FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Blue Ridge Association

of the

North Carolina Association

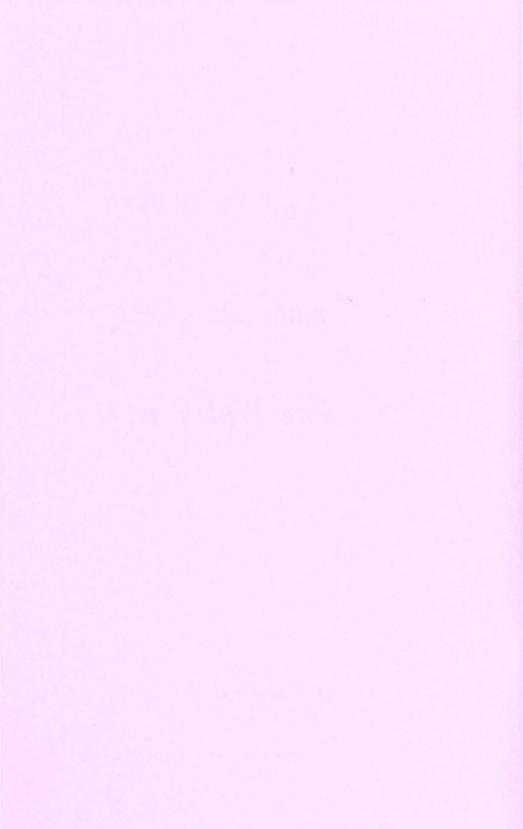
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Next Annual Session Will Be Held At The Burgin's Chapel Church, Black Mountain, N. C., August 7, 8, 9, 1969



FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS ROCKY PASS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

MARION, N. C.

Thursday, August 8 — 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration Call to Order

Welcome

Response

Moderator's Remarks

Business Session

Introductory Message — Rev. Ralph Reep Recess for Lunch

1:30 Devotions --- Rev. George M. Reynolds **Business Session**

Adjourn

Thursday Evening - 7:30 p.m. - Woman's District Auxiliary Meeting Message by Rev. Louis Coscia - Missionary to Brazil. **Business Session**

Adjourn

Friday August 9 — 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Devotions - Rev. E. L. Beechboard Business Session Message — Rev. Carl Steele **Recess** for Lunch Afternoon Devotions — Rev. Calvin Grogan **Business Session** Adjourn

Friday Evening — 7:30 p.m. — Youth Service Special Music — Joy Belles of Swannanoa — Duncan Sisters of Spruce Pine Testimony time for Youth Message - Rev. James K. Childers, Jr.

Saturday Morning — Minister's Conference Devotions --- Rev. James C. Lynn, Sr.

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Bro. Crattus Burrell.

Rev. Childers gave a partial report on the Youth Camp.

A Motion was made by Rev. R. J. Reynolds that our Churches be urged to pray continually until the November election, as to who will lead our Nation in Government Offics. Motion carried.

A Motion carried to bring from the table the recommendation by the Nominating Committee to dispense with this Office of Field Superintendent. A Motion was made and approved to dispense with this Office.

Upon recommendation of Executive Committee, a motion was made and approved that the Mt. Bethel Church be accepted in full fellowship into the Blue Ridge Association this day.

The Moderator adjourned the Business Session for a short recess before the Worship Service.

The Worship Service opened with the Congregation singing, "When we all get to Heaven." Special singing was rendered by Rev. R. J. Reynolds. The Introductory Message was brought by the Rev. Ralph Reep. He used the Theme, "For Such a Time as This." Esther 4:14.

Lunch

Thursday Afternoon — Devotions by Rev. G. M. Reynolds. Second Timothy 4: 1,2. Prayer by Rev. Carl Steele.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Resolutions Committee: Rev. Childers, Rev. Steele, and Rev. Lynn.

Board of Care for the Aged Rev. Jason Salyer

Woman's Auxiliary: Mrs. Harkins, Mrs. Stafford, and Mrs. Lance

Youth Camp: Rev. Childers and Rev. Salyer

Pastor's Support: Rev. Rev. Lynn and Bro. Carl Reynolds Christian Education: Rev. Watkins, Rev. Benny Turner Church Training Service Bro. Danny Anglin, Mrs. Grace

Stafford

Sunday School: Mrs. Mae Miller, Mrs. Evelyn Randolph ---Home and Foreign Mission: Rev. Elmer-Keener, Mrs. Elmer Keener.

Deeper Devotions: Mrs. Lance, Mrs. Randall

Sunday Observance: Bro. Hoyle Harkins

A Motion was made and approved to change the name of the Board of Child Care and Home for the Aged to The Board of Care for the Aged.

Move to Adjourn.

FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The Friday Morning service opened with the Rev. Carl Roland leading the congregation in singing the Hymn. "Won't It Be Wonderful There." Rev. E. L. Beachboard used as his devotion scripture — I Thess. 5:6. Prayer by Rev. Benny Turner.

The Moderator called for Committee Reports. These reports were all voted upon and approved individually. They are as follows:

Woman's Auxiliary — Mrs. Lance (See Reports)

Church Training Service — Bro. Danny Anglin

Sunday School Report — Mrs. Mae Miller

Sunday Observance — Bro. Hoyle Harkins

Resolutions — Rev. Lynn

Pastor's Support — Rev. Lynn

Motion made and approved that Business Session be suspended until the Afternoon Session.

An Offering was received for the Board of Care for the Aged. \$54.50 was received.

Rev. Carl Steele brought the morning Message using the theme, "For Such a Time as This." Esther 4:14.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational Song led by Rev. J. C. Lynn. Devotion by Rev. Calvin Grogan. His Scripture was Matt. 11:28-29.

Youth Camp Report was given by Rev. Jason Salyer (See Reports). Motion made and approved to accept his report.

Motion made to retain present Youth Camp Directors. — Amendment — Directors be compensated for their expenses in arranging for Youth Camp. Voted on and approved.

Motion made and approved that Moderator appoint a committee to make recommendations at the next annual session, concerning the election of Youth Camp Directors on rotating system.

Committee Appointed: Rev. Benny Turner, Bro. Danny Anglin, Rev. Salyer.

The Report on Christian Education was given by Rev. Benny Turner and accepted. The Report on Deeper Devotions by Rev. Williams was voted on and approved.

Motion made and approved that Assistant Treasurer, Bro. David Pittman be given responsibility for Treasurer until next Quarterly Meeting.

Rev. Carl Steele was elected for a 3-year term on the Executive Board.

The Body voted to meet with the Pisgah Church for the November Quarterly Meeting.

Motion made and approved that we adopt the policy of convening our Quarterly and Annual Meetings in alphabetical order, beginning in February.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY EVENING — YOUTH SERVICE

Song — Standing on the Promises. — Prayer by Bro. Jackson.

Roll Call of Churches — The following churches were represented: Canton, Caroleen, Fairview, Nowling Chapel, Rocky Pass, Spruce Pine, Swannanoa.

Special Singing by the Joy Bells of Swannanoa and the Duncan Sisters of Spruce Pine.

Youth Testimony time was enjoyed by all. The Evening Message was brought by Rev. James K. Childers, Jr. Proverbs 4:23 — "What is in your Heart?"

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Historian — Mrs. Grace Stafford, 109 High St., Marion, N. C. The Blue Ridge District Woman's Auxiliary met August 8,

1968 at Rocky Pass Church. The Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lucille Holland.

Congregational Singing was led by Mrs. Lois Pittman Prayer by Rev. Milton Duncan

Welcome was extended by Mrs. Margaret Fox Response by Mrs. Mae Miller

Special Music by Mrs. Marie Seagle

Rev. Louis Coscia, Missionary to Brazil was our featured speaker. He spoke to us from Esther 4:14.

Minutes of the last meeting was read and approved — The Treasurer's report was given and approved. Mission Report was given by Sister Flora Morgan. The State Field Worker was with us and gave a report on her work. Motion made and approved to send \$25.00 to our State Work.

Roll Call of Churches was made. Churches represented were: Nowling Chapel, Rocky Pass, Marion (First), Horney Heights, Canton, Caroleen, Fairview.

Nominating Committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. Grace Stafford, Mrs. Betty Sowers, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, Mrs. Martha Taylor, Mrs. Nancy Randall.

The Next Meeting will be with the Caroleen Church. Adjourned

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasure, August, 1967 _____\$120.00 Amount Received:

	Beaverdam	\$ 10.00́	
	Bethel		
	Burgin's Chapel		
	Canton	156.26	
	Caroleen	100.00	
	Cedar Hill	10.00	
	Fairview		
	Horney Height's		
	Marion (First)		
	Mt. Calvary		
	Mt. Zion		
	Nowling Chapel		
	Pisgah	67.50	
	Roberson Creek		
	Rocky Pass		
	Spruce Pine (First)	10.00	
	Swannanoa		
	Barbara Jolly Student Loan Fund		
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	Home Missions		
	Foreign Missions	26.00	
	Bible College	60.00	
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	Ronald Creech	100.00)
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1	1027.00
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FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Rocky Pass Church and its Pastor for the wonderful meals and hospitality it has extended to the Association during this meeting.

2. Whereas, most of our Foreign Missionaries either are Graduates of or received part of their training at Free Will Baptist Bible College; Be it resolved therefore, that any person who borrows money from the Student Loan Fund of the Blue Ridge Association and is accepted for service by the Foreign Missions Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptist and goes to the field is absolved from repayment to the Student Loan Fund and the debt is canceled.

3. Whereas, there is dire need for rejuvinating interest in and more active participation by the local churches in the work of the Blue Ridge Association, therefore, it is recommended that each local church invite the moderator of the Association to speak and present the work of the Association at least once during the moderator's two year tenure of office.

4. Whereas, there is need of financial support for the Home for the Aged at Burnsville, N. C. It is suggested that those churches and Ministers of our Association, who feel led and will, give the proceeds of one revival toward the support of the Home at Burnsville during the Critical stage of its development. However, the resolutions committee begs to share the following observations with the Association:

- a. The life of the local church and its undergirding of financial support is dependent to a large degree upon the faithful, regular tithing of its members;
- b. So the key to the success and financial undergirding of the Home of the Aged and every other phase of our work, local state, and national is the tithing of the local church of its income to our causes.

5. Whereas, there is a tremendous need among Free Will Baptist Ministers for adequate life insurance, accident, sickness, and hospitalization insurance, and retirement income protection.

6. Whereas, the Bible declares that,

- 1. The Minister should share in the material prosperity of the people, 1 Cor. 9:11 and,
- 2. That, "they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." 1 Cor. 9:14.

Be it resolved therefore, that each local church of the Blue Ridge Association be encouragd and urged to review their provisions for their pastor in the areas of;

- 1. Life Insurance protection for the Minister's family.
- 2. Accident, sickness, and hospitalization insurance, and,
- 3. Consider setting up a monthly allowance over and and above his salary that would be applied toward a program of benefits to meet these most urgent needs.
- 4. Support the Superannuation Program of the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. James K. Childers, Sr. Rev. James C. Lynn, Sr. Rev. Carl E. Steele

REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP

The Blue Ridge Association Youth Camp met for the 1968 Session at the Missionary Plantation, near Ellenboro, N. C. There were 49 Campers, plus the Staff this year. A warm spirit of Fellowship and cooperation existed throughout the week.

Rev. Leroy Forlines of Nashville, Tenn. was Camp Evangelist. He and Mrs. Forelines also directed fun-time and taught Bible Classes. Much was accomplished in the spiritual lives of the Campers.

An evaluation session was held on Friday evening, after last service, by the staff. The following observations were made and are presented with the hope that they might improve our future camping program.

- 1. As soon as feasible, have two weeks of camping divided by age groups; the pre-teens and teenagers.
- 2. Plan and organize the Camps far enough in advance to provide sufficient Literature and have in the hands of the teachers several weeks in advance.
- 3. Encourage the members of each local church, not only to become involved in the Youth Camp themselves, but also to encourage and provide for their Pastor to be able to put the Youth Camp on his church calendar, that he might spend the entire week at the Youth Camp working.

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- 4. Encourage each local church to provide workers for the Youth-Camp. If members of the local church cannot, then they be encouraged to finance a worker, preferably from the Bible College.
- 5. Provide a separate, private cabin for the Kitchen help.
- 6. Have an adult counselor for each cabin.
- 7. Draw up a set of rules and regulations for each camper to abide by.

8. That the different Pastors and Churches recognize the value of Youth Camp. This is not a week of fun and frolic.

In Bible Camp, we are able to create our own spiritual atmosphere and environment. In our present materia i and atheistic society, no greater opportunity is afforded than youth camp to reach ouc young people for Christ and capture their lives for His service.

> Respectfully Submitted, Camp Staff of 1968 Rev. Jason Salyer, Camp Director

FINANCIAL REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP

Receipts:

Balance in Treasure from 1967 Camp __\$136.53 Receipts from 1968 Campers & Canteen 804.79

TOTAL					1	\$941.31	
Disbursements:	• •	:	. •	· · .			
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Mrs. Florence MacLaren _____ 50.00 Helpers _____ 25.00 Literature _____ 8.80 Rev. Childers — Expenses _____ 22.00 Groceries and Camp Supplies ____ 320.21 Total Disbursements _____ 748.01 Cash Balance — August 10, 1968 _____\$193.30 Respectfully Submitted, Rev. James K. Childers, Sr.

Rev. Jason Salyer

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The Free Will Baptist of North Carolina under the sponsorship of the State Association, now own and operate a Home for the aged in Burnsville, N. C. However, this work and the usage of the Home are not limited to the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, nor only to the Associations affiliated with the State Association. It is the desire of all of those concerned with the welfare of the Home, that Free Will Baptist everywhere share in the benefits and the support of Home.

This work is solely sponsored by Free Will Baptist people. Thre is no Federal or State Government allocations. Therefore, Financial support from the local church is imperative. May the Lord inspire the Pastors and churches everywhere, especially of the Blue Ridge Association to contribute liberally to this very worthy cause.

> Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Jason Salyer

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary has had a great part in the Lord's work. We feel that every Church that has or don't have an Auxiliary, should get in this phase of work, for there are souls far and near to be won for Christ.

We urge every Church in the Blue Ridge Association to promote a Woman's Auxiliary with missions being their chief work, with all departments cooperating. Let us all unite in Prayer for greater victories.

> Respectfully Submitted, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins Mrs. Bynum Lance

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. I 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 supported 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, Rev. James C. Lynn Bro. Carl Reynolds

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In these days of atheism, the denial of the word of God, the denial of Christian doctrines, and the fear of sending our children to colleges and universities that expose sin and allow their students to engage in immoral acts, we, your committee, feel that Christian education is a must for Christian leaders of tomorrow.

We highly recommend that Christian education begin in the home. The Bible declares that the basis for Christian education begins in the home by training the child the scriptures.

We also recommend that our churches do their best in providing sound Christian education for our people.

We further recommend our Free Will Baptist Bible College for our children to attend in getting their college training. We feel that our Pastors, churches, and parents should keep our Bible College before our people, so our young people will be encouraged to receive sound Christian education.

> Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Carey Watkins Rev. Benny Turner

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

In the fast moving world in which we live, we need young men and women with a quick answer to all of life's problems. The only true answer to any problem is one based on what the Word of God says. Where is the best place for young people to get grounded in the Word of God? We feel that the best place for a child to get this training is in a Christ centered home. However in the day in which we live, it is hard to find a Christ centered home. Therefore, the next best place is at church. You may say, what part of the Church program is set up for this personalized training that is needed? Our answer to this question would be a well organized Church Training Service.

The Church Training Service is not only set up to give you the knowledge and answers to life's problems, but it also is set up to give you the exercise of giving your answers fast in such activities as Sword Drills, Bible Tic Tac Toe, Bible Bowl, panel discussions and buzz groups. Church Training Service is not just for the young but for the old as well. Even if you are old in years, after you have taken part in a well planned Church Training Service Program, you will feel twenty or thirty years younger in mind and heart.

Let's all find ourselves in a Church Training Service Class prepared and fulfilling the commission of 2 Timothy 2:15 — "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

> Respectfully Submitted, Bro. Dan Anglin Mrs. Grace Stafford

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In this day of falling away when so much sin and evil abounds, we believe that it is very important to take our children to Sunday School. Here they hear the word of God on a level that they can understand.

We as parents will be held responsible for whether or not we take our children to hear the word of God.

Teachers will also be held responsible for the way they live before those they reach.

The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

Respectfully Submitted, Mrs. Mae Miller Mrs. Evelyn Randolph

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That the churches of the Blue Ridge Association cooperate with the Mission Board of the North Carolina Association of original Free Will Baptist.

2. That we encourage our churches to use Missionaries to speak when they are in the 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

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Col. 3:2-3. We should have strong convictions and pray for the Ministers that they may lead the flock into deeper devotions and the burden of the lost shall be utmost in all our church programs.

God calls us to be separated from the world and be an example of the Lord Jesus Christ while here on earth.

In times like these let us "Lift up our eyes upto the hills from which cometh our help." "Our help cometh from God."

> Respectfully Submitted Mrs. J. B. Lance Mrs. J. M. Randall

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Mark 2:27 tells us that God made the Sabbath day for man and not man foc the Sabbath. It also tells us in Gen. 20:8 to remember the Sabbath day and to keep it holy.

To keep a holy day is to set it apart from any other day and devote it to God and sacred things.

Many people of today do not think that the Sabbath applies to our twentieth century society.

Let us as christians wake up and realize that when we use Sunday for ordinary purposes, we are failing to give a good testimony to Christ's resurrection and of our lives as christians.

Respectfully Submitted, Bro. Hoyle Harkins

BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Meadow Fork Free Will Baptist Church Congregational Song — Led by Rev. Carl Roland Devotion — Rev. Talmadge Maynor — John 14:26 Welcome by Rev. Elmer Keener Prayer by Rev. Benny Turner Roll Call of Churches was made with 12 Churchs represented. The Churches not represented were: Mt. Zion, Nowling Chapel, Mt. Calvary, Spruce Pine.

- Visiting Ministers were: Rev. Floyd Frisbee, Rev. Lynn, Rev. Raymond Ponder, Rev. J. Y. Burgin, Rev. T. A. Holder.
- A report was given on the Burnsville Rest Home by Rev. W. L. Kell. Each Church was urged to give more support to the Home.

Motion made that Cedar Hill Church be re-instated as a member of Blue Ridge Association. Second — Motion carried with a 100 percent standing vote. The Pastor and Delegates were given the right hand of Fellowship.

- Motion made that Clerk write a letter to Mt. Zion Church showing our concern and interest in the church. Since the church did not send in an annual report and was not represented at the 1st. Quarterly meeting. Motion Carried.
- The Body voted to go to Marion First Church for the next Quarterly Conference February 3, 1968.
- Treasurer's report was given by Bro. Frank Patrick. Motion made and carried to accept report.
- Motion made to give Bro. Dan Anglin authority to arrange for drills and competition for our Youth for the Master's contest. Motion carried.
- Message by Rev. W. L. Kell Possibility of the Spirit Departing. 1st. Samuel 16:14 — Hosea 5:6.
- Marion (First) Free Will Baptst Church

February 3, 1968

Theme: WANTED — Heart Donors

Congregational Song — Led by Rev. Carl Roland

Devotions — Rev. Carl Steel — Romans 7:22

Welcome — Rev. W. L. Kell

Response --- Rev. J. C. Lynn

- Roll Call of Churches Churches not represented were Mt. Calvary, Mt. Zion, Spruce Pine
- Visiting Ministers Rev. Ronald Creech, Rev. Jack Paramore, Rev. Richard Adams, Rev. Weldon Keys, Rev. Floyd Frisbee

A motion was made and approved for Rev. Richard Adams to call the Chairman Deacon of Mt. Zion Church and ask him to contact our Moderator. Amendment — Clerk write a letter to Chairman Deacon requesting their desire as to whether they wish to remain in our Association. A rising vote of appreciation was given to Sister Flora Morgan for her work as Historian.

A Motion was made to rent Camp Hideaway for our Youth if available. If not, obtain the Missionary Plantation. Motion carried.

On motion the Meadow Fork Church was accepted in the Blue Ridge Association

Rev. Ronald Creech gave a report on our State Work.

Rev. Jack Paramore gave a report on the Bible College and urged more Churches to support the College.

Motion made and approved that Clerk write a letter to the Foreign Mission Board informing them, we would like Sister Josephine Stevens picture placed on our map with a note under this saying she is with the South African General Mission Board.

Motion made and carried to dispense with Business until after Worship hour.

Special Music was rendered by the Morgan Sister and Rev. Eacl Biddle and Daughter.

Message by Rev. Jack Paramore — The Gift of God — John 4:10; 2 Cor. 9:15, Romans 6;23.

The Body voted to go to Cedar Hill for our next Quarterly Meeting.

An Offering of \$37.62 was received for the Bible College. Cedar Hill Free Will Baptist Church

Devotion — Rev. Winfred Roland

Welcome — Rev. J. C. Lynn

Response — Rev. Earl Biddle

Roll Call of Churches — Churches not represented were: Bethel, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Zion, Spruce Pine, Meadow Fork.

Visiting Ministers — Rv. C. A. Huklebee, Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. Don Ellis

Rev. Ellis gave a wonderful report of the Children's Home in Tenn. He expressed thanks to North Carolina for their support.

Motion made and approved that the letter from Rev. Reford Wilson concerning Sister Josephine Stevens be inserted in Minutes.

Rev. James K. Childers, Sr. gave a report on the Youth Camp: The Missionary Plantation Camp at Ellenboro. has been secured for the week July 29-August 3. Ages 9-15 years.

Motion made and approved — Rev. Jason Salyer be appointed as Camp Director.

Motion made and approved — \$100.00 be appropriated from our Treasure to be used for Youth Camp if needed.

Motion made and approved to take \$24.00 from Treasure to send the winners from our Association in Bible Bowl and Tic-Tac-Toe to the State Competition.

Motion made and approved — Moderator appoint Delegates to State Association. Bro. Dan Anglin was appointed.

Rev. Hulkebee gave a report on the Superannuation Board and urged each member to consider the retirement plan for the Ministers.

Message by Rev. J. C. Lynn — Genesis 23:33.

A Love offering was received — \$41.10

\$20.55 given to Children's Home — \$20.55 given to Superannuation Board.

A copy of the Letter concerning Sister Josephine Stevens.

Reverend Jerry Williams 283 Shelbourn Road Asheville, N. C.

Dear Brother Williams:

I apppreciate your writing me of the request from the Blue Ridge Association. I am well aware of the consistent support of your Churches to Sister Stevens. Your question has been asked by others.

As you know, when Sister Stevens first went as a missionary, our missionary staff was small and it was agreed that our Free Will Baptist churches could channel her support through our department. Since then, we have had requests from Free Will Baptists who have gone out under other boards to make similar requests. Our board did not feel that we should continue this policy.

It would be impractical and confusing to different areas of our denomination for us to include pictures of Free Will Baptist missionaries supported by Free Will Baptists but serving under other mission boards.

We are happy to continue rendering this service to Sister Stevens and the churches which support her. We do hope you understand the problem with which we are confronted.

Harold and Josephine came by my office for a visit and I had the opportunity to express my appreciation for their ministry in our churches. Their director, Dr. Bob Foster of the Africa EvangelicalFellowship, is a personal friend of mine and came by our offices last month for a visit, I hope you will share this information with the people in your association so that their questions will be answered.

Sincerely in Christ, J. Reford Wilson

General Director

BLUE RIDGE MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Meadow Fork Church — November 4, 1967 Devotion — Rev. G. M. Reynolds — Psalm 23

Roll Call of Ministers -- 22 members present. Rev. Steve Lawing was dropped from our roll.

It was moved and approved that retired Ministers of this conference be exempt from reporting with the regular \$1.00 levy as active members are assessed.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

- 1. We recommend the following ministers into our fellowship:
 - a. Rev. James C. Lynn, Sr. (Newly elected Pastor of Cedar Hill Church), from the Tidewater Assn. of F.W.B.'S. Rev. Lynn presented a letter of Recommendation from Tidewater Assn. ACTION TAKEN — Approved.
 - b. Rev. Carl E. Steele (having served under the watch care of our Association for 90 days) Approved.
- 2. We recommend Rev. Billy B. Poteat for renewal of license for another year. Action taken: Approved.
- 3. We recommend the following ministers for license to come under the watch-care of our Association pending the report of our investigating committee: Rev. Floyd Frisbee, Rev. Bobby Parker. Action taken Approved.
- 4. We recommend the following ministers to be taken) into our Conference pending our investigating committee's report and a request of letter from the French Broad Association of F.W.B.
 - a. Rev. Thomas Holder, Jr.
 - b. Rev. Raymond L. Ponder

ACTION TAKEN: Approved

Respectfully Submitted Rev. Milton Hollifield, Chm. Rev. R. J. Reynolds Rev. B. H. Turner Proxy for Rev. Allen Jackson) Treasurer's Report:

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Cash on Hand	\$72.50
	26.25
TOTAL	98.75
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2 Bibles (Rev. Hensley,	
Rev. J. K. Childers, Jr.)	\$36.35
1 Bible (Rev. Lon Ledford)	
TOTAL	
Cash Balance November 2	8\$45.05

Moved and Seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Ralph Reep, Clerk

First Free Will Baptist Church, Marion, N. C. — February 3, 1968

Song — Leaning on the Everlasting Arms — Led by Rev. Carl Roland

Prayer — Rev. Elmer Keener

Minutes read and approved

Roll Call of Ministers — 30 members reporting,

Letters of Recommendation concerning Rev. Thomas Holder, Jr. and Rev. Raymond L. Ponder were read.

A Letter of recommendation was granted to Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick for the ourpose of uniting with the South West

Va. Association of F.WW.B.

Motion made and approved to refund \$1.00 and send a letter encouraging Rev. Steve Lawing to unite with a conference near him.

Motion made and approved to send Rev. Ernest Strickland a letter encouraging him to unite with a conference near

him and drop his name from our roll.

Rocky Pass Church recommended Rev. Billy B. Poteat for ordination.

Motion made and approved to give \$15.00 to WITNESS.

Right hand of fellowship was given to Brothers Raymond L. Ponder, Earl Bittle, and Thomas Holder, Jr.

Ordaining Council Report:

Recommended that Billy B. Poteat be ordained at this meeting. Motion made and appproved.

Rev. James K. Childers, Sr. preached the ordination message from II Tim. 5:1-4, Charging Brother Poteat to "Preach the Word." Rev. Jason Salyer presented the Bible. Fol-lowing this the laying on of hands was ministered to this brother.

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Financial Report:

Balance in Treasury	\$43.05
Amount received	31.00
Gift for WITNESS	15.00
Bible for Rev. Poteat	19.00
Refund for Rev. Lawing	1.00
Money Order Fees	
Balance in Treasury	\$38.35
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Motion made and approved to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Ralph Reep, Clerk

Cedar Hill Church — May 4, 1968

Song — "Wonderful words of Life" was led by Rev. Milton Hollifield

Prayer led by Rev. Hucklebee, a visiting minister.

Devotion — Rev. Jason Salyer using Psalm 126.

Visitors recognized — Rev. Hucklebee, Rev. Don Ellis Minutes read and approved.

Roll Call of Ministers — 26 members reporting with \$25.00 paid and one retired minister who is exempt from the \$1.00 assessment.

Motion made and approved for Investigating Committee to communicate with Rev. Lon Ledford on his desire to see which ONE Ministers Conference he be united with.

Bro. Don Ellis gave a report on the F.W.B. Children's Home in Greenville, Tenn.

Ordaining council met with the Investigating Committee.

Old Business — the subject of the need to get the Questionaire for candidates of ordination, license and/or membership of this body was discussed, concerning the action of same.

Ordaining Council Report:

- a. Incomplete report-
- b. Due to questionaires not being complete, Rev. Floyd Frisbee and Rev. Bobby Parker will be licensed next meeting (Annual), if questionaires are suitably completed.

Financial Report:

Bal. in Treasury .		\$38.35
Amount Received		25.00
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Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Ralph Reep

Rocky Pass Church — August 10, 1968

Song - Love Lifted Me

Visiting Ministers and all made welcome

Remarks by Moderator, Rev. Carey Watkins, from II Sam. 15

Roll Call of Ministers --- 31 members present. \$35.00 was re-

received during roll call.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT:

Recommended Rev. Floyd Frisbee and Rev. Bobbby Parker for license.

Recommended that Rev. Donald E. Gasperson stay under

watchcare of this Minister's Conference for 6 months.

ACTION TAKEN: Approved

Officers Elected at this Conference:

Rev. Benny Turner was elected to Ordaining Council.

Rev. Calvin Grogan, Rev. Carl Roland and Rev. Jason Salyer were elected to the Investigating Committee.

Rev. Ronald Creech gave a report of the State Evangelist Activity.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Bal. in Treasury	\$63.35
Amount Received	
Pd. for Certificate of	License 1.55
Balance in Treasury	\$97.00

Motion made and approved to adjourn Rev. Ronald Creech closed with Prayer.

> Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Ralph Reep

OFFICERS OF MINISTER'S CONFERENCE:

Moderator	Rev. Carev Watkins
Asst. Moderator	
Clerk & Treasurer	
Asst. Clerk & Treasurer F	

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

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Rev.	R. J. F	Reynolds	2	Years
Rev.	Benny	Turner	3	Years

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:

Rev. Calvin Grogan

Rev. Carl Roland

Rev. Jason Salyer

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 this convention shall be a president, vice president, recording secretary, assistant recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, field worker, missions chairman, study course chairman, stewardship-prayer chairman, and personal service-evangelism chairman. These shall constitute the executive committee, six 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) July accredited by the credentials committee from local auxiliaries.

Article V

Meetings. The convention shall meet semi-annually with the 2nd Saturday in 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 promite 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

One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per active member 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 act as an advisory council under the authority and recommendations of the local Church 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. The local church should use close scrutiny in recommending anyone for license, and the Church should be thoroughly convinced of the candidates calling and moral integrity. He should preach at least one year under license, not less than thirty sermons, proving himself in every respect before the Church commends him to the Minister's Conference for ordination.

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 secretarytreasurer, 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 isused 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.

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CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

of the

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

of

NORTH CAROLINA

Affiliated With

National Association of Free Will Baptists

Article 1

This Association shall be known as the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Article 2

The objects of this Association shall be: To promote unity, fraternity, fellowship and co-operation; and to encourage and engage in larger Christian enterprises that cannot be carried on by a single church. To combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptists within its bounds in one sacred effort to encourage and promote the general spread of the gospel; and the causes of the united program.

Article 3

1. This Association shall be composed of all ordained and licensed ministers and deacons and of delegates chosen and sent by each church in its bounds, who shall be duly recommended by the church to which they belong.

2. The following auxiliaries of each church are entitled to one delegate each: The Sunday School, Ladies Auxiliary and Free Will Baptist League. No church shall be entitled to more than six (6) delegates.

3. Each church and its auxilaries may represent by letter and a donation for the expenses of the association and the causes it fosters.

3. 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 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.

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 to promote the work in these departments in each church in this Association. He shall encourage cooperation with the state league and ladies' auxiliary organization.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Article 10

The executive board shall consist of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer, histoiran, 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 ofice, 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 Surday 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-third vote at any annual meeting of the Association.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1-A session of this Association shall meet annually.

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ARTICLE 2-This Association shall be opened and closed with suitable devotions.

ARTICLE3-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 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.

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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 repravity and consequently involved his poserity 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, gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat." (Genesis 3:6).

A. 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 rot 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 repelled 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).

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8. PERSEVERENCE: We do not believe, under gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith perservere 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 for for the Kingdom of God." (Luke 8:62).

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 shewn down and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." (Matthew 7:19-20).

10. CHRISTIAN BAPTISM: We believe that Chirstian baptism is the immerson 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 unworthly, 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 sain't 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).

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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 comformity 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 endeaver to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We shall forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail not 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.

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MINISTER'S REPORTS	Churches Pastored	Revivals	Conversions Communion Services Footwashing	Tithe.	Licensed or Ordained Baptisms	Marriages	Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties	Amt. Received for Revivals	Amt. Received for Other Ministeral Duties
Rev. Elisha Beechboard Box 227, High Street, Marion, N. C.	1	1	68 2	Yes	0 13	0	 1 \$		\$
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James Childers, Sr.—697-8182									ļ:,
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Thomas Clark, Jr. — 834-3770 Rt. 3, Travelers Rest, S. C			4 2	Yes					
James C. Coffey—245-2671			 	LES					
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Roy Duckette—933-8558	1				 		"]		
517 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.									
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M. B. Duncan Rt 1, Box 392-A, Marion, N. C.	1	2	23	3 Yes	0	3	.1	4 \$ 796.26 \$ 85.00 \$	20.00	
Calvin Grogan—699-4671 Black Mountain, N. C.		0	5	3 Yes	0	0	1	6 \$3,668.56		, t
Frank Harklerode—695-0622 Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.	1	 0		2 Yes	0	7	1	0 \$1,060.00	3 10.00	
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T. A. Holder — 254-3014 895 Riverside Dr., Asheville, N. C.	 1	0	12	4 Yes	0	7	1	5 \$ 800.00		
Milton A. Hollifield — 686-3837 P.O. Box 281, Swannanoa, N. C.		3	94	3 Yes	0	12	3	25 \$5,460.00		WILL
Allen Jackson — 724-4272 1611 Pettibone Ave., Flint, Michigan	1	3	12	1 Yes	0	0	3	10 \$3,900.00	- - -	BAPTIST
Elmer Keener — 648-5177 134 N. Main St., Canton, N. C.			10	2 Yes	0	2	1	8	\$140.00	- E -
W. L. Kell — Rt. 3, Old Ridge Rd., Kingsport, Tenn	1	1	1	3 Yes	0	4	6	5 \$5,660.00		ASSC
Lon Ledford—688-2584 Rt. 4, Box 260, Bakersville, N. C.	- 1					i	2	 0 \$1,600.00 \$300.00		ASSOCIATION
James C. Lynn Sr. — 253-0369 234 Johnston Blvd., West Asheville, N. C.	· . [1	· · · · ·	4 Yes	0	2	5	7 \$4,260.00 \$400.00		NOL
W. J. McDaniel — Rutherford College Rd., Box 312				1 Yes	1	ŀ İ			\$ 85.00	\ \

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Harry E. Mintz-358-4431 Rt. 1, Box 144, Elmer, N. J. Harold O'Dear — 697-0524 Box 138, Carolina Ave., Marion, N. C. Raymond L. Ponder — 645-6059 Weaverville, N. C. Rev. Bill Poteat 133 Bowling Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Warren M. Reece — 895-4745 Rt. 2, Box 358, Rockingham, N. C. Ralph P. Reep — 648-1936 Rt. 2, Box 307, Canton, N. C. George M. Reynolds — 699-7455	i i	0 2 Yes 9 0 Yes 12 1 Yes 5 1 Yes 12 0 Yes	0 2 0 2 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	2 1 1 3 \$ 250.0 0 0 0 1 \$3,420.0 2 7 \$3,890.0	

R. J. Reynolds — 669-3342 P.O. Box 477, Black Mountain, N. C.	1		28	2 Yes		 8	1	 2]\$4,500.00		1
Carol Roland — 695-4137 Rt. 1, Box 16, Nebo, N. C	1		1				1			
Allison Robinson — 684-6819 Rt. 1, Box 83A, Fletcher, N. C.										
Winfred Roland — 686-3509 106 Young St., Swannanoa, N. C				4	· -					
Jason Salyer — 695-0745 Rt. 1, Box 390-B, Marion, N. C								i i 	 	
James W. Stacy Marion, N. C.	1	0	8	1 Yes	0	7	0	1	· 	\$ 50.00
Carl Steele—667-2085 Rt. 2, Candler, N. C.			15	2 Yes	6 0	7	- 44	5 \$4,420.00	\$668.00	\$ 15.00
Benny H. Turner — 657-6062 P.O. Box 385, Caroleen, N. C			55	2 Yes	0	12	1	5 \$5,000.00	- 2 M	
Carey Watkins — 648-0753 8 Ward St., Canton, N. C.	1	2		Yes		37	1	\$5,720.00		
Jerry W. Williams — 283 Shelburne Rd., Asheville, N. C	. 1	0	 9	1 Ye	 s 0	4	1	4 \$4,320.00		\$ 20.00
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| No. Lost by Death | Local Charity |

No. Lost by Removal		Blue Ridge Association	
Total No. Lost		N. C. State Association	
Total Membership		Superannuation	
SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT		Free Will Baptist Bible College	
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