# MINUTES

# OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

# French Broad Association of the Free Will Baptists

Held at the Hyatt Creek Free Will Baptist Church Hazelwood, North Carolina August 8, 9, 10, 1991

Next session of the French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists will be held with the Mt. O'Dale Church at Embreeville, Tennessee beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August 1992 at 10 A.M. Rev. Raymond Shell is scheduled to preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 A.M. Rev. Burl Ledford will be the alternate.

#### **OFFICERS**

Moderator Howard Wheeler, Rt.	2, Box 353
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Marshall	, NC 28753

# These minutes are dedicated to the memory of **Rev. Joe Pressley,** a faithful member of the Ministers' Conference for many years and to **Howard Payne** who has been the Historian for the Association

for many years.

Their absence makes us sad, but we can rejoice because they are safe at home to suffer no more.

#### CHURCH

#### PASTORS

CAMP BRANCH

Rev. Ernest Messer, 304 Smathers Street, Waynesville, NC 28786

#### **DRY BRANCH**

Rev. Arnold Revis, 260 Pickens Road, Weaverville, NC 28778

#### ERNESTVILLE

Rev. James Rice, 106 Louisa Street, Black Mountain, NC 28711

#### FAITH ·

Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr, Route 2, Box 181, Burnsville, NC

#### GRACE

Rev. Raymond Shell, 111 Daugherty St., Black Mountain, NC 28711

#### HYATT CREEK

Rev. J.B. Rhinehart, Box 462, Hazelwood, NC 28738

#### MT. O'DALE

Rev. David Green, 2227 Berry Ridge Rd., Jonesborough, Tenn. 37659

#### **ROCKY BRANCH**

Rev. George Plemmons, Lindsey Road, Clyde, NC 28721

#### SHOAL HILL

Rev. Jerry Jarvis, Box 158, Mundy Cove Road, Weaverville, NC 28787

#### UNION VALLEY

Rev. Danny Conner, 210 Page Rd., Waynesville, NC 28786

The Laurel Ford Church did not report.

#### FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Minutes of the 113th Annual Session of the French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists held at the Hyatt Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Hazelwood, North Carolina, August 8, 9, 10, 1991. Beginning on Thursday, August 8, 1991 at 10 A.M. Opening Song: "Heavens Jubilee' Welcomed by Rev Robert Stiles in absence of Pastor Rev. J.B. Rhinehart, who was in the hospital. Scripture: 11 Samuel 22:1-7. Prayer led by Rev. Raymond Shell

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator	
	Rev. Arnold Revis, Weaverville, NC
	Mrs. Archie Rice, Black Mountain, NC
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Gerald Wheeler, Canton, NC
Historian	Mrs. Howard Payne, Marshall, NC

#### APPOINTMENT OF READING CLERKS

Rev. Jerry Jarvis ......Rev. Eugene Duyck

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Old Ministers Fund ...... Howard Wheeler Minute Fund ......Rev. David Wheeler

Rev. J.D. Green moderated the election.

11 A.M. SERVICE

Special Singing: Gregg Duet, Wheeler Family, Solo, Gerald Wheeler, Solo, Beverly Miller

Sermon: ......Rev. Eugene Duyck; Mark 9:49,50 Prayer led by Rev. J.D. Green

1:30 P.M. SERVICE Special Singing: .....Rev. and Mrs. Randy Holden and Son Prayer led by Brother Gene Thomas

The Moderator read "Rules of Decorum"

Visiting Ministers present were: Rev. J. B. Gregg, Rev. Jennis Sluder, Rev. Burl Ledford

Delegates were seated, Church reports were read. Committees were appointed

Field Evangelist for next year: Rev. J.D. Green

Investigating Committee: Rev. David Wheeler, Rev. Jerry Jarvis, Rev. Randy Bolden

The Sessions Committee met and made appointments for next year. Collection taken for minutes \$123.59

A wonderful service.

#### CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

CAMP BRANCH: by letter

DRY BRANCH: Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Revis, Clifford Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norton

ERNESTVILLE: Robert J. Waddle, Aaron Waddle,

FAITH: Rev. Gene Riddle, Jimmy Fender, Scott Fender, Katherine Rice

GRACE: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wheeler, Oveda Wheeler, Rev. and Mrs. Randy Bolden, Dale Wheeler, Laura Shuford, Vernell Wheeler Shuford

HYATT CREEK: Robert Stiles, Clifford Stiles, Verlin Green

MT. O' DALE: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Rev. J.D. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hensley

**ROCKY BRANCH:** By letter

SHOAL HILL: Danny Redmon, Vester Redmon, Rev. Jerry Jarvis, Dorothy Payne

UNION VALLEY: Jack Ballew, Wilma Conner

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Arrangements: A standing Committee, Pastor and Delegates Young People's Work: Beverly Miller and Mary Hensley Sunday Schools: Rev. Randy Bolden, Rev. Robert Stiles Pastors Support: Charles Miller, Jimmy Fender Lord's Day Observance: Rev. J. D. Green, Rev. David Wheeler Marriage and Divorce: A standing Committee, by Rev. Henry Ballard, deceased Amendment: Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr., Rev. Walter Wilson Old Ministers Fund: A standing Committee, by W. W. Ballard, deceased Obituaries: A standing Committee, Mrs. Raymond Shell, Nell Shuford, Mrs. Archie Rice and Mrs. Eugene Thomas Resolutions: A standing Committee, Rev. Charles Hollifield, deceased; Rev. Lonnie Crawford, deceased. Finance: A standing Committee

Temperance: Rev. Eugene Duyck, Rev. Jerry Jarvis

Periodicals: Berdell Wheeler, Nell Shuford, Peggy Bolden Sessions: First Delegate of each church. Field Evangelist: Rev. J. D. Green, 118 Meadowview Circle, Jonesborough, Tennessee 37659 Phone: (615) 753-8484 Investigating Committee: Rev. David Wheeler, Rev. Jerry Jarvis, Rev. Randy Bolden

#### FRIDAY 10 A. M. SERVICE

#### 11 A. M. SERVICE

Special Singing: Bolden Family, Young people from Faith Church, Rev. and Mrs. J.B. Gregg, Nell Shuford, Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Dale Wheeler, Beverly Miller. A time of great rejoicing in the Lord.

Sermon: ......Rev. Burl Ledford; Scripture: Isaiah 58:1

#### 1:30 P. M. SERVICE

#### 7 P. M. SERVICE

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### Arrangements: A standing committee, pastor and delegates

Young People's Work: We, your committee, believe that in order to have young people interested in church today, the older ones should live daily by the Word, therefore, setting an example for them. "Ye are the light of the World" and when we bid them come they should see Christ in us and the true love of God. "Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: Bind them about thy neck, write them upon the table of thine heart". Prov. 3.3 'but as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him". 1 Cor. 2:9 For things of this world shall pass away and pleasure just for a season, but the joy of living for the Lord is everlasting. Young people are much needed in our churches today for they are the church of tomorrow. Older ones need to encourage the younger ones and give testimonies of experiences and faith. 1 Timothy 4:12 says "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers in the word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity". We would like to urge the young people to do likewise as the Bible teaches: to obey your parents, remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth, hear the instruction of a father and attend to know understanding, trust in the Lord and keep His commandments. Read also Titus 2 submitted by Sisters Mary Hensley and Beverly Miller and Proverbs 22:6, Matthew 18:1-6

Sunday Schools: We, your committee, believe that all our teachers first be Christians, that they should "study to show 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. Teachers should teach as the Spirit gives them utterance. Our teachers are to use only the authorized King James version of the Holy Bible to teach from. Rev. Robert Stiles, Rev. Randy Bolden

Pastors Support: We, your committe, believe in pastors support both spiritually and naturally. Pastors are keepers of sheep, and we as sheep, being led of the Holy Spirit, elected our pastors with God as a witness, to feed us God's word. They deserve our undivided attention while preaching to us, as well as our sincere prayers and backing. Most of all that we be doers and not just hearers which will encourage and support them in knowing that their labor isn't in vain. We also need to study God's word more diligently, in doing so, we can support and sanction the word of God with understanding, being in one mind and one accord with him and each other. We are all workers together with God. As for the natural needs, we realize the high cost of living and traveling expenses and we make the following recommendations: First that our pastors strive to give more time to their pastoral duties. Second, that our chruches make it possible for their pastor to give all of their time to the cause of Christ by giving them support. Luke 10:7 says, "the laborer is worthy of his hire." We recommend that all members bring their tithe and offerings as God has prospered them into the storehouse as it is the sacred duty of each member to support their pastor. God loves a Cheerful giver, so let us give all that we give with charity from our hearts. Brothers, Charles Miller, Jimmy Fender.

Lord's Day Observance: We, your committee on Lord's Day Observance, feel it is one of the most important things in life to observe the Lord's Day. We feel that God needs to be honored for every day that we live. Psalm 118:24 reads "This is the day the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." However, we know

that God has set aside and ordained a special day to be reverenced and observed in all sincerity of our hearts. We believe that man has rearranged the days to suit himself. We still feel that God has set aside Sunday as the Sabbath Day. Genesis 2:2,3 "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it; because that in it He had rested from all his work which God created and made. "Exodus 20:8-11, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Isaiah 56:2, Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the Son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." Therefore we recommend that everyone of us put aside our daily cares in life in order to reverence the Holy day of the Lord. J. D. Green, Rev. David 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 ministries 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: Jesse Rice, Rev. Ben Frisby, Jr.

Old Ministers Board: A standing Committee, Howard Wheeler, Treasurer; David Shufford. 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. Adock, Rev. G. Y. Burgin.

Deeper Devotion: Spirituality is the life and power of religion of Jesus Christ. The vocation of religion is devoted to God. Devotion is shown by the consecration to God. Therefore, we urged our preachers to deeper spirituality. The Holy Spirit in His office work does a complete work. If we are submissive, we must be annointed 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 23:29). 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 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, said 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 rank and file of our churches may be aroused to action in increasing their support to all phases of the work and particularly home and foreign missions. If we had worked as hard as the Communists, to carry our missions of sharing Christ as they have carried out their missions, so many doors would not be closed to missionaries today.

#### A standing committee, Rev. Charles Hollifield, Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford.

Temperance: We, your committee on temperance recommend prohibition of all intoxicating beverages and improper use of drugs, and any other substance that renders the mind incapable of sober thinking or leads to improper conduct. Temperance is to be exercised in all things. We recommend that all parents teach and warn their children of the dangers involved when temperance is neglected in their lives. We encourage Churches and parents to hold fast the Bible standards of proper dress, modest apparel. Recommended reading: Proverbs 20:1, 1 Cor. 6:10, 1 Cor. 9:25; Titus 2:2-6; 1 Timothy 2:9, 1 Peter 3:3-4. Rev. Eugene Duyck, Rev. Jerry Jarvis

Perodicals: The Bible says in 11 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. We believe that they are here now. The Lord left us His Word to live by and we beleive that we will be judged by it on the day of judgement. We should read only the authorized King James version of the Bible and not read or accept any other version of the Bible or any kind of literature. We should teach our children from the Authorized King James Version and encourage them to read and live by it. The word of the Lord is the most precious thing we have. It says in Psalm 119:103-105 How sweet are thy words unto my taste, yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth. 104 Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. 105: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Birdell Wheeler, Vernell Shuford, Peggy Bolden

Church Businesses: 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 its annual session and make the request. If not represented the Association will automatically drop them from the church roll.

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Rev. Rosco 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

Guidelines 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 the Association at any time of confusion in any of the churches of the Association. Eugene Thomas, Russell Wheeler, Rev. Floyd Watts. Sessions: The Next Session of the French Broad Association will be held with the Mt. O'Dale Church at Embreeville, Tennessee beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August 1992 at 10 A.M. The Rev. Raymond Shell is scheduled to preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 A.M. The Rev. Burl Ledford will be the alternate.

#### CLERKS FOR NEXT YEAR

CAMP BRANCH: Kate Yount, Brown Ave., Waynesville, NC 28786 DRY BRANCH: Amy Plemmons, 280 Roberts Hill Rd., Marshall, NC 28753

ERNESTVILLE: Lola Rice, 106 Louisa St., Black Mountain, NC 28711 FAITH: Susie Hollifield, 100 9th St., Black Mountian, NC 28711

GRACE: David Shuford, Rt. 1, Box 378-D, Fletcher, NC 28732

HYATT CREEK: Jessie Ann Gunter, Log Cabin Rd., Waynesville, NC 28738

MT. O' DALE: Mary Hensley 407 A J Willis Rd., Jonesborough, TN 37659

ROCKY BRANCH: Leona Goodson, 224 Big Cove Circle, Waynesville, NC 28786

SHOAL HILL: Teresa Treadway, 200 Lower Walnut Creek Rd., Marshall, NC 28753

UNION VALLEY: Ann Holder, 156 Mundy Cove Rd., Weaverville, NC 28787

#### **REVIVALS AND COMMUNIONS**

DRY BRANCH: Revivals 1; held by Rev. J. B. Rhinehart.

ERNESTVILLE: Revivals 1; held by Rev. Mike Lamb and Rev. Eugene Duyck; Communions 3.

FAITH: Revivals 2; held by Rev. Danny Conner and Rev. Burl Ledford, Rev. David Wheeler and Rev. Danny Conner; Communions 2.

GRACE: Revivals 1; held by Rev. T.A. Wheeler and Rev. Randy Bolden; Communions 1.

MT. O'DALE: Revivals 2; held by Rev. David Wheeler, Rev. J.D. Green, Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr.; Communions 4.

ROCKY BRANCH: Revivals 1; held by Rev. Chester Mitchel

SHOAL HILL: Revivals 1; held by Rev. Randy Hawkins and Rev. Randy Burrell.

UNION VALLEY: Revivals 1; held by Rev. J.B. Rhinehart; Communions 1.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

CAMP BRANCH: Superintendent, Seby Rhodarmer, Rt. 1, Box 86, Waynesville, NC; Secretary, Clursa Messer, 304 Smathers St., Waynesville, NC; Classes, 2; Pupils, 28; Literature, Bible DRY BRANCH: Superintendent, Chris Rice, 420 Brush Creek Rd.,

Marshall, NC; Secretary, Selva Jean Chandler, 105 Ivy Hill Rd., Marshall NC; Classes, 4; Pupils, 34; Literature, Holy Bible (K.J.V.) expenses \$1,195.76 ERNESTVILLE: Superintendent, Robert J. Waddle, Rt. 14, Box 172B, Jonesborough, Tenn. Secretary, Lola Rice, 106 Louisa St., Black Mountain, NC 28711; Classes, 2; Pupils, 18; Literature, Bible FAITH: Superintendent, Phillip Mundy, Barnardsville, NC; Secretary,

FAITH: Superintendent, Phillip Mundy, Barnardsville, NC; Secretary, Susie Hollifield, Black Mountain, NC 28711; Classes, 3; Pupils, 45; Literature, Bible

GRACE: Superintendent, Gary Wheeler, Rt. 2, Box 406, Canton, NC 28716; Secretary, Rita Ann Shuford, Rt. 1, Box 378D, Fletcher, NC 28732; Classes, 5; Pupils, 30; Literature, Bible

HYATT CREEK: Superintendent, Clyde Rhinehart, Hazelwood, NC 28738; Secretary, Judy Pressley, 118 Sorrells Cove Rd., Waynesville, NC; Classes, 4; Pupils, 45; Literature, Holy Bible

MT. O' DALE: Superintendent, Robert Story, 680 Bumpus Cove Rd., Erwin, TN 37650 Secretary, Amos Hensley, 407 A.J. Willis Rd., Jonesborough, TN 37659; Classes, 4; Pupils, 75; Literature, Bible

ROCKY BRANCH: Superintendent, Jimmy Hoyle, Rt. 1, Box 695, Waynesville, NC 28786; Secretary, Mary Jo Plemmons, Lindsey Rd.; Clyde, NC: Classes, 3: Literature, Bible and Cards: expenses \$83.87.

Clyde, NC; Classes, 3; Literature, Bible and Cards; expenses \$83.87. SHOAL HILL: Superintendent, Danny Redmon, P.O. Box 503, Marshall, NC 28753; Secretary, Mae Payne, 290 Roberts Branch Rd., Marshall, NC 28753.

UNION VALLEY: Superintendent, Jerry Wallin, Reems Creek Rd., Weaverville, NC 28787; Secretary, Frances Fortner, 156 Mundy Cove Rd., Weaverville, NC 28787; Classes 2; Pupils 21; Literature, Bible

> FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCES AUGUST 1990 - AUGUST 1991

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Mt. O'Dale Church, Embreeville, TN on Saturday, December 29, 1990 at 10 A.M. Opening Song: "I'll Meet You by the River" Welcome and Devotionals by Pastor, Rev. David Green; Scripture: John 9:1-7; Prayer Rev. Jennis Sluder. The Moderator, Rev. Eugene Duyck, read" Constitution of Ministers Conference". Twenty Ministers answered to the roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Visiting Minister present was Rev Austin Watts. A vote of confidence was shown for Rev. Coy Davis. Meeting adjourned.

#### 11 A.M. SERVICE

#### 1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song:	"The Dearest Friend I Ever Had"
Scripture:	Psalm 1
Devotionals:	Rev. Raymond Shell
Special Singing:	David Shuford Family, Archie Čook Family
Prayer:	

The Moderator read "Constitution of Ministers' Conferences".

#### 11 A.M. SERVICE

Solo:	Gerald Wheeler
Sermon:	
Scripture:	
It was a time of good fellowship.	

#### 2:00 P.M. SERVICE

Song: ....."Rock of Ages Keep My Soul" scheduled to preach. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Visiting Ministers present were: Rev. Charles Stockton, Rev. Calvin Lester Special Singing: solo, Rev. James Rice, Rev. and Mrs. J.B. Gregg A testamony time was enjoyed by all. A wonderful day of good welcome, good fellowship and delicious food. Our sincere thanks, to the Lord and to New Hope Baptist Church for the invitation to visit with their Church. A collection was taken for the flower fund \$78.81, which makes a total of \$219.90 in the fund. The meeting was adjourned. The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Union Valley Church, Weaverville, NC, on Saturday, June 29, 1991 at 10:00 A.M. reward since last conference. Rev. Jerry Jarvis, Assistant Moderator, read "Constitution of Ministers' Conference" Rev. Eugene Duyck, Moderator, read "By-Laws of Ministers' Conference". 19 Ministers answered to the roll call. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Visiting ministers present: Rev. Hermon Ledford. Total in Flower Fund \$221.90

#### 11 A.M. SERVICE

Special Singing:	Wallin Bovs
Prayer	
Sermon	
Scripture	
Special prayer of healing for Eugene ' Rev. J.W. Mann and fellowship together.	Thomas. Handshake with

#### 1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song:	"I've Seen the Light"
Devotionals:	Rev. James Rice
Scripture	
Praver:	Rev. Burl Ledford
Special Singing:	Gregg Duet: Solo. Gerald Wheeler.
	Volunteer Quartet

Testamony Time. Dismissed by Rev. David Wheeler.

#### ANNUAL SESSION

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Hyatt Creek Church at Hazelwood, NC on Saturday, August 10, 1991 as a followup of the Association.

Song:	"Living on the Hallelujah Side"
Welcome and Devot	ionalsRev. Robert Stiles. who was filling in for
	Pastor J.B. Rhinehart who is in the hospital.
Scripture	Luke 6:20-25
Praver:	Rev. Eugene Duyck
,	ELECTION OF OFFICERS

ModeratorRev. Eugene DuyckVice ModeratorRev. Jerry JarvisSecretary and TreasurerMrs. Archie RiceAssistantMrs. Gerald WheelerThe election was moderated by Rev. J.B. GreggOrdination CouncilRev. J.D. Green, Rev. David Wheeler,Rev. Burl Ledford, Rev. J.W. Mann, Rev. Archie CookThe Moderator read By-Laws of the Ministers' ConferenceA silent prayer in memory of members who have gone on to be with theLord since last year.The next conference will be held with the Faith Church in BlackMountain, NC, in December.Rev. Larry Coates made restitution to conference for being absent. Hewasjoyfully received back into the fold. Collection taken for minutes was\$67.50. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

#### 1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song:	"God Holds the Future in His Hands"
Devotionals:	
	Daniel 10:10-12
Praver:	Rev. Randy Bolden
Twenty-three ministe	ers answered to the roll call.
	ed by prayer thanking God for His presence.

#### ANNUAL REPORT FOR OLD MINISTERS FUND

Beginning of year 1990-1991 Church Donations Ministers donations Love Offerings	1,396.61 201.00
Total Paid out	\$2,567.88 \$1,832.65
Balance	\$735.23
Total in Checking	\$735.23
Total in Savings Money sent in after September 1, 1991 will	

#### CHURCH DONATIONS

Dry Branch	
Ernestville	
Faith	
Grace	
Hvatt Creek	
Mt. O' Dale	
Rocky Branch	
Rocky Branch Shoal Hill	
Total	\$1,396.61

#### LOVE OFFERINGS

10.00
\$110.00

#### MINISTERS DONATIONS

Rev. Archie Cook	\$ 10.00
Rev. Joe Gaddy	
Rev. J.D. Green	
Rev. Jerry Jarvis	
Rev. Burl Ledford	
Rev. J.B. Miller	75.00
Rev. Raymond Shell	
Rev. Jennis Sluder	
Rev. Robert Stiles	
Rev. Floyd Watts	12.00
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Total	\$201.00

#### PAID OUT

Rev. J. B. Miller	\$ 264.00
Mrs. Ollie Hollifield	
Mrs. Helen Wheeler	
Mrs. Margaret Radcliffe	
Mrs. Georgia Franks	
Rev. and Mrs. Joe Pressley	
Total	
Given Mrs. Pressley at husband's death	\$200.00
Total	\$1,784.00
Service Charges from Bank	48.65
Total Paid Out	\$1,832.65

Howard Wheeler, Rt. 2, Box 353, Canton, NC 28716

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS REPORTS

Rev. Randy Bolden: Revivals 1; conversions 1; sermons 30; received for revival \$140.00; other \$10.00; total \$150.00; homes visited 3; sick visits 12; traveled 4000; expenses \$300.00

Rev. Archie Cook: Revivals 2; conversions 2; received for revivals Appr. \$600.00

Rev. Danny L. Conner: Pastored 1; revivals 2; members received 3; baptized 3; funerals 1; received \$440.00

Rev. Eugene Duyck: Revivals 1.

Rev. Joe Gaddy: Sermons 3; received \$20.00; given \$200.00

Rev. Jerry Jarvis: Pastored 1, revivals 1; members received 2; baptized 2; funerals 3; given 10%

Rev. Michael J. Lamb: Pastored 1; revivals 2

Rev. Burl Ledford: Revivals 3; conversions 2; sermons 52; baptized 2; marriages 1; received for revivals \$452.49; other \$118.50; total \$570.99; given \$248.00

Rev. Arnold Revis: Pastored 1

Rev. J. B. Rhinehart: Pastored 1

Rev. James Rice: Pastored 1; members received 2; baptized 4

Rev. Raymond Shell: Pastored 1, received \$2,912.95; other \$45.00; given \$888.00

Rev. Jennis Sluder: Revivals 6; funerals 12

Rev. Robert J. Stiles: I have been preaching for the Lord.

Rev. Floyd Watts: I have preached everytime I could. I have read the Bible 6 times, 30 pages a day.

Rev. David Wheeler: Pastored 1, revivals 2, funerals 1

#### **ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS**

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Rev. Coy S. Davis, Rt. 1, Box 456, Green Mountain, NC 28740 (688-3096)

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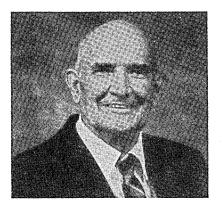
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#### **OBITUARIES**



Shoal Hill: **Mr. Howard Payne** was born January 21, 1915 and passed away November 3, 1990 at the age of 75. He was a deacon of this church for 51 years. He was Historian of the French Broad Association for many years. He was a man that believed in helping others and sharing God's love. He was a lifelong resident of Madison County. He retired from the Madison County School Bus Garage in 1978. He had many friends both young and old. Brother Howard is deeply missed in his church community. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy and many friends and loved ones.

**Rev. Jerry Jarvis** 



**Rev. Joe Pressley** was born in 1922 and died in 1991. He was a faithful member of the French Broad Association and Ministers' Conference for more than 36 years. He was always jolly and friendly with everyone. He was very strict to live by every command of the Bible. He expected his church members to live close to the Lord also. He was a faithful member of Faith Church always present except when the Lord directed him to go somewhere to preach or visit other churches and the sick. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day." We miss his presence with us. We think of the times he would quote long chapters from the Bible. God blessed him with a real good memory. We are thankful that his suffering is over.

Faith: **Mrs. Carrie Foster** died December 4, 1990 at the age of 88. She was a faithful member of Faith Church. She came to church many times when she was not physically able. She did not want to miss a service. She had been a long, dedicated member, not only to the church, but to the Lord. Her testamony lives on, as we have heard her say so many times, "From the bottom of my heart I want to meet the Lord with clean hands and a pure heart". She was a woman of wisdom, always giving courage. We feel that she is resting in peace with the Lord. We sincerely miss her.

Shirley Fender

#### 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 moderator, 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 Savior, 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 Free-Will Baptist denomination, but of no other 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. 1 Tim. 2:5-6; John 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 transgretion, 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 truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and every creature. Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17; 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; 1 John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole scriptures are infallably true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice II Timothy 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 devine 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 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 sole 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; 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 forseen 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 has 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, annointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, praying, singing praise to God and 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; Rom 6:4; Col. 2:12.

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

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

#### **CHURCH COVENANT**

Having been brought, as we believe, by divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree, by God's help, to walk together in brotherly love.

We, therefore, enter into covenant as members of this church and as Christians that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each other's joy and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability; to the support of the ministry; the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

#### **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 writing report, \$1.00 shall accompany each minister's report to merit necessary expenses of this organization.

3. Five members 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 help promote harmony and love among the membership.

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

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

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

11. A minister will not be licensed or ordained in this conference if he owns a television.

12. If a minister misses three quarterly conferences in succession, he will be silenced until he makes restitution.

B. If a minister breaks the by-laws of this conference, he must be investigated and if he fails to make restitution, he must turn in his credentials.

13. A man, having a call from God to preach the Gospel, after announcing his call must be given a dated letter of liberation from his church. At the end of one year the church must write a letter to the conference so he may obtain his license. After one year the investigating Committee will investigate his life before ordaining him to preach.

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 a letter to go to another conference and must turn in all his credentials.

#### 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 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 fourfifths.

#### 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.

### MINISTERS' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 199 \_\_\_\_\_ TO 199 \_\_\_\_\_

No. of churches pastored	; No. of revivals conducted
No. of conversions	; No. of sermons preached
No. of members received	; No. baptized;
No. of marriages	; No. of funerals;
Received for pastoral services	\$
Received for revival services	\$
Received for all other services	\$
	Total \$
Given personally to the cause	\$
No. homes visited	; No. of homes prayed in
No. of sick visits made	; No. of miles traveled
	expenses \$
Minister	
Address	
Telephone	

FINANCIAL	REPORT

Churches	Pastors Support	Home Missions	Repairs	Other	Old Ministers Fund	Minute Fund	Value of Church Property
Camp Branch	3,385.34	797.80		1,464.40	25.00	25.00	30,000
Dry Branch	2,041.73	2,471.78	253.08	273.26	50.00	35.00	75,000
Ernestville			3,150.00		25.00	15.00	33,000
Faith	5,300.00	1,260.00			200.00	60.00	50,000
Grace	2,912.95	200.00		2,226.78	209.99	50.00	
Hyatt Creek	2,400.00	1,518.43	1,538.00	1,767.53	250.00	50.00	85,988
Mt. O'Dale	6,423.47	4,832.19		3,516.48	526.62	75.00	25,000
Rocky Branch	474.74	275.94	400.45	3,008.40	25.00	10.00	20,000
Shoal Hill	1,800.00	1,119.10	6,072.79	1,369.98	60.00	25.00	
Union Valley	440.00	476.11	2,769.92			10.00	
TOTALS	25,178.25	12,951.35	14,184.24	13,626.83	1,371.61	355.00	318.988.00

#### MEMBERSHIP TABLE

Churches	Members Received	Experience & Baptism	Letter and Statement	Restoration	Lost	By Letter	Expulsion and Erasure	Death	Increase	Decrease	Active Membership	Last Years Active Membership
Camp Branch	4		1								28	32
Dry Branch	1	1			4	2		1			32	
Ernestville	2	2							2		9	7
Faith								2			28	30
Grace											30	30
Hyatt Creek	3	3			1			1	2	1	40	38
Mt. O'Dale	2	2			3		1	2		3	43	45
Rocky Branch	2	1	1					1	2		104	104
Shoal Hill	2	2			1			1	2	1		
Union Valley	4	4			2						21	20
TOTALS	20	15	2	0	11	2	1	8	8	5	335	308

#### CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church o	f
	, 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

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Clerk
Address
astor for next year
Address
Clerk for next year
Address

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's Collection \$	an 12
Home mission-local charity \$	4. · · · · · · · ·
Church repairs and improvements \$	
Other purpose \$	<u></u>
Old ministers' fund \$	
Value of Church property \$	
Food fund for Association \$	
Minute Fund \$	

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Superintendent	- <u></u>	
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No. of classes	; No. of pupils	; kind of literature use
		; expenses \$

