

Minutes
of the
dup **Second Annual Session**
—of the—
Blue Ridge Association
—of the—
Original Free Will Baptists
—of—
NORTH CAROLINA
Held At Cragmont
BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.
August 18, 19, 20, 1955

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The next session of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will
Baptists will be held at Cragmont, beginning on the first
Thursday in August, 1956, at 10:00 a. m.

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Rev. E. O. Connelly, Moderator ----- Route 1, Forest City, N. C.
Rev. John Cansler, Asst. Moderator ----- Swannanoa, N. C.
Mrs. R. H. Reese, Clerk ----- 27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Commencing on Thursday, August 18, 1955 at 10:00 a. m. Opening Assembly. Congregational singing led by James C. Coffey. Welcome to Cragmont by Rev. John Cansler. Response to welcome, Rev. Milton Hollifield. Devotions by Rev. E. O. Connelly. Prayer by Rev. L. D. Gray. Introductory business session. Names of churches called and delegates seated. Visiting ministers welcomed.

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. E. O. Connelly ----- Route 1, Forest City, N. C.
Asst. Moderator, Rev. John Cansler ----- Swannanoa, N. C.
Clerk, Mrs. R. H. Reese, ----- 27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.
Historian, Mrs. Flora Morgan ----- P.O. Box 6131, West Asheville, N. C.
Treasurer, Rev. W. L. Kell Jr. ----- Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.
Field Superintendent, Rev. Thomas F. Silvers ----- Box 127, Old Fort, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. John Floyd ----- Marion, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Reese ----- 27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Kenneth Frisbee ----- Route 1, Marion, N. C.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Milton Hollifield Rev. E. O. Connelly Rev. John Cansler

VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED

Rev. J. W. Alford, New Bern, N. C.; Rev. W. C. Clarman, Tennessee;
Rev. Grady Fender, Sister Frances Radford, Jacks Creek; Rev. James A. Collins, French Broad; Rev. C. B. Hansley, Newport, Tennessee. NOTE: Clerk was unable to obtain names of all visiting ministers.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BEAVERDAM: Mrs. Frank Smith, Miss Nancy Smith, Mrs. Howard Jackson, Mrs. Frank Sherlin and Mrs. M. Bolden.

CANTON: Rufus Stevenson, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, Mrs. W. B. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Roberts and Mrs. Bessie Sams.

CAROLEEN: Mrs. W. C. Laws, Paul Deese and James Coffey.

CEDAR HILL: Benny Turner, Mrs. Maude King, Edward Burleson, and Mrs. W. L. Kell.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Mrs. Bynum Lance, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Joe Randall and Mrs. Allie Self.

MARION: Mrs. Carl Radford, Mrs. J. E. Floyd and Mrs. Troy Ledford.

MT. CALVARY: Mrs. Ella McKinney, Jim McKinney, Mrs. Mae McCormick and Rev. J. D. McCormick.

OLD FORT: Mrs. James Allison, Mrs. Hardy Henson and Miss Viola Henson.

ROCKY PASS: Tom Plemons, Lewis Holland and Mrs. Gene Holland.

SALEM: Mrs. Walter Jenkins, Mrs. Ted Burnette and Rev. Grady Fender.

SWANNANOA: Cline Messer, Mrs. Edith Messer and Mrs. T. A. Pittman.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Mrs. Paul Massey, Mrs. W. L. Queen and Mrs. Hattie Faulkner.

11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Song service by the congregation. Message by the Rev. W. C. Clarman from Tennessee. Theme: "Look upon the fields" — John 4:35. Text: "Go in and possess the land." — Deut. 1:8.

1:30 P. M. SERVICE

Opening song: "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Devotions by Rev. W. L. Kell Jr. Scripture reading, Psalms 37:16. Visiting speaker for Missions, Rev. J. W. Alford, who suggested we elect a permanent Local Mission Board to work with the State Mission Board in establishing Free Will Baptist churches in localities where there are none now located. Committee appointed, Rev. John Cansler, chairman; Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Rev. Ernest Strickland and Cline Messer. Call for new churches entering the Association this year. Beaverdam and Cedar Hill churches were accepted in full fellowship with the Association. Report of the Women's Auxiliary by the district president, Mrs. John Cansler. Voted to take the Glen Alpine church into full fellowship with this Association.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

✓ SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. E. O. Connelly and Rev. Ralph Mumpower.
✓ HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: J. C. Coffey and Paul Deese.

EDUCATION: Rev. Milton Hollifield and Brother Benny Turner.
SUPERANNUATION: Rev. John Cansler and Rev. Keneth Frisbee.
LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Rev. R. H. Reese and Rev. T. F. Sil-

vers.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Rev. W. L. Kell and Rev. L. D. Gray.
MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: Ministers to write a permanent report.
ORPHANAGE: Rev. Ernest Strickland and Mrs. Sherlin.
PASTORS' SUPPORT: Mrs. Bynum Lance and Mrs. Flora Morgan.
TEMPERANCE: Rev. Ernest Strickland and Rev. John Cansler.
OBITUARIES: Mrs. Hoyle Harkins and Mrs. Milton Hollifield.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Mrs. Maude King and Mrs. W. L. Kell.
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: Mrs. John Cansler.
FINANCE: Rev. Milton Hollifield and Rev. Keneth Frisbee.
PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. E. O. Connelly and Rev. John Cansler.

LOCAL MISSION BOARD: Rev. John Cansler, chairman; Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Keneth Frisbee, Rev. Ernest Strickland and Cline Messer.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song service by church choirs. Devotions conducted by Rev. John Cansler. Message by Rev. L. D. Gray. Offering for the Orphanage, \$31.50.

FRIDAY—10:00 A. M.

The Assembly opened with congregational singing. Devotions conducted by Bro. Benny Turner. Voted that all churches will set aside 1% of all offerings for the Association expenses. These funds are to be sent monthly to Treasurer, Rev. W. L. Kell Jr.; address: Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.

FRIDAY—11:00 A. M.

Opening song: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," by the congregation. Prayer by Rev. Keneth Frisbee. Song by request: "What Are They Doing In Heaven Today?" by Rev. Milton Hollifield. Message by Rev. Wayne Smith of Durham, N. C. Scripture reading, St. Luke 3:41.

FRIDAY—1:30 P. M.

Singing by the congregation. Devotions conducted by Rev. Fred Silvers. Scripture reading, Acts 3:1-11.

Business session. Voted to sponsor Bro. Benny Turner, one of our young licentiates, to attend the Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., tuition expense to be paid by the Blue Ridge Association.

Voted that all churches gather their produce and canned goods and send them to Cragmont at the next Ministers Conference, where the truck from the Orphanage will pick them up.

Delegates appointed to attend the State Convention: J. C. Coffey and Cline Messer.

Voted to change the date of the next meeting of the annual Association to the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday in August.

Voted that we take no offerings during the Association other than what is necessary for the expense of the Association.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Rev. Wayne Smith for services rendered in the past two years as moderator of the Association.

REPORT of FOREIGN MISSION FUNDS for MRS. STEVENS

By Churches: Canton, \$180.00; Mt. Calvary, \$110.00; Old Fort, \$80.00; Cherry Mountain, \$20.00; Salem, \$10.00; Rocky Pass, \$125.00; Caroleen, \$115.00; Marion, \$70.00; Total, \$710.00. All churches who have pledged to this fund are requested to keep sending your pledges to Rev. Milton Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C., treasurer.

Voted that each church visited by the Field Superintendent take an offering, of which ninety percent will go to the Field Superintendent, and the remaining ten percent to be kept in the church treasury.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: We, your committee, recommend that each church have a Sunday School, with all officers and teachers being Christians and members of said church. We also recommend that your School be properly graded. We suggest you contact Rev. William J. Mishler, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn., for full information concerning Sunday School work.

Rev. E. O. Connelly and Rev. Ralph Mumpower, committee.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: We, your committee, wish to commend you for your support of Sister Josephine Stevens the past year. We suggest that each church include Missions in their church budget, and urge each pastor and church to cooperate with our Mission Board.
James Coffey and Paul Deese, committee.

EDUCATION: We, your committee, feel that with educational standards as high as they are today, 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 Timothy 2:15. The person who is ignorant of God's Word is the person who is deceived. We make the following recommendations: 1st, that our children should be educated in the Word of God as much as possible while they are small, according to Proverbs 22:6. 2nd, that our young people be urged to attend colleges of our denomination. It seems we are losing them every year to other denominational colleges. 3rd, that the people of the Blue Ridge Association, especially ministers, take advantage of the educational opportunity we now have at Cragmont. 4th, that our churches be sure to keep up their associational dues in order that the young man who has been adopted by our association can be sure his tuition will be paid at the Bible College. 5th, that we continue to support our educational enterprises to the best of our ability.

Rev. Milton Hollifield and Benny Turner, committee.

SUPERANNUATION: We, your committee, feel that each church in our Association should have part in the State and National Superannuation programs of our denomination. We also feel that each church should send something each month to our Superannuation Board, for the aged men of God. We recommend that our churches send larger contributions to the Superannuation Board, so they will be able to send larger checks to our superannuated ministers and their widows. Many of these ministers and their widows are badly neglected, and a small amount from each church sent regularly will turn the tide in their favor.

Rev. John Cansler and Rev. Keneth Frisbee, committee.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: The Lord has commanded that we remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. A great many church members are breaking this commandment by using the Sabbath as a day for sport and pleasure, thereby neglecting the Sunday School and church services. We urge parents to teach their children the importance of Sabbath observance, restraining them from engaging in games of sport on that day. We also urge our pastors to stress the importance of keeping this command.

Rev. R. H. Reese and Rev. T. F. Silvers, committee.

DEEPER DEVOTION: We, your committee, feel that in the day we are living in, more emphasis should be placed on spirit-filled lives in our churches, because the more we yield to the Holy Spirit, the better He can work through us. We believe the Holy Spirit must have the right of way in our lives before God will use us. "Commit thy ways unto the Lord" — Psalms 37:5. We believe each Christian home should practice family devotions for our conversation is in Heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, Philippians 3:20.

Rev. W. L. Kell Jr. and Rev. L. D. Gray, committee.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE: We, your committee, feel that an education is essential to our young people in promoting a greater interest in our church work. It not only gives them confidence in themselves, but they are prepared for whatever they are called upon to do. Though not forgetting the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We would like to commend the Association for what they have agreed to do for one of our young men, Benny Turner, in helping him to prepare himself for the ministry, by sending him to the Bible College at Nashville, Tenn. The Bible tells us to train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. We, as parents, must set the example that we expect our young people to follow, and if we are faithful in all phases of the church work, then we can expect them to do as they have been led to do. We deem it necessary to have a Young People's League, Auxiliary, and especially good music in all our churches.

Mrs. M. B. King and Mrs. W. L. Kell, committee.

ORPHANAGE: We, your committee, recommend that the Association follow the suggestions of the former Orphanage committee. We also recom-

mend that each church contribute as much as possible to this worthy cause, and if possible that each church invite the Orphanage Concert Class to render a program in their church. We further recommend that a committee be appointed to collect produce and canned goods and see they reach the designated place to be picked up by the Orphanage truck. We suggest that each member of the Association stand by the Orphanage and its personnel with their prayer and offerings.

Rev. Ernest Strickland and Mrs. Sherlin, committee.

PASTORS' SUPPORT: We, your committee, feel that our pastors should have sufficient support from the church to allow him to give full time to the work. The Scripture says in I Cor. 9:14: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." We believe each member of the church should tithe as this is the Bible way for church support. We suggest the churches provide means for their pastors to attend all important church meetings such as State and National Conventions. We also believe we should give him our support in prayer and with our presence at church services, and in any way that we can to help lighten the burden and help him to be the ideal pastor.

Mrs. Bynum Lance and Mrs. Flora Morgan, committee.

TEMPERANCE: We, your committee, recommend that it be placed in our minutes that we abstain from all strong drinks, such as whiskey, beer, wine or any other intoxicating beverage. We also recommend that our ministers speak out more and more against this great evil from their pulpits, in our churches and our Association. If we are to be temperate in all things we most surely ought to be temperate in the way we dress, and the clothes we wear. Many of our denominations today are against unbecoming apparel, and we recommend that more of our ministers cry out against this evil. We also recommend that we go on record in the minutes of the Blue Ridge Association, that on the recommendation of the temperance committee, that we vote and preach against unbecoming apparel.

Rev. John Cansler and Rev. Ernest Strickland, committee.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: We realize that the fields are white already unto harvest, and the laborers are few, so let's work more and pray more, for there is so much that needs to be done, and so little is being done. Let me urge the women of the Blue Ridge Association to return to your churches with a greater determination to do more in your fields that are white unto harvest already. The Lord says "go," and may I say "hurry." And my prayer is that we, as the Women's Auxiliary, as Laborers Together With God, continue to reach higher levels in spiritual strength that we may declare His glory more and more from day to day.

MRS. JOHN CANSLER, President of District Auxiliary

FINANCE: Minute and expense fund -----	\$129.65
Voted to pay Clerk -----	50.00
Paper and postage -----	.65
Balance -----	79.00

SESSIONS: The next session of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists will be held at Cragmont near Black Mountain, N. C., beginning the first Thursday in August, 1956, at 10:00 a. m.

REV. WAYNE SMITH, Moderator

MRS. R. H. REESE, Clerk.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

BEAVERDAM: President, Mrs. Howard Jackson, Candler, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. A. J. Brock, Candler, N. C.; No. of members, 14; gained this year, 4; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$192.45; money paid out, \$178.46.

CANTON: President, Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Poplar St., Canton, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Pearl Green, Orange St., Canton, N. C.; No. of members, 19; gained this year, 3; meets every month; money taken in, \$413.22; money paid out, \$350.66.

CEDAR HILL: President, Mrs. W. L. Kell, Route 3, W. Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Weaver Cook, West Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 12; gained this year, 2; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$500.00; money paid out, \$385.00.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Mrs. Flora Morgan, P. O. Box 6131, West Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Lois Rogers, 118 Belmont Ave., West

Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 21; gained this year, 6; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$178.72; money paid out, \$111.50.

MARION: President, Mrs. J. E. Floyd, Baldwin Ave., Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. E. H. Brooks, Route 1, Nebo, N. C.; No. of members, 23; gained this year, 5; meets every week; money taken in, \$399.27; money paid out, \$376.48.

OLD FORT: President, Mrs. Stockton, Sevier, N. C.; secretary, Glen Dale, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of members, 12; gained this year, 2; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$100.00; money paid out, \$76.00.

ROCKY PASS: President, Mrs. Kenneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; No. of members, 18; gained this year, 3; meets every week; money taken in, \$1097.68; money paid out, \$1076.64.

SALEM: President, Mrs. Rosa Marler, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Ola Burnette, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of members, 12; meets every month; money taken in, \$75.00.

SWANNANOA: President, Mrs. Claude Foster, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. John Ogle Jr., Swannanoa, N. C.; No. of members, 28; gained this year, 6; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$486.13; money paid out, \$464.92.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: President, Mrs. Pink Hamelton, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Dee Kirkpatrick, Hazelwood, N. C.; No. of members, 9; gained this year, 2; meets every month; money taken in, \$587.92; money paid out, \$513.67.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

BEAVERDAM: President, Walter Brown, Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Miss Nanacy Smith, Route 1, Candler, N. C.; No. of members, 28; No. of groups, 3; meets every week; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; we have a Junior League; leader, Mrs. Ernest Strickland, Route 1, Candler, N. C.

CANTON: President, Eugene Miller, Gilbert St., Canton, N. C.; secretary, Mary Ellen Messer, Route 2, Canton, N. C.; No. of members, 55; No. of groups, 3; meets every Sunday; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; we have a Junior League; leader, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, Holtsclaw St., Canton, N. C.

CEDAR HILL: President, Wülma Brewer, West Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Joann Sprinkles, West Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 27; No. of groups, 2; meets every Sunday; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, E. G. Ball Jr., Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. E. G. Ball, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 27; No. of groups, 3; meets every week; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; we have a Junior League; leader, Mrs. Nancy Randall.

MARION: President, Homer Arrowood, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Helen Epley, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.; No. of members, 72; No. of groups, 7; meets every Sunday; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; we have a Junior League; leader, Margie Condrey, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.

SWANNANOA: President, Lewis Metcalf, Swannanoa, N. C.; secretary, Miss Betty Lytle, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. of members, 49; No. of groups, 4; meets every Sunday; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; we have a Junior League; leader, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Swannanoa, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

BEAVERDAM: Superintendent, Frank Sherlin, Route 3, W. Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Miss Muriel Smith, Route 1, Candler, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$437.39; amount sent to Orphanage, \$60.00.

CANTON: Superintendent, Elbert Roberts, Route 2, Clyde, N. C.; secretary, Miss Juanita Roper, Lewis St., Canton, N. C.; No. of classes, 9; No. of pupils, 200; kind if literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$300.00; amount sent to Orphanage, \$43.00.

CAROLEEN: Superintendent, James Coffey, Caroleen, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Coleen Phillips, Caroleen, N. C.; No. of classes, 6; No. of pupils, 189; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; amount sent to Orphanage,

\$45.00.

CEDAR HILL: Superintendent, Weaver Cook, Route 4, Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Weaver Cook, Route 4, Asheville, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 130; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$300.11; amount sent to Orphanage, \$182.42.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Superintendent, Wayne Crow, 10 Dale St., West Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Paul Sullin, 32 Mace Ave., West Asheville, N. C.; No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 104; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$451.22; amount sent to Orphanage, \$50.00.

MARION: Superintendent, Donald Rumpfelt, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.; secretary, Bruce Stone, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 10; No. of pupils, 216; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$195.04; amount sent to Orphanage, \$105.00.

MT. CALVARY: Superintendent, R. D. Smathers, Route 2, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Wilma Styles, Route 2, Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 35; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$21.31; amount sent to Orphanage, \$17.50.

OLD FORT: Superintendent, Fleming Burleson, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Irene Chrisawn, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of classes, 6; No. of pupils, 75; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$34.00.

ROCKY PASS: Superintendent, Tom Plemmons, Route 1, Nebo, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 110; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$230.00.

SALEM: Superintendent, Walter Jenkins, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. J. O. Noblitt, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 20; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$27.16; amount sent to Orphanage, \$13.50.

SWANNANOA: Superintendent, Cecil Redmond, Swannanoa, N. C.; secretary, Miss Doris McMahan, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. of classes, 11; No. of pupils, 296; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$910.33; amount sent to Orphanage, \$248.10.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Superintendent, William Mehaffey, Hazelwood, N. C.; secretary, Mary Massie, Waynesville, N. C.; No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 60; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$267.99.

CHURCH REPORTS

BEAVERDAM: No. of members received, 11; by experience and baptism, 10; by letter, 1; No. of members lost, 1; by letter, 1; total increase, 10; present membership, 70; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Ernest Ingle and Rev. Ernest Strickland; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are Harry Taylor; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; revivals, 2; held by Rev. Carl Shook and Rev. John Floyd; pastor, Rev. Ernest Strickland, Candler, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. A. J. Brock, Candler, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$1546.64; revivals, \$210.00; property improvements, \$722.56; local charity, \$18.45; other purposes, \$194.07; Superannuation, \$5.00; Minute fund, \$10.00; Foreign Missions, \$78.05; value of church property, \$7200.00.

CANTON: No. of members received, 23; by experience and baptism, 19; by letter and statement, 4; No. of members lost, 2; by letter, 2; total increase, 21; last year's membership, 233; present membership, 254; 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. Raymond Riggs, Nashville, Tenn., and Rev. Jack Ramey, Wyandotte, Mich.; pastor, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C.; clerk, Jerry Messer, Valley St., Canton, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$4420.00; revivals, \$275.00; property improvements, \$200.00; State Convention fee, \$3.00; local charity, \$210.86; other purposes, \$457.66; Minute fund, \$20.00; Superannuation, \$10.00; Foreign Missions, \$664.47; Orphanage, \$273.42; Christian Education, \$160.00; Cragmont, \$30.00; value of church property, \$7850.00; value of parsonage, \$8000.00; value of all other church property, \$2200.00.

CAROLEEN: No. of members received, 9; by experience and baptism, 3; by letter and statement, 6; No. of members lost, 6; by letter, 5; total increase, 3; last year's membership, 142; present membership, 145; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. E. O. Connelly; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Carl Shook and Rev. Kenneth Frisbee; pastor, Rev. E. O. Connelly, Route 1, Forest City, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Alton Connor, Box 244, Caroleen, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$3315.00; revivals, \$120.00; property improvements, \$899.66; State Convention fee, \$5.00; local charity, \$202.75; other purposes, \$1079.93; Min-

ate fund, \$15.00; Foreign Missions, \$120.00; Orphanage, \$45.00; Christian Education, \$20.00; Church Finance Association, Inc., \$15.00; value of church property \$50,000.00; value of parsonage, \$6000.00.

CEDAR HILL: No. of members received, 15; by experience and baptism, 3; by letter and statement, 13; No. of members lost, 4; by letter, 4; total increase, 11; last year's membership, 146; present membership, 157; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. W. L. Kell Jr.; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are James Vaughn and Benny Turner; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. John Floyd and Rev. Kenneth Frisbee; pastor, Rev. W. L. Kell, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. John Austen, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$2669.47; revivals, \$239.90; property improvements, \$669.65; local charity, \$56.32; other purposes, \$300.11; Minute fund, \$10.00; Superannuation, \$10.00; Foreign Missions, \$66.67; Orphanage, \$182.42; Christian Education, \$15.00; Cragmont, \$7.60; value of church property, \$6000.00; value of parsonage, \$3000.00.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: No. of members received, 13; by experience and baptism, 1; by letter and statement, 12; No. of members lost, 3; by letter, 3; total increase, 10; last year's membership, 120; present membership, 130; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. L. D. Gray and Rev. Floyd Carver; Sundays we have preaching, twice each Sunday; No. of revivals, 3; held by Rev. John Cansler, Rev. Floyd Carver and Rev. L. D. Gray; pastor, Rev. L. D. Gray, 33 Eola Ave., West Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Edward Randall, Route 3, Box 417, West Asheville, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$2260.00; revivals, \$147.57; property improvements, \$1000.00; State Convention fee, \$20.00; local charity, \$51.70; other purposes, \$314.33; Minute fund, \$15.00; Foreign Missions, \$120.25; Orphanage, \$50.00; Christian Education, \$100.00; value of church property, \$31,000.00. value of all other church property, \$800.00.

MARION: No. of members received, 33; by experience and baptism, 19; By letter and statement, 9; by restoration, 5; No. of members lost, 4; by letter, 4; total increase, 29; last year's membership, 330; present membership, 359; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Milton Duncan, Rev. Harold O'Dear and Rev. Leroy Grant; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Fred Freeman; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday morning and evening; No. of Revivals, 2; held by Rev. M. Thompson, Dr. Horn and Rev. John Cansler; pastor, Rev. John Floyd, Baldwin Ave., Box 999, Marion, N. C.; clerk, Troy Ledford, Morgan Terrace, Marion, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$4870.00; revivals, \$939.44; property improvements, \$2400.00; State Convention fee, \$5.00; local charity, \$145.43; other purposes, \$5402.51; Minute fund, \$5.00; Foreign Missions, \$1939.00; Orphanage, \$105.00; Christian Education, \$663.00; value of church property, \$55,000.00; value of parsonage, \$10,000.00; value of all other property, \$65,000.00.

MT. CALVARY: No. of members received, 3; by letter and statement, 3; No. of members lost, 3; by letter, 3; present membership, 25; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. J. C. Stockton and Rev. J. D. McCormick; pastor, Rev. J. D. McCormick, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Wilma Styles, Route 2, Box 239, Marion, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$370.00; revivals, \$133.66; property improvements, \$52.63; local charity, \$49.00; Minute fund, \$2.00; Foreign Missions, \$111.28; Orphanage, \$17.50; value of church property, \$1850.00; value of all other church property, \$500.00.

OLD FORT: No. of members received, 7; by experience and baptism, 7; total increase, 7; last year's membership, 168; present membership, 175; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Charlie Wheeler, Rev. Carl Roland and Rev. William Manley; Sundays we have preaching, first, second and third; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Mr. Sparks and Rev. Mr. Stockton; pastor, Rev. Mr. Stockton, Sevier, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Irene Chrisawn Old Fort, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$1200.00; revivals, \$142.00; property improvements, \$50.00; local charity, \$60.00; Minute fund, \$3.00; Foreign Missions, \$70.00; Orphanage, \$55.00; value of church property, \$11,000.

ROCKY PASS: No. of members received, 30; by experience and baptism, 18; by letter and statement, 12; total increase, 30; last year's membership, 71; present membership, 101; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Frank Thompson; pastor, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion,

N. C.; pastor's salary, \$1615.86; revivals, \$200.00; property improvements, \$864.62; local charity, \$169.20; other purposes, \$1365.78; Minute fund, \$5.00; Foreign Missions, \$240.00; Orphanage, \$115.27; value of church property, \$28,000.00.

SALEM: No. of members lost, 2; by death, 2; last year's membership, 29 present membership, 27; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Thomas Silvers; Sundays we have preaching, 2nd, 4th; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Verno Davis and Rev. Grady Fender; pastor, Rev. Coy Davis, Route 1, Box 194, Old Fort, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. J. O. Noblitt, Route 1, Box 17, Old Fort, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$99.25; revivals, \$17.25; State Convention fee, \$1.00; local charity, \$10.00; other purposes, \$30.00; Minute fund, \$2.00; Superannuation, \$1.00; Foreign Missions, \$10.00; Orphanage, \$13.50; Christian Education, \$1.00; Cragmont, \$1.00; value of church property, \$3,200.00.

SWANNANOA: No. of members received, 45; by experience and baptism, 30; by letter and statement, 15; No. of members lost, 5; by letter, 4; by death, 1; total increase, 40; last year's membership, 321; present membership, 361; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Moretz, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Ralph Mumpower and Rev. Jack Hutchins; Sundays we have preaching, twice each Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Henry Bailey, Chuckey, Tenn.; pastor, Rev. John Cansler, Swannanoa, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Claude Foster, Black Mountain, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$3895.00; revivals, \$150.00; church property improvements, \$2653.00; State Convention fee, \$5.00; local charity, \$37.15; other purposes, \$4609.10; Minute fund, \$20.00; Superannuation, \$157.40; Home Missions, \$103.78; Foreign Missions, \$269.70; Orphanage, \$189.26; Christian Education, \$494.20; Church Finance Association, Inc., \$15.16; Cragmont, \$60.00; value of church property, \$35,000.00; value of parsonage, \$10,000.00; value of all other church property, \$2675.00.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: No. of members received, 3; by letter and statement, 3; No. of members lost, 9; by expulsion and erasure, 8; by death, 1; total decrease, 6; last year's membership, 35; present membership, 29; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Queen; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 3; held by Rev. Frank Thompson, Rev. Martin Coble, Rev. Ted Laney and Rev. Wilburn Massey; pastor, Rev. W. L. Queen, Hazelwood, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. W. L. Queen, Hazelwood, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$237.80; revivals, \$181.98; church property improvements, \$1471.52; local charity, \$50.00; other purposes, \$86.00; Minute Fund, \$3.00; Superannuation, \$5.00; value of church property, \$8,000.00.

Total churches reporting-----	12
Total membership-----	1846
Total amount raised by all churches-----	\$62,000.84

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Blue Ridge Ministers Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists met at Cragmont Saturday, August 20, 1955 at 10:00 a. m. Opening song, "There Will Be Showers of Blessings." Devotions by Rev. Kenneth Frisbee. Scripture reading, St. John 10:14.

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. L. D. Gray ----- 33 Eola Ave., West Asheville, N. C.
 Asst. Moderator, Rev. W. L. Kell ----- Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.
 Secy.-Treas., 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. E. O. Connelly ----- Rev. Kenneth Frisbee

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Rev. John Cansler ----- Rev. Milton Hollifield ----- Rev. Ernest Strickland

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Rev. John Cansler, Swannanoa, N. C.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. E. O. Connelly ----- Rev. Milton Hollifield ----- Rev. Ernest Strickland

LICENSED AT THIS CONFERENCE

Harry Taylor and Benny Turner. J. D. McCormick came under the watchcare of the conference until the next meeting. Jimmy Vaughn and Herman Pace were licensed at a previous conference at the Cedar Hill Church, January 29, 1955. W. L. Kell was ordained at the ministers con-

ference held at the Rocky Pass Church, Saturday, October 30, 1954.

Voted that the investigating committee contact all ministers who fail to report either in person or by letter at the annual conference.

The next session of the Ministers Conference will be held at Cragmont on Saturday, October 29, 1955, at 10:00 a. m.

The next annual session of the Ministers Conference will be held at Cragmont following the Association on the first Saturday in August, 1956, at 10:00 a. m.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Revs. Milton Hollifield, John Floyd, E. O. Connelly, Ralph Mumpower, Carl Roland, R. H. Reese, Thomas Silvers, Keneth Frisbee, W. L. Queen, W. L. Kell, John Cansler, L. D. Gray, Ernest Strickland, Milton Duncan, Leroy Grant and Harold O'Dear.

Ordained ministers who joined the ministers conference this year. Rev. John Cansler, Rev. L. D. Gray and Rev. Ernest Strickland. Rev. Wayne Smith was granted a letter of recommendation from the ministers conference.

LICENTIATES

Fred Freeman, Jimmie Vaughn, Herman Pace, Benny Turner and Harry Taylor.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. E. O. CONNELLY: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of members received, 9; No. baptized, 3; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals, 3; Received for pastoral services, \$3315.00; Do you tithe? yes; Route 1, Forest City, N. C.

REV. JOHN CANSLER: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 59; No. of sermons preached, 135; No. of members received, 46; No. baptized, 29; No. of marriages, 3; No. of funerals, 5; received for pastoral services, \$3395.00; received for revival services, \$306.00; received for all other services, \$25.00; total, \$3726.00; given personally to the cause, \$558.90; do you tithe? Yes; Box 22, Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. JOHN E. FLOYD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals, 4; No. of conversions, 207; No. of sermons preached, 204; No. of members received, 35; No. baptized, 19; No. of marriages, 7; No. of funerals, 7; received for pastoral services, \$4870.00; received for revival services, \$595.00; received for all other services, \$756.00; total, \$6221.00; given personally to the cause, \$985.00; do you tithe? Yes; Baldwin Ave., Marion, N. C.

REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. of conversions, 109; No. of sermons preached, 188; No. of members received, 23; No. baptized, 19; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals, 6; received for pastoral services, \$4420.00; received for revival services, \$825.00; total, \$5245.00; given personally to the cause, \$540.00; do you tithe? Yes; Box 1045, Canton, N. C.

REV. KENETH FRISBEE: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 60; No. of sermons preached, 130; No. of members received, 30; No. baptized, 20; No. of marriages, 3; No. of funerals, 5; Received for pastoral services, \$1615.86; received for revival services, \$210.00; total, \$1825.86; given personally to the cause, \$400.00; do you tithe? Yes; Route 1, Marion, N. C.

REV. L. D. GRAY: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 23; No. of sermons preached, 135; No. of members received, 13; No. of funerals, 5; received for pastoral services, \$2500.00; received for revival services, \$90.00; total, \$2590.00; given personally to the cause, \$286.00; do you tithe? Yes; 33 Eola Ave., West Asheville, N. C.

REV. W. L. KELL: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 25; No. of sermons preached, 154; No. of members received, 15; No. baptized, 10; No. of funerals, 4; received for pastoral service, \$2669.47; received for revival services, \$25.00; received for all other services, \$75.00; total, \$2769.47; given personally to the cause,

\$335.00; do you tithe? Yes; Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.

REV. CARL ROLAND: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 156; No. of sermons preached, 136; No. of members received, 7; No. baptized, 17; No. of marriages, 3; No. of funerals, 7; received for pastoral services, \$750.00; received for revival services, \$90.00; received for all other services, \$25.00; total \$865.00; given personally to the cause, \$288.00; do you tithe? Yes; Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.

REV. ERNEST STRICKLAND: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 40; No. of sermons preached, 132; No. of members received, 11; No. baptized, 10; No. of funerals, 3; received for pastoral service, \$1546.64; received for revival services, \$150.00; total, \$1696.64; given personally to the cause, \$220.00; do you tithe? Yes; Route 1, Candler, N. C.

REV. THOMAS F. SILVERS: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 19; No. of sermons preached, 100; No. of funerals, 1; received for pastoral services, \$651.63; received for revival services, \$122.78; total, \$774.78; do you tithe? Yes; Box 127, Old Fort, N. C.

REV. W. L. QUEEN: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, helped in, 3; No. of conversions, 16; No. of sermons preached, 48; No. of members received, 3; No. of funerals, 5; received for pastoral services, \$237.80; received for all other services, \$25.00; total, \$262.80; given personally to the cause, \$295.00; do you tithe? Yes; Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C.

REV. M. B. DUNCAN: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 34; No. of sermons preached, 65; No. of funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, \$4.20; received for revival services, \$80.00; received for all other services, \$26.51; total, \$146.71; given personally to the cause, \$110.30; do you tithe? Yes; Route 1, Box 1901, Marion, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. JAMES E. VAUGHN: No. of sermons preached, 20; No. of conversions, 2; total received for all services, \$23.00; given personally to the cause, \$200.00; do you tithe? Yes; 71 Glendale Ave., Biltmore, N. C..

REV. HERMAN PACE: No. of revivals conducted, helped in, 1; No. of sermons preached, 34; No. of conversions, 25; received for revival services, \$11.19; received for all other services, \$27.09; total, \$38.28; 10 Lewis St., Canton, 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 a 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 legally called meetings.

4. The moderator may call a special meeting of the conference at any time upon the 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 Provisionally 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 ad-

mitted 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 satisfactorily 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 up 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 an 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 Organization.

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 Hastings' Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 17

This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the First 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 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 Scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up 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 to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."—I. Cor. 11:28-29.

12. **FEET WASHING:** We believe that washing the saint's 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 of 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 members 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 \$-----; General 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 \$-----

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

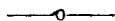
Superintendent-----; Address-----
 Secretary-----; Address-----
 No. of classes-----; No. of pupils-----; Kind of Literature
 used-----; Expenses \$-----;
 Amount sent to Orphanage \$-----

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-----



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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