

# French Broad Baptists Dedicate New Center

A dream came true on Sunday, April 26, when the French Broad Baptist Association dedicated its new Baptist Center, the fruition of more than 20 years of searching, planning and praying for the 48 churches in the association.

A dedication service for the building, which is located between Mars Hill and Marshall on N.C. 213, at 2 p.m. April 26.

Many of those responsible for the

building had a part in the program, while the main speaker was the Rev. Bobby Stafford, director of Associational Development from the Baptist State Convention in Raleigh. An open house followed the service.

During the afternoon, Mrs. Locke Robinson was honored with the unveiling of her portrait painted by her son, artist Grove Robinson, who is head of Union University's art department in Jackson, Tenn.

The painting will hang in the large conference room of the building. Mrs. Robison had been director of the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) for the French Broad Association for more than 40 years. She served as an assistant to Mrs. Robert Lee Moore and was named director in 1946 when Mrs. Moore retired.

The new Baptist Center is a two-story brick facade structure containing a total of 4,860 square feet. On the first floor is a reception area, secretary's office, work room, the director of mission's office, a large conference room, a class room and restrooms.

The bottom floor contains a fellowship hall with a complete kitchen which may also be used for a large conference room, utility rooms, the heating system and rest rooms.

The building is the realization of a dream that began two decades ago.

A serious movement to find land for the project began in the late 1960s when the Rev. E.J. Jenkins was director of missions. A one-acre parcel of land was found and purchased in 1983.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held July 1984 when the Rev. Dale Fisher was director of missions. The building was occupied just after the new year by the current director of missions, the Rev. Joe Edwards.

All 48 churches in the association



The New French Broad Baptist Center, located on N.C. 213 between Mars Hill and Marshall, was officially dedicated during special ceremonies on April 26.

## Church News

### McKameys To Sing At Mt. Bethel

The Mount Bethel Freewill Baptist Church, Shepherd Branch Road, Weaverville, will feature The McKameys of Clinton, Tenn., in a special singing next Thursday (May 14) beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 658-2213 or 645-3322.

### Alexander Baptist To Hold Singing

The Alexander Baptist Church will hold singing services Sunday beginning at 7 p.m. The Rev. Dennis Parris invites everyone to attend.

### Middle Laurel Sets Singing Services

The Middle Laurel Church of God will hold singing services Saturday at 7 p.m. Featured singers will be the Christian Heirs Quartet. The Rev. Ray Fletcher invites everyone to attend.

### Revival At Marshall Independent

The Marshall Independent Community Freewill Baptist Church will begin revival services Monday at 7 p.m. The Rev. Ed Davis will bring the message. The Rev. Donnie Harris invites everyone to attend.

### Walnut Methodist Plans Flea Market

The Walnut Methodist Church will sponsor a flea market on June 6 to benefit the Walnut-Brush Creek Community Development Club. Make plans now to attend.

contributed to the cost of constructing the building, and the women of the association joined by publishing a cookbook which currently has sold nearly 400 copies.

Individuals and church groups have donated money, a television set and VCR for use in the classes, and enough funds were given to purchase dishes, glasses and silverware to serve 100 people.

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