

MINUTES

OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

French Broad Association of the Free Will Baptists

Held at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church
Black Mountain, North Carolina
August 11, 12, 13, 1994

Next session of the French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists will be held with the Grace Church at Canton, North Carolina beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1995 at 10 A.M. Rev. Arnold Revis is scheduled to preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 A.M. Rev. James Rice will be the alternate.

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Howard Wheeler, Rt. 2, Box 353,
Canton, NC 28716
Vice Moderator.....Rev. J. B. Gregg, 109 Lester Road,
Jonesborough, TN 37659
Clerk.....Mrs. Gerald Wheeler, Rt. 2, Box 406,
Canton, NC 28716
Assistant Clerk.....Katherine Rice, 28 Brooks Cove Rd.,
Black Mountain, NC 28711
Historian.....Mrs. J. B. Gregg, 109 Lester Road,
Jonesborough, TN 37659



CHURCH

PASTORS

DRY BRANCH

Rev. Arnold Revis, 260 Pickens Road, Weaverville, NC 28787

ERNESTVILLE

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

FAITH

Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr., Route 2, Box 181, Burnsville, NC 28714

GRACE

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

GREGGS CHAPEL

Rev. Gene Riddle, Rt. 1, Box 278, Flag Pond, TN 37657

HYATT CREEK

Not Elected

MT. O'DALE

Rev. David Green, 227 Berry Ridge Rd., Jonesborough, TN 37659

ROCKY BRANCH

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

UNION VALLEY

Rev. Marvin Ponder, Weaverville, NC 28787

FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Minutes of the 116th Annual Session of the French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists held at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Black Mountain, North Carolina, August 11, 12, 13, 1994.

Beginning on Thursday, August 11, 1994 at 10 A.M.

Opening Song: "The Dearest Friend"

Welcome and Devotionals: Pastor Rev. Junior Briggs;

Scripture: Acts 15:8-23. Prayer led by Bro. Stewart Vess

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Moderator.....Howard Wheeler, Canton, NC
- Vice-Moderator.....Rev. J. B. Gregg, Jonesborough, TN
- Clerk.....Mrs. Gerald Wheeler, Canton, NC
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- Historian.....Mrs. J. B. Gregg, Jonesborough, TN

APPOINTMENT OF READING CLERKS

- Rev. Mark Atkinson.....Rev. David Wheeler

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Old Ministers Fund.....Howard Wheeler
- Minute Fund.....Rev. Eugene Duyck

Rev. J. B. Gregg moderated the election.

The moderator read "Rules of Decorum." Appointment of Investigating Committee:.....Rev. J. B. Rhinehart, Rev. Randy Bolden, and Rev. Arnold Revis

Visiting Ministers welcomed were Rev. Jerry Jarvis, Rev. Burl Ledford, Rev. Larry Ledford, Rev. Stewart Vess, Preacher Danny Redmon.

Note: Churches, please make checks for the minute fund to the clerk, Mrs. Gerald Wheeler, so there will be no problem cashing them. (Oveda Wheeler's phone number is 704/235-8497).

11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Special Prayer for the lost

Motion made to include the time of the Sunday night service in the minutes (check graph in back of minute).

Special Singing.....Rev. and Mrs. J.B. Gregg.

Sermon:.....Rev. Jerry Jarvis
Scripture:.....Galatians3;1-3

Dismissed and thanks for the food , Rev. Danny Conner.
Fellowship handshake with Rev. Jarvis.

2:00 P. M. SERVICE

Song:..... "I Rejoice In The Lord"
Devotionals:.....Rev. Burl Ledford
Scripture:.....Matt.4:1-11
Prayer:.....Rev. David Wheeler

The delegates from each church were seated and the church letters were read.

Field Evangelist for next year: Rev. Mark Atkinson
Dismissed by Rev. Arnold Revis.

7:00 P.M. SERVICE

Song:....."In The Sweet Forever"
Prayer:.....Rev. Shell
Special Singing:.....Terry Rice and Beverly Edwards, Kimberly and Dale Wheeler, Association Quartet, Patty Atkinson, Larry Ledford and Family, Sister Amy Plemmons, Mark Atkinson

Sermon:.....Rev. Danny Conner
Scripture:.....Matt 5 : 1-12

Bro. Keith Mosley preached a short message. There were testimonies and singing.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

DRY BRANCH:.....Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Revis, Clifford Chandler, Curtis Rice, Frank F. Rigsley, Faye Norton, Amy Plemmons

ERNESTVILLE:.....Rev. Bobby Waddle, Brandon Waddle, Melisha Woodard

FAITH:Rev. Gene Riddle, Sammie Finley, Katherine Rice, Angie Fender, Brandon Finley, Billy Cudd

GRACE:.....Rev. and Mrs. Randy Bolden, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wheeler, Mrs. Gerald Wheeler, Keith Smathers, Kimberly Shuford, John Shuford, Vernell Shuford.

GREGGS CHAPEL:.....Rev. J. B. Gregg , Iona Gregg
 HYATT CREEK:.....Rev. and Mrs. Danny Conner, Rev. J. B.
 Rhinehart, Mark Atkinson, Patty Atkinson
 MT. O'DALE:.....Charles and Beverly Miller; Amos and Mary
 Hensley
 ROCKY BRANCH:.....By Letter.
 UNION VALLEY:.....Jamie Wallin

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Arrangements:..... A Standing Committee, Pastor and Delegates
 Young People's Work: Iona Gregg, Kim Shuford
 Sunday Schools:..... Rev. Randy Bolden, Rev. James Rice
 Pastors Support: Sammie Finley, Keith Smathers
 Lord's Day Observance: Rev. J. B. Gregg, Rev. Eugene Duyck
 Marriage and Divorce:..... Rev. J. B. Rhinehart, Rev. Raymond Shell
 Old Ministers Fund:.....A Standing Committee, Howard Wheeler,
 Chairman
 Deeper Devotion:.....A Standing Committee, written by W. W.
 Ballard, deceased
 Obituaries:A Standing Committee, Mrs. Raymond Shell, Nell
 Shuford, Mrs. Archie Rice and Mrs. Eugene Thomas
 Resolutions:Rev. Arnold Revis, Rev. Mark Atkinson
 Finance:..... A Standing Committee
 Temperance: Rev. Danny Conner, Rev. David Wheeler
 Periodicals: Birdell Wheeler, Peggy Bolden, Janie Revis
 Sessions: First delegate of each church
 Field Evangelist:.....Rev. Mark Atkinson, Rt. 1, Box 339,
 Waynesville, NC 28786, Phone: (704) 456-7278
 Investigating Committee:..Rev. J. B. Rhinehart, Rev. Randy Bolden, Rev.
 Arnold Revis.

Sister Dorothy Payne gave a tribute to the three oldest ministers in the conference in the memory of Howard Payne.

FRIDAY 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

Song:....."I Rejoice In The Lord"
 Welcome and Devotionals:.....Rev. J. B. Rhinehart
 Scripture:.....John 15:1-7
 Prayer:.....Bro. Danny Redmon
 The Lord blessed in the service.
 Altar of prayer for some in need.

Special SingingKeith Smathers, Beverly Miller, Wheeler Trio
 Visiting Ministers:.....Bro. Danny Redmon, Bro. Stewart Vess

11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Sermon:.....Rev. Stewart Vess;
 Scripture:..... Ephesians 4: 4-6 Acts 19: 32

Special Prayer and anointing of hankertchiefs.
 Dismissed and thanks for food by Rev. Junior Briggs..
 Fellowship handshake

2:00 P. M. SERVICE

Song:.....“Wonderful Words of Life”
 Devotional:.....Rev. David Wheeler
 Scripture:..... Ephesians 6: 10-18
 Prayer:.....Rev. Larry Ledford

Heard Reports of Committees.
 Stood in appreciation of Faith Church for their loving care of the
 Association.
 We had a wonderful Association.
 Rev. Lawrence Smith dismissed the Association.

7:00 P. M. SERVICE

Song:.....“Just a Little Talk With Jesus”
 Prayer:.....Rev. Bob Campbell
 Special Singing:.....Rev. James Rice and Terry,
 Beverly Edwards, About Forty Young People.

We stood and honored the Lord for being present.
 Sermon:.....Rev. Coy Wheeler
 Scripture:.....Psalms 68: 18-21 10:3
 Fellowship hand shake Cook Family singing.
 Dismissed by Rev. Bob Campbell.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Young People’s Work: We, your committee, believe that in order to have young people interested in church today, the elder 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.” I Cor.

2:9; "For things of this world shall pass away and pleasure is 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. I 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 encourage 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. We would encourage both young women and young men to guard their virtue carefully as a precious gift. Proverbs 31:2 & 3 and Proverbs 31:10-12. We would urge each young person to seek the will of God concerning their lives and be led of His Spirit. John 14:26 reads, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you."

Paul exhorted Timothy to "hold faith and a good conscience" and to "stir up the gift of God which is in thee by the putting on of hands." Read also Titus 2 and I & II Timothy.

Iona Gregg and Kim Shuford

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 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. Randy Bolden, Rev. James Rice

Pastors Support: We, your committee, 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 reasonable time to their pastoral duties. Second, that our churches 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 have not given until we go above the tenth that the Lord requires, also there are twenty four hours in a day. Two hours and forty minutes is a tenth of our time for the Lord. 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. We believe that our support should not only be in the form of money, but that we as workers together with God and each other should do our part of the visiting and other work of the church instead of expecting the pastor to do it all for us.

Brothers Keith Smathers, Sammy Finley.

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 revered 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.

Rev. Eugene Duyck, Rev. J. B. Gregg.

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. Read Mark 10: 1-12, Luke 16: 16-18.

Rev. Raymond Shell , Rev. J.B. Rhinehart

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. Adcock, 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 anointed by the Holy One. So to undertake to preach without this power is to 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." Revelations 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.

Rev. Arnold Revis, Rev. Mark Atkinson

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, I Cor. 6:10, I Cor. 9:25,
Titus 2:2-6, I Tim. 2:9, I Peter 3:3-4

Rev. David Wheeler, Rev. Danny Conner

Periodicals: We, your committee, advise you to read the Bible for the Bible says in II 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 His Word for us to live by. We believe the only Bible we should read and live by is the Authorized King James Version. In Matthew 24:4, "And Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Take heed that no man deceive you.' Galatians 6:7-8, "Be not deceived God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting," The word of the Lord is the most precious thing we have. It is the best guideline to teach our children by. Psalm 119:103-105, "How sweet are Thy words unto my taste. Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth. Through Thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." In the book of Job it speaks of the word of the Lord as to tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children and their children another generation. I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food. Job 23: 12

Birdell Wheeler , Peggy Bolden, Jane Revis

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. James Rice, Amos Hensley

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.

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, Rev. Russell Wheeler, Rev. Floyd Watts.

Sessions: The next Session of the French Broad Association will be held with Grace Church at Canton, North Carolina beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August 1995 at 10 A.M. The Rev. Arnold Revis is scheduled to preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 A.M. The Rev. James Rice will be the alternate.

CLERKS FOR NEXT YEAR

DRY BRANCH:..... Amy Plemmons, 275 Roberts Hill Rd., Marshall, NC, 28753
ERNESTVILLE:.....Lola Rice, 106 Louisa St., Black Mountain, NC 28711
FAITH:.....Susie Hollifield, 100 9th St., Black Mountain, NC 28711
GRACE:.....David Shuford, Rt. 1, Box 378-D, Fletcher, NC 28732
GREGGS CHAPEL:.....Brenda Peters, Rt. 5, Box 258, Johnson City, TN 37601
HYATT CREEK:.....Not elected
MT. O'DALE:Mary Hensley, 407 A. J. Willis Rd., Jonesborough, TN, 37659
ROCKY BRANCH:Leona Goodson, 224 Big Cove Circle, Waynesville, NC, 28786
UNION VALLEY:.....Ann Holder, 156 Mundy Cove Rd., Weaverville, NC, 28787

REVIVALS AND COMMUNIONS

- DRY BRANCH:Revivals 1; held by Revs. Larry Coates, Jennis Sluder, Eugene Duyck
- ERNESTVILLE:Revivals 2; held by Revs. Eugene Duyck, Eugene Osborne, Revs. Hermon Ledford, Bob Campbell; Communion 4.
- FAITH:Revivals 1; held by Revs. David Green, Coy Wheeler; Communion 2.
- GRACE:Revivals 1; held by Revs. Keith Mosley, Coy Wheeler; Communion 2.
- GREGGS CHAPEL:Revivals 3; held by Revs. J. W. Mann, Gene Riddle, Bob Campbell, J. B. Gregg, Junior Briggs; Communion 1.
- HYATT CREEK:Revivals 1; held by Revs. Eugene Osborne, Larry Ledford;
- MT. O'DALE:Revivals 1; held by Rev. Junior Briggs; Communion 3.
- ROCKY BRANCH:.....Revivals 2; held by Revs. Wilburn Massie, Bill Folley, Jennis Sluder
- UNION VALLEY:Revivals 2; held by Revs. Homer Tweed, Jerry Jarvis, Revs. Buford McAmos, Wade Murphy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

- DRY BRANCH:.....Superintendent, Curtis Rice, 420 Brush Creek Rd., Marshall, NC 28753; Secretary, Mrs. Yvonne Ramsey, Lower Brush Creek Rd., Marshall, NC 28753 Classes 4; Pupils, 26; Literature, Holy Bible K.J.V.; Expenses 742.76.
- ERNESTVILLE:Superintendent, Lynn Hensley, 2417, Hwy. 107, Chuckey, TN, 37641; Secretary, Lola Rice, 106 Louisa St., Black Mountain, NC 28711; Classes, 1; Pupils, 7; Literature, Bible.
- FAITH:Superintendent, Phillip Mundy, 549 Paint Fork Rd., Barnardsville, NC 28704; Secretary, Susie Hollifield, 100 9th St., Black Mountain, NC 28711; Classes, 3; Pupils, 45, Literature, Bible.
- GRACE:Superintendent, Gary Wheeler, Rt. 2, Box 406-A, Canton, NC 28716; Secretary, Rita Ann Shuford, Rt. 1, Box 378-D, Fletcher, NC 28732; Classes, 4; Pupils 28; Literature, Bible.

- GREGGS CHAPEL:Superintendant, J. B. Gregg, 109 Lester Road, Jonesborough, TN, 37659; Secretary, Brenda Peters, Rt. 5, Box 258, Johnson City, TN 37601; Classes, 1; Pupils, 12-14; Literature, Bible, KJV
- HYATT CREEK:Superintendent, Clyde Rhinehart, P. O. Box 284, Hazelwood, NC 28738; Secretary, Judy Pressley, 118 Sorrells Cove, Waynesville, NC 28786; Classes, 3; Pupils, 43; 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 Joe Lewis, 176 Chambers Mountain Rd., Clyde, NC 28721; Classes, 3; Pupils, 42; Literature, cards and Bible;
- UNION VALLEY:Superintendent, Jamie Wallin, Reems Creek Rd., Weaverville, NC 28787; Secretary, Ann Holder, 156 Mundy Cove Rd., Weaverville, NC 28787; Classes, 3; Pupils, 35; Literature, Bible.

FRENCH BROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST
 MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
 AUGUST 1993 - AUGUST 1994

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Greggs Chapel Church at Jonesborough, Tenn. on Saturday, October 30, 1993 at 10 A.M. Opening Song: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"; Welcome and Devotionals: Rev. Gene Riddle, Pastor; Scripture: Romans 5: 1-5, Prayer: Rev. Floyd Watts. Eighteen ministers answered the roll call. Visiting Ministers present were: Rev. Bob Campbell and Rev. Gene Riddle. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The moderator read the Constitution of the Ministers' Conference. Each minister must report in person or by letter to the annual Conference. There is \$233.79 in the flower fund. Next Conference will be held January 29, 1994 at Grace Church with Rev. James Rice preaching.

11 A.M. SERVICE

Special Singing:.....Wheeler Trio, Dewayne Riddle
 Special prayer for elderly ministers.
 Sermon:.....Rev. Burl Ledford

Scripture:.....Acts 4: 13, 12
Dismissed and thanks for meal by Rev. David Wheeler.

1:45 P.M. SERVICE

Song:.....“Everbody Will Be Happy”
Devotionals:.....Rev. Calvin Lester
Scripture:.....Psalms 23

The Moderator read by-laws # 2 and 12a.
We showed appreciation for Greggs Chapel in receiving the Conference.
Showed appreciation for Rev. Floyd Watts.

Conference Quartet sang “Time Has Made A Change”.
Special Singing:.....Larry Ledford and Family, Beverly Edwards,
James and Terry Rice

Offering for Rev. J. B. Miller, \$84.22
Adjourned

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers’ Conference met with the
Grace Church, Canton, NC on Saturday, January 29, 1994 at 10:00 A.M.

Opening Song:.....“Jesus Spoke To Me”
Welcome and Devotionals:.....Rev. Raymond Shell, Pastor
Scripture:.....Ephesians 5: 6-13
Prayer:.....Rev. James Rice

Twenty-two ministers answered the roll call. Visiting ministers were: Rev.
Dale Eckland, Rev. Bob Campbell, Rev. Gene Riddle, Rev. Herman Ledford,
Rev. Coy Wheeler, Rev. Keith Mosley, Rev. Stewart Vess. Next Conference
will be held with the Hyatt Creek Church in May 1994 with Rev. David
Wheeler scheduled to preach. Minutes of the last meeting were read and
approved. Moderator read the Constitution of the Ministers’ Conference
and By-laws. The total Flower Fund \$233.79.

11 A.M. SERVICE

Sermon:.....Rev. James Rice.
Scripture:.....Psalms 12: 1, Psalms 119: 89-90.
Special SingingWallen Brothers.
Fellowship handshake.
Dismissal and thanks for meal by Rev. Herman Ledford.

1:45 P.M. SERVICE

Song:....."Fill My Way With Love."
 Devotionals:.....Rev. Randy Bolden.
 Scripture:.....Acts 27: 13
 Prayer:.....Rev. Eugene Osborne
 The congregation showed appreciation to Grace Church for having the Conference.
 Special Singing:.....Cook Family, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Gregg,
 Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Blanks, Wallen Brothers,
 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Mosley, Kimberly and Rita
 Ann Shuford, Dewayne Riddle, Beverly Edwards.

Stood and honored the Lord for being with the service.
 Rev. Dale Ecklund was licensed to preach.
 Rev. Mark Atkinson was ordained .
 Rev. Eugene Osborne preached the ordination service. Scripture: I Timothy: 3:1-7. Prayer was lead by Rev. James Rice. The Cook family sang.
 Adjourned

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Hyatt Creek Church, Waynesville, N.C. on Saturday, May 28, 1994 at 10 A.M.

Opening Song:....."Living By Faith"
 Welcome and Devotionals:.....Rev. Danny Conner, Pastor
 Scripture:.....I Thess. 5: 14-28
 Prayer:.....Rev. James Rice

Twenty-five ministers answered the roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Visiting Minister was: Rev. Keith Mosley. The Moderator read the Constitution. A letter was received from the Blue Ridge Association requesting a letter for Rev. Earnest Messer. A motion was made by Rev. Raymond Shell to write a letter to the above Conference stating that he had been gone too long from the French Broad Conference. A Minister must be present to request a letter from the Conference.

11 A.M. SERVICE

Song:.....Rev. James Rice led the congregation in singing "The Model Church", The presence of the Lord was felt.
 Special Singing.....Rev. James Rice and Terry
 Sermon:.....Rev. David Wheeler
 Scripture:.....Hebrews 5: 11-14.

Fellowship handshake.
 Dismissal and grace for food by Bro. Howard Wheeler.

2 P.M. SERVICE

Song:....."Where The Soul Never Dies".
 Special Singing:.....Wheeler Trio
 Devotionals:.....Rev. Jennis Sluder.
 Scripture:.....John 6: 53-54, 60, 66-69
 Prayer:.....Rev. Raymond Shell
 Showed appreciation to Hyatt Creek Church for having the conference.
 Special Singing and testimonies:.....Gregg Duet and
 Patty Atkinson.

Adjourned.

ANNUAL SESSION

The French Broad Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference met with the Faith Church at Black Mountain, NC on Saturday, August 13, 1994 at 10 A.M.

Opening Song:....."Just A Little Talk With Jesus"
 Welcome and Devotionals:.....Rev. Junior Briggs
 Scripture:.....Proverbs 31: 10-21, 28
 Prayer:.....Rev. Raymond Shell

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator:.....Rev. Eugene Duyck
 Vice Moderator:.....Rev. Eugene Osborne
 Secretary and Treasurer:.....Oveda Wheeler
 Assistant:.....Katherine Rice
 The election was moderated by Rev. J. B. Gregg

Ordination Council:.....Rev. Burl Ledford, Rev. J. W. Mann,
 Rev. David Wheeler, Rev. Raymond Shell, Rev. James Rice

Visiting Ministers were: Rev. Earl Bailey, Rev. Coy Wheeler, Rev. Tim Burlelson, Rev. Stewart Vess, Rev. Junior Briggs, Bro. Danny Redmon
 The moderator read the Constitution of the Ministers' Conference.
 The next Conference will be held with the Hampton Church, Hampton, TN.
 Rev. Mike Lamb is scheduled to preach.

11 A.M. SERVICE

Special Singing:.....Congregation sang "The Model Church"
 Sermon:.....Rev. J. B. Gregg
 Scripture:.....Philippians 2: 1-5
 Rev. J. B. Gregg called for fellowship of the ministers.
 Dismissal prayer and thanks for the food by Rev. Earl Bailey.

1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Song:....."Let My Life Be A Light"
 Devotional:.....Rev. Raymond Shell
 Scripture:.....II Timothy 2: 1-13
 Prayer:.....Rev. Junior Briggs

Twenty-five ministers answered to the roll call.
 The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
 Showed appreciation to Faith Church for having the conference.

Special Singing:.....Gary Wheeler's girls, Rev. Earl Bailey sang and
 preached, Rev. T. A. Wheeler sang "Beulah Land".
 We had a revival, several young people were saved.
 Rev. and Mrs J.B. Gregg, Wheeler Trio, Green
 Family, Grace Church Young People, Tina Gillett.

Rev. Junior Briggs was welcomed back into the Conference.
 Rev. Calvin Lester was ordained.
 Rev. Eugene Duyck preached the ordination. Scripture: I Timothy 3: 1-4, II
 Timothy 2: 19-26. Rev. James Rice led the prayer.

Adjourned.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR OLD MINISTERS FUND

Beginning of year 1993-1994.....	\$1,558.74
Ministers Donations.....	446.00
Churches Donations.....	1,646.96
Love Offerings.....	95.00
Withdrew from savings.....	<u>2,000.00</u>
 Total.....	 \$5,746.70
Paid out.....	<u>4,087.74</u>

Total in checking.....\$1,658.96

Total in savings.....\$13,993.27

Money sent in after August 26, 1994 will be on next years report. Howard Wheeler, Rt.2, Box 353, Canton, NC 28716.

CHURCH DONATIONS

Dry Branch.....	100.00
Ernestville.....	25.00
Faith.....	200.00
Grace.....	319.48
Gregg's Chapel.....	50.00
Hyatt Creek.....	250.00
Mt. O'Dale.....	622.48
Shoal Hill.....	30.00
Rocky Branch.....	50.00
Total.....	\$1,646.96

LOVE OFFERINGS

Mrs. Raymond Shell.....	10.00
Mrs. Dorothy Payne.....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Melton Haynes.....	20.00
Love Gift.....	30.00
Love Gift.....	10.00
Total.....	\$95.00

MINISTERS DONATIONS

Rev. Randy Bolden.....	\$10.00
Rev. Archie Cook.....	30.00
Rev. Eugene Duyck.....	20.00
Rev. J. B. Gregg.....	20.00
Rev. Jerry Jarvis.....	20.00
Rev. Burl Ledford.....	25.00
Rev. Larry Ledford.....	20.00
Rev. James Rice.....	12.00
Rev. Raymond Shell.....	25.00
Rev. Jennis Sluder.....	20.00
Rev. Lawrence Smith.....	20.00
Rev. Robert Stiles.....	40.00

Rev. David Wheeler.....	20.00
Rev. Danny Conner.....	12.00
Rev. Joe Gaddy.....	40.00
Rev. J. B. Rhinehart.....	50.00
Rev. Robert Waddle.....	10.00
Total.....	\$446.00

PAID OUT

Rev. J. B. Miller.....	\$384.00
Mrs. Ollie Hollifield.....	384.00
Mrs. Helen Wheeler.....	384.00
Mrs. Margaret Radcliffe.....	384.00
Mrs. Georgia Franks.....	384.00
Mrs. Margie Pressley.....	384.00
Rev. T. A. Wheeler.....	224.00
Rev. Floyd Watts.....	224.00
Total.....	\$2,752.00

Rev. Burl Ledford (Wife sickness)	300.00
Rev. Jennis Sluder (Wife sickness).....	300.00
Rev. Joe Gaddy (sickness).....	200.00
Rev. J. B. Rhinehart (sickness).....	200.00
Rev. Floyd Watts (sickness).....	300.00
Total.....	\$1300.00

Service Charges from Bank.....	\$6.74
U. S. Postage stamps.....	\$29.00
Total paid out 1993-1994.....	\$4,087.74

ORDAINED MINISTERS REPORTS

- Rev. Mark Atkinson: I have been preaching for the Lord where doors were open.
- Rev. Randy Bolden: Sermons 20; Miles traveled 1500; Total received \$400.00; Given \$350.00.
- Rev. Larry L. Coates: Revivals 1; baptized 5; Funerals 4.
- Rev. Danny Connor: Pastored 1.

Rev. Archie Cook: Pastored 1; Revivals 1; Total received \$100.00 (Revival)

Rev. Eugene Duyck : Revivals 3

Rev. Joe Gaddy, Jr.: Sermons 6; Total received \$326.00; Given \$150.00.

Rev. David Green : Pastored 1; Revivals 2; Baptised 4; Marriages 1.

Rev. J. B. Gregg: Revivals 1; Funerals 1; Given 10%.

Rev. Jerry Jarvis: Revivals 1; Baptised 1; Given 10%

Rev. Michael Lamb: Pastored 1; Revivals 1; Conversions 6; Baptized 3;
Marriages 1.

Rev Burl Ledford: Pastored 1; Conversions 2.

Rev. Larry Ledford: Revivals 2; Baptised 2; Marriages 1; Funerals 1;
I stumble, but I keep trying to work for the Lord.

Rev. Calvin Lester: Revivals 1; Conversions 1; Baptised 2.

Rev. Arnold Larry Revis: Pastored 1; Received \$1,578.72.

Rev. James N. Rice: Pastored 1; Members received 2; Given 10%+.

Rev. Raymond Shell: Pastored 1.

Rev. Jennis Paul Sluder: Pastored 1; Revivals 7; Marriages 1; Funerals 12.

Rev. Robert Stiles: Preached for the Lord.

Rev. Robert Waddle: I've been doing Evangelist work for Jesus.

Rev. Floyd Watts: Preached every opportunity.; Funerals 1; Given 10%

Rev. David Wheeler: Pastored 1; Revivals 1; Funerals 2.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

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Rev. Larry Coates, 347 Paint Fork Rd., Barnardsville, NC 28709
(704) 626-2707

Rev. Danny Connor, 210 Page Rd., Waynesville, NC 28786
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Rev. Archie Cook, Rt. 5, Box 76, Marion, NC 28752
(704) 652-6734

Rev. Coy S. Davis, Rt. 1, Box 456, Green Mountain, NC 28740
(704) 688-3096

Rev. Eugene Duyck, 572 Paint Fork Rd., Barnardsville, NC 28709
(704) 626-2995

Rev. Dale Ecklund (L), 169 Mundy Cove Road, Weaverville, NC, 28787
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Rev. Joe Gaddy, Jr., Rt. 2, Canton, NC 28716
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Rev. J. B. Gregg, 109 Lester Rd., Jonesborough, TN 37659
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Rev. David Green, 227 Berry Ridge Rd., Jonesborough, TN 37659
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Rev. J. D. Green, 118 Meadowview Circle, Jonesborough, Tn 37659
(615) 753-8484

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Rev. Michael Lamb, 451 Horse Creek Rd., Chuckey, TN 37641
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Rev. Burl Ledford, 71 Bee Ridge Rd., Asheville, NC 28803
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Rev. Larry Ledford, 137 Spice Hallow Rd., Johnson City, TN 37604
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28787 (704) 645-7241

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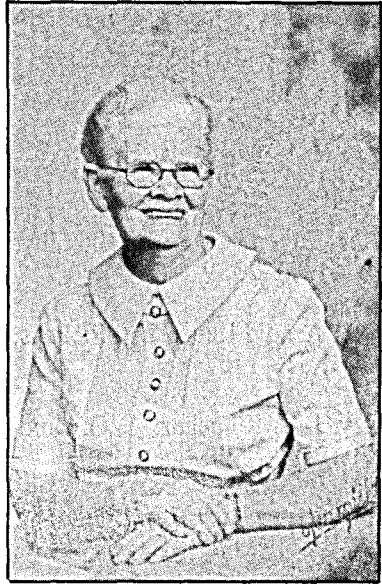
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OBITUARIES

Faith Church: Lena Mae Hollifield was a true and faithful member of God's Army of Saints. She was also a charter member of Faith Church. She taught the bible in several churches for many years. She always has encouraging words for everyone. She praised God and testified to all, how good and merciful God had been to her and others. She had many talents, seamstress, quilter, painter and others.

She loved her church and attended when she was hardly able expressing her desire to be there Easter Sunday. Her funeral was that day. God blessed her with 89 years of life.



Lena Mae Hollifield

The words of Solomon describes Lena: "Who can find a virtuous woman, For her price is far above rubies?" "She openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness." "Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the lord, she shall be praised." "Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates."

She is missed, but her memory will be with as long as we live.

She wrote a poem to a singer in the church shortly before her death:

Sing Me A Song

Sing me a song, sing it sweetly
 While I'm watching you, you are so meekly
 Sing me a song about his love
 It's worth thinking about, it comes from above
 Sing me a song ere I go, you see
 Then the Angels will sing there for me
 Amazing Grace is the sweetest song I Know

Lena Hollifield

Deaths of Dry Branch Church:

Mrs. Julia Ramsey, (Granny Julia), Age 96 went to be with the Lord on December 27, 1993. Her Home was in Marshall, N.C. She was a very faithful member, who came to Church as long as she was able. Even when she couldn't come, she always asked about everyone and how the church was doing. Besides being faithful, she was one of the oldest, if not the oldest, member of the Church and will be missed very much by the Church, her family and friends.

Shirley Ann Martin, of Marshall, NC, departed this life Jan. 14, 1994 at the age of 45. She was a member of Dry Branch Church. She will be missed by family, friends, and all who knew her.

Rev. Johnny Bullman, of Marshal, NC, went to be with the Lord on Feb. 15, 1994 at the age of 72. He was a member of Dry Branch Church, and came as long as he possibly could. He will be greatly missed by his church, family, and friends.

Mount O'Dale: Beatrice Woodfin died april 22, 1994 at the age of 74. She was a member for about 50 years.

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 an 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 transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death. Gen. 2:17, 3:19.
5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish; but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of 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 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 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 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 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, anointing 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 written 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.
16. A minister will not be licensed or ordained in this Conference if he belongs to any secret organization or lodge.

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 at any annual meeting by a vote of four-fifths.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. There shall be no conversation by the members, one with another so as to interrupt business, while in session.
3. Every member speaking shall first rise and address the moderator.
4. No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.
5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of "Brother."
6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.
7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
9. No members shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.
10. On all motions made where the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.
11. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other members provided the chair is filled.
12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.
13. Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

FINANCIAL REPORT

CHURCHES	Pastors Support	Home Missions	Repairs	Other	Old Ministers Fund	Minute Fund	Value of Church Property
Dry Branch	1578.72	1200.46	314.00	522.03	100.00	50.00	75,000
Ernestville					25.00	15.00	33,000
Faith	5,000.00	885.16			200.00	70.00	50,000
Grace	3,530.55	524.71		2,474.98	319.48	50.00	
Greggs Chapel	2,640.15	1,703.18	356.65	1,622.69	50.00	25.00	28,000
Hyatt Creek	2,500.00	1,993.72		1,820.90	250.00	50.00	89,188
Mt. O'Dale	7,421.07	4,203.61		4,018.24	622.48	100.00	30,000
Rocky Branch	2,487.67	617.16		8,166.55	25.00	10.00	20,000
Union Valley	1,040.00	600.00				15.00	20,000
TOTAL	26,198.16	11,728.00	670.65	18,625.39	1,591.96	385.00	345,188

MEMBERSHIP TABLE

CHURCHES	Members Received	Experience & Baptism	Letter and Statement	Restoration	Lost	By Letter	Expulsions Erasure	Deaths	Increase	Decrease	Active Membership	Last Year's Active Membership	Time of Sunday Night Service
Dry Branch					3			3			28	31	7 P.M.
Ernestville					1				2		6	7	WINTER 5 P.M. SUMMER 6 P.M.
Faith	3							1	3		31	28	5 P.M.
Grace											28	28	5 P.M.
Greggs Chapel											8	8	6 P.M.
Hyatt Creek					1		1				39	40	7 P.M.
Mt. O'Dale					1			1			40	41	6 P.M.
Rocky Branch	8		8					2			58	50	6 P.M.
Union Valley	2										35	35	6 P.M.
TOTALS	13		8		6		1	7	5		273	268	

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

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

_____, _____,
_____, _____,
_____, _____

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

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

No. of communion and feet washing service: _____

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's Collection \$ _____
Home mission-local charity \$ _____
Church repairs and improvements \$ _____
Other purpose \$ _____
Old ministers' fund \$ _____
Value of Church property \$ _____
Food fund for Association \$ _____
Minute Fund \$ _____

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

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

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. baptised _____

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 _____

