

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Blue Ridge Association

OF THE

North Carolina Association

OF

Original Free Will Baptists

Affiliated With The National Association



Next Annual Session Will Be Held At The Fairview Church,

Marion, N. C., August 10, 11, 12, 1967.

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

Thursday, August 4 — 9:30 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.

Registration

Call to Order

Welcome — Rev. Milton Hollifield

Moderator's Message — Rev. J. K. Childers, Acting
Moderator

Business Session

Introductory Message — Rev. Billy Morris — James 4:1-8

Recess for Lunch

1:00 Devotions — Rev. W. L. Kell

Business Session

Adjourn

Thursday Evening — 7:30 p. m. — Womans District Auxilliary

Meeting

Message by Mrs. Josephene Stevens

Business Session

Adjourn

Friday, August 5, — 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.

Devotions — Rev. James K. Childers — Psalms 68:11

Special Prayer for Sister Volena Wilson

Business Session

Special Music — Mrs. Mack Owens

Message — Rev. Mack Owens — Missionary to Canada

Recess for Lunch

Afternoon Devotions — Rev. Talmadge Maynard — Luke

8:22-25

Business Session

Adjourn

Friday Evening — 7:30 p. m.

Youth Service

Adjourn

BLUE RIDGE MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Saturday, August 6 — 10:00-12:00 p. m.

Devotions — Rev. Carl Roland

Business Session

Adjourn

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MT. ZION —

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Thirteenth Annual Session of the Blue Ridge Association opened with the congregation singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Opening prayer by Rev. Paul Butler, of Cedar Hill Church. Due to the illness of the Moderator, Rev. Roy Duckette, the Moderator's message was brought by the Rev. James K. Childers.

Roll call of the churches was made — 14 churches were represented, those absent were Mt. Zion and Spruce Pine. Visitors were recognized and welcomed.

Motion made and approved that Clerk read delegates names, number of members received, and total membership of each church, when calling the roll.

Mrs. Grace Stafford was voted in as assistant Clerk.

Motion made and approved that the Bible School taught by Rev. LeRoy Forlines, begin each evening at 6:45 p. m.

Motion made and approved that we elect various committees to give a report every other year.

Rev. Billy Morris, of Durham, N. C. brought an inspiring message based on James 4:1-8.

Lunch —

Thursday afternoon — Due to a funeral in the Swannanoa church, business was resumed at the Burgin's Chapel Church with the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Harry Mintz, presiding.

Song — When we all get to Heaven.

Prayer by Rev. Benny Turner — Devotions by Rev. W. L. Kell.

The following committees were elected:

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE — Rev. Kell, Rev. Jason Salyers, Rev. Jerry Williams.

BOARD OF CARE FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE AGED

— Rev. Childers, Rev. Allen Jackson

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE — Mrs. Nancy Randall, Mrs. Allen Jackson

PASTOR'S SUPPORT — Mrs. Benny Turner, Mrs. W. L. Kell

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY — Mrs. Lucille Lance, Mrs. Grace Stafford

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Rev. Jerry Williams, Rev. Talmage Maynard

Motion made and approved to eliminate the Youth Committee and League Committee and create one known as "Church Training Service."

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE — Rev. Benny Turner, Brother Danny Anglin

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mrs. Mae Miller

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS—Mrs. Kell, Mrs. Holland

DEEPER DEVOTIONS — Bro. Carl Reynolds, Rev. G. M. Reynolds

MASTER'S MEN — Rev. Milton Hollifield, Bro. Claude Runnion

Bro. Harry Pless was elected to fill the unexpired term of assistant treasurer.

Rev. Benny Turner was elected for a 3-year term on the executive board.

Rev. Ronald Creech, Moderator of the N. C. State Association gave a report on the State work. He urged each church to pray for, and support the various enterprises, placing special emphasis on the "Witness".

Adjourned —

FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

Song — Send The Light

Devotions by Rev. James K. Childers — Psalms 68:11

Reports of the various committees:

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Resolutions passed during the annual meeting were as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that we express sincere appreciation

to the Swannanoa F. W. B. Church for their kindness and hospitality during the 13th Annual Session of the Blue Ridge Association.

BE IT RESOLVED — We recommend that \$100.00 be paid to promote the publication of the Witness by our State Association, providing the funds are available. We further recommend that every member of the Blue Ridge Association subscribe for this Denominational paper.

BE IT RESOLVED that we recommend that pastors, teachers, and all those in positions of responsibility emphasize the great need of prayer for our Denominational work as a whole, as well as the local church. We urge that our Missionaries spiritual needs be baptised with Holy Prayer.

BE IT RESOLVED that we recommend that the Blue Ridge Association organize and sponsor a Youth Camp for the young people of our churches.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. W. L. Kell

Rev. Jason Salyer

Rev. Jerry Williams

BOARD OF CHILD CARE AND HOME FOR THE AGED

In as much as we the Free Will Baptist, of the State of North Carolina, now own and operate a home for the aged in Burnsville, N. C. It is now known as the Burnsville Free Will Baptist Rest Home.

We therefore recommend, that all of our churches give liberal support to this worthy and deserving ministry. For as much in that we do not have a home for children.

We further recommend that we be alert to the possibility of ministering in that field.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. James K. Childers

Rev. Allen Jackson

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

We, your committee, on Auxiliary wish to thank you for your prayer and support this past year, but we have a greater challenge this year than ever before. The mission-

aries are pleading with us for intercessory prayer to God for the walls of Satan to be torn down so souls may be reached for Jesus Christ. In this terrible time of Satan's power, enlist every woman to pray, then give. We ask you to pray daily for Sister Josephine Stevens and Sister Volena Wilson and others. Sister Volena is very ill at this time, so we request that you pray especially for her physical strength to carry on.

Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. Lucille Lance

Mrs. Grace Stafford

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Christianity is a seven day religion and our whole life should be dedicated to God and to His service. Yet, God has commanded us in His Word to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy". Gen. 20:8. To keep a day holy is to set it apart from others and devote it to God and sacred things. Let us as Christians ask ourselves this question, "How shall we use the Lord's Day"? We should use it as Jesus did: demonstrating love, doing good, worshiping, and being busy about our Father's business.

We praise God that we have the freedom to worship God and honor Him in our Sunday observance. Our prayer is that God might always grant us this freedom and we as christians might always cherish it.

We, your committee, challenge you to be a living testimony to Christ and His resurrection by keeping this day holy.

Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. Allen Jackson

PASTOR'S SUPPORT

We, your committee, feel that pastor's should have financial support from the church he pastors, so that he can give full-time to the work of the church. 1 Cor. 9:14 "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."

Your pastor deserves your support. He needs to be sup-

ported not only financially but in attendance at church services, through prayer and also through sympathy and understanding. Remember, you have your pastor to go to in time of need, but a pastor has no pastor.

Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. Benny Turner

Mrs. W. L. Kell

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

One of the greatest opportunities a parent has is to teach their children about Jesus Christ in the home. Our society suffers today because parents don't take time to train their children in the Word of God.

Christian Education is very important in three distinct areas:

1. The Home — 2 Tim. 3:15 "And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scripture, which are able to make thee wise unto Salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

2. The Church — Christian Education has a great opportunity in the church if the members would put forth special effort to come to all of the services of the church.

3. The School — Parents should do all they can to encourage their children to attend the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. Encourage them to obtain the B. A. degree if at all possible. If not possible to go four years, at least attend two years because there is the spiritual training our young people need to face the world today.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Talmage Maynor

Rev. Jerry Williams

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

The major mission of the church is to train Christians to be better Christians and to win souls for Christ. The best place to train Christians for this work is in Church Training Service.

To have a spiritual church and denomination in the future, we must train our youth as well as our adults today. Your people will gain more Bible knowledge and your church

will have better and more readers by having a Church Training Program.

The Bible teaches us to train our children not only in the home but also in the church. Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Also, the Bible teaches both children and adults to study 2 Tim. 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

We further recommend that our churches support by purchasing their materials and the magazine "Teach and Train" from our C. T. S. Department.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Benny Turner

Bro. Dan Anglin

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday School fully believe that each church should have a Sunday School. In this evil day when there is so much to attract the attention of our young people, we believe that it is more important than ever before to take our children to Sunday School and to plant the word of God in their hearts while they are still young and tender. Ecc. 12:1 "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

We also believe that all teachers and officers should be dedicated Christians filled with the Holy Spirit. We, too, believe that children should be taken, not sent to church and Sunday School.

Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. Mae Miller

Mrs. L. E. Martin

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That the churches of the Blue Ridge Association co-

operate with the Mission Board of the North Carolina Association of original Free Will Baptist.

2. That we encourage our churches to use missionaries to speak when they are in their area.

3. That we encourage our churches to Pray for and support our Mission program more consistantly.

4. That our churches send their money for Home and Foreign Missions to our National Headquarters in Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully Submitted
Mrs. Louise Kell
Mrs. Lucille Holland

DEEPER DEVOTIONS

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." 2 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
Rev. G. M. Reynolds
Bro. Carl Reynolds

Business was interrupted at this time for a special prayer for Sister Volena Wilson, who is seriously ill.

Motion made and carried that report of committees be printed in the minutes every year.

The speaker for the morning was the Rev. Mack Owens, Missionary to Canada. He spoke from Isa. 6 — Isaiah's Vision
Special music was rendered by Mrs. Owens.

Lunch —

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

Song — I Am Thine, Oh Lord.

Devotions — Rev. Talmage Maynard — Luke 8:22-25.

The Moderator called for the treasurer's report. It was made and approved by the delegates. The report is as follows:

Balance in account, August, 1965 \$293.30

Amount received:

Canton	\$128.52
Swannanoa	211.39
Horney Height's	50.21
Mt. Calvary	5.00
Bethel	64.00
Pisgah	76.55
Caroleen	65.81
Marion (First)	60.00
Roberson Creek	33.72
Fairview	102.00
Mt. Zion	98.10
Rocky Pass	209.13
Coll. During Assn.	173.11
TOTAL	\$1,570.84

Expenditures:

Skyland Post (Minutes)	89.92
McDowell News. (100 Certificates)	14.80
State Assn. (Brevard Mission)	7.59
Mrs. Gene Holland — Clerk	75.00
Mrs. Josephene Stevens	504.00
Foreign Mission	40.00

Home Mission	15.00
Meadow Fork F.W.B. Mission	100.00
State Association	50.00
Mrs. Volena Wilson	43.00
Rev. Roy Duckette (Plaques)	17.45
Rev. James Childers (Stamps, Env.)	11.74
Skyland Post (Minutes)	88.06
Meadow Fork F.W.B. (Brevard Miss.)	100.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,156.56
Balance in treasury	\$ 414.28
Student Loan Fund — \$450.00 plus \$47.57 (int.)	\$ 497.57
\$150.00 loaned	

Offering — Special for Volena Wilson: Pisgah, \$10.00; Rocky Pass, \$10.00; Bethel, \$10.00; Mt. Calvary, \$10.00; Marion, \$50.

Motion made and approved that we give Rev. Mack Owens \$25.00.

Motion made and approved that a committee be appointed from the Blue Ridge Association to contact the Board of Youth Relations of the State Association in regards to purchasing land for the purpose of a Youth Camp. This land is to be acquired from the Board of Child Care and the Aged located in the Blue Ridge Mountains and now in their possession.

Motion made and approved that a committee be appointed to meet with the Executive Board of The Missionary Plantation Camp at Ellenboro for the purpose of securing the camp for our Youth next year.

Committee appointed: Rev. Childers, Rev. Kell, and Rev. Salyers.

Invitations were given for the next annual meeting by Fairview and Caroleen. The body voted to meet with the Fairview Church.

Invitation for Quarterly Conference November 5 by Caroleen Church. The body voted to go to Caroleen.

Motion made and approved to comply with the Resolution Committee's recommendation to give \$100.00 to the State Association for the Witness paper.

Following is a letter of appreciation:

Blue Ridge Association
Of Free Will Baptists
My Dear Friends in Christ:

Words fail me to tell you how much I appreciated what you did for the "Witness" during your recent session. May God bless you. From the bottom of my heart, may I say thank you for the \$100 gift and 12 subscriptions.

Brother Billy Morris and I enjoyed your association more than you will ever know. I am so glad we are brothers and sisters in Jesus.

I'm looking forward to being with you at Fairview next year, Lord willing. May God's richest blessings be yours.

Sincerely,
Ronald Creech, Acting Editor
Free Will Baptist WITNESS

Friday Evening: Youth Night

Opening Hymn: "He Keeps Me Singing" led by Rev. Milton Hollifield

Opening prayer by Rev. Harold Stevens

Welcome and introductions by Milton Hollifield, Jr.

Special Singing: Old Fort Trio, the Mintz Family, and Rebecca Stevens

Sword Drill was led by Rev. James Childers, Jr.

Junior Winner—Deborah Setzer, Rocky Pass Church

Senior Winner—Annette Rice, Swannanoa Church

Message by Rev. Cary Watkins — Rev. Childers led in a closing dedicatory prayer with several young people at the altar.

OFFICERS OF THE BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President — Mrs. Lucille Holland, Box 46, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C.

Vice-President — Mrs. Ruth Duckette, 517 Pleasant Drive, Kannapolis, N. C.

Recording Sec't. — Mrs. Grace Stafford, 109 High St., Marion, N. C.

Corresponding Sec't — Mrs. Margaret Fox, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C.

Mission Chairman — Mrs. Flora Morgan, P. O. Box 6131, W. Asheville, N. C.

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

Stewardship and Prayer Chairman — Mrs. Cline Messer, Swannanoa, N. C.

Program Chairman — Mrs. Martha Taylor, Morris St., Marion, N. C.

Historian — Mrs. Grace Stafford, 109 High St., Marion, N. C.

One of the high lights of the Thirteenth Annual Session of the Blue Ridge Association was the Woman's District Auxiliary Meeting August 4.

Welcome was given by Rev. Milton Hollifield

Devotion by Mrs. Ranz Lavender

Special singing was rendered by the ladies of the Bethel Church and the Mintz Family.

Featured speaker was Mrs. Josephine Stevens, Missionary to Africa. Her subject was: "For The Weapons of Our Warfare Are Not Carnal" — 2 Corinthians 10:4.

The Lord is to be praised for a record-breaking attendance, and for the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the evening.

During the business session, we voted to adopt the recommendations made by the State and National Woman's Auxiliary.

BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Rocky Pass Free Will Baptist Church

November 6, 1965

Theme: "The Meaning Of Missions"

Roll Call of Churches were made with 13 churches represented. Those not represented were Caroleen and Beavertown. Visiting churches were Burgin's Chapel, Cedar Hill, Liberty, and Old Fort.

Motion made and approved to give \$100.00 toward the purchase of property in the Meadow Fork area for a church. Rev. Hollifield gave a report on the Executive Board Meeting in Durham. Each church was urged to send an of-

fering to the State Association toward the indebtedness of the Witness.

Motion made and approved to give \$50.00 for this cause.

An offering of \$132.00 was given for Sister Volena Wilson's Account. An urgent appeal was made to the churches to give her more support.

Motion made to adjourn business until after lunch.

Continued business at 1:15.

Motion made and approved to accept the Burgin's Chapel F. W. B. Church into the membership of the Blue Ridge Association under watchcare, according to Associational By-Laws.

A committee, Bro. Swartz, Bro. Lloyd Allison, Bro. Hollifield, and Bro. Kell were appointed to investigate the Brevard Work.

Awards were given to Sherry Burgis — Senior winner of the Sword Drill and Sharon Baver — Junior winner of the Sword Drill.

Invitation for next quarterly meeting — Burgin's Chapel.

Adjourn

Burgin's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

February 5, 1966

Theme: "Love"

Roll Call of churches was made with 11 churches represented. Those not represented were Beaverdam, Canton, Nowling Chapel, and Roberson Creek. Fairview was the winner for the Attendance Banner.

Motion made and approved for Clerk to purchase two awards (Pins or Plaques) for the Sword Drill winners.

Motion made and approved to accept the Burgin's Chapel F. W. B. Church into full fellowship of the Blue Ridge Association.

Motion made and approved that the Clerk inform Brother John Moran that the Blue Ridge Association release him from the Brevard work, and given him liberty to go wherever the Holy Spirit may direct him, also our vote of thanks for the wonderful work he has done there.

Motion made and approved that Rev. Childers take Rev.

Swartz's place on the investigating committee along with Bro. Lloyd Allison, Rev. Hollifield, and Rev. Kell and this committee survey the Lenoir area for the possibility of a work there.

Motion made and approved that the Moderator appoint delegates to the State Association at the Association.

Invitation for next quarterly meeting — Bethel F. W. B. Church.

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church

May 7, 1966

Theme: Launch Out Into The Deep — Luke 5:6.

Roll Call of churches were made with 14 churches represented. Beaverdam Church was not represented.

Rev. M. B. Duncan gave a report on the Spruce Pine Church. Because of a misunderstanding their church was dropped from our roll. Motion made to place the church back on the roll.

A motion carried to have a two weeks Bible School this summer. August 8th through 12th at Horney Heights — 15th through 19th at Rocky Pass Church.

Everyone was urged to keep praying about the possibility of establishing a work in the Lenoir area.

A motion carried to omit the Sword Drill Contest. Each pastor was urged to encourage this in the annual meeting.

A recommendation was made by the Rev. John Moran to channel the Brevard Mission money to Rev. Elmer Keener for the Meadow Fork Church.

A motion carried that we pay \$25.00 out of the treasury each month and all that goes into the State Treasury earmarked "Western North Carolina Missions" until the \$400.00 that we owe Bro. Moran is paid.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to Rev. Frank Davenport, State Treasurer, of this effect.

A motion carried to re-imburse Mrs. Holland for Association expenses.

Adjourned

BLUE RIDGE MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

November 6, 1965

Song by Body

Devotions by Rev. Ralph Reep, pastor of Mt. Calvary Church

Roll Call of ministers — There were 8 absentees.

Moved and voted by Conference that Investigating Committee check on Rev. Strickland.

Rocky Pass Church recommended Bro. Bill Poteat for license.

Recommendation by Ordaining Council to accept Rev. Bill Vaughn under watch-care until we receive a letter from his Association in Tennessee.

Recommendation by Ordaining Council that we accept Rev.

Ralph Reep as an Ordained member of our Association.

Rev. Jason Salyer was also accepted as a member of our Association.

Burgin's Chapel Church was accepted under watch-care of Association.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance brought forward	\$13.05
Received during conference	20.50
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Bal. in treasure	\$33.55

Adjourned.

Ministers Conference — February 5, 1966

Burgin's Chapel

Congregational Song

Devotions by Rev. Calvin Grogan

Roll Call of Ministers

Approved by conference to write absent ministers again.

Rev. Benny Turner was accepted as a member of Association.

Rev. Talmage Maynor was accepted under watch-care, awaiting letter.

Rev. James Wilhide was accepted under watch-care, awaiting letter.

Rev. Swift and Rev. Clark were licensed today.

Voted to give Bro. John Moran \$26.10 for Hospital Insurance.

Offering taken for Bro. Harry Mintz, \$17.78.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash on hand	\$33.55
Rec. during Conference	17.00
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Total cash	\$50.55
Paid Bro. Moran	26.10
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Bal.	\$24.45

Adjourned.

Minister's Conference — May 7, 1966

Bethel Church

Song by Congregation

Devotions by Rev. Calvin Grogan

Roll Call of ministers

Voted to drop Bro. Hayes from Minister's Roll.

Conference voted to write a letter of recommendation for Bro. John Moran who is going to General Conference.

Ordaining Council agreed to meet at Canton Church to ordain Bro. Moran to preach the Gospel, May 14, 1966. A Bible was presented to Bro. Moran.

The Ordaining Council recommended Bro. James K. Childers, Jr. and Bro. David Hensley for license.

A committee, Bro. Grogan, Bro. Mintz, and Bro. Jackson were elected to discuss and study the possibility of young ministers being licensed by churches.

Financial Report:

Cash on hand	\$24.45
Rec. during conference	20.00
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Total	\$44.45
Paid on Bible (Bro. Moran)	12.00
Bal. in treasury	\$32.45

Adjourned.

Minister's Conference

Swannanoa Church, August 6, 1966

Congregational Song

Devotions by Rev. Carl Roland

Roll call of ministers

The Conference voted to write Rev. E. O. Connelly a letter, stating if he wishes to remain a member of this Association, he must abide by By-Laws of this Association. The Conference voted to accept Rev. Donald E. Gasperson's resignation.

The Body voted to contact Rev. Steve Lawing and Rev. Edward Swartz concerning their reports to Minister's Conference.

Rev. Milton Hollifield was elected for a 3 year term on Ordaining Council to replace Rev. Swartz.

Investigating Committee elected as follows: Rev. Jason Salyer, Rev. Benny Turner, and Rev. Talmage Maynor.

Rev. James D. Wilhide was accepted as a member of Conference.

Agreed by Body to give Investigating Committee until next Conference to decide on the licensing of ministers, either by Conference or by churches as called by and for in Article 3 in By-Laws.

Treasurer's Report:

Rec. during Conference	25.00
Cash on hand	\$32.45
Bal. in treasury	<u>\$57.45</u>

Altar Prayer

Adjourned.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	BEAVERDAM	BETHEL	BURGIN'S CHAPEL	CANTON	CAROLEEN	FAIRVIEW	HORNEY HEIGHTS	MARION (First)	MT. CALVARY	MT. ZION	NOWLING CHAPEL	PISGAH	ROBERSON CREEK	ROCKY PASS	SWANNANOA
No. Members Received:															
By Experience	15	38	2		7	0	1	12	17	21	12	5	3	15	17
By Letter	7	4	6	1	10	2	5	6	7	2	9	4	0	9	2
Total Received	22	42	8	1	17	2	6	18	24	23	21	9	3	24	19
No. Members Lost:															
By Letter	0	1	5	12	3	4	0	3	3	2		3	1	0	10
By Death	0	2		0		2	1			1		2	0	1	2
By Removal	0	0		0		5	0		4	0		0	0	0	7
Total Lost	0	3	5	12	3	11	1	3	7	3		5	1	1	19
Total Membership	84	290		379	239	75	150	228	70	163	77	110	60	335	518
SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT:															
No. of Pupils	84	190	100	250	155	95	111	221		102	105	90	80	265	345
No. of Classes	6	10	8	16	10	7	7	12	6	9	7	7	4	14	21
Kind of Literature															
Approx. Cost of Literature ..															
C. T. S. Report:															
No. of Pupils	\$130	\$128	\$144	\$1103	\$240	\$103	\$101	\$330	\$124	\$136	\$91	\$119	\$127	\$301	\$1070
No. of Groups				120	40			60		24				60	38
Approx. Cost of Literature ...				7	2			4		5				4	4
				\$160				\$90		\$54				\$104	\$130

Free Will Baptist Literature Used By All Churches

FINANCIAL REPORT

	BEAVERDAM	BETHEL	BURGIN'S CHAPEL	CANTON	CAROLEEN	FAIRVIEW	HORNEY HEIGHTS	MARION (First)	MT. CALVARY	MT. ZION	NOWLING CHAPEL	PISGAH	ROBERSON CREEK	ROCKY PASS	SWANNANOA
Pastor's Salary ...	\$2180	\$4810	\$2860	\$5581	\$2870	\$4020	\$3120	\$5220	\$736	\$5430	\$1215	\$3900	\$1434	\$5820	\$6875
Other Salaries	120	240		533		217	144	580		841	45	240	150	660	1020
Evangelists	225	171	345	360	35	83	120	523	77	100	179	291	20	400	491
Property															
Improvements ..	1525		233	2755	1600	1158		4122		2485	126	920	297	5411	1730
Local Charity	380	476	49	120	85	423		401	50	239	19	474		886	419
Blue Ridge Assn. ...	10	131		143	75	84	50	60	5	105	15	76	33	184	211
State Assn.		20		479	44	10	10	260		262	10		20	308	843
Superannuation ...							72			40	10				
F. W. B. B. C. ...				531	55	156	35	100						80	211
F. W. B. Witness ...				44				25			5			65	
Home Missions ...	75	476		265	50	75	71	1095	60		25	26		541	300
Foreign Missions ..	120	10	325	2371	75	268	95	1256	25	962	35	43	15	1537	1080
Nat'l Assn.				20			10	10						10	1268
Others	500				160	70	90	516			1104		210	7128	3363
CHURCH PROPERTY															
Value Church ...	15000	35000	20000	70000	60000	30500	30000	75000	8000	60000	15000	7000	7500	90000	90000
Value Parsonage ..	10000		10000	7500	14000	8500	12000	25000		20000		10000		15000	15000
Other Property	4000			8000	500					10000				7250	5000

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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 every 2 years.

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 provides proper means of registering delegates and visitors at each annual meeting.

Article III. Fees

One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per active mem-

ber shall be paid yearly to the District Auxiliary Convention, with 75c for the National, and 25c for the District and 25c for the State Woman's Auxiliary for promotional work.

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 stand-

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

Article 4

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

Article 5

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

Article 6

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

Article 7

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

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

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

all the meetings of the association.

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

5. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association in a business-like manner, and to superintend the printing of the minutes, and the distribution of said minutes, and to give over all properties belonging to his or her office to his or her duly successor. The clerk shall be paid a fee of \$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 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.

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT

July 31, 19—— - August 1, 19——

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. Received by Experience	_____
No. Received by Letter	_____
Total No. Received	_____
No. Lost by Letter	_____
No. Lost by Death	_____

FINANCE REPORT

Pastor's Salary	_____
Other Salaries	_____
Evangelists	_____
Church Property Improvements	_____
Local Charity	_____

No. Lost by Removal	_____
Total No. Lost	_____
Total Membership	_____

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

No. Pupils Enrolled	_____
No. of Classes	_____
Kind of Literature	_____
Literature Expense	_____
C. T. S. REPORT:	
No. of Pupils Enrolled	_____
No. of Groups	_____
Kind of Literature	_____
Literature Expense	_____

Blue Ridge Association	_____
N. C. State Association	_____
Superannuation	_____
Free Will Baptist Bible College	_____
Free Will Baptist Witness	_____
Home Missions	_____
Foreign Missions	_____
National Association	_____
Others	_____
Total	_____

CHURCH PROPERTY

Value of Church	_____
Value of Parsonage	_____
Value of Other Property	_____

OFFICERS OF CHURCH

Pastor _____ Address _____

Clerk _____ Address _____

Pastor and Clerk for coming year if any change:

Sunday School Supt. _____ Address _____

Secretary _____ Address _____

League Pres. _____ Address _____

Secretary _____ Address _____

CHURCH AUXILIARIES

Woman's Auxiliary Pres. _____ Address _____

Secretary _____ Address _____

No. of Members _____ Money Taken in _____ Money Paid Out _____

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Name of Auxiliary _____

No. 2 - Pres. _____ Address _____

Secretary _____ Address _____

No. of Members _____ Money Taken in _____ Money Paid Out _____

Name of Auxiliary _____

Y. P. A.'s Director _____ Address _____

No. of Members _____ Money Taken in _____ Money Paid Out _____

G. T. A's Director _____ Address _____

No. of Members _____ Money Taken in _____ Money Paid Out _____

Master's Men Pres. _____ Address _____

Secretary _____ Address _____

Boy's Club Director _____ Address _____

No. Members _____

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MINISTER'S REPORT

Name _____ Address _____ Tel. _____

No. Churches pastored _____ No. Baptisms _____

No. Revivals conducted _____ No. Marriages _____

No. of conversions _____ No. Funerals _____

No. Communion and
Footwashing Services _____ Amt. Rec'd for
Pastorial Duties _____

Do you Tithe? _____ Amt. Rec'd for
Revivals _____

Are you Licensed
or Ordained _____ Amt. Rec'd for
Other Ministerial Duties _____

