

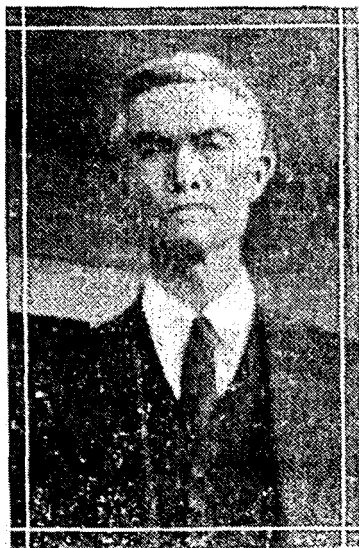


MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL
SESSION
OF THE
French Broad Association
of Free Will Baptists


Held With The Laurel Fork Church
Near Marshall, N.C.
August 24, 25, 26, 27, 1939


The next session of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association
will be held with Ray's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at
Weaverville, in Buncombe County, beginning
on the 4th Sunday in August, 1940. Rev. Ray S. Sledge
will preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 A. M.



REV. B. E. GUTHRIE

Rev. B. E. Guthrie is one of the greatest preachers of the French Broad Conference. He is not only a fine preacher but a man of high Christian character. He has served as Moderator of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association for many years. We hope Brother Guthrie will have many good years with us yet. Written by his friend and brother in the ministry.

J. A. MARTIN



REV. J. A. COLLINS

Rev. J. A. Collins, one of the oldest ministers in the French Broad Association, has been a faithful servant of God. He has accomplished much and has a host of friends. Written by his friend and brother in the ministry.

J. A. MARTIN

PROCEEDINGS

Commencing Thursday, August the 24th, 1939, at 10 o'clock. Opening song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". Prayer by the Rev. Daniel Corn. Scripture lesson read, Luke, the sixteenth chapter, by the Rev. Malley Rice.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. B. E. Guthrie was elected Moderator and Malley Rice, Clerk. Visiting brothers welcomed: Rev. Landers, Rev. Johnny Franks and Rev. Paul Sheshan, all from South Carolina; Rev. T. E. Woody, of the Jacks Creek Association and J. P. Mason from West Asheville, Rev. Aden Lowery. The rules of the decorum read by the Moderator. Reading clerks appointed, Mrs. Edna Ballard and Mrs. Howard Payne. Finance committee; Bro. Jerry Ramsey and Lon Munday. Intermission.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

MARSHALL: Mrs. Alice Bryan, A. R. Crowe, W. A. Treadway and Mrs. E. C. Crowe.

PAINT FORK: H. W. Munday, Mrs. H. W. Munday, Luke Harwood, Mrs. Luke Harwood.

MT. BETHUEL: Mr. Troy McCurray and Mrs. Troy McCurry.

WALNUT: Mrs. James Rice, Kathleen Stines and Lilley May Stines.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Matty Sluder, Harley Parham, Mrs. Harley Parham, Charlie Sluder and Vernon Radcliffe.

UNION CHAPEL (at Barnard): Dewey Lunsford and Lory Goldsmith.

UNION CHAPEL (at Weaverville): W. A. Ward and Mr. J. H. Roberts.

DRY BRANCH: Bro. L. J. Fortner, Jonah Fisher and Leo Tweed.

SWANNANOA: Walter L. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mumpower, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Wilson, Mrs. Lillian Biggs, Mack Plemons and Mrs. C. L. McMahan.

SHOAL HILL: Bob Tweed, Ethel Brown, D. G. Henderson, Pansy Payne, Dorothy Payne and Ruth Payne.

LAURELTON CHAPEL: W. F. Fender and E. M. Wilde.

OLD FORT: Walter Harvey.

ASHEVILLE: Mr. Frank Ramsey, Mrs. Ira Jamerson and Mrs. Kelly McLean.

CEDAR HILL: Mr. G. G. Wilson, Mr. Garfield Hensley, Mrs. Terrie Wilson, Mrs. Essie Gaddy and Mrs. Edna Ballard.

LAUREL FORK: Jerry Ramsey, Vance Conner and Wade Ponder.

SHADY GROVE: None.

UNION VALLEY: Mr. Ira Bradley, Mr. Arthur Ballard and Miss Esia Hyatt.

HYATTS CREEK: Bill Queen, Frank Greene, Mrs. Joe Greene and Mrs. Edward Dotson.

MT. ZION: Mr. Lyda Martin, Mrs. Jodie Rev's and Mr. Charlie Revis.

RED HILL: Mrs. Cora Ramsey, Mrs. Queen Ramsey, Miss Tennie and Alie Ramsey, Marie Rice, Wanda Mae Ramsey and Mrs. Malley Rice.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: D. C. Munday and Nelson Massey.

MEGAH FOREST: Hardy Wheeler and John McKinney.

HAZEL GREEN: Rev. Linsey Howell, J. H. Bradburn, Will Caloway, Piles Plemons and Margaret Sexton.

ANDERSON BRANCH: Mr. Moody Davis, Mr. James Lunsford, Mr. Bill Payne, Mr. Beverly Freeman, Miss Violet Gentry and Miss Lora Reece.

PAINT ROCK: Bro. Willie Garrett and Isom Norton.

PAYS CHAPEL: Mr. J. A. Edmonds, Mr. Will Rice and Mr. Floyd Ray.

HOLLEY HEIGHT: Mrs. Fred Ellis, Mrs. Nellie McBee, Mrs. L. E.

Ballard, Miss Lucille Randall, Mr. J. M. Randall.

Met again at 11 o'clock. Opening song, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be". Song again, "The Sweet By and By". Prayer by Bro. Lon Sluder. Sermon by W. L. Howell. Subject, "Jesus the Light of the World". A wonderful sermon by the speaker. Closed with a christian handshake, and a manifestation of God's power with the christians. People assigned homes. Benediction.

Met Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock P. M. Opening song, "Standing on The Promises". Prayer by Rev. Ervin Sluder.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

ARRANGEMENT: Pastor and delegates of the Laurel Fork Church.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. Ervin Sluder, Bro. I. M. Reece and Rev. W. L. Howell.

EDUCATION: Mrs. Charlie Paris, Bro. Arthur Ballard, G. C. Miller.

OBITUARIES: Mrs. Alice Bryan, J. H. Bradburn, Mrs. Lyda Brown.

FINANCE: Bro. Jerry Ramsey and Lon Sluder.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: A. L. Wilson, Ruth Payne, and Lon Sluder.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Mrs. W. W. Ballard and Rev. Ervin Sluder. (Standing Committee).

HOME MISSIONS: Rev. J. A. Martin, Rev. Johnny Frank and Rev. Paul Sheehan.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Rev. Robert Reece, J. C. Landers and B. M. Wheeler.

MARRIAGE & DIVORCES: W. A. Treadway and B. M. Wheeler. (Standing Committee).

LADIES AID: Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Mrs. A. L. Wilson and Mrs. J. B. McDevitt.

RESOLUTIONS: J. A. Martin and B. E. Guthrie. standing committee

SESSIONS: First delegate from each church.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Mrs. Lee Bryan, Mrs. L. J. Brown and Ralph Mumpower.

OLD MINISTERS BOARD: J. B. McDevitt, A. S. Reeves, Clinton Hawkins, Jeter Ramsey and Jerry Ramsey.

ORPHANAGE: Rev. W. L. Howell, Rev. J. B. Brigman, Bro. Plato Worley and Rev. Paul Sheehan. Bro. Plato Worley was appointed to visit the State Convention and represent our Association there.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE:

Rev. J. B. Brigman, D. C. Mundy, A. Wilson, Mrs. R. A. Jamerson, Mrs. R. C. Mumpower.

PASTORS SUPPORT: Rev. B. E. Guthrie, Bro. Nelson Mastey, Lydia Brown.

PERIODICALS: Mrs. Edna Ballard, Bro. J. A. Bradley.

Met Thursday night at 7:30 as usual. Opening song, "Kneel At The Cross". Bro. Watson, from Ayden, N. C., was welcomed in our body. Prayer by Rev. B. M. Wheeler. Song again, "The Sweet By and By". Sermon by Rev. A. B. Lowrey. Text Rev. 5. Closed with a christian handshake and great rejoicing among the christians. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Martin.

FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE

Met at 9 o'clock A. M. Opening son, "The Sweet By and By". Lesson read by Bro. King.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

PERIODICALS AND THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PAPER: We, the committee on periodicals, recognizing the influence of literature upon the minds and character of our people, and realizing that the nature of matter read and studied not only tends to mold the opinions and ideals, but often stamp itself indelibly upon the religious vision and faith of the community. Therefore we recommend and urge that this association in session assembled adopt the following resolutions that: 1st. Our ministers, lay members and Sunday School officials be instructed to emphasize the importance and practice of reading and diligently studying the Bible thru which God reveals himself to his people. 2nd. Encourage our membership to read our church publication, "The Free Will Baptist", published at Ayden, N. C. thus acquainting ourselves with the nature and activities of our organizations as a whole. 3rd. We deplore the evil, vain, obscure and destructive trend of so called modern literature of what ever form, as books, magazines (of the true story type), screen sheets, etc., and uncompromisingly protest against their use by members of our church. We likewise condemn and discourage the attendance of our people to movies, dance halls and all places of questionable characters, for we are instructed to have no fellowship with the world for we are a people set apart."

J. A. Bradley, Mrs. Edna Ballard and Rev. A. B. Lowery, committee.

LADIES AID: We believe that every church should have an active Ladies Aid for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom, through salvation of souls and social service work. We wish to recommend the organization of a district auxiliary convention in the French Broad Association.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Mrs. A. L. Wilson and Mrs. J. B. McDevitt, Com.

EDUCATION: Realizing the need of christian education, we recommend that our association do everything possible to promote the educational interests of our young people, and that we provide for them a two week institute to be held annually, at some convenient place, for the purpose of training young ministers, Sunday School teachers, League workers etc., in the special phase of work to which they are called.

A. W. Ballard, Committee.

HOME MISSIONS: We, your committee on home missions do recommend that each church do your best to support your pastor, for there is a great need of all pastors being able to visit people in their communities. See Acts 6 and 4: "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Mal. 3-8: "Will a man rob God?"

Rev. J. C. Franks, Rev. P. J. Sheehan and Rev. J. A. Martin, com.

TEMPERANCE: We urge all of our ministers to preach temperance as much as possible, and to urge all the members in the churches to fight wine, whiskey, and all other strong drinks, and if any member be found drinking any form of strong drink, he should be brought before the church and dealt with according to the disciplines.

Rev. Ervin Sluder, Rev. W. L. Howell and I. M. Reece, committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: We the committee on Sunday Schools, realize the training of the mind is of the utmost importance, because early impressions are the deepest and often the most enduring. Therefore we urge our churches to make the Sunday School as attractive as possible and use Godly men and women as teachers, and we suggest each teacher open their class with prayer.

A. L. Wilson and L. A. Sluder, committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Mark 16:15, "Our Lord commands us to go

into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature". We urge our people and preachers of home missions to encourage interests of foreign missions and to help support them.

Rev. B. M. Wheeler, J. C. Landers and Rev. R. H. Reece, committee.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE: The commandment of God is to keep the Sabbath Day holy. Abstain yourself from evil. Don't go any place the Lord will not go with you. Let the Holy Spirit be your guide. One of the important things is to attend Sunday School and church services. Ex. 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Ex. 20:9 "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work." 10, "But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any work." Ex. 31:15 "Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord; whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death."

A. L. Wilson, Mrs. Ralph Mumpower and D. C. Mundy, committee.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Realizing that our young boys and girls are the men and women of tomorrow, we should urge them to take a leading part in Christian work in the church. We urge every pastor to give them work and organize a Young People's League. Proverbs 22:6; "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

R. C. Mumpower, Edna Ballard, Ethel Brown and Alice Bryan, com.

PASTORS SUPPORT: We, your committee on pastors support, submit the following report: 1st. We urge each member of all the churches to contribute to the support of their pastors as much as is possible for them to give. For the scripture says, "More blessed to give than to receive."

2nd. God will not prosper any church that will hold their means from him. 3rd. God has commanded his ministers to preach His word to all the world. How can they preach unless they are sent? 4th. We urge our pastors to preach more on the line of giving. For how can we hear without preaching?

B. E. Guthrie, Lyd'a Brown and Nelson Massey, committee.

MARRIAGE and DIVORCE: We protest against parents giving permits for license to children under lawful age. We also protest against marriage of persons who are unfit to care for a family. There is only one Biblical cause for a divorce. We will not allow our ministers to officiate at the marriage of any divorced persons, unless they are satisfied that the ones to be married are justified in their separation.

W. A. Treadway and B. M. Wheeler, committee.

RESOLUTIONS: In this day, when people are led away by various doctrines, which have caused divisions in our churches, and unless carefully managed will bring divisions in our associations, we deem it necessary to have a standing committee of three, or five, to investigate the doctrine of any church and its pastor, when desiring to become a member of the association. Any church, or preacher, who desires to become a member of the French Broad Association, or the ministers conference, shall make application to the committee in time to be heard before the association meets.

Rev. J. A. Martin and B. E. Guthrie, committee.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Spirituality is the life and power of the religion of Jesus Christ. The vocation of religion is devotion to God. Devotion is shown by consecration to God, therefore, we urge our preachers to deeper spirituality. The Holy Spirit in his office work does a complete work. If we are submissive we must be anointed by the Holy One. So to undertake to preach without this power is to be disobedient and our preaching will prove fatal and disastrous. Luke 24:49. We believe it would be better to remain silent, although the congregation should be disappointed than to undertake to preach when the Holy Spirit does not speak in us. We knew that the Holy Spirit teaches a full Gospel, a Holy life and Salvation from sin. He testifies of Christ and brings His teachings to our remem-

brance and guides us into all truth. John 16:13.

Mrs. W. W. Ballard, Rev. Ervin Sluder and Mrs. Edna Ballard, com.

FINANCE: Minute Fund	\$53.30
Balance Minute fund left from last year	\$14.00
Voted to pay clerk	\$ 7.00
Voted to pay historian	\$ 4.00
Balance for minutes	\$56.30
OLD MINISTERS REPORT: Checking account	\$51.88
Certificate	\$249.01
Interest on Certificate to date	\$ 24.79
Total	\$325.68

J. B. McDevitt, Secretary and Treasurer.

SESSIONS: The next session of the French Broad Association will be held with the Ray's Chapel Free Will Baptist church, near Weaverville, N. C., beginning Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1940. The Rev. Ray Fender will preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 o'clock A. M. Closing song, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Benediction by Bro. John Franks. Meet again Friday morning at 11 o'clock A. M. Opening song, "When the Saints Go Marching In". Prayer by Rev. Campton, from the Baptist church. Song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul". Sermon by the Rev. J. E. Watson. Lesson read, 2 Cor. 10-11. A wonderful sermon by the speaker, followed with a talk by Rev. J. A. Martin. Benediction by J. P. Mason.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Met at 2 o'clock P. M. Opening song, "Are You Washed in the Blood". Prayer by Rev. G. E. Hensley.

PLEDGES FOR OLD MINISTERS SUPPORT: G. C. Miller, \$1.00 pd.; R. C. Mumpower, \$1.00 pd.; Ervin Sluder, \$1.00 pd.; Elmer King, \$1.00 pd.; Thomas Marlor, \$1.00; I. M. Reece, \$1.00; Lydia Brown \$1.00; A. L. Wilson, \$1.00; Mrs. Edna Ballard, \$1.00 pd.; W. T. Fender, \$1.00 pd.; W. W. Brigman, \$1.00; R. C. Miller \$1.00; J. M. Calaway \$1.00 pd.; Plato Worley \$1.00 pd.; Rev. J. P. Mason \$1.00 pd.

OBITUARIES

RED HILL: Sister Nancy Sercey, a member of Red Hill church departed this life in November, 1938. She was a good christian woman.

Bro. George Rigsby has left us all so lonesome at Red Hill church. We sincerely believe he is with the singing angels in heaven. We will miss him so much but our loss is his eternal gain. May we all be ready to meet him.

Little Bro. Everett Ramsey also left us in Nov. 1938. He was converted, baptized on Sunday afternoon. God called him home on the following Monday morning. We miss him, but God needed him in heaven.

WRITTEN BY MRS. J. B. McDEVITT

HYATTS CREEK: Edward Lee Dotson passed to his reward May 8, 1939. He was known and loved by all the people. He was elected Sunday School Superintendent and was a member of the Hyatts Creek Free Will Baptist church. We all miss him very much but we realize our loss is his eternal gain.

WRITTEN BY A FRIEND

UNION VALLEY: Bro. R. S. Phoenix died Jan. 1939. He was 77 years of age. He was a devoted member of the Free Will Baptist church for more than 20 years. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and four daughters. Our loss is his eternal gain.

WRITTEN BY PEARSON BRADLEY

MT. ZION: In sad but loving memory of my dear mother, Mrs. Martha Ellen Hudson, who departed this life May 28, 1939. She was 87 years old and was a member of Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist church for 47 years. She lived a devoted christian life and was loved by all who knew her.

her. She left 5 children, 3 daughters and 2 sons. We all miss her but our loss is heaven's gain.

WRITTEN BY HER DAUGHTER, MRS. JOSIE REVIS

SHOAL HILL: In memory of my dear sister, Mrs. Finettie Correll, who departed this life, January 22, 1939. She had been a member of the Shoal Hill church for a number of years. She lived a devoted Christian life and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves a husband and two children. We miss her so much, but we know our loss is her eternal gain.

WRITTEN BY A FRIEND

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Malinda Sluder, better known as "Aunt Lindy" was born August 10, 1852, departed this life November 17, 1938. She was the widow of John Sluder and the mother of 16 children.

She was left an orphan at an early age and was carried to Georgia by horse back. She stayed there nine years then came back on horse back to North Carolina and spent the rest of her life here, which was 86 years. She was converted, baptized and was the founder of Mt. View church. Through a vision, she was shown the land which she was to give for the church to be built. By so doing, she helped to build an ark for her children and neighbors to be saved. Her life was spent in helping others and her greatest joy was seeing sinners saved. She was a mother to her community and church. Every little child loved and respected aunt Lindy. Her home was more than just a shelter for her family, the poor were never turned away. Yea, she stretched forth her hands to the needy. Her home was often called the preachers home. Her life was truthful and consecrated and her influence will never die. We feel Mt. View church has lost one of its best, beloved mothers. Her shouts and praises have ceased here below, but we all feel assured she will arise in the first resurrection.

WRITTEN BY LOIS SLUDER

LAUREL FORK: Bro. Wesley Fortner was a deacon of Laurel Fork church. He died in July, 1939. He had been a member of the church 55 years and was one of the oldest members. He was 76 years of age.

WRITTEN BY A FRIEND

LADIES AID REPORT

HAZEL GREEN: Mrs. Dallas Plemmons, president, Address, Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Margaret Sexton, address Hazel Mill Rd., Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 17; money taken in \$92.91; money paid out, \$27.71; money on hand, \$65.20; material on hand valued at \$10.75; meets every two weeks; donated to the Rev. Mr. Howell, by ladies aid, quilt valued at \$10.00; donated to church items valued at \$1.50.

WALNUT: President, Mrs. Lottie Reeves, address, Walnut, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, address, Walnut, N. C. No. members, 8; gained this year, 2; meets every two weeks; money taken in \$17.49; money paid out, \$31.47; money in treasury \$15.00; fancy work on hand \$12.00.

SWANNANOA: President, Mrs. C. L. McMahan, address, Swannanoa, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Sidney Slagle, address, Swannanoa, N. C. No. of members, 23; organized this year; meets every Tuesday; money taken in, \$47.10; money paid out, \$36.54; foreign missions, \$3.82; church improvements, \$24.65; literature \$4.28; fruit and flowers for sick \$1.00; other purposes, \$2.29.

SHOAL HILL: Money taken in \$20.50; money paid out \$5.50 money in treasury \$15.00.

CEDAR HILL: President, Mrs. Edna Ballard, address, West Asheville, R-3; Secretary, Essie Gaddy, address, West Asheville, R-3; No. of members, 10.

RAYS CHAPEL: President, Mrs. Sue Ray, address, Weaverville, R-1; Secretary, Mrs. Lucille Ray, address, Weaverville, R-1; No. of members, 6; gained this year, 3; meets every month; money taken in \$31.00; paid

out to church, \$31.00.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Mrs. Ballard, address, New Street; Secretary, Mrs. McBee, address, Montford Ave.; No. of members, 22; gained this year, 22; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$12.86; money paid out, \$10.27; we have taken a girl from the orphanage to support. We are sending small donations to foreign missions.

HOMERS CHAPEL: President, Mrs. Tienty Epton, address, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Allie Padgett, address, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. of members, 17; gained this year, 17; meets every two weeks; money taken in \$60.58; money paid out, \$27.15; \$15.25 for sickness; \$2.90 for church needs; \$10.00 for revival work.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Bill Harris, address, Bear Creek Rd. Secretary, Talmadge Taylor; meets every Sunday; takes an offering every week; uses F. W. B. Literature; has a junior league; leader, Mrs. Ballard, address, New St., Asheville, N. C.

SWANNANOA: President, Miss Gertrude Biggs, address, Swannanoa, N. C. Secretary, Miss Doris Edwards, address Swannanoa, N. C. No. of members, 15; No. of groups, 2; meets every Sunday, 6:30 p. m.; takes a weekly offering; uses F. W. B. Literature; has a junior league; leader, Miss Nora Wilson, address, Swannanoa, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

SWANNANOA: Superintendent, Ralph Mumpower, address, Swannanoa, N. C.; Secretary, Miss Gertrude Biggs, address, Swannanoa, N. C.; No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 212; No. of teachers, 7; Literature, F. W. B.; Expenser, \$173.15.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Superintendent, J. M. Randall, address, West Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Nell Alexander, address, 8 Middlemont Ave., Asheville, N. C.; No. of pupils, 75; No. of teachers, 7; Literature F. W. B.; Expenser, \$45.75.

SHOAL HILL: Superintendent, Lyda Brown, address, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Etta M. Payne, address, Marshall, R-1; No. of pupils 30; No. of teachers 3; Literature, F. W. B., Expenses, \$13.26.

HOMERS CHAPEL: Superintendent, D. C. Mundy, address, Black Mountain, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Allie Padgett, address, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. of classes 6; No. of pupils, 90; No. of teachers, 6; Literature, F. W. B.; Expenses, \$80.25.

FISGAH FOREST: Superintendent, Kitty Wheeler, address, Barnardsville, N. C.; Secretary, Berthy Hensley, address, Barnardsville, N. C.; No. of pupils, 40; No. of teachers, 4; Literature, Union; Ex. \$8.00.

HAZEL GREEN: Superintendent, J. W. Corn, address, Asheville, R-3; Secretary, J. H. Bradburn, address, Asheville, R-3; No. of schools 1; No. of pupils, 55; No. of teachers, 4; Literature, F. W. B.; Expenses \$40.00.

ANDERSON BRANCH: Superintendent, Moody Davis, address, Barnard, N. C.; Secretary, Lora Reece, address, Barnard, N. C.; No. of pupils, 50; No. of classes, 4; Literature, Bible; Expenses, \$5.00.

DRY BRANCH: Superintendent, T. A. Woody, address, Marshall, N. C., R-3; Secretary, Mae Belle Blankenship, address, Marshall, N. C., R-3; No. of pupils, 50; Literature, Union; Expenses \$15.44.

RAYS CHAPEL: Superintendent Mr. J. A. Edmonds, address, Weaverville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Floyd Ray, address Weaverville, N. C.; No. of pupils, 40; No. of teachers, 4; Literature, F. W. B.; Ex \$41.67.

PAINT ROCK: Superintendent Isom Norton, address, Paint Rock, N. C.; Secretary, Caney Garrett, address, Paint Rock, N. C.

HYATTS CREEK: Superintendent, H. E. Wyatt, address, Waynesville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Vennie Wyatt, address, Waynesville, N. C.; No. of schools, 4; No. of pupils, 55; No. of teachers 4; Literature Bible; Expenses, \$3.00.

RED HILL: Superintendent, Fred Rigsby, address, Marshall, N. C.,

R-3; Secretary, Robbie Plemmons, address, Marshall, N. C.; R-3; No. of classes, 6; No. of pupils, 95; Literature F. W. B.; Expenses, \$25.00.

CEDAR HILL: Superintendent, Mr. Fred Dover; Secretary, Miss Inez Ballard, address, West Asheville, N. C.; R-3; No. of pupils, 80; No. of teachers, 5; Literature, F. W. B.; Expenses \$63.65.

OLD FORT: Superintendent, D. F. Garing, address, Old Fort, N. C.; Secretary, Axie Holifield, address, Marion, N. C.; No. of schools, 4; No. of pupils, 40; No. of teachers, 4.

ASHEVILLE: Superintendent Ira L. Jamerson, address, Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Miss Bernice Metcalfe, address, Woodfin, N. C.; No. of schools, 1; No. of pupils, 85; No. of teachers, 5; Literature F. W. B. Expenses, \$29.33.

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Superintendent E. M. Wilde, address, Marshall, R-2; Secretary, Orla Fender, address, Marshall, R-2; No. of schools, 1; No. of pupils, 45; No. of teachers, 6; Literature F. W. B.; Expenses.

UNION CHAPEL: Superintendent, W. F. Banks, address, Weaverville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Fred Ward, address, Weaverville, N. C.; No. of schools, 1; No. of pupils, 65; No. of teachers, 5; Literature, Cook; Expenses, \$5.32.

MT. BETHEL: Superintendent, I. M. Reece, address, Alexander, N. C.; Secretary, A. C. McCurry, address, Alexander, N. C.; No. of schools, 4; No. of pupils, 32; No. of teachers, 4; Literature F. W. B. Ex. \$30.45.

LAUREL FORK: Superintendent, Jerry Ramsey, address, Marshall, N. C.; Secretary, Jeanetta Ball, address, Marshall; No. of pupils 80; No. of teachers, 5; Literature, Union; Expenses, \$17.00.

WALNUT: Superintendent, Lina Stines, address, Walnut, N. C.; Secretary, Kathleen Stines, Walnut, N. C.; No. of schools 1; No. of pupils, 35; No. of teachers, 4; Literature, F. W. B.

PAINT FORK: Superintendent T. R. Mundy, address, Barnardsville, N. C.; Secretary, Clare Hale, address, Barnardsville, N. C.; No. of schools, 4; No. of pupils, 50; No. of teachers, 4; Literature, F. W. B.; Ex. \$8.00.

UNION CHAPEL: Superintendent Deway Lunsford address, Barnard, N. C.; No. of schools, 1; No. of pupils, 50; No. of teachers, 5; Literature, F. W. B.; Expenses, \$6.00.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Superintendent, Walter Dewese, address, Leicester, N. C.; Secretary, Evelyn Parham, address, Leicester, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 70; No. of teachers, 5; Literature F. W. B.; Expenses, \$35.00.

CHURCH LETTERS

WALNUT: Increase during the year, 3; by experience and baptism, 3; total increase, 3; present membership, 146; decrease during the year, 3; by death, 1; last year's membership, 143. Pastor, Rev. Malley Rice, Clerk Lina Stines; preaching 3rd Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; Held by Rev. Sherman Rice and Malley Rice; ordained ministers, Rev. Bob Freeman, H. E. Lunsford, Rev. Loyd Chandler, Sam Chandler and B. E. Guthrie; pastor's salary, \$50.39; home missions, \$35.00; value of church property, \$1000.00; Minute fund, \$1.50.

UNION VALLEY (at Weaverville): present membership, 91; decrease during the year 6; by letter, 3; by excommunication, 2; by death, 1; last year's membership, 97; licensed ministers, Rev. Parson Bradley, Roy Ballard and Horace Ballard; pastor, Rev. B. E. Guthrie; clerk, Miss Esta Lee Hyatt; preaching 3rd Sunday; No. of revivals, 3; held by Rev. J. M. Burleson, Clarence Wheeler and Horace Ballard; pastor's salary, \$73.97; orphanage, \$10.00; value of church property, \$500.00; minute fund, \$1.90.

RAYS CHAPEL: Increase during the year, 10; by experience and baptism, 10; by letter and statement 5; present membership, 46; decrease during the year by letter, 3; last year's membership, 34; pastor, Rev. Andrew Davis; clerk, Mrs. Ernest Ray; preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. C. Y. Elkins; pastor's salary, \$34.26; value of

church property, \$800.00; minute fund, \$2.00.

PAINT ROCK: Increase during the year 1; present membership, 21; last years membership, 20; clerk, Mrs. S. E. Taylor; pastor, Rev. W. E. Capps; preaching 4th Saturday and Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by W. E. Capps and Bob Freeman; pastor's salary, \$17.82; minute fund, 30c.

RED HILL: Members received this year 38; number baptized, 35; no. deceased, 3; non-resident members, 145; resident members, 150; total membership, 295; condition of prayer meeting, good; pastor's salary, \$24.00; amount paid for evangelistic work, \$75.00; amount for home missions, \$3.00; amount for budget money paid, \$15.00; value of church property, \$1000.00; pastor, Rev. J. A. Martin; clerk, Mrs. J. B. McDevitt; licensed ministers, Revs. J. L. Ledford and Malley Rice; No. of revivals, 1; preaching 1st Sunday; minute fund, \$2.00.

HYATTS CREEK: Increase during the year, 30; by experience and baptism, 18; by letter and statement, 12; present membership, 91; decrease by death, 1; pastor, Rev. J. A. Collins; clerk Mrs. Edward Dotson; preaching, 1st Saturday night and Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Clarence Wheeler, Bill Queen and James Collins; licensed ministers, Revs. Houston Rice and Bill Queen; pastor's salary, \$40.00; value of church property, \$500.00; minute fund, \$1.50.

UNION CHAPEL (at Banard): Present membership, 17; last years membership 17; preaching once a month; clerk, Curtis Goforth; No. of revivals, 1; held by Loyd Chandler, Walter Wilson, Bob Freeman; pastor's salary, \$5.00; other purposes, \$1.00; value of church property, \$800.00; minute fund, 40c.

MT. ZION: Present membership, 112; decrease during the year, 3; by letter 2; by death 1; last years membership, 115; pastor, Rev. A. P. Rich; clerk, Mrs. R. H. Reece; ordained ministers, J. A. Collins, R. H. Reece; pastor's salary, \$19.42; value of church property \$1500; minute fund, \$1.75.

SWANNANOA: Increase during the year, 104; by experience and baptism, 62; by letter and statement, 40; by restoration, 2; present membership, 170; decrease during the year, 6; by letter 1; by expulsion and excommunication 4; by death 1; last years membership, 72; pastor's salary, \$280.45; foreign missions, \$27.14; orphanage, \$103.98; other purposes, \$1662.01; value of church property, \$8000.00; pastor, Rev. Aden Lowery; clerk, Mrs. W. L. Moretz; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Aden Lowery; ordained ministers, Rev. W. L. Moretz; licensed ministers, Elmer King and John Settle; minute fund, \$5.25.

OLD FORT: Increase during the year, 4; by experience and baptism, 4; present membership, 93; last years membership, 89; pastor, B. M. Wheeler; clerk, Axle Hollifield; ordained ministers, B. M. Wheeler; licensed ministers, R. C. Wheeler and J. A. Wheeler; Sundays we have preaching, 4th; No. of revivals, 2; held by B. M. Wheeler, R. H. Reece, J. W. Banks and Garlin Thomas; pastor's salary, \$74.00; home missions, \$3.00; old minister's fund, \$3.00; value of church property, \$9.00; minute fund, \$1.00.

HAZEL GREEN: Increase during the year, 15; by experience and baptism, 15; by letter and statement, 4; by restoration, 4; present membership, 73; Decrease during the year by letter, 4; last year's membership 58; Pastor, W. L. Howell; clerk, J. H. Bradburn; preaching every Sunday; Number of revivals, 2; held by Howell and Fowler; ordained ministers, Rufus Burrell; Pastor's salary, \$165.40; Home Missions, \$77.66; Orphanage, \$15.00; other purposes, \$108.10; value of church property, \$1000.00; Minute fund, \$4.00.

UNION CHAPEL: (at Weaverville): Increase during the year, 2. By experience and baptism, 1; by restoration, 1; present membership, 67; last year's membership, 65; Pastor, M. D. Roberts; clerk, Paul Hunter; Preaching, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays; Number of revivals, 2; held by Rev. G. M. Hensley; ordained ministers, M. D. Roberts; pastor's salary, \$7.69; other purposes, \$6.74; Value of church property, \$800.00; value of other property, \$5.00; Minute fund, \$1.20.

CEDAR HILL: Increase during the year, 2; by experience and baptism, 1; by letter and statement, 1; present membership, 99; decrease by

letter, 2; last year's membership; Pastor, Rev. J. H. Ball; clerk, Mrs. Edna Ballard; preaching every Sunday; number of revivals, 1; held by Rev. W. L. Howell; ordained ministers, Rev. A. P. Rich; pastor's salary, \$122.00; home missions, \$40.88; Foreign missions, \$3.23; orphanage, \$31.84; old Minister's fund, \$2.00; other purposes \$273.35; paid for evangelistic work, \$25.85; minute fund, \$3.00

PISGAH FOREST: Present membership, 20; pastor, G. M. Hensley; clerk, Hardy Wheeler; preaching 3rd Sunday; value of church property, \$400.00; minute fund, \$1.00.

MT. BETHEL: Increase during the year, 2; by restoration 2; present membership, 53; last year's membership, 51; pastor's salary, \$174.50; value of church property, \$2500.00; pastor, Jessie Laws; clerk, H. A. Piercy; preaching 1st Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by C. Y. Elkins, Andrew Davis; ordained ministers, Rev. W. L. Howell; minute fund, \$1.00.

DRY BRANCH: Increase during the year 9; by experience and baptism, 4; by letter, 4; by restoration, 1; present membership, 52; decrease during the year, 4; by letter, 1; 3 gone to other churches; pastor's salary, \$38.33; paid for revival work, \$25.00; pastor, Rev. B. E. Guthrie; clerk, L. O. Tweed; preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays; No. of revivals 1; held by Rev. Daniel Corn and Malley Rice; value of church property, \$500.00; minute fund, \$1.60.

HOMER'S CHAPEL: Increase during the year, 49; by experience and baptism, 17; by letter and statement, 32; present membership, 74; decrease during the year by expulsion and erasure, 4; last year's membership, 27; pastor, P. J. Sheehana; clerk, Mrs. Allie Padgett; preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. J. C. Franks and P. J. Sheehan; pastor's salary, \$343.49; home missions, \$15.25; orphanage, \$10.00; other purposes \$3.75; value of church property \$1000.00; minute fund, \$5.00.

MARSHALL: Increase this year, 1; by letter, 1; last year's membership, 122; present membership, 123; ordained ministers, J. B. Brigman; licensed ministers, Tom Anders; pastor, Rev. J. B. Brigman; preaching 2nd Sunday; home missions, \$7.00; other purposes, \$16.20; value of church property, \$2000.00; pastor's salary, \$23.80.

SHOAL HILL: Increase during the year 25; by experience and baptism, 22; by letter and statement, 3; present membership, 52; decrease by death 1; last year's membership, 27; pastor, Rev. J. B. Brigman; clerk, Fanny Payne; preaching 4th Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by J. B. Brigman and Jessie Laws; pastor's salary, \$64.20; revival work, \$24.80; other purposes, \$7.00; value of church property, \$1000.00; minute fund, \$2.30.

LAURELTON CHAPEL: Increase during the year, 16; by experience and baptism 16; present membership, 125; decrease by death 1; last year's membership, 110; pastor, Grady Fender; clerk, T. G. Fender; preaching 4th Sunday; No. of revivals 1; held by Grady Fender, Johnny Deyton and Patterson Davis; pastor's salary, \$103.13; home missions, \$7.00; value of church property \$1600.00; paid for other purposes, \$100.00; minute fund \$1.50.

SHADY GROVE: Present membership, 25; last year's membership, 25; pastor, Rev. Scottie Bullman; clerk, Lattie Barnett; preaching 2nd Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Scottie Bullman; value of church property, \$500; minute fund, \$1.00.

ANDERSON BRANCH: Increase during the year, 24; by experience and baptism, 14; by letter and statement 3; by restoration 5; present membership, 44; pastor, Harrison Lunsford; clerk, Violet Gentry; preaching 3rd Sundays; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Ervin Sluder and Sam Chandler; ordained ministers, Harrison Lunsford; licensed ministers, Walter Wilson; pastor's salary, \$17.70; home missions, \$25.00; orphanage, \$9.41; value of church property \$1000.00; minute fund \$1.55.

ASHEVILLE: Increase during the year, 4; by experience and baptism 3; by letter and statement 1; present membership 93; decrease by letter 5; last year's membership, 94; pastor, Rev. J. W. Banks; clerk, Kelly Met-

calf; preaching, every Sunday; number of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Mr. Lowery and R. H. Reece; ordained ministers, Rev. A. L. Davis, C. A. Kent and J. W. Banks; licensed ministers, Rev. G. C. Miller; pastor's salary, \$83.29; Home missions, \$7.50; orphanage \$28.64; other purposes, \$269.95; value of church property, \$5000.00; Minute fund, \$3.00.

LAUREL FORK: Increase during the year, 26; by experience and baptism, 24; by letter and statement, 2; present membership, 49; decrease by death, 1; last year's membership, 23; pastor, Rev. J. A. Martin; clerk Jerry Ramsey; preaching 3rd Sunday; number of revivals, 2, held by Ervin Sluder, Paul Sheehan, Johnnie Franks; ordained minister, Thomas Marlor; pastor's salary, \$60.00; other purposes, \$8.50; value of church property, \$2,000.00; Minute fund, \$1.75.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Increase during the year, 1; by experience and baptism, 1; present membership, 191; decrease by letter, 1; by death, 1; last year's membership, 192; pastor, Rev. T. E. Woody; clerk, Bonnie Sluder; preaching, 4th Sunday; number of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Mr. Lowery and T. E. Woody; ordained ministers, Rev. J. A. Martin and Ervin Sluder; pastor's salary, \$95.16; Home missions, \$20.00; other purposes, \$35.00; value of church property, \$5,000.00; Minute fund, \$3.00.

PAINT FORK: Increase during the year, 14; by experience and baptism, 5; by letter and statement, 9; present membership, 89; last year's membership, 75; pastor, G. M. Hensley; clerk, D. A. Mundy; preaching 1st Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by G. M. Hensley; ordained ministers, G. M. Hensley; pastor's salary, \$55.00; value of church property, \$700.00; minute fund, \$1.50.

The Horney Heights church is under the watchcare of the Association until next year.

A Resolution was passed to vote and pray for the wine, beer and liquor stores to be removed. A good talk by Rev. J. E. Watson, from Ayden, N. C. Song, "Oh, How I Love Jesus". Benediction by R. C. Plennon.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Met at 7:45 o'clock. Opening song, "I'll Be Somewhere Listening", by the Bear Creek quartet. Song again, "Whisper My Name in Prayer". Song, "Keep Yourself Unspotted From The World", by Shool Hill choir. Prayer by Rev. R. S. Woodson. Sermon by Rev. J. P. Mason. Lesson read Mark 2nd chapter. Song, "Amazing Grace". Prayer by Bro. Campton. A real soul stirring sermon by the speaker. A christian handshake and a manifestation of God's power. Great rejoicing and shouting and conviction with the unsaved. Prayer by Sister Sams. Benediction by J. E. Watson.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Met again at 9 a. m. Opening song, "Then Cheer My Bro. Cheer". Prayer by Rev. Loy Ballard. A move and second was made that the amount of money, \$50.00 or more, raised by the young people of Buncombe County, be sent to the orphanage. A vote was made and adopted that Rev. J. A. Collins and B. E. Guthrie's pictures be put in the minutes.

MINISTER'S REPORT

REV. J. A. COLLINS: Churches pastored 1; revivals held 2; conversions, 40; sermons preached, 55; homes visited, 120; prayers offered 123; churches taught 6; funerals and special talk, 20; amount given by church, \$35.00; amount paid out by pastor, \$20.00; amount given by pastor, \$4.00; testimonies given to children, 250; miles traveled, 950.

Cwiring to bad health I am sorry to have such a low report, but I am still in the race for the Lord's work.

REV. J. A. MARTIN: Sermons preached, 78; professions witnessed, 102; received in church 30; baptized, 11; No. of churches pastored, 3; homes visited and prayed in 120; miles traveled, 6158; amount received for pastoral work \$384.25; amount received for local work, \$26.25; helped in 5 revivals; exhortations, 28; funerals conducted, 12; total received

during the year, \$410.50; donated to the cause, \$40.00; paid out for expenses, about \$90.00. Address, Marshall, N. C., Route 1.

GROVER C. MILLER: Miles traveled, 200; sermons preached 10; homes visited, 20; homes prayed in 20; sick visits made 10; conversions witnessed, 5.

REV. J. W. BANKS: Churches pastored, 1; sermons preached, 107; miles traveled, 500; money received, \$92.00; paid out, \$10.00; homes visited, 25; conversions, 9. Address, 37 West St. Asheville, N. C.

REV. J. M. CALAWAY: Churches pastored 1; sermons preached, 75; homes visited, 30; sick visits made, 20; homes prayed in, 2; Sunday School classes taught, 6; given to the cause, \$60.00; miles traveled, 100; expenses \$6.00; funerals conducted, 2. Address, Burnt Ranch, California.

REV. C. R. WHEELER: Revivals held, 2; sermons preached, 20; professions witnessed, 20; homes prayed in, 15; sick visits made, 10; prayer meetings conducted, 8. Address, Swannanoa, N. C.

Rev. H. C. BALLARD: Sermons preached 20; homes visited 10; professions witnessed, 12; revivals held 1; money received \$2.75; given to the cause, \$25.00.

REV. B. M. WHEELER: Churches pastored, 1; revivals held, 2; conversions, 43; sermons preached, 74; members received, 4; homes visited 40; sick visits made, 45; homes prayed in 45; special sermons and lectures 16; received for pastoral services, \$74.00; received for other services, \$9.00; given personally to the cause, \$33.00; miles travelled, 900; expenses, \$48.00.

REV. MALLEY RICE: Sermons preached, 60; homes visited, 88; sick homes visited, 24; homes prayed in, 15; Sunday School classes taught, 16; received in the church 3; baptized 38; professions witnessed, 95; churches pastored, 1; revivals conducted and helped in, 5; received for pastoral work, \$50.39; received for revival work, \$23.75; received for other work, \$27.03; total amount received, \$106.17; couples married, 8; funerals held, 3; miles traveled, 854.

REV. W. L. MORETZ: No. of churches pastored, 3; No. of revivals held, 7; conversions 36; No. of sermons preached 204; No. of members received, 36; No. baptized, 30; No. of special sermons and lectures, 6; No. of funerals conducted, 4; No. of Sunday School classes taught, 12; received for pastoral services, \$1080.00; received for revival services, \$309.43; total amount received, \$1414.43; total amount raised for the cause, \$1526.50; amount given personally to the cause, \$75.00; No. of subscriptions taken for the Free Will Baptist, 49; No. of miles traveled, 19,980; expenses, \$309.40. Address, Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. W. E. CAPPS: Sermons preached, 52; homes prayed in 6; sick homes visited, 11; funerals conducted, 3; miles traveled, 1620; money received \$17.82; expenses, \$10.00; revivals held 1; conversions, 1.

REV. ANDREW DAVIS: Churches pastored, 1; revivals conducted, 3; conversions, 21; No. of sermons preached, 134; No. of members received, 15; No. baptized, 12; homes visited, 16; sick visits made, 5; homes prayed in 15; funerals conducted, 3; Sunday School classes taught, 4; received for pastoral services, \$34.26; received for revival services, \$28.72; total amount received, \$62.98; money raised for the cause, \$32.21; No. of miles traveled, 1115; expenses, \$33.99. Address, Asheville, N. C., Route 1.

REV. PEARSON BRADLEY: No. of sermons preached, 6; helped in 3 revivals; witnessed 15 conversions.

REV. LLOYD CHANDLER: No. of revivals conducted, 3; conversions, 56; No. of sermons preached, 90; No. baptized, 4; homes visited 50; sick visits made, 25; homes prayed in 50; total amount received during the year, \$50.00; No. of miles travelled, 500. Address, Barnard, N. C.

REV. ROY BALLARD: Conversions, 8; No. of sermons preached, 12; homes visited 8; sick visits made 12; homes prayed in 8; special sermons and lectures, 1; amount given to the cause, \$5.00; No. of miles traveled, 100; expenses, \$2.00. Address, Weaverville, N. C., Route 2.

REV. BOB FREEMAN: Churches pastored, 1; revivals conducted, 1; conversions, 10; sermons preached, 50; members received 3; homes visited

25; sick visits made, 15; homes prayed in, 10; special sermons and lectures, 5; funerals conducted, 9; received for pastoral services, \$15.00; received for revival services, \$5.00; total received, \$20.00; raised for the cause, \$2.00; given personally to the cause, \$3.00; miles traveled, 500; expenses, \$7.00. Address, Walnut, N. C.

REV. H. E. LUNS福德: Churches pastored, 1; revivals held 2; conversions, 68; sermons preached 50; members received, 26; No. baptized 11; homes visited 50; sick homes prayed in, 25; special sermons and lectures 40; funerals conducted, 5; pastor's salary, \$9.42; received for revival work, \$27.50; received for other services, \$23.96; total received, \$50.88; given to the cause, \$3.85; miles traveled, 900; expenses, \$10.50. Address, Barnard, N. C.

REV. SCOTTIE BULLMAN: Churches pastored, 2; revivals conducted 2; conversions, 12; sermons preached 48; members received, 4; homes visited, 15; sick visits made, none; homes prayed in, 15; special sermons and lectures, 5; No. of miles traveled, 125. Address, Marshall, N. C., R-3.

REV. J. B. BRIGMAN: Churches pastored, 3; held 3 revivals; conversions witnessed, 72; sermons preached, 208; funerals conducted, 3; couples married, 4; Sunday School classes taught, 12; miles traveled, 5000; baptized, 38; homes visited, 100; revival work, \$25.00; amount raised for the cause, \$150.00; total amount received, \$223.95. Address, Asheville, N. C., Route 1.

REV. ERVIN SLUDER: Revivals conducted, 5; conversions, 146; sermons preached, 85; funerals conducted, 2; received for revival services, \$95.00; given personally to the cause, \$12.00. Address, Leicester, N. C.

REV. B. E. GUTHRIE: Churches pastored, 3; revivals conducted, 3; conversions, 205; sermons preached, 44; members received, 96; sick visits made, 25; homes prayed in, 6; special sermons and lectures, 2; marriages performed, 3; funerals conducted, 10; Sunday School classes taught, 9; received for pastoral services, \$372.81; amount received for revival services, \$21.51; received for other services \$11.25; total received, \$405.57; No. of miles traveled, 4111; expenses, \$70.35. Address, Walnut, N. C.

REV. SAM CHANDLER: Revivals conducted, 4; conversions, 00; sermons preached, 50; baptized, 26; homes visited 300; sick visits made, 50; homes prayed in, 40; funerals conducted, 2; received for revival services, \$50.00; received for other services \$6.00; given personally to the cause, \$5.00; No. of miles traveled 1000; expenses \$0.00. Address, Barnard, N. C.

REV. T. A. WHEELER: Revivals conducted, 2; sermons preached, 25; professions witnessed, 15; homes prayed in, 12. Address, Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. R. H. REECE: Sermons preached, 43; revivals held, 1; conversions witnessed, 15; No. baptized, 6; homes visited, 27; homes prayed in, 17; sick visits made, 10; Sunday School classes taught, 5; prayer meetings conducted, 7; special sermons and lectures, 5; marriage ceremonies performed, 1; given to the cause, \$14.00; miles traveled, 725; expenses, \$15.00. Address, Asheville, N. C., Route 1.

REV. W. L. HOWELL: Churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals held 6; conversions witnessed 170; homes visited 125; funerals conducted, 8; prayer meetings conducted, 80; special sermons preached, 20; miles traveled 18,000; traveling expenses, \$75.00; given to the cause \$95.00; received for revival services, \$85.00; personal gifts, \$50.00; other gifts, \$15.00; total for the year, \$315.40. Address, West Asheville, N. C.

REV. G. E. HENSLEY: No. of churches pastored 2; No. of revivals conducted, 2; conversions, 46; No. of sermons preached, 130; No. baptized, 26. Address:

REV. ELMER KING: Sermons preached, 36; received for services, \$6.52; miles traveled, 500; given to the cause, \$20.00; homes visited, 15; homes prayed in 15 or more.

REV. M. D. ROBERTS: Churches pastored, 1; revivals conducted, 1; conversions, 10; sermons preached, 35; members received, 12; No. of homes visited, 10; sick visits made, 6; homes prayed in 7; special sermons and lectures, 1; marriage ceremonies performed, 2; received for pastoral services, \$7.00; given personally to the cause, \$3.00; miles traveled, 150;

expenses, \$1.50. Address, Weaverville, N. C., Route 1.

REV. C. A. KENT: Sermons preached, 44; special sermons 4; prayer meetings conducted, 2; conversions witnessed, 38; homes visited, 69; homes prayed in, 48; sick visits made, 9; money received, \$33.80; given to the cause, \$18.20; miles traveled, 1212; expenses, \$24.00. Address, 378 Broadway, Asheville, N. C.

Pastored one church, 1; miles traveled, 150; money received \$22.00; conversions witnessed, 25; given to the cause, \$15.00; No. baptized, 7; homes prayed in, 60. (Name unknown).

A move and second was made and passed to thank the Moderator and clerk for their faithful service during this session.

RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that this Association be empowered to have jurisdiction over all churches in this body, and shall have the power to settle disputes that may come before it. Any church that may have a dispute that cannot to be settled peaceably in said church, the dissatisfied party shall have a right to appeal to the Association, and abide by the decision of the same.

REV. B. E. GUTHRIE

The Association adjourns until next session to meet with the Ray's Chapel church in Buncombe county, near Weaverville, beginning Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1940, at 10:00 o'clock with the Rev. Ray Fender to preach the introductory sermon.

SATURDAY, 11 A. M.

Opening song: "There Will Be No Shadows There", by the Shoal Hill choir. Song again, "Sunlight Is Shining Over There". Prayer by Bro. Lon Sluder. Song, "I'll Never Turn Back Anymore". Sermon by Rev. B. M. Wheeler. Lesson read, Math. 24th chapter. A good sermon by the speaker. Closed with a Christian handshake and great rejoicing with the Christians. Prayer by Rev. Ervin Sluder. A good testimony by Bro. Jerry Ramsey. Benediction.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

Met at 2 p. m. Opening song, "Amazing Grace". Song again, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow." Prayer by Rev. G. E. Hensley. Song, "Footprints of Jesus."

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The conference, as usual, elected Rev. B. E. Guthrie, moderator, and Malley Rice, Clerk.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. J. A. Martin, Malley Rice, B. E. Guthrie, J. W. Banks and Ervin Sluder.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. A. Martin, B. M. Wheeler, Malley Rice, Loyd Chandler, Bob Freeman, J. L. Ledford, H. E. Lunsford, M. D. Roberts, Scottie Bullman, J. A. Collins, J. B. Brigman, G. W. Briggs, G. M. Hensley, Ervin Sluder, J. W. Banks, J. M. Burleson, B. E. Guthrie, Ralph Rice, A. L. Davis, W. L. Howell, W. E. Capp, W. L. Moretz, R. H. Reece, C. W. Rogers, Sam Chandler, C. A. Kent, Walter Wilson and R. C. Wheeler.

LICENTIATES

R. C. Wheeler, Pearson Bradley, Rufus A. Burrell, J. M. Calaway, Elmer King, Horace C. Ballard, Houston Rich, G. C. Miller, Roy Ballard,

Mc C. Flemmons, W. W. Howard, R. C. Mumpower and W. L. Queen.

The association voted that all ministers should call in their regular monthly meetings and remain until the association adjourns.

Walter Wilson and R. C. Wheeler were ordained. Rev. B. E. Guthrie gave the charge. Rev. Ervin Sluder prayed the ordination prayer.

A move was made and seconded that the conference adjourn until next year. Benediction.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Met Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Opening song, "Keep Unspotted From The World". Prayer by Bro. Sermon by Rev. T. E. Woody. Text John 10:10. A great rejoicing and a manifestation of God's power with one profession. Benediction.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Met at 9:00 o'clock A. M. for Sunday School. Opening song, "Kneel at the Cross". Song again, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be". Sunday School lesson read. Prayer by Rev. G. C. Miller. Sunday School-lesson studied. Song, "Learning on The Everlasting Arms". Secretary's report. Intermission.

Met again at 10:15 A. M. Opening song, "Let Me Live For Thee". Song again, "When The Saints Go Marching In". Prayer by Rev. S. A. Chandler. Communion service conducted by Rev. T. E. Woody. Lesson read, 13th Chapter of John. A real soul stirring talk on the communion and feet washing by the speaker. A wonderful meeting with old time shouting and great rejoicing among God's people. A move was made and seconded to tender thanks to the Laurel Fork church and community for their able care and kind hospitality in caring for the Association. An offering of \$7.85 was taken for the Laurel Fork church. Benediction by Rev. Malley Rice. This has been a wonderful association. There was no strife or division during the whole session. We are well pleased with this association and we are looking forward to a better one next year.

REV. B. E. GUTHRIE, Moderator, and MALLEY RICE, Clerk

CONSTITUTION, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

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

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

3. It shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said Association, giving license, prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, working for the most harmonious and effective ministry.

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 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 regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds.

BY-LAWS, MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

1. The regular meeting of this Conference shall be held annually in connection with the meeting of the Association.

2. Each member shall report each regular meeting either in person or by letter.

3. Five members shall constitute a quorum at all regular or legal meet-

ings.

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

5. At each regular meeting there shall be elected an Ordaining Council, whose duty shall be to examine candidates, grant license, conduct ordinations, etc., and report at each regular meeting.

6. Licentiatees shall pursue a definite course of study under the direction of the Ordaining Council.

7. Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contributions or by assessment of its members.

8. 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.

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

10. 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.

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

12. These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds at any regular meeting.

CHURCH COVENANT

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

CONSTITUTION

1. This 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 ministers and some of the most able members belonging to the church. 3. The Association when met and formed, shall elect a Chairman and Secretary. 4. The rules of decorum shall be read immediately after the Association is formed. 5. This Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all sufficient Saviour, having Salvation possible to every human being on 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 deliberation, and his name 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 committee may be adopted by the body. 8. All queries regularly presented to the Association by any church shall be attended to. 9. Any church may become a member of this Association by making application or letter or by delegates and adopting our articles of faith and church covenant. 10. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegates. 11. This Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. There shall be no conversation by the members one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.
3. Every person wishing to speak shall first rise and address the moderator.
4. No member shall interrupt another 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 subject.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
9. No member 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 member, provided the chair be filled.
12. Any member transgressing these By-Laws shall be admonished by the Moderator.
13. No less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.
14. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **GOD**—We believe that there is only one true and living God, Who is personally the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ, who gave himself as ransom for all to be testified in due time.—1 Tim. 2:5.
2. **THE HOLY SCRIPTURE**—We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His Church. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, in instruction in righteousness.
3. **THE ORIGINAL APOSTACY**—We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression, fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin, and when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.—Gen. 3:6.
4. **FREE GRACE**—We believe the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation, for intro-

is no difference between the Jews and the Greeks, for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him.—Rom. 10:12.

5. **CHRISTIAN FAITH**—We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture; that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.—John 3:36.

6. **REPENTANCE**—We believe that repentance is sorrow of sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death.—II Cor. 7:9-10.

7. **FREE AGENCY**—We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of Salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scripture. He that sheweth thee, O Man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.—Micah. 6:8.

8. **PERSEVERANCE**—We do not believe, under Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is impossible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith, turn again to sin, and be finally lost, and Jesus said unto him, no man having put his hand to the plow and looketh back is fit for the kingdom of God.—Luke 9:62.

GOOD WORK—We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have not faith, cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.—Matt. 7:19-20.

10. **CHRISTIAN BAPTISM**—We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, that baptism cannot be spiritually administered without faith in the subject who receives it. Therefore we are buried in Him by baptism into death; that like Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father even so we should walk in newness of life.—Rom. 7:4.

11. **THE LORD'S SUPPER**—We believe the supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemoration ordinance; that it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in sacred service, regardless of name or denomination. But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup, for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation unto himself, not discerning the Lord's body.—1 Cor. 11:28-29.

12. **FEET WASHING**—We believe that washing the Saint's feet a command of our Saviour, and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all our churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of their churches. If I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet.—St. John 13:14.

13. **THE GOSPEL**—We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the Gospel, even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.—1 Cor. 9:14.

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, The Free Will Baptist Church of _____ at _____, N. C., send Christian salutation to The French Broad Association. _____

Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are:

Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are:

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

Increase during the year _____; By experience and baptism _____;
 By letter and statement _____; By restoration _____; Total increase
 this year _____; Present membership _____; Decrease during the
 year _____; By letter _____; By expulsion and erasure _____
 By death _____; Total decrease this year _____; Last year's mem-
 bership _____.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor _____, Address _____

Clark _____, Address _____

Sundays we have preaching _____; No. of revivals _____
 Who held them? _____

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Superintendent _____, Address _____

Secretary _____, Address _____

No. of Schools _____; No. of pupils _____; No. of teachers _____;

Kind of literature used _____; Expenses \$ _____

LADIES AID

President _____, Address _____

Secretary _____, Address _____

No. of members _____; Gained this year _____; Meets every _____;

Money taken in \$ _____; Money paid out \$ _____; Paid out to _____

_____, _____,

_____, _____,

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

President _____, Address _____

Secretary _____, Address _____

No. of members _____; No. of groups _____; Meets every _____;

Do you take a weekly offering? _____; Kind of literature used? _____

_____; Do you have a Junior League? _____

Leader _____, Address _____

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's salary \$ _____; Home Missions \$ _____; Foreign Missions \$ _____

Orphanage \$ _____; Christian Education \$ _____; Old Ministers fund

\$ _____; Other purposes \$ _____; Minute Fund \$ _____.

CHURCH HOLDINGS

Value of Church property \$ _____; Do you have a Parsonage? _____

Value of Parsonage? _____; Value of other property \$ _____

_____, Church Clerk

Address _____

This the _____ day of _____, 19_____.

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR OF 193____, TO 193____

No. of churches pastored _____; No. of revivals conducted _____,
 Conversions _____ No. of sermons preached _____ No. of mem-
 bers received _____, No. baptized _____, No. of homes visited
 _____, No. of sick visits made _____, No. of homes prayed in
 _____, No. of special sermons and lectures delivered _____, No.
 of marriage ceremonies performed _____, No. of funerals conducted
 _____, No. of Sunday School classes taught _____, Amount
 received for pastoral services _____, Amount received for revival
 services \$ _____, Amount received for all other services \$ _____
 _____, Total amount received during the year \$ _____, Total a-
 mount raised for the cause \$ _____, Amount given personally to
 the Cause \$ _____, No. of subscriptions taken for the Free Will
 Baptist _____, No. of miles traveled _____, Expenses
 \$ _____, Remarks of any other work under your charge _____

_____, Minister

Address _____