma Coates, Kathy Munday, I.J. Miller  
Mary Anne Miller

PISGAH FOREST: by letter

RED HILL: Mrs. Ruth Briggs, Mrs. Cora Ramsey, Mrs. Dorothy Riggsby, John Cavis,  
Roy McDevitt

ROCKY BRANCH: Raymond Willet, Elsie Willet, George Wilson, Lottie Wilson

SHOAL HILL: Mrs. Lyda Brown, Mrs. Howard Payne, Mrs. Reba  
Toitora, Bud Johnson

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Sue Cutshaw, Betty Queen, Mrs. Stella Ward, Rev. R.A. Ward,  
Mrs. Bryson Messer

WALNUT: by letter

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Inez Rayborn, Margaret Sluder, Mary Miller

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Rev. Alford Taylor, Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. R.A. Ward

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: Donna Mary Parris, Mrs. Shelton, Dorothy Payne

PASTORS SUPPORT: I.J. Miller, Joe Gillis, William Radcliffe

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Rev. Archie Rice, Rev. Hobert Bullman, Rev. Larry Coates

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

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

OLD MINISTERS FUND: A standing committee, Howard Wheeler, Chairman

DEEPER DEVOTIONS: A standing committee, written by Rev. W.W. Ballard, deceased

OBITUARIES: Mrs. Pauline Taylor, Agnes Reynolds, Ossie Crowe

RESOLUTIONS: A standing committee, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford

FINANCE: A standing committee

TEMPERANCE: Walter DeWeese, Bill Bartlett, Rev. Roy Waldrop

PERIODICALS: Kathleen Sluder, Alma Coates, Stella Sluder

WOMANS AUXILIARY: Mrs. Keener, Carrie Foster, Betty Queen

SESSIONS: First delegate of each church

FRIDAY, 10:00 A. M.

Song: "Living By Faith"

Scriptures: Matt. 22: 1-12

Devotionals: Rev. Quince Miller

Heard reports of Churches. Rev. R.A. Ward was appointed Field Evangelist. A new rule was passed concerning the election of pastors for the churches. It is in the Constitution. The committee who made the new rules were Rev. Ben Frisbe, Howard Wheeler and Rev. Lloyd Chandler.

11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Special Singing: Wheeler Duet

Sermon: Rev. Floyd Watts

Scriptures: John 17:17

1:30 P. M. SERVICE

Song: "Prayer Bells Of Heaven"

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5

Devotionals: Rev. Archie Rice

Prayer: Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr.

The body agreed to give a pension to Rev. Hobert Bullman

7:30 P. M. SERVICE

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Sermon: Rev. T.A. Wheeler

Song: Some Glad Day

Scripture: Job

Special singing; Wheeler Family

Prayer: Rev. Raymond Shell

SATURDAY: 9:30 A.M.

Song: "In the Sweet Forever

Scripture: John 14: 1-3

Devotionals: Rev. Hobert Bullman

Prayer: Rev. Ben Frisby

Investigating Committee; Rev. J.W. Mann, Rev. James Rice, Rev. Ben Frisby

offering for minute fund \$33.93

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A standing committee, pastor and delegates young peoples work; we, your committee believe that we should work with and encourage constantly the youth of our day, bringing them up in the nature and admition of our Lord. Read Eph. 6:1-4. Train them up in the way they should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Read Proverbs 22:6.

Christ didn't neglect the young people, neither should we. Let's pray for them, stand by them, give them a part and watch them grow as they minister in their work for the Lord. Mary Miller, Margaret Sluder, Inez Rayburn.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS:** We, your committee, believe that our Sunday Schools should use the Bible for it's literature and have teachers who receive their knowledge from God. Read Proverbs 22:6, Rev. Alford Taylor, Rev. Walter Wilson, R.A. Ward

**PASTOR'S SUPPORT:** We, the committee, wish to point out a few ways in which we should support our pastors. First of all, let us state that a good shepherd will lay down his life for his sheep. John 10:11. It is essential to the spiritual welfare of our churches that we support is greater than ever. It is very essential that our people heartily endorse the gospel which God has committed to him and pray God will give him boldness. This would further encourage him to preach a strict gospel. after all he is human too. Joe Gilson, William Radcliffe, I.J. Mille

**HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS:** We, your committee, believe that every born again child of God should be a home missionary. It is our duty to try to get the last saved before it is too late, "And why call me Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say?" Luke 7:46

We also believe that each Church should support Foreign Missions. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. "Matt. 24:14 Let us do our part in getting the gospel to other lands. Let us remember our missionaries in prayer every day, and support them. They have left home and family to help those who have never heard the gospel. Let us be faithful in helping them. Sylvene Shelton, Dorothy Payne, Donna Mary Parris.

**LORD'S DAY OBSERBANCE:** We, your committee, would like to present one of the Commandments "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

And He said unto them. The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the sabbath Mark 2:27,28

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin. James 4:17  
If ye abide in me and my words abide in you. Ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7

Rev. Archie Rice, Rev. Hobert Bullman, Rev. Larry Coates

**MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE:** We protest again parents giving permits for children under law-ful 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. We will not ordain or license ministers who have two living wives. A standing committee, written by Rev. Henry Ballard, deceased.



AMENDMENT: Rev. Jesse Rice, Rev. Ben Frisbee, Jr.

OLD MINISTERS' BOARD: A standing committee -Howard Wheeler, Treasurer; Walter Ball, Billy Plemmons, David Shuford. 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 their obligation. 2) That our local ministers cooperate with our local board in every way possible. - Rev. Warren Reece, Rev. D. O. Adcock, Rev. 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 the 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 live 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, remember the words in 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." also, Revelations 14:13 "And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the spirit, they do rest from their labours: and their works do follow them"

We, as Christians, should from day to day encourage and support our fellowman in our endeavors as Christians and not wait until they are dead to give praise where it is due.

If anyone desires to bring a picture of a deceased loved one or member of the church to be put in the minutes in their memory, the committee suggest that the picture and the obituary be given to the clerk at the annual meeting of the Association. - Pauline Taylor, Mrs. J.A. Crowe, Agnes Reynolds

RESOLUTIONS: Be it resolved that we study additional ways and means by which the rank and file of our churches may be arused 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 missions of sharing Christ as they have carried out their missions, so many doors would not be closed to missionaries today. A standing committee. Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford.

TEMPERANCE: We, your committee, believe we should be temperate in all things. In these perilous times many of our youth are deceived. The Bible teaches us in Acts 24:25 "And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgement to come, Felix trembled, and answered, "Go thy way for this time when I have a convenient season I will call for thee "Titus 2:2 "That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience," We believe it is a sin to use alcoholic beverages in any form. "Wine is a mocker-strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Bill Bartlett, Walter DeWeese, Rev. Roy Waldrop

**PERIODICALS:** We, your committee, believe we should have our homes set in order. Having no literature or books that would be contrary to the King James Version Bible. We as Christian people should be familiar enough with the Bible, that we will know when someone is trying to put books and pamphlets in our churches or homes that would be contrary to sound doctrine.

In II Timothy we read, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Mrs. Stella Sluder, Mrs. Kathleen Sluder, Mrs. Alma Coates

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:** We, your committee, feel that the auxiliary should be to assist in all phases of the Gospel work. We should be like Dorcas in Acts 9:36-43, full of good works and alms deeds. We can then be an inspiration to lead many to the Lord. Mrs. Carrie Foster, Miss Betty Queen, Mrs. Elmer Keener

church business; we recommend that a election be announced two weeks or not less than one week which is agreeable to the church. This should be announced three times before the election.

II; A moderator who should be an active member and in fellowship with the church should be elected to carry out the business of the election.

III; Those who will be eligible to vote shall be active members who are in full fellowship with all the church. No person who is not a member of the body shall be eligible to vote; neither shall the members who are not active in the church work. Rev. Columbus Boone, Rev. Floyd Frisbee

**SESSIONS:** The next session of Free Will Baptists will be held with the Mt. O'Dale Church at Embreville, Tenn. beginning of Thursday before the third Sunday in August 1972 at 10:00 A.M. The Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr. is scheduled to preach the introductory Sermon at 11:00 A.M. Rev. Ben Frisbee is the alternate.

#### CLERKS FOR YEAR

**BALSAM GROVE:** Evelyn Mathis, Cullowhee, N.C.

**BARNARD:** Blanch Farmer Rt. 7 Box 45, Marshall, N.C.

**CAMP BRANCH:** Mrs. James J. Arrington, 204 East Geo. Ave. Hazelwood, N.C.

**DRY BRANCH:** Mrs. Amy Plemmons Rt. 4, Box 8, Marshall, N.C.

**EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN:** Mrs. Inez Rayborn, Black Mountain, N.C.

**ERNESTVILLE,** Ada Sanders 143 Fanning St. Erwin, Tenn.

**FAITH:** Mrs. B.C. Hollifield Rt. 1 Box 173, Black Mountain, N.C.

**FUGATE:** David Shults Rt. 2, Newport, Tenn.

**GRACE:** Keith Smathers Rt. 3, Canton, N.C.

**HOLLY GROVE:** Mrs. John Kilby, 300 Springview Dr. Waynesville, N.C.

**HOMERS CHAPEL:** Frances Munday Box 101, Black Mountain, N.C.

**HOT SPRINGS:** Ralph Woody Hot Springs, N.C.

**HYATT CREEK:** James Mintz, Canton, N.C.

**JONESTOWN:** Pauline Taylor Rt. 1 Alexander, N.C.

**LAURELFORK:** Mrs. Oliver Ferguson Rt. 1, Marshall, N.C.

**LAURELTON CHAPEL:** Cas Fender Rt. 6 Marshall, c N.C.

**MARSHALL:** Patricia Ann Fisher Rt. 5 Box 264 Marshall, N.C.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Vance Ponder Rt. 3, Box 5, Weaverville, N.C.

**MT. O'DALE:** Mrs. Emery Blevins, Rt. 1, Ervin Tenn.

**MT. ZION:** Mrs. Raye Norton Rt. 2, Marshall, N.C.

**PAINT FORK:** Richard Hydr Rt. 2, Weaverville, N.C.

- PISGAH FOREST: Bertah Thomas Rt. 1, Bos 280, Barnardsville, N.C.  
 RED HILL: Mrs. Monroe Payne Rt. 5, Marshall, N.C.  
 ROCKY BRANCH: Mrs. Kate Gunter, Box 12, Lake Junaluska, N.C.  
 SHOAL HILL: Dorothy Payne, Re. 5, Marshall, N.C.  
 SULPHUR SPRINGS: Harold Queen, 105 Sulphur Springs Rd. Hazelwood, N.C.  
 WALNUT: Mrs. Pat Lewis 213 Woodlawn Ave., Swannanoa, N.C.

REVIVALS AND COMMUNIONS

- BALSAM GROVE: Revivals 1, Rev. Hardin Nicholson  
 BERNARD: Revivals 1, Rev. Sammie Moore; Communion 3  
 DRY BRANCH: Communion 3  
 EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN: Revivals 1; Rev. Clarence Davis; Communion 4  
 ERNESTVILLE: Revivals 1, Rev. Eugene Osborne, Communion 3  
 FAITH: Communion 1  
 FUGATE: Revivals 2, Rev. Jess Kelly, Rev. J.B. Stills; Communion 3.  
 GRACE: Revivals 1, Rev. J.W. Mann, Rev. Lloyd Watkins; Communion 1  
 HOLLY GROVE: Revivals 3, Rev. Marvin Watts, Rev. Ernest Messer, Rev. Talmadge Maynor Communion 2.  
 HOMERS CHAPEL: Revivals 3, Rev. Marvin Watts, Rev. Ernest Messer, Rev. Talmadge Maynor Communion 3.  
 HOT SPRINGS: Revivals 1, Rev. J.B. Rhinehart; Communion 6.  
 HYATT CREEK: Revivals 1, Rev. R.C. Stockton; Communion 2.  
 JONESTOWN: Communion 4.  
 LAURELTON CHAPEL: Revivals 1, Rev. Coy Pharm, Rev. Charlie Sluder  
 MOUNTAIN VIEW: Communion 4.  
 MT O'DALE: Revivals 2, Rev. M.D. Hight, Rev. T.A. Wheeler, Rev. Joe Presley Wheeler Pressley  
 MT ZION: Revivals 1, Rev. Jennie Sluder, Rev. Zenous Allen  
 PAINTE FORK: Revivals 1, Rev. Farrell Sparks; Communion 4  
 RODKY BRANCH: Revivals 1, Rev. R.C. Stockton; Communion 1  
 SULPHUR SPRINGS: Revivals 2, Rev. Frank Thompson, Rev. Jack Chandler. Communion 3  
 WALNUT: Revivals 1, Rev. Warren Reece: Communion 1

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Alice Gentry Massey was born September 25, 1892 and died March 3, 1970. She had been a member of this Association for many years. She helped to feed and take care of the Association every time she could. She was a charter member of Burgins Chapel Church. She and her husband were the main workers in the church for many years. She taught the card class for twenty years. She was a devoted mother and friend. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.





Mrs. Hattie Chandler was born December 8, 1888 and died April 19, 1971 at the age of 82. God called her to her Heavenly Home to be at rest with Him.

She led many precious souls to the Lord and attended services as long as she was able. She is greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. We believe God said "well done my child, you are welcome home." ( written by Pauline Taylor)

**BARNARD:** Mrs. Polly Roberts died August 9, 1971 at the age of 84. She did not belong to the Barnard Church but she attended as long as she was able. She helped keep the little church going. When the new one was started, she organized the auxiliary and put in all the time she could even sitting up late at night making things to sell to help pay for the new church.

She was a mother to all of us and lived for the Lord every day of the week. She prayed by all who we hope we will all be ready to meet her in Heaven.

**LAURELTON CHAPEL:** Mrs. Claude Proffitt age 62 died February 18, 1971. She was a member of Laurelton Chapel for 32 years. Most of these years she was a teacher and took part in other activities of the church. She stood firm and kept the faith: She is greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

**BALSAM GROVE:** Superintendent, Dell Wood, Sylvia, N.C.: Secretary, Evelyn Mathis, Cullowhe No. classes 1; No. pupils 40; Literature, Union; expenses \$25.00

**BARNARD:** Superintendent, Andy Farmer, Rt. 7, Box 45, Marshall, N.C.: No. classes 2; No. pupils 28; literature Bible and F.W.B. ; expenses \$16.33

**CAMP BRANCH:** Superintendent, Fred McDonald, Hazelwood, N.C.: Secretary, Ellen Arrington, Hazelwood, N.C.; No. classes 3; literature Bible

**DRY BRANCH:** Superintendent, Otis Davis, Marshall, N.C.; No. classes 4; No pupils 41; literature Bible; expenses \$205.87

**EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN:** Superintendent, Bill Bartlett, Black Mountain, N.C.; Secretary, Wanda Plemmons, Swannanoa, N.C.; No. classes 5; No. pupils 48; literature Bible and F.W.B. ; Expenses \$41.65

**FAITH:** Superintendent, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Black Mountain, N.C.; Secretary, Mrs. B.C. Hollifield, Rt.1, Black Mountain, N.C.; No. classes 3; No. pupils 30; literature Bible

**FUGATE:** Superintendent, Hugh Ponder, Del Rio, Tenn.; Secretary, Reba Sawyer, Hot Springs; No. Classes 3; No. pupils 65; literature Bible.

**GRACE:** Superintendent, David Shuford, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C.; Secretary, Burdell Wheeler, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C.; No. classes 4; No. pupils 27; literature, Bible.

**HOLLY GROVE:** Superintendent, Neal Clarke, 109 Overlook Dr. Waynesville, N.C.; Secretary, John Kilby, 300 Springview Dr., Waynesville, N.C.; No. classes 5; No. pupils 60; literature bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$211.45.

**HOMERS CHAPEL:** Superintendent, John Mundy, Black Mountain, N.C.; Secretary, Mrs. ray Wiseman, Black Mountain, N.C.; No. classes 7; No. pupils 101; Literature Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$127.79..

**HOT SPRINGS:** Superintendent, Joe Cogdill, Hot Springs, N.C.; Secretary, Mabel Ramsey, Hot Springs, N.C.; No. classes 3; No. pupils 45; Literature bible; expenses \$53.81

**HYATT CREEK:** Superintendent, Joe Green, Rt.1, Waynesville, N.C.; Secretary, Judy Presley, Rt. 1, Waynesville, N.C.; No. classes 4; literature Bible;

**JONESTOWN:** Superintendent, Sanford McGalliard, Rt. 1, Alexander, N.C.; Secretary, Kathleen McGalliard, Rt.1, Alexander, N.C.; No. classes 3; No. pupils 34; Literature Bible; expenses \$3.00

**LAUREL FORK:** Superintendent, Kelly Allen, Rt. 1 Mrs. Marshall, N.C.; Secretary, Janet Cooper, Rt. 1, Marshall, N.C. No. classes 4, No. pupils 35; literature Bible and Union expenses \$73.86.

**LAURELTON CHAPEL:** Superintendent; Cas Fender, Rt. 6, Marshall, N.C.; Secretary, Shirley Fender, Rt.6, Marshall, N.C.; No. classes 4; No. pupils 35; Literature Bible and F.W.B. expenses \$64.92.

**MARSHALL:** Superintendent, Howard Reece, Box 93, Weaverville, N.C. : Secretary, Mrs. Hubert Rector, Box 373, Marshall, N.C.; No. classes 5; No. pupils 35; literature F.W.B.; expenses \$192.40

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Superintendent, Carlos Radcliffe, Rt. 3, Leicester, N.C.; Secretary, Miss Becky Ponder Rt. 3, Box 5, Weaverville, N.C.; No. classes 6; No. pupils 70; literature Bible

**MT O'DALE:** Superintendent, Emery Blevins, Rt. 1, Erwin, Tenn; Secretary, Amos Hensley, Jonesboro, Tenn.; No. classes 4; No. pupils 36; literature, Bible; expenses \$319.05. Corrections No. pupils 70; Literature Bible.

**MT. ZION:** Superintendent, Jack Seay, Rt. 2, Marshall, N.C.; Secretary, Deborah Green Rt. 2, Box 225, Asheville, N.C.; No. classes 4; No. pupils 36; literature, Bible; expenses \$319.05.

**PAINT FORK:** Superintendent, Taft Mundy; Barnardsville, N.C.; Secretary, Carrol Mundy, Barnardsville, N.C.; No. classes 4; No. pupils 50; literature Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$34.60.

**RED HILL:** Superintendent, Jack Cole, Rt. 5, Marshall, N.C.; Secretary, Mrs. Reva Rigby, Rt. 5, Marshall, N.C.; No. classes 6; No. pupils 58; literature Bible and F.W.B. expenses \$109.15.

**ROCKY BRANCH:** Superintendent, Raymond Willett, 1103 Sulphur Springs R., Waynesville, N.C.; Secretary, Ardith Wyatt, Rt. 1, Box 740, Waynesville, N.C.; No. classes 4; No. pupils 65; Literature Bible and F.W.B. ; expenses \$68.34.

**SHOAL HILL:** Superintendent, Jimmy Ponder, Rt. 5, Marshall, N.C.; Secretary, Ruth Henderson Rt. 5, Marshall, N.C.; No. classes 3; No. pupils 26; literature Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$101.08.

**SULPHUR SPRINGS:** Superintendent, William Mehaffy, 1111 Sulphur Springs Rd., Waynesville, N.C.; Secretary, Betty Queen, 105 Sulphur Springs Rd., Waynesville, N.C.; No. classes 6; No. pupils 90; literature, Bible; expenses \$210.99

**WALNUT:** Superintendent, Kenneth Lewis, 213 Woodlawn Ave., Swannanoa, N.C.; Secretary, Kaye Davis, Rt. 5, Box 216, Marshall, N.C.; No. classes 5; No. pupils 38; literature, F.W.B.; expenses \$120.38.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

**HOMERS CHAPEL:** President Miss Frances Mundy P.O. Box 101, Black Mountain, N.C.; Secretary, Mrs. Archie Rice, Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N.C.; No. members 15; gained this year 1; meets every week; Money taken in \$947.90; money paid out \$366.42.

**HOT SPRINGS:** Meets every Sunday; money taken in \$692.79; money paid out \$659.55  
**MARSHALL:** President, Mrs. Billy Fore, Marshall, N.C.; Secretary, Mrs. Zennie Parris Marshall, N.C.; No. members 16; gained this year 1; meets once a month; money taken in \$574.88; money paid out \$476.24.

**WALNUT:** President, Mrs. Grace Dockery, Rt. 5, Marshall, N.C.; Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Cody, Rt. 5, Box 212 Marshall, N.C.; No. members 13; meets every week; money taken in \$416.05; money spent \$549.29.

**EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN:** President, Mrs. Lisa Green, Black Mountain, N.C.; Secretary, Mrs. Doris Bartlett, Black Mountain, N.C.; No. members 12; gained this year 1; meets every two weeks; money taken in \$248.45; money paid out \$226.38.

#### FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

AUGUST 1, 1970 --- August 1971 proceedings.

The French Broad Free-Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Mt. O'Dale Church in Embreeville, Tenn. on Saturday, November 28, 1970 at 10:00. The meeting opened with prayer. Opening Song: 'I've seen the light' special singing: Wheeler Duet, Stockton Trio, Rev. Gene Osborn Solo.

Special prayer for Ray Stockton who was ill. A time of testimony and much rejoicing. Visiting Ministers present were; Rev. Fred Markland, Johnson City, Tenn. Rev. Norman Jarrett, Roan Mountain, Rev. Ted Hilton Johnson City, Tenn., Rev. Spivey Penland Rt.1, Unicoi, Tenn., Rev. Clifford Shetley, Marshall, Rev. Billy Ted Jarrett, Roan Mountain.

Rev. J.B. Miller Miretta, S.C. Rev. Gene Osborn, Johnson City, Tenn.

Sermon; Rev. Archie Rice; Scripture 1 Kings 12: 27, Matt. 7:15

2P.M. Service; Special singing: Rhinehart Duet, Riddle Family; Prayer: Rev. Joe Pressley; Devotionals: Rev. Spivey Penland; Scripture 1 Cor. 13

The Moderator, Rev. Wheeler opened the business session by reading the "Constitution of Ministers Conference" Nineteen ministers answered to the roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Cecil Creasman's name was taken from the roll. Rev. Floyd Watts and Rev. Walter Wilson were appointed to the Ordination Council. The moderator called for fellowship of the body, Rev. Larry Coates resigned from the Field Evangelist position. Johnny Marler was licensed to preach. Rev. and Mrs Markland sang a duet. collection for flower fund \$23.07; Total \$55.93.

The next Conference is scheduled for January 30, 1971 at the East Black Mountain Church with Rev. Alford Taylor scheduled to preach.

The French Broad Free-Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the East Black Mountain Church on Saturday, January 30, 1971 at 10:00 A.M. Song: "I WOULD NOT BE DINIED"

Devotionals: Rev. Clarence Wheeler; Scripture: John 14

Altar prayer led by Rev. Edgar Coleman

Special Singing: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wheeler, Riddle Duet, Rhinehart Trio.

Prayer: Rev. J.W. Mann; Song Riddle Duet

Visiting Ministers present were: Rev. G.M Reynolds, Rev. Earl Biddle, Rev. Gene Osborn, Rev. Ralph Roberts, Rev. Arnold Bullman, Rev. Charles Stockton

#### 11 A.M. Service:

Sermon: Rev. Alford Taylor; Scripture: Matt. 19:14-24

#### 2 P.M Service

Song: "JUST OVER IN THE GLORY LAND"

Devotionals: Rev. Ben Frisbee, Jr.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-4

Altar prayer for special requests and for the sick.

Solo: Rev. Gene Osborn

Thirty four Ministers answered to the roll call. Rev. Jennis Sluder and Rev. Ben Frisbee, Jr. were appointed to the ordination council. Jr. is scheduled to preach.

Flower Fund \$55.93

Flowers for Mrs. Chandler \$9.27

Total 46.66

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met with the Rocky Branch Church at Hazelwood, N.C. on Saturday, May 29, 1971 at 10:00 A.M.

Opening Song : "Come Unto Me"

Devotionals: Rev. Burl Ledford; Altar Prayer

Scriptures: John 4: 14-24

Special singing: Rhinehart Duet, Wheeler Trio, Rhinehart Duet

This was a time of much rejoicing

The Moderator called the meeting to order and read "Constitution of Ministers Conference"

Song: Wheeler Duet, Solo, Mrs. Blevins

Sermon: Rev. Ben Frisby, Jr.; Scripture: Matt. 26: 33, 34, 69-75

Visiting Ministers were Rev. Gene Foster, Erwin, Tenn., Rev. Venson Plemmons  
Rev. Archie Cook, Rt. 5, Marion

2: P.M. Service Song: "I Will Never Turn Back"

Devotionals: Rev. Jennis Sluder; Scripture: John 2: 1-5

Prayer: Rev. Archie Rice

Twenty seven ministers answered to the roll call. The minutes of the last w meeting were read and approved.

Rev. James Waldrop and Rev. Benjamin Walker were dropped from the roll.

Rev. Jennis Sluder was appointed to the ords ordaining council

Prayer of healing led by Rev. Charlie Hollifield.

Collection for flower fund \$26.10 amount in treasury \$46.66. Total \$72.76

The Rev. Ben Frisby, Jr. was ordained to preach. Rev. J.W. Mann preached the ordination Sermon.



ANNUAL SESSION

The French Broad Free-Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Sulphur Springs Church August 14, 1971 as a follow up of the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR: Rev. T. A. Wheeler..... Rt. 2, Canton, N. C.

VICE MODERATOR: Rev. Floyd Watts..... Rt. 1, Box 402, Candler, N.C.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER: Mrs. Archie Rice..... Black Mountain, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Rev. Raymond Shell, Rev. Ben Frisby Jr., Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr., Rev. Joe Pressley, Rev. J. W. Mann

SONG: "In The Sweet Forever"

DEVOTIONALS: Rev. Hobert Bullman; Scripture: John 14:1-3

PRAYER: Rev. Ben Frisbey Jr.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: Rev. J. W. Mann, Rev. James Rice, Rev. Ben Frisby Jr. Visiting ministers were: Rev. R. A. Ward, Rev. Robert Ward, Jonesboro, Tenn., Rev. Archie Cook, Rt. 5, Marion, N. C.

Twenty-five ministers answered to the roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Rev. Evert Shelton was dropped from the roll. Rev. Fred Moody and Rev. Benjamin Walker turned in their credentials.

Lloyd Watkins was licensed to preach. Rev. R. A. Ward was given his ordination paper.

The next conference will be held with the Grace Church above Canton. The Rev. Lloyd Watkins is scheduled to preach.

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## MINISTERS' DONATIONS TO THE OL'D MINISTERS' FUND

Rev. G.W. Briggs	\$11.00	Rev. Joe Pressley	\$12.00
Rev. Rosco Briggs	\$6.00	Rev. Vernon Radcliffe	\$10.00
Rev. Hobert Bullman	\$15.00	Rev. J.B. Rhinehart	\$12.00
Rev. Lloyd Chandler	\$10.00	Rev. Archie Rice	\$12.00
Rev. Larry Coats	\$10.00	Rev. Raymond Shell	\$18.00
Rev. Eugene Duyck	\$15.00	Rev. Jennis Sluder	\$12.00
Rev. Johnny Franks	\$12.00	Rev. R.C. Stockton	\$12.00
Rev. Ben Frisbee Jr.	\$15.00	Rev. Lawrence Smith	\$24.00
Rev. Charlie Hollifield	\$12.00	Rev. Floyd E. Watts	\$25.00
Rev. Burl Ledford	\$5.00	Rev. Clarence Wheeler	\$5.00
Rev. J.W. Mann	\$5.00	Rev. Russell Wheeler	\$12.00
rev. Fred L. Moody	\$5.00	Rev. T.A. Wheeler	\$12.00
Rev. Charles Ownsbey	\$18.00	Rev. Walter Wilson	\$16.00

Total \_\_\_\_\_ \$321.00

**FINANCE REPORT**

Amount In Bank At Beginning Of Year 1970-71	\$1,501.42
Received From Churches	\$1,388.87
Received From Ministers	\$321.00
Interest On Money In Savings	\$181.48
Love Offering From Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Gregg	\$10.00
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Total	\$3,402.77
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Paid Out	\$2,122.00
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Total In Checking Aug. 16, 1971	\$1,280.77

It was talked about at the Association that each church send an offering each fifth Sunday to the old ministers' fund. This is not only for the old ministers, but for any who get sick and need help. I would like to say that at any time anyone knows of a minister being sick please let me know. This is the only way I have of knowing about their sickness and needs so I can go see them. I want to be a help in anyway I can. As You give you have a part in helping the ministers, both old and young, who is sick and in need.

I pray the Lord will bless each one of you.

**HOWARD WHEELER**

**OLD MINISTERS' FUND**

**Amount Received From Church**

Averys' Creek	\$5.06	Laurelton Chapel	\$5.00
Barnard	\$12.25	Marshall	\$50.00
Camp Branch	\$5.00	Mountain View	\$117.40
Dry Branch	\$20.00	Mt. O'Dale	\$50.00
East Black Mt.	\$22.39	Mt. Zion	\$15.00
Faith	\$120.00	Paint Fork	\$115.42
Grace	\$222.19	Red Hill	\$80.00
Homers Chapel	\$122.19	Rockey Branch	\$20.00
Hyatt Creek	\$32.62	Shoal Hill	\$84.00
Jonestown	\$10.00	Sulphur Springs	\$90.00
Laurel Fork	\$42.10	Walnut	\$142.88
		Earnestville	\$5.00
		Total	\$1,388.87

**PAID OUT**

Rev. J.C. Franks	\$264.00	Rev. G.W. Briggs	\$264.00
Rev. Vernon Radcliffe	\$264.00	Rev. Lloyd Chandler	\$264.00
Rev. G.A. Marshall	\$264.00	Mrs. Maley Rice	\$264.00
Rev. H.E. Lunsford	\$264.00	Stamps and envelopes	\$10.00
Rev. Charlie Hollifield	\$264.00		
		Total	\$2,122.00

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## ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Rev. G. W. Briggs.....Dandridge, Tenn.  
 Rev. Roscoe Briggs.....Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.  
 Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr.....Micaville, N. C.  
 Rev. Hobert Bullman.....Rt. 4, Box 88, Marshall, N.C.  
 Rev. Ralph Bullman.....Rt. 4, Box 272, Skyland, N. C.  
 Rev. G. Y. Burgin.....Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.  
 Rev. Ralph Carter.....Rt. 2, Box 43, Marshall, N. C.  
 Rev. Lloyd Chandler.....Walnut, N. C.  
 Rev. Larry Coates.....Rt. 1, Barnardsville, N. C.  
 Rev. G. E. Cody.....Rt. 1, Box 93, Black Mountain, N. C.  
 Rev. Edgar D. Creasman.....155 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, N. C.  
 Rev. Eugene Duyck.....Barnardsville, N. C.  
 Rev. Johnny Franks.....Rt. 1, Box 249, Black Mountain, N. C.  
 Rev. Ben Frisby.....P. O. Box 342, Marshall, N. C.  
 Rev. Charlie Hollifield.....Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C.  
 Rev. Burl Ledford.....Rt. 4, Burnsville, N. C.  
 Rev. H. E. Lunsford.....Rt. 7, Box 8, Marshall, N. C.  
 Rev. J. W. Mann.....Rt. 4, Marion, N. C.  
 Rev. Johnny Marler.....Rt. 1, Marshall, N. C.  
 Rev. G. A. Marshall.....361 Fairview Road, Asheville, N.C.  
 Rev. Claude Mills.....1044 Allens Creek Rd., Waynesville, N. C.  
 Rev. Charles Ownsbey.....341 Fountain Way, Swannanoa, N. C.  
 Rev. Ransome Phillips.....Cullowhee, 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. Vernon Radcliffe.....Rt. 1, Alexander, N. C.  
 Rev. J. B. Rhinehart.....Box 462, Hazelwood, N. C.  
 Rev. Archie Rice.....Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N.C.  
 Rev. James Rice.....106 Louisa St., Black Mtn., N. C.  
 Rev. Jesse Rice.....Rt. 2, Box 78, Weaverville, N. C.  
 Rev. L. F. Rumbough.....38 Montrose Ave., Asheville, N. C.  
 Rev. Roy Ruff.....302 Stoev Acres, King's Mountain, N. C.  
 Rev. Raymond Shell.....103 E. Blue Ridge Ave., Black Mountain, N. C.  
 Rev. Jennis Sluder.....Rt. 2, Weaverville, N. C.  
 Rev. R. C. Stockton.....Rt. 1, Unicol, Tenn.  
 Rev. Lawrence 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. Roy Waldrop.....87 Elkmont Dr., Asheville, N. C.  
 Rev. R. A. Ward.....Hazelwood, N. C.  
 Rev. Floyd Walkins.....Rt. 1, Box 226, Sylva, N. C.  
 Rev. Floyd Elbert Watts.....Rt. 1, Box 402, Candler, N.C.  
 Rev. Clarence Wheeler.....Rt. 1, Swannanoa, N. C.  
 Rev. Russell Wheeler.....Rt. 2, Canton, N. C.  
 Rev. T. A. Wheeler.....Rt. 2, Canton, N. C.  
 Rev. Walter Wilson.....Rt. 1, Marshall, N. C.

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### ORDAINED MINISTERS REPORTS

REV. G.W. BRIGGS: Sermons 3; Marriages 1

Rev. Roscoe Briggs Jr. : Churches pastored 2; revivals 4, conversions 9; members received 8; baptized 11; funerals 4; sermons 123; miles traveled 8,000; received for pastoral services \$1,523.41; received for revivals \$404.00; total \$1,927.41; expenses \$400.00; given to cause \$200.00.

Rev. Hobert Bullman: churches pastored 1; revivals 2; conversions 3; sermons 75; baptized 3; marriages 1; funerals 7; received for pastoral services \$490.85; revivals \$35.00; other services \$17.00; Total \$542.85; homes visited and prayed in 25; sick visits 10; miles traveled 1,200; expenses \$100.00.

Rev. Gorman Burgin: churches pastored 1; revivals 1; conversions 6; baptized 2; sermons 60; members received 11; received for services \$1,120.00; given to cause \$300.00; homes visited 70; sick visits 15; miles traveled 800.

Rev. Lloyd Chandler: conversions 4; sermons 50; marriages 4; funerals 2; received for services \$75.00; homes visited 30; homes prayed in 20; sick visits 25.

Rev. Larry Coates; Churches pastored 1; baptized 2; funerals 1; received for services \$661.25; given to cause \$225.00.

Rev. Ben Frisby Jr.: churches pastored 1; conversions 1; sermons 42;; members received 1; baptized 2; funerals 1; received for services \$355.83; given to cause \$255.00; homes visited 62; homes prayed in 25; sick visits 11; miles traveled 4,947; expenses \$192.00

Rev. Burl Ledford: Sermons 43; given to cause \$40.00; received \$142.00; funerals 1.

Rev. G.A. Marshall: churches pastored 1; conversions 1; sermons 35; received for services \$700.50; miles traveled 2,000.

Rev. Claude Mills; churches pastored 1; conversions 6; sermons 80 ; marriages 1; funerals 7; received for services 675.00; sick visits 20; miles traveled 1, 500; expenses \$150.00.

Rev. Fred L. Moody: churches pastored 1; revivals 2; conversions 17; sermons 61; members received 3; marriages 3; funerals 4; received for services \$55.00; given to cause \$75.00; homes visited 19; prayed in 8; sick visits 38; miles traveled 1,200.

Rev. Charles Ownsbey: churches pastored 1; revivals 2; conversions 2; sermons 23; received for services \$20.00; given \$381.45; homes visited 100.

Rev. Ransome Phillips: churches pastored 1; sermons 24; members received 13; baptized 7; funerals 1; received for services \$200.00; given \$50.00; sick visits 1; miles traveled 60;

Rev. George D. Plemmons: churches pastored 1; sermons 200; baptized 20; marriages 1; funerals 5; received for services \$550.72.

Rev. Vernon Radcliffe: churches pastored 2; conversions 3; members received 8; baptized 3; funerals 3; received for pastoral services \$940.30; other services \$25.00; total \$965.34; given \$125.00; sick visits 10.

Rev. James N. Rice: Churches pastored 1;

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Rev. Jennis Sluder: churches pastored 2; revivals 3; conversions 12; sermons 87; marriages 1; funerals 4; received \$761.28; given \$267.50; homes prayed in 20; sick visits 81;

Rev. Raymond Shell: churches pastored 2; received \$1,310.50; given \$303.00;

Rev. Alford Taylor: churches pastored 1; revivals 3; conversions 20; sermons 126; members received 23; baptized 2; funerals 1; received for pastoral services \$203.52; revival services \$322.00; total \$525.52; given \$75.00; homes visited 35; prayed in 15; sick visits 20; miles traveled 2,562; expenses \$157.00;

Rev. Floyd Watts; churches pastored 1; marriages 1; funerals 1; received for services \$176.11 given \$650.00; miles traveled 6,00; expenses \$900.00.

Rev. C. R. Wheeler:: revivals 3; sermons 40; received \$50.00; given \$200.00.

Rev. T.A. Wheeler; revivals 2; conversions 17; sermons 38; baptized 2; funerals 5; received for revivals \$255.60; other services \$37 .90; total \$633.50.

### Licensed Ministers Reports

Rev. Johnny Bruce Marlor: Sermons 60; funerals 1; received for services \$100.00 given \$80.00; homes visited 35; homes prayed in 20; sick visits 18; miles traveled 1,200 expenses \$500.00.

### 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 moderators, 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.



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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 committee 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.

The association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

10. The Association may withdraw from any church having a pastor either elected or acting of a different denomination.

Ministers of the Free-Will Baptist denomination; but of another association may pastor our churches after they have appeared before our ordaining council and have been passed on, such ministers shall abide by our by-laws.

### 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. 1 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; Jhn 2:2; Neb. 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.

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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 teachings; 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; Tit. 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 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 of 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.

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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; 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; 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 manufacturing 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

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## RESOLUTIONS

We believed 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 persons 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 for 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 by 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 members 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 members, 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.

**FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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 service: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor for next year \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk for next year \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

**FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

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**MINISTERS' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 197.....  
TO 197.....**

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

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

No. of members received .....; No. baptized .....; No. of marriage  
.....; No. of funereals .....

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 .....

**FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Pastor's salary \$ ..... ; home mission-local charity \$ ..... ;  
Foreign Missions \$ ..... ; church repairs and improvements \$ ..... ;  
Other purpose \$ ..... ; 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 \$ .....

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS**

Superintendent ..... ; Address .....

Secretary ..... ; Address .....

No. of classes ..... ; No. of pupils ..... ; kind of literature used

..... ; expenses \$ .....

## FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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### BY-LAWS, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. The regular meeting of this conference shall be held annually the day after the meeting of the association.
2. Each member shall report at the annual meeting, either in person or by written report. \$1.00 shall accompany each minister's report to merit necessary expenses of this organization.
3. Five member 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 annual 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 the reputation for usefulness, but watch over each other and hose 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 unis conference if he owns a television.
12. If a minister misses three quarterly conferences in succession, he will be silenced until he makes restitution.
13. If a man has been liberated by his church to preach his church must write a letter of recommendation to present to the conference at the end of the year.
14. A preacher must abide by the laws that are now in force if he remains in the conference.



**FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Churches	Members Received	Exp. And Baptism	Letter Statement	Restoration	Lost	By Letter	Expulsion And Erasure	Death	Increase	Decrease	Last Year's	Active Membership
BALSAM GROVE	13	9		1					13		37	50
BARNARD											10	
CAMP BRANCH	No Report											
DRY BRANCH	2	2			2	2						30
EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN	21	4	16	1					49		24	36
FAITH											40	40
FUGATE	20				3	2		1	20	3	96	105
GRACE												18
HOLLY GROVE	8	1	7		2	2			6		52	58
HOMERS CHAPEL	2		2		3		2	1			103	102
HOT SPRINGS								1			50	50
HYATT CREEK	5	2	3					1	5		34	39
JONESTOWN	19	2	17		1			1	19		15	34
LAUREL FORK					1	1						
LAURELTON CHAPEL			1				1	1	1	2	54	54
MARSHALL	2	2			1		1		2	1	44	45
MOUNTAIN VIEW	5	2	3		5	1	4		5	5	68	68
MT. O'DALE	10	1	9		4	3		1	10		58	68
MOUNT ZION	1		1		1			1			25	25
PAINT FORK	7		7		1			1			44	50
PISGAH FOREST	1	1										
RED HILL	5		5			4			5			70
ROCKY BRANCH	10	10			5	4	1	1	10	5	36	40
SHOAL HILL					1	1				1	33	32
SULPHUR SPRINGS	8	8			15	2	12	1	8	15	101	94
WALNUT					2	2				2	40	38
ERNESTVILLE		9										
TOTALS	139	53	71	2	47	24	21	11	153	34	964	1,156

## FINANCE REPORT

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Missions	Foreign Missions	Repairs	Other	Old Ministers Fund	Minute	Value Of Church Property
BALSAM GROVE	200.00			920.80			5.00	5,000.00
BARNARD	573.45	21.31		303.60		12.25	5.00	10,000.00
CAMP BRANCH				1,000.00		5.00	5.00	
DRY BRANCH	260.00	80.00			16.90	20.00	10.00	6,423.35
EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN	1,500.00	110.22	60.00	673.82	894.58	21.78	10.00	20,000.00
FAITH	480.05			18.78	171.46	105.00	10.00	17,000.00
FUGATE	1,580.55	494.56		1,823.84			5.00	6,166.90
GRACE	314.26	436.02		450.00		222.56	10.00	11,558.87
HOLLY GROVE	1,276.00	242.00	60.00		827.53		10.00	18,000.00
HOMERS CHAPEL	4,210.00	435.35	295.17	980.21	1,700.00	122.19	30.00	29,000.00
HOT SPRINGS	490.85	10.50			582.09		5.00	9,355.16
HYATT CREEK	781.12			610.61	96.69	32.62	20.00	10,000.00
JONESTOWN	203.52					10.00	10.00	3,854.71
LAUREL FORK	1,226.40	180.25		81.80	257.17	42.10	10.00	1,676.00
LAURELTON CHAPEL	308.21		10.00	468.07	30.00	5.00	5.00	5,000.00
MARSHALL	409.86	75.00	150.00	2,963.00	138.50	50.00	15.00	5,275.00
MOUNTAIN VIEW	490.34	204.45	140.00	1,207.70	768.71	117.40	20.00	32,107.70
MTO' DALE	2,600.00	413.13		2,000.00	478.29	50.00	10.00	12,000.00
MOUNT ZION	383.90					15.00	10.00	8,000.00
PAINT FORK	1,090.53	332.00	15.00	15.00	394.68	115.42	15.00	12,000.00
PISGAH FOREST				1,600.00			5.00	
RED HILL	935.00	76.00	910.00	200.00	119.12	80.00	17.00	25,000.00
ROCKY BRANCH	550.72	319.86		2,139.25	772.11	20.00	25.00	10,000.00
SHOAL HILL	457.58		120.00	120.00	225.59	84.00	10.00	6,700.00
SULPHUR SPRINGS	2,326.87	99.74	288.00	3,442.20		90.00	15.00	25,000.00
WALNUT	800.00	100.00	50.00	160.12	388.88	142.88	10.00	25,000.00
ERNESTVILLE	725.37	5.00		2,000.00		5.00		6,500.00
	24,174.60	4,217.48	2,098.71	23,976.80	7,280.21	1,366.20	302.00	313,117.69



