

1965

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

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 Swannanoa Free
Will Baptist Church, Canton, N. C., on August 4, 5, 6, 1966.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS
CANTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
CANTON, N. C.

Thursday, August 5 — 9:30 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.

Registration

Call to Order

Welcome — Rev. Edward Swartz

Moderators Message — Rev. W. L. Kell

Business Session

Introductory Message — Rev. R. J. Reynolds — Holding
Forth The Word Of Life, Phil. 2:16

Recess for Lunch

1:00 Devotions — Rev. Harry Mintz

Business Session

Adjourn

Thursday Evening — 7:30 p. m.

Message — Rev. Harold Moran

Adjourn

Friday, August 6 — 10:00 to 3:00 p. m.

Devotions — Rev. Edward Swartz

Special Music — Judy and Dianne Allison, Old Fort
Church

Business Session

Message — Rev. Ronald Creech — Heb. 9:24-28 — Death
is An Appointment

Recess for Lunch

Afternoon Devotions — Rev. Milton Hollifield

Business Session

Adjourn

Friday Evening — 7:30 p. m.

Youth Service

Adjourn

BLUE RIDGE MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, August 7 — 10:00 - 12:00 p. m.

Devotion — Rev. Steve Lawing

Business Session

Adjourn

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Lucille Holland, Secretary; Rev. Harry Mintz, Mrs. Flora
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year; Rev. W. L. Kell, 2 year term; Rev. Allen Jack-
son, 3 year term.

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TWELFTH BUSINESS SESSION — ANNUAL MEETING

The Twelfth 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.

The Speaker of the morning was Rev. R. J. Reynolds of

Canton, N. C., who spoke from the second chapter of Philip-
pians — Holding Forth The Word of Life.

Rev. Wayne Smith, the Assistant Moderator of the National Association of the Original Free Will Baptist brought greetings from the National Association. He gave a brief report on the work and progress of the National Association.

A motion was made and approved that the Moderator appoint a committee to meet with the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary to discuss with them the possibility of the Woman's Auxiliary consolidating with the Blue Ridge Association, giving them the Thursday night service. The committee reports as follows: The Woman's Auxiliary Officers have agreed to present this to their Body in the September meeting, then bring their decision to the first Quarterly meeting. (Report of meeting — This was voted on and approved by Auxiliary members.) Rev. John Moran gave a wonderful report of the Brevard Mission. Rev. Milton Holli-
field, Moderator of the State Association, gave a report on the state work.

Rev. Edward Swartz gave a report on Christian Literature. A Nominating Committee was elected as folloing: Rev. Edward Swartz, Rev. Harry Mintz, and Rev. James K. Childers.

A motion was made and approved to let The Skyland Post in West Jefferson print our minutes annually.

The Moderator called for the Treasurer's Report. It was made and approved by the Body.

Motion made to adjourn for the day.

FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

Moderator called meeting to order. Devotional by Rev. Edward Swartz. The following reports were given:

Rev. Roy Duckett gave a report on Superannuation, Mrs. Gail Poteat gave a report on the Woman's Auxiliary Work, and Rev. W. L. Kell gave a report on the Home for the Aged in Burnsville.

A Motion was made to amend Article 10 of the Constitution to read as follows: The executive board shall consist of

the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer, historian, field superintendent, and three members elected from the floor under the rotating system — 1-2-3 years. 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.

Invitations for the next annual meeting were given by Marion First Church and Swannanoa Church. The delegates voted to meet with Swannanoa Church. The first quarterly meeting will be with the Rocky Pass Church, Nov. 6. The speaker for the morning was Rev. Ronald Creech. He spoke from Hebrews 9:24-28 — Death is an appointment. An offering of \$13.82 was received for Rev. Creech.

Friday Afternoon

There was some discussion about the length of the Associational meetings. A suggestion was made to shorten the time by meeting two days instead of three. Rev. Hollifield moved to leave the meetings as they are until next year and try to stimulate more interest. Motion carried.

The nominating committee — Rev. Edward Swartz, Rev. James K. Childers, and Rev. Harry Mintz gave the following report:

Moderator — Rev. Roy Duckett
Asst. Moderator — Rev. Harry Mintz
Clerk — Mrs. Lucille Holland
Asst. Clerk — Mrs. Gail Poteat
Elected by Acclamation.
Historian — Mrs. Flora Morgan
Asst. — Mrs. Lucille Lance
Treasurer — Rev. Elmer Keener
Asst. — Rev. John Moran

By Nominations.

Executive Board Members elected from the floor:

Rev. Milton Hollifield — 1 year term
Rev. W. L. Kell — 2 year term

Rev. Allen Jackson — 3 year term
 Field Superintendent — Rev. Steve Lawing
 Asst. — Rev. John Moran

Moved and seconded that the Program Committee be eliminated and the Executive Board assume the responsibility for the programs.

A Motion was made and approved to lend Rev. Steve Lawing \$150.00 from the student loan fund to go back to Bible College. Adjourned.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in treasure at the beginning of this year ... \$ 179.87

RECEIPTS:

Offerings at Association Meeting

Beaverdam	\$ 10.00	
Fairview	102.00	
Marion (First)	52.52	
Caroleen	52.94	
Pisgah	58.55	
Roberson Creek	12.97	
Nowling Chapel	80.00	
Bethel	20.00	
Mt. Calvary	5.00	393.98
Swannanoa	184.29	
Mount Zion	117.85	
Canton	151.26	
Rocky Pass	182.60	
Caroleen	69.03	
Roberson Creek	20.86	
Horney Heights	50.79	
Bethel	98.15	
Mt. Calvary	5.00	
Marion (First)	45.00	874.83
Cash received at Conference		160.85
Cash received at Swannanoa for		
Expense of School		47.94
Offering received for Rev. Ronald Creech		13.82
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$1,671.29

EXPENDITURES:

Rev. Ronald Creech	\$ 13.82
Joseph Stevens	420.00
Waynette Bridges	75.00
Foreign Mission	15.00
Home Mission	10.00
National Association	5.00
Witness	50.00
Bobby Abrams	12.05
Hoyle Office Supply	13.14
Frank Davenport	10.00
Kenneth Riggs	10.00
State Association	25.00
John Moran — State Assn. Expense	25.00
Billy Walker — Nat'l Association	50.00
LeRoy Forlines	250.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 984.01

MONEY COLLECTED THAT WAS EAR MARKED FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Caroleen — \$97.18 for Josephine Stevens
Roberson Creek — \$30.00 Foreign Mission — \$30.00 Home Mission
Offering Taken 8-6-64 for Jack Paramore \$21.70
Offering Taken for Rev. Waddell 8-7-64 \$25.00
Loan to Jason Saylor \$150.00
Interest on Savings \$21.10
Balance in Student Loan Fund \$450.00
Balance in Treasure \$687.28

BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Fairview Freewill Baptist Church
November 7, 1964
Roll call of Ministers
Voted to accept Bro. Ernest Strickland under the watch care of Conference for the required twelve months.
Voted to drop Rev. R. J. Reynolds from the Conference.
Voted to give \$20.00 to the Burnsville Home for the Aged and Child Care.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bal. brought forward	\$61.61
Received during Conference	18.00
Total in Treasure	\$79.61

EXPENDITURES:

Burnsville Home	\$20.00
Balance in Treasure	\$59.61

Beaverdam Free Will Baptist Church

February 6, 1965

Theme: Importance of an Evangelistic Church

Pisgah Freewill Baptist Church presented its church letter, stating their wish to join this Association. Motion made and approved to accept this Church.

Roll Call of Churches made, those not represented were Bethel, Horney Height's, Nowling Chapel, Spruce Pine. The Brevard Mission was discussed and Rev. Condry reported a church and parsonage for sale there.

Motion made to adjourn business until after Rev. Bobby Abrams' Message.

Continued business at 1:30.

Motion made to appoint an investigation of the Brevard area. Approved.

At this time a report was given on the Greensboro work started by the General Conference and pastored by Rev. Denton.

Motion made and approved for each church to set a designated amount to give toward support of this mission.

Motion made to continue the church extension discussion at meeting on March 20.

Motion made and approved to have a Bible Conference at the Liberty Church on March 20. Revs. Swartz, Hollifield, and Duckett appointed to make program for this meeting.

Next Quarterly meeting at Marion (First) Church.

Adjourn.

Marion (First) Freewill Baptist Church

May 1, 1965

Roll Call of Ministers

Motion made and approved to grant Bro. V. E. Condry a letter of commendation.

Motion made and approved to accept Bro. Ralph Reep under the watch care of the Conference.

Motion made and approved to receive Bro. R. J. Reynolds under the watch care of the Conference for required 12 months.

Motion made and approved to license Bro. John Moran for six months period of time.

Motion made and approved to send Bro. Dale Kirkendall to summer school at the Freewill Baptist Bible College.

Adjourned.

The Annual Ministers Conference

Canton Freewill Baptist Church

August 7, 1965

Rev. Carl Roland was voted in as Secretary and Treasurer of Minister's Conference.

Roll Call of Ministers.

Voted and approved for Secretary to send a letter to absent members.

Voted and approved that Moderator appoint a committee to employ a teacher for Bible School next year. Committee appointed — Revs. Kell, Williams, and Jackson.

Motion made and approved that Bro. Ralph Reep remain under watch care of Conference until next meeting.

Letters of dismission were granted to Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick and Rev. Homer Arrowood.

Rev. Steve Lawing was ordained at this Conference, Ordination message was delivered by his Pastor, Rev. Roy Duckett.

Motion made and approved to present a Bible to each Minister who is Ordained. A Bible to be presented to Rev. Lawing at next Conference.

Officers elected as following:

Moderator — Rev. James Childers

Asst. Moderator — Rev. Calvin Grogan

Sec. & Trea. — Rev. Carl Roland

Ordaining Council:

Rev. Edward Swartz

Rev. Warren Reese

Rev. Allen Jackson

Investigating Committee:

Rev. W. L. Kell

Rev. Elmer Keener

Rev. J. W. Stacy

Motion made and approved to meet with the Rocky Pass Church for the next quarterly conference November 6, 1965.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in Trea. August 1964	\$ 41.61
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Amount received during year	79.00
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Total amount in Treasury	\$120.61
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Expenditures:

Burnsville Home	\$ 20.00
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Rev. Calvin Grogan (sick)	25.00
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Postage	1.36
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Rev. Dale Kirkendall	59.00
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Rev. V. E. Condry	3.00
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Total Expenditures	108.36
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Offering received at Conference	18.00
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 30.25
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Adjourned.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	BEAVERDAM	BETHEL	CANTON	CAROLEEN	FAIRVIEW	HORNEY HEIGHTS	MARION (First)	MT. CALVARY	MT. ZION	NOWLING CHAPEL	PISGAH	ROBERSON CREEK	ROCKY PASS	SWANNANOA
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No. of Members Received:

By Experience		46	25	3	6	13	20	10	6	12	4	7	14	22
By Letter		1		12	1	3	5	1	4	2	6	1	12	9
Total Received	16	47	25	15	7	16	25	11	10	14	10	8	26	31

No. of Members Lost:

By Letter	2	3	2	3	1	9	2	0	0	0	14	1	3	4
By Death	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	3
By Removal	0			0	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	6
Total Lost	3	4	5	3	4	0	2	1	0	0	18	3	8	13
Total Membership:	67	251	413	220	84	145	216	61	116	70	93	65	312	517

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT:

No. of Pupils		190	275		97	87	256	61	102	105	87	79	265	447
No. of Classes		11	17	10	7	7	12	5	9	6	7	4	14	21

Do you use FWB Literature?

Approx. Cost of Literature		\$130	\$713	\$192	\$420	\$101	\$383	\$40	\$137	\$80	\$59	\$107	\$353	\$510
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LEAGUE REPORT:

No. of Pupils			127				90		39	19			60	50
No. of Groups			7				3		4	19			60	50
Approx. Cost of Literature			\$160						\$76					

FINANCIAL REPORT

	BETHEL	CANTON	CAROLEEN	FAIRVIEW	HORNEY HEIGHTS	MARION (First)	MT. CALVARY	MT. ZION	NOWLING CHAPEL	PISGAH	ROBERSON CREEK	ROCKY PASS	SWANNANOA
Pastor's Salary	\$3725	\$5720	\$3995	\$3900	\$3120	\$4880	\$364	\$5290	\$1040	\$2410	\$1337	\$5356	\$4940
Other Salaries			1300	360	144	546		799	80	180	150	600	1070
Evangelists	111	407	150	225	92	285	149	190	135	75	85	435	535
Improvements	900	7500	501	2350	220	1316	150	3193	800	10000		1030	1038
Local Charity	547	126	25	732	75	682	115	320	25		118	731	436
Assn. Blue Ridge	98	140	80	84	40	80	5	110	25	58	26	132	243
Assn. State	20	140			10	71		20			20	221	974
Superannuation					72	30		15					
FWBBC		352			45	25		18			20		243
FWB Witness						50					10	50	
Home Mission	310	470	90		20	682	25	126	30	26	20	511	434
Foreign Mission	63	1980	141	300	34	984	22	54	40	41	38	1978	1150
Nat'l Assn.					10	10					10	7982	1096
Others			192	350	968	172		1243			78		11692
CHURCH PROPERTY													
Value Church	30000	70000	55000	30000	30000	75000	8000	60000	14000	11000	7500	60000	90000
Value Parsonage		7500	11000	8000	12000	25000		20000		10000		15000	15000
Other Property		8000						10000	100			4000	5000

Pastor's Salary, Beaverdam: \$1,680.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

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Mailing Address and Telephone	Churches Pastored	Revivals	Conversions	Foot Washings and Communion Services	Tithe	Licensed or Ordained	Baptisms	Marriages	Funerals	Amount Received for Pastorial Duties	Amount Received for Revivals	Amt. Received for Other Ministerial Duties
Homer Arrowood — 657-6062	1	4	105		/	O	1	2	7	\$3980.00	\$335.00	\$ 20.00
Box 385, Caroleen, N. C.												
James K. Childers — 697-8182	1	6	121	2	/	O	14	3	6	5356.00		
t. 1, Box 83, Nebo, N. C.												
James C. Coffee — 245-2671	1	1		1	/	O	7	2	5	1337.90	100.00	10.00
Box 91, Caroleen, N. C.												
Roy F. Duckette — 933-8558	1	3	67	5	/	O	8	1	1	5290.00	450.00	150.00
517 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.												
M. B. Duncan	1	2	19	3	/	O	2	1	3	284.66	50.90	10.00
Box 392A, Marion, N. C.												
Calvin Grogan — 660-4671	1	0	32	2	/	O	6	1	0	1900.12		5.00
Black Mountain, N. C.												
Milton Hollifield — 686-3837	1	5	94	2	/	O	26	4	16	4940.00		
Box 281, Swannanoa, N. C.												
Allen Jackson — 724-4272												

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Box 330A, Rt. 4, Marion, N. C.	1	4	27	1	/	O	5	3	1	2692.32		
W. L. Kell — 697-6571												
250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, N. C.	1	5	94	2	/	O	1	6	8	4880.00		
Steve L. Lawing — 933-6961												
517 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.	0	0	8	4	/	L	0	0	0			48.00
W. J. McDaniel — 437-7297												
Box 231, Rt. 1, Morganton, N. C.	1	1	39		/	O	11	1	5	1125.00		
Harry Mintz — 697-2193												
Rt. 1, Box 390B, Marion, N. C.	1	3	20	2	/	O	4	1	1	3900.00	250.00	10.00
John C. Moran												
Rt. 1, Pisgah Forest, Brevard, N. C.	1		10		/					950.00		65.00
Warren M. Reese — 253-9239												
220 Va. Ave., Asheville, N. C.	1	0	5	4	/	O	3	0	5	1560.00		33.00
R. J. Reynolds — 648-1936												
Box 281A, Rt. 2, Canton, N. C.	2	4	56	2	/	O	22	3	5			
Carl E. Roland — 695-9622												
Rt. 1, Box 8B, Nebo, N. C.	1	4	136	2	/	O	72	5	14	3725.00	216.00	35.00
James W. Stacy												
Rt. 1, Box 445, Marion, N. C.	1	1	25	2	/	L	6		2		120.00	
Ernest Strickland — No. 7-3692												
Rt. 2, Candler, N. C.	1	1	15	4	/	O	3	2	4		50.00	
Edward Swartz — 648-0753												
8 Ward St., Canton, N. C.	1		135	2	/	O	22			5720.00		
Jerry Williams — 254-7939												
9 LaRue St., W. Asheville, N. C.	1	0	8	1	/	O	14	0	2	3120.00		

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 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 II. 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 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 III. Fees

Thirty cents (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.

CONSTITUTION, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptist 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.

BY-LAWS, 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 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 by-laws 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 I

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 rec-

ommended 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 disrespect the association and those who are placed in authority by the proper process.

Article 4

An accused church has the same right as an individual in the church: to have specific charges presented in writing, a fair opportunity for defense, and to be considered innocent until proved guilty.

Article 5

This Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegates.

Article 6

Churches coming from another denomination will be carefully and satisfactorily examined as to doctrine before being received as members.

Article 7

1. The officers of this Association shall be moderator and assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer, historian and field superintendent, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering upon their said duties of said offices at the close of the current session.

2. The moderator and assistant moderator shall not suc-

ceed 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 do 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 Saviour, having made salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the gospel, which is freely offered to all.

Article 12

Any church seeking membership in this Association shall furnish evidence that there is a deed 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. I 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." (I 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." (I 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 amusement 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.

