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1956 Minutes
of the
Blue Ridge Association
of the
Original Free Will
Baptists of North Carolina
**Held at Cragmont,
Black Mountain, N. C.
August 2, 3, 4, 1956**

NEXT SESSION

**Of The Blue Ridge Association of The Original Free
Will Baptists will be held at Cragmont, beginning on
Thursday before the First Sunday in August, 1957.
at 10:00 a. m.**

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Moderator..... Box 1045, Canton, N. C.
Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Asst. Moderator..... Route 1, Marion, N. C.
Mrs. R. H. Reese, Clerk27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Commencing on Thursday, August 2, 1956, at 10 a.m. Opening Assembly. Congregational singing led by James C. Coffey. Welcome to Cragmont by Rev. J. E. Wooten. Response to welcome, Rev. L. D. Grey. Devotions by Rev. Kenneth Frisbee. Introductory of Business session. Names of churches called and delegates seated. Visiting ministers welcomed.

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Milton Hollifield.....Box 1045, Canton, N. C.
 Assistant Moderator, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee.....Route 1, Marion, 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.....Asheville, N. C.
 Rev. Kenneth Frisbee.....Route 1, Marion, N. C.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Milton Hollifield Rev. Jimmie Vaughn Mrs. R. H. Reese

LOCAL MISSION BOARD

Revs. L. D. Grey, ~~Milton Hollifield~~, Kenneth Frisbee, ~~Ernest Strickland~~,
 and Bro. Cline Messer.

VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED

Revs. Bayles McDonald, Nashville, Tenn.; K. V. Shutes, Nashville, Tenn.; James Lupton, New Bern, N. C.; H. E. Willis, Greensboro, N. C.; R. H. Jackson, Middlesex, N. C.; George Reynolds and J. A. Collins, French Broad Association; Dan Walker.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BEAVERDAM: Mr. and Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Ruth Jackson, Mrs. Frank Sherlin.
 CANTON: Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Roberts, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, Mrs. Edith Stamey, Mrs. Lassie Wells, Mrs. W. B. Norris.
 CAROLEEN: Mr. Alton Connor, Mr. Paul Deese, Mr. James Coffey, Mr. W. C. Laws.
 CEDAR HILL: Mrs. Walter Spivey, Mrs. Maude King, Mrs. P. W. Wilson.
 HORNEY HEIGHTS: Mrs. Bynum Lance, Mrs. Wayne Crowe, Mrs. Ed Coleman, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Mr. Joe Randall.
 MARION: Mr. Dan Walker, Mr. Lewis Martin, Mr. Herman Elliott, Mrs. Doss Buchanan, Mrs. J. E. Floyd.
 MT. CALVARY: Mrs. Bessie McCoyle, Mrs. Nola Manis, Mrs. Mattie Smathers.
 OLD FORT: Irene Chrisawn, Lois Silvers, Hazel Allison, Viola Hinson, Marie Parker.
 ROCKY PASS: Mrs. Kenneth Frisbee, Mrs. Gene Holland.
 SALEM: Mrs. Rosa Marler, Mrs. Dullie Davis, Mrs. Annie Jenkins.
 SWANNANOA: Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Mrs. Cline Messer, Mr. Allen Messer, Mrs. T. A. Pitman, Mrs. Cline Messer.
 SULPHUR SPRINGS: Mrs. Carl Miller, Mrs. Hattie Faulkner, Judy Faulkner, Irene Hicks.
 GLEN ALPINE: Represented by Pastor, Rev. Leroy Grant.

11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Song service by the congregation. Introductory Message by Rev. Curtis Beculhimer, Elizabethton, Tenn. Scripture, Romans 10:13-15.

1:30 P. M. SERVICE

Opening song: "To the Work" Devotions by Rev. Billy Turner. Appointment of committees by the moderator. Visiting Speakers, Rev. E. B. McDonald, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. K. V. Shutes, Sec. for National Board of Superannuation, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. H. E. Willis, Representing F.W.B. Press and State Missions, Greensboro, N. C., Rev. R. H. Jackson, F.W.B. Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., Offering for the Orphanage, \$26.28. Report of Womans' Auxiliary by Mrs. Flora Morgan.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bros. Elbert Roberts and Walter Jenkins.
HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: J. C. Coffey and Paul Deese.
EDUCATION: Rev. Kenneth Frisbee and Bro. Allan Messer.
SUPERANNUATION: Revs. John Floyd and Ernest Strickland.
LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Rev. R. H. Reese, and Rev. T. F. Silvers.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Rev. W. L. Kell and Rev. L. D. Gray.
MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: Standing Report.
ORPHANAGE: Rev. Leroy Grant and Mrs. Lucille Holly.
PASTORS' SUPPORT: Mrs. Bynum Lance and Mrs. Flora Morgan.
TEMPERANCE: Rev. Ernest Strickland, and Mrs. Edith Stamey.
OBITUARIES: Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, and Mrs. Spivey.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Mrs. W. L. Kell and Rev. Benny Turner.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: Mrs. Flora Morgan and Mrs. King.
PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Jimmie Vaughn, and Mrs. R. H. Reese.
LOCAL MISSION BOARD: Revs. L. D. Gray, Milton Hollifield, Kenneth Frisbee, Ernest Strickland, and Bro. Cline Messer.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song service by the congregation. Devotions conducted by Rev. Ernest Strickland. Message by Rev. Osborne, visiting minister.

FRIDAY 10:00 A. M.

The Assembly opened with congregational singing. Devotions conducted by Rev. R. H. Reese. Scripture reading II Peter 4:10. Report and comments on Young People's work by Bro. Allen Messer. The Association voted to pay Bro. Benny Turner's tuition for another year at the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

FRIDAY 11:00 A. M.

Singing by the congregation. Prayer by Bro. Osborne. Message by Rev. W. L. Kell, "Faith of Free Will Baptist." Scripture: II Timothy 3:16.

FRIDAY 1:30 P. M.

Singing by the congregation. Devotions conducted by Rev. Fred Silvers. Business session. Committee reports read and approved. Voted to omit calling names of churches in arrears with their pledges to the Mrs. Stevens Foreign Mission Fund.

A motion was made to have the next session of the Association held with one of the Churches. Motion was defeated.

Voted to take offering for visiting Minister who preaches the introductory sermon.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Rev. and Mrs. Wooten for kindness shown us during this Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance last year	\$ 101.00
Received this year	557.69
Total	\$ 658.69
Paid out	426.25
Balance in Treasury	\$ 232.44

REPORT OF THE MRS. STEVENS FOREIGN MISSION FUND

By Churches: Mt. Calvary, \$120.00; Rocky Pass, \$120.00; Swananoa, \$120.00; Marion, \$30.00; Canton, \$180.00; Total, \$570.00. 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.

Move to adjourn until Thursday before the first Sunday in August 1957 to meet at Cragmont. Dismissed by Rev. E. O. Connelly.

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. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. We believe all parents should bring their children up in Sunday School.

ELBERT ROBERTS AND WALTER JENKINS, Committee.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: We, your committee, see a greater need of support of our mission work. We cannot all go but we can all help to send those that are called by God into the field. We feel that the response would be greater if our pastors would stress the need for Mission work. "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Romans 10:14-15.

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. Last year's report adopted.

REV. KENNETH FRISBEE AND BRO. ALLEN MESSER, Com.

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. Last year's report adopted.

REVS. JOHN FLOYD AND ERNEST STRICKLAND, 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. 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 are proud to have three young men out of our churches to attend the Bible College in preparation for God's work. 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. W. L. KELL AND REV. BENNY TURNER, Committee

ORPHANAGE: We, your committee, recommend that the Association follow the suggestions of the former Orphanage Committee. We also recommend that each church in this Association adopt a child from the orphanage to clothe, and that the child be allowed to visit the church once a year.

We recommend 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. LEROY GRANT AND MRS. LUCILLE HOLLY, Committee

PASTOR'S 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, Comm.

TEMPERANCE: We, your committee, recommend that we as Free Will Baptist take a greater stand on Temperance, that our preachers speak out against the evil of intoxicating beverages. We also recommend that parents instruct their children as to the evils of strong drink, immodest dress. We feel the reason for so much juvenile delinquency today is because parents have failed to teach their children in the ways of the Lord. We feel that if all our people will be temperate in all things, dress in modest apparel and abstain from intoxicating beverages or anything that would bring reproach to the cause of Christ, we would have better churches, better communities to live in, and will have accomplished something for the Glory of God.

REV. ERNEST STRICKLAND AND MRS. EDITH STAMEY,

Committee

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: We, your committee, urge that all our women work zealously with three objectives in mind. First, to be mission minded, for in failing to do so we defeat the purpose for which Christ died. Second, to support our pastors in every work they attempt for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. Third, to support every enterprise of our denomination to the best of our ability and all work that we may be a spiritual as well as a financial blessing to our Association, our Denomination, and the cause of Christ.

MRS. FLORA MORGAN AND MRS. KING, Committee

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 on Thursday before the first Sunday in August, 1957, at 10:00 a.m.

REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD, Moderator

MRS. R. H. REESE, Secretary

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

BEAVERDAM: President, Mrs. Eugene Quinn, Candler, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Brock, Candler, N. C.; No. of members, 9; Gained this year, 1; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, \$176.11; Money paid out, \$258.93.

CANTON: President, Mrs. W. B. Norris, Holtsclaw St., Canton, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Pearl Green, 26 Orange St., Canton, N. C. No. of members, 22; Gained this year, 3; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, \$1520.97; Money paid out, \$142.59.

CEDAR HILL: President, Mrs. P. W. Wilson, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Curtis Ellege, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 14; Gained this year, 2; Meets every two weeks. Money taken in, \$578.56; Money paid out, \$552.21.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Mrs. L. D. Gray; Secretary, Mrs. Ed Coleman, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 18; Gained, this year, 3; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, \$230.16; Money paid out, \$166.78.

MARION: President, Mrs. J. E. Floyd, Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Brooks, Route 1, Nebo, N. C. No. of members, 30; Gained this year, 5; Meets every week; Money taken in, \$287.91; Money paid out, \$233.45.

OLD FORT: President, Mrs. R. C. Stockton, Route 3, Box 2148, Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Una Burleson, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C. No. of members, 17; Gained this year, 4; Meets every 2 weeks; Money taken in, \$1,000; Money paid out, \$868.84.

ROCKY PASS: President, Mrs. Kenneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion, N.C. No. of members, 10; Meets every 2 weeks; Money taken in, \$1630.71; Money paid out, \$1543.34.

SALEM: President, Mrs. Edna Jenkins, Old Fort, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Ola Burnette, Old Fort, N. C. No. of members, 17; Gained this year, 2; Meets every month; Money taken in, \$465.96; Money paid out, \$465.13.

SWANNANOA: President, Mrs. Lewis Metcalf, Swannanoa, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Perry Buckner, Swannanoa, N. C. No. of members, 24; Gained this year, 2; Meets every 2 weeks; Money taken in, \$474.00; Money paid out, \$467.42.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: President, Mrs. Pink Hampton, Waynesville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Paul Massie, Waynesville, N. C. No. of members, 7; Meets every month; Money taken in, \$477.00; Money paid out, \$411.70.

GLEN ALPINE: President, Mrs. Leroy Grant, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Hellen Fox, Route 2, Box 287, Morganton, N. C. No. of members, 14; Gained this year, 6; Meets every 2 weeks; Money taken in, \$131.45; Money paid out, \$68.33.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

CANTON: President, Eugene Miller, Gilbert St., Canton, N. C.; Secretary, Carmie Tabor, Route 2, Canton, N. C. Number of members, 65; No. of groups, 3; Meets every week; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, F.W.B. and Bible; We have a junior league; Leader, Mrs. Roy Duckett, Holtsclaw St., Canton, N. C.

CEDAR HILL: President, Roy Wilson, Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Betty Wilson, Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 57; No. groups, 2; meets every week; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, F.W.B. We have a junior league; Leader, Ernest Burleson, Asheville, N. C.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Mrs. Hugh Boulden, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Wayne Crowe, 10 Dale St. West Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 45; No. of groups, 3; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. We have a junior league; Leader, Mr. Edward Randall, Route 3, Box 417, West Asheville, N. C.

MARION: President, Roger Floyd, Box 999, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Elvanda Finley, Route 1, Nebo, N. C. No. of members, 51; No. of groups, 3; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. We have a junior league; Leader, Christine Martin, Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.

ROCKY PASS: President, Bruce Dean Frisbee, Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Miss Louise Lavender, Route 3, Marion, N. C. No. of members, 42; No. of groups, 3; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.

SWANNANOA: President, Paul Gragg, Swannanoa, N. C. Secretary, Miss Geneva Brotherton, Swannanoa, N. C. No. of members, 49; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Leader, Mrs. Von Maney, Swannanoa, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

BEAVERDAM: Superintendent, Frank Shuler, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Miss Muriel Smith, Candler, N. C. No. of classes, 5; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$817.25; Amount sent to Orphanage, \$60.00.

CANTON: Superintendent, Elbert Roberts, Route 2, Clyde, N. C. Secretary, Miss Anita Keener, North Main St., Canton, N. C.; No. of classes, 9; No. of pupils, 200; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$300.00; Amount sent to Orphanage, \$55.00.

CAROLEEN: Superintendent, Alton Connor, Caroleen, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Colon Phipps, Caroleen, N. C. No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 147; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Amount sent to Orphanage, \$25.00.

CEDAR HILL: Superintendent, Weaver, Route 4, Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Weaver Cook, Route 4, Asheville, N. C. No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 135; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$414.46; Amount sent to Orphanage, \$148.20.

GLEN ALPINE: Superintendent, Eugene Powell, Route 2, Box 286, Morganton, N. C.; Secretary, Betty Mills, Route 2, Box 287, Morganton, N. C.; No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 31; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$104.87; Amount sent to Orphanage, \$34.87.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Superintendent, Mr. Paul Sullins, 32 Mace Ave. West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Route 2, Candler, N. C. No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 180; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$678.94; Amount sent to Orphanage, \$20.00.

MARION: Superintendent, V. E. Condrey, Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Jackey Finley, Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 10; No. of pupils 175; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, \$179.80; Amount sent to Orphanage, \$87.30.

MT. CALVARY: Superintendent, R. D. Smathers, Route 2, Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Wilma Styles, Route 2, Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 3; No. of pupils, 53; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$26.26; Amount sent to Orphanage, \$22.95.

BLUE RIDGE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OLD FORT: Superintendent, Hermon Chrisawn, Old Fort, N. C.; Secretary, Flem Burleson, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 80; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$40.00.

ROCKY PASS: Superintendent, Lewis Holland, East Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Donald Holland, East Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 140; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$660.00; Amount sent to Orphanage, \$150.00.

SALEM: Superintendent, Mr. James Davis, Old Fort, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Annie Jenkins, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 45; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$144.07; Amount sent to Orphanage, \$12.00.

SWANNANOA: Superintendent, Ray Nichols, Swannanoa, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Doris Hampton, Route 1, Black Mtn., N. C.; No. of classes, 11; No. of pupils, 296; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$1200.45; Amount sent to Orphanage, \$150.00.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Superintendent, William Mehaffey, Hazelwood, N. C.; Secretary, May Massie, Waynesville, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 50; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, \$145.00.

Total Sunday Schools	13
Average attendance	1532
Expenses	\$4711.10
Amount sent to Orphanage	\$ 665.32
Total Woman's Auxiliaries	11
Membership	180
Amount taken in	\$6973.03

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CHURCH REPORTS

BEAVERDAM: No. of members received, 8; By experience and baptism, 7; By letter and statement, 1; No. of members lost, 2; By letter, 2; Total increase, 6; Last years membership, 70; Present membership, 76; 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; No. of revivals, 2, held by Rev. Carl Shook and Rev. Nathan Holt; Pastor, Rev. Ernest Strickland, Route 1, Box 533, Candler, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. A. J. Brock, Candler, N. C.; Pastors salary, \$2000.00; Revivals, \$200.00; Property improvements, \$969.96; Local charity, \$138.54; Other purposes, \$229.93; Superannuation, \$5.00; Foreign missions, \$55.00; Orphanage, \$60.00; Associational fund, \$28.80; Value of church property, \$7200.00; Value of all other church property, \$1000.00.

CANTON: No. of members received, 35; By experience and baptism, 26; By letter and statement, 9; No. of members lost, 15; By expulsion and erasure, 13; By death, 2; Total increase, 20; Last years membership, 254; Present membership, 274; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Milton Hollifield and Rev. Richard Ward; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 3; held by, Rev. Harold Pitts, Winfield, Ala., Rev. Frank Thompson, Johnson City, Tenn., and Rev. Curtis Beculhimer, Elizabethton, Tenn. Pastor, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C. Clerk, Jerry Messer, Valley St., Canton, N. C.; Pastors salary, \$4420.00; Revivals, \$506.00; Property improvements, \$178.80; State Convention fee, \$2.00; Local Charity, \$42.14;

Associational fund, \$569.25; Building fund, \$7,392.15; Superannuation, \$25.00; Foreign Missions, \$542.00; Orphanage, \$267.00; Christian Education, \$85.00; Cragmont, \$25.00; Home Missions, \$25.00; Value of Church Property, \$7,000.00; Value of Parsonage, \$8,000.00; Value of all other Church property, \$2,200.00.

CAROLEEN: No. of members received, 23; By experience and baptism, 14; By letter and statement, 9; By restoration, 1; No. of members lost, 5; By letter, 3; By death, 2; Total increase, 15; Last year's membership, 136; Present membership, 154; Sundays we have preaching, each Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; Held by: Rev. Griffin, and Rev. Lunsford. Pastor, Rev. E. O. Connelly; Clerk, Mrs. Alton Conner; Address, Caroleen, N. C., Box 244; Pastor's salary, \$2,990.00; Revivals, \$90.00; Property improvements, \$268.74; State Convention fee, \$10.00; Other purposes, \$1366.05; Superannuation, \$15.64; Foreign Missions, \$15.00; Orphanage, \$40.00; Church Finance Association, Inc., \$49.75; Value of Church Property, \$50,000.00; Value of Parsonage, \$6,000.00.

CEDAR HILL: No. of members received, 15; By experience and baptism, 10; By letter and statement, 3; By restoration, 2; No. of members lost, 2; By letter, 1; By death, 1; Total increase, 13; Last years membership, 146; Present membership, 159; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Kell, Jr.; Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Benny Turner; preaching each Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; Held by Rev. John Floyd and Rev. Frank Thompson. Pastor, Rev. W. L. Kell, Jr.; Address, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. John Austin, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; Clerk for next year, Mrs. M. B. King; Address, Deaverview Road, West Asheville; Pastor's Salary, \$2715.62; Revivals, \$250.00; Property improvements, \$665.47; Other purposes, \$230.36; General fund, \$100.00; Foreign Missions, \$77.20; Orphanage, \$148.20; Christian Education, \$223.22; Association, \$44.61; Value of Church Property, \$6500.00; Value of Parsonage, \$4500.00.

GLEN ALPINE: No. of members received, 5; by letter and statement, 5; No. of members lost, 2; by expulsion and erasure, 2; Total increase, 3; last year's membership, 33; present membership, 36; Sundays we have preaching, 2 services each Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Revs. J. E. Floyd and Kenneth Frisby; Pastor, Rev. Leroy Grant; address, Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.; Clerk, Essie Epley, address, Box 562, Glen Alpine, N. C.; Pastor's salary, \$408.50; Revivals, \$113.00; property improvements, \$400.00; other purposes, \$32.96; value of church property, \$4400.00.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: No. of members received, 15; by experience and baptism, 5; by letter and statement, 10; No. of members lost, 5; by letter, 5; total increase, 10; last years membership, 130; present membership, 140; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. L. D. Gray; Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Ed Coleman, and Rev. Vernon Piercy; Sundays we have preaching, twice each Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. E. R. Tyner, Stanley, N. C., and Rev. Nathan Holt, Gastonia, N. C.; Pastor, Rev. L. D. Gray; Address, c/o Horney Heights Church; Clerk, Mrs. Edward Randall, Rt. 3, Box 417, West Asheville, N. C. Pastor's salary, \$3339.00; Revivals, \$185.10; Property improvements, \$276.32; State Convention fee, \$10.00; Local Charity, \$103.34; Other purposes, \$295.57; General fund, \$412.32; Superannuation, \$12.00; Foreign Missions, \$22.00; Orphanage, \$42.00; Christian Education, \$231.80; Church Finance Association, Inc., \$14.00; Cragmont, \$47.50; value of church property, \$31,000.00; building fund, \$1141.02.

MARION: No. of members received, 11; by experience and baptism, 6; by letter and statement, 5; No. of members lost, 5; by letter, 4; by death, 1; total increase, 6; last years membership, 206; present membership, 212; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Harold O'dear and Rev. Fred Freeman; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; Radio program Sunday 8:00 a.m.; No. of revivals, 2; held by, Rev. John Cansler and Rev. Milton Hollifield; Pastor, Rev. J. E. Floyd, P.O. Box 999, Marion, N. C. Clerk, Troy Ledford, Morgan Terrace, Marion, N. C. Pastor's salary, \$4680.00; Revivals, \$220.00; Church property improvements, \$780.00; State Convention fee, \$5.00; local charity, \$268.41; Other purposes, \$7577.23; General fund, \$22.10; Foreign Missions, \$1280.85; Orphanage, 61.80; Christian Education, \$154.09; Church Finance Association, \$42.50; Cragmont, \$385.00; value of church property, \$55,000.00; value of all other church property, \$65,000.00.

MT. CALVARY: No. of members received, 14; by experience and baptism, 5; by letter and statement, 9; No. of members lost, 4; by letter, 1; by death, 3; total increase, 10; last years membership, 25; present membership, 35; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by, Rev. John Cansler, Rev. Reid and Rev. Griffin; Pastor, Rev. J. D. McCormick, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Wilma Styles, Rt. 2, Marion, N. C. Pastor's salary, \$222.23; Revivals, \$37.89; Church Property improvements, \$300.00; local charity, \$31.00; Minute fund, \$2.00; Foreign Missions, \$120.00; value of church property, \$1800.00; value of all other church property, \$800.00.

OLD FORT: No. of members received, 7; by letter and statement, 7; No. of members lost, 4; by letter, 3; by death, 1; total increase, 2; last years membership, 85; present membership, 87; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. William Manley, Rev. Carl Roland, Rev. Fred Silvers and Rev. Charlie Wheeler; we have preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Wilcox; Pastor, Rev. R. C. Stockton, Rt. 3; Box 214B, Marion, N. C. Clerk, Irene Chrisawn, Old Fort, N. C. Pastors salary, \$2400.00; Revivals, \$47.00; local charity, \$25.00; Minute fund, \$2.00; Foreign Missions, \$30.00; Orphanage, \$63.00; value of church property, \$20,000.

ROCKY PASS: No. of members received, 39; by experience and baptism, 26; by letter and statement, 13; No. of members lost, 1; by letter 1; total increase, 38; last years membership, 101; present membership, 139; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee; 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. Pastors salary, \$3125.00; Revivals, \$200.00; church property improvements, \$2148.19; local charity, \$460.60; other purposes, \$1180.31; Superannuation, \$10.00; Foreign Missions, \$400.80; Orphanage, \$150.00; value of church property, \$30,000.00.

SALEM: No. of members received, 13; by experience and baptism, 3; by letter and statement, 10; No. members lost, 7; last years membership, 27; present membership, 33; preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Kenneth Frisbee; Pastor, Rev. James Vaughn, Biltmore, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Gertrude Noblitt, Old Fort, N. C. Pastor for next year, Rev. Homer Arrowood, Marion, N. C.; Pastors salary, \$952.35; revivals, \$78.84; Church property improvements, \$1000.00; local charity, \$108.60; Superannuation, \$2.50; Foreign Missions, \$3.75; Orphanage, \$14.00; Cragmont, \$11.57; value of church property, \$4200.00.

SWANNANOVA: No. of members received, 21; by experience and baptism, 16; by letter and statement, 5; No. of members lost, 10; by letter, 9; by expulsion and erasure, 1; total increase, 11; last years membership, 362; present membership, 373; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Moretz, Rev. John Cansler, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Ralph Mumpower and Rev. Jack Hutchins; preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Frank Thompson, Johnson City, Tenn. and Rev. W. L. Gilton, Johnson City, Tenn. Pastor for next year, not elected; Clerk, Mrs. Claude Foster, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C. Pastors salary, \$4335.00; Revivals, \$400.00; Church property improvements, \$2024.00; State Convention fee, \$5.00; Local charity, \$35.00; other purposes, \$6989.41; general fund, \$1231.46; Superannuation, \$129.53; Foreign Missions, \$328.22; Orphanage, \$136.93; Education, \$629.10; Church Finance Association, \$27.35; Cragmont, \$109.45; value of Church Property, \$55,000.00; value of parsonage, \$10,000.00; value of all other church property, \$2675.00.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: No. of memmbers received, 13; by experience and baptism, 4; by letter and statement, 9; total increase, 13; last years membership, 29; present membership, 42; Ordained Ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Queen; we have preaching every Sunday; No. revivals, 2; held by Rev. Vernon Hensley, Rev. Stockton and Rev. Ted Laney; Pastor, Rev. W. L. Queen, Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. W. L. Queen, Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C. Pastors salary, \$148.84; Church property improvements, \$443.00; other purposes, \$680.90; Foreign Missions, \$12.10; Orphanage, \$24.00; Church Finance Association, \$8.00; value of church property, \$10,000.00.



Total churches	13
Total membership	1764
Total amount raised by all churches	\$ 77,620.15
Total value of all church property	\$354,016.00

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Ministers Conference of the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists met at Cragmont, Saturday, August 4, 1956 at 10:00 a.m. Opening song, "Standing On The Promises." Devotions by, Rev. Jimmy Vaughn. Scripture reading, 1st Peter, 1-5.

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.
Asst. Secretary, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee Route 1, Marion, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Rev. Ernest Strickland

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Rev. L. D. Gray Rev. R. H. Reese Rev. Thomas F. Silvers

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Rev. Ernest Strickland, Candler, N. C.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Ernest Strickland, Rev. John Floyd

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Revs. Milton Hollifield, John Floyd, Ralph Mumpower, Carl Roland, R. H. Reese, Thomas Silvers, Kenneth Frisbee, W. L. Queen, W. L. Kell, John Cansler, L. D. Gray, Ernest Strickland, Milton Duncan, Leroy Grant, Jimmy Vaughn, J. D. McCormick and Herman Pace.

LICENTIATES

Harry Taylor, Benny Turner, Homer Arwood. Allen Messer was taken under the watchcare of the conference until the next meeting.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

J. D. McCormick and Hermon Pace, to be ordained Saturday night, August 11, 1956 at the Mt. Calvary Church. Rev. Milton Hollifield will give the charge. Jimmy Vaughn was ordained March 3, 1956 at the Salem Church.

Voted in a special session of the Ministers Conference that it be placed in the minutes that we will not license or ordain women as ministers.

Voted that all ordination services be held in one of the churches in a special service, the time and place will be named by the ordaining council and the ones seeking ordination.

Voted that any member of the Ministers Conference who fails to report either in person or by letter for five consecutive meetings, their name will automatically be dropped from the roll, subject to replacement upon request.

Voted that the ordaining council sign all license and ordination certificates.

Rev. E. O. Connelly was granted a letter of recommendation from the Blue Ridge Ministers Conference.

The next session of the Ministers Conference will be held at the Canton church, Canton, N. C. on Saturday, Sept. 29, 1956.

The next annual session of the ministers conference will be held at Cragmont in connection with the Association on Saturday before the first Sunday in August, 1957 at 10:00 a.m.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. JOHN CANSLER: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 121; No. of sermons preached, 149; No. of members received, 34; No. baptized, 25; No. of marriages, 3; No. of funerals, 11; Received for pastoral services, \$3640.00; Received for revival services, \$41.00; Received for all other services, \$20.00; Total, \$3701.00; Given personally to the cause, \$910.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. JOHN E. FLOYD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 5; No. of conversions, 436; No. of sermons preached, 234; No. of members received, 11; No. baptized, 83; No. of marriages, 5; No. of funerals, 9; Received for pastoral services, \$4680.00; Received for revival services, \$1192.00; Received for all other services, \$35.00; Total, \$5907.00; Given personally to the cause, \$1476.25; Do you tithe, Yes; P.O. Box 999, Marion, N. C.

REV. KENNETH FRISBEE: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 90; No. of sermons preached, 160; No. of members received, 39; No. baptized, 27; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 5; Received for pastoral services, \$3125.00; Received for revival services, \$85.00; Total, \$3210.00; Amount given personally to the cause, \$400.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Rt. 1, Marion, N. C.

REV. LEROY GRANT: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 1; No. of sermons preached, 92; No. of members received, 5; No. of funerals, 2; Received for pastoral services, \$408.50; Given personally to the cause, \$316.75; Do you tithe, Yes; Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.

REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 6; No. of conversions, 95; No. of sermons preached, 197; No. of members received, 35; No. baptized, 26; No. of funerals, 12; Received for pastoral services, \$4420.00; Received for revival services, \$725.00; Total, \$5145.00; Given personally to the cause, \$565.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Box 1045, Canton, N. C.

REV. W. L. KELL: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 45; No. of sermons preached, 135; No. of members received, 13; No. baptized, 10; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals, 3; Received for pastoral service, \$2715.62; Received for all other services, \$155.00; Total, \$2870.62; Given personally to the cause, \$310.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.

REV. J. D. McCORMICK: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 20; No. of sermons preached, 110; No. of members received, 14; No. baptized, 7; No. of funerals, 1; Received for pastoral service, \$222.23; Received for revival service, \$10.00; Received for all other services, \$60.00; Total \$292.23; Given personally to the cause, \$140.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Rt. 1, Old Fort, N. C.

REV. HERMAN PACE: No. of revivals conducted, helped in 2; No. of conversions, 26; No. of sermons preached, 41; No. baptized, 8; Received for all services, \$40.49; 10 Lewis St., Canton, N. C.

REV. W. L. QUEEN: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, helped in 2; No. of conversions, 7; No. of sermons preached, 50; No. of members received, 13; No. baptized, 7; No. of funerals, 5; Received for pastoral service, \$148.84; Received for all other services, \$10.00; Total, \$158.84; Given personally to the Cause, \$250.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C.

REV. THOMAS F. SILVER: Field Superintendent; No. of conversions, 50; No. of sermons preached, 150; No. of funerals, 2; Received for all services, \$230.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Box 127, Old Fort, N. C.

REV. ERNEST STRICKLAND: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 18; No. of sermons preached, 150; No. of members received, 14; No. baptized, 8; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 4; Received for pastoral service, \$2000.00; Received for revival service, \$80.00; Received for all other services, \$25.00; Total, \$2105.00; Given personally to the Cause, \$300.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Route 1, Candler, N. C.

REV. L. D. GRAY: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 16; No. of sermons preached, 70; No. of members received, 15; No. baptized, 4; No. of funerals, 6; Received for pastoral service, \$3339.00; Received for revival services, \$85.00; Received for all other services, \$10.00; Total, \$3434.00; Given personally to the Cause, \$372.50. 33 Eola Ave., West Asheville, N. C.

REV. BENNY TURNER: No. of conversions, 3; No. of sermons preached, 17; No. of funerals, 1; Received for all services, \$25.00; Given personally to the Cause, \$20.00; Rt. 3, Box 174, West Asheville, N. C.

REV. JAMES VAUGHN: No. of churches, pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 13; No. of sermons preached, 64; No. of members received, 20; No. baptized, 5; No. of funerals, 2; Received for pastoral service, \$939.35; Received for all other services, \$37.40; Total, \$976.75; Do you tithe, Yes; 71 Glendale Ave., Biltmore, N. C.

REV. L. D. GRAY, Moderator

MRS. R. H. REESE, Secretary



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 practice, 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 meetings 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 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 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.

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

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 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:

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Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are:

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Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are:

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 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:

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 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 \$.....; Association expenses
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

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

..... , Moderator

..... , Clerk

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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

Edward W. G. ...

