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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

HORNEY HEIGHTS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

W. Asheville, North Carolina

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 - 9:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

Registration

Call to Order

Welcome - Rev. Jerry Williams

Moderator's Address - Rev. W. L. Kell
"Following the Lord"

Introductory Message - Rev. Carey Watkins, Clerk
N. C. State Association
"The Master Cometh and Calleth for Thee"

Business Session

Adjourn

THURSDAY, EVENING - 7:30 P.M.

Message - Rev. Carey Watkins

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2 - 10:00 TO 3:00 P.M.

Devotions - Rev. Jerry Duckett - "By Fire"

Business Session

Special Music - Mrs. Gail Poteet, Rocky Pass Church

Message - Rev. Kirmitt Childers, Rocky Pass Church
"Can God Depend on the Free Will Baptists?"

Afternoon Devotions - Rev. Elmer Keener

Business Session

Adjourn

FRIDAY EVENING - 7:30 P.M.

Message

BLUE RIDGE MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, - 10:00 - 12:00 P.M.

Ordination Message - Rev. James Coffey

OFFICERS

Moderator — Rev. W.L. Kell 250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, N.C.
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 Clerk — Mrs. Waynette Bridges 108 Edwards Ave., Swannanoa N.C.
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 PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Rev. Carl Roland, Rev. Harry Mintz, Rev. Edward Swartz, Rev. James Childers
 EXECUTIVE BOARD: Rev. W.L. Kell, Chairman, Mrs. Waynette Bridges, Secretary; Mrs. Roy Duckett, Rev. Elmer Keener, Mrs. Lucille Lance, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Rev. Carl Roland
 STATE ASSOCIATION DELEGATES: Mrs. Helen Hamlett, Mrs. Roy Duckett
 Registered Delegates — Annual Meeting
 BEAVERDAM — Mrs. Isabelle Quinn, Mrs. Illa McElrath, Mrs. Helen Ingle
 BETHEL —
 CANTON — Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, Mrs. J.W. Phillips, Mrs. Paul Hamlett
 HORNEY HEIGHTS — Mrs. J.M. Randall, Mr. Bynum Lance, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Mrs. Joyce Hagan, Mrs. Nancy Randall, Mrs. J.B. Lance, (Alt.)
 MARION (First) — Mrs. Louise Kell, Mr. David Kell, Mr. Carl Martin, Mr. Paul Finley
 MT. CALVARY — Mr. Don McCormick, Mrs. Bessie McCoy, Mrs. Lucille Pressley
 MT. ZION —
 NOWLING CHAPEL — Mrs. Hattie Roper, Mrs. Ruth Reece, Mr. Walter Norman, Mrs. Minnie Roper
 ROCKY PASS — Mrs. Gene Holland, Mrs. Bill Poteat, Mrs. Willard Davis
 SPRUCE PINE (First) — Rev. J.C. Letterman, Mr. Ronald Staton, Mrs. Faye Letterman, Mrs. Lorene Staton, Mr. Lewis Martin
 SWANNANOA — Mr. Shelby Smith, Mrs. Ann Gragg, Mr. Mack Pate, Mrs. A.C. Messer, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Ray

VISITORS

Rev. Bobby Abrams	FREE WILL BAPTIST WITNESS
Rev. G.M. Reynolds	French Broad Association
Rev. Carey Watkins	N.C. State Assn., Clerk; Dunn, N.C.
Rev. Carl Osborn	Wayne Michigan
Rev. Wayne Smith	N.C. State Assn. Moderator, Smithfield

CHURCH OFFICERS

BEAVERDAM — Pastor, Rev. Homer Warwood, Rt. 2, Box 546-A
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 Clerk — Mrs. Helen Ingle, Rt. 2, Box 444, Candler, N.C.

- Sunday School Supt. — Mr. James Cole, Rt. 1, Leicester, N.C.
 S.S. Sec'y — Miss Mary Kalor, Rt. 2, Chandler, N.C.
 W.A. Pres. — Mrs. Annie Smith, Rt. 2, Candler, N.C.
 W.A. Sec'y — Mrs. Buryle Crain, Rt. 3, Box 42, Candler, N.C.
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 W.A. Pres. — Helen Hamlett
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 League Pres. — Jack Troutman, Veterans Rd., Marion, N.C.
 League Sec'y — Miss Jaynet Adams, Rt. 2, Nebo, N.C.
 W.A. Pres. (No. 1) — Martha Taylor, Morris St., Marion, N.C.
 Sec'y — Mrs. Carl Radford, Maltilda Ave., Marion, N.C.
 W.A. Pres. (No. 2) — Mrs. Inze Kirkpatrick, Nebo, N.C.
 W.A. Sec'y — Mrs. Edith Elliot, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.
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 N.C.
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 S.S. Supt. — Mr. Don McCormick, Rt. 2, Marion, N.C.
 S.S. Sec'y — Mrs. Helen Lewis, Rt. 2, Marion, N.C.
 W.A. Pres. — Mrs. Helen Lewis, Rt. 2, Marion, N.C.
 W.A. Sec'y — Mrs. Bonnie Loftis, Rt., Marion, N.C.
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 N.C.

Clerk — Henry Little, Aiken St., Kannapolis, N.C.

S.S. Supt. — Warren Key,

S.S. Sec'y — Mrs. Cleo Miller

League Pres. — Mr. Bill Christy

Sec'y — Mrs. Evelyn Christy

W.A. Pres. — Gladys Mills

Sec'y — Mrs. Ruth Duckett

M.M. Pres. — Warren Key

Sec'y — Mr. Bill Christy

NOWLING CHAPEL — Pastor, Rev. W.J. McDaniel, Rt. 1, Morganton, N.C.

Clerk — Ruth Reece, Connelly Springs, Rt. 2, N.C.

S.S. Supt. — Jack Moses, Rt. 1, Morganton, N.C.

S.S. Sec'y — Gladys Norman, Rt. 1, Morganton, N.C.

League Pres. — Jim Reece, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs, N.C.

League Sec'y — Morgorie Davis, Rt. 1, Morganton, N.C.

W.A. Pres. — Minnie Roper, Rt. 1, Morganton, N.C.

Q.A. Sec'y — Gladys Moses, Rt. 1, Morganton, N.C.

ROCKY PASS — Pastor, Rev. James K. Childers, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.

Clerk — Mrs. Gene Holland, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.

S.S. Supt. — Mr. Ranz Lavender, Rt. 3, Marion, N.C.

S.S. Sec'y — Mrs. Burnett Fox, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.

W.A. Pres. — Mrs. Bob Welborn

S.S. Sec'y — Mrs. James K. Childers, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.

Boy's Club Dir. — Earl Vaughn, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.

SPRUCE PINE (FIRST) — Pastor,

SWANNANOVA — Pastor, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Swannanoa, N.C.

Clerk — Mrs. Ralph Robertson, Rt. 1, Box 56, Swannanoa, N.C.

S.S. Supt. — Mr. Ray Nichols, Box 403, Swannanoa, N.C.

S.S. Sec'y — Mrs. Betty Summey, Black Mountain, N.C.

League Pres. — Tommy Bright, Swannanoa, N.C.

League Sec'y — Miss Louise Ball,

J.S. W.A. Pres. — Mrs. Viola Andrews, Swannanoa, N.C.

Sec'y — Mrs. Claude Foster, Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N.C.

C.W.C.W.A. Pres. — Mrs. Waynette Bridges, 108 Edwards Ave.
Swannanoa, N.C.

Sec'y — Mrs. Louise Rhinehart, Park St., Swannanoa, N.C.

G.T.A. Dir. — Mrs. James Hall, Rt. 2, Asheville, N.C.

Boy's Club Director — Mr. James Hall, Rt. 2, Asheville, N.C.

Y.P.A. Dir. — Mrs. Carroll Brown, Swannanoa, N.C.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Tenth Annual Session of the Blue Ridge Association was called to order by Rev. W. L. Kell, Acting Moderator. The speaker of the morning was Rev. Carey Watkins, Clerk of the N. C. State Association who spoke on "Following the Lord."

Thursday Morning--Business Transaction

Ten churches were seated at the beginning of the meeting. Those absent were Mt. Zion, Caroleen, Cedar Hill and

Spruce Pine. Visitors were recognized and welcomed.

Thursday Afternoon

A Motion was made to seat delegates from the Mt. Zion Church. Motion carried. Enterprise reports were given. Rev. Wayne Smith, Moderator of the N. C. State Association reported with special emphasis on State Missions. Rev. Smith urged the churches to especially to remember the State Missions in their yearly budget, sending these funds to Rev. Roy Rikard, Cramerton, N. C.

Rev. Bobby Abrams reported on the FREE WILL BAPTIST WITNESS.

A Motion was made and approved to give \$50.00 to the WITNESS.

Rev. Roy Duckett reported on Superannuation.

Mrs. Flora Morgan reported on the State Woman's Auxiliary Work.

Friday Morning

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Resolutions Committee:

Rev. Carl Roland
Rev. Harry Mintz
Rev. Jerry Williams

Nominating Committee:

Mr. Bynum Lance
Rev. Milton Hollifield
Rev. Roy Duckett

Children's Home:

Mrs. Paul Hamlett
Mrs. J. W. Phillips

Sunday Observance:

Mrs. Paul Gragg
Mrs. Nancy Randall

Superannuation:

Rev. Roy Duckett
Mr. Ernest Ray

Master's Men:

Mr. Bynum Lance

Mr. Rufus Stevens

Woman's Auxiliary:

Mrs. Cline Messer
Mrs. Lucille Lance

Temperance:

Rev. M. A. Hollifield
Rev. James Childers

The Treasurers report was made, and approved, as follows:

Fiscal Year July 31, 1962 - July 31, 1963

Balance in Account, July 31, 1962		\$ 787.38
Amount received 7-31-62--7-31-63	\$871.44	
Total		\$ 1,658.82

Expenditures:

Rev. Hersey	
travel expenses	25.00
Waynette Bridges, Clerk	50.00
Foreign Missions,	
Josephine Stevens	
July '62 - June '63	420.00
N. C. State Association	100.00
Hoyle Office Supplies	2.95
Stamps Phone Calls, etc.	6.45
Amory Advertizer	
pvt'g minutes	98.13
William A. Mahler, jr.	
filing brief in Creech	
vs. W. Conference	42.00
Bank Charges	2.77

State Association	25.00
	<u>772.30</u>

Balance on hand	<u>886.52</u>
Balance in Student Loan Fund	<u>650.00</u>
Balance in General Treasury	\$ 236.52

Submitted by,

Rev. Roy Duckett,
Treasurer

Friday Afternoon

Committees appointed in the morning session gave their reports as follows:

Nominations Committee:

Clerk: Mrs. Waynette Bridges

Ass't: Mrs. Nancy Randall

Elected by Acclamation

Program Committee:

Rev. Carl Roland

Rev. Harry Mintz

Rev. Edward Swartz

Rev. James Childers

Elected by Acclamation

Historian: Mrs. Lucille Lance

Ass't: Mrs. Flora Morgan

Elected by Acclamation

Treasurer: By Nominations

Field Supt. By Nominations

Moderator: By Nominations

Executive Board: By Nominations

State Association Delegates: By Nominations

A Motion was made for the Clerk to contact Church Printing in Greenville, N. C. for printing of minutes and to use either the above or Amory Advertising whichever is cheaper. Approved.

A Motion was made to amend Article 9 of the Constitution to read as follows: A Youth Director shall be elected annually to be responsible to do all the work he can to promote the work this department in each church in the Association. He shall encourage cooperation with the State League and Woman's Auxiliary organizations.

A Motion was made and approved to make Mrs. Nancy Randall Youth Director.

Invitations were given for the next annual meeting by

Rocky Pass Church and by Bethel Church. The body voted to meet with Rocky Pass Church, holding in mind the Bethel invitation.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

Resolutions passed during the annual meeting were as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that a Newsletter of the Blue Ridge Association to be printed monthly by the Clerk concerning the activities of the Association, its affiliated churches and their auxiliaries, Leagues, Y. P. A. etc., so interest passed along from church to church, and therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerks pay be raised to \$75 per year to include payment for work on the NEWSLETTER.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Program Committee be instructed to prepare program at least one month prior to quarterly and annual meeting so they can be more publicized, and therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the program committee choose a theme for each of the programs and carry it throughout the entire meeting in order that the meeting will remain in one frame of mind; using, if necessary the state and national meetings as an example.

Resolutions Committee

Carl E. Roland
Harry E. Mintz
Jerry W. Williams

CHILDREN'S HOME

Children are an important part of our churches. In Luke 18:16 we read, "But Jesus call them unto Him and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for such is the kingdom of God."

Inasmuch as we have decided to establish a Children's Home in North Carolina, instruction from the Child Welfare Department suggest that we start a Foster Home Plan. Plans are underway for the purchase of property. We encourage our people to support this work with their prayers and money.

Mrs. J. W. Phillips
Mrs. Paul Hamlett

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary has had a great part in the work of the Lord. They have done much toward the cause of mission work in foreign fields as well as the local field.

In reviewing past reports we feel the work has advanced in all fields and let us unite in Prayer for greater victories.

We urge every church in the Blue Ridge Association to promote a Woman's Auxiliary with missions being their chief work; with all departments cooperating.

We would ask all churches to encourage the organizing of new auxiliaries to further the cause of Christ.

Mrs. Cline Messer
Mrs. Bynum Lance

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

The Bible says: "Remember the Sabbath - to keep it holy." Many people believe this does not apply to our twentieth century industrialized society. This is not a localized problem for it extends around the world. Let us as Christians wake up and realize that when we use Sunday for ordinary purposes, we are failing to give a good testimony to Christ's resurrection and our lives as Christians. We are placing our own future Sundays and those of our children in jeopardy by observing them so loosely. It has been said, "What we fear Communism will do by force, we are doing by our negligence." Let us draw nigh to God that he may draw nigh unto us.

Mrs. Paul Gragg,
Mrs. Nancy Randall

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 our 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 education 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. (11 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 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. Holye 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 judgment 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 Christians 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, Tennessee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Louise Kell,
Mrs. Lucille Holland,
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." --(11 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; not with wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the prince 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 example 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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	BEAVERDAM	BETHEL	CANTON	HORNEY HEIGHTS	MARION (FIRST)	MT. CALVARY	MT. ZION	NOWLING CHAPEL	ROCKY PASS	SWANNANOVA	SPRUCE PINE
No. of Members Received;											
By Experience	5	27	3	16	17		18	5	8	31	0
By Letter	2	3	9		3	3	4		2	13	0
Total Received	7	30	12	16	20	3	22	5	10	44	0
No. of Members Lost:											
By Letter	3		2	4	4	2	1	2	2	2	0
By Death	0	0	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	2	1
Total Lost	3	0	5	4	7	3	2	2	2	4	1
Last Yr's Membership:	83	109	365	122	221	23	128	42	253	456	100
This Yr's Membership:	87	130	372	126	234	58	147	45	262	499	99
No. Revivals Held	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	2	2
No. Preaching ea. Sun.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT											
No. of Pupils	55	125	165	91	256	58	123	116	200	401	70
No. of Classes	6	8	16	7	12	5	9	7	12	18	5
Do You Use FWB Literature?	FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB	FWB
Appx. Cost of Literature	\$71	\$	\$338	\$230	\$256	\$28	\$74	\$81	\$214	\$530	\$63
LEAGUE REPORT											
No. of Pupils			80		60			32	65	35	
No. of Groups			7		3			1	5	3	
Appx. Cost of Literature			\$153		\$60				\$31	\$102	

FINANCIAL REPORT	Beaverdam	Bethel	Canton	Horney Heights	Marion (First)	Mt. Calvary	Mt. Zion	Nowling Chapel	Rocky Pass	Swannanoa	Spruce Pine	Total
Pastor's Salary	1,590	1,824	5,720	2,018	4,780	201	4,778	1,040	4,680	4,940	1,181	\$32,752
Other Salaries	120		360	144	420	40	873	120	2,005	950	80	5,112
Evangelists	80	123	209	141	340	105	205	105	85	675	80	2,144
Property												
Improvements	300	468	179	1,228	1,907		3,301		3,210	8,636		19,229
Local Charity		174		120	372	71	175	146	230	16		1,304
Assn. Blue Ridge	10	3	125		60	5	99	15	101	183	5	606
Assn. State		10		10	25	10		5	54	218		332
Nat'l Coop. Plan										1,348		1,348
FWBBC			360	2%	52				10	183		605
Home Missions	92	79	221	2%	317		117	15	46	180		1,067
Foreign Missions	100	115	1,218	2%	1,269	21	104	20		1,032		4,829
CHURCH PROPERTY												
Value Church	15,000	6,500	65,000	30,000	77,000	8,000	60,000	7,000	60,000	80,000	5,000	413,500
Value Parsonage	9,000		7,500	10,500	9,000		20,000		15,000	15,000		86,000
Other Property	4,000		1,000				10,000	150	4,000	4,000		23,150

OFFICERS OF THE BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Waynette Bridges
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Swannanoa, N. C.

President

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Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Jerry Williams
9 La Rue Street
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Youth Director

Mrs. Flora Morgan
Box 6131
W. Asheville, N. C.

Program Chairman

Mrs. Bob Welborn

Marion, N. C.

Field Director

Mrs. Edith Stamey
Hilltop Road
Canton, N. C.

Study Course Chairman

In an Executive Committee Meeting on November 9, 1963, the following proposed Constitution and By-Laws were adopted for approval of the District Meeting to be held in April.

Article 1.

Name. This organization shall be known as the Blue Ridge District Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Article 11.

Purpose. The purpose of this convention shall be to bring the women of each local church within their district together for the purpose of transacting business pertaining to the promotion of work in general.

Article 111.

Officers and Executive Committee. The officers of

the Convention shall be a President, Vice President, who shall serve as enlistment chairman, recording secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, (3 offices combined), Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Field Secretary, Youth Auxiliary Chairman, Study Course Chairman. These shall constitute the executive committee, four of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article IV.

Membership. This convention shall be composed of the officers of the convention, together with the presidents and delegates (4) duly accredited by the credentials committee from local auxiliaries.

Article V.

Meetings. The convention shall meet semi-annually with the 3rd. Tuesday of April being the Annual meeting. These meetings shall be held for the transacting of business. Officers shall be elected annually.

Article VI.

Amendments. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS

Article 1. Duties of the Officers

President. The President shall reside over all meetings, appoint such committees as may be needed, call the executive committee together when necessary, be ex-officio member of all standing committees, or perform all duties usually pertaining to such an office.

Vice President. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the president and otherwise assist her in the oversight of the general work. She shall serve as Chairman of the Enlistment Committee. During the annual convention she shall serve as chairman of the registration committee.

Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the convention and executive committee meetings; preserve all valuable papers and turn same over to her successor in office. She shall also send a report to the state recording secretary according to the plan of the state

auxiliary convention. She shall serve as Chairman of the Credentials Committee. She shall be in charge of all correspondence pertaining to the work of the convention and shall promote sale of denominational periodicals.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this convention and shall pay out same, only when authorized by the convention. She shall keep an accurate account and give a written report of all funds received and paid out at each meeting of the convention. The treasurer shall also send an annual report to the state treasurer.

Field Secretary. The field secretary shall have charge of all field work pertaining to or necessary to the promotion of the work of the convention. It shall be her duty to enlist any local in her particular district and to organize auxiliaries in churches where there is no auxiliary.

Youth Auxiliary Chairman. The Youth Auxiliary Chairman shall have general oversight of the youth work within the district. She shall plan ways and means of enlisting and promoting youth auxiliary work throughout the district. She shall work these plans through the local youth chairman with whom she cooperates in annual youth camp work. Wherever possible she should visit every local auxiliary in the interest of the missionary education of Free Will Baptist youth and also to enlist Free Will Baptist young people in the Free Will Baptist Bible College for christian training. She shall oversee the district Declamation Contest.

Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall hold meetings for transaction of business as set up by the convention. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to maintain an oversight of the work at large. They shall act for the convention at its regular meetings. They shall assist the program chairman in preparing programs for the regular meetings.

Program Chairman. The program chairman shall lead the Executive Committee in preparing each convention program. She should see that each participant is notified well in advance and that the program is publicized among the local auxiliaries.

Article 11. Committees

Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall be composed of one member from each local auxil-

iary, who are delegates, and nominated from the floor. Their duty shall be to nominate general officers, to be brought before the body. Nominations from the floor will be accepted after the report of the nominating committee.

Credentials Committee. The secretary shall be chairman of this committee, other members shall be appointed by the President. Duties shall be to see that each local auxiliary is properly represented.

Registration Committee. The Secretary shall be chairman of this committee, other members shall be appointed by the president. Duties shall be to provide proper means of registering delegates and visitors at each annual meeting.

Article 111. Fees

Thirty cents (30¢) per active member shall be paid yearly to the District Auxiliary Convention, of which twenty cents (20¢) will be sent to the State Woman's Auxiliary, for convention representation.

BLUE RIDGE MINISTERS CONFERENCE

August 3, 1963

Revision of constitution, article #6 to read the first Saturday in each quarter.

Revision of By-Laws, articles number one and two to read the first Saturday in each quarter.

Moved and voted to accept Rev. James Childers, Rev. Jerry Williams and Rev. Edward Sworts as members of the Blue Ridge Ministers Conference.

Rev. Melton Duncan, Rev. Clyde Cox and Rev. W. L. Kell was appointed to the nomination committee by Moderator.

Moved and voted to license Bro. J. W. Stacy for the ministry.

Message by Rev. James Coffee.

Officers elected as following:

Moderator: Rev. V. E. Condrey

Assistant Moderator: Rev. James Childers

Secretary-Treasurer: Rev. Homer Arrowood

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: Rev. Carl Roland

Investigating Committee: Rev. Roy Duckett

Rev. Jerry Williams

Rev. Calvin Grogan

Ordaining Council: Rev. Milton Hollifield

Rev. James Coffee

Rev. Allen Jackson

Music Director: Rev. Clyde Cox

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward \$32.66

Received During Conference \$20.50

Balance in Treasure \$53.16

MINISTERS REPORTING AT THE AUGUST 1963 CONFERENCE

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Rt. 1

Nebo, N. C. Tel. 697-8182

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Clinchfield Sta.

Marion, N. C.

Rev. Winfred Roland

Swannanoa, N. C.

Rev. R. T. Watson

(gave no address)

Rev. Jerry W. Williams

9 La Rue Street

Asheville, N. C. 254-7939

MINISTER'S REPORT

	No. Churches Pastored	No. Revivals Conducted	No. Conversions	No. Communion & Footwashing	No. Baptisms	No. Funerals	No. Marriages	Rec'd Pastoral Duties	Rec'd Revivals	Rec'd Other Service	Total Amount Rec'd	Do You Tithe?	Ordained or Licensed
Arrowood, Homer	1	5	38	3			1	\$1590	\$264		\$1854	/	O
Childers, James	1	6	121	2	16	8	2				4850	/	O
Coffey, James	1					7	2	1354		\$20	1374	/	O
Condrey, V. E.	1	2	75	2	12	10	2	2462				/	O
Cox, Clyde	1	4	10	3	4		1	3640	300		3940	/	O
Duckette, Roy	1	2	57	5	4	3	1	5651	612		6263	/	O
Duckette, Jerry	1	1	36	1	1	1		515			515	/	L
Duncan, M. B.	1	2	30	3	15	2		288	17	50	455	/	O
Grogan, Calvin			4				1					/	O
Hollifield, M. A.	1	9	167	3	31	14	7	5140				/	O
Jackson, A. L.	1		7		4	2		1280			1280	/	O
Mintz, Harry	1	1			1		1	1174	100		1274	/	O
Roland, Carl	1	3	47	1	15	11	6	1824	149	20	1993	/	O
Roland, Winfred	1				1	2		326					
Watson, R. T.		1	15						25	15		/	L
Williams, J. W.	1	0	8	1	12	1		1820			1820	/	O

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 quarterly meeting held on first Saturday of each quarter, 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 Quarterly in connection with the union meeting.

2. Each member shall report at each annual and Quarterly 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 or 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 organizations shall be met by voluntary contributions or by assesment 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 infimities, 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.

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 bbounds, 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 Auxiliary 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 assocation 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 \$75.00 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; who shall be responsible to do all work they can to promote the work in these departments in each church in this association. He shall encourage cooperation with the state league and ladies' auxiliary organization.

Article 10

The executive board shall consist of the moderator, assistant modera-

tor, 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 19—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 _____.

