
NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Blue Ridge Association

of the

*North Carolina
Association*

of

*Original Free Will
Baptists*

affiliated with the National Association

Next annual session to be held at the Horney Heights Free
Will Baptist Church, West Ashville, North Carolina, on August
1, 1963

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, MARION, N. C.

Thursday, August 2 — 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.:

Registration.

Call to Order.

Devotions — Rev. W. L. Kell.

Roll Call and Seating of Delegates.

Introductory Message — Rev. Herman Hersey, Raleigh, N. C.

Report of Committees.

Adjourn.

Thursday Evening 7:30

BLUE RIDGE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Welcome.

President's Remarks — Mrs. Flora Morgan.

Reports — WNAC and YPA.

Message — Rev. Herman Hersey.

Friday, August 3 — 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Devotions — Rev. Calvin Grogan.

Business Session.

Message — Rev. Jason Salyer, Marion, N. C.

(Afternoon Session.)

Devotions — Rev. Charles Crisp.

Business.

Adjourn.

Friday Evening 7:30

Message — Rev. Homer Arrowood.

Saturday, August 4, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

BLUE RIDGE MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Devotions — Rev. Allen Jackson.

Business Session.

Roll Call of Ministers.

Ordination Service.

Adjourn.

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* Rev. Reynolds was Assistant Moderator, taking over position upon the resignation of Rev. Pitts.

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MT. ZION—Rev. Roy Duckett.

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BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

October 23, 1961 — Canton Church

The Ordination Council recommended that a letter be sent to Rev. Massie concerning matters which the Council had discussed with him several times. A Motion was made, seconded and the body voted for the Clerk to send the letter.

The Council recommended that Rev. Steve Lawing be licensed to preach. The body approved the recommendation.

A correction was made of the meeting time, making it the first Saturday of each quarter, or every three months according to our fiscal year which begins August 1. The body approved amending the By-Laws to read as above.

The body voted to meet at Rocky Pass for the Quarterly meeting on February 3.

The moderator announced Minister's Fellowship Meetings to be discontinued.

Rev. Homer Arrowood resigned as Field Superintendent as he had accepted a church. Rev. Winfred Roland was voted to replace him.

Motion was made to pay Mrs. Josephine Stevens, Missionary to Africa, two months in advance, or \$70, towards her transportation back to Africa. Also, an offering of \$33.69 was taken to be applied to her account. The body approved the motion.

Two discussions were given as follows: Rev. Hollifield concerning the Conservative Fellowship of Free Will Baptists (National group in N.C) and Literature for Sunday School and League, By Rev. Pitts.

A motion was made to recommend to churches in our Association co-operate with the literature program of the National body, and to reaffirm our stand with the National Association.

The motion was amended, adding that this fact would be published in both Free Will Baptist publications, CONTACT and FREE WILL BAPTIST. The body approved.

The clerk was instructed by the body to write National Press in Oklahoma and ask that samples of Sunday School and League be sent to each church.

The body instructed the clerk to write Rev. Osborne informing him that the \$20 borrowed by him to attend the State Convention was to be considered a gift.

February 3, 1962 — Rocky Pass Church

A committee of three, Rev. Kell, Rev. Roland, and Rev. Pitts, were instructed by the body to investigate and encourage churches of the association who failed to represent with delegates at the meetings. This Promotion Committee to report each Quarterly meeting.

Invitations for next Quarterly meeting were given. The body voted to meet with Caroleen church.

Rev. Hollifield was appointed chairman of a Free Will Baptist Rally in Buncombe County; Rev. Reynolds, McDowell and Burke Counties; Rev. Condrey, Mitchell County, and Rev. Pitts, Haywood County. The Rallies were intended to rotate weeks of services throughout all of above counties.

It was recommended that each church give a donation to building program of the New Macedonia Church. The body voted to give \$50 from the general treasury of the Association.

May 5, 1962 — Caroleen Church

The motion was made and approved that the Mt. Zion Church be accepted in full fellowship into the Blue Ridge Association.

Marion (First) Church invited the Annual Meeting to be held there, the body approved.

A motion was made that the Thursday night service be given for the Womans Auxilliary Annual meeting. The body approved.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Ninth Annual Session of the Blue Ridge Association was called to order by Rev. H. A. Pitts Moderator.

The speaker of the morning was Rev. Herman Hersey of Raleigh, N. C., who spoke from the 3rd Chapter of Joshua.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

The Resolutions Committees reports were as follows:

"We, the Resolutions Committee, make the following recommendations:

"BE IT RESOLVED, That we express sincere appreciation to the First Free Will Baptist Church in Marion for their kindness, and hospitality during this 9th Annual Session of the Blue Ridge Association."

In as much as our Blue Ridge Association is in harmony with the National Association of Free Will Baptists and desires to remain in keeping with our National Body;

BE IT RESOLVED, That our Clerk be paid an amount of \$50 annually for services rendered. As this is the amount of the salary of our National Clerk as well as many of the local district bodies.

BE IT RESOLVED, We recommend that \$100 be paid to promote our monthly paper being published by our State Association, providing the funds are available.

In as much as our Association is maintaining its relations with the National Association in cooperation with the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists, and,

In as much as the men from N. C. State Convention have caused some conflict by some things they have said in other churches and conferences, therefore to avoid this happening in our association;

BE IT RESOLVED, That no member of the N. C. State Convention be allowed to speak at any of our meetings until their attitude has changed toward the National Association.

RESOLVED, That due to N. C. State Convention of F. W. B., acts in withdrawing from the National Body and to the recently organized N. C. Association of F. W. B., which is now a member of the National Body, it is recommended that all reference to State Convention-owned enterprises be stricken from our report forms and the proper references made.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clyde Coxe, V. E. Condrey
and Charles E. Crisp,
Committeemen

The above Resolutions were read and approved individually, by the delegates.

A Motion was made to officially become an affiliated member of the N. C. State Association on Free Will Baptists. (This Association had officially withdrawn from the old state body last year but had not had

an official vote to become a part of the State Association.) This motion was accepted by a 100 per cent vote in favor. An amendment to the motion was that the Clerk write a news article release stating the above, to Associated Press.

The moderator called for reports to be made by various committees who were appointed at annual meeting last year. Those reports were all voted upon and approved individually. They are as follows:

REPORTS OF VARIOUS APPOINTED COMMITTEES CHILDREN'S HOME

"But Jesus called them unto Him and said, Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God." (Luke 18:16.)

We should never forget the importance of looking after and caring for our neglected and orphaned children.

Children need to be loved. When they are left without a mother or a father or both, they need someone to care for them. Our Children's Home supplies the love and care necessary for these children.

If we could only experience the burden of Jeremiah when he said in Lamentations 2:19 - "Arise, cry out in the night; in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward Him for the life of thy young children that faint for hunger in the toy of every street."

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Norman Stamay
Mrs. Harold Pitts,
Committee

PASTOR'S SUPPORT

We, your committee, feel that pastors should have financial support from the church he pastors so that he can give full time to the work of the church. We also feel that he should be paid salary enough to care for his obligations that he might be respected in the community. We urge that each church pay the expense of their pastor to all state and National meetings. We feel, too, that we should give our pastors our support through prayer and our presence at church services and that we should uphold him to all other christians and to the people in the community so that his work may prosper.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Flora Morgan,
Mrs. Elizabeth Hollifield,
Committee

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The word of God places a very solemn responsibility upon parents in regard to the education of their children. The greatest contribution any parent can make to the life of a child is to give a christian education. A great statesman said, "He who is ignorant to the Bible is without a proper education." Our society suffers today because Christ has been left out of our educational program.

The word of God says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—(Proverbs 22:6).

There are three distinct institutions that contribute to the proper edu-

cation of a child, the home, the church, and the school.

1. The Home - The pre-school years are very important in the life of any child and it is during these years many times that the entire course of life is determined. (II Tim. 3:15): "And that from a child thou hast known the Holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." In the life of Timothy, we are able to see the effectiveness of teaching the word of God to children.

2. The Church - Next to the home, the church has a marvelous opportunity to contribute to a child's christian education. Each child, even in infancy, ought to be carried to church where the pastor, the Sunday School Teacher and League workers teach and live the word of God. Good religious books are helpful, if not read at the neglect of the Word of God.

3. The School - This creates a very serious problem for parents today and must be a matter of serious thought and sincere prayer. In view of the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States to ban prayer from our Public School system our problems are greatly intensified. Let us be very cautious and earnestly strive to make our schools better for our Children. On the brighter side of the picture, in the field of higher education we have Free Will Baptist Bible College located at Nashville, Tennessee, rendering a great service in giving our children a Christian education of the highest value. Let each Christian earnestly pray for this wonderful institution, support it with regular offerings from our churches, and send our children there for the fine training offered by the college

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. J. B. Wilson,

Mrs. Hoyle Harkins,

Committee

YOUTH WORK

The most neglected field of missionary work in this world today is that of evangelizing our youth. How many times have we heard the phrase: "What are the Youth of today coming to?" This can be answered in just as short a sentence: "They're going just exactly where we adults are leading them." We believe it is time for Free Will Baptists to awaken to the fact that we are allowing our youth to be led to hell and are sitting by damning them for going. You and I have failed.

Suppose you know there was a killer disease going around in your high school where your children are or will be attending. You wouldn't dare let them go there. You would work to see that one was built which did not contain this disease. Yet we sit by, send our children to school where they are attacked by a much worse thing, a soul-killing disease—sin. Pre-Teenage years are the years in which our children who have been reared in Christian homes and taught in Sunday School truths in living a Christian life. Suddenly they are faced with a belief of friends and teachers that Mom and Dad and even the Church was wrong to teach them the sins of dancing and other such things. Today, in schools one must dance or be ridiculed, and even now prayers are no longer sacred, but some unpopular ritual that is taboo. Today Christian Colleges are sometimes too late to help our young Christians.

I challenge the Free Will Baptists to consider a school where our children can be taught secular things, coordinating with spiritual rights. A school where they will be associating with other Christian Youth. A School where Christian truths are upheld and honored rather than scorned.

I challenge you to reap this harvest which is ripe and fastly going to seed. It is up to us as wide-awake Christians to realize this and to provide a schooling atmosphere to live up to our heritage of Christ-loving people. If we sit by and allow our youth to be swallowed up by the heirarchy of public school principals of life, we'll have millions of bloody fingers, fingers of Free Will Baptist taught youth pointing at us at the judgement, saying: "you didn't provide a way for me to remain true without persecution, you allowed me to be brain-washed by Satan in public school."

I recommend concentration be placed upon our Youth Work, remember that true teen-age Christians today, means firm Christian adults in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bridges,
Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, recommend that each Church have a Sunday School and that all teachers and officers be dedicated Crristians and members of said Church. In these times of so much delinquency, we believe it is more important than ever to take our children to Sunday School. God gave us our Children and it is our responsibility as parents to teach them to love God and the Church. 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." —(Proverbs 22:6).

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Bill Autrey,
Mrs. P. S. Bradley,
Committee

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That the churches of the Blue Ridge Association cooperate with the Mission Board of the North Carolina Association of original Free Will Baptists.
2. That we encourage our churches to use missionaries to speak when they are in their area.
3. That our churches send their money for Home and Foreign Missions to our National Headquarters, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Louise Kell,
Mrs. Lucille Holland,
Committee

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Our Sunday on Lord's Day observance, do we go to church on Sunday because we love our God or feel its our duty or just a habit.

We should go because we love and have faith in a great God, and daily yield ourselves to Him that we might grow in strength.

I know it is easy to say, "I am too tired or don't feel like going to Sunday School today, or I have worked hard all week and I need the rest."

Everyone should go to church on Sunday. It is thrOUGH prayer that we make direct contact with God.

I believe God hears my individual voice and if we would all say:
"Lord, make me a channel of your power."

Respectfully Submitted
Mrs. C. H. Boulden,
Mrs. Stella Wilson,
Committee

SUPERANNUATION

"But whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"—(I John 3:17).

In regard to this scripture, we feel that something definite should be done pertaining to superannuation. How can we feel justified with our various phases of church activities and neglect the support of our aged ministers and Christian workers, who have given their lives for the cause and are now inactive?

Mank of these ministers and workers are unable to support themselves fully, therefore we recommend:

1. That a committee of three be appointed, whose duties shall be to secure the names of such ministers and workers, and to work with the pastor of each church to determine the needs of said persons.

2. We further recommend that one of the members of this committee be appointed treasurer.

3. We also recommend that each church receive an offering once a month for the support of said project.

4. We further recommend that until definite plans of this nature are completed, that each church be responsible for the welfare of its own individual ministers and workers.

Respectfully Submitted
Rev. Clyde Cox,
Rev. Charles Crisp,
Committee

DEEPER DEVOTION

We feel there is a great need for Deeper Devotion. A deeper burden is needed by all of God's ministers to lead his People into a closer walk with God. God calls us to be a separated people. "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, sayeth the Lord, and Touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive You."—(II Cor. 6:17).

We should be a people of strong convictions: "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the kings meat; nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the Prince of the Eunuch that he might not defile himself."—(Dan. 1:8).

"Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For yet you are dead and your life is His with Christ in God."—(Col. 3:2-3).

"I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, Holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."—(Romans 12:1).

Follow the examples of Christ and Pray Daily for God's Power to overcome.

Respectfully Submitted
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keener,
Committee

MASTER'S MEN REPORT

We, your committee on Master's Men, respectfully submit the following report and recommendations for your approval.

We realize there are relatively few Master's Men organizations in our churches as compared to the number of Ladies Auxiliaries, but we believe this increases the pastor's responsibility, as well as his opportunity toward the layman of our churches.

Are the men of our church being effectively enlisted and utilized? What services should be rendered by the men of our churches?

1. We urge the pastors to supply information concerning missions, the denominational work and the entire church program.

2. Enlist the men of the church into the 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 into a Boy's Auxiliary and work with them.

6. The Master's Men above all other duties should be a visitation staff, visiting the sick, the indifferent and cold in heart, those having spiritual problems and other needs.

7. We, your committee, urge all pastors to organize their men and work with them to the end, that we may better carry out the Great Commission for the Master.

Respectfully Submitted

Roy Duckette,

Committee

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of our Free Will Baptist Denomination has had a great part in making our denomination what it is today.

They have done much toward the cause of missions work in foreign fields as well as the local field.

Quoting from the pastor of the church that has more full time mission workers on foreign soil than any other church in the world, Rev. Oswald J. Smith. Rev. Smith was asked if his church had a Woman's Auxiliary—"Yes, and every man is a member of it."

In 1958, this church had 350 mission workers on the field, all supported by this one church alone.

We urge every church in the Blue Ridge Association to promote a Woman's Auxiliary with missions being their chief work, with all the men of the churches supporting this great work with all their ability to do so.

We further urge that a special drive be made this coming year to increase the attendance of the Woman's Auxiliary on the church level as well as in the denominational gatherings.

We further recommend that each church give at least one service each quarter to the Woman's Auxiliary that they may encourage more interest in their work as well as letting it be known to the membership what is being done by the women of our denomination.

Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. R. J. Reynolds,

Mrs. Cline Messer,

Committee

TEMPERANCE

In as much as we are being in an age where evil is prevailing in many forms in the homes and individual lives of our American people and the world in general; and Furthermore, that we have been warned very pointedly in the prophecy of the seven churches in the book of Revelations, especially in the church of Pergamos where we are warned of people turning to the doctrine of Balaam (compromise) and the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes (Ecclesiastical Clergical Rule of Church);

We recommend in our temperance report that we go on record as not only opposing the partaking of, or handling of, strong drink, but that we abstain from a compromise of any sort in our service unto God.

That we further recommend that this body go on record as opposing any form of strong drink being advertised on radio or television, in keeping with the law that prohibits strong drinks being advertised on sign boards or windows in the State of North Carolina.

That we be temperate in our eating to the extent that we may be able to contribute more to feeding of a missionary on the field.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. R. J. Reynolds,
Rev. Somer Arrowwood,
Committee

The moderator called for the Treasurer's Report. It was made and approved by the delegates. The report is as follow:

Fiscal Year of July 31, 1961 - July 31, 1962

Resources

Balance in Account July 31, 1961	788.72
Amount received during Fiscal Year	655.38
Total Amount in Treasury	1,444.10

Expenditures

Mrs. Waynette Bridges, salary as Clerk	\$ 75.00	
Mrs. Waynette Bridges, Mailing Expenses	5.88	
Rev. W. L. Kell, Telephone Call	3.22	
Rev. Roy Duckett, Telephone Call	4.85	
State Convention Delegates Expenses	36.00	
FWB Foreign Mission Board, Josephine Stevens ..	350.00	
M. L. Hollis & Co., Printing of Minutes	92.50	
New Macedonia F.W.B. Church Bldg. Fund.....	25.00	
N. C. State Association Delegation Fee	25.00	
	642.45	
		\$ 801.65
Student Loan Fund	\$ 350.00	
Total Amount in General Treasury		\$ 451.70

Respectfully Submitted,
Roy Duckett, Treasurer

Friday Morning Session

Rev. Paul Ketterman, a representative of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., gave a report to the delegates concerning the College.

Rev. Milton Hollifield discussed the State Association monthly paper,

the WITNESS. All ministers were urged to subscribe and to recommend it to the members of each church.

The motion was made to have the mimeograph machine cleaned and repaired. The delegates voted in favor of the motion.

A discussion was given concerning a Children's Home. A committee was appointed by the Moderator consisting of Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. R. J. Reynolds, and Rev. V. E. Condrey to be searching for a convenient location for this Children's Home. All churches were urged to send their gifts toward a Children's Home to the Treasurer of the State Association.

The motion was made that the Blue Ridge Association be held a week later if the present meeting time conflicts with the meeting time of the French Board Association. This motion was discussed and approved by the delegates.

Due to the fact that the moderator Rev. H. A. Pitts has accepted a church in Tennessee, a motion was made to give him a letter of recommendation to the Association to which he would be going. This motion was approved by the delegates.

The floor was opened for election of an Assistant Moderator to serve out the term of office. Rev. W. L. Kell, was voted to assume the position.

Invitations were given for the next annual meeting by Mt. Zion Church and Horney Heights. The delegates voted to meet at Horney Heights.

MASTER'S MEN REPORT	BEAVERDAM	CAROLEEN	BETHEL	CEDAR HILL	CANTON	HORNEY HEIGHTS	MARION (FIRST)	MT. CALVARY	MT. ZION	NOWLING CHAPEL	ROCKY PASS	SWANNANOA	SPRUCE PINE	AKRON, OHIO
Number of Members				18			9	28	28					
Meets Number of Times Monthly				1			4	1	1					
Total Taken In				\$751				\$146	\$146					
Total Paid Out				722				106	106					

CHURCH REPORTS

	BEAVERDAM	BETHEL	CAROLEEN	CEDAR HILL	CANTON	HORNEY HEIGHTS	MARION (FIRST)	MT. CALVARY	MT. ZION	NOWLING CHAPEL	ROCKY PASS	SWANNANOVA	SPRUCE PINE	AKRON, OHIO
Membership Report														
Number of Members Received:														
By Experience	7	42	14	7	5	1	10	3	23	6	7	7	1	65
By Letter	2	7	2	0	5	2	5	17	5	0	21	18	4	23
Total Received	9	49	16	7	10	3	15	20	28	6	28	25	5	88
Number of Members Lost:														
By Letter	2	0	1	15	3	4	5	0	1	0	2	3	0	0
By Death	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	2	1	0
Total Lost	2	0	1	15	4	4	7	1	3	0	2	5	1	0
Last Year's Membership	77	109	185	163	359	123	213	23	128	34	227	441	95	0
This Year's Membership	83	150	200	155	365	122	221	42	153	40	253	461	100	0
Preaching 2 Each Sunday	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes
Revivals Held	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	1	2	3	2	3	0	2
Sunday School Report														
Number of Pupils	77	90	175	163	0	100	222	42	123	116	230	401	0	175
Number of Classes	5	6	9	6	0	7	12	4	9	7	12	18	5	7
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Kind of Literature	FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB		FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB
Approximate Literature Expenses	\$57			\$89	\$339	\$96	\$193	\$28	\$240	\$46	\$186	\$620	\$65	\$120
League Report														
Number of Pupils	0	0	0	16	0	0	55		33	30	55	40		
Number of Groups							3		3	2	12	3		
Literature Expenses		\$32		\$8			\$60		\$75	\$11	\$186			

FINANCIAL REPORT

	BEAVERDAM	BETHEL	CAROLEEN	CEDAR HILL	CANTON	HORNEY HEIGHTS	MARION (FIRST)	MT. CALVARY	MT. ZION	NOWLING CHAPEL	ROCKY PASS	SWANNANOA	SPRUCE PINE	AKRON, OHIO
Pastor's Salary	\$ 1,490	\$1,148	\$ 3,640	\$ 1,795	\$ 5,720	\$ 2,369	\$ 4,780	\$ 334	\$ 5,280	\$1,030	\$ 4,210	\$ 4,810	\$1,560	\$ 5,200
Other Salaries	80		300	468	360				520	79	390	1,020		
Evangelists	50	23	75	75	505		264	10	180	174	525	887	120	
Property Improvement	872			612	44	604	1,662		12,500	1,400	12,103	406	216	
Local Charity		111		30	197	138	456	10	165	45	678	154		
Association Fee	10	3	25		134	26	60	5	15	15	82	162		
State Association Fee					10	5			5		5			
Other		40			3,513	1,605				316	3,854			
National Support:														
Co-Operative Plan												1,171		
F W B B C			25		682	19	15				11	260		
Home Missions		1,072		5	169		92		108	10	92	360		
Foreign Missions				378	578	31	1,061		108	10	251	1,020		
Church Property:														
Value of Church	\$15,000	\$5,500	\$65,000	\$72,000	\$65,000	\$31,505	\$75,000	\$8,000	\$60,000	\$6,500	\$60,000	\$80,000	\$5,000	\$50,000
Value of Parsonage			15,000	6,000	8,000	8,500	9,000		15,000		15,000	11,500		
Other Property	4,000				1,000				8,500	150	4,000	6,300		

BLUE RIDGE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL REPORT

(Individual Church Reports)

Circles, or Auxiliaries affiliated with the Blue Ridge Woman's Auxiliary are in twelve of the fourteen Churches affiliated with the Blue Ridge Association. There is an enrollment of 180 members in these organizations. Nine weeks of prayer were observed. Four Vacation Bible Schools were conducted. A total income of \$4,281 and a total spent of \$4,115. Various Projects were Home and Foreign Missions Bible College, Local Benevolence, Church Projects, etc.

The report of the Blue Ridge Woman's Auxiliary is as follows:

Financial Report

Fiscal Year, September 19, 1961 - September 18, 1962	
Receipts	\$142.52
Expenditures	111.48
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Balance on hand	\$ 31.04

Officers:

President	Mrs. Flora Morgan
Vice-President	Mrs. Inez Kirkpatrick
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. W. L. Kell
Assistant	Mrs. Lucille Lance
Program Chairman	Mrs. R. J. Reynolds
Youth Chairman	Mrs. Roy Duckett
Enlistment Chairman	Mrs. Milton Hollifield
Benevolence Chairman	Mrs. Lucille Lance

Projects for the Year of 1961-62

Donation to the Pearl Harbor Fund to help purchase land in Hawaii on which to build a Free Will Baptist Church.

Each Auxiliary is urged to raise \$21.00 by the next meeting. \$50.00 will be taken from the general treasury toward this project.

Auxiliaries are instructed to send their checks to Mrs. W. L. Kell, 250 Baldwin Avenue, Marion, North Carolina, earmarked the Pearl Harbor Fund.

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 meeting of this conference shall be held annually immediately following the association. The conference shall meet each fifth Sunday in connection with the union meeting.

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

3. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum at all regular or legally called meetings.

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

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

BLUE RIDGE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The following business transactions took place at the annual Ministers' Conference on August 4, 1962, Marion, N. C.

Conference voted to give Rev. Car Osborne a letter of recommendation and dismissal.

Rev. Allen Jackson was elected Assistant Moderator.

Rev. Harold Pitts was given a letter of recommendation.

Rev. Don Gasperson was elected to the Ordination Council.

Conference voted to keep Minister's Conference and Union Meeting Separate.

Conference voted that no minister be elected to more than one office in the Conference unless it be a necessity.

Rev. V. E. Condrey was elected to the Investigation Committee.

Conference voted that each minister be required to represent with a contribution of \$1.00 to each quarterly meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Balance Brought Forward	\$96.44	
Amount Received	16.00	
		85.44
Gift to Rev. W. J. McDaniels	\$15.00	
Balance carried forward		\$70.44

Rev. Homer Arrowood, Secretary

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Rev. Homer Arrowood	Rt. 2, Box 177, Old Fort, N. C.	
Rev. James C. Coffey,	Ph. CH 5-2671,	Box 91, Caroleen, N. C.
Rev. V. E. Condrey	Ph. 695-8137	611 6th Clinchfield, Marion, N. C.
Rev. Clyde W. Cox	Ph. OL 7-6062	Caroleen, N. C.
Rev. Charles Crisp	Ph. AL 4-7863	9 LaRue St., W. Asheville, N. C.
Rev. M. B. Duncan	Rt. 1, Box 392A, Marion, N. C.	
Rev. Roy Duckett	Ph WE 3-3345	517 Pleasant Dr., Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. Kenneth Frisbee	Ph. 4-5658	2060 Congo St., Akron, Ohio
Rev. Don E. Gasperson	Ph. MU 4-6554	Box 261, Fletcher, N. C.
Rev. Calvin Grogan,	Old Fort, N. C.	
Rev. Milton Hollifield	Ph. 686-3837	Swannanoa, N. C.
Rev. Allen Jackson,	Ph. AL 2-7063	Box 342, Swannanoa, N. C.
Rev. W. L. Kell	Ph. 697-6571	250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, N. C.
Rev. Edward Kirkpatrick	Nebo, N. C.	
Rev. W. J. McDaniels	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs, N. C.	
Rev. Carl Roland	521 5th St., Marion, N. C.	

**BLUE RIDGE MINISTER'S
CONFERENCE
ANNUAL REPORTS
August 1961 - August 1962**

	No. Churches Pastored	No. Revivals Conducted	No. Conversions	No. Communion, Footwashings	No. Baptisms	No. Marriages	No. Funerals	Received for Pastorial Work	Received for Revivals	Received Other Duties	Total Received	Do You Tithe?	Are You Ordained
Homer Arrowood	1	2	22	2	12	1	3	1490	145		1635	Yes	Yes
James C. Coffey	1	1		1			3	1461	50		1511	Yes	Yes
V. E. Condrey	1	1	25		1		1	810		30	840	Yes	Yes
Clyde Cox	1	5				2		3640				Yes	Yes
Charles Crisp	1		12	3		1	1	2369				Yes	Yes
M. B. Duncan	1	3	22	11	11	1	6	90	236			Yes	
Roy Duckett	1	2	56	4	2	1	3	5280	180	75	5537	Yes	Yes
Kenneth Frisbee	1	3	195	1	33	1	1	5200				Yes	Yes
Don E. Gasperson	1	1	38		24	2	4	1200				Yes	Yes
Calvin Grogan	1	0	4		1		1	255		5	260	Yes	Yes
Milton Hollifield	1	8	162	3	20	6	15	4940	800			Yes	Yes
Allen Jackson	1	1	15	2	5		5	1824	30			Yes	Yes
W. L. Kell	1	8	138	2	2	2	5	4780				Yes	Yes
Edward Kirkpatrick	0		2				1			69		Yes	Yes
W. J. McDaniels	1	2	23				2	1030	79			Yes	Yes
Carl Roland	1	1	101	1	1	14	5	11	1148	21	25	Yes	Yes

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
of
NORTH CAROLINA
Affiliated with
National Association of Free Will Baptists

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 deacons 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, Ladies Auxilliary and Free Will Baptist League. No church shall be entitled to more than six (6) 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 ove 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 process.

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 upon their said duties of said offices at the close of the current session.

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

3. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over all the meetings of the association.

4. It shall be the duty of the assistant moderator to preside in the absence of the moderator.

5. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the association in a business-like manner, and to superintend the printing of the minutes, and the distribution of said minutes, and to give over all properties belonging to his or her office to his or her duly successor. The clerk shall be paid a fee of \$50.00 for services—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, 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 peoples' 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 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 office, shall be chairman and secretary, respectively, of the board. Five members of the executive board 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 Savior, 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 or 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 quarterly meeting on first Saturday of each quarter

after annual meeting for the furtherance of every phase of the work of this association. The 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

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, on 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 or 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—An offering shall be received at the annual meeting as is necessary. The necessity will be determined by the moderator.

ARTICLE 17—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. 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 reprobity 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).

4. FREE GRACE: We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, 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 GRACE: We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scripture. "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. PERSEVERENCE: 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 pleasant 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 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 Savior as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted 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 Savior 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 live of the gospel." (1 Corinthians 9:14).

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 Savior 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 to 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.

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

The _____ Free Will Baptist Church of _____
N. C., sends Christian salutations to the Blue Ridge Association and the
following delegates represent us:

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

No. of members received by experience _____ No. received by letter
_____. Total number received _____. No. of members lost by
letter _____, by death _____. Total number lost _____. Last
year's membership _____, this year's membership _____. Do you
have preaching twice each Sunday? _____. How many revivals have
you had this year? _____.

Held by _____, Address _____
_____, Address _____

FINANCE REPORT:

Pastor's salary _____; Other salaries _____; Evangelists
_____; Church Property Improvement _____; Local
Charity _____; Association Fee _____; State Association
Fee _____; Other purposes _____.

PLAN OF SUPPORT:

National Co-op. Plan _____; Superannuation _____; Children's
Home Fund _____; Free Will Baptist Bible College _____;
State Publications Work _____; Home Missions _____;
Foreign Missions _____.

CHURCH PROPERTY:

Value of Church _____; Value of Parsonage _____;
Other property _____.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT:

No. of pupils _____; No. of classes _____; Kind of
literature _____; Literature expense _____.

LEAGUE REPORT:

No. of Pupils _____; No. of groups _____; Kind of
literature _____; Literature expense _____.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

No. of Circles _____; meets every _____; Name of
Circle No. 1 _____; No. of Members _____;
Money taken in _____; Money paid out _____; Name of
Circle No. 2 _____; No. of Members _____;
Money taken in _____; Money paid out _____.

MASTER'S MEN:

No. of members _____; Meets every _____ Money taken
in _____; Money paid out _____.

G. T. A's.

No. of members _____; Meets every _____; Money taken
in _____; Money paid out _____

BOY'S CLUB:

No. of members _____; Meets every _____; Money taken
in _____; Money paid out _____

OFFICERS OF CHURCH AND CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Pastor _____ Address _____

Clerk _____ Address _____

Pastor and Clerk for next year (if same, write "same")

_____ Address _____

_____ Address _____

Sunday School Supt. _____ Address _____

Secretary _____ Address _____

League Pres. _____ Address _____

Secretary _____ Address _____

Woman's Aux. Pres. _____ Address _____

Secretary _____ Address _____

Circle No. 1 Pres. _____ Address _____

Secretary _____ Address _____

Circle No. 2 Pres. _____ Address _____

Secretary _____ Address _____

Master's Men Pres. _____ Address _____

Secretary _____ Address _____

G. T. A's. Director _____ Address _____

Secretary _____ Address _____

Boy's Club Director _____ Address _____

Secretary _____ Address _____

MINISTER'S REPORT:

Year _____ 19____ to _____ 19____.

No. of churches pastored _____; No. of revivals conducted _____;

No. of conversions _____; No. of Communion and Footwashing serv-
ices held _____; No. Baptisms _____; Marriages _____; Funerals

_____; Received for pastoral duties _____; for revivals _____;

Received for other services _____; Total amount received _____.

Do you tithe? _____; Are you Ordained? _____; Licensed? _____.

Name _____

Address _____ Tel. _____

M. L. HOLLIS
Amory, Mississippi