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#### STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

ASHEVILLE - Asheville, N.C. - Pastor, Rev. Thomas A. Holder, Jr. Church Membership - 69, Members Received -10, By Letter -8, by Experience -2, Members Lost -5, by Letter -1, by Death -1, by removal -3, No. S.S. Classes -6, Pastor's Salary \$780., Church Property Improvements \$310, Local Charity \$150, Blue Ridge Association \$38, Total \$1278, Value of Church \$20,000.

BEAVERDAM - Pastor, Rev. Carl Thompson, Church Membership -100, No. Received -19, No. Lost by Letter -2, S.S. Enroll. -101, No. Classes -7, Literature Expense \$121.97, Pastor's Salary \$4910, Janitor \$240, Local Charity -\$724.38, Blue Ridge Assn. \$302, State Mission Board -\$302, F.W.B.B. College -\$100, F.W.B. Witness \$25, Home Missions \$724.38, Foreign Miss. \$434.60, Land \$1,000, Piano 400.00, New Church \$2,000, Total \$37,882.85  
Church \$15,000, Value of Parsonage \$10,000, Value of other Property \$5,000

BETHEL - Marion, N.C. - Pastor, Rev. R.J. Reynolds, Church Membership -234, Total No. Rec. -46, By Experience -34, by Letter -12, Total No. Lost -4, By Letter -2, by Death -2, C.T.S. Enrollment 115, Pastor's Salary \$5200, Other Salaries \$480, Evangelists \$425 Ch. Property Improvements \$8000, Local Charity \$957, Blue Ridge Assn. \$73, N.C. State Assn. \$25, F.W.B. Witness \$10, Foreign Missions \$622. Value of Church \$50,000, Value of Parsonage \$18,000.

CANTON - Pastor, Rev. Harold Pitts, Members Received by Experience -10, No. Lost by Letter -1, S.S. Enrollment -176, No. Classes -15, Literature Expense \$850, C.T.S. Enrollment -85, No. Groups -6, Pastor's Salary -\$6500, Other Salaries - \$360, Evangelists \$721.63, Ch. Property Imp. \$139.72, Local Charity \$65.10, Blue Ridge Assn. \$185.35, N.C. State Assn. \$190.35, F.W.B.B. College \$438.82, Home Missions \$2040.99, National Assn. \$25, Lenoir Missions \$238.65, Total \$11,217.95, Value of Church \$60,000, Value of Parsonage \$35,000, Value of Other Property \$5000.

CAROLEEN - Pastor, Rev. Donald Seay - Church Membership -251, No. Received by Experience 11, No. Received by Letter -5, No. Lost by Letter -5, S.S. Enrollment -129, No. Classes -10, Literature Exp. \$280, Pastor's Salary \$5200, Other Salaries 800, Evangelists \$250, Ch. Prop. Improvements \$692.07, Local Charity \$310.53, Blue Ridge Association \$20, F.W.B.B. College \$269.76, Home Missions \$169.76, Foreign Missions - \$169.76, Children's Home \$169.76, Total \$3394.88, Value of Church \$50,000, Value of Parsonage \$18,000, Other Property \$20,000

BURGINS CHAPEL - Pastor, Rev. Earl Bittle - Total Membership -100, S.S. Enrollment -100, No. Classes -8, Literature \$175, Pastor's Salary-\$4680, Other Salaries \$360, Evangelists \$350, Church Prop. Improvements \$1803, Blue Ridge Assn. \$25, Superannuation \$326.40, Home Missions \$275, Foreign Missions \$805, Others \$3973.76, Total \$12,598.30, Value of Church \$31,000, Value of Parsonage \$18,000

CEDAR HILL - Pastor, Rev. James C. Lynn - Church Membership -107, No. Members Received by Experience -4, No. Lost by Letter -2, by Death -2, S.S. Enroll. -118, No. Classes -8, Literature Expense \$210, Pastor's Salary \$4680, Evangelists \$300, Blue Ridge Assn. \$40, N.C. State Assn. -\$120, F. W.B.B. College \$20, Home Missions \$120, Foreign Missions \$120, Value of Church \$80,000, Value of Parsonage \$6,000, Value of other Property \$15,000

CLAYTON AVENUE - Pastor, Rev. Talmadge Maynor - Church Membership -75 Total No. Received -8, by Experience -6, by Letter -2, Total No. Lost -4, by Letter -3, by Death -1, S.S. Enroll. -85, No. Classes -6, Literature Expense \$152, Pastor's Salary \$5429.90, Other Salaries \$369, Evangelists \$425, Ch. Prosperity Improvements \$400, Local Charity \$100, Blue Ridge Assn. \$50, Superannuation \$295.10, Home Missions \$262, Value of Church \$25,000, Value of Other Property \$3000.

EAST FORK - Pastor, Rev. David Gentry - Church Membership -50, Total No. Received by Experience -3, Total No. Lost by Death -1, S.S. Enroll. -38, No. Classes -3, Literature Expense \$8.00, Pastor's Salary \$365, Evangelists \$30, Church Property Improvements \$1000, Local Charity \$95, Blue Ridge Assn. \$10, Minute Fund \$10, Total \$1518, Value of Church \$5600.

FAIRVIEW - Pastor, Rev. Jason Salyer - Church Membership -104, Total No. Received -8, by Experience -4, by Letter -4, No. Lost by Letter -5, S.S. Enroll. -125, No. Classes -7, Literature Expense \$268.95, C.T.S. Enroll. -65, No. Groups -6, Literature Expense \$121.98, pastor's salary \$5460, Other Salaries \$545, Evangelists \$250, Church Prop. Improvements \$2506.70, Local Charity \$489.12, Blue Ridge Assn. \$256.01, N.C. State Assn. \$20, Superannuation \$561.60, F.W.B. College \$252.50, F.W.B. Witness \$120, Home Missions \$110, Foreign Missions \$816.10, Total \$11,397.03, Value of Church \$45,000, Value of Parsonage \$30,000, Value of other Property \$10,000

HILLTOP - Pastor, Rev. Thomas R. Clark - Church Membership -101, Total No. Received -61, by Experience -16, by Letter -45, S.S. Enroll. -116, No. Classes -9, Pastor's Salary \$7800, Other Salaries \$300, Evangelists \$300, Local Charity \$300, Blue Ridge Assn. \$20, F.W.B.B. College -\$400, F.W.B. Witness \$5.00, Home Missions \$300, Foreign Missions \$300, Total \$9725, Value of Church 65,000, Value of Other Property \$1000.

**MARION (FIRST)** - Pastor, Rev. Clarence Campbell - Church Membership 176, Total No. Received -9, by Experience -5, by Letter -4, Total No. Lost -8, by Letter -6, by Death -2, S.S. Enroll. 212, No. Classes -14 Literature Exp. \$880.32, Pastor's Salary \$5040, Pastor's Utilities & Insurance \$1300, Other Salaries \$780, Evangelists \$290, Church Property Improvements \$5972.80, Local Charity \$649.52, Blue Ridge Assn. \$1085, N.C. State Assn. \$541.83, F.W. B.B. College \$120.34, Home Mission \$500.45, Foreign Missions \$1010.09, Others \$3405.20, Total \$20,695.23, Value of Church \$75,00

**MT. BETHEL** - Pastor, Rev. Robert Ballard - Church Membership -130, Total No. Received -18, by Experience -10, by Letter -8, Total Lost -4, by Letter -2, by Death -2, S.S. Enroll. 145, No. Classes -7, Literature Expense \$292.13, Pastor's Salary \$3653.41, Other Salaries \$260, Evangelists \$225.51, Church Property Improvements \$3940.18, Local Charity \$329.47, Blue Ridge Assn. \$57, Home Missions \$190, Foreign Missions \$345, Total \$9000.57, Value of Church \$50,000

**MT. CALVARY** - Church Membership -110, Total No. Received -26, by Experience -9, by Letter -17, Total No. Lost -1, S.S. Enrollment -88, No. Classes 7, Literature Expense \$180, C.T.S. Enrollment -42, No. Groups -5, Literature Expense \$56.33, Pastor's Salary \$2620, Evangelist \$200, Church Property Improvements \$600, Local Charity \$327, Blue Ridge Association, \$45, N.C. State Association \$45, Home Missions \$25.50, Total \$3,862.55, Value of Church \$20,600, Value of Other Property \$7000

**MT. ZION -**

Received -17, by Experience -15, by Letter -2, Total No. Lost -3, by Letter -2, By Death -1, S.S. Enrollment -101, No. Classes -7, Literature Expense \$720, Pastor's Salary \$4160, Asst. Pastor - \$480, Other Salaries \$110, Evangelist \$90, Church Property Improvements \$4000, Local Charity \$300, Blue Ridge Association \$128.75, N.C. State Association \$50, Home Missions \$150, Total \$9468.75, Value of Church 30,000, Value of Parsonage \$20,000 Value of other Property \$10,000

**NOWLING CHAPEL** - Pastor, Rev. James W. Stacy - Church Membership -89 Total No. Received -28, By Experience -15, by Letter -9, Total No. Lost -2 by Letter -1, by Death 1, No. S.S. Classes -7, Literature Expense \$171.20, Pastor's Salary \$2600, Other Salaries \$686.02, Evangelist \$210, Church Property Improvements \$755, Local Charity \$202.30, Home Missions \$148.06, Total \$4601.-36, Value of Church \$20,000

**OLD FORT (FIRST)** - Church Membership 93, Total No. Received -8, by Experience -8, Total No. Lost -1, by death -1, S.S. Enrollment -100, No. Classes -7, Literature Expense \$108.64, Pastor's Salary \$5200, Church Property Improvements \$15,000, Home Missions \$165.50, Value of Church \$40,000, Value of Parsonage \$8,000.

**PISGAH** - Members Received by Experience -4, by Letter -1, No. Lost by Letter -2, S.S. Enrollment -79, No. Classes -7, Literature Expense \$170, Pastor's Salary \$3580, Other Salaries \$300, Evangelists \$200, Church Property Improvements \$330, Local Charity \$290, Blue Ridge Association \$60, N.C. State Association \$30, Foreign Missions \$45, Others \$10, Value of Church \$11,000, Value of Parsonage \$10,000

ROBERTSON CREEK - Pastor, Rev. James C. Coffey - Church Membership -70, Total No. Received -14, by Experience -1, by Letter -13, Total No. Lost -5, by Death 3, by Letter -2, S.S. Enrollment -117, No. Classes -7, Literature Expense \$262.96, Pastor's Salary \$5261.35, Other Salaries \$240, Evangelists \$250, Church Property Improvements \$508, Local Charity \$104.20, Blue Ridge Association \$20, N.C. State Association \$25, Lenoir Home Mission \$123.32, National Association \$10, Value of Church \$40,000, Value of Other Property \$6,000

ROCKY PASS - Pastor, Billy Allen - Church Membership - 179, Total No. Received -18, by Letter -7, by Experience -11, Total No. Lost -10, S.S. Enrollment -170, No. Classes -14, Literature Expense \$446.16, C.T.S. Enrollment -90, Pastor's Salary \$4007.06, Other Salaries \$980, Evangelists \$410, Church Property Improvements \$1655.10, Local Charity \$1144.13, Blue Ridge Association \$141.03, N.C. State Association \$25, F.W.B.B. College \$42.16, Home Missions \$125, Foreign Missions \$1120.50, Other Expenses \$5257.63, Total \$15,354.67, Value of Church 75,000, Value of Parsonage \$15,000, Value of Other Property \$10,000

SPRUCE PINE - Pastor, Rev. Clyde Fender - Church Membership - 70, Total No. Received by Experience -13, Total No. Lost -2, by Letter -1, by Death -1, S.S. Enrollment -70, No. Classes -4, Literature Expense \$35, Pastor's Salary \$1642, Evangelist \$317, Church Property Improvements \$86, Local Charity \$159.87, N.C. State Association \$10, Rest Home \$158, Total \$2372.87, Value of Church \$4,000

SWANNANOA - Pastor, Rev. Milton Hollifield - Church Membership -557, Total No. Received -41, by Experience -30, by Letter -11, Total No. Lost -22, by Letter -6, by Death -4, by Removal -12, S.S. Enrollment -415, No. of Classes -28, Literature Expense \$1500, C.T.S. Enrollment -110, No. Groups -10, Literature Expense \$200, Pastor's Salary \$638.4, Other Salaries \$1330, Evangelists \$305, Church Property Improvements \$2000, Local Charity \$200, Blue Ridge Association \$263.57, N.C. State Association \$1233.52, F.W.B.B. College \$263.57, Home Missions \$50, Foreign Missions \$1706, National Association \$1046.73, Total \$14,783.39, Value of Church \$100,000, Value of Parsonage \$20,000, Value of Other Property \$5800

SWEETEN CREEK - Pastor, Rev John Moore- Total No. Members Received -7, by letter -5, by experience -2, S.S. Enrollment -70, No. of Classes -8, Literature Expense \$296.62, C.T.S. Enrollment -34, No. of Groups -4, Literature Expense \$139.56, Pastor's Salary \$2080, Other Salaries \$1146.93, Evangelists \$169.49, Local Charity \$271.72, Blue Ridge Association \$39.79, F.W.B.B. College \$50, Home Missions \$270, Foreign Missions \$164.50, Value of Church \$16,500

TRINITY HILL- Pastor, Rev. Carl Roland, Church Membership -117, Total No. Received -35, by Experience -24, by Letter -11, Total No. Lost -6, by Letter -4, by Death -2, S.S. Enrollment -90, No. Classes -6, Literature Expense \$124.97, Pastor's Salary \$5740.20, Evangelists \$113.20, Church Property Improvements \$4292.91, Local Charity \$263.21, Blue Ridge Association \$63.21, N.C. State Association \$56, F.W.B.B. College \$25, F.W.B. Witness \$25, Home Missions \$20, Foreign Missions \$20, Other Expenses \$2385.35, Total \$13,129.05, Value of Church \$15,000, Value of Parsonage of \$8,000.

UNION VALLEY - Pastor, Rev. Gay Tweed - Church Membership -62, Total No. Received -4, by Experience -2, by letter -2, S.S. Enrollment -22, No. Classes -3, Literature Expense \$22.80, Pastor's Salary \$741.23, Other Salaries \$120, Evangelists \$48, Local Charity \$20, Home Missions \$10, Total \$039.23, Value of Church \$3354

ZEPHYR HILLS - Church Membership -74, Total No. Received by Letter -2 Total No. Lost -9, by Letter -8, by Death-1, Pastor's Salary \$4420, Evangelist \$426.60, Church Property Improvements \$760.17, N.C. State Association \$10 Superannuation \$72, Foreign Missions \$270.13, Total \$5436.73, Value of Church \$60,000, Value of Parsonage \$14,000

#### MINISTERS OF BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

1. Robert Ballard, Rt. 1, Box 59-B, Swannanoa, N.C.
2. Earl Bittle, Rt. 1, Box 416-B, Black Mountain, N.C.
3. Elisha Beachboard, Box 227, High Street, Marion, N.C.
4. Clarence Campbell, 250 Baldwin Avenue, Marion, N.C.
5. Jeff Capps, Rt. 3, Weaverville, N.C.
6. James K. Childers, Sr., 100 Merriman Rd., Lenoir, N.C.
7. Thomas R. Clark, P.O. Box 417, Travelers Rest, S.C.
8. James Coffey, Rt. 3, Box 520, Forest City, N.C.
9. Lonnie G. Crawford, Rt. 2, Box 41, Weaverville, N.C.
10. Roy Duckette, Rt. 2, Box 82A-5, Stanfield, N.C.
11. M.B. Duncan, Rt. 1, Box 392-A, Marion, N.C.
12. Elmer Edwards, Rt. 2, Weaverville, N.C.
13. Larry Edwards, 8 Revonda Drive, Asheville, N.C.
14. Elisha Fish, 564 Maple Avenue, Marion, N.C.
15. Bobby Fox:
16. Fred Freeman, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.
17. Floyd Frisbee, 107 Virginia Avenue, Hazelwood, N.C.
18. Calvin Grogan, Old Fort, N.C.
19. Daniel Hensley, Rt. 2, Box 100, Morganton, N.C.
20. Tommy Hensley, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.
21. T.A. Holder, 47 Elkmont Drive, Asheville, N.C.
22. Milton Hollifield, P.O. Box 281, Swannanoa, N.C.
23. Allen Jackson, 1611 Pettibone Avenue, Flint, Mich.
24. Elmer Keener, 134 North Main Street, Canton, N.C.
25. James C. Lynn, Sr., 227 Johnston Blvd. W. Asheville, N.C.
26. Charles Lowery
27. Rev. Talmadge Maynor, P.O. Box 417, Black Mountain, N.C.
28. W.J. McDaniel, Box 312, Rutherford College, N.C.
29. Ernest Messer, 304 Smathers Street, Waynesville, N.C.
30. Harry Mintz
31. John C. Moore, Box 176, Fairview, N.C.
32. Jack Moses, Rt. 8, Box 559, Morganton, N.C.
33. Bobby Parker, Box 125 Ridgecrest, N.C.
34. Harold A. Pitts, Box 1346, Canton, N.C.
35. Willard Pless, 19 Gilbert St. Canton, N.C.

36. Ralph Reep, Rt. 2, Box 71, Marion, N.C.
37. Warren Reece, 220 Virginia Ave., Asheville, N.C.
- #\*. George Reynolds, Box 383, Black Mountain, N.C.
- #. R.J. Reynolds, Box 238, Nebo, N.C.
40. Allison Robinson, Rt. 4, Box 826, Marion, N.C.
41. Carl Roland, Rt. 1, Box 16, Nebo, N.C.
42. Rev. Winfred Roland, 106 Young Street, Swannanoa, N.C.
43. Jason Salyer, Rt. 1, Box 390-B, Marion, N.C.
44. Donald Seay, Box 385, Caroleen, N.C.
45. Billy Sheppard, Rt. 3, Box 67, Weaverville, N.C.
46. James W. Stacy, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.
47. Carl M. Thompson, Box 416, Candler, N.C.
48. Jack Stephenson, 2927-22nd. Ave. So., Nashville, Tenn.
49. Gay Tweed, Rt. 1, Weaverville, N.C.
50. Carl Z. Thorpe, 211 Beaverdam Rd., Asheville, N.C.
- %!. Arthur Buchanan, Rt. 2, Box 160, Spruce Pine, N.C.
52. Joe Helms, Rt. 2, Nebo, N.C.
53. Carl Stamey, 3711 Central Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
54. Robert Cooper, 108 Mills Ave. Greenville, N.C.
- James O. Waldrop, Rt. 1, Box 169, Asheville, N.C.

#### MINISTER'S REPORTS

- Rev. Billy Allen: Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals Held - 4, Conversions - 45, Marriages 2, No. Funerals - 6, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties - \$6500, Amt. received for Revivals - \$500.
- Rev. Earl Bittle: Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals Held - 4, Conversions - 20 Communion & Footwashing Services - 2, No. Baptisms - 7, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals - 3, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$4680, Amt. Received for Revivals \$150.
- Rev. Clarence Campbell: Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals Held - 1, Conversions 20, Communion & Footwashing Services 0, Number Baptized - 7, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals - 4, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$5,040, Utilities and Ins. \$1,300.
- Rev. Jeff Capps: Revivals Conducted - 1, Conversions - 12, Communion & Footwashing Services - 2, No. Baptisms - 19, No. Marriages - 1, No. Funerals - 3, Amt. Received for Revivals - \$35.00, Amt. Received for other Ministerial Duties - \$30.
- Rev. James K. Childers, Sr. Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals Held - 8, No. Conversions 116, No. Communion & Footwashing Services - 1, No. Baptisms 17, No. Marriages - 3, No. Funerals - 4, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties - \$6,000.00
- Rev. Thomas R. Clark: Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals Held - 0, No. Conversions - 16, No. Communion & Footwashing Services - 2, No. Baptisms - 16, No. Marriages - 5, No. Funerals - 2, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties - \$7800. Amt. Received for Other Ministerial Duties \$100.



- Rev. James Coffey: Churches Pastored - 1, No. Communion & Footwashing Services - 1, No. Funerals - 3, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$3260, Amt. Received for Other Ministerial Duties \$144.
- Rev. Lonnie G. Crawford: Churches Pastored -1 (2Months) Revivals Held - 1 Conversions - 31, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -1, No. Baptisms - 2, No. Marriages - 6, No. Funerals - 10, Amt. Received for Revivals \$12.50, Amt. Received for Other Ministerial Duties \$25.00
- Rev. Floyd Frisbee: Churches Pastored -1, Conversions - 8, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -2, No. Baptisms - 1, No. Marriages -1, No. Funerals -1, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$1339.00
- Rev. Calvin Grogan: Churches Pastored -1, Conversions - 12, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -2, No. Baptisms -4, No. Marriages -3, No. Funerals -1
- Rev. Daniel Hensley: Churches Pastored-2, Revivals Held-3, Conversions-50 No. Communion & Footwashing Services -4, No. Baptisms -6, No. Marriages -1, No. Funerals -2, Amt Received for Pastorial Duties \$5200, Amt. Received for Revivals \$275.
- Rev. T.A. Holder: Churches Pastored -1, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -4, No. Baptisms -6, NO. Marriages -5, No. Funerals -5, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$780.00
- Rev. Milton Hollifield: Churches Pastored -1, Revivals Held -3, Conversions -153, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -2, No. Baptisms -19, No. Marriages -7, No. Funerals -12, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties - \$6385.00
- Rev. Allen Jackson: Churches Pastored -1, Conversions -25, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -1, No. Baptisms -6, No. Marriages -7, No. Funerals -1, Amt Received for Pastorial Duties - \$4680.
- Rev. Elmer Keener: Churches Pastored -1, Revivals Held -2, Conversions -29, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -2, No. Baptisms -10, No. Marriages -1, No. Funerals -8, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$2329.87, Amt Received for Revivals \$200, Amt. Received for Other Ministerial Duties \$20.
- Rev. James C. Lynn: Churches Pastored: -1, Revivals Held -3, Conversions -10, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -4, No. Baptisms 5, No. Marriages -3, No. Funerals -5, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$4900, Amt. Received for Revivals \$300.
- Rev. Talmadge Maynor: Churches Pastored -1, Revivals Held 3, Conversions -6, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -2, No. Baptisms -4, No. Funerals - 1, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$5429.90, Amt. Received for Revivals - \$275.
- Rev. John C. Moore: Churches Pastored -1, Revivals Held -2, Conversions -2, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -2, No. Baptisms -2, No. Marriages -0, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties - \$2080, Amt. Received for Revivals \$115.

- Rev. Jack Moses: Churches Pastored -1, Revivals Held -2, Conversions -2, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -2, No. Baptisms -2, No. Marriages -0, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties - \$2620, Amt. Received for Revivals \$100.
- Rev. Harold A. Pitts: Churches Pastored -1, Revivals Held -5, Conversions -13, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -1, No. Baptisms -4, No. Marriages -1, No. Funerals -6, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$6900, Amt. Received for Revivals \$750, Amt. Received for Other Ministerial Duties -\$7650.
- Rev. Willard Pless: Churches Pastored -1, Revivals Held -1, No. Marriages -1.
- Rev. Ralph Reep: No. of Conversions -15, No. Funerals -1.
- Rev. Warren Reece: Churches Pastored -1, Conversions 18, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -4, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$900, Amt. Received for Revivals \$75.00
- Rev. G.M. Reynolds: Churches Pastored -1, Conversions 18, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -3, No. Marriages -2, No. Funerals -7, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$4353.
- Rev. R. J. Reynolds: Churches Pastored -1, Revivals Held -2, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -4, No. Baptisms -31, No. Funerals -10, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$5200
- Rev. Carl Roland : Churches Pastored -1, Revivals Held -8, Conversions -166, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -1, No. Baptisms -45, No. Marriages -5, No. Funerals -19, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$5740.20, Amt. Received for Revivals \$400, Amt. Received for Other Ministerial Duties - -\$20.00
- Rev. Winfred Roland: Churches Pastored -1 Conversions -19, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -3, No. Baptisms -2, No. Marriages -1, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$1288.16, Amt. Received for Revivals \$100.35.
- Rev. Jason Salyer: Churches Pastored -1, Revivals Held -6, Conversions -64 No. Communion & Footwashing Services -2, No. Baptisms -7, No. Marriages -3, No. Funerals -6, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$5460.
- Rev. James W. Stacy: Churches Pastored -1, Conversions -16, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -1, No. Marriages -1, No. Funerals -4, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$2600, Amt. Received for Revivals \$50.
- Rev. Donald M. Seay: Churches Pastored -3, Conversions -20, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -3, No. Baptisms, -16, No. Marriages -11, No. Funerals -14, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$5200.
- Rev. Jack Stephenson: Revivals Held -1 Conversions -3 No. Funerals -1, Amt. Received for Revivals \$65., Amt. Received for Other Ministerial Duties \$120.00

- Rev. Carl M. Thompson: Churches Pastored -1, Revivals Held -2, Conversions -10, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -4, No. Baptisms -6, No. Funerals -1, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$4940, Amt. Received for Revivals \$135,
- Rev. Gay Tweed: Churches Pastored -1, Conversions -12, No. Communion & Footwashing Services -1, No. Baptisms -2, No. Funerals -2, Amt. Received for Pastorial Duties \$211.18, Amt. Received for Other Ministerial Duties \$6.75.

### ORDINATION SERVICES

Rev. Gay Tweed was ordained May 22, 1971 at the Union Valley Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. Milton Hollifield, Moderator, presided over the service. Rev. George Reynolds brought the message entitled, "Be Instant in Season and Out of Season. His Text was II Timothy 2:1-5, 4:1-6. Rev. James C. Lynn brought the Charge. Laying on of Hands was administered by the Ministers.

Rev. Willard Pless was Ordained February 6, 1971 at the Canton Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Harold Pitts presided at this meeting. The message was brought by Rev. Harold Pitts. The Charge was given by Rev. Milton Hollifield. Laying on of hands was administered by the following Ministers: Rev. Harold Pitts, Rev. Elmer Keener, Rev. Bobby Ballard, and Rev. Milton Hollifield.

Rev. Larry Edwards was Ordained December 1, 1970 at the Mt. Bethel Free Will Baptist Church. Prayer by Bro. Toy Stanley. Special singing was rendered by the Mt. Bethel Youth Choir. Rev. Jason Salyer was the Moderator and Rev. Milton Hollifield brought the Ordination Message using the theme "Preaching of the Cross is Foolishness to them that Perish". His Text was 1 Corinthians 1:18. Rev. Robert Ballard brought the Charge and the laying on of hands was administered.

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

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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 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.

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### 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 of said offices 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.

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### 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.

## BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

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### 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 depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat, 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.

## FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

East Fork Free Will Baptist Church

Mars Hill, N.C.

November 7, 1970 -- Rev. Edwin Hill, Moderator

Congregational Singing - Rev. James C. Lynn

Welcome - Rev. Elmer Edwards - Response - Bro. James Cole

Devotion - Rev. Larry Edwards -

Moderator's Remarks - Rev. Edwin Hill

Roll Call of Churches - the following churches were not represented: Bethel, Clayton Avenue, Meadow Fork, Mt. Zion, Nowling Chapel, Old Fort, Pisgah

Roll Call of Ministers - 24 present and 5 reporting by letter

The Moderator appointed Rev. Earl Bittle and Rev. Bobby Parker to serve with Rev. Lynn on the Investigating Committee.

Rev. James C. Lynn gave a Report on the Rest Home and the Pastor's Retirement and Insurance program.

A Financial Report was given by Bro. David Pittman, M.S.C. to adopt this report. M.S.C. to sent \$500.00 to the Bible College in Nashville now and \$300.00 at the close of next Quarter.

Amendment: Each Church is asked to receive an offering for the Bible College by the end of next Quarter. M.S.C.

Business Session adjourned for the worship hour.

## WORSHIP HOUR

Congregational Singing - "At Calvary" and "The Lilly Of The Valley".

Special Singing was rendered by the Edwards Sisters - "Had it Not Been" and "I Dreamed I Saw Jesus". A very timely message was brought by the Rev. Carl Thompson using Joshua 1:8 and the theme, "The Pathway to Success".

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotion by Rev. Earl Bittle using the Scripture, Romans 1:14-16.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Bro. John C. Moore and Bro. Clarence Campbell be received into full fellowship of Association. M.S.C.
- B. Bro. Arthur Buchanan and Bro. Carl Thorpe be licensed. M.S.C.
- C. Bro. David Gentry go under watch-care of this conference and given a Questionnaire to be filled out. M.S.C.
- D. Bro. Larry Edwards be Ordained December 1, 1970 at Mt. Bethel Church. M.S.C.
- E. Bro. W.A. Ward be received into full fellowship of this Conference. M.S.C.

M.S.C. that Trinity Hill Church and Union Valley Church be received into full fellowship of this Conference, and be given the right hand of fellowship M.S.C. that we give a rising vote of thanks to the East Fork Church for their wonderful hospitality.

M.S.C. to adopt the Executive Board's recommendation that each church send an offering for the Minutes with their Annual Reports.

**SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**Fairview Free Will Baptist Church**  
**Marion, N.C.**

February 6, 1971 -- Rev. Jason Salyer, Moderator

Congregational Singing - Rev. Edwin Hill

Devotion - Rev. Thomas Clark

Welcome - Bro. Carl Reynolds

Moderator's Remarks - Rev. Jason Salyer

Roll Call of Churches - The following churches were not represented:

Cedar Hill, Meadow Fork, Mt. Zion, Spruce Pine.

Roll Call of Ministers - 39 present and 5 reporting by letter.

Visiting Ministers were: Revs. Frank Cantrell, Julius Hall, James K. Childers, Jr., Carl Shook, L.H. Clayton, A.W. Graham.

Rev. Elmer Edwards was asked to serve on the Ordaining Council in the absence of Rev. Hollifield.

M.S.C. to grant Rev. Howard Messer a letter to unite with the Cumberland Association.

M.S.C. that Financial Report be adopted.

M.S.C. that Association give a month's Salary (\$400.00) to State Mission Board for Lenoir Mission. (Rev. James K. Childers, Sr.)

A Report on the Youth Camp was given by Rev. Hill and Rev. Thomas Clark.

M.S.C. this report be received as information. (Youth Camp was held June 14-19 at Camp Awanita near Travelers Rest S.C.)

M.S.C. to adjourn for worship hour.

**WORSHIP HOUR**

Congregational Singing by Rev. Edwin Hill. Prayer and Message by the Rev. Donald Seay. He used the Text Luke 6:45 and the Theme "Out Of The Abundance Of The Heart". Everyone enjoyed the Message.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

Opened with Rev. Edwin Hill leading the congregation in singing "Power in The Blood".

Devotion Rev. Don Hensley

M.S.C. to loan \$150.00 to Bro. Steve Lytle from the Student Loan Fund.

Rev. James Childers gave a report on the Mission work in Lenoir. M.S.C. Report be received as information.

**ORDAINING COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A. Bro. Willard Pless be Ordained February 6, 1971 at the Canton Church.  
M.S.C.

B. The Association meet with the Meadow Fork Church in May, the Annual Conference at Mt. Bethel, and the November Conference at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Marion. M.S.C.

Adjourned

**THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**Meadow Fork Free Will Baptist Church**  
**Hot Springs, N.C.**

May 1, 1971 - Rev. Jason Salyer, Moderator  
 Congregational Singing by Rev. James C. Lynn  
 Devotion by Rev. Bobby Fox  
 Welcome by Rev. Willard Pless - Response by Bro. Howard Duncan  
 Moderator's Remarks by Rev. Jason Salyer  
 Roll Call of Churches - The following Churches were not represented:

Asheville, Bethel, Burgin's Chapel, Caroleen.  
 East Fork, Mt. Bethel, Mt. Zion, Nowling Chapel,  
 Old Fort, Pisgah, Spruce Pine.

Roll Call of Ministers - 23 present and 4 reporting by letter.

Visiting Ministers: Rev. Benny Turner, Erwin, Tenn. and Rev. Billy Allen, Gastonia, N.C. There was also a visiting delegation from the Liberty Church in Marion.

The Financial Report was read by Bro. David Pittman, M.S.C. to adopt this report.

The Following Delegates were appointed to State Association: Mrs. James K. Childers, Bro. Doss Buchanan, Mrs. Doss Buchanan, Mrs. Helen Hamlett, Mrs. Clarence Campbell, Alternate Bro. David Pittman.

Rev. James C. Lynn gave a Report on the Children's Home in Greenville, Tenn. M.S.C. this Report be received as information.

Rev. James C. Lynn gave a Financial Report on the Rest Home Project. M.S.C. to adopt this Report. (See Reports).

A standing vote of confidence was given to the Rest Home Committee, authorizing them to make the necessary steps to go ahead with plans for the Rest Home. Committee: Rev. James C. Lynn, Rev. James Childers, and Rev. Elmer Keener.

M.S.C. that Hilltop Free Will Baptist Church, Travelers Rest, S.C. be received under watchcare of the Blue Ridge Association, pending a delegation or letter from their church.

M.S.C. to receive as information the Report on the Lenoir Mission by Rev. James K. Childers.

#### WORSHIP HOUR

Congregational Singing by the Rev. James C. Lynn. Prayer and Message by the Rev. Elmer Keener. His Text was John 13:15-17. His Theme was "Happiness Through Obedience". Everyone enjoyed this Message.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with Congregational Singing by Rev. James C. Lynn. Prayer and Devotion was given by Rev. Benny Turner.

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Bro. Gay Tweed be Ordained May 22, 1971 at the Union Valley Church, Rev. G.M. Reynolds bringing the Message. M.S.C.

B. Bro. Elisha Fish be given Liscense. M.S.C. Association give the Lenoir Mission \$250.00 to bring their account up to date.

Ammendment: Clerk write every church and ask \$5.00 per month increase in their support in addition to what is already being given. M.S.C.

Adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BLUE RIDGE  
ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When convened with Mt. Bethel Free Will Baptist Church at Weaverville, N.C.  
August 6,7, 1971.

FRIDAY MORNING AUGUST 6th

The Friday Morning Session opened with the Rev. James C. Lynn leading the congregation in singing "There is Power in the Blood and "Love Lifted Me". The opening prayer was made by Rev. Herman Griffen. The Host Pastor, Rev. Robert Ballard extended a welcome to the congregation. Rev. Willard Pless responded with a sincere appreciation for the hospitality extended to the Association for this session.

The Moderator, Rev. Jason Salyer gave challenging remarks based on Joshua 1:7-9 , encouraging each one to be strong and very courageous in the Lord.

Roll call of Churches and Ministers was made at this time: 26 Churches were represented; 19 Ministers reported.

The following visitors were recognized:

Rev. Roy Thomas .....Field Sec'y, National Home Miss. Board.  
Rev. Paul Kettelman .....Free Will Baptist Bible College.  
Rev. Tommy Godley .....Mt. Zion Church, Kannapolis  
Rev. Ronald Creech .....State Evangelist  
Rev. Herman Griffen .....Bethlehem Church, Kannapolis, N.C.

The Hilltop Free Will Baptist Church, having been received under watchcare of the Blue Ridge Association, pending a delegation or letter from their church, presented a letter at this time. M.S.C. this church be received into full fellowship of this Conference.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

- A. Credentials Committee: Rev. C.E. Campbell, Rev. James Childers, Rev. Earl Bittle
- B. Nominating Committee: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Bro. David Pittman, Rev. Thomas Clark
- C. Resolutions Committee: Rev. Earl Bittle, Rev. Jack Moses, Rev. Robert Ballard.
- D. Finance Committee: Bro. Steve Lytle, Bro. David Pittman, Rev. John Moore, Rev. Willard Pless



Rev. James Childers gave a wonderful report on the Lenoir Mission. He requested the Executive Board to meet at the Mission August 21, 1971 to organize the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lenoir. M.S.C. to adopt this report.

M.S.C. Business be adjourned for Worship Hour.

The Worship Service opened with Congregational Singing and Prayer. Rev. Billy Allen brought a very timely Message using the Text, Matt. 18:1-7. His Subject was, "How Jesus used a Little Child for an Example". He pointed out the characteristics of a little child are: Humility, Faith, and Forgiveness. The Lord wonderfully blessed as these characteristics were applied to the child of God.

Announcements were made by the Moderator and the Host Pastor. The Session closed with an altar prayer.

Lunch

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with Prayer and Rev. James C. Lynn leading the Congregation in singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" and "Down At The Cross". Special singing by Rev. and Mrs. Roy Thomas of Nashville, Tennessee was enjoyed by everyone as they sang "I Can Almost See The Lights Of Home" and "I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You".

The Following Reports were given:

A letter of Greeting was received from Rev. Reford Wilson, Director of the National Foreign Mission Board. M.S.C. Report be received as information. (See Reports).

Home Mission....Rev. Roy Thomas. M.S.C. Report be received as information.  
Bible College.....Rev. Paul Kettelman. M.S.C. Report be received as information.  
State Program....Rev. Ronald Creech. M.S.C. Report be received as information.  
Credentials Report. Rev. Clarence Campbell. M.S.C. Report be adopted. (See Reports).

Board of Care....Rev. James C. Lynn. M.S.C. Report be adopted. (See Reports).

The Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Jack Moses.

## FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Opened with Prayer and Song Service by Rev. James C. Lynn. Special singing was rendered by Bro. Dwight Whitworth. Rev. Roy Rikard, Pastor of the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church, Cramerton, N.C. (Western Piedmont Association) Preached the Evening Message entitled, "When Do We Need Revival?" He used the Scripture - Jeremiah 6:11; Ezekel 22:23-28; Habakkuk 1:5. A Message that challenged God's people to pray and seek Revival as Habakkuk did.

Adjourned with Prayer

## SATURDAY MORNIG SESSION: AUG. 7, 1971

Song Service led by Rev. Billy Allen, Prayer by Rev. Robert Cooper. Devotion was given by Rev. Larry Edwards using the Scripture Acts 17:16.

The Report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted. (See Reports).

The Youth Board Treasurer's Report was given by Rev. Clarence Campbell, was received and adopted (See Reports).

M.S.C. Bro. Frank Patrick serve as Camp Director of the coming year.  
M.S.C. Bro. Willard Pless serve as Youth Director for the coming year.

M.S.C. to dispense with Business for Worship Hour and then resume Business.

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Service was conducted by Rev. T.A. Holder. Message by Rev. Clarence Campbell - Psalm 62, Hebrews 1:1. His Theme was "God Hath Spoken." A wonderful Spirit prevailed throughout the service as He pointed out the ways God has spoken and is speaking now. Adjourned with Prayer.

Business Resumed:

The Report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Rev. Earl Bittle. M.S.C. Report be adopted. (See Reports).

A Report of the Ordaining Council was given by Rev. Milton Hollifield. M.S.C. to adopt this Report. (See Reports).

The Report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. Milton Hollifield. M.S.C. to adopt this Report. (See Reports).

Adjourned with Prayer.

## OBITUARY

Brother Robert W. Metcalf died May 31, 1971. He was a very faithful member and Deacon of the East Fork Free Will Baptist Church.

Brother Robert is missed by all his family, neighbors and friends in the church. He loved God with all his heart. We cannot bring him back, but we can go to him. Member of the East Fork Free Will Baptist Church

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION  
REST HOME FUND -- May 1, 1971

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Rev. Childers, mileage and pictures of Rest Home in Marion .....	\$15.60
Cedar Hill F.W.B. Church (Telephone) .....	2.25
Atkins, Harper Lumber Co. (Lumber for signs) .....	46.30
Milton Sellers-Painting Sign .....	30.00
Ray Anders and Associates - Boundary Survey, Topographical map	
Calculation and Platting .....	457.00
TOTAL PAID OUT .....	\$551.15

## In the First Citizen Bank &amp; Trust Co:

In Checking Account .....	\$197.56
In Savings Account .....	1380.72
Interest Received .....	38.68

TOTAL IN BANK TO ACCOUNT FOR 1616.96

Respectfully submitted  
Rev. James C. Lynn, Trea.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, recommend the following:

1. The Lenoir Mission be given \$500.00
2. The F.W.B. Bible College be given ..... 100.00
3. The Witness Book Store be given ..... 100.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bro. David Pittman, Chmn.  
Bro. Steve Lytle  
Rev. John Moore  
Rev. Willard Pless

## REPORTING OF ORDAINING COUNCIL:

## Recommendations of Ordaining Council:

- A. Bro. Ronald Loftis be given Questionaire.
- B. Bro. Bill Linnins be given License.
- C. Bro. Joe Helms be Ordained.
- D. Bro. Robert Cooper and Bro. James Waldrop be received into Association, pending a letter from their former Association.
- E. Bro. David Gentry be put under watchcare until next Quarterly Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Rev. Milton Hollifield, Chmn.  
 Rev. Elmer Keener  
 Rev. James C. Lynnn  
 Rev. James Childers  
 Rev. Harold Pitts

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

We, Your Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following Report:

1. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to Host Church for the hospitality extended to us in this Associational Meeting.
2. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the persons responsible for the Name Plates for our Delegates.
3. Be it resolved that we keep ourselves free from association or identification with the World Council of Churches, or the Ecumenical movement, or have fellowship with this movement in any way, so that we may worship God according to the dictates of our heart and leadership of the Holy Ghost.
4. Be it resolved that we re-affirm our belief in the fundamental teachings of the Word of God, that Jesus is the Way, Truth, and Life, and there is a literal burning Hell, and the Blood is the only atonement for the sins of man.
5. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Officers of the Association for their work in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Rev. Earl Bittle, Chmn.  
 Rev. Jack Moses  
 Rev. Robert Ballard

## REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP

Director: Rev. Jason Salyer, Rt. 1, Box 390, Marion  
 Treasurer: Rev. Clarence Campbell, 250 Baldwin, Ave.  
 Cash on Hand - April 1, 1971 .....\$368.25

## RECEIPTS:

Registration:  
 66 @ \$20.00 .....\$1,320.00  
 27 @ 15.00 ..... 405.00  
 6 @ 5.00 ..... 30.00  
 Total Registration Receipts: .....1755.00  
 Canteen Receipts ..... 268.01  
 Total Cash Balance and Receipts .....\$2391.26

## BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

## DISBURSEMENTS: (paid out)

For Groceries .....	513.61	Camp Fees .....	660.00
Insurance .....	77.04	Evangelist .....	100.00
Mileage .....	112.49	Cooks .....	200.00
Canteen Supplies .....	191.52	Other Workers .....	35.00
Misc. Supplies .....	105.85		

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....2000.51

BALANCE OF CASH ON HAND - July 16, 1971 ..... 390.75

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Clarence Campbell

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in Treasure August 5, 1970.....\$857.08

## Disbursements:

F.W.B. Foreign Mission(Josephine Stevens..... 450.88

State Mission Board(Lenoir Mission).....660.00

Bible College: ..... 700.00

Rev. Ralph Reep Paid out of Minister's Fund .....

to Free Will Baptist Bible College ..... 200.00

Caroleen F.W.B. Church sent to F.W.B.B. College..... 100.00

Making a total of \$1,000.00.

F.W.B. Rest Home ..... 319.65

Lucille Holland(\$15.00 For Expenses) ..... 115.00

Rev. James Childers (Expenses) ..... 9.35

Rev. Jason Salyer (Expenses) ..... 7.20

Rev. Edwin Hill (Expenses) ..... 14.40

Printing of Minutes (Sullivan Printing Co., Spruce Pine, N.C. .... 225.00

Fisher Printing Co. .... 46.35

Rocky Pass Church (Expenses for Youth Competition at St. Assn. .... 53.00

Deposited in Student Loan Fund(By Mistake)..... 45.14

Disbursed .....\$2,635.97

Cash Received this Year ..... 2,584.03

Cash On Hand At Present ..... 658.77

## Student Loan Fund:

Stev Lytle Borrowed .....150.00

Amount In Student Loan Fund .....482.35

Respectfully submitted,  
Bro. David Pittman, Trea.

## REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

We, the Credentials Committee have examined letters from 25 Churches and found them in order. 19 Ministers represented and 1 reported by letter.

Church Letters -----	26
Money Received with Letters -----	\$452.09
Ministers Reporting -----	20
Money from Ministers -----	\$29.00

One Church not reporting -- Meadow Fork

Three Letters requesting Acceptance: (Ministers)

East Fork, Hill Top, Mt. Calvary

We Recommend these letters be examined by the Ordaining Council. We request that the Obituary of Bro. Robert Metcalf be recorded in our Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Clarence Campbell,  
Rev. James K. Childers  
Rev. Earl Bittle

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS:

The Blue Ridge Association of the Original  
Free Will Baptist of North Carolina

GREETINGS TO THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL  
BAPTISTS--From your Foreign Missions Department.

Our annual missions retreat is meeting this week on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College. This is a time when all missionaries on Furlough, missionary appointees, staff and board members meet to review what God has done on our mission fields, to discuss our plans and to seek His will in all our various ministries. This is the only time that many of our missionaries have the opportunity to have fellowship with each other. We earnestly desire your prayers for more laborers and for more souls as a result of our witnessing.

I regret that I am unable to be with you personally to express our thanks for your prayers and gifts. Your response is very encouraging.

We have received over \$17,000 for the Pakistani refugees in North India. Trula Cronk writes, "Ten or twelve die every night but most of these are those who have been unable to see the doctor at all. But we heard that in the camp at Islampur one hundred and forty died in a single night last week."

The Jim McLains write of seven baptized in Sapporo on July 18 and four of these were a complete family. The Paul Robinsons arrived home from Uruguay on July 29. The Mileys have returned to Ivory Coast, the Wilkinsons have returned to Brazil and the Tom Hugheses entered Brazil for their first term with the Wilkinsons. The Tom Willeys are returning to Panama this week. The Don Sextons are on itinerary raising their funds for a ministry in France.

These are your missionaries and they need your prayers and support.  
May God's blessings of victory be your joy in this session of your Association.

In Christ,

J. Reford Willson  
General Director



## 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," 1 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.

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### PASTOR'S SUPPORT

We, your committee, feel that Pastors 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.

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

## TWO NEW CHURCHES ORGANIZED:

1.

Trinity Hill Free Will Baptist Church

December 21, 1969 - 3:00 P.M.

Congregational Song

Devotion and Prayer by Rev. Milton Hollifield - Scripture reading

Eph. 5:18-33

The following Executive Board of the Blue Ridge Association were present:

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Jason Salyer, Moderator, Rev. James Childers, Rev. Howard Messer, Rev. Fred Freeman

Officers Elected:

Pastor - Rev. Carl Roland

Clerk - Sis. Jerry Helms

Trea. - Bro. Claude Helms

Deacon - Bro. Robert Washburn

Mr. & Mrs. Claude Helms presented the Church with a Bible. The right hand of fellowship was given to the 56 charter members. A closing altar prayer was led by Rev. James Childers.

2.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Lenoir

August 21, 1971 - 7:30 P.M.

Songs: "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story"

"Send the Light"

Prayer by Lester Conner

Welcome and Opening Remarks - Rev. James Childers, Sr.

Presentation of Bible - Rev. J.C. Lynn

Consecration Prayer -- Rev. Clarence Campbell

The right hand of fellowship was given to the 30 charter members.

Message - Rev. Billy Allen - "The New Testament Church" Matt. 16:13-18

1. Calling of the Church

2. Government of the Church

3. Purpose of the Church

4. Victory of the Church

Ordination Charge to Deacons: Bro. Roger Floyd, Bro. James Haney, Bro. Bob Cable by the Rev. Ronald Creech, State Evangelist.

Deacon means: servant of God,

servant of Church,

servant of Pastor.

Ordination Prayer:

Rev. James Childers, Rev. Ronald Creech, Rev. J.C. Lynn, Rev. Billy Allen, Rev. Clarence Campbell, Rev. Julius Hall  
Offering and Song - "At Calvary"

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OFFICERS OF THE BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

PRESIDENT Mrs. Grace Stafford, Rt.1, Marion, N.C.

VICE-PRESIDENT Mrs. Helen Hamlett, 26 Flint St., Canton, N.C.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY Mrs. Pearl Swanger, Canton, N.C.

TREASURER. Mrs. Christine Hollifield, Rt. 1, Box 69, Nebo, N.C.

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN. Mrs. Jerry Helms, 23 Hunt St. Marion, N.C.

MISSIONS ACTION CHAIRMAN Mrs. Lois Pittman, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.

# **FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

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## **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.

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## 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.

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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



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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.

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### **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.



