

MINUTES
Of The
97th ANNUAL SESSION
of the
French Broad Association
of the
Free Will Baptists

Held at
GRACE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Canton, N. C.

AUGUST 14, 15, 16. 1976 *1975*

Next session of the French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists will be held with the Mt. O'Dale Church, Embreeville, Tennessee, beginning on Thursday, before the third Sunday in August 1976 at 10:00 A.M., Rev. J. W. Mannwill preach the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 A.M., Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr. will be the alternate.

OFFICERS

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

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We dedicate these minutes to the memory of Rev. G. A. Marshall, a faithful minister of the gospel. He was a member of the French Broad Ministers Conference for many years. He went to his reward this year. God blessed him with a long life. He was one of the oldest members of this conference. He will be missed by all who knew him.

CHURCH, PASTOR	SUNDAYS WE HAVE PREACHING
BALSAM GROVE: not elected	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	every
ERNESTVILLE: Rev. J. W. Mann, Rt. 4, Marion, N.C.	every
FAITH: Rev. Raymond Shell, 103 E. Blue Ridge Ave., Black Mountain, N.C.	every (no 5th)
GRACE: Rev. Eugene Duyck, Barnardsville, N.C.	every (no 5th)
HOMERS CHAPEL: Rev. G. M. Reynolds	every
HOT SPRINGS: Rev. Fred Hembree, Newport, Tenn.	every
HYATT CREEK: Rev. Russell Wheeler, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C.	every
LAUREL FORK: Rev. T. A. Holder, Asheville, N.C.	every
LAURELTON CHAPEL: not elected	every
MOUNTAIN VIEW: Rev. Vernon Radcliffe, Rt. 1, Alexaner, N.C.	4th
MT. O'DALE: Rev. Eugene Osborne, Rt. 8, Johnson City, Tenn.	every
MT. ZION: Rev. Larry Coates, Rt. 1, Barnardsville, N.C.	every
PAINT FORK: Not elected	every
PISGAH FOREST: Rev. W. G. Burleson, Rt. 1, Box 48, Asheville, N.C.	every
ROCKY BRANCH: Rev. George Plemmons, Box 608, Hazlwood, N.C.	every
SHOAL HILL: not elected	every
SULPHUR SPRINGS: Rev. Elmer Keener, 134 North Main St., Canton, N.C.	every

Marshall Church withdrew from the Association. Community Church was taken under the Watchcare of the Association for a year.

OUR MISSIONARIES

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

PROCEEDINGS

Beginning on Thursday, August 14, 1975 at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Free Will Baptist Church at Canton, N.C.

OPENING SONG: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

WELCOME AND DEVOTIONALS: By pastor, Rev. Eugene Duyck

Scripture: Matthew 11: 28, 29

Prayer. : Rev. J. B. Gregg

Special Memorial Prayer in memory of Rev. G. A. Marshall and members of the **Churches** in the Association who have gone to their reward since the last Annual meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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Black Mountain, N.C.

Hazelwood, N.C.

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Marshall, N.C.

APPOINTMENT OF READING CLERKS

Michael Allison

Rev. Larry Coates

FINANCE COMMITTEE

OLD MINISTERS FUND:

MINUTE FUND:

MISSIONS:

Moderator read "Rules of Decorum"

Howard Wheeler

Rev. J. B. Rhinehart

Bobby Whitner

Visiting Minister Present was Rev. J. B. Gregg, Jonesboro, Tenn.

11 A.M. Service

Song: "I'd Rather be an old time Christian"

Prayer: Rev. Spivey Penland

Sermon: Rev. Larry Coates

Scripture: Isaiah 38: 1, 2; Amos 7:7

2 P.M. Service

Song: "O Come Angel Band"

Special Singing: Gregg Duet

Devotionals: Rev. J. W. Mann

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4: 1-3

Prayer: Rev. T. A. Wheeler

Delegates were seated and church reports were read. The committees were appointed.

7:30 Service

Song: "I'll Be a Friend to Jesus"

Special Singing: Gregg Duet, Wheeler Quartet, Freedom Quartet, Hyatt Creek Trio

Sermon: Rev. Spivey Penland

Scripture: Romans 10: 13-15, Jeremiah 21

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BALSAM GROVE: BY LETTER

BARNARD: BY LETTER

CAMP BRANCH: BY LETTER

COMMUNITY: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Davis, Betty Marler, Evelyn Collins, Ester Mae Chandler, Rev. Lloyd Chandler

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

ERNESTVILLE: : Rev. Robert Waddle

FAITH: Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hollifield, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pressley, Mrs. Verlie Hensley

GRACE: Howard Wheeler, Gerald Wheeler, David Shuford

HOMERS CHAPEL: Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Allison

HOT SPRINGS: BY LETTER

HYATT CREEK: Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Rhinehart, Trenia Rhinehart, Johnny Sue Rhinehart, Terri Rhinehart

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

LAURELTON CHAPEL: BY LETTER

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Mrs. Howard Alexander, Mrs. Richard Hensley, Mrs. Elbert Sluder, Mr. Carlos Radcliffe

MT. O'DALE: Ralph Thomas, Amos Hensley, Mary Hensley

MT. ZION: Mr. Ellis Green, Faye Norton, Jack Norton

PAINT FORK: BY LETTER

PISGAH FOREST: Bertha Thomas, Ann Gaddy, William Gaddy

ROCKY BRANCH: Robert Whitner, Leon Bolden, Boyd Shepherd

SHOAL HILL: Dorothy Payne, Reba Tortora, Rev. Walter Wilson

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Ruth Chandler

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Arrangements: a standing committee, Pastor and Delegates
 Young Peoples Work: Dorothy Payne, Nell Shuford
 Sunday Schools: Walter Ball, Rev. Roy Waldrop
 Home and Foreign Missions: Stella Sluder, Rev. Walter Wilson, Mrs. Marler
 Pastors Support: Eugene Thomas, Amos Hensley
 Lord's Day Observance: Mrs. Burl Ledford, Rita Wheeler
 Marriage and Divorce: A standing committee, written by Rev. Henry Ballard
 Amendment: Rev. T. A. Holder Jr., Rev. Walter Wilson
 Old Ministers Fund: A standing committee, Howard Wheeler, Chairman
 Deeper Devotions: A standing committee, written by Rev. W. W. Ballard, deceased
 Obituaries: Mrs. Arnold Wheeler, Bonnie Alexander
 Resolutions: A standing committee, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Lonnie Crawford
 Finance: A standing committee
 Temperance: Arnold Wheeler, Rev. J. B. Rhinehart, Rev. Larry Coates
 Periodicals: Howard Wheeler, Bobby Whitner
 Womans Auxiliary: Alice Waldrop, Reba Tortora
 Sessions: First delegate of each church.

FRIDAY 10:00 A.M.

Song: "I'll Live in Glory"
 Devotionals: Rev. T. A. Wheeler
 Scripture: Matthew 27:12
 Prayer: Rev. Roscoe Briggs Jr.
 Field Evangelist for next year elected: Rev. Archie Rice
 Investigating Committee: Rev. Pressley, Rev. J. W. Mann, Rev. Eugene Duyck

11 A.M. SERVICE

Song: "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"
 Prayer: Rev. Raymond Shell
 Sermon: Rev. Joe Pressley
 Scripture: Psalm 2

2 P.M. Service

Song: "Father Along"
 Devotionals: Rev. Lloyd Chandler
 Scripture: 15: 1-5
 Prayer: Rev. Roy Waldrop
 Heard Reports of Committees
 Special Singing: Harris Family, Wheeler Family, Gregg Duet, Solo, Mrs. J. B. Rhinehart

FRIDAY 7:00 Service

Song: "When His Blood Flowed Down Calvary's Hill"
 Special Singing: Gregg Duet,
 Solo: Rev. Gene Foster, Wheeler Duet
 Rev. Burl Ledofrd was scheduled to preach but different ones testified and preached and this was a time of much rejoicing in the spirit and Brother Burl did not have to preach (By Nell Shuford)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ARRANGEMENTS: A standing committee, Pastor and delegates

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Eccl. 12: 1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; 1 Timothy 4: 12 Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Proverbs 22: 6 Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Titus 2: 3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh Holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4. That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, love their children. 5. To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. 6. Young men likewise exort to be sober minded. 7. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: respectfully submitted. Nell Shuford and Dorothy Payne

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: We, your committee, believe that all of our teachers, first, be Christians and that they should "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy: 2:15). We feel that teachers should never be chosen because of popularity. We believe, also, that it would be good for our Sunday School Superintendent to visit each class to encourage the teacher and pupils and to make sure all teachers are teaching sound doctrine. We believe our Sunday School and worship Service should be in harmony and the one should not work against the other. Walter Ball, Rev. Roy Waldrop

PASTORS SUPPORT: We, the committee on Pastors Support, believe it is the duty of the churches to support their pastors financially. Malachi 3: 8 "Will a man rob God, yet you have robbed me in tithes and offerings. Matthew 23:23 These ought you to have done and not to leave the other undone. Luke 10: 7 The laborer is worthy of his hire. 1 Cor. 9: 14. Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel, should live of the Gospel. In prayer and present. Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is. In attention, Hebrews 2: 1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at any time we should let them slip. Ralph Thomas, Amos Hensley

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 applies 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 always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28: 19-20.

Proclaiming the Gospel is the central task of the church. The word Apostle means one who is sent forth. Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Rev. Walter Wilson, Mrs. Stella Sluder, Mrs. Johnny Marler

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: We, your committee, believe the Sabbath as being the day to worship. In memory of our Lord's resurrection we should observe the commandment given us in Deut. 5: 12-15 to keep the Sabbath day, to sanctify it and worship in the Spirit with reverence unto God. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy. Not to enjoy the pleasures of the world, but to use the day to honor God in whatever way he would be pleased. The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. We believe that we should not support others in doing contrary to this commandment as we are bid in God's word, not to be partakers of men's evil deeds. Dora Ledofrd, Rita Wheeler.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: We protest against parents giving permits for children under lawful age. We also protest against marriages of persons who are unfit to care for a family. There is only one Biblical cause for divorce. We will not allow our ministers to officiate at the marriage of any divorced persons. 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. Amendment: We recommend that the Old Ministers and Board of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association be governed by the following (1) That at the age of sixty five (65) our ministers if unable to support our insurance, at their own request, be relieved of 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 is 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 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 wrote, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saint the spirit they shall rest from their labours. We feel that our loss is Heavens gain. Mrs. Arnold Wheeler, Bonnie Alexander

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; taste not; handle not; This refers to strong drink. "And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled. Acts 24:25. Wine is a mocker, strong drink si 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 2 Corinthians 7:1, also, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." 1 Thessalonians 5:22 Arnold Wheeler, Rev. Larry Coats, Rev. J. B. Rhinehart

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. Howard Wheeler, Bobby Whitner

WOMANS AUXILIARY: We, your committee, encourage each church to support a womans Auxiliary, to help spread the good news in homes of the sick, needy, and those unable to attend regular Worship services. This is another way for the older women to teach and instruct the younger women as the Bible teaches us to do. Respectfully submitted — Reba Tortora, Alice Waldrop

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 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 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 Mt. O'Dale Church at Embreeville, Tennessee, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in August 1976, at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. J. W. Mann is scheduled to preach the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 A.M. Rev. Roscoe Briggs Jr. is the alternatc.

CLERKS FOR NEXT YEAR

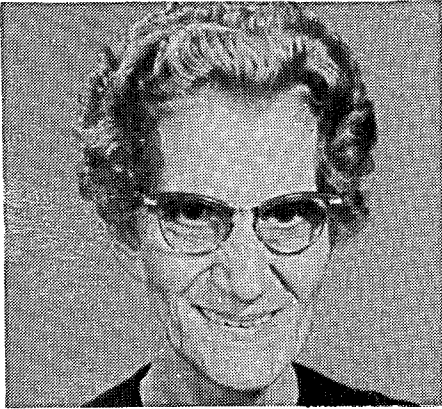
BALSAM GROVE: Evelyn Prince, Cullowhee, N.C.
 BARNARD: Blanch Farmer, Rt. 7, Box 45, Marshall, N.C. 28753
 CAMP BRANCH: Pauline Case, Sylva, N.C.
 COMMUNITY: Mrs. James Marler, Box 144, Marshall, N.C.
 DRY BRANCH: Mrs. Amy Plemmons, Rt. 4, Marshall, N.C.
 ERNESTVILLE: Ada Sanders, 233 Willow St., Erwin, Tenn.
 FAITH: Mrs. B. C. Hollifield, 1234 North Fork Rd., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711
 GRACE: Davis A. Shuford, Rt. 1, Box 378-D, Fletcher, N.C. 28732
 HOMERS CHAPEL: Miss Frances Mundy, P. O. Box 101, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711
 HOT SPRINGS: Woodrow Norton, Rt. 2, Box 149-A, Hot Springs, N.C.
 HYATT CREEK: Wayne Pressley, Rt. 6, Waynesville, N.C.

LAUREL FORK: Mrs. O. W. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Marshall, N.C.
 LAURELTON CHAPEL: Cas Fender, Rt. 6, Marshall, N.C. 28753
 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, Marshall, N.C.
 SULPHUR SPRINGS: Harold Queen, 1109 Sulphur Springs Rd., Waynesville, N.C.

REVIVALS AND COMMUNIONS

BALSAM GROVE: Revivals 1; Rev. Claude Mills
 BARNARD: Revivals 1, Rev. Jennis Sluder, Rev. Sammy Moore; Communion: 1
 CAMP BRANCH: Communion: 1
 COMMUNITY: Communion: 1
 DRY BRANCH: Revivals: Rev. Spivey Penland, Rev. Marvin Watts, Communion: 2
 ERNESTVILLE: Revivals: 3, Rev. Quince Miller, Rev. Larry Coates, Rev. Roscoe Briggs Jr., Rev. Joe Pressley, Communion: 3
 FAITH: Revivals: 1; Rev. Eugene Foster, Communion: 1
 GRACE: Revivals: 2; Rev. Joe Pressley, Rev. Gene Foster, Rev. Larry Coates; Communion: 3
 HOMERS CHAPEL: Revivals, 2; Rev. Joe Helms, Rev. Kenneth Cook; Communion: 1
 HOT SPRINGS: Revivals: 1' Rev. J. B. Stills; Communion: 4
 HYATT CREEK: Revivals: 1' Rev. Spivey Penland, Communion: 1
 LAURELTON CHAPEL: Revivals: 1; Rev. Larry Coates, Rev. Ben Frisby Jr. Communion: 1
 MOUNTAIN VIEW: Communion: 4
 MT. O'DALE: Revivals: 1; Rev. Basil Stevens, Communion: 3
 MT. ZION: Revivals: 1, Rev. Larry Coates, Communion: 1
 PAINT FORK: Revivals: 2; Rev. J. W. Mann, Rev. Spivey Penland, Communion: 4
 ROCKY BRANCH: Revivals: 1; Rev. Spivey Penland, Communion: 1
 SHOAL HILL: Communion: 1
 SULPHUR SPRINGS: Revivals: 2; Rev. Howard Messer, Mike Messer, Rev. Frank Thompson; Communion: 2

OBITUARIES



HOMERS CHAPEL: Lillie Mae Rice Davis passed away June 24, 1975. She was born in Madison County and moved to Buncombe County in 1943. She was the widow of Vernon G. Davis who passed away December 5, 1970. They were both members of Homers Chapel. They loved their Church and their Church loved them. In memory of the Davis Family. That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and honesty. Amen. 1 Timothy 2: 2

Mrs. Mamie Britt Thompson was born June 13, 1888 and went to her reward May 25, 1975. She was a faithful member of Homers Chapel for many, many years. God blessed her with a long life. We miss her presence here but we know, as Paul said, To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. By her good life and testimony, we feel that she is in a better land. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."



Mrs. Jessie Lytle Reynolds was born in 1892 and died August 14, 1975 at the age of 83. She was a faithful worker in Homers Chapel for many years. She was the wife of Rev. G. M. Reynolds and worked right with him for the almost 66 years that they were married. She taught in many Sunday School classes and organized several Ladies Auxiliaries in different churches. Everyone loved her. She was a friend to all. Her life will live on in the hearts of her children and all who knew her. We have more to go to Heaven for than we had before. It will be great joy when we meet again.



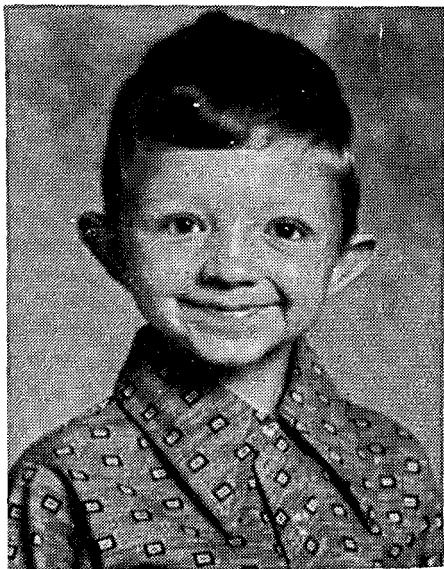


FAITH: Robert F. Foster was born February 28, 1891 and died August 24, 1974. He was a charter member of Faith Church and was very faithful to come to every service as long as he possibly could until his last sickness. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10. He and his wife attended the Association for many years as delegates. He always stood on what he believed was right without wavering. He was firm in his salvation. He is missed here but by his testimony and the life he lived we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

HYATT CREEK: Brother Joe Green was known by all who knew him as "Uncle Joe." He was born May 11, 1889. He was the head deacon of the Church for twenty two years. He was also Sunday School Superintendent for many years until his health failed about three years ago. He was faithful to the Church but most of all to God. He was truly a blessing to the Church and community and will be missed by all who ever knew him. He was called to his new home, July 18, 1975 at the age of 86. We feel that our loss is Heavens gain.

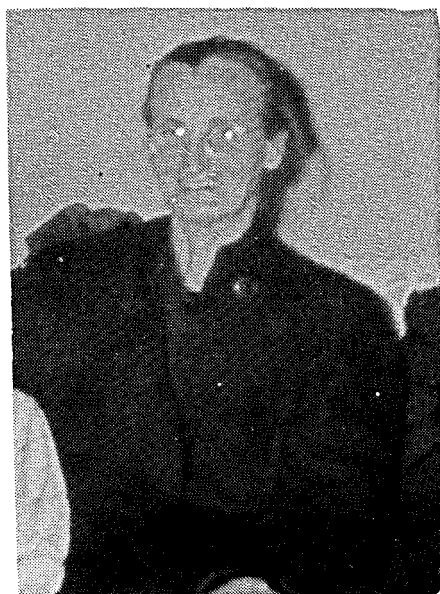


MT. ZION: Mrs. Lula Connor was born November 21, 1903 and departed this life July 10, 1975 She was a member of this church for many years. She was a dedicated Christian and Mother. She loved her family and neighbors. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her. We believe God said, Well done, my faithful child, welcome home. She leaves behind, her husband, twelve children and a host of friends.



Hilliard Gilbert Rhinehart Jr. (called Junior) entered this life January 27, 1967. He always took part in the Sunday School Class and always had a Bible verse to say to the Church. Even though God only loaned him to us for eight years, his life everywhere he went left a very inspiring testimony. Junior was a very unusual boy and God loved him and just called him on home June 3, 1975.

SHOAL HILL: Mrs. Ethel Brown was born November 19, 1895 and died March 6, 1975. She was a faithful and devoted member of Shoal Hill Church all her life. She was active in all church affairs. Giving her time freely and unselfishly. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. One of her favorite scriptures was John 14: 1-3. Let not your heart be troubled; Ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Fathers House are many mansions if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. We feel our loss is Heavens gain.



2 P.M. Service

Song: "I've Seen the Light"

Devotionals: Rev. James Rice

Scripture: Proverbs 25: 19

Prayer: Brother Howard Wheeler

Rev. James Rice and Rev. Burl Ledford were appointed to serve on the Ordination Council

Special Singing: Gregg Family and different groups

Rev. J. D. Green was given ordination papers.

The next meeting was scheduled to meet with the Marshall Church with Rev. James Rice scheduled to preach. Amount in flower Fund \$95.62

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Paint Fork Church on Saturday, June 28, 1975 at 10 a.m.

Opening Song: "I'll Have a New Life"

Welcome and Devotionals: Rev. Burl Ledford

Scripture: John 6: 44

Prayer: Rev. Ross Lewis

Singing: Gregg Duet, Wheeler Family. The Moderator called the meeting to order and read the "Constitution of Ministers' Conference"

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A standing prayer in memory of Rev. G. A. Marshall. Twenty nine ministers answered to the roll call. Visiting Ministers present were: Rev. Donnie Harris, Rev. J. B. Gregg, Rev. Gene Riddle, Rev. Jack McCellan. Special prayer for Rev. J. D. Green who is in the Hospital. Special prayer of healing for the little Capps girl. The preacher did not get to preach. It was a time of much rejoicing One soul was saved.

2 P.M. Service

Song: "Let my Life Be a Light" Devotionals: Rev. Clarence Wheeler, Scripture: John 14: 1,2 Prayer: Rev. Johnny Marler. Rev. Gene Foster was appointed to serve an Ordination Council. A love offering was taken for Rev. Vernon Radcliff. Rev. Donnie Harris was granted Ordination papers. \$95.62 in flower Fund.

ANNUAL SESSION

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Grace Church August 16, 1975 as a follow up of the Association.

Election of Officers

MODERATOR: Rev. T. A. Wheeler

Rt. 2, Canton, N.C.

VICE MODERATOR: Rev. Floyd Watts

Candler, N.C.

SECRETARY & TREASURER: Mrs. Archie Rice

Black Mountain, N.C.

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

Song: "The Graves Will All Burst Open"

Devotionals: Rev. T. A. Watts, Scripture: 1 Cor. 10; Prayer: Rev. Roscoe Briggs Jr.

The Vice Moderator read the "Constitution of Ministers' Conference and carried on the business of the session. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved Twenty five Ministers' answered to the roll call.

A vote was passed to keep ministers reports as they are now except for the addition of their phone number. Rev. J. B. Gregg was licensed to preach.

The next conference is scheduled to meet with the Rocky Branch Church at Hazelwood, N.C. Rev. Archie Rice is scheduled to preach.

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Mt. O'Dale Church Saturday, December 28, 1974

Opening Song: "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian"

Welcome and Devotionals: Rev. Gene Osburn, Pastor of the Church

Prayer: Rev. Spivey Penland

Special Singing: Gregg Duet, Wheeler Trio, Hyatt Duet

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

Visiting Ministers Present Were: Rev. Gene Osborne, Rev. J. B. Gregg, Rev. J. D. Green, Rev. Jim Shoupe, Rev. Junior Fox, Rev. M. D. Hyatt

Seventeen Ministers answered to the roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

11 A.M. Service

Song: "Just a Little Talk With Jesus"

Sermon: Rev. Roscoe Briggs Jr.

Scripture: John 6: 15-32

2 P.M. Service

Song: "Press Along to Glory Land;;

Devotionals: Rev. Ross Lewis

Scripture: John 15: 1-9

Prayer: Brother Jim Shuler

The next meeting will be held with the Greggs Chapel Church, Jonesboro, Tennessee. The Rev. Joe Pressley is scheduled to preach. A love offering was taken for Rev. J. D. Green. Miss Foster sang a solo, also David Reeves sang a solo. There was a special prayer of healing and for special objects.

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with Greggs Chapel, Jonesboro, Tennessee on Saturday, March 29, 1975

Opening Song: "I'll Live in Glory"

Welcomed by the pastor, Rev. W. D. Hyatt who read scripture and led in prayer

Vice Moderator, Rev. Floyd Watts presided in absence of the moderator who was sick.

There was a special prayer of healing led by Rev. Lloyd Chandler. For our sick ministers.

Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Rev. Johnny Franks, Rev. Jennis Sluder; Rev. Vernon Radlicff. The

Vice Moderator read the "Constitution of ministers' Conference." Twenty one ministers

answered to the roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Visiting

Ministers Present were: Rev. W. D. Hyatt, Rev. Donnie Harris, Rev. J. B. Gregg, Rev.

Robert Ward, Rev. Gene Riddle, Rev. Gene Potter, Rev. J. D. Green, Rev. Reddie Miller

Special Singing: Harris Family

11 A.M. Service

Sermon: Rev. Joe Pressley

Scripture 11 Samuel 23

WOMANS AUXILIARY

COMMUNITY: President, Mrs. Essie Brown, Rt. 1, Box 65, Marshall, N.C., Secretary Faye Sams, Marshall, N.C. Members 12; Gained 12; meets twice a month. Money taken in \$400.00 Money paid out \$100.00

HOMERS CHAPEL: President, Miss Frances Mundy, Box 101, Black Mountain, N.C. Secretary, Mrs. Archie Rice, Rt. 1, Box 410, Black Mountain, N.C. Members: 15; meets every week. Money taken in \$1,082.86

**FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST
MINISTERS' CONFERENCES
AUGUST 1974 - AUGUST 1975**

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Mountain Dale Church Saturday, September 28, 1974 at 10:00 A.M.

Opening Song: "God Leads His Children Along"

Welcome and Devotionals: Rev. Spivey Penland

Scripture: Psalm 133, Psalm 84;

Prayer: Rev. Joe Pressley

Special Singing: Harris Family

Wheeler Duet

The conference was called to order by the Moderator who then read the Constitution of Ministers conference.

Visiting Ministers present were: Rev. Donnie Harris and Rev. B. J. Turner, Erwin, Tenn.

11:00 A.M. Service

Solo: Rev. T. A. Wheeler;

Solo: Rev. James Rice

Sermon: Rev. Burl Ledford

Scripture: Romans 12: 1-5

Prayer: Rev. Raymond Shell

1:30 Service

Song: "Sweet Bye and Bye"

Devotionals: Rev. Roscoe Briggs Jr.

Scripture: 1 John 4

Prayer: Mr. Shuford

Twenty four ministers answered to the roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Rev. Roy Waldrop turned in his credentials. Rev. Spivey Penland and Rev. Eugene Duyck were appointed to serve on the ordination council.

The next conference will be held with the Mt. O'Dale Church in Embreeville, Tenn. Rev. Guy V. Shelton was selected to preach. The body had a silent prayer for Mr. Emery Blevins who is sick in the hospital. Prayer and anointing for healing of many by Rev. Charlie Hollifield.

Special Singing: Harris Family

Rev. Alford Taylor was dropped from the roll due to continual absence and lack of report. Many testimonies were heard. Amount in Flower Fund \$126.02

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

BALSAM GROVE: Superintendent, Elmer Mathis, Cullowhee, N.C.; Secretary, Evelyn Prince, Cullowhee, N.C.; Classes 2; Pupils 30; literature union; expenses \$108.20

BARNARD: Superintendent Wiley M. Massey; Marshall, N.C.; Secretary Odessa Roberts; Marshall, N.C., Classes 2; pupils 28, Literature Bible.

CAMP BRANCH: Superintendent, James Marler; marshall, N.C. Secretary, Faye Sams; Marshall, N.C. Classes 4; Pupils 50, literature Bible; expenses \$189.995

DRY BRANCH: Superintendent, Mr. Charlie Connor; Rt. 2, Marshall, N.C. Secretary, Miss Barbara Price, Rt. 4, Marshall, N.C. Classes 5; Pupils 33; literature Bible, expenses \$261.65.

ERNESTVILLE: Superintendent Belve Sanders; 233 Willow St., Erwin, Tenn. Secretary, Ada Sanders, 233 Willow St., Erwin, Tenn. Classes 2; Pupils 45; literature Bible.

FAITH: Superintendent, Roy Blankenship, Old Fort, N.C. Secretary, Mrs. B. C. Hollifield 1234 North Fork Rd., Black Mountain, N.C. Classes 3; Pupils 30; literature, Bible.

GRACE: Superintendent, Roy Blankenship, Old Fort, N.C. Secretary, Mrs. B. C. Hollifield, 1234 North Fork Rd., Black Mountain, N.C. Classes 3; Pupils 30; literature, Bible.

GRACE: Superintendent, Howard Wheeler Rt. 2, Canton, N.C. Secretary, Rita Shuford, Rt. 1, Fletcher, N.C. Classes 4; literature Bible.

HOMERS CHAPEL: Superintendent, John Mundy, Black Mountain, N.C. Secretary, Teresa Stone, Black Mountain, N.C. Classes 6; literature Bible and F.W.B. expenses \$158.74

HOT SPRINGS: Superintendent, Paul Lovin Jr., Rt. 2, Hot Springs, N.C. Secretary, Edna Ricker; classes 5; literature Bible.

HYATT CREEK: Superintendent, Clifford Styles, Rt. 1, Waynesville, N.C. Secretary, Judy Pressley, Rt. 6, Waynesville, N.C. Classes 4; pupils 48, Literature, Holy Bible expenses \$183.13

LAUREL FORK: Superintendent, Kelly Allen, Rt. 1, Marshall, N.C. Secretary, Phyllis C. Moore, marshall, N.C. Classes 4; Pupils 25; Literature, Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$110.00

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Superintendent, Dwight Fender, Marshall, N.C. Classes 4; pupils 30; literature, Bible and F.W.B. expenses \$83.33

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Superintendent, Carlos Radcliff, Rt. 3, Leicester, N.C. Secretary, Becky Ponder, Rt. 4, 31 Alexander Rd., Weaverville, N.C. classes 7; Pupils 82; literature, Bible; expenses \$32.00

MT. O'DALE: Superintendent, Emery Blevins, Rt. 1, Erwin, Tenn. Secretary, Amos Hensley Rt. 1, Jonesboro, Tenn. Classes 4; Pupils 95; literature, Bible.

MT. ZION: Superintendent, Arnold Revis Rt. 3, Weaverville, N.C. Secretary, Sandra Thomas Rt. 5, Marshall, N. C. Classes 4; Pupils 29; literature, Bible; expenses \$40.50

PAINT FORK: Superintendent, Hobert Mundy, Barnardsville, N.C. Secretary, Carrol Mundy Barnardsville, N.C. Classes 4; Pupils 3); Literature Bible and F.W.B. expenses \$12.00

PISGAH FOREST: Superintendent, William Gaddy, Barnardsville, N.C. Secretary, Vickie Anders, Barnardsville, N.C. classes 3; literature Bible and quarterly expenses \$125.00

ROCKY BRANCH: Superintendent, James Mills, Allens Creek Rd., Waynesville, N.C., Secretary, Larry B. Conard, Rt. 1, Clyde, N.C. Classes 4; Pupils 55; Literature, Bible and Pre-School; expenses \$58.36

SHOAL HILL: Superintendent, Jack Payne Rt. 5, Marshall, N.C. Secretary, Ruth Henderson, Rt. 5, Marshall, N.C. Classes 2; Pupils 25; literature Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$8.54

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Superintendent, William Mehaffey 111 Sulphur Springs Rd., Hazelwood, N.C., Secretary, Betty Queen 1109 Sulphur Springs Rd., Hazelwood, N.C. Classes 6; Pupils 80; literature F.W.B.; expenses \$324.43

FRENCH BROAD F.W.B. ASSOCIATION

MINISTER'S DONATIONS

Rev. R. C. Stockton	\$37.00
Rev. James Rice	10.00
Rev. J. B. Gregg	3.00
Rev. Archie Rice	112.00
Rev. Jesse Rice	6.00
Rev. Johnny Franks	12.00
Rev. Archie Cook	12.00
Rev. Walter Wilson	20.00
Rev. Larry Coats	30.00
Rev. Lloyd Chander	12.00
Rev. Spivey Penland	15.00
Rev. Jennis Sluder	12.00
Rev. Raymond Shell	20.00
Rev. Roscoe Shell	20.00
Rev. Roscoe Briggs Sr.	5.00
Rev. Ralph Bullman	15.00
Rev. Ben Frisby Jr.	20.00
Rev. J. W. Mann	12.00
Rev. Hillard Rhinehard	12.00
Rev. Lawrence Smith	12.00
Rev. Eugene Foster	12.00
Rev. Ross Lewis	12.00
Rev. Roscoe Briggs Jr.	12.00
Rev. T. A. Wheeler	12.00
Rev. Charlie Hollifield	12.00
Rev. Eugene Duyck	12.00
Rev. Burl Ledford	12.00
Rev. Joe Pressley	12.00
Rev. Floyd Watts	12.00
Rev. Russell Wheeler	12.00
Rev. J. B. Rhinehard	12.00
	\$507.00

CHURCH DONATIONS

Grace	\$239.67
Homer's Chapel	104.80
Laurel Fork	138.98
Mt. O'Dale	184.53
Ernestville	27.89
Faith	250.00
Hot Springs	186.49
Marshall	20.00
Hyatt Creek	300.26
Shoal Hill	109.02
Mt. View	125.00
Paint Fork	53.75
Sulphur Springs	85.00
Rocky Branch	50.00
Mt. Zion	20.00
Laurelton Chapel	20.00
Balsam Grove	10.00
Dry Branch	30.00
Pisgah Forest	20.00
Marshall Community	30.00
Barnard	35.83
	\$2,041.22

LOVE OFFERINGS

Mr. & Mrs. Milton Haynes	\$10.00
Mrs. Raymond Shell	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Payne	6.00
	\$21.00

PAID OUT MONTHLY CHECKS

Rev. J. C. Franks	264.00
Rev. Vernon Radcliffe	264.00
Rev. G. A. Marshall	198.00
Rev. Charlie Hollifield	264.00
Rev. Lloyd Chander	264.00
Mrs. Maley Rice	264.00
Mrs. Josie Lunsford	264.00
	\$2,046.00

SICKNESS

Rev. Vernon Radcliffe	\$100.00
Rev. J. D. Green	100.00
	\$200.00
Stamps and Envelopes	\$12.00
Total Paid Out	\$2,258.00

YEAR REPORT

Churches	\$2,041.22
Ministers	507.00
Love Offerings	21.00
Beginning Of 1974-75 year	1,198.06
	\$3,767.28
Paid Out	\$2,258.00
	\$1,509.28
Total In Savings	\$3,824.97

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

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Rev. G. W. Briggs	Rt. 1, Dandridge, Tennessee
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Rev. Roscoe Briggs Jr.	Micaville, N.C. 28755
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Rev. Ralph Carter	Rt. 2, Box 43, Marshall, N.C. 28753
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Rev. Larry Coates	Rt. 1, Box 66-A, Barnardsville, N.C. 28709
Rev. G. E. Cody	Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711
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Rev. Eugene Foster	Erwin, Tenn. 37650
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Rev. J. D. Green	Chuckey, Tenn.
Rev. Donnie Harris	Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tennessee 37650
Rev. Charlie Hollifield	Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711
Rev. Burl Ledofrd	Rt. 5, Asheville, N.C.
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Rev. Spivey Penland	Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn. 37650
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Rev. George Plemmons	Box 608, Hazelwood, N.C. 28738
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Rev. R. C. Stockton	Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn. 57650
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Rev. Clarence Wheeler	Rt. 1, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778
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Rev. T. A. Wheeler	Rt. 2, Canton, N.C. 28716
Rev. Walter Wilson	Rt. 1, Marshall, N.C. 28753

ORDAINED MINISTERS REPORTS

- Rev. Roscoe Briggs Jr.:** Churches pastored 1; revivals 4; conversions 17; sermons 91; baptized 6; funerals 3; Received for pastoral services \$1,380.74; Revival Services \$537.50; Total \$1,818.24
- Rev. Lloyd Chandler:** Conversions 7; Sermons 40; homes visited 20, prayed in 25; sick visits 15; miles traveled 300.
- Rev. Larry Coates:** Churches pastored 1; revivals 4; baptized 3; marriages 1; funerals 3' Received \$576.33
- Rev. Archie Cook:** Sermons 15; homes visited 23; prayed in 8; sick visits 14; miles traveled 10,000; expenses \$200.00
- Edgar D. Coleman:** Revivals 2; conversions 13; sermons 104; baptized 6; given \$75.00, homes visited 25; prayed in 25; sick visits 25; expenses \$100.00
- Rev. Eugene Duyck:** Churches pastored 1; Received \$1211.73
- Rev. Ben H. Frisby Jr.:** Churches pastored 1; revivals 1; conversions 1; members received 1.
- Rev. Burl Ledford:** Churches pastored 1; conversions 2; sermons 79; funerals 1; received for pastoral services \$709.30; other services \$48.50; Total \$757.80. Given \$323.00
- Rev. Johnny B. Marler:** Churches pastored 2; revivals 2; conversions 16; sermons 43; members received 40; baptized 13; marriages 2; received for pastoral services \$655.66, other services 100.00; Total \$755.66; given \$817.00
- Rev. Claude Mills:** Churches pastored 1; conversions 39; sermons preached 104; members received 30; baptized 14; marriages 1; funerals 10; received \$1,130.85; given \$200.00; sick visits 50; miles traveled 1,500
- Rev. Ransome Phillips:** Churches pastored 1; revivals 1; conversions 2; sermons 24; members received 2; baptized 2; received \$1,128 given \$50.00 Homes visited 2; Prayed in 1;
- Rev. George Plemmons:** Churches pastored 1; conversions 15; sermons 115; members received 2; baptized 20; marriages 4; funerals 5; received \$1,057.16
- Rev. Hilliard R. Rhinehart, Sr.:** revivals 1; funerals 1
- Rev. James N. Rice:** Revivals 4; marriages 1; funerals 1
- Rev. Raymond Shell:** Churches pastored 1; Received \$2,340.00; given \$697.10
- Rev. Jennis Paul Sluder:** Churches pastored 1; revivals 2; funerals 9; received \$317.78, sick visits 80
- Rev. Floyd Elbert Watts:** Churches pastored 1; sermons 50; members received 2; funerals 5; Received total \$503.63; given \$157.00; miles traveled 5,000; expenses \$400.00
- Rev. Russell Wheeler:** Churches pastored 1; conversions 10; members received 2; baptized 1; funerals 1; received \$2,533.41; given \$520.00

CONSTITUTION

1. The association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each church.
 2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended by letter from the church to which they belong and shall include the minister and some of the most able members belonging to the church.
 3. The association when met and formed shall elect a moderators, assistant moderator and clerk.
 4. The rules of decorum shall be read immediately after the association is formed.
 5. This association will encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all sufficient Saviour, having salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the gospel which is freely offered to all.
 6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations and his name be enrolled in our minutes.
 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.

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, 39; Rom. 6:4; Col 2:12.

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

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

CHURCH COVENANT

1. Having given ourselves to the Lord, through Jesus Christ, we agree to accept the Free Will Baptist articles of faith; we give ourselves to each other by the help of God. 2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe, rebuke and admonish those having gone astray and watch over each other's reputation, use our influence to the upbuilding of the church, commands implied in a profession of faith, and in the spirit of kindness and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, and to confess our faults to one another, and to strengthen those who are weak. 3. We promise by the help of God, that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed Word in the minds of those under our care. 4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the gospel and contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those who are afflicted and needy, and especially to those of the household of faith. 5. We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not providentially hindered, and to submit to all ordinances applied in a profession of faith. 6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements. 7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, not to use it as a beverage, nor aid or assist in the manufacturing of such, nor to furnish it to others. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, educations, Sabbath school, good morals and everything that is for the glory of God, and to the welfare of men, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever.

--Amen

RESOLUTIONS

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

CONSTITUTION, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association.

2. This conference is formed under and by the authority of the French Broad Association and shall be composed of licensed and ordained ministers.

3. It shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said association, issuing licenses, prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, working for the most harmonious and effective ministry. Any persons having the call of God to preach His Word, shall be liberated by his church for one year before presenting himself to the ordaining council to be licensed. Each licensed minister shall be elected as pastor of a duly organized church of the regular Free Will Baptists, in this or some other association or conference, he may apply for ordination after having been licensed for one year.

4. The officers of this conference shall be a moderator and secretary-treasurer, who shall be elected annually and perform the duties usually performed by such officers.

5. This conference shall have the power to make such by-laws and other regulations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties.

6. This constitution may be amended by any annual meeting by a vote of four-fifths.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. There shall be no conversation by the members, one with another so as to interrupt business, while in session.

3. Every member speaking shall first rise and address the moderator.

4. No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.

5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of "Brother"

6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. No members shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.

10. On all motions made where the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

11. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other members, provided the chair is filled.

12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.

13. Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

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

_____, _____
_____, _____
_____, _____

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

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

No. of communion and feet washing service:

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

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

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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

Telephone

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.

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

Churches	Members Received	Exp. Baptism	Letter Statement	Restoration	Lost	By Letter	Expulsion Erasure	Death	Increase	Decrease	Active Membership	Last Years
Balsam Grove	2	2							2		40	38
Barnard											12	12
Camp Branch	30	14	16		3	3			30	3	104	74
Community	31	11	21								31	
Dry Branch	2		2		7	7					30	
Ernestville											14	14
Faith	10	9	1					1	10			40
Grace											26	
Homers Chapel	30	19	11		6	5		2	24		130	106
Hot Springs	14	11			3	1		2	14		37	37
Hyatt Creek	2		2		5	3	1	1			46	49
Laurel Fork											28	
Laurelton Chapel	1	1			1			1			45	
Mountain View					1			1		1	72	73
Mt. O'Dale	7	1	1	5					7		72	65
Mt. Zion	4	3	1		3	2		1	4		30	25
Paint Fork					2	2					30	30
Pisgah Forest	4	4			1	1					30	
Rocky Branch	2	2			2	2			2		50	30
Shoal Hill					2			2				
Sulphur Springs	5	3	2							5	95	90
TOTALS	144	80	57	5	36	26	1	11	93	9	922	583

FRENCH BROAD F.W.B. ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORT

	Pastors Salary	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Repairs	Others	Old Ministers Fund	Minute Fund	Church Property
Balsam Grove	1,128.00					10.00	5.00	5,000.00
Barnard	839.61		5.00	393.47	120.00	35.83	10.00	11,000.00
Camp Branch	1,130.85	494.23		443.91		10.00	5.00	12,000.00
Community	216.65	369.95				30.00	10.00	
Dry Branch	782.34	389.92		38.70	103.36	30.00	10.00	6,423.35
Ernestville				2,000.00		10.00	15.00	25,000.00
Faith	2,340.00					250.00	20.00	17,000.00
Grace	1,211.73	207.40				239.67	15.00	
Homers Chapel	3,961.00	464.64	742.54	6,793.13	2,907.89	104.80	45.00	29,000.00
Hot Springs	2,582.92				1,796.58	186.49	15.00	8,270.00
Hyatt Creek	2,533.41	1,889.86		92.25	623.58	300.00	30.00	13,607.91
Laurel Fork	1,030.00	686.00		76.05	602.70	138.98	15.00	5,795.22
Laurelton Chapel	336.67		50.00	1,045.00	37.90	20.00	7.00	8,000.00
mountain View	3,182.63	249.30	550.91	7,922.00	1,750.67	125.00	25.00	40,000.00
Mt. O'Dale	3,120.00	3,183.30	61.00	826.47	1,329.49	184.53	12.00	16,000.00
Mt. Zion	317.78	200.00		554.47	452.45	20.00	15.00	10,000.00
Paint Fork	493.00	175.00			80.00	53.75	10.00	16,000.00
Pisgah Forest			29.00	1,150.00	20.00		10.00	8,000.00
Rocky Branch	1,057.16	356.39		2,795.53	1,076.82	50.00	35.00	19,800.00
Shoal Hill	576.33	145.00	153.00	120.00	125.00	102.02	20.00	6,700.00
Sulphur Springs	3,773.64	119.39	192.00	1,469.64		85.00	15.00	38,000.00
TOTALS	30,613.72	8,930.38	1,783.45	25,720.62	11,026.14	1,986.07	334.00	295,596.48

