

MINUTES
Of The
98th ANNUAL SESSION
of the
FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION
of the
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held at
MT. O'DALE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
EMBREEVILLE, TENNESSEE

AUGUST 12, 13, 14, 1976

Next session of the French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists will be held with the Laurelton Chapel Church, Rt. 6, Marshall, N. C. beginning on Thursday, before the third Sunday in August 1977 at 10:00 A.M. Rev. Lawrence Smith is scheduled to preach the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 A.M. Rev. Joe Pressley will be the alternate.

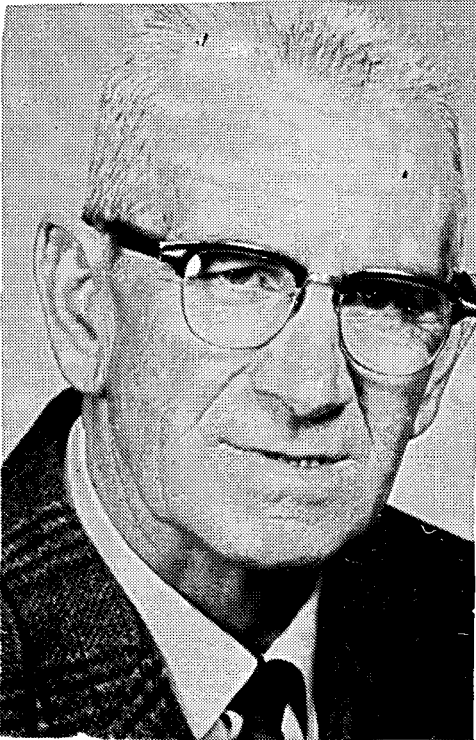
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Marshall, N. C.



We dedicate these minutes to the memory of three of our beloved ministers who have gone on to their reward this year. Rev. Vernon Radcliffe, Rev. Ralph Carter, and Rev. R. C. Stockton

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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

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CHURCH	PASTOR	SUNDAYS WE HAVE PREACHING
BARNARD:	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:	Rev. J. B. Rhinehart — Box 462, Hazelwood, N.C. 28738	every
ERNESTVILLE:	Rev. J. W. Mann — Rt. 4, Marion, N.C.	every
FAITH:	Rev. Raymond Shell — 103 East Blue Ridge Ave., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711	
GRACE:	Rev. Eugene Duyck, Barnardsville, N.C.	every (no 5th)
HOMERS CHAPEL:	Rev. Earl Biddle — Oakland Drive, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711	
HYATT CREEK:	Rev. Russell Wheeler — Rt. 2, Canton, N.C.	every
LAUREL FORK:	Rev. Archie Rice	every
LAURELTON CHAPEL:	Rev. Frank E. Cable, Rt. 2, Box 181, Asheville, N.C.	every
MOUNTAIN VIEW:	Rev. Jennis Sluder, Rt. 2, Box 502, Weaverville, N.C. 28787	2nd and 4th
MT. O'DALE:	Rev. Eugene Osborne, Rt. 8, Johnson City, Tenn.	every
PAINT FORK:	Rev. Lawrence E. Smith, Rt. 2, Weaverville, N.C. 28787	every
ROCKY BRANCH:	Rev. George Plemmons, Box 608, Hazelwood, N.C.	every
SHOAL HILL:	not elected	every
MARSHALL COMMUNITY:	Rev. Johnny Marler, Rt. 1, Box 263, Marshall, N.C.	every

Marshall Community Church was taken in full fellowship. Mt. Zion and Pisgah Forest Churches withdrew from the Association. Balsam Grove and Hot Springs did not report. Union Chapel was taken under watchcare of the Association for a year.

SULPHUR SPRINGS:	Rev. Elmer Keener, 134 N. Main St.; Canton, N.C.	every
UNION CHAPEL:	Rev. Edgar D. Coleman, 155 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, N.C.	every

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

Beginning on Thursday, August 12, at 10:00 A.M. at Mt. O'Dale Free Will Baptist Church at Embreeville, Tennessee

Opening Song: "I Love The Lord, Deep Down In My Heart"

Welcome and Devotionals: Rev. Eugene Osborne Scripture: Galatians 5:1,

Prayer: Rev. Burl Ledford

Special prayer of thanksgiving for the lives of our three brother ministers who have gone on to their reward this year also for members of the Association. Led by Rev. J. B. Gregg.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR: Rev. Raymond Shell

Black Mountain, N.C.

VICE MODERATOR: Rev. Floyd Watts

Candler, N.C.

CLERK: Mrs. Archie Rice

Black Mountain, N.C.

HISTORIAN: Howard Payne

Marshall, N.C.

APPOINTMENT OF READING CLERKS

Rev. Bobby Waddle

Rev. Johnny Marler

FINANCE COMMITTEE

OLD MINISTERS' FUND

Howard Wheeler

MINUTE FUND:

Rev. Eugene Duyck

MISSIONS

Rev. J. W. Mann

Moderator read "Rules of Decorum"

Visiting Ministers present were: Rev. Eugene Osborne, Rev. Frank Cable, Jack's Creek Association, Rev. Fred Markland, Toe River Association.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Joe Pressley.

11 A.M. SERVICE

Song: "I'm Winging My Way Back Home"
Special Singing: Rev. and Mrs. Fred Markham
Sermon: Rev. J. W. Mann
Scripture: Genesis 24:3

1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "Press On It Won't Be Long"
Devotionals: Rev. Eugene Duyck
Scripture: Psalm 129
Prayer: Rev. J. B. Gregg

The delegates were seated and the Church reports were read.
A motion was passed to make "Obituaries" a standing committee
Mr. Bill Plemmons name was taken from the OLD MINISTERS BOARD because of death. The Committees were appointed

7:00 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "I'll Meet You In The Morning"
Special Singing: Gregg Duet, Hyatt Trio and Harris Family
It was a time of great rejoicing. Sermon: Rev. Burl Ledford
Scripture: Proverbs 1:24-33, Isaiah 65: 11, 12

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BARNARD: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberts

CAMP BRANCH: by letter

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

ERNESTVILLE: Warren Hardin, Mrs. Margaret Hardin, Chester Baily, Rev. Coy Davis, Mrs. Estella Davis, Rev. Bobby Waddle

FAITH: Mrs. Lena Hollifield, Mrs. Ollie Hollifield, Mrs. Raymond Shell, Elouise Harris

GRACE: Howard Wheeler, David Shuford, Rita Shuford, Nell Shuford, Gerald Wheeler

HOMERS CHAPEL: Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wheeler

HYATT CREEK: Wayne Pressley, Judy Pressley

LAURELFORK: Walter Ball

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Woodard Riddle, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Cable, Mrs. Ona Roberts, Mrs. Tresia Fender

MARSHALL COMMUNITY: Rev. Lloyd Chandler, Rev and Mrs. Johnny Marler, Danny Roberts, Terry Chandler

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Sluder, Mrs. Roger Clark, Mrs. Joe Sluder, Mrs. Stella Sluder

MT. O'DALE: Gene Thomas, Archie Henley, Charles Miller

PAINT FORK: Joe Gilson, Mrs. Marian Mundy, Mrs. Dale Duyck

ROCKY BRANCH: Boyd Shepherd, Dennis Banks, Billy Mull, Jackie Griffin

SHOAL HILL: Mrs. Howard Payne

SULPHUR SPRINGS: by letter

UNION CHAPEL: Mrs. Hattie Rumbough, Miss Christine Rumbough, Mrs. Ed Coleman

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

ARRANGEMENTS: A standing committee, Pastor and delegates

YOUNG PEOPLES WORK: Eula Wheeler, Rita Shuford

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Rev. Lawrence Smith, Arnold Wheeler

PASTORS SUPPORT: Eugene Thomas, Howard Wheeler

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Rev. Coy Davis, Rev. Archie Rice

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

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

OLD MINISTERS FUND: A standing committee, written by Rev. W. W. Ballard, deceased

OBITUARIES: A standing committee, Mrs. Raymond Shell, Nell Shuford, Katherine Rice, Mrs. Eugene Thomas

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

FINANCE: A standing committee

TEMPERANCE: Rev. Floyd Watts, Rev. Eugene Duyck

PERIODICALS: Mrs. Mann, Dorothy Payne

WOMANS AUXILIARY: Eula Wheeler, Katherine Rice

SESSIONS: First delegate of each church

FRIDAY 10:00 A.M.

Song: "Let My Life Be a Light"

Devotions: Rev. Coy Davis

Scripture: 1 John: 4

Prayer: Rev. Lawrence Smith

A motion was passed to put in minute that each church send money to help feed their delegates because of high cost of food.

Field Evangelist Report: Rev. Archie Rice

Field Evangelist for next year, Rev. Floyd Watts.

Two committees were named to write the duties of the Field Evangelist and the duties of the Investigating Committee

11 A.M. SERVICE

Special Singing: Gregg Duet

Sermon: Rev. T. A. Wheeler

1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "I've Never Been Sorry"

Devotions: Rev. Joe Pressley

Scripture: Hebrews 5

Heard reports of committees. A motion was passed to take the Home and Foreign Mission from the reports. Obituaries was made a standing committee.

Investigating Committee: Rev. Eugene Duyck, Rev. Joe Pressley, Rev. Lawrence Smith

FRIDAY 7:00 SERVICE

Song: "Will You Meet Me Over Yonder?"

Special Singing: Mt. O'Dale Duet, Freedom Quartet, Harris Trio

Prayer of healing led by Rev. Roscoe Briggs Jr.

Sermon: Rev. Roscoe Briggs Jr.

Scripture: Mark 11: 12-14; 20, 21, 22; 1 Thess: 5:1

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ARRANGEMENTS: A standing committee, Pastor and delegates

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: We, your committee, wish to adopt the following verses: 1 Peters 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble. Proverbs 26:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it. 1 Timothy 5:14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. Eula Wheeler, Rita Shuford

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: We, your committee, believe that all of our teachers first be Christians that they should "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" II Timothy 2:15. We believe that teaching is a gift of God. They should teach as the Spirit gives them utterance. Rev. Lawrence Smith, Arnold Wheeler.

PASTORS SUPPORT: We, your committee, on pastors support, believe it is the duty of the Church 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 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 will 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. Eugene Thomas, Howard Wheeler

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. Rev. Coy Davis, Rev. Archie Rice

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. Rev. Jesse Rice, Rev. Ben Frisby Jr.

OLD MINISTERS BOARD: A standing Committee, Howard Wheeler Treasurer: Walter Ball, 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 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 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 printing their pictures and obituaries in the minutes. In Proverbs 10:7 we read "The memory of the just is blessed". The saints of God who have gone on to their reward will remain in our memory until we join them. "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, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" Revelation 14:13 Mrs. Raymond Shell, Nell Shuford, Geneva Thomas, Katherine Rice A standing committee

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 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 we are against anything harmful to the body, which is the temple of God," and as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, Felix trembled. Acts 24:25 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Proverbs 20:1. We believe it is a sin to use alcoholic beverages in any form. "that the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith in charity, in patience. Read II Cor: 7:1, also "abstain from all appearance of evil" 1 Thess: 5:22 Rev. Floyd Watts, Rev. Eugene Duyck

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. We believe we should read the Bible with a spiritual mind. For the Carnal mind is enmity against God. Read Romans 8:7 Inez Mann, Dorothy Payne

WOMANS AUXILIARY: We, your committee, feel that an auxiliary of real Christian women can be a benefit to any church. The Christian women can aid their fellow Christians and also sinners, both spiritually and naturally. By studying the word of God together and encouraging each other they can grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There are so many ways that we can aid people. When there is sickness or death in a family or there is a financial need or need of food by being a blessing to someone we are blessed ourselves. In Matthews Gospel we read "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Eula Wheeler, Katherine Rice

CHURCH BUSINESS: We recommend that an election 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 good 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 asked 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.

Duties of your Field Evangelist: 1. Visit all churches in the Association if possible. 2. To assist in every way possible when a church doesn't have a pastor, as the Lord leads to give advice or help in any way. 3. Help all churches as much as possible. 4. Take a love offering for your Field Evangelist. He is your friend. He loves you. Rev. Lawrence Smith, Howard Wheeler, Rev. J. B. Rhinehart.

Guide Lines for the Investigating Committee: Churches under the watchcare of the Association should be visited during the year. A preacher after having been licensed should be visited at least once during the year. Be of assistance to Association at any time of confusion in any of the Churches of the Association. Eugene Thomas, Rev. Russel Wheeler, Rev. Floyd Watts

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CLERKS FOR NEXT YEAR

BARNARD: Blanche Farmer, Rt. 7, Box 45, Marshall, N.C. 28753
CAMP BRANCH: Burdell Wyatt 129 Frazier St., Waynesville, N.C.
DRY BRANCH: Mrs. Amy Plemmons, Rt. 4, Marshall, N.C. 28753
ERNESTVILLE: Mrs. Barbara Peterson, Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N.C.
FAITH: Mrs. B. C. Hollifield, 1234 North Ford Rd., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711
GRACE: David Shuford, Rt. 1, Box 378 D, Fletcher, N.C. 28732
HOMERS CHAPEL: Mrs. Patsy Rice, 109 Kerlee St.; Black Mountain, N.C. 28711
HYATT CREEK: Wayne Pressley, Rt. 6, Box 214, Waynesville, N.C.
LAUREL FORK: Mrs. O. W. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Marshall, N.C.
LAURELTON CHAPEL: Cas Fender, Rt. 6, Box 181, Marshall, N.C. 28753
MARSHALL COMMUNITY: Betty Marler, Box 144, 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.
PAINT FORK: Richard Hyder, Rt. 2, Weaverville, N.C. 28787
ROCKY BRANCH: Mrs. 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.
UNION CHAPEL: Margaret S. Whitted

REVIVALS AND COMMUNIONS

BARNARD: Revivals 1, Rev. Jennis Sluder, Rev. Sammy Moore, Communion 1

CAMP BRANCH: Communion 1

DRY BRANCH: Communion 2

ERNESTVILLE: Revivals 2; Rev. R. C. Stockton, Rev. Archie Cook, Rev. Eugene Foster, Communion 4

FAITH: Revivals 2; Rev. Larry Coates, Rev. Lloyd Grey; Communion 3

GRACE: Revivals 2; Rev. Burl Ledford, Rev. Roscoe Briggs Jr., Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Communion 5

HOMERS CHAPEL: Revivals 2; Rev. Heatherly, Rev. Earl Biddle; Communion 1

HYATT CREEK: Revivals 1; Rev. Jack Jones, Communion 1

LAURELFORK: Revivals 1; Rev. T. A. Holder, Rev. Allison Robinson

MARSHALL COMMUNITY: Revivals 2; Rev. Ralph Roberts; Rev. Johnny Marler, Rev. Lloyd Chandler, Rev. Danny Roberts, Rev. Ed Fortner; Communion 1

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Revivals 1; Rev. Z. T. Allen, Rev. Sam Moore; Communion 4

MT. O'DALE: Revivals 1; Rev. Raymons Shell, Rev. Roscoe Briggs Jr., Communion 4

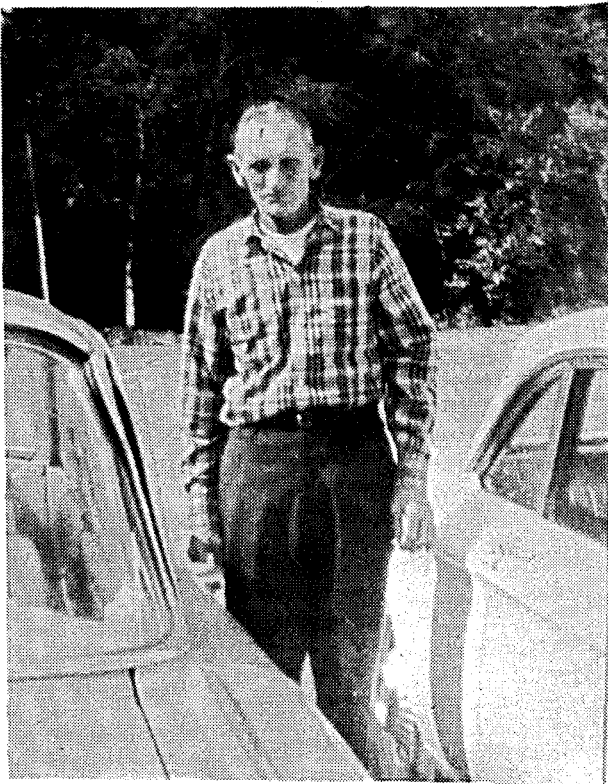
PAINT FORK: Revivals 1; Rev. Larry Coates

ROCKY BRANCH: Revivals 2; Rev. Spivey Penland, Rev. Alford Taylor; Communion 2

SHOAL HILL: Revivals 2; Rev. Alvin McPeters, Rev. Calvin Martin, Rev. Jennis Sluder, Communion 1

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Revivals 2; Rev. Calvin Grogan, Rev. Mike Messer; Communion 2

OBITUARIES



MT. O'DALE: Emery Blevins was born May 5, 1902. Jesus called him home December 27, 1975. He was a faithful member, deacon, and Sunday School Superintendent for twenty five years. We feel that our loss is Heavens gain, although he is missed by those who loved and knew him. He left behind a wife, two sons, three daughters, eight grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. We feel that his sickness and sorrows are over and he is at rest with Jesus. Family of Emery Blevins.



Brother Rev. R. C. Stockton departed this life March 6, 1976 at the age of 56 years and nine months.

Having been called by God at a very young age, Brother Stockton had preached the gospel for 40 years. He was well known in the Free Will Baptist denomination, and elsewhere, for the clean holy life he lived and preached.

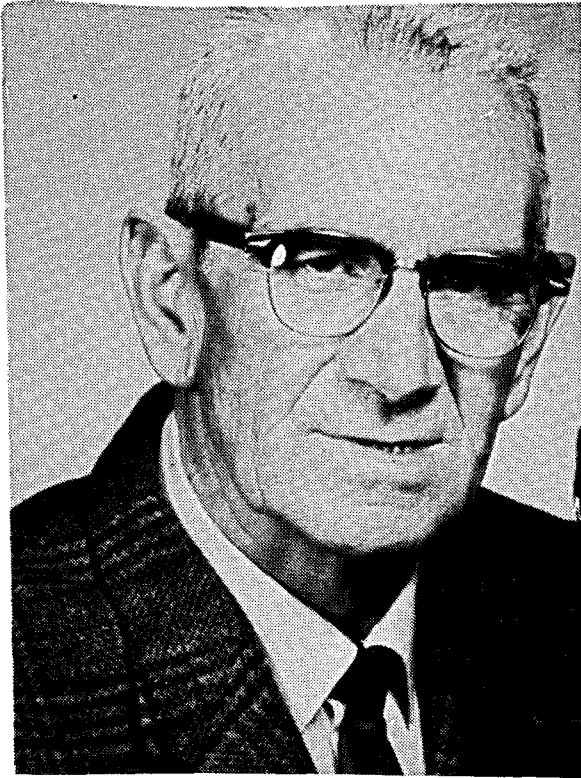
He had great determination and faith in God, of which just one month before he passed away, he desired to tell the good news of Jesus Christ once more to the church. He wanted to warn the lost people of a coming judgement and Jesus's love and power to save.

His heart's desire was that Free Will Baptist churches would work together in peace and love, so there would be no occasion laid for the devil or world to ridicule the churches, and hurt the wonderful name of our Lord, or to weaken the faith of many brother's and sisters in Christ.

We know his suffering, sorrow, and troubles are over, and that he has gone to the beautiful city that Jesus prepared, of which he, Brother Stockton, told so many, many people about.

His vacancy can never be filled in our homes and hearts. But we pray that all his friend's and loved ones will put their faith and trust in the God he preached and served, and meet him in heaven someday.

For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit. Joying, and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him: Col. 2: 5-6



On October 17, 1975, Rev. Vernon E. Ratcliff quietly finished the course set before him in this life and moved to his Heavenly home. An ordained minister since August 11, 1956, he had pastored at Marshall Free Will Baptist Church and was pastor at Mountain View Free Will Baptist Church at the time of his death.

Throughout his ministry, Vernon Ratcliff stood firm on the foundations of God's word, proclaiming the saving power of God to the world. To those who came in contact with him, his spirit was an everpresent witness of his strong love and faith in the Lord. This was especially true during his long and painful illness, from which his Lord finally called him to eternal rest. His kind words of encouragement to others who were serving the Lord, especially to young people will ever be remembered and appreciated by each and every one.

He has fought his last battle; the victory for Vernon Ratcliff has been won. To his family, his many friends, and the church, he left a testimony which will long be remembered.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringest good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" Isaiah 52: 7



DRY BRANCH: Rev. Ralph Carter was born November 6, 1922 and went to his Heavenly Home March 5, 1976. He loved his church life and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Roy Lee Meadows passed away February 28, 1976 at the age of 66. He was a member of Dry Branch Church for several years. He will be missed by all his friends and loved ones.

FRENCH BROAD (FWB) ASSOCIATION

IN MEMORY OF MY
DEAR HUSBAND, REV. R. C. STOCKTON
WHO PASSED AWAY MARCH 6, 1976

It was in August, the year 1975.
Oh the suffering you did them, but yet alive.
Only you, and GOD, knew what you were going through.
How we prayed Dear, HE your strength would renew.
And we know HE did, for several months ahead
Although you were very sick, and the sickness brought a dread.
But even then Darling, you were faithful and kind.
Oh how you loved GOD! Yes, and all mankind.

The last messages you preached from the pulpit,
GOD, or your friends, will never forget.
The determination and faith you displayed those nights
At Earnestville Church, to believers in CHRIST.
Your faith, in GOD, was proved I am sure.
The sermons you preached, plain Gospel, so pure.
I know, Dear Husband, GOD sent you that way.
To that special church, in a very special way.

I remember you said, the very first night,
"I'm just a dying man, but I'm willing to fight
And deliver the messages of GOD sends to you."
That all who believe on his SON could go through.
To that beautiful place HE'S prepared for his own,
To which I am sure Dear, you've already gone.
To enjoy the peace and rest you deserve
There in the presence of the MASTER you served.

I know that you did all your strength would allow
And, through you, GOD's will was accomplished somehow.
According too the Bible, of which every word is true,
You loved the LORD GOD, because he first loved you
That's why you kept on preaching the word, of peace and love.
Messages that we know Dear, were sent you from above.
Depending on the HOLY SPIRIT, you told of a better way.
And for all to be prepared for the coming JUDGEMENT DAY.

On February 6, you were so weak and your voice so low
That the revival meeting had to come to a close.
But you, through GOD's help, had done a great deed,
In honoring our FATHER, and supplying a great need.
The need that I hope everyone did see,
That JESUS died to save sinners, and SALVATION is free.
Thank you Dear, for giving your last remaining days
To tell the living message in such sweet, and humble ways.

So Dear, I'll keep praying for our desires to all come true
For the family you loved, and all of your friends too.
I'll pray for all the preachers, that I know you loved so well
Just how much, no one but you Dear, could ever really tell.
I know that GOD loves all the servants HE's called
To proclaim his WORD, and to minister to all
The good news that JESUS, died on the cross
Now all can be saved, for HE paid the great cost.

Many of these brethren have gone on before.
Now all of you are gathered on that beautiful shore.
Where you are free from pain, sorrow and all care.
To live in that heavenly place, JESUS said he would go to prepare.
Oh Darling, I'm so lonesome on this earth without you,
But I have GOD's WORD, and your memory too.
They both give me comfort and strength to go on,
Like the Love that we shared until your last breath was gone.
A love that for us Dear, ever grew stronger,
Even when I knew you couldn't live much longer.

The promises of GOD are so sweet to me,
Because I love you, and I love GOD you see.
So you and I will meet in that wonderful place
Through faithfulness to GOD, and his mercy and grace.
And so now I'll say Goodnight to you Dear.
Oh! I hope your spirit for me will not fear,
For I will still love you, and perhaps ever more
When we meet again on that beautiful shore.

Your devoted wife,
Georgie Stockton

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

BARNARD: Wiley M. Massey; Marshall, N.C.; Secretary Odessa Roberts; Marshall, N.C. No. Classes 2; pupils 28; literature Bible.

CAMP BRANCH: Superintendent Seby Rhodarmer, Rt. 6, Waynesville, N.C.; Secretary Peggy C. Grice; 1020 Blythe St; Hendersonville, N.C.; Classes 3; Pupils 65; literature Bible.

DRY BRANCH: Superintendent Mr. Charlie Connor, Rt. 2, Marshall, N.C. Secretary Mrs. Nola Ramsey Rt. 5, Marshall, N.C.; Classes 4; pupils 40; literature Bible.

ERNESTVILLE: Superintendent Bobby Street; Rt. 1, Green Mtn; N.c. Secretary Mrs. Barbara Peterson Rt. 1, Green Mtn, N.C. Classes 2; pupils 38; 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 Howard Wheeler, Rt. 2, Canton, N.c. Secretary Tammy Wheeler Rt. 3, Canton, N.C. Classes 4; Pupils 26; Literature Bible.

HOMERS CHAPEL: Superintendent John Mundy, Black Mountain, N.C. Secretary Betsy Shook, Black Mountain, N.C. Classes 6; literature F.W.B. and Bible; Expenses \$308.31

HYATT CREEK: Superintendent Clifford Stiles, Rt. 1, Waynesville, N.C.; Secretary Judy Pressley Rt. 6, Waynesville, N.C. Classes 4; pupils 42; literature Holy Bible.

LAUREL FORK: Superintendent Kelly Allen, Marshall, N.C. Secretary Phyllis Moore, Marshall, N.C. literature Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$127.25

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Superintendent Dwight Fender, Mars Hill, N.C. Classes 4; pupils 30 literature Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$69.81

MARSHALL COMMUNITY: Superintendent James Marler, Marshall, N.C. Secretary Faye Sams Marshall, N.C. Classes 4; pupils 68; literature Bible.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Superintendent Carlos Radcliff, Rt. 3 Leicester, N.C. Secretary Becky Ponder, Rt. 4, 31 Alexander Rd.; Weaverville, N.C. Classes 7; pupils 80; literature Bible

MT. O'DALE: Superintendent Robert Story Rt. 1, Erwin, Tenn. Secretary Amos Hensley Rt. 1, Jonesboro, Tenn. Classes 4; Pupils 105; literature Bible

PAINT FORK: Superintendent Hobert Mundy Barnardsville, N.C. Secretary Carrol Mundy Barnardsville, N.C. Classes 4; pupils 30; literature Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$13.50.

ROCKY BRANCH: Superintendent Leon Bolden, Rt. 1, Box 263 Waynesville, N.C. Secretary Virgie Inman P.O. Box 332, Hazelwood, N.C. Classes 4; Pupils 55; literature Bible and Pre School; expenses \$50.00

SHOAL HILL: Superintendent Jack Payne, Marshall, N.C. Secretary Ruth Henderson Marshall, N.C. Classes 3; literature Bible; expenses \$176.36

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Superintendent Fred Chandler Rt. 1, Waynesville, N.C. Secretary Betty Queen, 1109 Sulphur Springs Rd. Waynesville, N.C. Classes 6; Pupils 70; Literature Bible and F.W.B.; expenses \$347.89

WOMANS AUXILIARY

HOMERS CHAPEL: President Miss Frances Mundy, Black Mountain, N.C. Secretary Mrs. Katherine Rice, Black Mountain, N.C. Members 15; meets every week Money taken in \$1,458.55; Money spent \$1,377.99

MARSHALL COMMUNITY: President Essie Brown Marshall, N.C. Secretary Faye Sams Marshall, N.C. members 11; meets every month, Money taken in \$590.00; spent \$500.00

FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCES August 1975-August 1976

The French Broad F.W.B. Ministers' Conference met with the Rocky Branch Church at Hazelwood, N.C. on Saturday, November 29, 1975.

Opening Song: "I FEEL LIKE TRAVELING ON"; Special Singing: Harris Family, Gregg Family

Welcome: Rev. George Plemmons; Prayer: Rev. Floyd Watts.

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

11 A.M. SERVICE

Special singing: Harris Family, Solo, Rev. Eugene Foster

Sermon: Rev. Archie Rice; Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:1-9; Psalm 11, 1 John 2:27, 1 Cor 3:11

1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "WHERE THE MILK AND HONEY FLOWS"; Special Singing: Mathis Family
Prayer: Rev. Hilliard Rhinehart. 23 ministers answered to the roll call. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A standing prayer in memory of Rev. Vernon Radcliff.

Visiting Ministers present; Rev. Ferman Dills—Beaverdam Church.

\$57.00 love offering taken for the Lamb Family. Next session Homers Chapel in Black Mountain, N.C. with Rev. J.B. Gregg preaching.

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with Homers Chapel Saturday, February 28, 1976 at 10:00 A.M.

Opening Song: "FILL MY WAY WITH LOVE"; Devotional: Rev. Eugene Foster
Prayer led by Brother Howard Wheeler; Special singing: Gregg Duet, Foster Family, Riddle Family.

The Moderator read "CONSTITUTION OF MINISTERS CONFERENCE"

Visiting minister present was Rev. Gene Riddle, Flagpond, Tennessee
Prayer: Rev. Raymond Shell

11 A.M. SERVICE

Special Singing: Harris Family

Sermon: Rev. J.B. Gregg;

Scripture: 11 Tim. 3:1-5, 4:1-4

1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "Glad Reunion Day"; Special Singing: Harris Trio;

Devotionals: Rev. Spivey Penland;

Scripture: Isaiah 50:4;

Prayer: Rev. Eugene Riddle

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. 30 ministers answered to the roll call. Love offerings were taken for two of our sick ministers, Rev. Carter and Rev. Stockton.

Offering for flower fund \$20.84.

Testimony time. Solo: Rev. James Rice. Special prayer for Mrs. Gene Riddle. Rev. Roy Waldrop was received back into the Conference with great joy. The next conference will be held with the Ernestville Church in May with Rev. T.A. Wheeler preaching.

The French Broad Free-Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Ernestville Church Saturday, May 29, 1976. Prayer: Rev. J. B. Green; Opening Song; "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"; Welcome by pastor, Rev., J.W. Mann.

Special prayer for the lives and memory of the ministers who have gone on to their reward and for their families left behind.

The Vice Moderator presided and read the "Constitution of Ministers Conference"

Visiting minister present was Rev. Daniel Larry Roberts. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. 30 ministers answered to the roll call. Offering for flower fund \$48.71. Total in treasury \$123.12

Special Singing: Wheeler Family, Harris Family

11 A.M. SERVICE

Sermon: Rev. T.A. Wheeler; Scripture: Matt. 24:9-11; Time of fellowship
Riddle Family sand

1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song: "Glad Reunion Day", Devotionals: Rev. Brul Ledford; Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Prayer: Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr.; Special Singing: Foster Family, Gregg Duet, Mann Duet and Quartet, Hyatt Creek Duet.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Wheeler Family sang a song in memory of Rev. R.C. Stockton. Rev. Floyd Watts was appointed to the Ordination Council. Rev. Coy Davis was licensed to preach.

ANNUAL SESSION

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Mt. O'Dale Church August 14, 1976, as a follow up of the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR: Rev. T.A. Wheeler

Canton, N.C.

VICE MODERATOR: Rev. Lawrence Smith

Weaverville, N.C.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER: Mrs. Archie Rice

Black Mountain, N.C.

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

The Moderator read the "Constitution of Ministers' Conference"

Visiting Ministers were: Rev. Eugene Osborne, Rev. Frank Cable

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. 25 ministers answered to the roll call. A motion was passed to add no. 15 to the By Laws. A letter will not be granted to a minister unless he comes and asks for it in person.

Rev. James Vaughn was granted a letter to go to another Conference. Rev. J.B. Gregg was ordained to preach. Rev. Burl Ledford preached the Ordination Sermon and Rev. J.W. Mann led the Ordination prayer.

The next session will be held with the Ball Mountain Church near Burnsville, N.C. in October. Rev. J.D. Green is scheduled to preach.

Ministers Donations to the Old Ministers Fund

Rev. Edgar D. Coleman	\$ 41.00
Rev. Jesse Rice	15.00
Rev. R. C. Stockton	225.00
Rev. Archie Cook	8.00
Rev. Roy Waldrop	20.00
Rev. Archie Rice	100.00
Rev. Larry Coates	40.00
Rev. Johnny Franks	12.00
Rev. Walter Wilson	15.00
Rev. Lloyd Chandler	10.00
Rev. Spivey Penland	12.00
Rev. Jennis Sluder	12.00
Rev. Raymond Shell	12.00
Rev. Ben Frisby, Jr.	30.00
Rev. Hilliard Rhinehart	12.00
Rev. Lawrence Smith	15.00
Rev. Eugene Foster	12.00
Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr.	30.00
Rev. T. A. Wheeler	12.00
Rev. Charlie Hollifield	12.00
Rev. Eugene Duyck	12.00
Rev. Burl Ledford	12.00
Rev. Floyd Watts	10.00
Rev. Russel Wheeler	12.00
Rev. J. B. Rhinehart	12.00
Total	\$711.00

Love Offerings:

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Haynes	\$ 60.00
Mrs. Howard Payne	2.00
Mrs. Raymond Shell	5.00

Church Donations:

CAMP BRANCH:	20.00
SHOAL HILL	92.00
GRACE	162.33
HYATT CREEK	400.00
MT. O'DALE	182.92
ERNESTVILLE	20.76
FAITH	200.00
HOMERS CHAPEL	126.12
MARSHALL COMMUNITY	35.00
MOUNTAIN VIEW	150.00
BARNARD	49.00
DRY BRANCH	50.00
PAINT FORK	55.22
SULPHUR SPRINGS	47.00
LAURELTON CHAPEL	20.00
ROCKY BRANCH	50.00
Total	1,659.59

Paid out Monthly checks:

Rev. J. C. Franks	\$264.00
Rev. Vernon Radcliff	44.00
Mrs. Margaret Radcliff	198.00
Rev. Charlie Hollifield	264.00
Rev. G. W. Briggs	264.00
Rev. Lloyd Chandler	264.00
Mrs. Mallie Rice	264.00
Mrs. Josie Lunsford	264.00
Total	\$1,826.00

Funerals and sickness:

Rev. R. C. Stockton	\$217.00
Rev. Vernon Radcliff	100.00
Rev. Ralph Carter	100.00
Rev. Clarence Wheeler	100.00
Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr.	100.00
Total	\$617.00

Stamps and envelopes	\$12.00
Charges for checks	11.50
Total	\$23.50

Years Report 1975-1976:

Beginning of year	\$1,509.28
Ministers donations	711.00
Churches donations	1,660.35
Love offerings	67.00
Total	\$3,947.63

Paid out	2,466.50
Total in checking	\$1,481.13
Total in Savings	\$4,020.09

Any offerings received after this report has been sent to Mrs. Rice will be on next years report.

Howard Wheeler
Route 2, Box 276, Canton, N.C. 28716

Roll Call of Ministers:

Rev. G. W. Briggs	Route 1, Dandbridge, Tenn.
Rev. Roscoe Briggs	Route 2, Burnsville, N.C. 28714
Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr.	Micaville, N.C. 28755
Rev. Ralph Bullman	Box 272, Skyland, N.C. 28776
Rev. Lloyd Chandler	Walnut, N.C. 28753
Rev. Larry Coates	Route 1, Box 66-A, Barnardsville, N.C. 28709—626-4180
Rev. G. E. Cody	Route 1, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711
Rev. Edgar D. Coleman	155 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, N.C. 28806 — 253-8815
Rev. Archie Cook	Route 5, Box 50-C, Marion, N.C. 28752 — 652-6734
Rev. Coy S. David	P.O. Box 141, Burnsville, N.C. 28714
Rev. Eugene Duyck	Barnardsville, N.C. 28709 — 626-2995
Rev. Eugene Foster	116 Meadowbrook Dr., Erwin, Tenn. 37640
Rev. Johnny Franks	400 Padgettown Rd., Black Mountain, N.C.
Rev. Ben Frisby, Jr.	P.O. Box 342, Marshall, N.C. 28753 — 649-2880
Rev. J. B. Gragg	Route 7, Jonesboro, Tenn. 37659 — 753-4669
Rev. J.D. Green. .	Twistwood Sub Division, Route 6, Jonesboro, Tenn. 37659 — 753-8484
Rev. Donnie Harris	Route 1, Unicoi, Tenn. 37650 — 743-7639
Rev. Charlie Hollifield	Route 1, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711
Rev. Burl Ledford	Route 5, Asheville, N.C. — 298-4128
Rev. Ross Lewis	Route 2, Box 192, Erwin, Tenn. 37650
Rev. J. W. Mann	Route 4, Marion, N.C. 28752
Rev. Johnny B. Marler	Route 1, Box 263, Marshall, N.C. 28753
Rev. Claude Mills	1044 Allens Creek Rd., Waynesville, N.C. — 456-3323
Rev. Coy Parham (L)	Leicester, N.C. 28748
Rev. Spivey Penland	Route 1, Unicoi, Tenn. 37650
Rev. Ransome Phillips	Cullowhee, N.C. 28723
Rev. George Plemmons	Box 608, Hazlewood, N.C. 28738 — 456-6846
Rev. Joe Pressley	Cotton Ave., Black Mountain, N.C.
Rev. Hilliard Rhinehart, Sr. (L)	P.O. Box 683, Hazelwood, N.C. 28738 — 452-4283
Rev. J. B. Rhinehart	Box 462, Hazelwood, N.C. 28738 — 452-4470
Rev. Archie Rice	Route 1, Box 410, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711 — 669-8347
Rev. James Rice	106 Louisa St., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711
Rev. Jesse Rice	Route 2, Box 78, Weaverville, N.C. 28787
Rev. Robert Riddle (L)	Route 6, Jonesboro, Tenn. 37659
Rev. L. F. Rumbough	30 Montrose Ave., Asheville, N.C.
Rev. Raymond Shell. .	103 E. Blue Ridge Ave., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711 — 669-2622
Rev. Guy V. Shelton	Route 1, Box 103, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743
Rev. Guy V. Shelton (L)	Route 1, Box 103, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743
Rev. Jennis Paul Sluder	Route 2, Box 502, Weaverville, N.C. 28787 — 645-7113
Rev. Lawrence E. Smith	Route 2, Weaverville, N.C. 28787
Rev. Robert Waddle	Route 2, Box 11, Erwin, Tenn. 37650
Rev. Roy Waldrop	87 Elkmont Dr., Asheville, N.C.
Rev. Floyd Elbert Watts	Route 1, Box 402, Candler, N.C. 28715 — 667-2342
Rev. Clarence Wheeler	Route 1, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778
Rev. Russell Wheeler	Route 2, Box 276, Canton, N.C. 28716 — 648-7945
Rev. T. W. Wheeler	Route 2, Canton, N.C. 28778
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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 pastore 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. 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.

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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, 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

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.

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BY-LAWS, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11. A minister will not be licensed or ordained in cnis 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 minister must abide by the laws that are now in force if he remains in the conference.

15. A minister must come in person to ask for letter to go to another conference.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of

....., N. C., send Christian salutation to The French Broad Association and the following delegates represent us:

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STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

No. of members received ; by experience and baptism

by letter and statement ; by restoration ; no. of members

lost ; by letter ; by expulsion and erasure

by death ; total increase ; or decrease

present active membership ; last year's active membership

Sundays we have preaching

No. of revivals ; held by:

No. of communion and feet washing service:

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor

Address

Clerk

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Pastor for next year

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Clerk for next year

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FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's salary \$; home mission-local charity \$
..... ; church repairs and improvements \$
Other purpose \$; old ministers' fund, \$
minute fund \$; value of church property \$

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President
Address
Secretary
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No. of members ; gained this year
meets every
Money taken in \$ money paid out \$

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

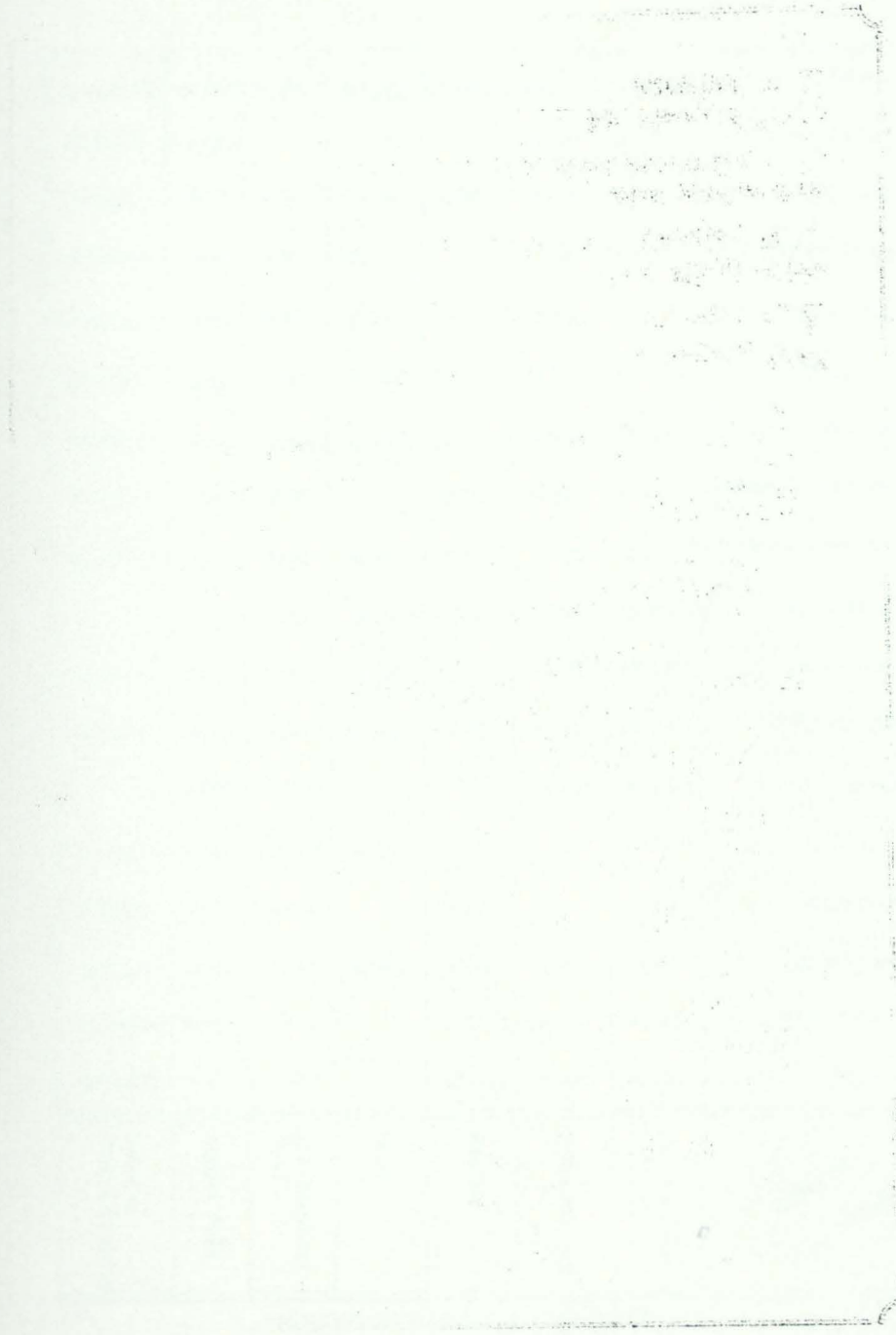
Superintendent ; Address
Secretary ; Address
No. of classes ; No. of pupils ; kind of literature used
..... ; expenses \$

FRENCH BROAD (FWB) ASSOCIATION

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE	Members Received	Exp. and Baptism	Letter Statement	Restoration	Lost	By letter	Expulsion and Exasure	Death	Increase	Decrease	Active Membership	Last years Active Membership
	Barnard	7	2	5								12
Camp Branch	3	3			2				7		160	104
Dry Branch	4	2	2		1			2	3	2	31	30
Ernestville							1		4	1	17	14
Faith												
Grace											26	26
Homers Chapel	12		12		4	4			8		138	130
Hyatt Creek					1			1		3	45	46
Laurel Fork					3	3					25	28
Laurelton Chapel	4	1	3						4		30	
Marshall Community	10	7	3						10		42	32
Mountain View	15	8	7		5	1		4	10		82	72
Mt. O'Dale	1				1			1			72	72
Paint Fork					1			1		1	30	30
Rocky Branch	16	4	3	9	1					1	50	50
Shoal Hill	1	1							1			
Sulphur Springs	5	1	4		10	4	6	1	5	10	50	90
Total	78	29	39	9	29	12	7	10	52	18	810	736

FRENCH BROAD (FWB) ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORT	Pastor's Salary	Home Missions	Repairs	Other	Old Ministers Fund	Mimute Fund	Value Of Church Property
Barnard	661.44	200.00	1,081.35		49.00	5.00	11,000.00
Camp Branch	1,763.79	694.80	1,002.75		10.00	5.00	13,029.75
Dry Branch	1,318.58	108.86	451.22	730.38	50.00	15.00	6,423.35
Ernestville	1,500.00		3,000.00		10.00	15.00	30,000.00
Faith	2,385.00			152.00	200.00	20.00	17,000.00
Grace	1,432.94	662.44			162.33	20.00	
Homers Chapel	5,858.00	300.00	3,884.78	3,360.69	126.12	45.00	29,000.00
Hyatt Creek	1,995.86	1,285.06		665.52	400.00	30.00	13,607.91
Laurel Fork	1,809.52	904.95	251.01	507.68	16.65	15.00	
Laurelton Chapel	499.26	155.36	74.35	56.00	20.00	7.00	8,000.00
Marshall Community	693.00	889.00	455.99		10.00	10.00	6,700.00
Mountain View	1,170.34	2,070.31	166.22	2,163.06	150.00	30.00	40,000.00
Mt. O'Dale	3,630.00	4,703.91	74.13	2,187.93	182.92	20.00	16,000.00
Paint Fork		373.22		162.54	55.22	10.00	16,000.00
Rocky Branch	1,000.39	407.73		2,767.68	50.00	35.00	19,800.00
Shoal Hill	452.31	243.00	438.80	160.00	92.00	15.00	7,000.00
Sulphur Springs	3,993.67	206.45				20.00	38,000.00
Totals	30,164.10	13,205.09	10,880.60	12,913.48	1,584.24	317.00	\$271,561.01



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