

MINUTES
Of The
96TH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held at the
ROCKY BRANCH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
HAZELWOOD, N. C.

AUGUST 15, 16, 17, 1974

Next Session of the French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists will be held with the Grace Church, Canton, N. C., beginning on Thursday, before the third Sunday in August 1975 at 10:00 A.M. Rev. James Vaughn will preach the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 A. M., Rev. Larry Coates will be the alternate.

OFFICERS

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

Vice Moderator **Rev. George Plemmons**
Box 608, Hazelwood, 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 two beloved brother ministers' who have fought the fight of faith and have gone on to their reward since our last Annual Conference Rev. Harrison Lunsford and Rev. R.A. Ward.

CHURCH	PASTOR	SUNDAYS WE HAVE PREACHING
BALSAM GROVE:	Rev. Ransome Phillips, Cullowhee, N.C.	2nd and 4th
BARNARD:	Rev. Sammie Moore, Rt. 2, Marshall, N.C.	2nd and 4th
CAMP BRANCH:	Rev. Claude Mills, 1044 Allens Creek Rd. Waynesville, N.C.	every
DRY BRANCH:	Not elected	
ERNESTVILLE:	Rev. J.W. Mann, Rt. 4, Marion, N.C.	every
FAITH:	Rev. Raymond Shell, 103 E. Blue Ridge Ave. Black Mtn., N.C.	every
GRACE:	Rev. Eugene Duyck, Barnardsville, N.C.	every
HOMERS CHAPEL:	Rev. G.M. Reynolds, Black Mtn., N.C.	every
HOT SPRINGS:	Rev. Fred Hembree, New Port, Tenn.	every
HYATT CREEK:	Rev. Russel Wheeler, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C.	every
LAUREL FORK:	Rev. Roy Waldrop, 87 Elkmont Dr., Asheville, N.C.	every
LAURELTON CHAPEL:	Rev. Roscoe Higgins, Erwin, Tenn.	every
MARSHALL:	Rev. Johnny Marler, Rt. 1, Marshall, N.C.	every
MOUNTAIN VIEW:	Rev. Vernon Radcliffe, Rt. 1, Alexander, N.C.	fourth
MOUNT O'DALE:	Rev. Eugene Osborne, 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:	Rev. Garson Burleson, Asheville, N.C.	every
ROCKY BRANCH:	Rev. George Plemmons, Box 68, Hazelwood, N.C.	every
SHOAL HILL:	Not elected	
SULPHUR SPRINGS:	Rev. Elmer Keener, 134 North Main St., Canton, N.C.	every

OUR MISSIONARIES

Mrs. Josephine Mumpower Stevens -----Zululand, South Africa

Louis and Florine Coscia -----Campinas, Brazil

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

PROCEEDINGS

Beginning on Thursday, August 15, 1974, at 10:00 A.M. at Rocky Branch Free Will Baptist Church at Hazelwood, N.C.

Opening Songs: "I'll Live In Glory"

Welcome and devotionals: By Pastor, Rev. George Plemmons

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:1-8

Prayer: Rev. Joe Pressley

Special Memorial Prayer in memory of two of our ministers, Rev. Harrison Lunsford and Rev. R.A. Ward and members of the Churches in the Association who have gone to their reward since the last meeting. The prayer was led by Rev. Johnny Marler.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- MODERATOR: Rev. Raymond Shell - Black Mountain, N.C.
VICE MODERATOR: Rev. George Plemmons - Hazelwood, N.C.
CLERK: Mrs. Archie Rice - Black Mountain, N.C.
HISTORIAN: Mr. Howard Payne - Marshall, N.C.

APPOINTMENT OF READING CLERKS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- OLD MINISTERS FUND - Howard Wheeler
MINUTE FUND - Rev. Russell Wheeler
MISSIONS - Rev. Floyd Watts

Moderator read "Rules of Decorum"

Visiting Minister present was Rev. B. McDonald, Comberland Association, Nashville, Tenn.

11 A.M. Service

Special Singing: Solo - Mrs. J.B. Rhinehard, Rhinehart Trio

Sermon: Rev. Spivey Penland;

Scripture: Col. 2:6-14, Matthew 34, 36.

2 P.M. Service

Song: There's Power In The Blood"

Devotionals: Rev. Russel Wheeler

Scripture: Acts 21:10-17

Prayer: Rev. Spivey Penland

Special Singing: Homers Chapel Duet, Marshall Children, Wheeler Quartett

Heard: Reading of church letters and seating of delegates;

The committees were appointed.

Heard Rev. R.B. McDonald speak concerning the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

7:30 Service

Song: "Just A Little Talk With Jesus"

Special Singing: The Mary Rhinehart Trio, The Margaret Rhinehart Trio, Solo
Leon Bolden.

Sermon: Rev. T.A. Wheeler

Scripture: Isaiah 24:1-3

A time of much rejoicing!

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BALSAM GROVE: John Mathis, Eugene Mathis, Furman Fortner

BARNARD: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberts, Wiley Massey, Vannie Massey

CAMP BRANCH: Mr. Randy Wyatt, Mrs. Burdell Wyatt, Florence Caldwell,
Nettie Frizzel

DRY BRANCH: Mr. Charlie Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Cleophas Ramsey

ERNESTVILLE: Warren Hardin, Chester Baily, Bob Waddle

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

GRACE: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Smathers, Russell Wheeler, Howard Wheeler, Mrs.
Vernelle Shuford, Mrs. David Shuford.

HOMERS CHAPEL: Rev. and Mrs. J.C. Franks, Wanda Franks, Betsy Shook

HOT SPRINGS: Sol Norton, Guy V. Shelton, Dean Moore, Edna Ricker, Helen
Moore, Sue Green

HYATT CREEK: Rev. and Mrs. J.C. Rhinehart, Juanita Trull

LAUREL FORK: Rev. and Mrs. Roy Waldrop, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ball

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Claude Proffitt, Julius Rice, Mrs. Mae Rice, Irene Peek,
Connie Fender, Deborah Roberts

MARSHALL: Sylvene Shelton, Faye Sams, Janie Fisher

MOUNTAIN VIEW: By Letter

MT. O'DALE: Rev. Eugene Foster

MT. ZION: Rev. Jennis Sluder

PAINT FORK: Donald Mundy, Marion Mundy

PISGAH FOREST: By letter

ROCKY BRANCH: Elbert Roberts, Thornton Messer, Arnold Allison, Robert D.
Whitner

SHOAL HILL: Ruth Henderson, Reba Tortora, Dorothy Payne, Jack Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Lydia Brown, Rev. Walter Wilson

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Agnes Reynolds

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Arrangements: A standing Committee, Pastor and delegates
 Young Peoples Work: Betsy Shook, Mary Mundy, Mrs. Burl Ledford
 Sunday Schools: Donald Mundy, Rev. Eugene Foster
 Home and Foreign Missions: Stella Sluder, Rev. Walter Wilson
 Pastors Support: Walter Ball, Sol Norton
 Lord's Day Observance: Ollie Hollifield and Dorothy Payne
 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: Alice Waldrop, Agnes Reynolds
 Resolutions: A standing Committee, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Lonnie Crawford
 Finance: A standing Committee
 Temperance: Rev. Joe Pressley, Rev. Lawrence Smith, Howard Wheeler
 Periodicals: Rev. Larry Coates, Rev. J.B. Rhinehart
 Womans Auxiliary: Sylvene Shelton, Alice Waldrop
 Sessions: First Deligate of each church

FRIDAY 9:45 A.M.

Song: "Amazing Grace";
 Devotionals: Rev. J.B. Rhinehart; Scriptute: Daniel 6:4-9
 Prayer: Rev. Larry Coates
 Heard: Balsam Grove's report. Heard Field Evangelist, Rev. Joe Pressley's report.
 Field Evangelist for next year: Rev. Joe Pressley
 Heard Reports of Committees

11 A.M. SERVICE

Song: "When we all get To Heaven"
 Special Singing: Homers Chapel Duet, Wheeler Quartett
 Sermon: Rev. George Plemmons; Scripture : Luke 15

1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "O, I Want To See Him"
 Special Singing: Wheeler Quartet
 Devotionals: Rev. James Vaughn; Scripture: John 14:1-4
 Prayer: Rev. Hilliard Rhinehart
 Heard reports of Committees
 Investigating Committee: Rev. Russel Wheeler, Rev. J.W. Mann, Rev. James Rice

A Motion was made and passed that the clerks of each church in the Association send ten dollars from the church to the church where the Association is to be held to help feed the delegates.

FRIDAY 7:30 SERVICE

Song: "O, I Want to see Him"

Special Singing: Wheeler Quartet, Rhinehart Trio

Sermon: Rev. Floyd Watts

Scripture: 11 Timothy 2:1,2; Rev. 2:10

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ARRANGEMENTS: A standing committee, Pastor and delegates
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Young people today are searching for satisfaction in pleasures of this world. We know that they can only find real satisfaction in Jesus Christ! The Holy Spirit can fill the void in their lives with love, joy and peace. Gal: 5:22.

It is imperative that adults set a Christian example. If we are going to help our young people, we must communicate with them and love them instead of criticizing or condemning. Proverbs 20:7-11.

Remember some young person is watching your life. Respectfully submitted - Dora Mae Ledford, Marian Mundy and Betsy Shook.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: We, your committee, believe that in the beginning was the word, and has always been the same and forever will besettled in Heaven. The same word that saved our people in the beginning will save us to the utmost in the end. Literature has never or will ever be needed, but a deep experience with God is until people commit their life with a complete dedication to the Lord the Bible will never be understood. God has placed teachers and officers in the church as it has pleased Him and it is up to the church to pray and seek God's face in knowing His will as to place the people where they need to be so the church will function at it's best. Jeremiah 29:13, James 1 - 5.

Donald Mundy, Rev. Eugene Foster

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 worth 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 10:14-15- "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things. Walter Ball, Sol Norton.

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.

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20. Stella Sluder, Rev. Walter Wilson.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: We, your committee, believe the Lord's Day should be observed reverently, in gladness, for the Glory of God and the edification of man.

We believe in early teaching and personal example to our youth, for Holy observance of the Lord's Day." Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth". Ecc. 12:1.

We also recommend the reading of 11 Chronicles 7:14, and Mark 2:27-28. Ollie Hollifield and Dorothy Payne.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: We protest against parents giving permits for children under lawful age. We also protest against marriages of persons who are unfit to care for a family. There is only one Biblical cause for divorce. We will not allow our ministers to officiate at the marriage of any divorced persons. 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 Frisby, 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 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. W.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 in us. We know when this Holy Spirit teaches a full gospel holy life and salvation from sin. He testifies of Christ and brings His teachings to our remembrance, and guides us into all truth. A standing committee, written by W.W. Ballard, deceased.

OBITUARIES: We, your committee, 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 they shall rest from their labours. Sylvene Shelton, Agnes Reynolds, Alice Waldrop.

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 out 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. The Bible teaches us "touch not; tast not; handle not; This refers to strong drink. "And as he reased of righteousness, temperance, and judgement to come, Felix trembled, Acts 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. 11 Corinthians 7:1. Rev. R.A. Ward, Rev. Joe Pressley, Rev. Lawrence Smith, Howard Wheeler.

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

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY: We, your committee, believe each church should have and uphold a Womans Auxiliary, "As labourers together with God" to promote more Bible study help the sick, and needy, encourage Home Missions and support Foreign Missions. Our motto should be "Go set a watchman" Isaiah 21:6. May we be spirit filled in all that we do, "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Gal. 6:9. Alice Waldrop, Sylvene Shelton.

CHURCH BUSINESS: We recommend that an election be announced two weeks ahead, but not less than one week which is agreeable to the church. This should be announced three times before the election.

II. A moderator who is 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 church work. Rev. Columbus Boone, Rev. Floyd Frisbee.

CHURCH LETTERS: We, your committee, recommend the following: Any Church requesting a letter from the Association is 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 Baptist Association will be held with the Grace Church near Canton, N.C. beginning on Thursday, before the third Sunday in August 1975, at 10:00 A.M. The Rev. James Vaughn is scheduled to preach the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 A.M. Rev. Larry Coates is the alternate.

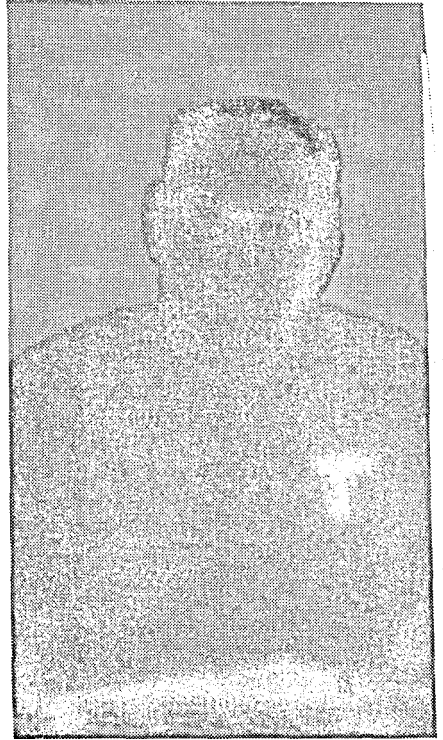
CLERKS FOR NEXT YEAR

BALSAM GROVE: Evelyn Prince, Cullowhee, N.C.
 BARNARD: Blanch Farmer, Rt. 7, Box 45, Marshall, N.C. 28753
 CAMP BRANCH: Nettie Frizzel Way, Waynesville, N.C. (Route 1)
 DRY BRANCH: Mrs. Amy Plemmons, Marshall, N.C.
 ERNESTVILLE: Ada Sanders, 143 Fanning St., Erwin, Tenn.
 FAITH: Mrs. B.C. Hollifield, Box 173, Craigmont Rd. Black Mountain, N.C.
 GRACE: David Shuford, Rt. 1, Fletcher, N.C.
 HOMERS CHAPEL: Miss Frances Mundy, p.O. Box 101, Black Mountain, N.C.
 HOT SPRINGS: Edna Mae Cogdill, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743
 HYATT CREEK: Wayne Pressley, Rt. 6, Waynesville, N.C.
 LAUREL FORK: Mrs. Oliver Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 231, Marshall, N.C.
 LAURELTON CHAPEL: Cas Fender, Rt. 6, Box 181, Marshall, N.C. 28753
 MARSHALL: Patricia Caldwell, Marshall, N.C.
 MOUNTAIN VIEW: Vance Ponder, Rt. 4, 31 Alexander Rd., Weaverville, N.C. 28787
 MT. O'DALE: Mrs. Emery Blevins, Rt. 1, Erwin, Tenn.
 MT. ZION: Faye Norton, Rt. 2, Marshall, N.C.
 PAINT FORK: Richard Hyder, Rt. 2, Weaverville, N.C.
 PISGAH FOREST: Bertha Thomas, Box 280, Barnardsville, N.C.
 ROCKY BRANCH: Josephine Allison, 200 Allen St., Hazelwood, N.C.
 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: Revivals 1, Communion 1.
 CAMP BRANCH: Revivals 1.
 DRY BRANCH: Revivals 1, Communion 4.
 ERNESTVILLE: Revivals 2, Communion 4
 ERNESTVILLE: Revivals 2, Communion 4
 FAITH: Revivals 1, Communion 2.
 GRACE: Revivals 1, Communion 1
 HOMERS CHAPEL: Revivals 1, Communion 1
 HOT SPRINGS: Revivals 3, Communion 6.
 HYATT CREEK: Revivals 1, Communion 1.
 LAUREL FORK:
 LAURELTON CHAPEL: Revivals 1, Communion 2
 MARSHALL: Revivals 1
 MOUNTAIN VIEW: Revivals 1, Communion 3
 MT. O'DALE: Revivals 1, Communion 4.
 MOUNT ZION: Revivals 1
 PAINT FORK: Revivals 1, Communion 4
 PISGAH FOREST: Revivals 2
 ROCKY BRANCH: Revivals 1, Communion 1
 SHOAL HILL:
 SULPHUR SPRINGS: Revivals 2, Communion 2.

HOMERS'S CHAPEL: Lattie R. Slagle was born November 20, 1912 and died December 7, 1973. He was a quiet, peaceful man. A deacon at Homer's Chapel for many years. To his acquaintances he was a kindly man. To his friends he was a friend - to his family he was all things. He will be remembered by his church, and all who knew him for his faithful Christian life. A friend.



MT. O'DALE: Mr. Floyd Bailey, Choir director who has gone to join the Heavenly Choir.

SHOAL HILL: Mrs. Ollie Payne Roberts, age 81, was a charter member of the Shoal Hill Church. She departed this life July 14, 1973. We feel that our loss is Heavens gain.



SULPHUR SPRINGS: Rev. R.A. Ward was a faithful member of the Sulphur Springs Church. He departed this life May 2, 1974.

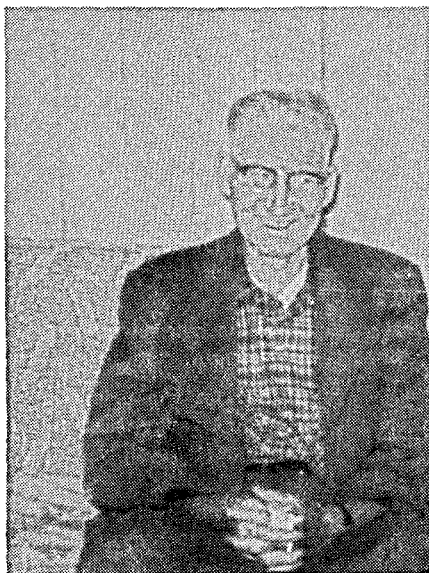
Brother Ward was at Church when he felt like going and was at Church when he was not well enough to go. He was an example to his family and fellow church members by his faithfulness.

He always reminded members of the church each service that "Jesus is coming."

He was a member of the French Broad Ministers' Conference and will be long remembered by saying "Praise the Lord" any time he spoke.

His last message to his family was "I have enjoyed my visit with you, but now I must go to my new home, Come to see me."

WALNUT: Rev. Harrison Lunsford was born February 17, 1889. He was Ordained to preach October 4, 1933. He was a member of the Walnut Free Will Baptist Church. He was faithful to his church. He had a lingering illness but he was patient all through his sickness. The Lord called him home to a better place September 25, 1973, at the age of 84. He trusted in the 23rd Psalm. "The Lord is My Shepherd". Written by His widow, Mrs. Josie Lunsford.



SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

BALSAM GROVE: Superintendent, Elmer Mathis; Cullowhee, N.C., Secretary, Evelyn Prince, Cullowhee, N.C., Classes, 2; Pupils, 35; literature, Union, expenses, \$100.00.

BARNARD: Superintendent, Wiley M. Massey, Marshall, N.C.; Secretary, Odessa Roberts, Classes, 2; Pupils, 25; literature - Bible.

CAMP BRANCH: Superintendent - Seby Rhodarmer, Rt. 1 Waynesville, N.C.; Secretary, Betty Jean Mills, 1044 Allens Creek Rd., Waynesville, N.C.; Classes - 3; literature- Bible.

DRY BRANCH: Superintendent - Mr. Charlie Connor, Rt. 2, Marshall, N.C.; Secretary - Miss Barbara Price, Rt. 4, Marshall, N.C.; Classes - 3; Pupils- 36; literature - Bible; expenses - \$249.93.

ERNESTVILLE: Not given.

FAITH: Superintendent - Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Black Mountain, N.C.; Secretary - Mrs. B.C. Hollifield, Black Mountain, N.C.; Classes - 4; Pupils - 40; literature - Bible.

GRACE: Superintendent - Keith Smathers, Rt. 3, Canton, N.C.; Secretary - Mrs. Reta Ann Shuford, Rt. 1, Fletcher, N.C.; Classes - 4; Pupils - 26; literature - Bible.

HOMERS CHAPEL: Superintendent - John Mundy, Black Mountain, N.C.; Secretary - Glenda Mundy, Black Mountain, N.C.; Classes - 6; pupils - 105; literature - Free - Will Baptist Bible ; Expenses - \$158.39.

HOT SPRINGS: Superintendent - Joseph Cogdill, Hot Springs, N.C.; Secretary - Edna Ricker, Hot Springs, N.C.; Classes - 3; literature - Bible.

HYATT CREEK; Superintendent - Clifford Stiles, Rt. 1, Waynesville, N.C.; Secretary - Judy Pressley, Rt. 6, Waynesville, N.C.; Classes - 4; Pupils - 48; literature - Bible.

LAUREL FORK: Superintendent - Kelly Allen, Rt. 1, Marshall, N.C.; Secretary - Phyllis Cooper, Rt. 1, Marshall, N.C.; Classes - 4; Pupils - 35; literature - Free Will Baptist, Bible; expenses - \$55.32.

MARSHALL: Superintendent - Howard Reece, Box 93, Weaverville, N.C.; Secretary - Henrietta Rector, Box 373, Marshall, N.C.; Classes - 5; pupils 40; literature - Bible and Free Will Baptist; expenses - \$303.99.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Superintendent - Carlos Ratcliff, Rt. 3, Leicester, N.C.; Secretary - Becky Ponder, Rt. 4, Alexander Rd., Weaverville, N.C.; classes - 6; pupils - 80; literature, Bible; expenses - \$30.00.

MOUNT O'DALE: Superintendent - Emery Blevins, Rt. 1, Erwin, Tenn.; Secretary - Amos Hensley, Rt. 1, Jonesboro, Tenn.; classes - 4; pupils - 65; literature - Bible.

MT. ZION: Superintendent - Arnold Revis, Rt. 3, Weaverville, N.C.; Secretary - Mrs. Sandra Thomas, Rt. 7, Marshall, N.C.; classes - 2; pupils - 8; literature - Bible; expenses - \$352.42.

PAINT FORK: Superintendent - Hobert Mundy, Barnardsville, N.C.; Secretary - Carrol Mundy, Barnardsville, N.C.; classes - 4; pupils - 30; literature - Bible; expenses - \$14.45.

PISGAH FOREST: Superintendent - Will Gaddy.

ROCKY BRANCH: Superintendent - Walter Mills, 112-5th St., Waynesville, N.C.; Secretary - Robert D. Whitner, P.O. Box 431, Hazelwood, N.C.; classes - 4; pupils - 45; literature - Bible.

SHOAL HILL: Superintendent - Jack Payne, Rt. 5, Marshall, N.C.; Secretary - Ruth Henderson, Rt. 5, Marshall, N.C.; classes - 2; pupils - 40; literature - Bible and Free Will Baptist; expenses - \$156.70.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Superintendent - William Mehaffey, 111 Sulphur Springs Rd., Waynesville, N.C. Secretary - Betty Sue Queen, 1109 Sulphur Springs Rd., Waynesville, N.C.; classes - 5; pupils - 90; literature - Free Will Baptist; expenses - \$279.22.

WOMANS AUXILIARY

HOMERS CHAPEL: President - Miss Frances Mundy, Black Mountain, N.C.; Secretary - Katherine Rice, Black Mountain, N.C.; members - 15; gained this year - 1; meets every week, money taken in - \$814.98; paid out - \$764.90.

MASHALL: President - Mrs. Billy Fore, Marshall, N.C.; Secretary - Mrs. Zennie Parris, Marshall, N.C.; Members - 12; meets once a month; money taken in - \$687.00; Paid out - \$581.21.

**FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST
MINISTERS' CONFERENCES**

AUGUST 1973 - AUGUST 1974

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Dry Branch Church Saturday, September 29, 1973.

Opening Song: "Amazing Grace";

Welcome and devotionals: Rev. Lloyd Chandler

Scripture: Psalm 1

Prayer: Rev. R.C. Stockton

Special Singing: Wheeler Family, Solo - Wanda Franks, Solo - Mrs. McGee.

The moderator called the conference to order and read "Constitution of Ministers Conference".

11 A.M. SERVICE

Song: "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone",

Sermon: Rev. Spivey Penland

Scripture: Phillipians 4:19.

This was a time of much rejoicing and good fellowship. Special prayer of healing.

1:30 SERVICE

Song: "Are You Ready"

Devotionals: Rev. Clarence Wheeler

Scripture: 11 Timothy 4

Prayer: Rev. Jennis Sluder.

The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. Thirty ministers answered to the roll call. Visiting minister present was Rev. Paul Dockery of Marshall, N.C. Rev. Charlie Hollifield was appointed to serve on the Ordaining Council. Two deacons of the Dry Branch Church was ordained by special request. Rev. Archie Cook was ordained to preach. Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr. preached the ordination sermon. Rev. Joe Pressley prayed the ordination prayer. The next conference will be held with the Faith Church in Black Mountain, N.C. Rev. Ross Lewis was appointed to preach.

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Faith Church Saturday, December 29, 1973.

Opening Song: "We'll Soon Be Done With Troubles and Trials". Welcome and

Devotionals: Rev. Raymond Shell

Scripture: Ephesians 4:7

Prayer: Rev. J.B. Rhinehart

Special Singing : Wheeler Trio.

The conference was called to order and the Moderator read "Constitution of Ministers' Conference"; Visiting Ministers present were: Rev. Coy Davis, Burnsville, N.C., Rev. Gene Riddle, Flagpond, Tenn.

11 A.M. SERVICE

Special Singing: Solo Nell W. Shuford, Solo, Rev. T.A. Wheeler

Sermon: Rev. Ross Lewis

Scripture: Jeremiah 5:1

2 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "Ill Live in Glory"

Devotionals: Rev. Coy Davis

Scripture: John 10:9

Prayer: Rev. J.W. Mann.

Thirty one ministers answered to the roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Rev. Burl Ledford was appointed to serve on the Ordaining Council. Silent prayer in memory of Rev. Harrison Lunsford and others who have gone on to their reward.

Rev. Marvin Ponders name was dropped from the roll due to his continual absence and lack of report. Rev. Coy Davis was taken under the watchcare of the conference until he gets a letter from his conference. Flower fund - \$144.82.

The next conference is scheduled to meet with Laurel Fork Church in March. Rev. Eugene Duyck is scheduled to preach.

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Laurel Fork Church Saturday, March 30, 1974.

Opening Song: "Amazing Grace"

Welcome and devotionals: Rev. Roy Waldrop

Scripture: John 1:1-5

Prayer: Rev. Spivey Penland

Special Singing: Wheeler Duet, Solo, Rev. James Rice

Several testimonies were heard at this time. The moderator read "Constitution of Ministers' Conference".

11 A.M. SERVICE

Solo: Mrs. Ben Frisby

Prayer: Rev. Gene Osburn

Sermon: Rev. Eugene Duyck

Scripture: Hosea 4

1:30 SERVICE

Song: "Some Day"

Devotionals: Rev. Spivey Penland

Prayer: Rev. Joe Pressley

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Thirty one ministers answered to the roll call. Visiting ministers present were Rev. Gene Osburn, Rev. Bill Cox. Rev. Eugene Foster was appointed to the Ordination Council. There was a prayer of healing for many people present. A special collection was taken for the "Old Ministers Fund" - \$74.00.

The next conference was scheduled for the Shoal Hill Church in June. Rev. George Plemmons was scheduled to preach. Flower fund - \$146.82.

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Shoal hill Church on Saturday, June 29, 1974.

Opening Song: "Come and Dine"

Special Singing: Harris Family, Gregg Duet

Devotionals: Rev. Coy Davis

Scripture: John 3

Prayer: Rev. James Rice

The Vice Moderator, Rev. Floyd Watts read "Constitution of Ministers' Conference". Visiting Ministers present were: Rev. J.B. Gregg, Rev. Hyatt, Rev. Ossie Miller, Rev. Donnie Harris

11 A.M. SERVICE

Sermon: Rev. George Plemmons

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-5

1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Special Singing: Gregg Duet

Devotionals : Rev. Lloyd Chandler,

Scripture: JOHN 15:5

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

Rev. Hilliard Rhinehart was licensed to preach. Rev. Bobby Waddle was ordained to preach. Rev. Larry Coates preached the Ordination sermon and Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr. led the Ordination prayer. \$146.82 in flower fund.

ANNUAL SESSION

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Rocky Branch Church, August 17, 1974, as a follow up of the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR - - - - -Rev. T.A. Wheeler - - - - -Canton, N.C.

VICE MODERATOR - - - - -Rev. Floyd Watts - - - - -Candler, N.C.

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

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr., Rev. Larry Coates, Rev. J.W. Mann, Rev. Joe Pressley, Rev. Lawrence Smith. The moderator read "Constitution of Ministers' Conference". Visiting ministers present were: Rev. Donnie Harris Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn., Rev. Hubert Shelton, Leicester, N.C.

Thirty ministers answered to the roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A motion was made and passed to change ministers pocket cards to include the months well as the year. Several motions were made and withdrawn after discussion.

Rev. Robert Riddle was licensed to preach. The next conference is scheduled to met with the Mountain Dale Church in Erwin, Tenn. in September. Rev. Burl Ledford is scheduled to preach.

MINISTERS'S DONATIONS

Rev. Roy Waldrop	- \$12.00
Rev. Clarence Wheeler	- 5.00
Rev. Ralph Carter	- 10.00
Rev. Charlie Hollifield	- 34.00
Rev. Archie Cook	- 18.00
Rev. Lloyd Chandler	- 10.00
Rev. Hillard Rhinehart	- 12.00
Rev. Eugene Duyck	- 15.00
Rev. Eugene Foster	- 12.00
Rev. Johnny Franks	- 12.00
Rev. Ben Frisby, Jr.	- 25.00
Rev. Burl Ledford	- 12.00
Rev. Ross Lewis	- 12.00
Rev. Spivey Penland	- 15.00
Rev. George Plemmons	- 20.00
Rev. Joe Pressley	- 12.00
Rev. James Rice	- 20.00
Rev. Jennis Sluder	- 12.00
Rev. Russell Wheeler	- 15.00
Rev. Walter Wilson	- 16.00
Rev. Floyd Watts	- 12.00
Rev. Jimmy Vaughn	- 15.00
Rev. Lawrence Smith	- 12.00
Rev. J.B. Rhinehart	- 12.00
Rev. Archie Rice	- 12.00
Rev. Raymond Shell	- 27.00
Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr.	- 12.00
Rev. Johnny B. Marlor	- 20.00
Rev. Edgar D. Coleman	- 20.00
Rev. T.A. Wheeler	- 12.00
	\$465.00

CHURCHES DONATIONS

Balsam Grove	- \$10.00
Barnard	- 32.22
Camp Branch	- 10.00
Dry Branch	- 20.00
Ernestville	- 28.10
Faith	- 175.00
Grace	- 207.76
Homers' Chapel	- 227.75
Hot Springs	- 125.60
Hyatt Creek	- 175.00
Laurel Fork	- 119.30
Marshall	- 40.00
Mt. View	- 120.00
Mt. O'Dale	- 140.98
Mt. Zion	- 20.00
Paint Fork	- 84.55
Rocky Branch	- 50.00
Shoal Hill	- 84.00
Sulphur Springs	- 85.00
Laurelton Chapel	- 20.00
TOTAL	\$1,778.26

LOVE OFFERINGS

Mrs. Milton Haynes	- \$25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Payne	- 5.00
Rev. & (Katherine) Archie Rice	- 50.00
Rev. & Mrs. Archie Rice	- 50.00
Mrs. Raymond Shell	- 5.00
Special offering at Mar. 30 Conf.	74.00
TOTAL -	\$159.00

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Rev. G.W. Briggs	- Rt. 1, Dandridge, Tenn.
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 66 A, Barnardsville, N.C.
Rev. G.E. Cody	- Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N.C.
Rev. Edgar D. Coleman	- 155 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, N.C.
Rev. Archie Cook	- Rt. 5, Box 50 C, Marion, N.C.
Rev. Eugene Duyck	- Barnardsville, N.C.
Rev. Eugene Foster	- Erwin, Tenn.
Rev. Johnny Franks	- Black Mountain, N.C.
Rev. Ben Frisby, Jr.	- P.O. Box 342, Marshall, N.C.
Rev. Charlie Hollifield	- Black Mountain, N.C.
Rev. Burl Ledford	- Avondale Rd., Asheville, N.C.
Rev. Ross Lewis	- Rt. 2, Box 192, Erwin, Tenn.
Rev. J.W. Mann	- Rt. 4, Marion, 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. George Plemmons	- 608, Hazelwood, N.C.
Rev. Joe Pressley	- Black Mountain, N.C.
Rev. Vernon Radcliffe	- Rt. 1, Alexander, N.C.
Rev. Hillard Rhinehart	- Box 683, Hazelwood, N.C.
Rev. J.B. Rhinehart	- Box 462, Hazelwood, N.C.
Rev. Archie Rice	- Rt. 1, Box 410, Black Mountain, N.C.
Rev. James Rice	- 106 Louisa St., Black Mountain, N.C.
Rev. Jesse Rice	- Rt. 2, Box 78, Weaverville, N.C.
Rev. Robert Riddle	- Rt. 6, Jonesboro, Tenn.
Rev. L.F. Rumbough	- 30 Montrose Ave., Asheville, N.C.
Rev. Raymond Shell	- 103 E. Blue Ridge Ave., Black Mountain, N.C.
Rev. Gut 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 247, Robbinsville, N.C.
Rev. Robert Waddle	- Rt. 2, Box 11, Erwin, Tenn. 37650,
Rev. Roy Waldrop	- 87 Elkmont Dr., Asheville, N.C.
Rev. Floyd Elbert Watts	- Rt. 1, Box 402, Candler, N.C.
Rev. Clarence Wheeler	- Rt. 1, Swannanoa, N.C.
Rev. Russel 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. Lloyd Chandler: Churches pastored 1; revivals 1; conversions 7; sermons 50; meembers received 2; baptized 4; marriages 1; funerals 2; received \$614.29; given \$50.00; homes visited 25; prayed in 30; sick visits 15; miles traveled 200; expenses \$50.00.

Rev. Larry Coates: Churches pastored 1; baptized 1; marriages 1 ; funerals 1; received \$2,094.42.

Rev. Edgar Coleman: Revivals 2; conversions 7; funerals 5; mariages 1; received \$65.00; given \$100.00.

Rev. Eugene Duyck: Churches pastored 1; marriages 1; funerals 2.

Rev. Burl Ledford: Churches pastored 1; revivals 1; Sermons 85; received \$584.47; given \$388.00.

Rev. Ross Lewis: Churches pastored 1; revivals 6; conversions 64; sermons 138; members received 2; baptized 7; marriages 1; received \$6,361.86; given \$608.75; nomes visited 20; sick visits 207; miles traveled 24,370.

Rev. Johnny B. Marler: Churches pastored 1; revivals 1; conversions 6; sermons 35; members received 4; baptized 5; received \$108.00; given \$190.00; homes visited 25; prayed in 15; sick visits 18.

Rev. G.A. Marshall: Sermons 20; funerals 1; given \$80.00.

Rev. Ransome Phillips: Churches pastored 1; conversions 1; sermons 24; members received 2; baptized 1; funerals 1; received \$300.00; given \$50.00; sick visits 3; miles traveled 25; expenses \$10.00.

Rev. George D. Plemmons: Churches pastored 1; conversions 35; sermons 150; members received 4; marriages 4; funerals 20; received \$1,021.41; given \$750.00.

Rev. Vernon Radcliff: Churches pastored 1; revivals 1; received \$960.00; given \$50.00.

Rev. J.B. Rhinehart: Churches pastored 1; revivals 2.

Rev. James Rice: Churches pastored 1.

Rev. Raymond Shell: Churches pastored 1; revivals 1; received \$2,505.00; given \$621.00.

Rev. Floyd Elbert Watts: Churches pastored 1; revivals 4; conversions 2; sermons 74; members received 4; funerals 4; received \$795.93.

Rev. T.A. Wheeler: Revivals 1; conversions 6; sermons 30; received \$103.00; given \$20.00.

Rev. Claude Mills: Churches pastored 1; Conversions 80; Sermons 104; Members received 22; Baptized 7; Marriages 3; Funerals 8; Received \$1,128.81; sick visits 50; miles traveled 2.000.

FRENCH BROAD F.W.B. ASSOCIATION

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; 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.

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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. 23:19-29; 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.

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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.

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 member
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 _____

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 funerals

Received for pastoral services \$

Received for revival services \$

Received for all other services \$

Total \$

Given personally to the cause \$

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

Minister

Address

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 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.

FRENCH BROAD F.W.B. ASSOCIATION

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

CHURCHES	Members Received	Exp. And Baptism	Letter Statement	Restoration	Lost	By Letter	Expulsion and Erasure	Death	Increase	Decrease	Active Membership	Last Year's
BALSAM GROVE	2	2			1			1	2	1	35	35
BARNARD											12	12
CAMP BRANCH	22	6	16							22	74	52
DRY BRANCH					1	1					40	41
ERNESTVILLE	2				2	2		2			14	12
FAITH												
GRACE					1	1				1	15	17
HOMERS CHAPEL	1		1		1			1			106	106
HOT SPRINGS			4					2	4		35	35
HYATT CREEK												
LAUREL FORK	4		4		1	1		4	1			
LAURELTON CHAPEL											52	54
MARSHALL	11	4	7		1			1	11		45	34
MOUNTAIN VIEW					4	1		3		4	73	73
MT. O'DALE	6	4	2		2			2	6	2	65	61
MT. ZION					2					2	24	25
PAINT FORK					1	1				1	30	30
PISGAH FOREST	8											
ROCKY BRANCH	4		4		2	2		2			30	59
SHOAL HILL					1			1		1		
SULPHUR SPRINGS	2		2					3	2	3	90	93
TOTALS	62	16	40		20	9		16	53	116	740	739

FINANCIAL REPORT

CHURCHES	Pator's Salary	Missions	Foreign Missions	Repairs	Others	Old Minister's Fund	Minister's	Value Of Church Property
BALSAM GROVE	300.00	10.00		534.88		10.00	5.00	10,000
BARNARD	643.12	30.00	5.00	439.10	140.00	35.22	5.00	11,000
CAMP BRANCH	1,128.81	544.84		113.81		10.00	5.00	12,000
DRY BRANCH	614.49	109.48				20.00	10.00	6,423.35
ERNESTVILLE						15.00	5.00	23,000
FAITH	2,405.00	135.58		1,021.29		185.00	15.00	17,000
GRACE	1,237.48	497.84				207.76	10.00	
HOMERS CHAPEL	2,733.00	1,425.89	683.21	456.44	1,702.33	227.75	45.00	29,000
HOT SPRINGS	469.72			1,262.64	481.91	125.60	15.00	8,270.00
HYATT CREEK	2,094.42	1,083.76		1,895.40	818.21	175.00	30.00	13,515.66
LAUREL FORK	960.10	422.08		2,856.30	1,557.32	99.30	10.00	5,795.22
LAURELTON CHAPEL	846.92	200.00	50.00	261.54	54.55	20.00	7.50	8,000
MARSHALL	527.27	157.74	168.00	3,793.05	300.00	400.00	15.00	5,275
MOUNTAIN VIEW	1,010.46	722.40	222.32	3,373.33	2,865.13	120.00	25.00	40,000
MT. O'DALE	3,126.00	2,482.07		870.56	1,008.77	140.98	12.00	15,000
MT. ZION	320.43			1,185.64	95.91	20.00	15.00	8,000
PAINT FORK	391.13	186.84		1,100.00	226.16	84.55	10.00	16,000
PISGAH FOREST				650.00			8.00	
ROCKY BRANCH	1,021.46	910.50		85.19	1,248.52	50.00	35.00	17,000
SHOAL HILL	423.95	191.20	160.00			84.00	20.00	6,700
SULPHUR SPRINGS	3,143.18	44.61	192.00	433.45		85.00	15.00	35,000
TOTAL	23,396.94	9,154.83	1,485.53	20,338.62	10,498.81	1,754.16	317.50	286,979.23

