

MINUTES

Of The
95TH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

French Broad Association

of

Free Will Baptists

Held at the

HOT SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
HOT SPRINGS, N. C.

AUGUST 16, 17, 18, 1973

NEXT SESSION

Of the French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists will be held at Rocky Branch F.W.B. Church, Hazelwood, N. C. beginning on Thursday, before the third Sunday in August, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Spivey Penland will preach the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Lawrence E. Smith will be the alternate.

OFFICERS

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

Vice Moderator Rev. Jennis Sluder
Weaverville, N. C.

Clerk Mrs. Archie Rice
Rt. 1, Box 410, Black Mountain, N. C.

Historian Mr. Howard Payne
Marshall, N. C.



These minutes are dedicated to the memory of the Rev. Hobert Bullman who went on to his reward this year. Brother Bullman was a faithful member of the conference for many years. He attended when he wasn't really able because of his love of the Lord and His work and the fellow Ministers'.

He organized the Hot Springs Church and was the pastor there for many years as long as he was able. May all the ministers' follow the example of his faithfulness to the Lord until his death. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life". Rev. 2:10.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	PASTOR	SUNDAY WE HAVE PRAEHCING
BALSAM GROVE:	Not elected.	2nd and 4th
BARNARD:	Rev. Sammie Moore, Rt. 2, Marshall, N.C.	2nd and 4th
CAMP BRANCH:	Rev. Fred L. Moody, 113 Cornwall Dr., Waynesville,	every
DRY BRANCH:	Rev. Lloyd Chandler, Walnut, N.C.	every
ERNESTVILLE:	Rev. James N. Rice 106 Louisa St. Black Mtn., N.C.	every
FAITH:	Rev. Raymond Shell, 105 Blue Ridge Ave., Black Mountain, N.C.	every
GRACE:	Rev. Eugene Duyck, Barnardsville, N.C.	1st and 3rd
HOMER'S CHAPEL:	Rev. Archie Rice, Black Mountain, N.C.	every
HOT SPRINGS:	Rev. Ben Frisbee, Jr., Box 342, Marshall, N.C.	every
HYATT CREEK:	Rev. Larry Coates Rt. 1, Barnardsville, N.C.	every
LAUREL FORK:	Not elected	
LAURELTON CHAPEL:	Not elected.	
MARSHALL:	Rev. Floyd Watts, Rt. 1, Box 402, Candler, N.C.	every
MOUNTAIN VIEW:	Rev. Vernon Radcliffe, Rt.1, Alexander, N.C.	4th
MT. O'DALE:	Rev. Eugene Osburn, Rt. 8, Johnson City, Tenn.	every
MT. ZION:	Rev. Jennis Sluder, Rt.2, Weaverville, N.C.	2nd and 4th
PAINT FORK:	Rev. Burl Ledford, Avondale Rd., Asheville, N.C.	every
PISGAH FOREST:	Not represented	
ROCKY BRANCH:	Rev. George Plemmons, Box 68, Hazelwood, N.C.	every
SHOAL HILL:	Rev. Jennis Sluder, Weaverville, N.C.	1st and 3rd
SULPHUR SPRINGS:	Rev. Elmer Keener , 134 North Main St. Canton, N.C.	every

**NINETY FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION
OF THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS PROCEEDINGS**

Beginning on Thursday, August 16, 1973, at 10:00 A.M. at Hot Springs Free Will Baptist Church and Hot Springs, N.C.

Opening Song: "Victory in Jesus"

Welcome and Devotionals: Rev. Ben Frisbee, Jr., Scripture: Psalm 67

Memorial prayer in memory of Rev. Hobert Bullman and members of Churches in the Association who have passed away since the last meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR: Rev. Raymond Shell - - - - - Black Mountain, N.C.
VICE MODERATOR: Rev. Jennis Sluder - - - - - Weaverville, N.C.
CLERK: Mrs. Archie Rice - - - - - Black Mountain, N.C.
HISTORIAN: Mr. Howard Payne - - - - - Marshall, N.C.

APPOINTMENT OF READING CLERKS

Rev. J.B. Rhinehart - - - - - Rev. Coates

FINANCE COMMITTEES

OLD MINISTERS' FUND - - - - - Howard Wheeler
MINUTE FUND - - - - - Roy Roberts
MISSIONS - - - - - Joe Gillis

The moderator read the Rules of decorum"

VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED: Rev. Paul Dockery Marshall, N.C., Rev. Ronald Creech, Durham, N.C., Rev. Lonzo Roberts, Marshall, N.C.

11 A.M. SERVICE

Song: "Where the Soul Never Dies"
Special Singing: Solo: Rev. Ralph Bullman, Mr. Gregg.
Prayer: Rev. Floyd Watts.
Sermon: Rev. Jennis Sluder.
Scripture: James 4:13.

1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "Is It Far?"
Devotionals: Rev. J.B. Rhinehart
Scripture: Psalm 37
Prayer: Rev. Spivey Penland
Church letters were turned in and delegates were seated. Committees were appointed. Head Rev. Ronald Creech tell of book store in Durham.

7:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "Lord I'm Coming Home"

Special Singing: Hot Springs Trio and Group solo: Howard Payne; Solo Mr. Gragg. Barnard Quartett;

Sermon: Rev. Larry Coates;

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17, Jermiah 17:11

Prayer: Rev. T.A. Wheeler

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BALSAM GROVE: By Letter

BARNARD: Roy Roberts, Wiley Massey, Vannie Massey, A.J. Farmer, Blanch Farmer

CAMP BRANCH: By letter

DRY BRANCH: Mr. Charlie Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Cleophas Ramsey, Mr. Eugene Chandler, Mrs. Ben Frisbee, Jr.

ERNESTVILLE: By letter

FAITH: Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Hollifield, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blankenship, Joe Gregory, Mrs. Mae Blankenship

GRACE: Howard Wheeler, Russell Wheeler, Alvin Wheeler, Nell Shuford

HOMERS CHAPEL: Mrs. Archie Rice

HOT SPRINGS: Woodrow Ramsey, Filmon Gragg, Ralph Woodie

HYATT CREEK: Rev. J.B. Rhinehart

LAUREL FORK: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ball, Mrs. Altha Ball, Mrs. Elouise Riddle, Mrs. Oliver Furgison

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Claude Proffitt, Hazel Roberts, Irene Peek Mae Rice

MARSHALL: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parris, Sylvene Shelton, Lela Fisher

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Ratcliff, Will Ratcliff, Raymond Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Alexander

MT. O'DALE: Charles Miller, Ralph Thomas, Geneva Thomas

MT. ZION: Mrs. Sandra Thomas, Mrs. Arvilee Revis, Teresa Chandler, Mrs. Faye Norton

PAINT FORK: Joe Gillis, Mrs. Donald Mundy

ROCKY BRANCH: Bro. Thorton Messer, Bro. Leon Eolden, Bro. Dennis Banks, Rev. George Plemmons, Sister Rosa Lea Moody.

SHOAL HILL: Mrs. Howard Payne, Mrs. Lyda Brown, Mrs. Reba Tortoia, Mrs. Jack Ball, Rev. Walter Wilson.

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

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

YOUNG PEOPLES WORK: Alma Coates, Mrs. Donald Mundy, Dorothy Payne

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Nell Shuford, Rev. Russell Wheeler, Rev. Roscoe Briggs

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: Walter Ball, Lois Nesbitt

PASTORS SUPPORT: Joe Gilson, Charles Parris, Sylvene Shelton

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. Eugene Duyck

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

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

OLD MINISTERS FUND: A standing committee, Howard Wheeler, Chairman
 DEEPER DEVOTIONS: A standing committee, written by W.W. Ballard, deceased.
 OBITUARIES: Mrs. Stella Sluder, Mrs. Rosie Radcliffe
 RESOLUTIONS: A standing committee, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Lonnie Crawford
 FINANCE: A standing committee
 TEMPERANCE: Rev. R.A. Ward, Rev. Floyd E. Watts
 PERIODICAL: Dorothy Payne, Rev. T.A. Wheeler
 WOMANS AUXILIARY: Zennie Parris, Sylvene Shelton
 SESSIONS: First delegate of each church.

FRIDAY, 10:00 A.M.

Song: "Some Day"
 Devotionals: Rev. Lawrence Smith
 Scripture: 1 Peter 3
 Prayer: Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr.
 Two churches that were absent yesterday turned in their reports.

11:00 A.M. SERVICE

Song: "Away over in the Promised Land"
 Special singing: Wheeler Quartett.
 A man came in from his work to ask for special prayer because he was sick.
 Sermon: Rev. T.A. Wheeler
 Scripture: Matthew 24:32

1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "That Glad Reunion Day"
 Devotionals: Rev. G.W. Briggs
 Scripture : Matthew 24
 The committees gave their reports.
 Investigating Committee: Rev. Russell Wheeler, Rev. James Rice, Rev. J.W. Mann.

FRIDAY - 7:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "Heavenly Sunlight"
 Special Singing: Wheeler Family, Barnard Quartett,
 Solo: Wiley Massey
 Sermon Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr. This was a time of much rejoicing.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ARRANGEMENTS: A standing committee, Pastor and delegates
 YOUNG PEOPLES WORK: We, your committee, believe that children should be taught the Bible from childhood on. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth". Ecclesiastes 12:1. We should be an example to our children and to others, that they could look at our lives and see what it really means to serve God in spirit and in truth. Realizing that we as parents have the greatest influence on

our children and their future, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it. "Proverbs 22:6. Young people should know that there is joy and happiness in serving God. Parents should spend more time with their children. Read Titus 2:3,4. Dorothy Payne Marion Munday, Alma Coates

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: We, your committee, believe that our Sunday Schools should use the Bible for its literature, and have teachers, who receive their knowledge from God. To teach others the word, we must first have an experience with God for ourselves. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26. And the things that thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Rev. Roscoe Eriggs, Jr. Rev. Russell Wheeler, Nell Shuford.

PASTORS SUPPORT: We, the committee on pastors support wish to urge our churches to support their pastors, financially and in every way they can. Jesus compared the ones He ordained and sent to preach His Gospel, as workers or laborers, He said, "The laborer is worthy of his hire" The apostle Paul said, "they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. Also know them that labour among you and esteem them very highly in love for their works sake. It is written in Romans 10:15 "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things. Joe Gilson, Charles Parris, Sylvene Shelton.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? Romans 10:14,15.

We feel it is the duty of each church to be concerned about our home and foreign missions. Those who have sacrificed so much need our prayers and support.

The Gospel should be applied to every soul, home and abroad, for Jesus died for all. The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few. Matthew 9:37. Walter Ball, Lois Nesbitt

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

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. Eugene Duyck, Rev. Walter Wilson.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: We protest again 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. 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 Consecrate 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 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, feel that we should continue to honor our dead by putting their pictures and obituaries in the minutes. They have fought their battles and have paid the price we will have to pay. "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, Mrs. Stella Sluder, Mrs. Rosie Radcliffe.

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 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 Holifield, Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford.

TEMPERANCE: We, your committee, believe we should be temperate in all things. The Bible teaches us "Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;" And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, Act 24:25. Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. We believe it is a sin to use alcoholic beverages in any form. That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate sound in faith in charity in patience. Read II Corinthians 7:1, Rev. R.A. Ward, Rev. Floyd E. Watts.

PERIODICALS: We, your committee, believe that we should have our homes set in order. We believe that if you read your Bible and study it and pray for God to give you wisdom you will be able to know the right literature when it is present to us. In Proverbs 16:16 we find how much better it is to get wisdom than gold, and to get understanding rather than silver. Dorothy Payne, Rev. T.A. Wheeler.

WOMANS AUXILIARY: We, your committee, believe that every church needs an auxiliary. Our aim is to assist in church work and help the sick and needy. Helping to support Home and Foreign Missions, helping in the upkeep and repair

of the church by helping to support the building fund, and working with our hands to do that which is needful in these troubled times may we all pray more for each other and may we ask of each church auxiliary that "whatever your hands find to do, do with all your might. Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Zennie Parris, Sylvene Shelton.

CHURCH BUSINESS: We recommend that an election be announced two weeks ahead, but no less than one week which is agreeable to the church. This should be announced three times before the election.

II. A moderator who is an active member and in good 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 members who are not active in the church work. Rev. Columbus Boone, Rev. Floyd Frisbe.

CHURCH LETTERS: We, your committee, recommend the following:

Any church requesting a letter from the Association to ask to be represented in person before the body at it's annual session and make the request. If not represented, the Association will automatically drop church from roll. Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr., Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. Roy Waldrop.

SESSIONS: The next session of the French Broad Free Will Baptists Association will be held with the Rocky Branch Church at Hazelwood, N.C. beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in August 1974, at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Spivey Penland is scheduled to preach the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Lawrence E. Smith is the alternate.

CLERKS FOR NEXT YEAR

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

BARNARD: Blanch Farmer, Rt. 7, Box 45, Marshall, N.C. 28753

CAMP BRANCH: Mrs. Lillie Mae Arrington, P.O. Box 467, Hazelwood, N.C.

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

ERNESTVILLE: Ada Sandard, 143 Fanning St., Erwin, Tenn.

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

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

HOMERS CHAPEL: Miss Frances Mundy, P.O. Box 101, Black Mountain, N.C.

HOT SPRINGS: Edna Cogdill, Hot Springs, N.C.

HYATT CREEK: James Mintz, Box 4, Hazelwood, N.C.

LAUREL FORK: Mrs. Oliver Ferguson, Rt. 1, Marshall, N.C.

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

MARSHALL: Patricia Caldwell, Marshall, N.C.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Vance Ponder, Rt. 4, 31 Alexander Rd.; Weaverville, N.C. 28787

MOUNT O'DALE: Mrs. Emery Blevins, Rt. 1, Erwin, Tenn.

MOUNT ZION: Mrs. Faye Norton, Rt. 2, Marshall, N.C.

PAINT FORK: Richard Hyder, Rt. 2, Box 249, Weaverville, N.C.

ROCKY BRANCH: Mrs. Josephine Allison, 200 Allens St.; Hazelwood, N.C. 28738

SHOAL HILL: Dorothy Jean Payne, Rt. 5, Box 99, Marshall, N.C.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Harold Queen, 1109 Sulphur Springs Rd. Waynesville, N.C.

REVIVALS AND COMMUNIONS

BALSAM GROVE:

- BARNARD: Communion 1
 CAMP BRANCH: Revivals 1
 DRY BRANCH: Revivals 2
 ERNESTVILLE: Revivals 2, Communion 4
 FAITH: Revivals 1, Communion 2
 GRACE: Revivals 1, Communion 1
 HOMERS CHAPEL: Communion 1
 HOT SPRINGS: Revivals 3, Communion 6
 HYATT CREEK: Revivals 1, Communion 3
 LAUREL FORK: Revivals 1; Communion 1
 LAURELTON CHAPEL: Revivals 1, Communion 3
 MARSHALL: Revivals 1, Communion 1
 MOUNTAIN VIEW: Revivals 1, Communion 3
 MT. O'DALE: Revivals 1, Communion 4,
 MT. ZION: Revivals 1
 PAINT FORK: Revivals 1, Communion 4
 ROCKY BRANCH: Revivals 1, Communion 2
 SHOAL HILL: Revivals 1
 SULPHUR SPRINGS: Revivals 2; Communion 3

OUR BELOVED DEAD

PAINT FORK: Mrs. Florence Hale died May 30, 1973 at the age of 85. She was a mother to all of us and lived for the Lord every day of the week. She is greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

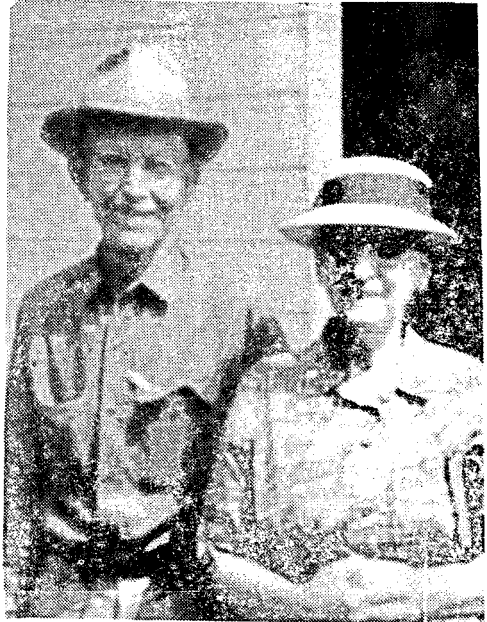
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Mrs. Laura Melton Emblor died January 25th at the age of 94. The Lord blessed her with a long life. She was a true Christian and a member of the church. She was a blessing to everyone she met and always had a smile for everyone. "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth". Matt. 5:5.

Mrs. Julia Sluder Hawkins died July 27th at the age of 79. She was the youngest daughter of John and Melinda Sluder, founders of Mountain View Church. She was the first organist for the church. She was the wife of C.S. Hawkins and the mother of eleven children. She was missionary at home as well as at church with her prayers, letters and singing she helped win many to Christ. She died in faith that her prayers would be answered. Her voice has been heard shouting the praises of the Lord. "Give her the fruits of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates". Proverbs 31:31.

BARNARD: Mr. Roy Davis died June 2, 1973 at the age of 78. He was not a member of Barnard Church but he attended as long as he was able, walking some of the time. We believe he was a child of God and is greatly missed by all that knew him.

OBITUARIES

BLACK MOUNTAIN: Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Massey "Ma and Pa Massey" as they were known by their many friends in N.C. have departed this way of life. They were faithful workers in the French Broad Association for many years. Ma received her call on March 3, 1970. Pa was never quite the same after that. His desire was to go "Home". On November 15, 1972, I am sure he heard Jesus say "come on home, You've waited long enough". Ma and Pa were devoted to each other and dedicated to the Lords work. Living in the valley for forty seven years, they were leaders in the church and were instigators of two churches in the valley. They were associated with the Free Will Baptist Assembly for many years. We still miss them so, but we are sure they are now where happiness is forever, our loss is Heaven's gain. Written by their granddaughters.



Mr. Floyd Williams was a faithful deacon in Homers Chapel for many years. He was a quiet peaceable man who loved God and everyone he met. He was sick for many years. He was a quiet peaceable man who loved God and everyone he met. He was sick for many years and unable to go to church except on a few occasions. He was so patient in all his suffering. Never grumbling or complaining but always ready to talk about the goodness of God. We plan, by the grace of God to stroll over Heaven with brother Floyd some glad day.



MARSHALL: On Friday, May 11, 1973, Mrs. Selena McElreath, age 92, passed on to her reward. She was a charter member of the Marshall Church. She was very faithful to the church while she was able to attend. We believe that she is at rest with her Lord forever.

MOUNT O'DALE: Mrs. Ivory Jane Hartsell was born June 24, 1920 and received the call from God to be with Him in her Heavenly home June 30, 1973. She was a faithful member of this church. She stood firm and kept the faith. She is greatly missed by those who knew and loved her. We believe God said "Well done my child you are welcome home." She left a husband, 2 daughters, one son, one grandson and a host of friends to mourn their loss.



HOMERS CHAPEL: Mr. J.A. Crowe was born November 11, 1892 and died April 27, 1973 at the age of 80. He loved the Lord, his church and his fellowmen. He also loved Spiritual Gospel singing. He was a choir director for many years. He began leading singing before the churches had pianos and organs. He had a tuning fork to start the tune and sang the notes when learning a new song. He sang in many different quartets during his singing days which lasted until his death. A more faithful church member could not be found. He opened the church door for every service. He was a deacon for many years always standing for the right. He lived his religion every day. He never refused to help anyone he could. He was a friend to little children, loved by all who knew him.

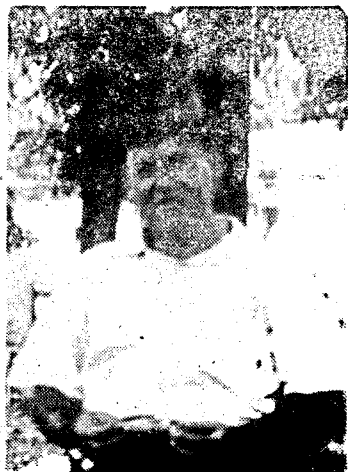
His place is vacant here but we hope to meet in a better world where there will be no sand "Good Bye's" but eternal happiness.



Floyd Bailey was born July 28, 1922 and departed this life August 10, 1973. He was a faithful deacon of this church. His life was fully dedicated to the Lord Jesus. The Lord blessed him with wisdom and understanding of the Bible. He has helped this church grow in the Lord and many other brother and sisters elsewhere. He was a great bass singer who loved to sing and be a blessing to those who heard him. We believe that has joined the Heavenly Choir that he often talked about being in some day. All who knew him loved him for his boldness and great stand he took for the Lord. His last testimony was a great witness that he was ready to go to a better county. His Christian life and singing will always be remembered by his church, family and all who knew him. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be my son." Rev. 21:7.

He was a devoted husband, a loving father and grandfather. He left to mourn their loss a wife, 2 sons, a grandson and a host of friends. We believe that our loss is Heavens gain. Brother Floyd Bailey's family, Rev. and Mrs. R.C. Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Blevins,

Alton Payne on January 31, 1973, at the age of 68 passed on to his reward and to be with the Lord forever. He was a member of the Marshall Church for many years. He is greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. We believe God said "well done my child, you are welcome home" he left behind his widow four daughters, a son, grandchildren, brother, two sisters and a host of friends.



SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

BALSAM GROVE: Superintendent, Elmer Mathis; Cullowhee, N.C., Secretary, Evelyn Mathis, Cullowhee, N.C. Classes, 2; Pupils, 25; literature union; expenses \$87.00.

BARNARD: Superintendent, Nicky Fowler, Marshall, N.C. Secretary, Leta Mae Fowler, Marshall, N.C. classes, 2; Pupils 28; literature, Bible.

CAMP BRANCH: Superintendent, Sambo Brown, Waynesville, N.C. Secretary, Mrs. Lou Watts, Candler N.C., classes 3; pupils 43, literature Bible, F.W.B.

DRY BRANCH: Superintendent, Mr. Charlie Conner, Marshall, N.C. Secretary, Miss Barbara Price, Marshall, N.C. Classes 4; pupils 33; literature Bible; expenses \$231.88.

ERNESTVILLE: Not given.

FAITH: Superintendent, Charlie Hollifield, Black Mountain, N.C. Secretary, Mrs. B.C. Hollifield, Black Mountain, N.C. classes 4; pupils 40; literature Bible.

GRACE: Superintendent, Lester Heatherly, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C. Secretary, Rita Ann Wheeler, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C. classes 4; pupils 33; literature, Bible.

HOMERS CHAPEL: Superintendent, Hubert Hudgins, Black Mountain, N.C. Secretary, Mrs. Ray Wiseman, Black Mountain, N.C. classes 6; pupils 106 literature Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$153.59.

HOT SPRINGS: Superintendent, Joseph A. Cogdill, Hot Springs, N.C. Secretary, Edna Ricker, Hot Springs, N.C. classes 3; literature, Bible and cares, expenses \$29.40.

HYATT CREEK: Superintendent, Elzy Caldwell, Rt. 1, Box 53 A, Waynesville, N. C. Secretary, Judy Pressley Rt. 1, Box 53D, Waynesville, N.C. Classes 4; pupils 61; literature, Bible.

LAUREL FORK: Superintendent, Kelly Allen, Marshall, N.C. Secretary, Teresa Cooper, Marshall, N.C. classes 4; pupils 36; literature Bible and F.W.B. expenses \$85.94.

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Superintendent, Cas Fender Rt. 6, Marshall, N.C. Secretary, Hazel Roberts Rt. 6, Marshall, N.C. classes 4, pupils 35; literature Bible and F.W.B. expenses \$73.35.

MARSHALL: Superintendent, Howard Reece, Box 93, Weaverville, N.C. Secretary, Henrietta Rector Box 373, Marshall, N.C. classes 5; pupils 29; literature Bible and F.W.B. expenses \$317.68.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Superintendent, Carlos Ratcliff, Rt. 3, Leicester, N.C. Secretary, Miss Becky Ponder, Rt. 4, 31 Alexander Rd., Weaverville, N.C. classes 6; pupils 80; literature, Bible, expenses \$10.00.

MT. O'DALE: Superintendent, Emery Blevins, Rt. 1, Erwin, Tenn. Secretary, Amos Hensley, Rt. 1, Jonesboro, Tenn. classes 4; pupils 75; literature, Bible.

MT. ZION: Superintendent, Arnold Revis, Rt. 3, Weaverville, N.C. Secretary, Deborah Green, Rt. 2, Asheville, N.C. classes 3, pupils 24; literature Bible, expenses \$610.24.

PAINT FORK: Superintendent, Donald Mundy, Barnardsville, N.C. Secretary, Carol Munday, Barnardsville, N.C. classes 4; pupils 30; literature, Bible and F.W.B. expenses \$24.80.

ROCKY BRANCH: Superintendent, Walter Mills, 109 Pine St.; Waynesville, N.C. Secretary, Ardith Waytt, 1339 Allen's Creek Rd.; Waynesville, N.C. classes 4; pupils 60; literature, Bible and F.W. B. Expenses \$21.70.

SHOAL HILL: Superintendent, Jack Payne, Rt. 5, Marshall, N.C. Secretary, Ruth Henderson, Rt. 5, Marshall, N.C. classes 3; pupils 40; literature, Bible and F.W.B. expenses \$173.00.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Superintendent, William Mehaffy, 1111 Sulphur Springs Rd.; Waynesville, N.C. Secretary, Betty Queen, 1109 Sulphur Springs Rd.; Waynesville, N.C. classes 6; pupils 90; literature, Bible and F.W.B. expenses \$256.99.

WOMANS AUXILIARY

HOMERS CHAPEL: President, Miss Frances Mundy, Box 101, Black Mountain, N. C., Secretary, Katherine Rice, Black Mountain, N.C. members 15; gained 1; meets every week, money taken in \$893.20.

MARSHALL: President, Mrs. Billy Fore, Marshall, N.C. Secretary, Mrs. Zenna Parris, Marshall, N.C. No. Members 12; money taken in, \$562.39; money spent \$363.59.

FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCES

AUGUST 1972 - AUGUST 1973

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Hyatt Creek Church Saturday, October 28, 1972.

Song: "Heaven's Jubilee";

Welcome and Devotionals; Rev. Larry Coates, Pastor

Scripture: Mark 6

Prayer: Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr.

Rev. Floyd Watts, Vice Moderator took charge in the absence of the moderator. He read the "Constitution of Ministers Conference"

Visiting ministers present were: Rev. Elmer Keener, Rev. Robert Waddle, Rev. Ralph Roberts.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Twenty six ministers answered to the roll call. Rev. Lloyd Watkins turned in his credentials.

11 A.M. SERVICE

Special singing: Rhinehart Trio. Brother Robert Waddle was liberated by his church to preach.

Sermon: Rev. Gene Foster

Scripture Hebrews 11:7, Matthew 24:37.

A time of much rejoicing!

1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "When the Roll is called up Yonder"

Devotionals: Rev. Lawrence E. Smith

Scripture: Isaiah 5

Prayer: Rev. T.A. Wheeler.

Special Singing: Plemmons Trio.

Collection for Flower Fund: \$22.10

Total \$163.49

The next session will be held with the Grace Church in December.

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met with the Grace Church on Saturday, December 30, 1972, at 10 A.M.

The meeting opened with special singing by the Wheeler Family.

Welcome and devotionals by the Pastor, Rev. Eugene Duyck

Scripture: Matthew 11.

Visiting Ministers were welcomed.

Present were Rev. Robert Elliott, Rev. Spivey Penland, Rev. Wade Murphy, Burnsville, N.C., Rev. Jim Shoupe, Newland, N.C. Rev. Gene Potter, Hampton, Tenn.

The Moderator read the Constitution of Ministers Conference.

11 A.M. SERVICE:

Special Singing: Wheeler Family

Sermon: Rev. Johnny Marler;

Scripture: Ezekiel 34

2 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "O I Want To See Him"

Devotionals: Rev. Floyd Watts,

Scripture: Deut. 5

Altar prayer

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

Collection for flower fund was taken \$22.93.

Total \$186.42

Bought flowers for Rev. Hobert Bullmans funeral. Present total - \$167.70.

The next Conference is scheduled for the Ernestville Church in Ernestville, Tenn. in April. Rev. Archie Cook is scheduled to preach.

The Conference met with the Ernestville Church on Saturday, April 28, 1973, at 10:00 A.M. The meeting opened with singing by the choir.

Welcome by pastor: Rev. James Rice. Prayer: Rev. T.A. Wheeler.

Rev. T.A. Wheeler acted as moderator in the absence of Rev. R.C. Stockton. He called the conference to order and ask for fellowship of ministers, read the "Constitution of Ministers Conference" Visiting Ministers Welcomed: Rev. Spivey Penland, Rev. Roscoe Higgins, Rev. Clifford Shetley, Rev. Gene Carter, Rev. Robert Waddle, Rev. J.B. Gregg, Rev. James O. Waldrop.

Twenty three ministers answered to the roll call. Read letter concerning Rev. James Vaughn who has moved to Va. but desires to remain in the Conference.

11:00 A.M. Service

Special Singing: Gregg Singers;

Sermon: Rev. Archie Cook

Scripture: Exodus 18

Prayer: Rev. J.W. Mann.

EVENING SERVICE

Special Singing by several groups.

Devotionals: Rev. Spivey Penland

Scripture : 1 John 3

Prayer: Rev. J.B. Gregg.

Rev. Spivey Penland joined the conference, Rev. Clifford Shetly and Rev. Robert Waddle were licensed to preach. Rev. Eugene Forter was ordained.

Rev. T.A. Wheeler gave the charge and Rev. J.W. Mann prayed the ordination prayer.

ANNUAL SESSION

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Hot Springs Church August 18, 1973, as a follow up of the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR: Rev. T.A. Wheeler - - - - -Canton, N.C.
 VICE MODERATOR: Rev. Floyd Watts - - - - -Rt. 1, Box 402, Candler, N.C.
 SECRETARY AND TREASURER: Mrs. Archie Rice - - - - -Rt. 1, Black Mtn, N.C.
 ORDAINING COUNCIL: Rev. Jennis Sluder, Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr., Rev. Joe Pressley, Rev. Raymond Shell, Rev. Larry Coates.

The moderator read "Constitution of Ministers Conference"

Rev. Clifford Shetley's license was annuled because of an error .

Visiting Ministers present were Rev. Clifford Shetley, Rev. Roscoe Higgins, Rev. Ross Lewis.

Twenty eight ministers answered to the roll call. Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The clerk was asked to write to all ministers who missed the annual session and did not send in a report.

Rev. Guy V. Shelton was licensed to preach. Rev. Ross Lewis was given ordination papers.

The next session will be held with the Dry Branch Church in September. Rev. Spivey Penland is scheduled to preach.

MINISTERS' DONATION

Rev. G.W. Briggs - - - - -	\$12.00
Rev. Roscoe Briggs Jr. - - - - -	12.00
Rev. Ralph Bullman - - - - -	37.00
Rev. Loyd Chandler - - - - -	10.00
Rev. Larry Coats - - - - -	12.00
Rev. Edgar D. Coleman - - - - -	32.00
Rev. Archie Cook - - - - -	12.00
Rev. Eugene Duyck - - - - -	15.00
Rev. Johnny Franks - - - - -	12.00
Rev. Ben Frisby, Jr. - - - - -	20.00
Rev. Burl Ledford - - - - -	12.00
Rev. J.W. Mann - - - - -	5.00
Rev. Johnny Marler - - - - -	20.00
Rev. Joe Pressley - - - - -	22.00
Rev. J.B. Rhinehart - - - - -	22.00
Rev. Archie Rice - - - - -	12.00
Rev. Raymond Shell - - - - -	15.00
Rev. Jennis Sluder - - - - -	12.00
Rev. R.C. Stockton - - - - -	12.00
Rev. James Vaugh - - - - -	29.00
Rev. Floyd Watts - - - - -	12.00
Rev. Clarence Wheeler - - - - -	10.00
Rev. Russell Wheeler - - - - -	32.00
Rev. T.A. Wheeler - - - - -	12.00
Rev. Walter Wilson - - - - -	15.00
Rev. Spivey Penland - - - - -	12.00
Rev. Lawrence Smith - - - - -	32.00
Total - - - - -	\$460.00

LOVE OFFERINGS

Rev. J.B. Greggs - - - - -	\$2.00
Mrs. Raymond Shell - - - - -	-5.00
Love Offering - - - - -	-14.00
TOTAL	\$21.00

CHURCHES DONATIONS

Avery Creek - - - - -	-\$15.00
Balsam Grove - - - - -	10.00
Barnard - - - - -	20.00
Camp Branch - - - - -	-10.00
Dry Branch - - - - -	-20.00
Ernestville - - - - -	15.00
Faith - - - - -	-200.00
Grace - - - - -	275.00
Homers Chapel - - - - -	-128.17
Hot Springs - - - - -	66.21
Hyatt Creek - - - - -	-156.22
Laurel Fork - - - - -	-122.00
Laurelton Chapel - - - - -	10.00
Marshall - - - - -	40.00
Mountain View - - - - -	90.00
Mt. O'Dale - - - - -	-234.22
Mount Zion - - - - -	-20.00
Paint Fork - - - - -	85.47
Rocky Branch - - - - -	34.15
Shoal Hill - - - - -	84.00
Sulphur Springs - - - - -	-90.00.
Total -	\$1,725.64

PAID OUT MONTHLY CHECKS

Rev. J.C. Franks - - - - -	-\$24.
Rev. J.C. Franks - - - - -	-\$264.00
Rev. Vernon Radclife - - - - -	264.00
Rev. G.A. Marshall - - - - -	-264.00
Rev. H.E. Lunsford - - - - -	-264.00
Rev. Charlie Hollifield - - - - -	-264.00
Rev. G.W. Briggs - - - - -	-264.00
Rev. Lloyde Chandler - - - - -	-264.00
Rev. Hobert Bullman - - - - -	110.00
Mrs. Maley Rice - - - - -	264.00
Total -	\$2,222.00

SICKNESS

Rev. Hobert Bullman - - - - -	-\$100.00
Rev. Clarence Wheeler - - - - -	50.00
Total -	\$150.00

Stamps and Envelopes - - - - - \$10.00

YEAR REPORT

Churches - - - - -	-\$1,725.64
Ministers - - - - -	-460.00
Love Offering - - - - -	21.00
Total - - - - -	\$2,206.64
Beginning of 1972 - -73 Year	1,086.16
Total - - - - -	\$3,292.80
Paid Out- - - - -	-2,382.00
Total - - - - -	\$ 910.80

Please send all donatins to: Mr. Howard Wheeler, Rt. 2, Box 276, Canton, N.C. 28716.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Rev. G.W. Briggs	- - - - -	-Rt. 1, Dandridge, Tennessee
Rev. Roscoe Briggs	- - - - -	-Rt. 2, Burnsville, N.C.
Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr.	- - - - -	-Micaville, N.C.
Rev. Ralph Bullman	- - - - -	-Box 272, Skyland, N.C.
Rev. Ralph Carter	- - - - -	-Rt. 2, Box 43, Marshall, N.C.
Rev. Lloyd Chandler	- - - - -	-Walnut, N.C.
Rev. Larry Coates	- - - - -	-Rt. 1, Box 66A, Barnardsville, N.C.
Rev. G.E. Cody	- - - - -	-Rt. 1, Box 92, Blak
Rev. G.E. Cody	- - - - -	-Rt. 1, Box 92, Black Mountain, N.C.
Rev. Edgar D. Coleman	- - - - -	-155 Johnston Blvd; Asheville, N.C.
Rev. Archie Cook	- - - - -	-Rt. 5, Box 50-C, Mrion, N.C.
Rev. Eugene Duyck	- - - - -	-Barnardsville, N.C.
Rev. Eugene Foster	- - - - -	-Erwin, Tenn.
Rev. Johnny Franks	- - - - -	-Rt. 1, Box 249, Black Mountain, N.C.
Rev. Ben Frisby, Jr.	- - - - -	-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. Ross Lewis	- - - - -	-Rt. 2, Box 192, Erwin, Tenn.
Rev. H.E. Lunsford	- - - - -	-Rt. 7, Box 26, Marshall, N.C.
Rev. J.W. Mann	- - - - -	-Rt. 4, Mrion, N.C.
Rev. Johnny Marler	- - - - -	-Rt 1, Marshall, N.C.
Rev. G.A. Marshall	- - - - -	-Rt. 2, Box 188, Arden, N.C. 28704
Rev. Claude Mills	- - - - -	-1044 Allens Creek Rd., Waynesville, N.C.
Rev. Coy Parham	- - - - -	-Leicester, N.C.
Rev. Spivey Penland	- - - - -	-Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
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	- - - - -	-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	- - - - -	-30 Montrose Ave., Asheville, N.C.
Rev. Raymond Shell	- - - - -	-103 E. Blue Ridge Ave. Black Mtn, N.C.
Rev. Guy V. Shelton	- - - - -	-Rt.1, Box 103, Hot Springs, N.C.
Rev. Jennis Sluder	- - - - -	-Rt. 2, Weaverville, N.C.
Rev. R.C. Stockton	- - - - -	-Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
Rev. Lawrence E. Smith	- - - - -	-Rt. 2, Weaverville, N.C.
Rev. Alford Taylor	- - - - -	-Rt. 1, Box 301, Alexander, N.C.
Rev. James Vaughn	- - - - -	-P.O. Box 234, Fairdale, West Va.
Rev. Robert Waddle	- - - - -	-Rt. 2, Box 11, Erwin, Tenn. 37650
Rev. Roy Waldrop	- - - - -	-87 Elkmont Dr.; Asheville, N.C.
Rev. R.A. Ward	- - - - -	-Clyde, 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.

ORDAINED MINISTERS REPORTS

Rev. G. W. Briggs: Preached 7 sermons; Marriages 2

Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr.: Churches pastored 1; revivals 3; conversions 5; sermons 92; baptized 1; funerals 5. Received for pastoral services \$1019.52; Revivals \$319.00. Total \$1,338.52; miles traveled 10,000.

Lloyd Candler: Churches pastored 1; revivals 2; conversions 17; sermons 80; members received 11; baptized 7; marriages 2; funerals 2; received for services \$539.89; give to cause \$40.00. Homes visited 30; prayed in 30; sick visits 15; miles traveled 200; expenses \$25.00.

Rev. Larry Coates: Churches pastored 1; revivals 3; baptized 4; marriages 3; funerals 1; Received for services \$2,081.66.

Rev. Edgar D. Coleman: Revivals 2; conversions 5; sermons 115; marriages 1; funerals 2; received for services \$6.00
funerals 2; received for services \$6.00; Given \$50.00; homes visited and prayed in 40; sick visits 25;

Rev. Archie Cook: Sermons 12; Received for services \$50.00; homes visited 10; prayed in 8; sick visits 10; miles traveled 800.

Rev. Eugene Duyck; Churches pastored 2; revivals 1; funerals 2.

Rev. Ben Frisby, Jr.: Churches pastored 1; conversions 6; sermons 75; members received 12; baptized 15; funerals 3; received for services \$471.05; Given \$177.00; homes visited 35; prayed in 34; sick visits 8; miles traveled 6,181; expenses \$496.10.

Rev. George Plemmons: Churches pastored 1; revivals 1; conversions 30; sermons 125; members received 15; baptized 8; funerals 5; received for services \$858.49. given \$700.00.

Rev. Vernon Radcliffe: Churches pastored 1; revivals 1; conversions 3; members received 5; baptized 2; funerals 2; received for services \$854.36; received for other services \$11.00; total \$865.36; given \$55.00; sick visits 10.

Rev. James N. Rice: Churches pastored 1.

Rev. Raymond Shell: Churches pastored 1; received for services \$2,225.00; given \$605.00.

Rev. Floyd Elbert Watts: Churches pastored 1; revivals 3; sermons 40; members received 3; baptized 2; marriages 2; funerals 6; received for pastoral services \$468.50; revivals \$200.00; other \$30.00; Total \$698.50; expenses \$700.00.

Rev. James Vaughn: Churches pastored 1.

Rev. Clarence Wheeler: Churches pastored 1; revivals 1; Prayer meetings 12; conversions 5; Given \$300.00.

Rev. T.A. Wheeler: Revivals 3; Conversions 11; sermons 31; funerals 5; received for revivals \$233.20; other services \$494.92; Total \$728.12; given \$50.00.

Rev. Ransome Phillips: Churches pastored 1; sermons 24; received for services \$200.00; given to cause \$224.00; Sick visits 20.

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.

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

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; 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 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.

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, 29; 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

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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.

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 \$

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

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 service:
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OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor
Address
Clerk
Address
Pastor for next year
Address
Clerk for next year
Address

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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 this 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

FINANCIAL REPORT

CHURCHES	Pastors Salary	Missions	Foreign Missions	Repairs	Other	Old Ministers Fund	Ministers	Value of Church Property
BALSAM	200.00			500.00		10.00	5.00	5,000
BARNARD	615.09	50.00	5.00	1,538.70		20.20	5.00	11,000
CAMP BRANCH	180.00	110.00		450.00		10.00	5.00	12,000
DRY BRANCH	539.94	269.62		21.45	39.00	20.00	10.00	6,423.35
ERNESTVILLE				3,000.00		15.00	5.00	23,000
FAITH	2,225.00	100.00		868.00		150.00	10.00	17,000
GRACE	673.75	241.38				275.00	10.00	
HOMERS CHAPEL	3,486.00	1,047.89	724.80	137.31	1,325.63	128.17	45.00	29,000
HOT SPRINGS	286.48			1,111.18	396.82	66.21	15.00	
HYATT CREEK	2,081.66	1,087.28		955.24	447.31	156.22	30.00	11,620.26
LAUREL FORK	1,095.55	545.50			191.65	111.50	10.00	1,776.
LAURELTON CHAPEL	858.46		50.00	15.00	81.00	10.00	5.00	
MARSHALL	480.50	61.39	317.81		224.80	40.00	15.00	5,275
MOUNTAIN VIEW	854.36	588.62	232.04		1846.94	120.00	25.00	40,000
MT. O'DALE	3,120.00	2,384.65		1,519.99	724.64	284.22	8.00	14,000
MT. ZION	369.58	60.00				20.00	12.00	8,000
PAINT FORK	151.87			1,583.00	366.81	85.47	10.00	15,000
ROCKY BRANCH	858.49	414.85		1,551.84	752.99	25.00	25.00	17,000
SHOAL HILL	535.53	201.00	120.00			84.00	15.00	6,700
SULPHUR SPRINGS	2,764.21	114.42	163.00	1,409.57		90.00	15.00	25,000
TOTALS	21,376.47	7,276.60	1,612.65	14,661.28	6,397.59	1,720.79	280.00	247,794.61

MEMBERSHIP TABLE

CHURCHES	STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE											
	Members Received	Exp. And Baptism	Letter Statement	Restoration	Lost	By Letter	Expulsion and Erasure	Death	Increase	Decrease	Active Membership	Last Year's
BALSAM GROVE				1	2	1					25	25
BARNARD											12	12
CAMP BRANCH	18	7	11						18		49	31
DRY BRANCH	11	5	2	4					11		41	30
ERNESTVILLE	8										13	6
FAITH		1		2								
GRACE						1				1	16	17
HOMERS CHAPEL	10	5	5		7	3	1	3	3		106	103
HOT SPRINGS	13		5			2		2		5	45	50
HYATT CREEK	6		6						6		54	48
LAUREL FORK					1			1				
LAURELTON CHAPEL	3					1	1	1			50	
MARSHALL	3	2	1		3	1		2			34	34
MOUNTAIN VIEW	3	3			4	2		2		1	73	68
MT. O'DALE	2	2			2			2			59	61
MT. ZION							9	1			25	32
PAINT FORK					2			2		2	48	50
ROCKY BRANCH	15	8	7						15		59	50
SHOAL HILL	2	2			1	1			2	1		
SULPHUR SPRINGS	6	6			2	1		1	6	2	96	93
TOTALS	102	41	37	7	24	13	11	17	61	12	795	710

