

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

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Of The

Blue Ridge Association

Of The

North Carolina

Association

Of

Original Free Will

Baptists

Affiliated With The National Association

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Next Annual Session will be held at the Canton Free Will
Baptist Church, Canton, N. C., on August 5, 6, 7, 1965.

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MT. CALVARY — Beulah McCormick, Bonnie Loftis, Barbara Loftis

MT. ZION —

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ROBERSON CREEK — Ray Poteat, Patsy Poteat, Frank Keeter, Martha Toney

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BUSINESS SESSION — ANNUAL MEETING

The Eleventh Annual Session of the Blue Ridge Association was called to order by Moderator, Rev. W. L. Kell. Roll call was read by the Clerk and the above delegates were seated.

Motion made and approved to seat delegates of the Roberson Creek Church which was under watch-care of the Association.

Motion made and approved to seat delegates of the Fairview Church which was under watch-care of the Association.

Report was given by Bobby Abrams, Editor of the WITNESS, the state Free Will Baptist publication. Mr. Abrams called for a budget of \$10,500 which was set by the State Association.

Rev. M. A. Hollifield, Moderator of the State Association reported of the affairs and activities of the State body.

Rev. James Childers, Committee member of the Care for Children and Aged reported that a Home for the Aged had been purchased in Burnsville, N. C. All offerings and contribution for this home to be sent to William Calvert, 402 East 5th Street, Gastonia, N. C.

A Motion was made and approved by 2-3 of the body to change Article 17 to read as follows: "This association shall meet annually on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday of August."

An offering of \$21.70 was received for the speaker of the day, Rev. Eugene Waddell.

A motion was made and approved to add as Article 19:

"This association recommends that each church pay 1 per cent of their income either monthly or quarterly."

Motion made and approved by 2-3 majority to change Article 19 to Article 20 which reads: "This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the association."

Recommendation made to change annual meeting as follows:

Woman's Auxiliary meet on Thursday morning
Ministers Assn., meet on Thursday afternoon
Youth Conference meet on Thursday night
Regular Annual meeting of Blue Ridge begin Friday
and run through noon Saturday

Motion was made and approved that Executive Board meet with Woman's Auxiliary with the above recommendations. (Report of meeting — The Auxiliary did not approve of above recommendation due to poor attendance at morning meetings).

Motion made and approved to accept Committees Reports for next year and to add any that is necessary. Church Training Service to be added by Mrs. Flora Morgan and Mrs. Bonnie Williams.

Motion made and approved to adjourn for the day.

Friday Morning Business Session

Moderator called meeting to order and asked for new reports to be given. Reports are as follows:

Children's Home changed to Child Care and Care for Aged — "The Free Will Baptist people in North Carolina have stepped out on faith with the purchase of the Brinkley property in Burnsville, N. C., The cost of this land is \$23,000. Used properly this could be the beginning of caring for our aged people. At this time there are nine persons in the home. If necessary the property can provide home for children also. This committee urges the support of this property with donations sent to Rev. W. H. Calvert, 402 East 5th Street, Gastonia, N. C.

Mrs. Paul Hamlet, Mrs. J. W. Phillips,
Mrs. Hoyle Harkins

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 knew 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 recommed 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

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

"Whereas the Youth Training for our denomination is a most important phase of our work and the League program has been inadequate in providing this, and

Whereas the National Association has worked out the new program called Church Training Service and recommends that the states, districts and local churches adopt this program, and

Whereas we are affiliated with the National Association, your committee makes the following recommendation:

That the Blue Ridge Association adopt the Church Training Service Program as set up by the National and urge all our churches to adopt the same and to order the manual from the National Headquarters to go by in setting up this organization and carrying out the Training Service. That the churches order the "Teach and Train" magazine when ordering each quarters material.

Mrs. Flora Morgan,

Mrs. Bonnie Williams

Treasurers report was given. Motion made to table this report until the night meeting.

Motion made and approved to give \$50 toward the expense of the Witness.

Motion made and approved to add 1% Honor Roll to the Church report and to list churches who give this 1% consistently in the annual minutes. Executive Committee recommended that the Blue Ridge Association approve the Glen Alpine Church (whose membership was desolved) fund, go to build an Original Free Will Baptist Church in Burke county and that a letter be sent to this church stating the approval, prayers and best wishes of the association. This motion was approved. Motion made that Rev. Hollifield carry this letter to the church. Approved.

The body voted to accepted property offered the association by Rev. Elmer Keener, provided these plans can be worked out to the best interest of the Association with Rev. Keener.

Invitation for the next annual meeting were given by

Canton and Swannanoa Churches. The body voted to meet at the Canton Church.

Motion made to give a rising vote of thanks to the Rocky Pass Church for their hospitality during this meeting.

Motion made and approved to dismiss this eleventh annual meeting.

CHURCH REPORTS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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	BEAVERDAM	BETHEL	CANTON	CAROLEEN	FAIRVIEW	HORNEY HEIGHTS	MARION (First)	MT. CALVARY	MT. ZION	NOWLING CHAPEL	ROBERSON CREEK	ROCKY PASS	SWANNANOA
Received by Experience	17	20	16	6	4	5	6	0	19	7	3	25	15
Received by Letter	4	1	4	5	4	4	0	0	4	0	0	15	3
Total Received	21	21	20	11	8	9	6	0	23	7	3	40	18
No. Lost by Letter	0	2	0	2	0	0	4	2	2		0	6	6
No. Lost by Death	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3		1	0	3
No. Lost Removal	0	2	0	0	32	0	0	0	9	0	1	7	10
Total Lost													
Total Members	77	204	390	195	139	137	223	58	143	56	60	295	505
SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT	65	100	160	180	100	100	211	65	87	116	77	250	423
No. Enrolled	6	10	16	9	7	12	12	5	9	7	4	14	19
No. Classes													
Literature	Free Will Baptist Literature												
Cost of Literature	\$80	\$105	\$373	\$152	\$143	\$134	\$256	\$21	\$134	\$80		\$229	\$548
LEAGUE REPORT													
No. Pupils			129	25			60		32	23		90	42
No. Groups			7	2			4		4	1		5	3
Literature	Free Will Baptist Literature												
Literature Expense			\$158	\$6			\$60		\$35	\$19		\$107	\$75

CHURCH REPORT FINANCE REPORT

	BEAVERDAM	BETHEL	CANTON	CAROLEEN	FAIRVIEW	HORNEY HEIGHTS	MARION (First)	MT. CALVARY	MT. ZION	NOWLING CHAPEL	ROBERSON CREEK	ROCKY PASS	SWANNANOA
Pastor's Salary	\$1590	\$2815	\$5720	\$3640	\$3002	\$2847	\$4780	\$253	\$4780	\$1300	\$1316	\$5379	\$4949
Other Salaries	120		360	260	311	144	546	1	865	43	150	510	930
Evangelists		233	416	70	140	216	336	100	300	203	50	340	540
Church Property	300	852	7045	820	2098	500	1519		2885	4000	426	1026	2219
Improvements					185					15			295
Local Charity	75	276			185		737	71	226		438	666	
Blue Ridge Assn.	10	5	125			46	60	5	112	15	7	144	196
N. C. State Assn.	10	5			11		45		40		10	20	20
Superannuation						72				10			196
F. W. B. B. C.			339			15	48				30		176
F. W. B. Witness			28		52	10	20					25	446
Home Missions		64	237		798	185	30		90	10	30	184	1020
Foreign Missions		159	1785	65	226	40	1142	33	119	15	30	1368	1256
National Assn.									25	5			
Others	370		1325	911			272					4891	9057
CHURCH PROPERTY													
Value of Church	15000	25000	70000	50000	32000	50000	77000	8000	60000	14000	7500	60000	80000
Value Parsonage	10000		7500	15000	8000	10000	25000		20000			15000	15000
Value Other Property	4000		1000	5000					10000	200		4000	4000

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Mailing Address and Telephone	Churches Pastored	Revivals	Conversions	Foot Washings and Communion Services	Tithe?	Licensed or Ordained	Baptisms	Marriages	Funerals	Amt. Received for Pastoral Duties	Amt. Received for Revivals	Amt. Received for Other Ministerial Duties
Homer Arrowood — 657-6062 Box 385, Caroleen, N. C.	2	3	77	2	/	0	9		6	\$2267	\$190	\$
James K. Childers — 697-8182 Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.	1	9	137	2	/	0	39	1	11	5379		
James Coffey — CH5-2671 Box 91, Caroleen, N. C.	1			1	/	0			5	1316		
V. E. Condrey — 648-8231 Route 2, Canton, N. C.	1	2	100	3	/	0	6	2	8	2651		
Jerry W. Duckette — 938-8558 517 Pleasant Dr., Kannapolis, N. C.	1		12	4	/	L	1		2	130		5.00
Roy Duckette — 933-8558 517 Pleasant Dr., Kannapolis, N. C.	1	3	67	5	/	0	9	2	5	5651	325	287.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 1, 1963 — July 31, 1964

Receipts:

Offering at Association Meeting	\$ 12.93	
Mt. Calvary	5.00	
Bethel	3.00	
Canton	10.00	
Beaverdam	10.00	
Horney Heights	3.68	
Nowling Chapel	55.00	
Marion (1st)	15.00	
Transfer from Kannapolis Bank	806.49	\$ 921.10
Swannanoa Church	206.28	
Canton	114.33	
Rocky Pass	138.39	
Mt. Zion	119.72	
Horney Heights	34.09	
Marion (1st)	30.00	624.81
Woman's Aux. Volena Wilson Car	90.00	
Marion (1st)	100.00	
Youth for the Master	75.00	
Beaverdam Church	100.00	
Mt. Calvary	12.50	377.50
Offering Received Willeys	65.96	65.96
Total Receipts		\$1,989.37

EXPENDITURES

Mrs. Waynette Bridges, Clerk	75.00
Mrs. Waynette Bridges	
Newsletter Expenses	27.77
Hoyle Office Supplies	5.85
Josephine Stevens Account	420.00
Student Loan Fund (to Savings)	600.00
Church Printing and Literature	137.42
Volena Wilson Car	477.50

Rev. and Mrs. Willey, Sr.	65.96
Total Expenditures	\$1,809.50
Balance in checking account	179.87
Balance in savings account — Student Loan Fund ..	600.00
Total	779.87

Rev. Elmer Keener, Treasurer

OFFICERS OF THE BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President — Mrs. Waynette Bridges, Harbin Drive, Swannanoa, N. C.

Vice President — Mrs. Roy Duckett, 517 Pleasant Drive, Kannapolis, N. C.

Secretary-Treasurer — Mrs. Gail Poteat, Rt. 1, Box 270, Marion, N. C.

Youth Director — Mrs. Jerry Williams, 9 La Rue Street, W. Asheville, N. C.

Program Chairman — Mrs. Flora Morgan, Box 6131, W. Asheville, N. C.

Field Director — Mrs. Bob Welborn, Marion, N. C.

Study Course Chairman — Mrs. Edith Stamey, Hilltop Rd., Canton, N. C.

The Blue Ridge Woman's Auxiliary Declamation Winners, Miss Drenda Parrish (GTA) and Miss Theresa Lipe (YPA) both from Horney Heights Church both received top honors in the State Woman's Auxiliary Declamation Contest in Durham, N. C. Miss Parrish (GTA) won first place which was a trip to the National Association and the National Contest. Miss Lipe (YPA) won second place, which was a free week at camp, which she was unable to make, so in place of this she received a nice Bible.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

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

Article II

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 III

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 I — Duties of the Officers

President. The President shall preside 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 conven-

tion 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 Chariman. 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 auxiliary, 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 thsi 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 cets (30c) per active member shall be paid yearly to the District Auxiliary Convention, of which twenty cents (20c) will be sent to the State Woman's Auxiliary, for convention representation.

BLUE RIDGE MINISTERS CONFERENCE ROCKY PASS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

August 9, 1964

Devotion by Rev. Allen Jackson.

Roll Call of ministers.

Voted to retain Brother R. J. Reynolds as a member of the conference until next conference.

Voted that any member of the conference that fails to

report two consecutive meetings will be dealt with by the Conference. This is to be included in the by-laws as by-law number 13 and the present 13 is to be changed to 14.

Voted to amend by-law number two to read,, Each member shall report at each annual and quarterly meeting either in person or by letter with the donation of \$1.00.

Voted that when any member is dropped from the Conference they must wait for 12 months before being reinstated.

A committee was elected, consisting of Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. Homer Arrowood, Rev. Jerry Williams, to make arrangements to have teachers from the Free Will Baptist College come to this district for a Bible conference next summer.

Voted that a Bible is to be presented to any minister being ordained.

Voted to change by-law number 5 to read, At each annual meeting there shall be elected one member of a three member ordaining council, which will rotate on a 3 year term.

The following was elected to the ordaining council for the length of term stated, Rev. James Coffey for 3 years, Rev. Allen Jackson for 2 years, Rev. Jerry Williams for one year.

The following was appointed by the moderator to the investigating committee: Rev. Edward Sworts, Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Harry Mintz.

Rev. J. W. Stacy was ordained, charge brought by Rev. Melton Hollifield.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$41.61
Received During Conference	\$20.00
Balance In Treasury	\$61.61

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. The first Saturday of each quarter, directly after the quarterly meetings, the Ministers' Conference will be held. Each Minister will be required to attend and report on his work at each conference unless providentially hindered; then he shall report by letter.

7. The officers of this conference shall be a moderator and a secretary-treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers. They shall enter upon the duties of said office at the close of the current session. The moderator may not succeed himself.

8. This conference shall have power to make such by-laws and other regulations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties.

9. This constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting by a vote of two thirds.

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 quart-

erly meeting either in person or by letter with the donation of \$1.00.

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 one member of a three member ordaining council, which will rotate on a 3 year term.

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. Any member of the conference that fails to report for two consecutive meetings will be dealt with by the Conference. Any member who is dropped from the conference must wait for 12 months before being reinstated.

14. 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 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 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 over the churches, or to have any power which entitles it to infringe upon the internal affairs or rights of any of the churches composing it. Each church shall consider its internal affairs to be its own business; but it shall not dis-

respect 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 \$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 him 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 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 2nd Sunday of 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 association recommends that each church pay 1 percent of their income either monthly or quarterly.

Article 20

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 depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." (Genesis 3:6).

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 ref-

erence 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.

