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First Annual Session

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Blue Ridge Association

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Original Free Will Baptists


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NORTH CAROLINA

Held At The Marion First Church

AT MARION, NORTH CAROLINA



August 26, 27, 28, 1954

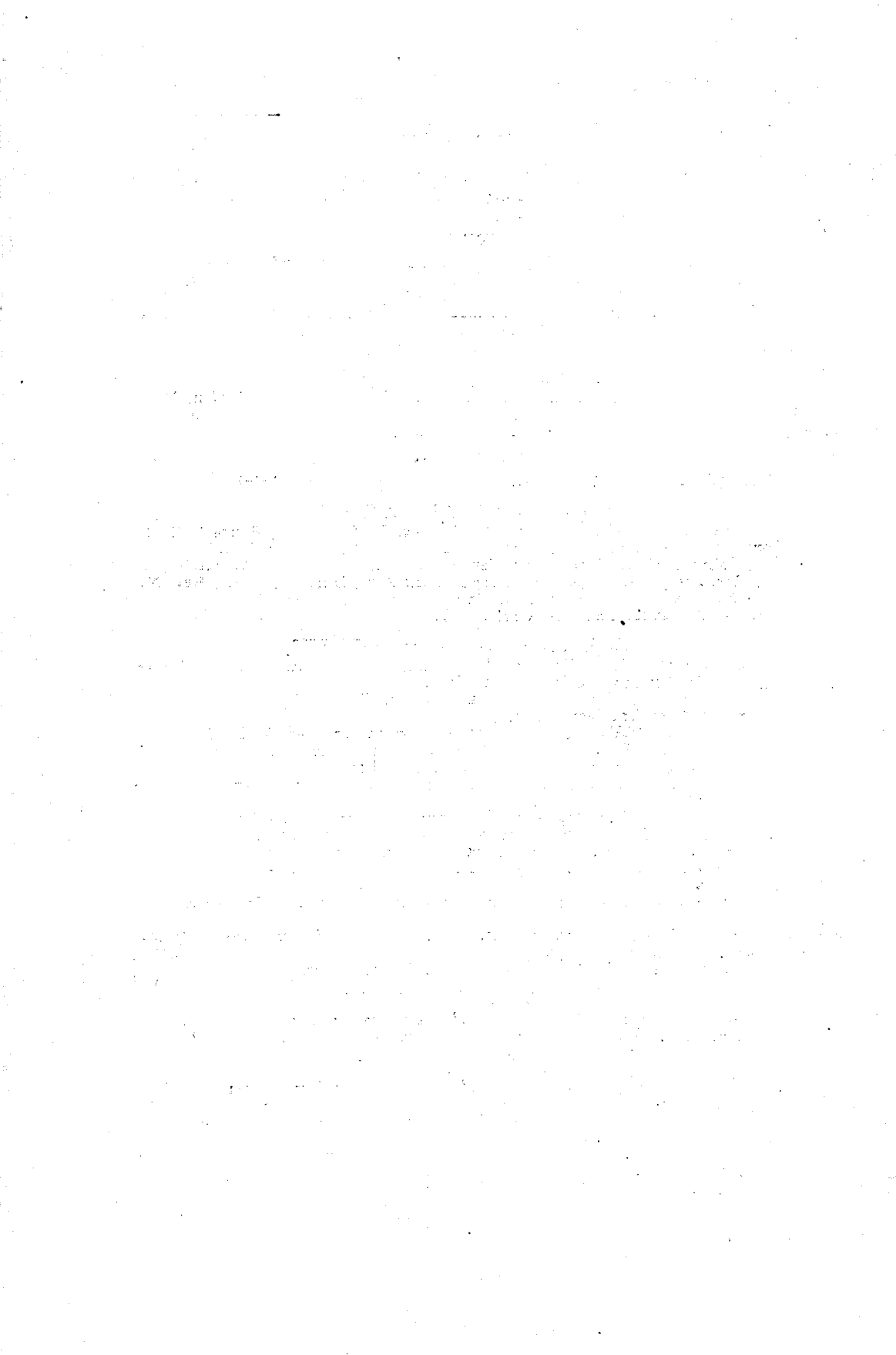


The next session of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists will be held at Cragmont, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1955, at 10:00 a. m.



Rev. Wayne Smith, Moderator ---- Address: 109 Spring Rd., Durham, N. C.
Rev. E. O. Connelly, Asst. Moderator ----- R-1, Forest City, N. C.
Mrs. R. H. Reese, Clerk ----- 27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.





PROCEEDINGS

Commencing on Thursday, August 26, 1954 at 10:00 a. m. Opening song, "Heavenly Sunlight." Devotions: "United With Him," by the Rev. Ralph Mumpower; Scripture reading: St. John, 15th chapter.

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Wayne Smith ----- 109 Spring Road, Durham, N. C.
Asst. Moderator, Rev. E. O. Connelly ----- Route 1, Forest Ctiy, N. C.
Clerk, Mrs. R. H. Reese ----- 27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.
Historian, Rev. Milton Hollifield ----- Box 1045, Canton, N. C.
Treasurer, Mrs. Bynum Lance ----- Box 6036, West Asheville, N. C.
Field Superintendent, Rev. Ralph Mumpower ----- Swannanoa, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. John E. Floyd ----- Marion, N. C.
Rev. Carl Roland ----- Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Reese ----- 27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Milton Hollifield Rev. E. O. Connelly Rev. Ralph Mumpower

VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED

Rev. S. A. Smith, Middlesex, N. C.; Rev. H. J. Stevens, Route 1, Goldsboro, N. C.; Rev. James A. Evans, Mount Olive, N. C.; Rev. Frank Thompson, Johnson City, Tenn.; Rev. James A. Collins, Route 1, Alexander, N. C.; Rev. Joseph G. Ange, 303 N. Hyde Park Ave., Durham, N. C.; Rev. Mr. Duncan, Rev. Roy Rickard, Rev. Bayless McDonald, Rev. W. G. Reynolds, Rev. A. F. Lawter and Rev. Carl Shook.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

CANTON: Elmer Keener, Mrs. James Melton, Mrs. Bryson Messer, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins and Mrs. John Wells.

CAROLEEN: Mrs. E. O. Connelly, Mrs. C. A. Wilson, Mrs. Zenolia Allen and Miss Kathleen Quinn.

CHERRY MOUNTAIN: Represented by pastor, Rev. B. B. Melton.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Mrs. Allie Self, Mrs. Ella Roarke, Mrs. J. M. Randall, Mrs. Wayne Crouse and Mrs. Bynum Lance.

MARION: Wilson Stone, Essie Sue Ayers, Robert Epley and Eddie Kirkpatrick.

MT. CALVARY: Bro. Jim McKinney and Mrs. Wilma Crisaun.

OLD FORT: Luther Robinson, Johnnie Allison, Ralph Davis, Mrs. Luther Robinson, Mrs. Hardy Hinson and Mrs. Ralph Davis.

ROCKY PASS: Mrs. Gene Holland, Bro. Lewis Holland and Bro. Tom Plemmons.

SALEM: Mrs. Walter Jenkins, Mrs. J. A. Noblitt and Mrs. Jeter Marler.

SWANNANOA: Mrs. Pitman, Mrs. Stella McMahon, Lee Hutchins, Mrs. A. L. Wilson and Mrs. Ruby Sams.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Mr. and Mrs. James Salter.

11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Opening song: "Send The Light." Message by Rev. Joseph Ange, of Durham, N. C. Subject: "Free Will Baptists Need Vision."

1:30 P. M. SERVICE

Opening song: "Love Lifted Me." Devotions by Rev. Milton Hollifield. Subject: "Love, The Secret To Power." Scripture: Eph. 3:17-19.

Rev. James A. Evans spoke in regard to the Mt. Allen College at Mt. Olive, North Carolina.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens both gave a very interesting report on Foreign Missions. Offering for Foreign Missions: \$88.00.

Adjourned until Friday at 10:00 a. m.

COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. E. O. Connelly.
 HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONS: Rev. John E. Floyd.
 EDUCATION: Rev. Milton A. Hollifield.
 SUPERANNUATION: Rev. Milton A. Hollifield and Rev. Kenneth Frisby.
 OBITUARIES: Rev. Ralph Mumpower.
 ORPHANAGE: Wayman McMahan and James Brotherton.
 PASTORS' SUPPORT: Rev. John Floyd, Robert Epley and Edward Kirkpatrick.
 LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Rev. Carl Roland.
 MARRIAGE & DIVORCE: Rev. Thomas Silvers and Bro. Walter Jenkins.
 DEVOTIONS: Rev. Milton Hollifield.
 TEMPERANCE: Rev. Ralph Mumpower and Rev. Milton Hollifield.
 YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Bro. Arnold Bird.
 WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: Mrs. E. O. Connelly.
 PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Ralph Mumpower and Rev. E. O. Connelly.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Singing by the Marion church choir. Devotions by Rev. John E. Floyd. Message by Rev. Frank Thompson of Johnson City, Tenn. Subject: "Everything Free Will Baptists Need, Jesus Christ Will Always Be."

FRIDAY—10:00 A. M.

Singing by congregation. Devotions: "Hearing, Looking, Doing," by Rev. Kenneth Frisby. Scripture reading: James 1:25.

FRIDAY—11:00 A. M.

Opening song: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Prayer by Rev. Carl Roland. Message: "What It Takes To Accomplish A Great Work," by the Rev. A. F. Lawter, of Lockhart, S. C. Scripture reading: Exodus 3. A good old-time spiritual message by the speaker that was enjoyed very much by all.

FRIDAY—1:30 P. M.

Opening song: "The Lily of the Valley." Devotions by Rev. Bayless McDonald of Nashville, Tenn. Subject: "Lift Up Your Eyes." Scripture reading: Matthew 12.

Rev. A. S. Smith spoke in regard to the Orphanage. Offering for the Orphanage at this session: \$30.05.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Singing by the Marion church choir. Devotions by Rev. Mr. Carter. Message by Rev. Winford Floyd.

PLEDGES FOR MRS. STEVENS FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Canton, \$15.00 per month; Old Fort, \$10.00; Swannanoa, \$10.00; Mt. Calvary, \$10.00; Marion, \$10.00; Caroleen, \$10.00; Rocky Pass, \$10.00; Cherry Mountain, \$10.00; Salem, \$10.00. These pledges are to be sent each month to Rev. Milton Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C., Treasurer.

Delegates to the State Convention: Mrs. Hoyle Harkins and Mrs. T. A. Pittman. Minute fund: \$10.00.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: We, your committee, feel that this is the greatest phase of our work, and should be supported by the following: 1st. Prayer: The Bible teaches us to pray without ceasing.—Thess. 5:14-17. 2nd. We must pay: Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse.—Malachi 3:10. 3rd. We must go: Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.—Mark 16:15. 4th. We must suffer.—II Cor. 11:24-25. We would also like to urge our churches to make every effort to keep their pledges for our missionary, Sister Josephine Stevens, in Africa.

PASTORS' SUPPORT: We, your committee, recommend the following: 1st. Pastors' support should be based on God's Word. We all know that we must give if the work of the Lord is to advance. Offerings are fine, but generally insufficient to carry on the church work. Both the Old and New Scriptures teach tithing as God's financial plan for the support of His work. 2nd. You should have a full-time pastor. Paul tells us that those who preach the gospel should live by the gospel. A pastor who is otherwise employed cannot do justice to his church. As we see and use the necessities of life, let us realize that our pastor and family have need of these things also. So let's stand firm in the support of our pastors: in money and prayer, and other ways to help lighten the burden they carry. Robert Epley and Edward Kirkpatrick, committee.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: We, your committee, believe that this day should be set apart for the purpose of worship, and we, as Christians, should be against anything that tends to break the spiritual atmosphere of the Lord's Day, and realize this day is for the spiritual welfare of man. We are opposed to any kind of sports that draw the eye of mankind, such as baseball, football, golf or anything that takes the mind of our people from the Lord. We are opposed to the opening of theatres on Sundays, including drive-ins. We are opposed to any work or action that takes away from the Christian the true worship of God, and the rest the body and soul needs.

Rev. Carl Roland, committee.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: We, your committee, believe there is only one Biblical cause for divorce, and will not allow our ministers to officiate at the marriage of divorced persons unless they are satisfied that the ones to be married are justified in their separation. We are also against parents giving their permission for children under age to be married, and the marriage of persons who are unfit to care for a family. We protest against the licensing or ordaining of candidates for the ministry, or deacons who have two living wives. See I Timothy 3:1-6.

Rev. Thomas Silvers and Bro. Walter Jenkins, committee.

DEVOTIONS: We, your committee, feel that in this day, when so much emphasis is being placed on the financial and material things, that our strongest efforts should be directed toward the development of the spiritual life of our churches. Our spiritual power can be no stronger than the individual spirituality of our members as a whole. The Holy Spirit can do His office work complete in our lives only as we are submissive to Him. Therefore, we should adhere to the teaching of Paul in Titus 2:11-12: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." We believe every Christian home should have a family altar, and some time should be set apart every day for the study of God's Word. Our affections should be set on things above, and not on the things of the earth.—Col. 3:2.

Rev. Milton Hollifield, committee.

EDUCATION: We, your committee, feel that with educational standards as high as they are today, that there is a greater need for Christian education than ever before. Since the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit, and our only defensive weapon against Satan, it is a poor soldier who is unacquainted with it and unskilled in its use. We should not ignore Paul's teaching in II Tim. 2:15. The person who is ignorant of God's Word, is the person who is deceived. We make the following recommendations: First, that our children should be educated in the Word of God as much as possible while they are small, according to Prov. 22:6. Second, that our young people be urged to attend colleges of our denomination. Third, That our churches support our educational enterprises to the best of their ability.

Rev. Milton Hollifield, committee.

SUPERANNUATION: We, your committee, feel that our old ministers have been neglected in the past, and we feel it is our duty to help the ones who have labored to lay the foundation for the work we are now doing. We therefore recommend that the churches of our Association support the

Board of Superannuation by sending your offering regularly to the State Superannuation Board. All funds should be sent to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Sims, N. C.

Rev. Milton Hollifield and Rev. Kenneth Frisby, committee.

ORPHANAGE: We, your committee, feel that the Orphanage is one of the most worthy organizations we have. We recommend that all churches in the Blue Ridge Association appoint a representative from each church to visit the Orphanage once a year, and to meet with the Orphanage Board at the meeting nearest to Thanksgiving Day. At this time also deliver the produce and canned goods, as we recommend all churches to continue gathering produce and canning for the Orphanage. Each church should send its representative and bear their expenses to and from the Orphanage. We also recommend that each church send at least one (\$1.00) dollar per member each year. We want our Orphanage to continue to grow as in the past.

J. W. McMahan, James Brotherton, Essie Sue Ayers and Wilson Stone, committee.

FINANCE: Minute and Expense Fund -----	\$160.85
Voted to pay Clerk -----	25.00
State Convention Minute Fund -----	10.00
Balance for Minutes and Postage -----	125.85

SESSIONS: The next session of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists will be held at Cragmont beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1955, at 10:00 a. m.

Voted to extend our many thanks to the Marion church for the nice welcome extended to us during this association. Thanks also were extended to the moderator and clerk for their services.

REV. WAYNE SMITH, Moderator

MRS. R. H. REESE, Clerk.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

CANTON: President, Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Poplar St., Canton, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Pearl Green, 26 Orange St., Canton, N. C.; No. of members, 19; gained this year, 3; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$587.20; money paid out, \$562.20.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Mrs. James Cordell, Sulphur Springs Road, West Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Nancy Randall, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 15; meets every two weeks.

MARION: No. of members, 18; money received, \$417.31; paid out to Education, \$150.00; Foreign Missions, \$59.23; Home Missions, \$33.66; Charity, \$13.00; Literature, \$5.25; Incidentals, \$6.94; Building and repairs, \$125.00; Convention Dues, \$13.00; total paid out, \$406.05; balance in treasury, \$13.00.

OLD FORT: President, Mrs. Nellie Robinson, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Wilbur Creasman, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of members, 12; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$334.79; money paid out, \$168.69.

ROCKY PASS: President, Mrs. Kenneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; No. of members, 15; meets every week; money taken in, \$671.29; money paid out, \$590.67.

SALEM: President, Mrs. J. O. Nobblitt, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Walter Jenkins, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of members, 10; meets every month; money taken in, \$164.00; money paid out, \$101.00.

SWANNANOA: President, Mrs. Claude Foster, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Edward Mumpower, Swannanoa, N. C.; No. of members, 32; gained this year, 2; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$748.69; money paid out, \$739.41.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: President, Mrs. Pink Hampton, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Dee Kirkpatrick, Hazelwood, N. C.; No. of members, 13; gained this year, 2; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$364.95; money paid out, \$360.40.

CHERRY MOUNTAIN: Secretary, Miss Virginia Melton, Route 2, Bostic, N. C.; No. of members, 10; money taken in, \$50.57; money paid out, \$44.01; balance in treasury, \$7.18.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

CANTON: President, Eugene Milner, Canton, N. C.; secretary, Mary Ellen Messer, Route 2, Canton, N. C.; No. of members, 50; No. of groups, 3; meets every Sunday evening; kind of literature used, F.W.B.; we have a Junior League; leader, Mrs. Bryson Messer, Route 2, Canton, N. C.

MARION: President, V. E. Condrey, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.; secretary, Inez Finley, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.; No. of members, 45; No. of groups, 2; meets every Sunday; money taken in, \$61.60; money paid out, \$48.40; we have a Junior League; leader, Margie Mason, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.

SWANNANOA: President, Cecil Redmon, Swannanoa, N. C.; secretary, Doris McMahan, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. of members, 50; No. of groups, 2; meets every Sunday; money taken in, \$170.25; money paid out, \$121.52; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature use, F.W.B.; we have a Junior League; leader, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Swannanoa, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CANTON: Superintendent, Elmer Keener, Canton, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. J. R. Wilson, Canton, N. C.; No. of classes, 9; No. of pupils, 230; kind of literature used; F.W.B.; expenses, \$221.59; amount sent to Orphanage, \$50.00.

CHERRY MOUNTAIN: Secretary, Mrs. Ellen Beheler, Route 1, Blacksburg, S. C.; No. of pupils, 35; expenses, \$112.40; balance in treasury, \$49.10.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Superintendent, Mr. Joe Matthews, Biltmore Ave., Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Catherine Boulden, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 56; kind of literature used, F.W.B.; expenses, \$170.92; amount sent to Orphanage, \$89.35.

OLD FORT: Superintendent, Hardy Hinson, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Marie Parker, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of classes, 6; kind of literature used, F.W.B. and Bible; expenses, \$39.80.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Superintendent, James H. Salter, Box 319, Hazelwood, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. James Salter, Box 319, Hazelwood, N. C.; No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 60; kind of literature used, F.W.B.; expenses, \$243.20.

CHURCH REPORTS

CANTON: No. of members received 52; by letter and statement, 15; by experience and baptism, 36; by restoration, 1; No. of members lost, 4; by letter, 3; by death, 1; total increase, 48; last year's membership, 185; present membership, 233; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Milton Hollifield and Rev. Richard Ward. Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Carl Shook and Rev. Frank Thompson; pastor, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C.; clerk, Mr. Jerry Messer, Canton, N. C.; pastor for next year, Rev. Milton Hollifield; clerk, Mr. Jerry Messer; pastor's salary, \$4420.00; revivals, \$350.00; church property improvements, \$1223.14; State Convention fee, \$3.00; local charity and home missions, \$147.00; other purposes, \$2300.21; Minute fund, \$20.00; Superannuation, \$10.00; Christian education, \$37.75; Foreign Missions, \$210.91; Orphanage, \$290.91; Church Finance Asso., \$10.00; Cragmont, \$75.00; value of church property, \$7850.00; value of parsonage, \$8000.00; value of all other church property, \$1800.

CAROLEEN: No. of members received, 23; by letter and statement, 11; by experience and baptism, 10; by restoration, 2; No. of members lost, 7; by letter, 2; by death, 5; total increase 23; total decrease, 7; last year's membership, 149; present membership, 165; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. L. D. Gray; pastor, Rev. E. O. Connelly, Route 1, Forest City, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Lucille Waters, Box 177, Caroleen, N. C.; pastor for next year, Rev. E. O. Connelly; clerk for next year, Mrs. Lucille Waters; pastor's salary, \$3380.00; revivals, \$75.00; church property improvements, \$226.15; State Convention fee, \$5.00; local charity and home missions, \$133.78; other purposes, \$700.12; Minute fund, \$10.00;

Foreign Missions, \$25.00; Orphanage, \$31.40; Christian Education, \$80.00; Church Finance Asso., \$10.00; value of church property, \$50,000; value of parsonage, \$6,000.

CHERRY MOUNTAIN: No. of members received, 12; by experience and baptism, 12; by letter and statement, 5; No. of members lost, 4; by letter, 1; by request, 3; present membership, 32; pastor, Rev. B. B. Melton, Route 2, Bostic, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Ruffin Hoyle, Route 2, Bostic, N. C.; paid pastor, \$41.91; other purposes, \$872.96; balance in treasury, \$43.31; Orphanage, \$4.45; Minute fund, \$5.00; value of church property, \$2,500.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: No. of members received, 10; by experience and baptism, 7; by letter and statement, 3; No. of members lost, 3; by letter, 1; by death, 2; total increase, 7; last year's membership, 113; present membership, 120; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. D. C. Heide; pastor, Rev. James E. Cordell, Sulphur Springs Rd., West Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Nancy Randall, Route 3, Box 417, West Asheville, N. C.; pastor for next year, not elected; pastor's salary, \$1418.61; revivals, \$204.34; church repairs and improvements, \$650.35; State Convention fee, \$10.00; local charity, \$69.56; other purposes, \$124.79; Minute fund, \$5.00; Missions, \$406.45; Orphanage, \$117.45; Christian Education, \$84.39; Cragmont, \$25.00; value of church property, \$30.00.

MARION: No. of members received, 40; by letter and statement, 15; by experience and baptism, 25; by restoration, 6; No. of members lost, 4; by letter, 2; by death, 2; total increase, 40; total decrease, 4; last year's membership, 275; present membership, 311; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Doctor Horn, Rev. Winford Floyd; pastor, Rev. J. E. Floyd, Box 201, Marion, N. C.; clerk, Troy Ledford, Marion, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$90.00 per week; revivals, \$500.00; church property improvements, \$25,000; State Convention fee, \$5.00; local charity and home missions, \$46.66; other purposes, \$6.94; Minute fund, \$5.00; Superannuation, \$10.00; Foreign Missions, \$914.00; Orphanage, \$53.00; Christian Education, \$600.00; Church Finance Asso., \$725.00; Cragmont, \$10.00; value of church property, \$50,000; value of parsonage, \$8,000.

MT. CALVARY: No. of members received, 4; by letter and statement, 3; by experience and baptism, 1; No. of members lost, 2; by expulsion and erasure, 2; total increase, 4; total decrease, 2; last year's membership, 23; present membership, 25; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Carl Roland; pastor, Rev. Leroy Grant, East Marion, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Wilma Styles, Route 2, Marion, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$40.00 per month; revivals, \$58.35; church property improvements, \$758.22; local charity and home missions, \$23.00; Minute fund, \$2.00; Foreign Missions, \$15.00; value of church property, \$1,800; value of all other church property, \$500.00.

OLD FORT: No. of members received, 38; by experience and baptism, 31; by letter and statement, 7; No. of members lost, 9; by letter, 7; by death, 2; total increase, 29; last year's membership, 139; present membership, 168; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Charlie Wheeler, Rev. Carl Roland and Rev. William Manley; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Mr. Stockton and Rev. Mr. Chapman; pastor, Rev. Carl Roland, Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Irene Chrisawn, Old Fort, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$1300.00; revivals, \$146.00; church repairs and improvements, \$1608.95; State Convention fee, \$5.00; local charity, \$256.95; other purposes, \$1101.97; Minute fund, \$5.00; value of church property, \$1100.70.

ROCKY PASS: No. of members received, 8; by letter and statement, 7; by experience and baptism, 1; total increase, 8; last year's membership, 63; present membership, 71; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Creed Daniels and Rev. Wayne Smith; pastor, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$1328.10; revivals, \$155.97; church property improvements, \$6515.46; local charity and home missions, \$279.16; other purposes, \$1158.81; Minute fund, \$5.00; Foreign Missions, \$164.75; Orphanage, \$76.60; Christian Education, \$19.10; Cragmont, \$25.00; value of church property, \$25,000.

SALEM: No. of members received, 13; by letter and statement, 5; by experience and baptism, 8; No. of members lost, 1; by death, 1; total increase, 12; last year's membership, 17; present membership, 29; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Thomas F. Silver; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. L. O. Vess and Rev. Kenneth Frisbee; pastor, Rev. Thomas F. Silvers, Box, 127, Old Fort, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. J. O. Noblitt, Old Fort, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$129.43; revivals, \$72.00; church property improvements, \$118.91; local charity and home missions, \$20.00; other purposes, \$50.00; Minute fund, \$5.00; Superannuation, \$2.00; Foreign Missions, \$20.00; Orphanage, \$36.44; Christian Education, \$1.00; Church Finance Asso., \$1.00; Cragmont, \$1.00; value of church property, \$3200.00.

SWANNANOA: No. of members received, 65; by letter and statement, 24; by experience and baptism, 40; by restoration, 1; No. of members lost, 2; by letter, 2; total increase, 65; last year's membership, 256; present membership, 321; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. W. L. Moretz, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Jack Hutchins, Rev. Ralph Mumpower and Rev. Gurney McKinney; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 3; held by Rev. John Floyd, Rev. Frank Thompson and Rev. Chester Phillips; pastor, Rev. Wayne Smith, Swannanoa, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Claude Foster, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; pastor for next year, not elected; pastor's salary, \$3630; revivals, \$613.45; church property improvements, \$1752.91; State Convention fee, \$5.00; local charity and home missions, \$634.59; other purposes, \$1562.18; Minute fund, \$20.00; Superannuation, \$36.00; Foreign Missions, \$288.23; Orphanage, \$77.50; Christian Education, \$162.87; Cragmont, \$42.51; value of church property, \$30,000; value of parsonage, \$7,000; value of all other property, \$275.00.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: No. of members received, 7; by letter and statement 7; No. of members lost, 1; by death, 1; total increase, 6; last year's membership, 29; present membership, 35; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Fred Inman, Rev. W. L. Queen and Rev. Robert Inman; pastor, Rev. W. L. Queen, Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Clarence Gaddy, 315 Walter St., Waynesville, N. C.; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Clifford Hornbuckle and Rev. Martin Cable; pastor's salary, \$133.09; revivals, \$179.00; church property improvements, \$520.60; local charity and home missions, \$50.00; Minute fund, \$3.00; Orphanage, \$8.00; value of church property, \$6800.00.

Total churches reporting-----	11
Total membership-----	1490
Total amount raised by all churches-----	\$77,192.50

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Blue Ridge Ministers Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists met at the Marion First Church August 28, 1954 at 10:00 a. m. Opening song, "In The Cross." Devotions by Rev. W. L. Kell. Scripture reading, II Tim. 4. Subject, "The Undershepherd."

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Milton Hollifield	Box 1045, Canton, N. C.
Assistant Moderator, Rev. Ralph Mumpower	Swannanoa, N. C.
Secretary, treasurer, Mrs. R. H. Reese	27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.
Assistant secretary, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee	Route 1, Marion, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. John E. Floyd Rev. R. H. Reese Rev. E. O. Connelly.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Carl Roland Rev. Kenneth Frisbee Rev. Wayne Smith

ORDAINED AT THIS CONFERENCE

Leroy Grant and Harold O'dear. The charge was given by Rev. Wayne Smith; Rev. Milton Hollifield rendered the ordination prayer.

LICENSED AT THIS CONFERENCE

W. L. Kell, Fred Freeman, Reid Smart and Ray Deviney.

Rev. Milton Duncan joined the Ministers' Conference at this session, and Rev. B. B. Melton came under the watchcare of the conference until the next meeting.

The next session of the Minister's Conference will be held at the Rocky Pass Free Will Baptist Church near Marion, N. C., on Saturday, October 30, 1954 at 7:00 p. m.

The next annual session of the Ministers' Conference will be held at Cragmont, Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1955, at 10:00 a. m.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Revs. Wayne Smith, Milton Hollifield, John Floyd, E. O. Connelly, Ralph Mumpower, Carl Roland, R. H. Reese, Thomas Silvers, Kenneth Frisbee, W. L. Queen, Leroy Grant, Harold O'dear and Milton Duncan.

LICENTIATES

W. L. Kell, Fred Freeman, Reid Smart and Ray Deviney.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. J. E. FLOYD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 6; No. of conversions, 275; No. of sermons preached, 312; No. of members received, 40; No. baptized, 25; No. of marriages, 8; No. of funerals conducted, 15; received for pastoral services, \$6115.00; received for revival services, \$600.00; received for all other services, \$40.00; total amount received, \$6755.00; given personally to the cause, \$2200.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Box 201, Marion, N. C.

REV. WAYNE SMITH: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 8; No. of conversions, 90; No. of sermons preached, 122; No. of members received, 51; No. baptized, 51; No. of marriages, 5; No. of funerals conducted, 7; received for pastoral services, \$3570.00; received for revival services, \$300.00; received for all other services, \$150.00; total amount received, \$4640.00; given personally to the cause, \$465.00; do you tithe? yes; address: 109 Spring Road, Durham, N. C.

REV. E. O. CONNELLY: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of professions, 24; No. of sermons preached, 120; No. of members received, 23; No. baptized, 11; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals conducted, 6; received for pastoral services, \$3500.00; received for revival services, \$143.00; total amount received, \$3643.00; given personally to the cause, \$364.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Route 1, Forest City, N. C.

REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 5; No. of conversions, 55; No. of sermons preached, 186; No. of members received, 52; No. baptized, 48; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals conducted, 8; received for pastoral services, \$4420.00; received for revival services, \$500.00; given personally to the cause, \$500.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Box 1045, Canton, N. C.

REV. KENNETH FRISBEE: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 53; No. of sermons preached, 148; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals conducted, 5; received for pastoral services, \$1328.10; received for revival services, \$150.00; received for all other services, \$50.00; total amount received, \$1528.10; amount given personally to the cause, \$940.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Route 1, Marion, N. C.

REV. THOMAS F. SILVERS: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 35; No. of sermons preached, 121; No. of members received, 13; No. baptized, 9; No. of funerals conducted, 2; received for pastoral services, \$129.43; received for all other services, \$76.00; total amount received, \$205.43; given personally to the cause, \$205.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Box 127, Old Fort, N. C.

REV. LEROY GRANT: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 13; No. of sermons preached, 96; No. of members received, 4; No. baptized, 2; Received for pastoral services, \$240.00; given personally to the cause, \$181.00; do you tithe? yes; address: East Marion, N. C.

REV. W. L. KELL JR.: No. of churches pastored/supplied, 1; No. of conversions, 16; No. of sermons preached, 45; No. baptized/helped baptize, 29; No. of funerals conducted, 1; received for pastoral services, \$200.00; received for all other services, \$40.00; total amount received, \$240.00; given personally to the cause, \$380.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Box 130, Canton, N. C.

REV. CARL ROLAND: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. of conversions, 160; No. of sermons preached, 176; No. of members received, 38; No. baptized, 52; No. of marriages, 5; No. of funerals conducted, 12; received for pastoral services, \$1300.00; received for revival services, \$83.00; received for all other services, \$5.00; total amount received, \$1388.00; given personally to the cause, \$364.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.

REV. W. L. QUEEN: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 21; No. of sermons preached, 54; No. of members received, 7; No. baptized, 11; No. of funerals, 4; received for pastoral services, \$133.09; received for all other services, \$25.00; total amount received, \$158.09; given personally to the cause, \$340.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C.

REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD, Moderator
MRS. R. H. REESE, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

2. This Conference is formed under and by the authority of the Blue Ridge Association and shall be composed of its ordained and licensed ministers.

3. It shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said Association, issuing license, and prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, and at all times working for the most harmonious and effective ministry. Each licensed minister shall work under license for a period of not less than one year; then he may be ordained if the ordaining council deems it necessary.

4. We deem it necessary for the protection of the Gospel, not to accept anyone as a minister who has two living wives.

5. Each minister will be required to preach and teach tithing as the means of church support.

6. Following the union meeting held on Saturday before each Fifth Sunday, the Ministers' Conference will be held. Each minister will be required to attend and report on his work at each conference unless providentially hindered, then he shall report by letter.

7. The officers of this Conference shall be a moderator and a secretary-treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers. They shall enter upon the duties of said office at the close of the current session. The moderator may not succeed himself.

8. This Conference shall have power to make such by-laws and other regulations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties.

9. This Constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds.

BY-LAWS, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. The regular meeting of this conference shall be held annually immediately following the Association. The conference shall meet each Fifth Sunday in connection with the Union Meeting.

2. Each member shall report at each annual and Fifth Sunday meeting either in person or by letter.

3. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum at all regular or le-

gally called meetings.

4. The moderator may call a special meeting of the conference at any time upon request of three members.

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

6. Licentiates shall pursue a definite course of study under the direction of the ordaining council.

7. At each annual meeting there shall be elected an investigating committee of three members, whose duty shall be to investigate applicants for membership, and license and other investigations they may be called on to make.

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

9. No member shall serve as pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, and care for their pastor, and contribute to the United Program of our State, according to their ability, and strive to go forward in spiritual progress and the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

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

11. Each member, not excused because of age or infirmities, is expected to do some work to advance the cause of Christ and make a full report at each annual meeting.

12. Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry. A membership card shall be issued to each member at the annual meeting upon payment of \$2.00. This fee to be placed in the Conference Treasury to pay necessary expenses, and for the promotion of the cause of Christ.

13. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual meeting.

CHURCH COVENANT

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

THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
 —of the—
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
 -of-
NORTH CAROLINA

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1

This Association shall be known as the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2

The objects of this Association shall be: to promote unity, fraternity, fellowship, and cooperation; and to encourage and engage in larger Christian enterprises that cannot be carried on by a single church. To combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptists within its bounds in one sacred effort to encourage and promote the general spread of the Gospel; and the causes of the united program.

ARTICLE 3

1. This Association shall be composed of all ordained and licensed ministers, and of delegates chosen and sent by each church in its bounds, who shall be duly recommended by the church to which they belong.

2. The following Auxiliaries of each church are entitled to one delegate each: the Sunday School, the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the Free Will Baptist League. No church shall be entitled to more than five (5) delegates.

3. Each church and its Auxiliaries may represent by letter and a donation for the expenses of the Association and the causes it fosters.

4. This Association disclaims the right to exercise lordship over the churches, or to have any power which entitles it to infringe upon the internal affairs or rights of any of the churches composing it. Each church shall consider its internal affairs to be its own business; but it shall not disrespect the Association and those who are placed in authority by the proper processes.

ARTICLE 4

An accused church has the same right as an individual in the church: to have specific charges presented in writing, a fair opportunity for defense, and to be considered innocent until proved guilty.

ARTICLE 5

This Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegates.

ARTICLE 6

Churches coming from another denomination will be carefully and satisfactory examined as to doctrine before being received as members.

ARTICLE 7

1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator and Assistant Moderator, and Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, and Field Superintendent, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering upon their said duties of said offices at the close of the current session.

2. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall not succeed themselves in election. However, the Assistant Moderator may be elected Moderator.

3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all the meetings of the Association.

4. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to preside in the absence of the Moderator.

5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association in a business-like manner, and to superintend

the printing of the Minutes, and the distribution of said Minutes, and to give over all properties belonging to his or her office to his or her duly successor. The Clerk shall be paid a fee for services—an amount fixed by the Association. Minutes of the Association shall be sent to all visiting Free Will Baptist ministers.

6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds belonging to the Association, and to disburse same as directed by the Association. The Treasurer shall be bonded for the amount sufficient to cover all money coming into their hands.

7. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep a record of such items of interest as may be useful in the future; to preserve the same in a book. He or she shall also keep a file of the Minutes. He or she shall give over all materials and property to His or her successor in office.

8. It shall be the duty of the field superintendent to encourage the work in general in this Association. He shall promote every phase of the program. He shall visit the churches, and in every way possible assist them in doing greater things for God's glory. He shall promote unity and fellowship among the ministers, and their churches. He shall supply for any pastor who shall be providentially kept from his work. He shall be paid a salary agreed upon by the Association. He shall receive an offering at all churches, the same to be turned over to the Association to help maintain this work.

ARTICLE 8

At each annual session the Moderator shall appoint such committees as the Association may direct. It shall be the duty of these committees to report at the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE 9

The following Directors shall be elected annually: Director for young people's work; Director for the Women's Auxiliary work—who shall be responsible to do all the work they can to promote the work in these departments in each church in this Association. They shall encourage cooperation with the State League and Ladies' Auxiliary Organizations.

ARTICLE 10

The Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Field Superintendent, and three members elected from the floor. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to have the supervision of the work of the Association between sessions. The Moderator and Clerk, by virtue of their offices, shall be chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Board.

ARTICLE 11

It shall be the duty of the Association to encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour, having made salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

ARTICLE 12

Any church seeking membership in this Association shall furnish evidence that there is a deed on record made to the Trustees of said Free Will Baptist church and their successors in office, and after a satisfactory examination as to their doctrine and fellowship and disposition toward the united program, may be received as members.

ARTICLE 13

We will have a union meeting on Saturday before each Fifth Sunday, for the furtherance of every phase of the work of this Association. This meeting shall be composed of all members and two delegates from each church.

ARTICLE 14

This Association shall adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Government of the National Treatise of the Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE 15

A church may become a member of this Association by petition, or by letter, or by delegates, and by adopting the Treatise and Articles of Faith and Government, and the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association.

ARTICLE 16

This Association shall be governed by the rules laid down in Roberts' or Hasting's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 17

This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the Third Sunday in August.

ARTICLE 18

The Minutes of each meeting of this Association shall be printed, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, and Constitution and By-Laws of the Ministers' Conference; also the Church Covenant.

ARTICLE 19

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the Association.

**BY-LAWS OF THE
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
—of the—
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
—of—
NORTH CAROLINA**

ARTICLE 1

A session of this Association shall meet annually.

ARTICLE 2

This Association shall be opened and closed with suitable devotions.

ARTICLE 3

There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

ARTICLE 4

Every person wishing to speak, shall first arise and address the Moderator, and be recognized before speaking.

ARTICLE 5

No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

ARTICLE 6

Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

ARTICLE 7

No member shall speak on any one subject more than twice, except by permission of the moderator.

ARTICLE 8

Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

ARTICLE 9

A motion before the house must be acted upon before another motion can be made.

ARTICLE 10

On all motions acted upon, the majority vote shall prevail.

ARTICLE 11

The Moderator shall have the privilege to speak on any subject as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

ARTICLE 12

We shall admit no other title while in session but that of Brother and Sister.

ARTICLE 13

No member shall absent himself from the body without permission of the Moderator.

ARTICLE 14

Any person transgressing these By-Laws shall be admonished by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 15

No less than nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 16

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

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 Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. I 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 and instruction in righteousness.

3. **ORIGINAL APOSTASY:** 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 desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat and gave to her husband with her and he did eat."—Gen. 3:6.

4. **FREE GRACE:** We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessing, 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 there is no difference between Jews and 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 in him."—John 3:36.

6. **REPENTANCE:** We believe that repentance is sorrow for 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, for ye were made sorry after a Godly manner 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 ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He that shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what does 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 possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and finally be lost. "And Jesus said unto him: 'No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God.'"—Luke 9:62.

9. **GOOD WORKS:** 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 to God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, wherefore by their fruit 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 Scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death that like as Christmas raised from the dead by the glory of the Father even so we also should walk in newness of life."—Rom. 6:4.

11. **THE LORD'S SUPPER:** We believe the supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in sacred services 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."—I Cor. 11:28-29.

12. **FEET WASHING:** We believe that washing the saints' feet was a command of our Saviour and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of our 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 by the Gospel."—I Cor. 9:14.

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of _____, at _____, N. C., send Christian salutation to The Blue Ridge Association and the following delegates represent us:

_____, _____
 _____, _____
 _____, _____

Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are:

_____, _____
 _____, _____

Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are:

_____, _____
 _____, _____

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

No of members received _____; By experience and baptism _____;
 By letter and statement _____; By restoration _____;
 No. of memebtrs lost _____; By letter _____; By expulsion and
 erasure _____; By death _____; Total increase _____ or de-
 crease _____; Last year's membership _____; Present member
 ship _____

Sundays we have preaching _____

No. of revivals _____; Held by: _____

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor _____

Address _____

Clerk _____

Address _____

Pastor for next year _____

Address _____

Clerk for next year _____

Address _____

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's salary \$-----; Revivals \$-----; Church
 Property improvements \$-----; State Convention fee \$-----;
 Local Charity \$-----; Other purposes \$-----; Minute fund \$-----.

UNITED PROGRAM

Superannuation \$-----; Foreign Missions \$-----
 Orphanage \$-----; Christian Education \$-----
 Church Finance Association, Inc. \$-----; Cragmont \$-----.

CHURCH HOLDINGS

Value of Church Property \$-----; Value of Parson-
 age \$-----; Value of all other Church property \$-----.
 Secretary-----; Address-----
 Superintendent-----; Address-----
 No. of classes-----; No. of pupils-----; Kind of Literature
 used-----; Expenses \$-----;
 Amount sent to Orphanage \$-----.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President-----; Address-----
 Secretary-----; Address-----
 No. of members-----; Gained this year-----; Meets every-----;
 Money taken in \$-----; Money paid out \$-----.

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-----.

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By order of the Church in conference, this the-----day of-----, 195--

-----, Moderator

-----, Clerk

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL

YEAR OF 195--, TO 195--

No. of churches pastored-----; No. of revivals conducted-----;
No. of conversions-----; No. of sermons preached-----; No. of
members received-----; No. baptized-----; No. of mar-
riages-----; No. of funerals-----.

Received for pastoral service \$-----

Received for revival service \$-----

Received for all other services \$-----

TOTAL \$-----

Given personally to the Cause \$-----

Do you tithe?-----

Minister -----

Address -----

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