

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Blue Ridge Association

of the

Original Free Will Baptists

of

North Carolina

Held at

Clayton Avenue

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Asheville, N. C. August 6, 7, 8 1970

Affiliated With The National Association

Next Annual Session Will Be Held At The

MEADOW FORK CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS, N.C.

August 6, 7, 1971

REV. RAYMOND PONDER

A former Pastor and member of the East Fork Free Will Baptist Church. He died in February 1970. He has finished his course, run the race with patience, henceforth a Crown of Righteousness is laid up for him.

He was a wonderful Pastor and faithful member, who loved God. We miss him very much.

Members of the East Fork Free Will Baptist Church

DECEASED

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

CLAYTON AVENUE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1970 - 9:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

Registration
Call to Order
Welcome
Response
Moderator's Remarks
Business Session
Introductory Message - Rev. Herman Hersey
Recess for Lunch

Afternoon Devotion - Rev. Earl Bittle
Business Session
Adjourn

THURSDAY EVENING - WOMAN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEETING

Business Session
Message - Rev. Tommy Hughes, Missionary Appointee to Brazil
Adjourn

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 - 10 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

Devotion - Rev. James D. Wilhide
Business Session
Message - Rev. L. C. Johnson
Recess for Lunch

Afternoon Devotion - Rev. Howard Messer
Business Session
Adjourn

FRIDAY EVENING - 7:30 P.M. - YOUTH SERVICE

Special Singing - Joy Bells - Swannanoa Church
Rev. & Mrs. Hill - Zephyr Hills Church
Message by Rev. L. C. Johnson

SATURDAY MORNING

Minister's Conference

OFFICERS

MODERATOR - Rev. Jason Salyer Rt. 1, Box 390-B, Marion, N.C.
ASSISTANT - Rev. Edwin Hill P.O. Box 6127, W. Asheville, N.C.
CLERK - Mrs. Lucille Holland Rt. 1, Box 46, Marion, N.C.
ASSISTANT - Mrs. Anita Messer 350 Baldwin Ave., Marion, N.C.
HISTORIAN - Mrs. Lucille Lance 4 LaRue St., W. Asheville, N.C.
ASSISTANT - Miss Volena Wilson 311 Montford Avenue, Asheville, N.C.
TREASURER - Bro. David Pittman Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.
ASSISTANT - Bro. Carl Hall Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Jason Salyer, Chairman; Mrs. Lucille Holland, Clerk;
Rev. Edwin Hill, Bro. David Pittman, Rev. James C. Cole,
Bro. Doss Buchanan, and Rev. Talmadge Maynor.

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Milton Hollifield (1971)	Rev. James Childers, Sr. (1974)
Rev. Elmer Keener (1972)	Rev. Harold Pitts (1975)
Rev. J. C. Lynn, Sr. (1973)	

TRUSTEE BOARD:

Rev. J. C. Lynn, Sr., Rev. Elmer Keener, Bro. Cline Messer

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:

Rev. Elmer Keener, Rev. J. C. Lynn, Bro. John Toney

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Bro. David Pittman, Chairman; Bro. Doss Buchanan, Bro. Steve Lytle,
Bro. Paul Collins.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Rev. Edwin Hill, Rev. Allison Robinson,
Bro. John Toney

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Bro. Lewis Martin, Bro. Hugh O'Kelly,
Bro. Jack Stevenson.

REGISTERED DELEGATES

ASHEVILLE_____

Mrs. Helen Hollar, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dockery, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Marlowe, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Wallace

BEAVERDAM_____

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Mr. James Cole, Mr. Weaver Smith, Miss Sharon Reece, Miss Sandra Rhinehart

BETHEL_____

BURGIN'S CHAPEL_____

Mrs. Dixie Bittle, Miss Kathy Crow, Miss Lena Simmons

CANTON_____

Mr. Jack Stephenson, Mrs. Willard Pless, Mrs. Mabel Wilson, Mrs. Rufus Stephenson, Mr. Donald Davis.

CAROLEEN_____

Mr. Alton Conner, Mr. Boise Elliott, Mr. Donald McKinney

CEDAR HILL_____

CLAYTON AVENUE_____

Mrs. J. C. Gaddy, Mrs. Hubert Smith, Mrs. Bob Fox, Mrs. Ted Miller, Mrs. Don Chambley, Mrs. J. M. Warren.

EAST FORK_____

Mrs. Oleta Metcalf, Mr. Robert Metcalf, Miss Carolyn McMahan, Miss Donna Mae Metcalf

FAIRVIEW_____

Mrs. Hardy Henson, Mrs. Lois Pittman, Mrs. Grace Stafford, Bro. David Pittman, Bro. John Toney

MARION (FIRST)_____Mr. and Mrs. Doss Buchanan

MEADOW FORK_____

MT. BETHEL_____

Sister Annie Mae Silvers, Mrs. Barbara Edwards, Mrs. Linda Gail Fender

MT. CALVARY_____

Bro. Kenneth Buchanan, Bro. Paul Collins, Bro. Richard Bailey.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MT. ZION-----

NOWLING CHAPEL-----

Mrs. Hattie Roper, Mrs. Ruth Cook, Mrs. Mary Joe Moses.

OLD FORT (FIRST)-----

PISGAH-----Bro. Ora Burnette, Bro. R. E. Freeman

ROBERSON CREEK-----

Mrs. Voneta Hensley, Mickey Green, Scott Green, Mrs. B. A. Thomas

ROCKY PASS-----

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Kanipe, Mrs. Lucille Holland, Wayne Holland, Jeffery Kanipe, Shannan Kanipe

SPRUCE PINE (FIRST)-----

Bro. Manuel Biddix, Mrs. Becky Biddix, Mrs. Carolyn Biddix

SWANNANOA-----

Bro. Steve Lytle, Bro. Johnny Pressley, Bro. Furman Rice, Mrs. Lou Etherton, Mrs. Laura Penley

SWEETEN CREEK-----

Mr. Hugh O'Kelley, Mrs. Nancy O'Kelley, Mr. Ben Taylor, Mrs. Nannie Taylor

TRINITY HILL-----

UNION VALLEY-----

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hyatt, Mrs. Oscar Bradley, Mrs. Lige Fortner, Mrs. Gay Tweed, Mrs. Douglas Bradley, Miss Ann Fortner

ZEPHYR HILLS-----Mrs. Lucille Lance, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Betty Hill

CHURCH OFFICERS

ASHEVILLE-----

Pastor - Rev. T. A. Holder, Jr., 47 Elkmont Dr., Asheville, N.C. 28804
 Clerk - Mrs. Helen G. Hollar, 109 Weaverville Rd., Asheville, N.C.
 S. S. Supt. -
 S. S. Sec'y -

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

BEAVERDAM

Pastor - Rev. Carl Thompson, Rt. 2, Box 416, Candler, N.C. 28715
Clerk - Mrs. Helen Ingle, Rt. 2, Box 444, Candler, N.C.
S. S. Supt. - Bro. Herman Rhinehart, Rt. 2, Candler, N.C.
S. S. Sec'y - Mrs. Bobbie Smith, Rt. 4, Holcombe Cove Rd., Candler, N.C.
W. A. President - Mrs. Betty Stroud, 15 Henrietta Ave., Asheville
W. A. Secretary - Mrs. Sue Smith, Rt. 2, Candler, N.C.

BETHEL

Pastor - Rev. R. J. Reynolds, P.O. Box 238, Nebo, N.C. 28761
Clerk - Mrs. Betty Turner, Rt. 2, Nebo, N.C.
S. S. Supt. - Bro. Edgel Presnell, P.O. Box 161, Nebo, N.C.
S. S. Sec'y - Miss Ann Burleson, Rt. 2, Nebo, N.C.
W. A. President - Mrs. Alice Reynolds, P.O. Box 238, Nebo, N.C.
W. A. Secretary - Mrs. Betty Turner, Rt. 2, Nebo, N.C.

BURGIN'S CHAPEL

Pastor - Rev. Earl Bittle, P.O. Box 251, Black Mountain, N.C.
Clerk - Mrs. Oval Shook, 135 Fountain Way, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778
S. S. Supt. - Bro. Ronnie McAbee, Swannanoa, N.C.
S. S. Sec'y - Emmaline Ledbetter, Black Mountain, N.C.
C. T. S. President - Bro. Lewis Melton, Jr., Black Mountain, N.C.
C. T. S. Secretary - Mrs. Lena Simmons, Black Mountain, N.C.
W. A. President - Mrs. Mary Gregory, Black Mountain, N.C.
W. A. Secretary - Mrs. Frances Melton, Black Mountain, N.C.

CANTON

Pastor - Rev. Harold A. Pitts, P.O. Box 1346, Canton, N.C.
Clerk - Mrs. Clayton Miller, Rt. 3, Canton, N.C.
S. S. Supt. - Bro. Willard Pless, 13 Valley St., Canton, N.C.
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C. T. S. President - Mr. Eugene Milner, Rt. 4, Canton, N.C.
C. T. S. Secretary - Mrs. Ruby Jean Coker, Waynesville, N.C.
W. A. President - Mrs. Mabel Wilson, Rt. 3, Canton, N.C. 28716
W. A. Secretary - Mrs. Roseanne Brown, Rt. 3, Canton, N.C.
Y. P. A. Director - Mrs. Helen Hamlett, 26 Flint St., Canton, N.C.
G. T. A. Director - Mrs. Pat Pless, 13 Valley St., Canton, N.C.

CAROLEEN

Pastor - Rev. Donald Seay, P.O. Box 385, Caroleen, N.C. 28019
Clerk - Mrs. Tom Peppers, P.O. Box 281, Caroleen, N.C.
S. S. Supt. - Bro. Donald McKinney, P.O. Box 109, Caroleen, N.C.
S. S. Sec'y - Miss Barbara Fowler, P.O. Box 601, Caroleen, N.C.
W. A. President - Mrs. Tom Peppers, P.O. Box 281, Caroleen, N.C.
W. A. Secretary - Mrs. Virginia Churchwell, Rt. 1, Box 105, Forest City, N.C.

CEDAR HILL

Pastor - Rev. J. C. Lynn, Sr., 227 Johnson Blvd., W. Asheville, N.C. 28806
Clerk - Mrs. Maude King, 405 Deaver View Rd., Asheville, N.C.
S. S. Supt. - Bro. Bron Spivey, Rt. 4, Box 140, Asheville, N.C.
S. S. Sec'y - Mrs. Bron Spivey, Rt. 4, Box 140, Asheville, N.C.

CLAYTON AVENUE—

Pastor - Rev. Talmadge Maynor, Pearl St., Black Mountain, N.C.
Clerk - Mrs. J. M. Warren, 77 Hansel Ave., W. Asheville, N.C.
S. S. Supt. - Mr. Don Chambley, 21 Appalachian Way, W. Asheville
S. S. Sec'y - Mr. Hubert Smith, 18 Hansel Ave., W. Asheville, N.C.

EAST FORK—

Pastor - Rev. Elmer Edwards, Rt. 3, Weaverville, N.C.
Clerk - Mrs. Vera Dean Metcalf, Rt. 2, Box 29, Mars Hill, N.C.
S. S. Supt. - Bro. Vaughn C. Metcalf, Rt. 2, Box 29, Mars Hill, N.C.
S. S. Sec'y - Mrs. Carolyn McMahan, Rt. 2, Mars Hill, N.C.

FAIRVIEW—

Pastor - Rev. Jason Salyer, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.
Clerk - Mrs. Mae Miller, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.
S. S. Supt. - Bro. Millard Hollifield
S. S. Sec'y - Mrs. Florence MacLaren, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.
C. T. S. President - Bro. Earl Davis, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.
C. T. S. Secretary - Miss Rebecca Hunsinger, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.
W. A. President - Mrs. Grace Stafford, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.
W. A. Secretary - Mrs. Christine Hollifield, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.

MARION (FIRST)—

Pastor -
Clerk - Bro. Joe Loftis, Rt. 3, Box 40, Sevier, N.C.
S. S. Supt. - Bro. Wade Fox, Marion, N.C.
S. S. Sec'y - Mrs. Elwanda Finley, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.
W. A. President - Mrs. Martha Taylor, 726 Morris St., Marion, N.C.
W. A. Secretary - Mrs. Jackie Finley, Rt. 2, Box 45, Nebo, N.C.

MEADOW FORK—

MT. BETHEL—

Pastor - Rev. Robert Ballard, Swannanoa, N.C.

MT. CALVARY—

Pastor - Rev. Jack Moses, Rt. 1, Box 248-F, Morganton, N.C.
Clerk - Bro. Broadus Bailey, Rt. 5, Box 315, Marion, N.C.
S. S. Supt. - Bro. Kenneth Buchanan, Rt. 1, Box 473, Marion, N.C.
S. S. Sec'y - Mrs. Margaret Arrowood, Rt. 5, Box 269, Marion, N.C.

MT. ZION—

NOWLING CHAPEL—

Pastor - Rev. J. W. Stacy, Nebo, N.C.
Clerk - Mrs. Mary Jo Moses, Rt. 1, Box 220-c, Morganton, N.C.
S. S. Supt. - Bro. John Roper, Rt. 1, Box 191, Morganton, N.C.
S. S. Sec'y - Mrs. Mary Jo Moses, Rt. 1, Box 220-C, Morganton, N.C.

OLD FORT (FIRST)-----

Pastor - Rev. Calvin Grogan, P.O. Box 235, Old Fort, N.C.
 Clerk - Miss Carrie Padgett, Rt. 2, Box 72, Old Fort, N.C.
 S. S. Supt. - Bro. Mike Johnson, Marion, N.C.
 S. S. Sec'y - Miss Blanche Jones, Rt. 5, Marion, N.C.
 W. A. President - Miss Blanche Jones, Rt. 5, Marion, N.C.
 W. A. Secretary - Glen Dale, Rt. 1, Old Fort, N.C.

PISGAH-----

Pastor - Rev. Claude Mills, 1044 Allens Creek Rd., Waynesville, N.C.
 Clerk - Mrs. Elizabeth Pless, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C.
 S. S. Supt. - Bro. Ken Woodard, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C.
 S. S. Sec'y - Mrs. Naomi Reece, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C.

ROBERSON CREEK-----

Pastor - Rev. Daniel Hensley, Rt. 1, Bostic, N.C.
 Clerk - Mrs. Violet Poteat, 207 Franklin Dr., Forest City, N.C.
 S. S. Supt. - Bro. Ray Poteat, 203 Orchard St., Forest City, N.C.
 S. S. Sec'y - Mrs. Leila Keeter, Rt. 1, Forest City, N.C.
 W. A. President - Mrs. Ina Faye Bailey, Ellenboro, N.C.
 W. A. Secretary - Mrs. Christine Epley, Ellenboro, N.C.
 M. M. President - Bro. Ray Poteat, 203 Orchard St., Forest City, N.C.
 M. M. Secretary - Bro. Bill Green, 411 Oak St., Forest City, N.C.

ROCKY PASS-----

Pastor - Rev. James K. Childers, Rt. 1, Box 144, Nebo, N.C.
 Clerk - Mrs. Lucille Holland, Rt. 1, Box 46, Marion, N.C.
 S. S. Supt. - Bro. Tommy Lytle, 301 Ashworth Dr., Marion, N.C.
 S. S. Sec'y - Mrs. Ethel Kanipe, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.
 C. T. S. President - Bro. Alonzo Kanipe, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.
 C. T. S. Secretary - Mrs. Ann Gooden, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.
 W. A. President - Mrs. Lucille Holland, Rt. 1, Box 46, Marion, N.C.
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 M. M. President - Bro. Wally Randolph, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.
 M. M. Secretary - Bro. Starlin Sowers, Marion, N. C.

SPRUCE PINE (FIRST)-----

Pastor - Rev. Clyde Fender, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.
 Clerk - Mrs. Evelyn Ollis, Rt. 2, Box 1157, Spruce Pine, N.C.
 S. S. Supt. -

SWANNANOA-----

Pastor - Rev. Milton Hollifield, P.O. Box 281, Swannanoa, N.C.
 Clerk - Mrs. Lois Mumpower, 202 W. Charleston Ave., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778
 S. S. Supt. - Bro. William R. Metcalf, 148 Roland Rd., Swannanoa, N.C.
 S. S. Sec'y - Miss Keva Hollifield, Box 281, Swannanoa, N.C.
 C. T. S. President -
 C. T. S. Secretary - Miss Karen Green, Hawthorne Ave., Swannanoa
 W. A. President - Mrs. Connie Abrams, Rt. 2, Asheville, N.C.
 W. A. Secretary - Mrs. Francis Foster, Craigmont Rd., Black Mountain, N.C.

SWEETEN CREEK-----

Pastor - Rev. John C. Moore, Box 176, Fairview, N.C. 28730
 Clerk - Bro. Paul Jenkins, Rt. 5, Box 44, Asheville, N.C.
 S. S. Supt. - Bro. Henry Jenkins, Rt. 1, Box 226, Fletcher, N.C.
 S. S. Sec'y - Mrs. Nannie Taylor, P.O. Box 5672, Biltmore, N.C.
 C. T. S. President - Mr. Hugh O'Kelley, Rt. 7, Box 1060, Asheville
 C. T. S. Secretary - Mrs. Joyce Jenkins, Rt. 1, Box 226, Fletcher

TRINITY HILL-----

UNION VALLEY-----

Pastor - Rev. Ernest Strickland, Candler, N.C.
 Clerk - Mrs. Gay Tweed, Rt. 1, Weaverville, N.C.
 S. S. Supt. - Bro. Calvin Fortner, Rt. 1, Weaverville, N.C.
 S. S. Sec'y - Mrs. Fred Hyatt, Rt. 1, Weaverville, N.C.
 W. A. President - Mrs. Calvin Fortner, Rt. 1, Weaverville, N.C.
 W. A. Secretary - Mrs. Gay Tweed, Rt. 1, Weaverville

ZEPHYR HILLS-----

Pastor - Rev. Edwin Hill, P.O. Box 6127, W. Asheville, N.C.
 Clerk - Mrs. Ann Morgan, Rt. 2, Box 121, Candler, N.C.
 W. A. President - Mrs. June Parler, 242 Sulphur Springs Rd., Asheville, N.C.
 W. A. Secretary - Mrs. Nancy Randall, Rt. 8, Asheville, N.C.

BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Burgin's Chapel, November 1, 1969

Devotion - Rev. Ralph Reep

Welcome - Rev. Earl Bittle - Response - Rev. Milton Hollifield

Moderator's Remarks - Rev. Jason Salyer

Roll Call of Churches and Visitors recognized

Churches not represented were: Beaverdam, Caroleen, Cedar Hill, Mt. Zion, Pisgah.

Visiting Churches were: Sulphur Springs, Asheville, Barnardsville and Mt. Zion (Asheville)

Visiting Ministers were: Rev. John Moore, Union Association, Rev. Ernest Messer, Waynesville.

BUSINESS:

At the 1969 Annual Conference, a Study Committee was appointed by the Moderator - Revs. Lynn, Hill, Childers, to recommend plans to revamp our Blue Ridge Association and Blue Ridge Minister's Conference and bring back to the first Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee's Recommendation:

We, your Study Committee, recommend that the Blue Ridge Association and the Blue Ridge Minister's Conference merge into one Body. Rev. Hill read the new Constitution and By-Laws. On Motion, the matter was tabled until the Annual Conference.

Motion made to take from the table the move to formulate a Finance Committee. Carried.

M. S. C. - Moderator appoint 5 members to serve on this committee. Amendment-This committee serve until the annual conference and then nominating committee retain these if they so desire. Carried.

Committee Appointed: Bro. David Pittman, Chairman, Bro. Doss Buchanan, Bro. Carl Jineson, Rev. Calvin Grogan, and Rev. Ralph Reep.

M. S. C. - Clerk write Rev. Steve Lawing a letter of apology. In 1965 the Body voted to loan \$150.00 to Rev. Lawing from the Student Loan Fund. The Association assumed that he had borrowed the money and the Clerk was authorized to write him concerning this debt. But in checking over our records, he had not borrowed any money at all. The Body gave him a standing vote of apology.

Treasurer's Report was given at this time. M. S. C. to receive this report. Rev. Ronald Creech gave a report on the State Work.

M. S. C. - Rev. J. C. Lynn serve as Treasurer for Rest Home that is to be constructed near Canton.

M. S. C. - Rev. Harold O'Dear serve as Promotional Director for Association.

M. S. C. - Rev. O'Dear be given 8c per mile from the offerings received. The remainder of the offering to be given to whatever phase of Associational work it is specified for.

Business Adjourned.

Special Singing - Fellowship Quartet and Parker Family from Black Mountain Church. Message by Rev. Allison Robinson - "Giving Thanks Unto God". 11 Cor. 9:15.

Adjourned.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

- Congregational Singing: Led by Rev. Howard Messer

- Devotion given by Rev. Winfred Roland: Scripture Psalm 1

- Ordaining council was excused for pending business. Rev. Elmer Keener and Rev. Talmadge Maynor served as proxy in absence of regular council members.

- Roll call of Ministers was held with 26 present and 10 reporting by letter.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion carried to remove Rev. Carey Watkins name from roll and notify him of same encouraging him to join another association near him.

- M. S. C. to write Rev. Roy Duckett as per his not reporting.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

A. Recommended that the following individuals be ordained during this session: Rev. Carl Thompson and Rev. Elmer Edwards. ACTION TAKEN: Approved.

- B. Recommended that Rev. Earnest Messer be taken under watchcare of this conference until next meeting. ACTION TAKEN: Approved.
- C. Ordaining Council requested that the men who desire to be licensed meet with them on Friday before the first Saturday in February at 7 p.m. at Clayton Avenue Church.

ORDINATION SERVICE

An ordination service was held with Rev. Calvin Grogan bringing the Message and Charge from Titus 1:1-8. Laying on of hands and prayer was ministered unto these brethren.

D. M. S. C. that Bro. Charles Lowery be granted license.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in Treasury.	\$ 89.29
Rec'd at Roll Call.	-36.00
Fees for Certificates.	.75
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	\$126.04
Gave Rev. Hollifield for Bibles.	25.00
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	101.04
Paid for Postage Stamps.	2.00
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Balance in Treasury.	\$99.04

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Ralph Reep, Clerk

M. S. C. to adjourn.
Adjourned with prayer.

2nd. Quarterly Meeting - Canton Church - February 7, 1970

Devotion - Rev. Fred Freeman

Welcome - Bro. Willard Piess - Response - Rev. Ralph Reep

Moderator's Remarks - Rev. Salyer

Roll Call of Churches and Visitors recognized. Churches not represented were: Mt. Zion, Nowling Chapel, Old Fort, and Pisgah.

Visiting Churches were: Trinity Hill, Nebo; Oak Ridge Church, Tenn.; Ridge-way, Marion; Queen City, Charlotte; Mt. Zion, Asheville; Salem, Old Fort; Sulphur Springs, Waynesville.

Visiting Ministers: Rev. Donald Seay, Caroleen; Rev. Grady Fender, Toe River; Rev. Ronald Creech, Durham

A motion was made that Association pay the Executive Board Members 8c per mile, traveling expenses, when taking care of Business for the Blue Ridge Association, effective as of January 15. Carried.

Rev. Childers announced the Youth Camp this year would begin July 27, and could accept 100 children.

Goals for 1970 were outlined by Rev. Childers in regard to the property given for the Rest Home:

\$75,000.00 Needed

25,000.00 should be collected this year.

129,06 in Treasury now.

19 elderly people could be taken care of.

Each Church should endeavor to contribute \$1,000.00. Pastors who committed their church to give \$1,000.00 were:

Rev. Elmer Keener - Sulphur Springs

Rev. Bobby Ballard - Mt. Bethel

Rev. Milton Hollifield - Swannanoa

Rev. James Childers - Rocky Pass

Rev. Howard Messer - Marion (First)

The Treasurer for this project is Rev. J. C. Lynn, 227 Johnston Blve., Asheville, N.C. Bro. David Pittman gave the Treasurer's Report. M. S. C.

Rev. Milton Hollifield reminded the churches to give 1 percent of their income to the Association.

Bro. John Toney was appointed to serve with Rev. Keener and Rev. Lynn on the Investigating Committee.

Upon their recommendation, a move and second was made to accept the Clayton Avenue Church into full fellowship of the Blue Ridge Association. Carried.

Rev. Carl Roland gave a report on the new Trinity Hill Church in Nebo, M. S. C. to receive Trinity Hill Church under watch-care of the Association until arrangements are made to buy property.

Business Adjourned.

Special Singing by Youth Choir of the Canton Church

An offering for the Rest Home was received.

Message by Rev. Harold Pitts.

Adjourned

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

August 8, 1970

Congregational Singing: Rev. James C. Lynn

Prayer by Rev. Elmer Keener

Devotion by Rev. John Moore - Scripture Psalm 108

Roll Call of Ministers was held with 31 present and five reporting by letter.

OLD BUSINESS

M. S. C. that a report concerning Emerson Carver be given

M. S. C. that Emerson Carver's name be removed from roll of Minister's names.

M. S. C. to grant a letter to Rev. Larry Combs to unite with Beaver Creel Assn. of Original FWB of South Carolina.

NEW BUSINESS

1. M. S. C. That Blue Ridge Minister's Conference merge with Blue Ridge Association of Original FWB. and that we no longer be a Blue Ridge Minister's Conference but Ministers in the Blue Ridge Association.
2. M. S. C. that \$100.00 be given to general fund of F.W.B. Bible College and the remainder of money in Treasury of Minister's Conference be turned over to the Treasurer of Blue Ridge Association
3. M. S. C. to accept Sweeten Creek Church into our Association and a letter be sent by Association Clerk to French Broad Assn. instructing them to remove Sweeten Creek Church from their rolls.
4. Spruce Pine Church recommended Bro. Arthur Buchanan for license and was given a questionnaire to be filled out.
5. Brother Carl Thorp was counseled and given a questionnaire to be filled, pending a letter from his church.
6. M. S. C. That Asheville FWB Church be received into full fellow-ship of our Association.
7. The Nominating Committee recommended the following to serve on the Executive Board: Rev. James Cole, Rev. Talmadge Maynor, Bro. Doss Buchanan. M. S. C.
8. Rev. Willard Pless was elected as Youth Director of Association.
9. Ordaining Council members were elected as follows: (Rev. R. J. Reynolds goes off).
 - a. Rev. Milton Hollifield -1 year-1971
 - b. Rev. Elmer Keener -2 year-1972
 - c. Rev. J. S. Lynn -3 year-1973
 - d. Rev. James Childers, Sr. -4 year-1974
 - e. Rev. Harold Pitts -5 year-1975
10. M. S. C. \$100.00 be given to State Promotional Department.
11. M. S. C. that the names of available young men to preach be placed in a special note in minutes.
12. M. S. C. that the members of all committees and boards and the date of the expiration of their office be placed in the front of minutes.

M. S. C. To Adjourn.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in Treasury.....\$184.54
 Received at Roll Call..... 40.00
 Total in Treasury..... 224.54
 Sent to General Trea. of FWBCC..100.00
 Given to State Promotional Dept. 100.00
 Bal. in Trea. given to Assn. Trea.

Bro. David Pittman....24.54
 M. O. Fee..... .45
 Balance..... 24.09

Respectfully Submitted
 Rev. Ralph Reep, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury, August 1969_____	\$1004.19
Total Amount Received during year_____	1465.66
Total_____	2469.85

Disbursements:

Charlotte Mission_____	\$250.00
Witness Book Store (Station Wagon)_____	100.00
Clerk_____	100.00
Paul Young Attorney (Drawing up Deed)_____	60.00
Sullins Printing Co. (Minutes)_____	309.00
Flowers for Rev. Ponder_____	10.30
Bible College_____	200.00
N. C. State Association_____	100.00
Expenses for Youth to State Association_____	153.00
Foreign Mission - Josephine Stevens_____	420.00
Expenses (phone calls, Gas, etc.)_____	53.61
Total_____	1585.91

Balance in Treasury \$ 859.08

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials Committee, wish to submit the following report:

Number of Churches represented_____	20
Church Letters Received_____	18
Number of Delegates & Ministers_____	93
Number of Delegates on Letters_____	63
Money turned in with Letters_____	\$520.00
Number of Visitors_____	7
Registered_____	84

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Howard Messer

Bro. Danny Anglin

Mrs. Lucille Holland

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, Your Resolutions Committee, Wish to Submit The Following Report:

1. Be it resolved that this body give a rising vote of thanks to the Officers of the Association for their faithfulness and labors during the past year.
2. Be it resolved that this body give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for the fine hospitality and excellent meals.
3. Be it resolved that we seek additional ways and means by which the rank and file of our churches may be aroused to action in increasing their support to all phases of our Free Will Baptist work, both at home and abroad.
4. Whereas the modern day trend is towards "slack Christian living," be it resolved that we Free Will Baptists constantly endeavor to maintain the high standard of Christian living taught in the Word of God and practiced by our forefathers, and that Free Will Baptists dress according to the high standards taught in the Word of God.

5. Whereas the trend of the time in the religious world is towards a social gospel, and whereas the trend is to play up the hippies and racial difference, and whereas we as Free Will Baptists believe that we should contend for the true teachings of the Word of God, and whereas the lessons in our Church Training Service have recently played up the race issue, the hippie movement, and has leaned towards the teachings of the eternal security of the believer, and has magnified the generation gap, be it therefore resolved that we as the Blue Ridge Association of Original Free Will Baptists go on record as being against the trend that our Church Training Service Department is taking in its literature, and request that they return to the doctrines of the Bible, and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to every Board Member of the Church Training Service of our National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Allison Robinson

Rev. Edwin Hill

REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP

The Youth Camp met July 27 - August 1 at the Union Association Camp ground in Greeneville, Tennessee.

The following churches participated:

Canton - 5	Rocky Pass - 10	Nowling Chapel - 3
Fairview - 7	Burgin's Chapel - 3	Swannanoa - 8
First (Marion) - 20	Bethel - 3	Zephyr Hills - 2

Total: 61 Campers, 15 Workers, 10 Commitments to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Howard Messer

FINANCIAL REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP

Amount Brought Forward from 1969	\$ 175.45
Registration Fees Received	186.00
Total Campers Tuition	727.00
Canteen Receipts	130.74
Total	\$1219.19

Disbursements:

Groceries and Supplies	\$ 424.07
Use of Camp	100.00
Paid Cooks	100.00
Paid To Other Camp Helpers	79.00
Literature	22.06
Miscellaneous Materials	35.00
Mileage and Telephone Calls	57.80
Insurance	45.00
Total Spent	\$ 862.93

Cash on Hand - On Savings - Building & Loan—\$ 356.26

Respectfully submitted, Rev. James K. Childers

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION REST HOME REPORT

Rev. Elmer Keener and Wife gave the Blue Ridge Association 3 Acres of Land on Highway No. 19-23 West of Asheville, near the Valley View Shopping Center. This land was given on condition that a Rest Home be built within a five year period. One year of this time has already passed. We only have four years left to complete this project. We have in this Rest Home Fund \$663.32.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. C. Lynn

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Number local Auxiliaries.....	9
Number Active Members.....	133
Amount given to State Project.....	\$593.34
Foreign Missions.....	97.80
National Home Missions.....	157.13
Free Will Baptist College.....	30.00
State Home Missions.....	101.68
Burnsville Rest Home.....	5.00
State Superannuation.....	5.00
Memorial Student Loan Fund.....	40.10
State Work.....	10.00

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Edwin L. Hill
President, Blue Ridge Woman's Auxiliary

PASTOR'S SUPPORT

We, your committee, feel that Pastor's should be paid salary enough to care for his obligations that he might have the respect of the community. We urge each Church to pay the expense of their Pastor to all State and National meetings. We urge each Church to help their Pastor in a Retirement and Insurance plan. 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 in Church attendance, in prayer, in sympathy and understanding. We urge each Church to uphold and protect your Pastor against slander, gossip or evil speaking, that the work of God be not hindered in your community.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. James C. Lynn
Bro. James Cole

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

College has a profound effect upon a young person. Perhaps no other single factor plays as big a role in shaping the moral standards, ideals, and philosophy of a young person after he leaves the home. College life does change a person, either for better or for worse.

~~Congregational Singing~~: Led by Rev. Earl Bittle
~~Devotion~~ given by Rev. Ronald Creech, State Evangelist, using Luke 18:9. Following Devotion Brother Creech gave a brief report concerning State Work.

~~Roll Call~~ of Ministers was held with 36 present and 10 reporting by letter.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. A request was received from Rev. Texas Gasperson to remove his name from this conference, M. S. C.
- b. Rev. Lon Ledford's status of membership of associations was discussed with no action taken.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

- A. Recommended that Rev. Earnest Messer be accepted into this conference, M. S. C.
- B. Recommended that Reverends Donald Seay and James D. Willhide be taken under watchcare of this conference pending letters from Beaver Creek Association of Original F. W. B.'s of S. C. M. S. C. (Letters received)
- C. Recommended for license: Bros. Willard Pless, Bob Fox and Gay Tweed, M. S. C.
- D. Recommended that Joe Helms and Tommy Hensley be taken under watchcare of this conference pending completion of questionnaire for license, M. S. C.
- E. Recommended that Jeff Capps be ordained during this session, M. S. C.
- F. Recommended that Rev. Elmer Keener replace Rev. Benny Turner on Ordaining Council, M. S. C.

ORDINATION SERVICE

An ordination service was held with Rev. Bobby Ballard bringing the message using the topic, "Filling the Gap." Rev. Milton Hollifield gave the charge. Laying on of hands was ministered unto Bro. Jeff Capps with an altar prayer.

M. S. C. to Adjourn.

Adjourned with prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 99.04
Received at Roll Call.....	46.00
Fees for Certificates.....	1.00
Refund on Bibles from Victory	
Book Room.....	.50

Balance in Treasury..... \$ 146.54

Respectfully Submitted by:
 Rev. Ralph Reep, Clerk

3rd. Quarterly Meeting - Cedar Hill Church, May 2, 1970

Congregational Singing - Rev. Howard Messer

Devotion - Bro. Willard Pless

Welcome - Rev. Lynn - Response - Bro. Carl Martin

Moderator's Remarks - Rev. Salyer

Roll Call of Churches and Visitors Recognized.

Churches not represented were: Nowling Chapel, Pisgah, and Spruce Pine Visiting Ministers:

Rev. N. R. Smith - Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Paul Butler - Spartanburg, S. C.

Rev. H. G. Sawyer - Fort Mills, S. C.

Rev. Walters - Fort Mills, S. C.

Rev. James Childers, Jr. - Spartanburg

Rev. Paul Ketteman - Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. John Moore - Sweeten Creek

The Treasurer's report was given by Bro. David Pittman

M. S. C. Moderator appoint delegates to the State Association. The following were appointed: Bro. Doss Buchanan, Mrs. Kitty Buchanan, Mrs. Grace Stafford, Mrs. Rachel Nichman, Mrs. Helen Hamlett, Mrs. Marie Lytle, Mrs. Rosa Hollifield, Mrs. Harold Pitts, and Mrs. Velma Harkins.

M. S. C. to give \$100.00 to State Association.

M. S. C. to give \$200.00 to F. W. B. Bible College Expansion Program.

M. S. C. that Association pay 8c per mile, per car for the State Youth Competitors, also their room and meals during the state youth activities.

Message by Rev. Paul Ketteman - Eph. 4

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Congregational Singing; Rev. Howard Messer

Roll Call of Ministers was held with 26 present and 12 reporting by letter.

Business:

- a. Motion made to have investigating committee to look into Bro. Emérson Carver's situation and report back to conference.
- b. Rev. J. C. Lynn gave a report about the Home for the Aged and insurance for ministers.
- c. A request was received for a letter for Rev. Carl E. Steel. Letter was granted to join Western Piedmont Association of FWB.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

- a. Recommended that Bro. Larry Combs be ordained during this session. M. S. C.
- b. Recommended that Brothers Joe Helms and Tommy Hensley be licensed. M. S. C.

ORDINATION SERVICE

An ordination service was held with Bro. Dan Hensley bringing the message using the topic "Preach the Word." Scripture reading was II Tim. 4:1-5. Rev. Harold Pitts gave the charge. Laying on of hands was ministered unto Bro. Larry Combs with altar prayer.

Adjourned with prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in Treasury.....\$146.54
 Received at Roll Call..... 38.00
 Balance in Treasury..... 184.54

Respectfully submitted by:
 Rev. Ralph Reep, Clerk

ANNUAL MEETING

The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Blue Ridge Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Jason Salyer. Rev. J. C. Lynn, Sr. led in the congregational singing.

Welcome was given by Rev. Talmadge Maynor. Response by Rev. Earl Bittle. Rev. Salyer, Moderator, brought his opening message using the Scripture Phil. 1:25-28. Rev. G. M. Reynolds led in altar prayer.

Roll Call of the Churches was made and the following visitors were recognized:

Rev. Herman Hersey - General Conference
 Rev. Ronald Creech - State Evangelist

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

- A. Finance Committee: Bro. David Pittman, Chairman; Bro. Doss Buchanan, Bro. Steve Lytle, Bro. Paul Collins.
- B. Resolutions Committee: Rev. Edwin Hill, Rev. Allison Robinson, Bro. John Toney
- C. Nominating Committee: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Bro. Lewis Martin, Bro. Hugh O'Kelly, Bro. Jack Stevenson.
- D. Credentials Committee: Rev. Howard Messer, Bro. Danny Anglin, Mrs. Lucille Holland
- E. Pastor's Support: Rev. J. C. Lynn, Rev. James Cole
- F. Christian Education: Bro. Steve Lytle, Rev. Howard Messer
- G. Church Training Service: Bro. Jack Stevenson, Mrs. Lucille Lance
- H. Sunday School: Mrs. Flora Morgan, Mrs. Kitty Buchanan
- I. Home and Foreign Mission: Rev. R. J. Reynolds, Rev. Talmadge Maynor
- J. Deeper Devotions: Bro. Danny Anglin, Rev. Carl Thompson
- K. Sunday Observance: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Bro. Ora Burnette

Rev. Herman Hersey gave a report on Superannuation at this time.

Business Adjourned

The Worship Service opened with the Congregation singing, "Send The Light." The Introductory message was brought by the Rev. Herman Hersey. Hebrews 3:8-19.

Announcements were made by the Moderator and the Host Pastor, Rev. Maynor. The Session was closed with prayer by Rev. Hollifield.

Lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 6

Rev. Allison Robinson led in the Congregational singing. The Devotional Scripture reading and Prayer was brought by Rev. Earl Bittle - Exodus 14:15 "Be Ye Up And Doing".

Motion carried to bring from the table the Constitutional Amendments proposed by the Study Committee, Rev. Hill, Rev. Childers, Rev. Lynn. Rev. Hill read the Constitution and By-Laws.

M. S. C. - The Blue Ridge Association merge with the Blue Ridge Minister's Conference into one Body.

M. S. C. - The Obituary for Rev. Raymond Ponder be placed in the Minutes.

The Following Reports were given:

Woman's Auxiliary - Mrs. Betty Hill (See Reports).
Youth Camp Financial Report - Rev. Childers
State Evangelist - Rev. Ronald Creech

On Motion the session adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 7

The Friday Morning Service opened with the Rev. Lynn leading the congregation in singing "At Calvary" and "There is Power in the Blood." Devotion by Rev. James D. Wilhide - "Saying Yes to Christ."

The Treasurer's Report was given by Bro. David Pittman. M. S. C. that this Report be adopted. (See Reports).

A Report on Sister Josephine Stevens, Missionary to Africa was given by Rev. Hollifield.

M. S. C. The following Committee: Revs. Lynn, Childers and Keener formulate plans for the Rest Home that is to be built near Canton and present them to the body at the next Quarterly Meeting.

M. S. C. that \$300.00 be given on the Rest Home.

M. S. C. Rev. Harold O'Dear be released from his duties as Promotional Man for the Blue Ridge Association.

In the Annual Meeting last year, \$1000.00 was pledged for the Expansion Program of the Bible College. \$200.00 was given at the May Quarterly Meeting. The Swannanoa and the Beaverdam churches each pledged \$100.00. Each Pastor was encouraged to receive an offering and send to the Treasurer. M. S. C. the Treasurer be authorized to send the check to the Bible College for \$1000.00.

The Pastor's Support Report was given by Rev. Lynn. M. S. C. Report be Accepted. The Report on Christian Education was given by Bro. Steve Lytle. M. S. C. Report be accepted

Recess

Song Service - Rev. Lynn led the Congregation in singing "America" and "The Unclouded Day."

Rev. L. C. Johnson brought the morning message using the Theme, "The Church Going Forward," Hebrews 6:1-3.

Lunch

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 7, 1970

Congregational Singing led by Rev. Earl Bittle, "Kneel At The Cross" and "Love Lifted Me." Devotion was given by Rev. Howard Messer - Psalm 17:16

The Following Reports were given:

Youth Camp: Rev. Howard Messer (See Reports)
 Church Training Service: Bro. Jack Stephenson
 Sunday School: Mrs. Kitty Buchanan
 Home and Foreign Mission: Rev. R. J. Reynolds
 Deeper Devotion: Rev. Carl Thompson
 Sunday Observance: Rev. Milton Hollifield
 Resolutions Committee Report: Rev. Allison Robinson

M. S. C. - All Reports be accepted.

Meeting Adjourned.

FRIDAY EVENING - YOUTH SERVICE

Special Singing by the Joy Bell Girls, Swannanoa Church; Rev. and Mrs. Hill, Zephyr Hills Church.

The Evening Message was brought by the Rev. L. C. Johnson. He used the Theme, "Christian Training."

Adjourned

The majority of secular colleges have a materialistic, atheistic, philosophy of life. Moral standards are low, and there is a permissiveness on the average college campus which leads to sin and corruption. There is a philosophy which teaches students against Christian standards, ridicules the Word of God, and teaches that man is basically the highest form of animal life, and thus should be free to do as he pleases, no matter what the consequences. The lives of millions of young people have been ruined at a secular college and university system.

In the midst of such corruption and moral decay, Free Will Baptist Bible College stands without apology for the Word of God, high moral standards, and clean Christian living. Our denomination has such a school as this to train our Christian young people for God's Service, because the young people of this denomination will be the leaders of tomorrow. We should encourage them to attend a school which stands for the Bible and Christian principles, rather than one which tears them down.

Certainly Christian education begins in the home. Parents play a major role in raising their children to walk in the ways of the Lord. Also, the church plays a vital part in training its people for Christian service. Proper training of our young people in the home and in the church will go far toward influencing them to further their Christian education at a school designed to build them up in the most holy faith.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Howard Messer
 Bro. Steve Lytle

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

The Bible states that Christ can make a new creature out of an old one, or in other words Christ transforms sinners. However, in our busy and carefree life, the world does not know this. Why? We Christians do not care.

How can we care? Our training at home can help, as well as our concern for our friends. A great neglected training is our church training service, known as C. T. S. Also in C. T. S. we can cultivate a care for the lost and dying world by first of all participating in it. A union of prayer along with programs geared to living a successful Christian life are engaged in C. T. S. (or should be). Studying God's Word helps us to care about the world, which also is an attraction of C. T. S. There is not a person who does not need to learn and to care more about others. Try C. T. S. to cultivate a care for sinners. Remember, where there is no training, there is no serving.

Jesus said, "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be. If any man serve me, him will my Father honor". John 12:26. Jesus is honored in C. T. S., let's follow Him there.

Respectfully submitted, Bro. Jack Stephenson
Mrs. Lucille Lance

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are made aware each day of the tendency of many to lean toward liberalism, and to drift from the standards set forth in the Holy Word. We want our young people and adults to adhere to the teachings of Christ our Saviour so we your committee recommend the following:

1. That parents attend Sunday School with their children and teach them to always attend regularly.
2. That Pastors and leaders place special emphasis on up-grading our Sunday Schools in regard to the selection of dedicated teachers, good facilities, proper grading, literature and visual aids.
3. That teachers study and pray that they may present Christ to their pupils in such a way that it will challenge them to accept Christ and live accordingly.
4. That since much literature tends to deter from the word of God, we urge our leaders to use our Free Will Baptist Sunday School Literature, that our people may have fundamental teachings.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Flora Morgan
Mrs. Kitty Buchanan

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your committee on Missions, make the following recommendations:

1. That we be reminded of why Jesus left Heaven's Glory - "To seek and save the lost."
2. That He came setting the example that we should follow in His footsteps.
3. That He came into the world and Missions include the entire world, beginning in our own communities.
4. That some of our most capable possibilities are in our own area.
5. That this concern be allowed to be led of God's Spirit to reach throughout the entire world.

6. That we, each one, consider the fact that we are Missionaries in a foreign country, Heaven being our own eternal land.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. R. J. Reynolds
Rev. Talmadge Maynor

DEEPER DEVOTION

There is a great need today for understanding of God's word. In a time of evil, of worldly knowledge, and false doctrine, we should "seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read - Isaiah 34:16. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth," 11 Timothy 2:15.

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom and with all thy getting, get understanding." Proverbs 4:7

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways, acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths". Proverbs 3: 5, 6. All our thoughts and being should be in the Lord Jesus Christ. For it is as we trust Him that we are able to live and prepare for a better life after death. We should be so dedicated to the Lord that we can be in an attitude of prayer at all times. "Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17

A devoted life is one that is spent in the service of the person or cause one is devoted to. Only the Lord Jesus Christ is deserving of this devotion.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Carl Thompson
Bro. Dan Anglin

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Mark 2:27.... "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath." God knew that man needed a day for rest and worship, so He gave us one day out of seven. This day is to be used in this manner and to use it otherwise is violating God's law.

One of the first steps in the down-grading of a nation is desecration of the Lord's day. When professing Christians patronize the world by shopping on Sunday and attending worldly amusements they are sanctioning the very thing that is leading America away from God.

We urge all Free Will Baptists to spend this day as God has taught us. We pray for a return to the "Old Paths" of taking the family to God's house every service on Sunday and give a good testimony to Christ's resurrection in our lives as Christians.

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 Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Article 2

1. The purpose of this Association shall be: To promote unity, fraternity, fellowship, and co-operation; to encourage and engage in larger Christian enterprises which cannot be carried on by a single church; and 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 National Association.

2. This Association shall encourage a sound ministry, which presents 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 3

This Association shall be composed of all ordained Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates chosen and sent by each church in its bounds, who are duly recommended by the church to which they belong. Each church shall be entitled to at least (6) six delegates.

Article 4

1. This Association disclaims the right to exercise lordship over the Churches, or to have any power which would entitle it to infringe upon the internal affairs or rights of any of the churches of which it is composed. 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.

2. An accused church shall have the same right as an individual in the church, namely: Specific charges must be presented in writing; a fair opportunity shall be given for defense; and the accused shall be considered innocent until proven guilty.

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

Article 5

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

Article 6

1. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering upon their said duties at the close of the current session. A Historian shall be elected for an indefinite period.

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 and accurate record of the proceedings of the Association in a business-like manner; to superintend the printing of the minutes and the distribution of same; and to give over all properties belonging to his or her office to his or her duly elected successor. The Clerk shall be paid a fee of \$100.00 for services rendered—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 by 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, and to preserve the same in a book. He or she shall keep a file of the minutes. All materials and property shall be given to his or her duly elected successor in office.

Article 7

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 appointed time.

Article 8

A Youth Director shall be elected annually. This Director shall be responsible for promoting youth work in the Association, in co-operation with the Church Training Service.

Article 9

The Executive Board of this Association shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and three (3) members elected from the floor annually. 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 10

1. This Association shall maintain an Ordaining Council elected from the ordained authority, preferably ministers, five (5) in number, whose tenure of office shall be from one (1) to five (5) years. The Association shall elect annually to supply the vacancies as they occur.

2. The Ordaining Council shall act as an Advisory Council and an investigating committee, under the authority and recommendations of the local Church in this Association, issuing license, 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 candidate's calling and moral integrity. He shall preach under license until he is called to pastor or to full time Christian Service requiring ordination.

3. This Association deems it necessary for the protection of the gospel not to accept anyone as a minister who has two living wives. Each minister must maintain a Christian character, and clean habits, and shall not have a tolerant attitude toward liberalism, modernism, communism, Catholicism, etc.

4. Each minister shall be required to practice, preach, and teach tithing as the means of church support.

Article 11

1. Any church seeking membership in this Association shall furnish evidence that there is a deed, or record, made to the Trustee of said Free Will Baptist Church and their successors in office.

Article 12

This Association shall have a quarterly meeting on the first Saturday of each quarter after the annual meeting for the furtherance of every phase of work of the Association. Each minister shall report in person or by letter at each meeting with a donation of \$1.00, and shall submit a report at each annual meeting.

Article 13

This Association deems the Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the Original Free Will Baptists as adopted by the National Association of Free Will Baptists as its rule of faith and practice.

Article 14

This Association shall be governed by the rules laid down in Robert's or Hasting's Rules of Order.

Article 15

This Association shall meet annually on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in August.

Article 16

This Association recommends that each church pay one percent (1 percent) of their income for the support of this Association, either monthly or quarterly.

Article 17

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at any annual meeting of this Association.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 - This Association shall be opened and closed with suitable devotions.

ARTICLE 2 - There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

ARTICLE 3 - Every person wishing to speak shall first arise and address the Moderator, and be recognized before speaking.

ARTICLE 4 - No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

ARTICLE 5 - Every member speaking shall attend the subject under consideration.

ARTICLE 6 - No member shall speak on any one subject more than twice, except by permission of the Moderator.

ARTICLE 7 - Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

ARTICLE 8 - A motion before the house must be acted upon before another motion can be made.

ARTICLE 9 - On all motions acted upon, the majority vote shall prevail.

ARTICLE 10 - The Moderator shall have the privilege to speak on any subject as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

ARTICLE 11 - This Association shall admit no other title while in session but that of Brother or Sister.

ARTICLE 12 - No member shall absent himself from the body without the permission of the Moderator.

ARTICLE 13 - Any person transgressing these By-Laws shall be admonished by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 14 - No less than twenty (20) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 15 - An offering shall be received at the annual meeting as is necessary. The necessity will be determined by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 16 - These By-Laws may be amended at any regular annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present.

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, 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 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 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 fit 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 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 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).

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 shall 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.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORT	ASHEVILLE	BEAVERDAM	BETHEL	BURGIN'S CHAPEL	CANTON	CAROLEEN	CEDAR HILL	CLAYTON AVENUE	EAST FORK	FAIRVIEW	MARION (FIRST)	MEADOW FORK	MT. BETHEL
PASTOR'S SALARY	\$3690.00	4875.00	4680.00	6225.00	4123.00	4160.00	5869.75	365.00	4975.00	6080.00			2632.00
OTHER SALARIES	240.00	480.00	360.00	360.00	360.00	360.00		120.00	520.00	290.00			172.00
EVANGELISTS	300.00	547.00	420.00	233.64	100.00	400.00	450.00	102.00	300.00	351.00			185.00
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS	1846.12			433.26	1838.00	173.30			3372.26	10,764.25			
LOCAL CHARITY	200.00	1500.00	1839.84		435.00	180.57		35.00	296.03				209.27
BLUE RIDGE ASSN.	97.10	1257.23	502.02	162.08	100.00	40.00			75.56	105.00			53.00
STATE ASSOCIATION	137.24	71.00	25.00	376.07	25.00	120.00			20.00	300.00			50.00
SUPERANNUATION		25.00	10.00						561.60				
F.W.B.B. COLLEGE			79.10	1212.79	1040.00	75.00			180.50				
F.W.B. WITNESS	25.00								110.00				
HOME MISSIONS	301.01	25.00		245.12	150.00	152.00	450.00			209.13			
FOREIGN MISSIONS	331.10	138.00		2153.75		360.00			242.19	964.36			
NAT'L ASSN.	514.48	300.00	808.46										300.00
OTHERS	440.04		40.56	3071.44	54.00								
VALUE CHURCH	15,000.00		4235.11	60,000.00	8,510.00	80,000.00	20,000.00	3850.00	4771.84	40,000.00	75,000.00		30,000.00
VALUE PARSONAGE	10,000.00	50,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	18,000.00	16,000.00			30,000.00	25,000.00			
OTHER PROPERTY	5,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00	15,000.00	1500.00		8,000.00				

FINANCIAL REPORT	MT. CALVARY	MT. ZION	MOWLING CHAPEL	OLD FORT	PISGAH	ROBERSON CREEK	ROCKY PASS	SPRUCE PINE	SWANNANOA	SWEETEN CREEK	TRINITY HILL	UNION VALLEY	ZEPHYR HILLS
PASTOR'S SALARY	2300.00		2600.00	4130.00	3575.00	2780.00	6175.00	1415.00	6235.00	3047.00		474.00	4320.00
OTHER SALARIES			75.00		360.00	150.00	1080.00		1335.00	713.00			
EVANGELISTS	200.00		190.00	321.00	235.00	200.00	345.00	125.00	581.00	102.00		75.00	200.00
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS			21.00	10,000.00		35,000.00	1155.00	30.00	1665.00			235.57	
LOCAL CHARITY	276.00			229.00	50.00	50.00	1486.00		140.00	331.00			
BLUE RIDGE ASSN.	5.00		10.00	73.00		25.00	183.00	10.00	248.00	14.86		4.00	71.20
STATE ASSOCIATION						20.00	299.00		915.00				134.85
SUPERANNUATION													
F.W.B.B. COLLEGE			39.00			20.00	271.00		248.00	32.00			138.64
F.W.B. WITNESS			10.00										
HOME MISSIONS			30.00			35.00	98.00		55.00	213.00			
FOREIGN MISSIONS						20.00	1058.00		1380.00	106.00			490.00
NAT'L ASSN.							2805.00		1488.00				
OTHERS			165.00					420.00	150.00				
VALUE CHURCH	30,000.00		20,000.00	40,000.00	11,000.00	35,000.00	75,000.00	2000.00	1000,000.00	16500.00		3354.00	40,000.00
VALUE PARSONAGE				10,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00		20,000.00				14,000.00
OTHER PROPERTY							5,000.00		5,000.00				10,000.00

MEMBERSHIP REPORT	ASHEVILLE	BEAVERDAM	BETHEL	BURGIN'S CHAPEL	CANTON	CAROLEEN	CEDAR HILL	CLAYTON AVENUE	EAST FORK	FAIRVIEW	MARION (FIRST)	MEADOW FORK	MT. BETHEL	MT. CALVARY	MT. ZION	NOWLING CHAPEL	OLD FORT	PISGAH	ROBERSON CREEK	ROCKY PASS	SPRUCE PINE	SWANNANOA	SWEETEN CREEK	TRINITY HILL	UNION VALLEY	ZEPHYR HILLS
No. Members Received:																										
By Experience	6	10	32	10	14	4	3	4	2	2			8	8			6	6	2			18	3		7	6
By Letter	4		16	10	4	6	4	7		2			13	31		1	1	3	2			19	4		3	8
Total Received	10	10	72	20	18	10	7	11	2				21	39		1	7	9	4			37	7		10	14
No. Members Lost:																										
By Letter		8	2	11		2	2	1					7	2				3	4	13		3	3			1
By Death	1	1	2	2	1	3			1							8	2					66	1			1
By Removal	1	2	63			2		7		2				2		2										
Total Lost	2	11	67	13		7	2	8					7	2		10	2	3	4	13		69	4			2
Total Membership	64	83	328	98	274	258	107	70	48	103				84		63	82	130	60	171	57	518	49		102	80
Sunday School Report:																										
No. of Pupils		80	201	100	150	196	75		35	125			150	88		96	90	75	96	173		375	70		69	95
No. of Classes		6	11	8	15	10	7	5	3	7			7	6		7	6		4	15		23	8		3	9
Kind of Literature	FWB	FWB	FWB													*Freewill Bapt										
Approx. Cost of Literature	134	165	173		818	379	200		8	236			127	220		163	16	164	166	482		1250	220		21	238
C.T.S. Report:																										
No. of Pupils			110	19	80					65										40		50	45			36
No. of Groups				1	6					6										4		5	5			5
Approx. Cost - Literature				18						248												200	155			

MINISTER'S REPORTS

MINISTER'S REPORTS	Churches Pastored	Revivals	Conversions	Communion Services & Footwashing	Tithe	Licensed or Ordained	Baptisms	Marriages	Funerals	Amt. Received for Pastoral Duties	Amount Received for Revivals	Amt. Received for Other Ministerial Duties
Robert Ballard Rt. 1, Box 59B, Swannanoa	1	2	1	yes	O		3		2600			
Earl R. Bittle P.O. Box 251, Blk. Mtn. N.C.	1	3	17	1	yes	O	5		7	4330	150	
Elisha Beechboard Box 227, High St., Marion	No Report											
Jeff Capps Rt. 3, Weaverville, N.C.	1	2	23	2	yes	O	12		1	450	100	
James K. Childers Sr. Rt. 1, Box 144, Nebo, N.C.	1	7	56	2	yes	O		4	2	6175		
James Coffey Box 91, Caroleen, N.C.					yes	O			3			
Thomas R. Clark Jr. Rt. 3, Travelers Rest, S.C.	No Report											
Lonnie G. Crawford Rt. 2, Box 41, Weaverville			7		yes	O	7	9	10			100
Roy Duckett Rt. 2, Box 88A-5 Stanfield	No Report											
Milt B. Duncan Rt. 1, Box 392A, Marion	No Report											
Elmer Edwards Rt. 3, Weaverville, N.C.	1	1	20	1	yes	O	14		2	365	30	
Larry Edwards 8 Revonda Dr. Asheville	0	1	8	2	yes	L	10				15	
Bob Fox	No Report											
Fred Freeman Box 227, High St. Marion	No Report											
Floyd Frisbee 107 Virginia Ave. Hazelwood	1	1	4		yes	O	1			404		
Calvin Grogan Old Fort, N.C.	1	2	20	2	yes	O	5	1		4000		
Daniel Hensley Rt. 1, Box 12-A Bostic	1		20	2	yes	O				2780		
Edwin L. Hill, P.O. Box 6127, W. Asheville	1		4		yes	O	4	1	2	4320		
T. A. Holder 47 Elkmont, Dr. Asheville	1	2	25	5	yes	O	4		6	800	100	
Milton Hollifield Box 281, Swannanoa, N.C.	1	7	90	2	yes	O	16	7	10			
Allen Jackson 1611 Pettibone Ave. Flint, Michigan	1		34	1	yes	O	7	4	1	4680		
Elmer Keener 134 N. Main, Canton N.C.	1		31	3	yes	O	10	2	8	2275		
James C. Lynn Sr. 227 Johnston Blvd. West Asheville, N.C.	1	3	15	4	yes	O	7	3	3	4160	200	
R. J. Kennedy Box 937, Blk. Mtn., N.C.	No Report											
Lon Ledford Rt. 4, Box 260, Bakersville												

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Charles Lowery Talmadge S. Maynor Lakey St., Blk. Mtn. N.C.	1	3	25	1	yes	O		1	4		324	
W. J. McDaniel Box 312, Rutherford College	1		1		yes	O		1	3	2480		10
Ernest Messer 304 Smathers St. Waynesville	1	0	1		yes	O	3		2	150		50
Howard L. Messer 250 Baldwin Ave., Marion	1	4	15	1	yes	O		5	8	6080		
Harry Mintz Rt. 1, Box 144, Elmer, N.J.	No Report											
John C. Moore P.O. Box 176, Fairview, N.C.	1		24	2	yes	O	1	1	1	720		
Jack Moses Rt. 1, Box 248F, Morganton	1	1	46	3	yes	O	11	1	1	2300	23	
Harold O'Dear Box 138 Carolina Ave. Marion	No Report											
Bobby Parker Box 125, Ridgecrest	1		30	2	yes	O	5			180		60
Harold Pitts\$ Box 1346, Canton, N.C.	1	3	29	1	yes	O	6	2	9	6510	460	
Willard Pless Canton, N.C.	No Report											
Ralph P. Reep Route 2, Box 71, Marion		3			yes	O		1				
Bill Poteat Pamplico, S.C.	No Report											
Warren Reece Rt. 2 Box 358, Rockingham	No Report											
George Reynolds Box 383, Blk. Mtn. N.C.	1		21	3	yes	O	2		8	4264		
R. J. Reynolds P.O.Box 238, Nebo, N.C.	2			3	yes	O	27	2	14	4875		
Allison Robinson Rt. 4, Box 826, Marion	1	2		1	yes	O		2	1	4240	90	
Carl Roland Rt. 1, Box 16, Nebo, N.C.	1	4	67	2	yes	O	59	2	18	2393	330	5
Winfred Roland 106 Young St. Swannanoa	No Report											
Jason Salyer Rt. 1, Box 390B, Marion	No Report											
Donald Seay Box 385, Caroleen, N.C.	3	2		3	yes	O	9	4	26	5445		
Billy Sheppard Rt. 3, Box 67, Weaverville	No Report											
James W. Stacy Marion, N.C.	1		6		yes	O			3	200		20
Carl M. Thompson P.O. Box 416, Candler, N.C.	2	2	10	5	yes	O	1			3000	86	
Gay W. Tweed Weaverville, N.C.		1	18		yes	L					5.75	56
James D. Wilhide Rt. 1, Box 88A, Old Fort..	1				yes	O	17	2	3	2400		

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MINISTER'S REPORT

Name ----- Address ----- Tel. -----

No. Churches pastored ----- No. Baptisms -----

No. Revivals conducted ----- No. Marriages -----

No. of Conversions ----- No. Funeral -----

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 -----

Name of Auxillary -----

No. 2—Pres. ----- Address -----

Secretary ----- Address -----

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

Name of Auxillary -----

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 -----

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT

July 31, 19____ August 1, 19____

The _____ Free Will Baptist Church _____ 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 _____
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 _____

FINANCE REPORT

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

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT

OFFICERS OF CHURCH

Pastor _____

Address _____

Pastor and Clerk for coming year if any change

Sunday School Supt. _____

Address _____

Secretary _____

Address _____

Clerk _____

Address _____

CHURCH AUXILIARIES

Woman's Auxiliary Pres. _____

Address _____

Secretary _____

Address _____

No. of Members _____ Money Taken in _____

Money Paid Out _____

MINUTES OF THE BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
CONVENING WITH CLAYTON AVENUE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
ASHEVILLE, N. C. AUGUST 6, 1970

OFFICERS OF THE BLUE RIDGE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President - Mrs. Betty Hill, Box 6127, W. Asheville, N.C. 28806
Vice President - Mrs. Flora Morgan, Box 6131, W. Asheville, N.C.
Recording Secretary - Mrs. Jackie Finley, Rt. 2, Box 45, Nebo, N.C.
Asst. Recording Sec'y - Mrs. Lois Pittman, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.
Corresponding Sec'y - Mrs. Paul Hamlett, 26 Flint St., Canton, N.C.
Treasurer - Mrs. Grace Stafford, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.
Study Course Chairman - Mrs. Lucille Holland, Rt. 1, Box 46, Marion, N.C.
Mission Chairman - Mrs. Velma Harkins, Canton, N.C.
Stewardship Prayer Chairman - Mrs. Mae Miller, Rt. 1, Box 403, Marion, N.C.
Historian - Mrs. Grace Stafford, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.
Personal Service Evangelism Chairman - Mrs. Mary Floyd, Box 976, Marion, N.C.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Executive Board met at the Canton Church February 7, 1970, with the following members present: Mrs. Betty Hill, President; Mrs. Flora Morgan, Mrs. Helen Hamlett, Mrs. Lois Pittman, Mrs. Grace Stafford, and Mrs. Hoyle Harkins.

The Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hill. The following recommendations were made:

1. The President appoint 10 delegates and 3 alternates to represent our District at the State Auxiliary.
2. The goal for our Missions and Bible College project be \$575.00. One-half of this amount to be sent to Bro. Tommy Hughes, Missionary Appointee to Brazil, for the purchase of a jeep, and the other half going to the Bible College for the purchase of Lounge furniture in the student lounge.
3. We recommend that our District Constitution and By-Laws be revised and brought up to date.

The Program was planned for our April Meeting. We were dismissed in Prayer.

The Executive Board met in June at the Swannanoa Church with Mrs. Betty Hill presiding. Mrs. Lois Pittman led in the opening prayer. Mrs. Flora Morgan gave the devotional from Judges 6:36. Members present were Mrs. Hill,

Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Pittman, Mrs. Grace Stafford, and Mrs. Jackie Finley.

The following recommendation was made:

We, your Executive Committee, recommend that two workshops be held in October. One - west of the Old Fort Mountain, October 19, 1970, at the Zephyr Hills Church; and the other one east of the Old Fort Mountain, October 26, 1970, at the Fairview Church.

The Program for the August Meeting was planned. The Meeting was closed with Prayer by Mrs. Grace Stafford.

MINUTES OF THE BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEETINGS

The Blue Ridge District Woman's Auxiliary met with the Swannanoa Church April 11, 1970.

Theme: "A Story To Tell".

Watchword: Acts 22:15, "For thou shalt be His witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard".

Mrs. R. J. Kennedy, Jr. led the congregational singing.

A warm welcome was given by Mrs. Connie Abrams. Mrs. Helen Hamlett gave the Response.

Special Music was rendered by the Joy Bells from Swannanoa Church and a solo by Mrs. R. J. Kennedy, Jr.

Devotion was given by Mrs. Edith Stamey.

Miss Laura Belle Barnard, former Missionary to India, was the guest speaker.

Lunch

Afternoon Session:

Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were read and approved. There were 72 Delegates and 5 Ministers present.

Churches represented were Beaverdam, Canton, Caroleen, Fairview, Marion (First), Roberson Creek, Rocky Pass, Swannanoa, and Zephyr Hills.

M. S. C. to Adopt the following recommendations:

1. To accept the Trinity Hill Woman's Auxiliary of Nebo as a member of the Blue Ridge District Auxiliary.

2. To encourage modest dress in our local churches by using the following methods:

- a. By Example
- b. By counseling with our Daughters.
- c. By encouraging young girls in our churches to dress modestly.
- d. By urging our churches to take a definite stand on the matter of dress.

3. To give a \$10.00 love offering to our state work, and \$80.00 to Miss Barnard, our speaker for the day.

Delegates and alternates to represent our District at the State Woman's Auxiliary were appointed by the President. They are: Mrs. J. B. Wilson, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, Mrs. Grace Stafford, Mrs. Marvin Hollifield, Mrs. Helen Hamlett, Mrs. Lucille Holland, Mrs. Kitty Buchanan, Mrs. Barbara Fowler, Mrs. Arthur Upton, Mrs. Harold Pitts. Alternates: Mrs. Mary Floyd, Mrs. James Childers, Mrs. Mary Seay.

Our Project for the coming year will be to reach a goal of \$575.00. Half of this is to be paid on a Jeep for Tommy Hughes and the other half is going for the purchase of Lounge Furniture in the Student Lounge at the Bible College.

Motion made to adjourn. Dismissal Prayer by Miss Barnard.

Zephyr Hills and Rocky Pass were recognized and presented certificates for having B Standard Auxiliaries.

The Blue Ridge District Woman's Auxiliary met with the Clayton Avenue Church August 6, 1970.

Theme: "So Little Time - So Many Wait". - Scripture: Romans 13:11.
Song Leader: Mrs. Jerry Kennedy
Pianist: Joyce Morgan
Special Music by Mrs. Jerry Kennedy and the Swannanoa Trio.
Sister Volena Wilson led in Prayer. The following Auxiliaries were represented: Beaverdam, Canton, Fairview, Marion, Roberson Creek, Rocky Pass, Swannanoa, and Zephyr Hills.

Mission project Review was given by Sister Volena Wilson.

Minutes of Executive meetings were read and approved.

Recommendations from Executive Committee were approved.

Treasurer's Report was given.

Motion made and carried for the following to be the Nominating Committee: Mrs. Flora Morgan, Mrs. Grace Stafford, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, Mrs. Lucille Holland, Mrs. Jackie Finley.

M. S. C. to give Rev. Tommy Hughes \$90.00.

Message by Rev. Hughes.

Dismissed in Prayer.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY CONVENTION OF THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME:

This organization shall be known as the Blue Ridge District Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Blue Ridge Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this convention shall be to bring the women of each local auxiliary 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, who shall serve as Enlistment Chairman; Recording Secretary; Assistant Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; Treasurer; Field Worker; Study Course Chairman; Stewardship-Prayer Chairman; Personal Service-Evangelism Chairman; and Missions Chairman. These shall constitute the District 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 President and six (6) delegates (duly accredited by the Credentials Committee) from each local Auxiliary.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS:

This convention shall meet semi-annually, with the first meeting of each year being held the second Saturday in April, and the second meeting being held on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August. These meetings shall be held for the transaction of business, at such time and place as may be determined at the previous meeting, or by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS:

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

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

Section 1. 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, and perform all duties usually pertaining to such an office.

Section 2. 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 also serve as promoter of enlistment activities within the District. During the District Convention, the Vice-President serves as Chairman of the Registration Committee.

Section 3. 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 make an annual report to the State Recording Secretary, at least ten days before the annual convention of the State.

Section 4. Assistant Recording Secretary: The Assistant Recording Secretary shall serve as Chairman of the Credentials Committee. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, she shall serve in her place.

Section 5. Corresponding Secretary: The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of all correspondence pertaining to the work of the convention. It shall be her duty to promote the sale of all denominational periodicals. She shall compile a slate of the local officers and their addresses for the District officers immediately after the District meeting in April. She shall also send a slate of the District officers and addresses to the State Corresponding Secretary, and each local auxiliary in the District. She shall also serve as Publicity Chairman.

Section 6. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this convention, and shall pay out same only when authorized by the convention. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account and shall give a written report of all funds received and paid out at each annual meeting of the convention. She shall also send an annual report to the State Treasurer at least ten days before the annual convention of the State.

Section 7. Field Worker: The Field Worker shall have charge of all field work pertaining to, or necessary to, the promotion of the work of the convention. She should co-operate with the District Vice-President in the organizing of new auxiliaries. In every way possible, she should seek to coordinate the work of the convention with that of the school as well as the State and National work.

Section 8. Study Course Chairman: The Study Course Chairman shall promote all study courses for the year as recommended by WNAC, and secure suggested helps and information from State Chairmen as needed. She shall work with the local Study Course Chairmen through personal contact or correspondence, and shall secure the co-operation of the state and local chairmen in encouraging and promoting workshops in the District.

Section 9. Stewardship-Prayer Chairman: It is the duty of the Stewardship-Prayer Chairman to promote the idea of being good stewards in all phases of life, promote family altars, Seasons of Prayer, and prayer fellowship in the local auxiliaries. She shall work with the local Treasurer and Program-Prayer Chairmen offering periodic suggestions for the enlisting of tithers, the promotion of family altars, and other phases of stewardship and prayer endeavors.

Section 10. Personal Service-Evangelism Chairman: The Personal Service-Evangelism Chairman shall encourage the local Personal Service-Evangelism Chairmen in assigned and directed community projects which include soul-winning efforts, benevolences, orphanage work, and ministerial relief.

Section 11. Missions Chairman: The Missions Chairman shall assist the local Missions Chairmen in the promotion of foreign and home missions in accord with the policies of the National Boards. She shall keep the local missions chairmen informed of the latest developments in our missionary programs by correspondence with our Missionary Leaders and Directors, and study of our church publications. State mission projects shall be promoted by this officer in the District.

ARTICLE II. DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION WORK:

Departmental promotional work shall be carried on by chairmen of the various departments in the convention in co-operation with like chairmen in the local auxiliaries.

The District Chairmen shall plan and direct work in their departments in harmony with the WNAC plan of work. These plans shall be arranged and presented to the Executive Committee meeting at its regular session prior to the convention. Approved plans will be recommended to the convention. Each chairman shall devise ways and means of promoting her respective department of work throughout the District Convention, securing help from the State Chairmen. Each chairman will secure and compile facts from local chairmen or officers concerning her department's activities which will be informative and inspirational to the district convention.

ARTICLE III. ELECTIONS:

The general officers shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee and shall be elected by acclamation, unless there are other nominations. In case of more than one nominee for any particular office, a vote will be taken on each. All elections shall be held at the closing business session of the convention in its April meeting. Elections shall be held every two years.

ARTICLE IV. EXPENSES:

An appropriation of 8c per mile shall be paid toward the expenses of the general officers and Nominating Committee, to all official meetings. Secretary's expenses, postage, stationery, and other expenses for officers, shall also be

paid by the convention. All field promotional work is subject to the District Executive Committee, who must approve all itineraries made by District Officers in the interest of District work, as well as expenses for same.

Other appropriations may be decided upon by the Finance Committee and passed upon by the Convention.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES:

Section 1. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall hold meetings for the transaction of business as often as needed. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to maintain an oversight of the work at large. They shall act for the convention when necessary, same to be subject to the will of the convention at its regular meetings. They shall prepare the program for the regular meetings of the convention and fill any vacancy occurring between elections.

Section 2. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall be composed of at least five members who are delegates nominated from the floor and elected by the body at the August meeting just prior to the April meeting when elections are to take place. The first person nominated shall be considered chairman of the committee, and shall be responsible for calling the committee together for the purpose of nominating a slate of officers for the convention. Nominations from the floor will be accepted after the report of the Nominating Committee is given.

Section 3. Credentials: The Assistant Recording Secretary shall be Chairman of the Credentials Committee, and other members may be appointed by the President. This committee examines the Annual Reports of the representing Auxiliaries to see if fees are paid and if reports are in order. New Auxiliaries organized since the last District meeting, who desire to become members of the convention are examined by this committee and passed upon, after which they are recommended to the convention for membership.

Section 4. Finance: The Treasurer shall be chairman of the Finance Committee and four other members may be appointed by the President. This committee reviews the financial condition of the District, and makes recommendations concerning honorariums and other items concerning the financial business of the District.

Section 5. Registration: The Vice-President shall be Chairman, and two other members may be appointed by the President to serve on this committee. This committee registers the convention officers, delegates, visitors, Ministers, and any other the convention may desire, and shall report on same to the convention.

Section 6. Resolution: The President shall appoint a Chairman, plus 2 other members to serve on this committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to accept and compile resolutions for recommendation to the Convention.

ARTICLE VI. FEES:

In order to be recognized as a member of this Convention, each local auxiliary shall pay one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per active member to the District Convention, with 25c being kept in the District, and \$1.00 sent to the State Woman's Auxiliary Treasurer, out of which the State Treasurer will keep 25c and forward 75c to the National Auxiliary for promotional work. This money shall be paid yearly, and shall be sent to the District Treasurer along with the annual Treasurer's Report, at least ten days prior to the April Convention.

Offerings should be sent or brought to the April and August Conventions for the support of the work of this Convention.

ARTICLE VII. REPORTS:

It shall be the duty of each local auxiliary affiliated with this District to send an annual report to the District Recording Secretary and Treasurer at least 10 days prior to each Convention in April.

ARTICLE VIII. GIFTS

The desired financial program for Woman's Auxiliaries is: Missions offerings following each special Season of Prayer; Co-Laborer Offerings; Offerings to the District Projects for Missions and the Bible College; and annual gifts to WNAC General Fund thru Emphasis Month; and the Student Loan Fund.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS:

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular meeting of the District Auxiliary Convention.

