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# PROCEEDINGS

Beginning on Thursday, July 31, 1958, at 10:00 a. m. Opening assembly. Congregational singing led by Rev. Clyde Cox. Prayer led by Rev. Frisbee. Devotions by Rev. Homer Arrowood. Called into business session. Seating of delegates and call to churches. All visitors made welcome.

## OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Milton Hollifield.....Box 1045, Canton, N. C.  
Assistant, Rev. Wayne Smith.....Swannanoa, N. C.  
Clerk, Mrs. Bynum Lance  
Assistant, Rev. Clyde Cox.....Box 193, Caroleen, N. C.  
Historian, Mrs. Flora Morgan.....Box 163, West Asheville, N. C.  
Treasurer, Rev. W. L. Kell Jr.....Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Chairman; Rev. Wayne Smith, Mrs. R. H. Reese, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. Jimmy Vaughn, Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee and Rev. Clyde Cox.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee and Rev. Clyde Cox; publicity agent.

## LOCAL MISSION BOARD

Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. John Floyd, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Rev. Wayne Smith, Bro. Cline Messer.

## VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Mount Olive, N. C.; Rev. James Smith, Swannanoa, N. C.; Rev. J. O. Fort, Ayden, N. C.; N. B. Barrow, Lucama, N. C.; Rev. S. A. Smith, Middlesex, N. C.

## CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Canton: Mr. W. L. Kell, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, Mrs. John Wells, Mrs. L. J. Ward and Mrs. John Harrell.

Caroleen: Mrs. Clyde Cox and Mrs. Rose Amos.

Cedar Hill: Mrs. W. L. Kell, Rev. Benny Tuner and Mrs. Richard Lunsford.

Horney Heights: Mrs. Bynum Lance, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Mrs. Catherine Boulden and Mr. Bynum Lance.

Marion: Miss Joan Cheek, Mrs. Roger Floyd, Mrs. Jean Jenkins and Mrs. Carl Radford.

Mt. Calvary: Mrs. J. D. McCormick, Mrs. Bornnie Rector and Mrs. Bessie McCoye.

Old Fort: Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Hinson and Viola Gouge.

Rocky Pass: Mrs. Kenneth Frisbee, Mrs. Eddie Gaddy and Ranz Laverder.

Salem: Mrs. Geater Davis, Mrs. Walter Jenkins and Mrs. Junior Clontz.

Swannanoa: Mrs. L. A. Pitman, Mrs. Paul Gragg, Mrs. Cline Messer, Mrs. Stella McMahan and Mrs. Nora Anglin.

Sulphur Springs: Mrs. Carl Milter, Mrs. W. L. Queen and Mrs. Hattie Faulkner.

Glen Alpine: Mrs. Helen Fox, Mrs. Rachel Rhodes and Mrs. Ruth Powell.

#### 11:30 A. M. SERVICE

Opening song, "Jesus Saves," led by Rev. Clyde Cox. Message by Rev. Oliver Stokes; subject, "Missions, the Heart-Throb of God." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Wayne Smith.

#### 1:30 P. M. SERVICE

Congregational song, "Send the Light." Devotions by Rev. Cox; Scripture, Matthew 24:14 and Mark 16:15. Song by Rev. Cox; "The Regions Beyond."

Committee reports given and accepted.

A brief talk by Rev. N. B. Barrow was heard at this time.

After discussing the young people's work in the church, it was voted that each church give a report on young people's work to be placed in the minutes. Discussions were made concerning the election of a field superintendent. Voted to wait until the Union Meeting to elect the field superintendent. A new clerk elected, Mrs. Bynum Lance.

Reports on various enterprises were given by the following: Rev. M. L. Johnson, Mount Olive College; Rev. S. A. Smith, Children's Home; Rev. Jackson, Home Missions; Rev. J. O. Fort, Free Will Baptist Press. Each of these speakers gave wonderful talks that encouraged all churches to back each of these enterprises.

Moved to adjourn until Friday morning at 10:00 a. m.

#### THURSDAY EVENING

Opening prayer and remarks by Rev. Wayne Smith. Special music by the Cedar Hill Choir. Message, "The Great Commission," by Rev. W. L. Kell. Dismissed in prayer.

#### FRIDAY 10:00 A. M.

Congregational song, "Standing on the Promises," led by Rev. Clyde Cox. Devotions by Rev. John Floyd. Scripture taken from Isaiah 6:1-5; subject, "The Fields Are Ripe Unto Harvest."

#### FRIDAY 10:30 A. M.

Entered into business session. Report of treasurer given and accepted. Remarks by Rev. Hollifield about the National Association. Discussion on

the one per cent all churches are to send in. All churches were encouraged to send in the one per cent. Suggested that all churches be put on the budget plan. Other reports of the committees were given and accepted.

Adjournment for five minutes.

#### FRIDAY 11:00 A. M.

Congregational song, "Revive Us Again," led by Rev. Cox. Message by Rev. James Smith; subject, "The Central Theme of the Church." Scripture Hebrews 1:3-8. Dismissed in prayer.

#### FRIDAY 1:30 P. M.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Hollifield. Devotions were given by Rev. Ralph Mumpower. Subject of the Devotions was "The Field Is the World."

A move made and carried that the report "Lord's Day Observance" be changed to "Sabbath Day Observance."

Voted to accept last year's report on temperance for this year's minutes.

Comments on the Woman's Auxiliary were given by Mrs. Bynum Lance. Comments and a report on "Youth for Christ" was given and accepted.

At this time a talk was given by Rev. Mooneyham, concerning the National Association meeting in Asheville.

A move was made and carried that the Blue Ridge Association recommend to the State Association that the State Convention sponsor the National Association. Mrs. Bynum Lance was elected delegate to attend the State Convention.

Free Will Baptist Church in New Jersey taken under the watch care of the association for one year.

After a discussion on electing a field superintendent, it was voted to wait until the union meeting to elect a field superintendent.

A motion was made and carried that the Union Meetings be quarterly.

A motion made and carried that the minutes be printed at The Free Will Baptist Printing Press.

A move made that the association give \$15.00 to Cragmont for the use of the buildings. Move carried.

A report by Rev. Wayne Smith was heard at this time about the Missionary Conference at the Swannanoa Church. All churches were invited to attend the next conference. Moved to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Hollifield.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Last Year	\$249.99
Received This Year	483.92
Total	<hr/> \$733.91

Paid Out:	
Minutes	\$155.00
Clerk	50.00
Gift to Cragmont	15.00
Expense to State Convention	22.00
Name Tags, Ice and Cups	10.00
Postage, Calls and Receipt Books	5.00
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Total Paid Out	257.00
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Balance in Treasury	\$476.91

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, the committee, recommend that each church have a graded Sunday school as far as it is possible. We also recommend that each church urge their Sunday school pupils to carry their Bible to church every Sunday.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

### HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

Missions, home or foreign, is the greatest phase of church work. Christ Himself was a missionary. Should we not strive to live in His likeness? Financial support is a must in spreading the gospel. A certain per cent of the churches income should be designated for the use of foreign and home missions.

Those who can't give money can certainly give their support by praying and writing our missionaries encouraging letters. Each church should have a person or group to correspond with our missionaries. We would then know of their needs and specifically what to pray for. When we talk to our Lord we should name what our needs are. Mission programs should be presented in our churches frequently. This would promote interest among the people. We shouldn't sit at home and rock and enjoy all our blessings selfishly while others are dying without ever hearing the blessed Word and hearing how Christ died for them. Jesus commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel. He also said in Matthew 9:37, "The harvest truly is plentiful but the labourers are few." Let's be laborers for Christ and help spread the gospel into all the world.

Mrs. Roger Floyd

### 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. We believe if Christ is put first in education it can be used for His glory. Christian education renders us Christian music, a study of the Bible, a study of the apostolic church, and leads us to a deeper devotional life. Apos-



the Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The person who is ignorant of God's Word is the person who is deceived. We make the following recommendations:

First, that our children should be educated in the Word of God.

Second, that our young people be urged to attend our denominational colleges. (I fully recommend the Free Will Baptist Bible College as having attended there for three years.)

Third, that we take advantage of the Christian education opportunity we now have at Cragmont.

Fourth and last, that we continue to support our Christian educational enterprises to the best of our ability.

### SUPERANNUATION

We, your committee, feel that every church in our association should contribute, consistently to the State and National Superannuation programs for Free Will Baptists. There are many aged ministers who cannot support themselves properly on the money now being received from the Superannuation Board. It is the duty of every individual, as Free Will Baptists, to see that all ministers of our denomination, who are unable to earn the necessities of life either from old age or disability, be taken care of the best of our ability. The same care should be given their surviving widows. We recommend that larger and consistent contributions be sent to the Superannuation Board for this purpose.

Elmer Keener  
Bynum Lance

### SABBATH 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. John Floyd  
Ernest Strickland

### DEEPER DEVOTION

Your committee feels that the American people should awake out of their sleep and call upon Christ for help in this hour. It is time that there should be a spiritual awakening in our churches and homes. Believing that the altars in homes have been torn down and replaced with television thus inviting God's spirit to take its flight. Believing that where people once knelt to pray they now sit and lust after the world (James 1:15). Psalm

101:3, believing that worldliness and modernism leads to destruction. More time should be devoted to combating sin. Satan has struck people that have been staggered by the cares of this world. Finally believing prayer changes things and men should pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). May we all devote more time this coming year to the gospel and in this fight against sin.

Rev. James Vaughn

### LEAGUE

We, your committee on league, urge all our churches that have an organized league to make a special effort to enlist all youth and adults into their league, and should promote the league through their Sunday school classes. We further recommend that all churches organize and maintain a league for all ages. Too, that all leagues plan some project, such as adopting one of our children from the Children's Home to clothe them, or help to support one of our missionaries, or support one of our colleges, or any one of our enterprises. We, your committee, feel that the success of our leagues are dependent upon consecrated leaders and tireless promotion on the part, of all the Sunday school teachers and church officials and especially the pastor. We further recommend that each church give one Sunday night per quarter, or more often if necessary, to the leaguers to put on their programs. Of course this would be left to the discretion of the pastor and church.

Rev. Wayne W. Smith

### 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 so that the orphanage might be able to take care of the children that we now have in the home. We recommend that each church raise \$1.50 per active member per year, which would be sufficient to operate the home. We suggest that each member of the association stand by the orphanage with their prayer and offerings.

Mrs. Fred Chandler

Mrs. Hoyle Harkins

### PASTOR'S SUPPORT

We, your committee, urge the churches to furnish sufficient support of their pastor in order that he may do full-time work for Christ. Jeremiah 3:15, "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." We believe that every church member should be a regular tither so the support of the church and the work of Christ will not be hindered. We feel that the churches should provide the means for their pastor to attend all important local, state and national

conventions. We strongly recommend that every church member support their pastor and church with their presence, prayers, in visiting the unsaved and sick. We also believe that the pastors should always bear in mind their charge and responsibility to Christ and the church. Jeremiah 17:16, "As for me I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee: neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest; that which came of my lips was right before thee."

Mrs. Catherine Boulder  
Bynum Lance

### TEMPERANCE

We, your committee, recommend that we as Free Will Baptists 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 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 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  
Mrs. Edith Stamey

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

We, your committee, realize that the fields are white already unto harvest, and laborers are few, so let's work more and pray more, for there is so much that needs to be done, and we are doing so little. Let me urge the women of the Blue Ridge Association that we "Go set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth." Indeed it is quite a sad picture that the Son of God looks down upon this sinful world for which he suffered and died, and yet we let little things stop us. We are failing to enlist for Christ those dear ones who feel that they haven't a friend in this world; they are unloved, unwanted, and on their way to a devil's hell because we have failed to go quickly, and my prayer is that we, as the woman's auxiliary, as laborers together with God, be busily engaged in ministering to the unloved, unwanted ones and starting them out on a new life for Christ. That we will continue to reach higher levels in spiritual strength that we may declare His glory more and more each day.

Mrs. Carl Radford

### MASTER'S MEN

Relatively, there are not many Master's Men organizations in our churches as Ladies' Auxiliaries, but this only increases the pastor's responsibility for the men. Are the men of your church being effectively enlisted and utilized? What service should be rendered by the men of our churches? (1)

Supply information concerning missions, the denominational work and the entire church program. (2) Enlist the men of the church into church work. (3) Utilize the men into a soul-winning program. (4) Develop and teach them in stewardship, deepening of church loyalty, broadening of Christian fellowship, helping men to solve their problems. (5) Organize the boys of the church and work with them. (6) The Master's Men above all else, should be a visitation staff, visiting the sick, the indifferent and cold, those having spiritual problems and otherwise. So, we your committee, urge all pastors to organize their men and work with them to the end, that we may better do the job of the Great Commission for the Master.

Rev. Wayne W. Smith  
Rev. Clyde Cox

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WILLING WORKER'S BAND OF OLD FORT

Our first meeting was held on March 31, 1958, and we elected our officers. Our officers are as follows: President, Verna MacRae; vice-president, Billy Dean Stockton; secretary, Shula Padgett; treasurer, Vina Eller.

We have 21 members. We decided to call our organization "The Willing Worker's Band." For our projects we have sold some of the following: Aprons, candy, pencils (which had the name of our church on them) and we also sold what-nots. We pledged to pay dues \$.25 per meeting. The total of our treasury is over \$100.00. Our young people enjoy it very much and we feel sure that it would bless all young people to sacrifice their efforts to do something profitable for their God.

### MARION YOUTH FOR CHRIST

The Marion youth for Christ is composed of all denominations working together. No age limit is set. Everybody comes who desires to. We have a Bible quiz composed of five persons who answer questions on the Bible. Our visitation committee meets each Saturday morning from 10:00 until 12:00. We visit people in the community and try to get them in church. We have special speakers from Bob Jones University from time to time. Billy Kim, with others from Bob Jones University, came into the high schools and stirred interest, so the first Youth for Christ Rally was held in the junior high school, where approximately 32 decisions for Christ were made.

Miss Joan Ellen Cheek

### CAROLEEN YOUNG PEOPLE'S AUXILIARY

Number Enrolled, 17	
Average Attendance, 12	
Money Taken In	\$30.00
Money Paid Out	27.25
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Balance	\$ 2.75

President, Sharlan Pace; Secretary and Treasurer, Faye Buckner; youth chairmen: Mrs. Clyde Cox and Rose Amos.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

CANTON: President, Mrs. W. B. Norris, Canton, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Pearl Swanger, Canton, N. C.; No. of members, 20; gained this year, 2; meets every two weeks; Money taken in, \$710.66; money paid out, \$552.50.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Mrs. L. D. Gray; secretary, Mrs. Ed Coleman, Route 2, Candler, N. C.; No. of members, 10; gained this year, 0; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$414.92; money paid out \$463.86.

MARION: President, Mrs. J. E. Floyd, Marion, Box 999; secretary, Mrs. Beulah Brooks, 356 Branch Street, Clinchfield, Marion, N. C.; No. of members, 41; gained this year, 9; meets every week; money taken in, \$431.82; money paid out, \$416.14.

OLD FORT: President, Mrs. Stockton, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Glen Dole, Old Fort, N. C.; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$449.63; money paid out, \$400.00.

ROCKY PASS: President, Mrs. Gene Smith; secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Frisbee; money taken in, \$291.72; money paid out, \$281.22.

SALEM: President, Mrs. Gertrude Noblitt, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Walter Jenkins, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of members, 15; gained this year, 1; meets every month; money taken in, \$67.39; money paid out, \$33.30.

SWANNANOA: President, Mrs. Lewis Metcalf, Swannanoa, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Perry Buckner, Swannanoa, N. C.; No. of members, 31; gained this year, 1; meets every two weeks; money taken in, \$376.30; money paid out, \$370.25.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: President, Mrs. Hester Hampton, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Paul Massie, Waynesville, N. C.; No. of members, 8; meets every month; money taken in, \$368.50; money paid out, \$368.50.

CEDAR HILL: President, Mrs. P. W. Wilson, 263 Johnston School Road, Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Robert Quinn, West Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 31; gained this year, 10; money taken in, \$1,000.85; money paid out, \$1,000.33.

CAROLEEN: President, Mary Cox, Box 193, Caroleen, N. C.; secretary, Rose Amos, Box 33, Caroleen, N. C.; No. of members, 19; gained this year, 3; money taken in, \$286.18; money paid out, \$247.48.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

CANTON: President, Bruce Seeley, Canton, N. C.; secretary, Jonell Thompson, Canton, N. C.; No. of members, 75; No. of groups, 3; meets every week; literature used, Free Will Baptist; leader, Mrs. Lawrence Fowler, Canton, N. C.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Mrs. Nora Turner, Middlemont Avenue, West Asheville; secretary, Mrs. William Phipps, Route 2, Candler, N. C.; No. of members, 28; No. of groups, 2; meets every week; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; leader, Mrs. L. D. Gray.

MARION: President, Paul Finley, Nebo, N. C.; secretary, Shirley Taylor, Marion, N. C.; No. of members, 75; No. of groups, 5; meets every week; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; leader, Mrs. Carl Radford, Marion, N. C.

ROCKY PASS: President, David Holland, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Jeanette Hall; No. of members, 50; No. of groups, 3; meets every week; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist.

SWANNANOA: President, Ray Nichols, Swannanoa, N. C.; secretary, Firba Ray, Swannanoa, N. C.; No. of members, 72; No. of groups, 4; meets every Sunday; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; Leader, Mrs. James Hall, Swannanoa, N. C.

CEDAR HILL: President, Mrs. Agnes Wright, West Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Brenda Kell, 234 Johnston Boulevard, West Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 40; No. of groups, 1; meets every week; kind of literature used, Bible; league has sent \$25.00 to missions.

CAROLEEN: President, John Childers, Caroleen, N. C.; secretary, Katie Henson, Caroleen, N. C.; No. of members, 35; No. of groups, 3; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CANTON: Superintendent, Elmer Keener, Canton, N. C.; secretary, Juanita Roper, Canton, N. C.; No. of classes, 15; No. of pupils, 250; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$230.00; amount sent to orphanage, \$100.00.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Superintendent, Mr. Wayne Crowe, W. Asheville; secretary, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Box 6131, W. Asheville, N. C.; No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 98; Kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$421.32.

MARION: Superintendent, Loyd Scott, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Paul Finley, Nebo, N. C., Route 1; No. of classes, 11; No. of pupils, 225; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist.

OLD FORT: Superintendent, Joe Eller, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Eva McRae; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 125; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$34.42; amount sent to orphanage, \$30.00.

ROCKY PASS: Superintendent, Ranz Lavender, Route 3, Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 180; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expense, \$250.00.

SALEM: Superintendent, Herbert Jenkins, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Rosetta Smith, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of classes, 6; No. of pupils, 114; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expense, \$460.00.

SWANNANOA: Superintendent, Ray Nichols, Swannanoa, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Betty Summy, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. of classes, 17; No. of pupils, 358; Kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$2,000.00; amount sent to orphanage, \$258.88.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Superintendent, Lum Boone, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, Irene Hicks, Waynesville, N. C.; No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 50; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$233.78.

CEDAR HILL: Superintendent, Weaver Cook, Route 4, West Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Lorine Cook, Route 4, W. Asheville, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 135; Kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$118.50; amount sent to orphanage, \$130.50.

GLEN ALPINE: Superintendent, Eugene Powell, Route 2, Box 286, Morganton, N. C.; secretary not listed; No. of classes, 2; No. of pupils, 30; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; amount sent to orphanage, \$25.00.

MT. CALVARY: Superintendent, Floyd Johnson, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 3; No. of pupils, 62; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$33.43; amount sent to orphanage, \$30.00.

CAROLEEN: Superintendent, Colon Phillips, Box 445, Caroleen, N. C.; No. of classes, 11; No. of pupils, 168; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, \$136.00; amount sent to orphanage, \$15.00.

## CHURCH REPORTS

CANTON: No. of members received, 23; by experience and baptism, 18; by letter and statement, 5; by restoration, 0; No. of members lost, 2; by letter, 1; total increase, 21; last year's membership, 307; present membership, 328; Sunday we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 3; held by Rev. Homer Willis, Nashville, Tenn., and Rev. Billy Kim, Greenville, S. C.; we also have a one week fellowship revival with six different speakers; pastor, Milton A. Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C.; clerk, Billy Erwin, Canton, N. C., c/o L. J. Ward; pastor for next year, Milton A. Hollifield, Canton, N. C.; clerk for next year Billy Erwin, Canton, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$5,720.00; revivals, \$567.17; church property improvements, \$89.54; state convention fee, \$2.00; local charity, \$242.00; other purposes, \$520.00; association expense fund, \$104.41; superannuation, \$25.00; missions, \$436.48; orphanage, \$255.00; Christian Education, \$198.38; Cragmont, \$10.00; value of church property, \$65,000.00; value of parsonage, \$8,000.00; value of all other property, \$1,000.00.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: No. of members received, 3; by letter and statement, 3; No. of members lost, 3; by letter, 3; last year's membership, 150; present membership, 150; Sunday we have preaching, twice every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by, Rev. Johnny Floyd and Rev. Billy Kim; pastor, Rev. L. D. Gray, W. Asheville; clerk, Mrs. Nancy Randall, Route 3, Box 813, W. Asheville; pastor for next year, Rev. L. D. Gray, W. Asheville; clerk for next year, Mrs. Nancy Randall, Route 3, Box 813, W. Asheville; pastor's salary, \$2,624.90; revivals, \$178.52; church property improvement, \$711.48; state

convention fee, \$20.00; local charity, \$145.50; other purposes, \$115.89; association expense fund, \$6.00; superannuation, \$2.00; foreign missions, \$65.88; orphanage, \$24.08; Christian education, \$21.43; Cragmont, \$5.00; value of church property, \$31,000; value of parsonage, \$8,500.

MARION: No. of members received, 19; by experience and baptism, 7; by letter and statement, 11; total increase, 19; last year's membership, 233; present membership, 253; Sunday we have preaching, morning and night; No. of revivals, 3; held by Rev. Roy Rickard, Cramerton, N. C.; Rev. Raymond Riggs and Rev. Ronald Creech; pastor, Rev. J. E. Floyd, Marion, N. C., Box 999; clerk, Troy Ledford, Morgan Terrace, Marion, N. C.; pastor for next year, Rev. J. E. Floyd (till October 19, 1959); clerk for next year, Troy Ledford, Morgan Terrace, Marion, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$4,680.00; revivals, \$345.00; church property improvements, \$56.00; state convention fee, \$5.00; local charity, \$219.58; other purposes, \$4,415.56; association expense fund, \$24.00; superannuation, 0; foreign missions, \$978.57; orphanage, \$24.36; value of church property, \$70,000; value of parsonage, \$10,000.

OLD FORT: No. of members received, 19; by experience and baptism, 5; by letter and statement, 5; last year's membership, 104; present membership, 123; Sunday we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; Rev. Grady Harris; pastor, Rev. R. C. Stockton, Marion, N. C., Box 213, Route 3; clerk, Mrs. Irene Chrisawn, Old Fort, N. C.; pastor for next year, Rev. Stockton, Box 213, Route 3, Marion, N. C.; clerk for next year, Mrs. Irene Chrisawn, Old Fort, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$1,717.60; property improvements, \$5,000; local charity, \$170.22; other purposes, \$83.25; association expense fund, \$5.00; orphanage, \$36.46; value of church property, \$25,000.

CAROLEEN: No. of members received, 10; by experience and baptism, 9; by restoration, 1; No. of members lost, 4; by letter, 1; by death, 3; total increase, 6; last year's membership, 164; present membership, 170; Sunday we have preaching, every Sunday morning and evening; No. of revivals, 1; held by, Rev. Edwards; pastor, Rev. Clyde W. Cox, Box 193, Caroleen, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Paul Deese, Box 87, Caroleen, N. C.; pastor for next year, Rev. Clyde W. Cox; clerk for next year, Mrs. Paul Deese; pastor's salary, \$3,380.00; revivals, \$75.00; church property improvements, \$1,484.46; state convention fee, \$5.00; expense fund, \$9.00; superannuation, 0; foreign missions, \$17.84; orphanage, \$15.00; Christian education, \$47.00; value of church property, \$57,000.00; value of parsonage, \$7,000.00.

ROCKY PASS: No. of members received, 19; by experience and baptism, 12; by letter and statement, 7; No. of members lost, 5; by letter, 4; by death, 1; total increase, 14; last year's membership, 157; present membership, 171; Sunday we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Frank Thompson and Rev. John Cancelor; pastor, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$3,640.00; revivals, \$350.00; church property improvements, \$1,200.00; local charity, \$696.51; other purposes, \$3,526.79; association expense fund, \$65.21; superannuation, \$60.00; foreign missions, \$220.00; home



mission, \$110.00; orphanage, \$32.00; value of church property, \$31,000.00; value of all other church property, \$4,300.00.

**SALEM:** No. of members received, 5; by experience and baptism, 1; by letter and statement, 4; by No. of members lost, 1; by letter, 1; total increase, 4; last year's membership, 51; present membership, 55; Sunday we have preaching, twice each Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Carl Roland; pastor for next year, Rev. Horace Pool, Route 1, Nebo, N. C.; clerk for next year, Mrs. Herbert Jenkins, Route 1, Box 87, Old Fort, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$995.70; revivals, \$50.00; property improvements, \$308.40; local charity, \$117.28; other purposes, \$40.85; association expense fund, \$17.25; orphanage, \$3.00; value of church property, \$6,100.00.

**SWANNANOA:** No. of members received, 63; by experience and baptism, 41; by letter, 22; No. of members lost 17; by letter, 1; by expulsion and erasure, 6; last year's membership, 395; present membership, 451; Sundays we have preaching, twice every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Luther Gibson, Tupelo, Miss., and Rev. Harold Pitts, Winfield, Alabama; pastor, Rev. Wayne Smith, Swannanoa, N. C., clerk, Mrs. Frances Foster, Black Mountain, Route 1; pastor for next year, Rev. Wayne Smith, Swannanoa, N. C.; clerk for next year, Mrs. Frances Foster, Black Mountain, N. C.; pastor's salary, \$4,420.00, revivals, \$464.00; church property improvements, \$21,609.93; state convention fee, \$10.00; local charity, \$244.62; other purposes, \$12,870.00; association expense fund, \$179.81; superannuation, \$378.00; foreign missions, \$1,235.95; orphanage, \$201.69; Christian education, \$635.26; Church Finance Association, Inc., \$40.33; Cragmont, \$160.31; value of church property, \$77,500.00; value of parsonage \$10,675.00; value of all other property, \$5,475.00.

**SULPHUR SPRINGS:** No. of members received, 14; by experience and baptism, 1; by letter and statement, 13; No. of members lost, 1; by expulsion and erasure, 1; total increase, 14; last year's membership, 44; present membership, 57; Sunday we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Martin Cable, W. L. Queen and Rev. Shelly Beaver; pastor, Rev. W. L. Queen, Hazelwood, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. W. L. Queen, Hazelwood, N. C.; pastor for next year, Rev. W. L. Queen; clerk for next year, Miss Betty Boone, Waynesville, North Carolina; pastor's salary, \$406.90; revivals, \$136.00; church property improvements, \$430.79; local charity, \$18.00; other purposes, \$95.00; association expense fund, \$8.00; superannuation, \$8.00; foreign missions, 0; orphanage, \$11.00; Church Finance Association, Inc., \$8.00; value of church property, \$10,000.00.

**CEDAR HILL:** No. of members received, 8; by experience and baptism, 6; by letter and statement, 2; No. of members lost, 5; by letter, 3; by death, 2; total increase, 3; last year's membership, 171; present membership, 174; Sunday we have preaching, twice every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. John Cansler and Rev. Billie Kim; pastor, Rev. W. L. Kell Jr., 234 Johnston Boulevard, W. Asheville; clerk, Mrs. M. B. King, 405 Deaver View Road., W. Asheville; pastor for next year, Rev.

W. L. Kell Jr., 234 Johnston Boulevard, W. Asheville; clerk for next year, Mrs. W. B. King, 405 Deaver View Road, W. Asheville; pastor's salary, \$3,380.00; revivals, \$214.03; church property improvements, \$6,000.00; local charity, \$59.16; other purposes, \$489.85; association expense fund, \$42.27; foreign missions, \$43.83; orphanage, \$130.00; Christian education, \$125.94; value of church property, \$13,000.00; value of parsonage, \$3,000.00.

GLEN ALPINE: No. of members lost, 6; by expulsion and erasure, 6; total decrease, 6; last year's membership, 36; present membership, 30; Sunday we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. J. E. Floyd; pastor, Rev. Leroy Grant, Clinchfield St., Marion, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Essie Epley, Box 562, Marion, N. C.; clerk for next year, Mrs. Essie Epley; pastor for next year, Rev. Homer Arrowood, Box 561, Marion; pastor's salary, \$654.65; revivals, \$26.75; local charity, \$27.00; other purposes, \$12.00; orphanage, \$25.00; value of church property, \$4500.00.

MT. CALVARY: No. of members received, 7; by experience and baptism, 5; by letter and statement, 2; members lost, 4; by request, 4; by death, 1; total increase, 2; last year's membership, 55; present membership, 62; we have preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Jimmy Vaughn; pastor, Rev. J. D. McCormick, Marion, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. G. M. Cook, Route 2, Box 298-A, Marion; pastor for next year, Rev. J. D. McCormick; clerk for next year, Mrs. G. M. Cook; pastor's salary, \$598.64; revivals, \$44.00; church improvements, \$200.00; local charity \$21.40; value of church property, \$3,000.00; value of all other property, \$800.00.

### MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The fifth annual session of the Blue Ridge Ministers' Conference met at Cragmont, July 31, 1958. Opened with prayer by Rev. Kenneth Frisbee. Devotions were by Rev. Bennie Turner, Scripture lesson taken from St. John 12:24; Galatians 2:20. Minutes were read and accepted by body from last conference.

It was moved and seconded to enter into business conference. It was moved and seconded to have our Ministers' Conference quarterly: November 1, February 1, May 3 and August 1, Saturday before the first Sunday each quarter. It was moved and seconded to appoint Rev. Wayne Smith and Rev. Kenneth Frisbee and rewrite bylaws for investigating committee and bring them before the body before we adjourn.

Rewriting of bylaws which was later approved by body as follows:

"At each annual meeting there shall be elected an investigating committee of three, whose duty shall be to investigate the character of applicants in the community, in which they live, and any other investigation they may be called on to make. That the committee be paid six cents per mile for miles traveled in making investigations."

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

It was moved and seconded to elect Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee and Rev. Wayne Smith as ordaining council.

It was moved and seconded to have our ordaining services at quarterly meetings.

It was moved and seconded to give Rev. Vaughn a good letter at his request to the French Broad Association.

It was moved and seconded to accept the rewritten bylaws written for the investigating committee. Written by Rev. Wayne Smith and Rev. Kenneth Frisbee.

Ordaining council was excused to transact its business.

Ordaining council reports: Investigated Rev. James L. Smith and recommended him to come under watch care till next quarterly meeting. It was approved by the body.

Rev. Kenneth Frisbee invited all to join him and his church in a youth rally September 20, 1958.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Adjourned with altar prayer.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

On Hand	\$28.50
Income	17.00
Paid Out	None
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Total Now on Hand	\$45.50
There were fifteen ministers filed their annual reports for 1957 to 1958.	

#### MINISTERS' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 1957-1958

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 18; No. of sermons preached, 102; No. of members received, 3; No. of funerals, 7.

Received for Pastoral Service	\$2,624.90
Received for All Other Services	25.00
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Total	\$2,649.90
Given Personally for the Cause	\$312.40
Do You Tithe? Yes	

Minister: L. D. Gray

Address: 9 LaRue Street, West Asheville, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals, none; No. of conversions, 24; No. of sermons preached, 72; No. of funerals, 1.

Received for Pastoral Service	\$654.65
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Total	\$654.65
Given Personally to the Cause	\$520.00
Do You Tithe? Yes.	

Minister: Rev. Leroy Grant

Address: Route 1, Box 293, Jackson Road, Marion, North Carolina.

No. of churches pastored, 0; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of decisions, 18; No. of sermons preached, 39; No. baptized, 2.

Received for Revival Service	\$25.00
Received for All Other Services	10.00

Total	\$35.00
Given Personally to the Cause	\$30.00
Do You Tithe? Yes	

Minister: Rev. Benny Turner

Address: 32 Cub Road, West Asheville, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 15; No. of sermons preached, 115; No. of funerals 1.

Received for Pastoral Service	\$1,030.70
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Total	\$1,030.70
Given Personally to the Cause	\$338.32
Do You Tithe? Yes	

Minister: Homer E. Arrowood

Address: P. O. Box 561, Marion, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. of conversions, 97; No. of sermons preached, 175; No. of members received, 8; No. baptized, 9; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 4.

Received for Pastoral Service	\$3,380.00
Received for Revival Service	573.00
Received for All Other Services	60.00

Total	\$4,013.00
Given Personally to the Cause	\$450.00
Do You Tithe? Yes	

Minister: W. L. Kell

Address: 234 Johnston Boulevard, West Asheville, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 5; No. of conversions, 32; No. of sermons preached, 140; No. of members received, 10; No. baptized, 5; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 6.

Received for Pastoral Service	\$3,380.00
Received for Revival Service	356.65

Total	\$3,736.65
Given Personally for the Cause, Tithe	
Do you Tithe? Yes	

Minister: Clyde W. Cox

Address: Box 193, Caroleen, North Carolina.

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 7; No. of conversions, 133; No. of sermons preached, 170; No. of members received, 19; No. baptized, 13; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 5.

Received for Pastoral Service	\$4,390.00
Received for Revival Service	500.00

Total	\$4,390.00
Given Personally to the Cause	\$500.00

Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Rev. Kenneth Frisbee

Address: Route 1, Box 304, Marion, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 6; No. of conversions, 95; No. of sermons preached, 215; No. of members received, 23; No. baptized, 21; No. of funerals, 6.

Received for Pastoral Service	\$5,720.00
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Received for Revival Service, Unknown

Received for All Other Services, Unknown

Given Personally to the Cause	Tithe
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Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Rev. Milton A. Hollifield

Address: Box 1045, Canton, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 12; No. of sermons preached, 36; No. of members received, 14; No. baptized, 1; No. of funerals, 2.

Received for Pastoral Service	\$406.90
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Received for All Other Services	10.00
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Total	\$416.90
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Given Personally to the Cause	Tithe
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Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Rev. W. L. Queen

Address: Box 385, Hazelwood, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 7; No. of conversions, 160; No. of sermons preached, 190; No. of members received, 63; No. baptized, 41; No. of marriages, 5; No. of funerals, 8.

Received for Pastoral Service	\$4,420.00
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Received for Revival Service	735.00
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Total	\$5,015.50
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Given Personally to the Cause	\$517.00
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Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Wayne W. Smith

Address: P. O. Box 281, Swannanoa, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 30; No. of sermons preached, 115; No. of members received, 7; No. baptized, 12; No. of marriages, 1, No. of funerals, 1.

Received for Pastoral Service	\$589.64
Received for Revival Service	50.00

Total	\$639.64
Given Personally for the Cause	\$175.00

Minister: Rev. J. D. McCormick

Address: Marion, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 7; No. of conversions, 510; No. of sermons preached, 252; No. of members received, 61; No. baptized, 61; No. of marriages, 4; No. of funerals, 6.

Received for Pastoral Service	\$4,680.00
Received for Revival Service	870.00
Received for All Other Services	85.00

Total	\$5,635.00
Given Personally to the Cause	\$1,200.00

Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Rev. J. E. Floyd

Address: Box 999, Marion, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, unknown; No. of sermons preached, 56; No. of members received, 8; No. baptized, 4; No. of funerals, 2.

Received for Pastoral Service	\$924.79
Given Personally to the Cause	\$413.50

Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Rev. James C. Coffey

Address: Box 91, Caroleen, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. of conversions, 122; No. of sermons preached, 48; No. of members received, 11; No. baptized, 7; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals, 4.

Received for Pastoral Service	\$1,000.50
Received for Revival Service	148.00
Received for All Other Services	22.00

Total	\$1,170.50
Given Personally to the Cause	\$139.60

Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Rev. Carl Roland

Address: 521 Fifth Street, Clinchfield Station, Marion, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 23; No. of sermons preached, 107; No. of members received, 3; No. baptized, 3.

Received for Pastoral Service

\$1,386.75

Given Personally to the Cause

\$384.78.

Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Rev. Herman Pace

Address: 10 Lewis Street, Canton, North Carolina

## 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 bylaws 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.

## Bylaws, 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 \$1.00. This fee to be placed in the conference treasury to pay necessary expenses, and for the promotion of the cause of Christ.

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

## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in the solemn covenant.



We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# 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 co-operation; 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, 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 woman'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 co-operation 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. Five members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum.

#### 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 Bylaws 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 Bylaws of the association, and Constitution and Bylaws 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.

# BYLAWS

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 bylaws shall be admonished by the moderator.

ARTICLE 15—No less than nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 16—These bylaws 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. 1 Timothy 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 to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat" (Genesis 3:6).

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" (Romans 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 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" (2 Corinthians 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 plough 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" (Matthew 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" (Romans 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" (1 Corinthians 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" (John 13:14).

13. **THE GOSPEL:** We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (1 Corinthians 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  
decrease, \_\_\_\_\_; last year's membership, \_\_\_\_\_; present mem-  
bership, \_\_\_\_\_.

Sunday 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 .....

## MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL

YEAR OF 19....., TO 19.....

No. of churches pastored, .....; No. of revivals conducted, .....;  
No. of conversions, .....; No. of sermons preached, .....; No. of  
members received, .....; No. baptized, .....; No. of marriages,  
.....; 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 .....

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's salary, \$.....; revivals, \$.....; church  
property improvements, \$.....; State Convention fee, \$.....;  
local charity, \$.....; other purposes, \$.....; association  
expense fund, \$.....

## UNITED PROGRAM

Superannuation, \$.....; foreign missions, \$.....; orphanage,  
\$.....; Christian education, \$.....; Church Finance As-  
sociation, Inc., \$.....; Cragmont, \$.....

### CHURCH HOLDINGS

Value of church property, \$ \_\_\_\_\_; value of parsonage,  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_; value of all other 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

