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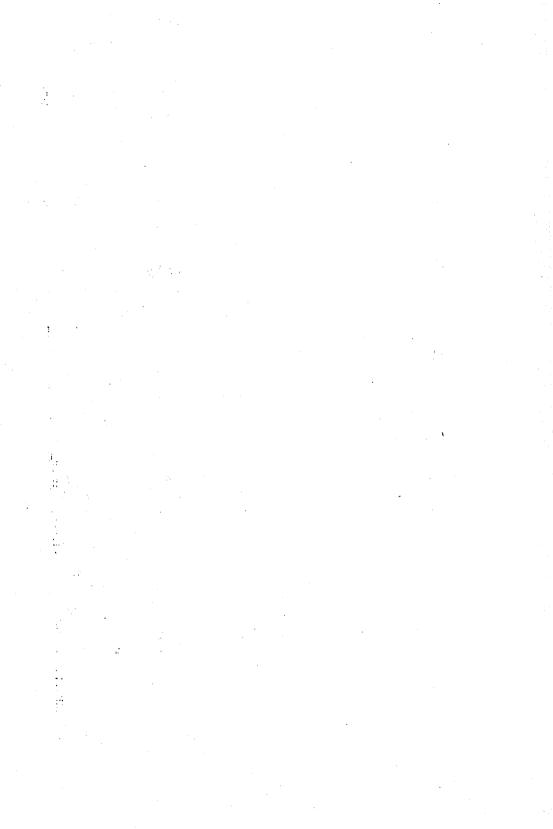
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April 30, May 1, 1976

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Asheville — Mrs. Victoria Metcalf, Mr. Edwin Metcalf.

Braverdam — Mrs. Avalee Gasperson, Mrs. Helen Ingle, Mrs. Elsie Brock.

Bethel — Mr. Louis Roland, Mr. Gene Medford, Mrs. Barbara Medford.

Calvary — Oliver Hutchins.

Clayton Ave. — Mrs. Margaret Calloway, Mrs. Bera Elkins, Mrs. J. M. Warren, Mrs. Gary West, Mr. R. H. Spivey.

Fairview — Mrs. Branda Toney, Mrs. Bobbie Smith, Mrs. Rebecca Forbs, Mrs. Mae Miller, Mrs. Brenda Stevens.

First Marion — Mrs. Bonnie Jackson, Mrs. Ellen Browning, Mrs. Martha Taylor, Mrs. Lillie Harris, Mr. Edgar White.

First Spruce Pine — Mrs. Evelyn Ollis, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hughes, Bernice Stafford, Rodney Hughes, Danny Stafford. Meadow Fork — Jackie Fish.

Morganton — Mrs. Savannah Soulter, Mrs. Etta Butler, Mrs. Sue Butler, Mr. Robert Souther.

Old Fort - Mrs. Mittie Slagle, Miss Carrie Padgett.

Robertson Creek — Mr. and Mrs. Berley Thomas

Rocky Pass — Mrs. Patricia Freel

Swannanoa — Mr. Mack Pate, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lovik, Robert Duckworth, Mrs. Josephine Stevens.

Sweeten Creek — Mr. Boyd Earley.

Trinity Hill — Mrs. Elizabeth McCormick, Mr. O. J. Owens, Mrs. Addie Ownes, Mrs. Pauline Finley, Mr. Solomon Horney.

#### MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Garry West, Elisha W. Fish, Milton Hollifield, Ronnie Smith, John Moore, Carl Roland, James Childers, Roy Shehan, Clifford Shetley, Billy Vaughn, Jason Salyer, Larry Hughes, Howard Messer, A. C. Truluck, Carl Thorpe, Richard Swann, Robert Ballard, Cecil Parker, Warren Reece, Troy Smith, James Lynn, Wade Parker, Elmer Hensley, William Freal, Jerry Williams, Wayne Miller, Gordon Walker, Jack Moses, Ray Thomas, Daniel Hensley, Calvin Grogan, Allen Jackson, Earl Davis, Authre Buchanan, Lattie Slagle, Fred Freeman, Elisha Fish, Paul Butler, Charles Davis, Frank Cantrill, James Coffey, Joe Hlems, Haskel Davis, LeRoy Walker.

#### DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

T. W. Gasperson, Richard Calloway, Robert Souther, Otis Thompson, Louis Roland.

#### VISITORS WHO REGISTERED

Mary Thomas, C. L. McCuary, Beatrice Coffey, Wesley Worley, James Raper, Doris Raper, Tammy Jacobs, Jeff Jacobs, Roy Thomas, Jonathan and Yvonne Thigpen.

# of the BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION Meeting With ASHEVILLE F.W.B. CHURCH August 1, 1975

Congregation singing led by Bro. T. A. Holder Morning Devotion — Bro. Garland Green Prayer — Bro. Jerry Williams Welcome — Bro Thomas Parrish, Host Pastor Response — Bro. John Moore

Roll Call of churches, ministers and recognition of visitors 17 churches, 28 ministers, 15 delegates, 3 deacons, 4 visitors, 3 missionaries registered.

Sister Josephine Stevens gave an inspiring testimony and spoke on their new field of work. M.S.C. to continue the Association support to Sister Josephine Stevens Bro. Louis Cousia gave a report on their work in Brazil.

M.S.C. for Bro. John Moore to serve on the committee with Bro. Milton Hollifield and Bro. Ted Reynolds to study ministers who are pastoring churches who are not members of the Blue Ridge Association.

M.S.C. to accept the Ordaining Council report given by Bro. James Childers

Report on youth camp by Bro. Jerry Williams Report on State Home Missions, Bro. Ted Reynolds

Bro. Jason Salyer gave an inspiring report on the Mission work in Shelby

Report on Home for Aged, Bro. J. C. Lynn

Report on State work from Bro. Ronald Creech M.S.C. to raise from 10c a mile to 15c for the travel expense of the officers of the Association.

M.S.C. to change our meeting from 10 a.m. to 9 a.m. with

registration to begin at 8:30 a.m.

M.S.C. to give Bro. Ronald Creech a love offering of \$50.00.
Offering of \$40.00 to be divided equally between Sister Josephine Stevens and Bro. Louis and Sister Flourine Cousia.
M.S.C. to adjourn

# 2ND QUARTERLY MEETING of the BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION Meeting With AVERY'S CREEK F.W.B. CHURCH November 1, 1975

Congregational singing led by Rev. J. C. Lynn Morning Devotion — Rev. Troy Smith Welcome — Rev. Richard Swann Response — Rev. Frank Cantrell

Roll call of churches, ministers, and recognition of visitors 18 churches, 25 ministers, 7 visitors, 24 delegates registered

Moderator spoke from Malachi 3: 8-10

Youth Camp report from Rev. Jerry Williams

M.S.C. to accept report, see reports

The following officers were elected to serve on the youth camp board for the coming year: Rev. Jerry Williams (Director), Rev. Howard Messer (Assistant), Rev. Roy Shehan (Sec. & Treas.), Rev. Billy Allen (Assistant)

Report of Rest Home by Rev. J. C. Lynn

Treasurer report was given by Sister Carrie Padgett Report on State Work by Rev. Ronald Creech

M.S.C. to give \$100.00 to the State Association Promotion Dept.

M.S.C. to give Sister Volena Wilson \$200.00 from our treasurer.

M.S.C. to accept ordaining council report. See reports Morning Message brought by Rev. Jason Salyer from Ezekiel 22: 30-31

Dismissed with an altar of prayer.

# THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING of the BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION Meeting with BEAVERDAM F.W.B. CHURCH February 7, 1976

Congregation singing led by Bro. Carl Roland Morning Devotion, Bro. Ray Thomas Prayer, Bro Jack Moses Welcome, Bro. Clifford Shetley (Host Pastor) Response, Bro. Joe Helms

Roll call of Churches, Ministers and Recognition of Visitors 26 Churches, 21 Delegates, 44 Ministers, 3, Visitors registered

**Business Session:** 

Reports:

Treasurer report was given by Sister Carrie Padgett Bro. Ted Reynolds gave a report on the State Home Missions

Bro. Jason Salyer reported on the mission work in Shelby The Executive Committee made two recommendations

- 1. That section E be added to article 10, in our minutes to read as follows: (Any Preacher or Pastor who fails to attend or report by letter to the Associational meetings of the Blue Ridge Association for a period of one year shall be granted a letter of dismissal from the said association roll of ministers)
- 2. We recommend that the time of our meetings be set back to registration at 9:30 to 10:00 with meetings to start at 10:00 and continue after the lunch break in the afternoon.
  - M.S.C. to adopt section one dealing with ministers.
- M.S.C. to table section one dealings with ministers until next meeting.
  - M.S.C. to leave meetings as is binding at 9 a.m.
- M.S.C. to send a letter to our Sentors and Congressmen opposing the Child and family act of 1975 House Bill No. 2966, Senate Bill No. 626
- M.S.C. to elect a reporter for the association to have all important issues published in the area newspaper.
  - M.S.C. for Bro. Wade Parker to serve as reporter
- M.S.C. to have the Executive Committee to approve all that is reported.
- M.S.C. to adopt ordaning council report given by Bro. Larry Hughes

M.S.C. for the clerk to send out the programs two weeks before the meetings stating that the ordaning council will meet on the Saturday before the Association meetings

M.S.C. that our association take a firm stand against the

cults that have a strong influence on our young people

M.S.C. to replace Bro. Billy Allen on the executive committee with Bro. Troy Smith.

M.S.C. to give Bro. Floyd Frisbee a love offering of \$100.00

from our treasure.

Bro. J. C. Lynn brought the morning message and gave a report on the Rest Home.

M.S.C. to adjourn.

# 23rd ANNUAL SESSION of the BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION Meeting with BETHEL F.W.B. CHURCH April 30, May 1, 1976

THEME — FREE INDEED
Congregation singing led by Bro. Joe Helms
Morning Devotion, Bro Haskel Davis
Prayer, Bro. Jack Moses
Welcome, Host Pastor Bro. R. J. Reynolds
Response, Bro. Jerry Williams

Roll call of churches and ministers, recognition of visitors. Visitors Rev. Roy Thomas Rev. A. C. Truluck, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Raper, Tammy and Jeff Jacobs, Mr. Jonathan Thigpen, Yvonne Thigpen.

#### **BUSINESS SESSION**

Appointment of Committee

Credentials Committee, Rev. Paul Buttler, (Chair.), Rev. Earl Davis, Rev. John Moore.

Nominating Committee, Rev. Joe Helms (Chair.), Rev. Allen Jackson, Rev. Haskel Davis.

Resolution Committee, Rev. Ronnie Smith (Chair), Rev.

Frank Cantrell, Rev. W. S. Vaughn.

M.S.C. to take from table the following article: (That section E be added to article 10 in our minutes to read as follows: "Any Preacher or Pastor who fails to attend or report by letter to the associational meetings of the Blue

Ridge Association for a period of one year shall be granted a letter of dismissal from the said association roll of ministers. M.S.C. to accept amendment

M.S.C. That section F be added to article 10 in our minutes to read as follows: "A"Any church who fails to report by delegate or letter to the associational meetings for a period of nine months shall be contacted by the executive committee. then if they fail to report at the next meeting they shall be dropped from the roll."

M.S.C. to table until next day

Fartial report from the credential committee

Report from the F.W.B. Childrens Home in Greenville, Tenn., By Bro! Earl Raper

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Worship Hour: (1) Congregation singing led by Rev. Joe Helms Message by Rev. Roy homas from Lev. 25:10

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Treasurer report was given M.S.C. to accept report

M.S.C. that our association pledge to give \$1,000.00 to our Rest Home with \$500.00 to be paid in six months and the other \$500.00 to be paid in one year.

M.S.C. that we give \$100.00 to the Home Missions Dept. and

designate it to go to the Shelby Mission Act.

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M.S.C. that when someone in our association is sick and needs help that our executive committee check into it first.

Reports of the Ordaining Council.

M:S:C: to adopt report in its entirety (see reports)

M.S.C. to adjourned until next morning.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH SERVICE

Bro. Jonathan Thigpen brought the Evening Message

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION:

Congregation singing led by rev. J. C. Lynn Morning Devotion, Rev. Charles Davis

#### REPORTS:

Bro. Ronald Creech, State Work

Bro. Jonathan Thigpen from C.T.S. Dept. in Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. Jerry Williams Youth Camp report

Bro. J. C. Lynn gave a report on Rest Home

Resolution Committee report by Bro. Ronnie Smith, M.S.C. to adopt report ( see reports)

Credentials Committee report given by Bro., Paul Buttler

(see reports)

Final report from the Ordaining Council, M.S.C. to accept

report (see reports)

M.S.C. to take the following motion from table (that section F to be added to article 10 in our minutes to read as follows: "Any church who fails to report by delegate or eltter to the associational meetings for a period on nine months shall be contacted by the executive committee, then if they fail to report at the next meeting they shall be dropped from the roll."

M.S.C. to accept motion

M.S.C. to give \$100.00 from our treasurer to Sister Sandra Dupree

Report from nominating committee

M.S.C. to adopt report (see reports)

Worship Hour:

Congregation singing led by Bro. J. C. Lynn Message by Rev. W. L. Kell from II Kings 2: 1-25 M.S.C. to adjourn.

#### REPORTS

#### REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee Submit the following report, 40 Ministersm, 23 Churches, 1 Missionary, 6 Deacon's, 6 Visitors, 49 Delegates, reporting with the offering totaling \$30.16.

#### RESPECTFILLY SUBMITTED:

Rev. Paul Buttler

Rev. John Moore

Rep. Earl Davis

#### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Assistant Treasurer, Rev. Frank Cantrell, Ordaining Council, Rev. Carl Cook (1981), Executive Board, Rev. R. J. Reynolds, Rev. Paul Buttler, Rev. Bobby Parker. Youth Director, Bro. Mike Messer

#### RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Rev. Allen Jackson Rev. Haskel Davis

Rev . Joe Helms

#### TREASURER'S REPORT — MAY 1976

THE HOUSE STEEL OUT	— MIVI 1910
Amount in Treasury - May 1, 1975	\$1,358.56
Cash Received this year	2,133.51
Disbursements:	\$883.15
Foreign Missions	420.00
C.T.S. Kits and Medals	141.55
Secretary's Expense	64.70
Treasurer's Expense	5.10
Secretary's Salary	100.00
N.C. State Association	150.00
Travel Expenses	112.44
(Rev. James K. Childers, Rev. Jack	Moses,
and Rev. Jerry Williams)	
Sullins Printing Company (Minutes)	425.00
Charge for Printed Checks (NCNB)	3.42
Miss Volena Wilson (Sickness)	237.05
Rev. Floyd Frisbee (Sickness)	100.00
State Mission Board	48.36
Total Disbursements	\$2,690.77
Balance in Treasury - April 30, 1976	801.30
Cash in Student Loan Fund	612.17

#### REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The Lord has richly blessed us in our sessions with wonderful preaching, singing, testimonies, etc.

WHEREAS, The Lord has favored us with His presence in the Person of The Holy Spirit, for which we give Him all glory and praise, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That we give a rising vote of thanks for the fine work of our Moderator and officers for their work for the past year, and RESOLVED, That we give a rising vote of thanks to the host Church and Pastor for the fine welcome given us here

during our meetings, and

RESOLVED, That we pledge our prayerful support to our new officers for the coming year, and that we pledge to serve and pray for one another as we labor together to advance the cause of Christ,m and win precious souls to Him by His grace.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Rev. Frank Cantrell

Rev. W. S. Vaughn

Rev. Ronnie Smith

#### YOUTH CAMP REPORT

The Youth Camp this year was a great success. There were 118 campers and 24 workers.

There were 22 first time decisions and by the end of camp each camper claimed to be saved.

There is a balance in the youth camp treasurer of \$490.66 Recommendations

- 1. Recommend that a youth director and assistant be elected today.
- 2. Recommend that a special effort be made to separate the juniors from the high teens.
- 3. Recommend that the Blue Ridge Association give the camp workers a special thanks for such a good job.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Rev. Jerry Williams

Rev. Howard Messer

Rev. Roy Shehan

Rev. Jason Salyer

#### REPORTS OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

August 1, 1975

We the ordaining council of the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist make the following recommendations to this body:

- 1. We recommend that Bro. Gordon Walker be ordained to preach the gospel, He has been called to pastor East Blk. Mtn. Free Will Baptist Church.
- 2. We recommend that Bro. Bobby Cable and Bro. Charles Davis be licensed to preach the gospel.
- 3. We recommend that Bro. Jerry Williams be accepted as an ordained minister, letter has been received from Cumberland Association of Tennessee.

#### November 1, 1975

- 1. Recommend that Bro. Troy Smith be accepted into the Blue Ridge Association upon receiving a letter from the Western Piedmont Association.
- 2. Recommend Bro. Garland Green's license to be renewed for another year.
- 3. Recommend Bro. Elijah Fish be ordained into the ministry of the gospel.
- 4. Recommend Bro. Clifford Shetley be licensed for 3 months then come before the ordaining counsel Jan. 31, 1976

Recommend that Bro. Allison Robinson ordaining credentials be mark void uponr equest by Bro. Robinson. He has joined the Independent Baptist Church.

#### February 7, 1976

- 1. Recommend that Bro. Wayne Miller license be renewed for another eyar.
- 2. Recommend that Bro. Earl Davis license be renewed for another year.
- 3. Recommend that Bro. Ronald Loftis license be renewed for another year.

#### May 1, 1976

The ordaining council recommends the following ministers for license renewal, Brother's Charles Davis, Gary Michael Davis, Elijah Fish, Ray Thomas, Haskell Davis, LeRoy Walker.

Mike Messer came before the ordaining council requesting information for license to preach the gospel. He was given a questionaire and asked to bring a letter of recommendation at our next quarterly meeting.

The council met with Bro. Arthur Buchanan. He requested ordination to preach the gospel, having been called to pastor the First F.W.B. Church at Spruce Pine, N.C. We recommend ordination May 22, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. Bro. James Childers will preach the ordination message.

Bro. Willard Pless requested a letter of recommendation to the Mt. Moriah Association in Carrolition Ala. We recommend that this request be granted.

Bro. A. C. Trulock applied for membership to the Blue Ridge Association. We recommend this request be granted pending a letter from the South Ga. Association.

Bro. Clifford Shetley came before the council and requested ordination. We recommend that he be ordained May 8, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. at the Beaverdam F.W.B. Church. The ordination message will be preached by Bro. Carl Roland and James Childers alternate.

The ordaining council recommends the following ministers for license renewal: Brother's Garland Green, Elmer Hensley, Wade Parker, Cecil Parker.

We recommend that Bro. Roy Duckett be reinstated to full

fellowship.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Rev. James Childers

Rev. Jason Salyer

Rev. Larry Hughes

Rev. Jack Moses

Rev. Jerry Williams

#### STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

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Clerk: Mrs. Victoria Metcalf, Rt. 4, 68 Dogwood Dr., Weaverville, N.C. 28787, S.S. Supt.: T. L. Jamerson, 7 Elkmont Ter., Asheville, N.C., W. A. President: Patricia Plemmons, Weaverville, N.C., Church Membership 63, Members added 5, Average S.S. attendance 45, No. of classes 6, Total offerings received \$7,393.53, Pastor's Salary \$2,245.00, Local expenditures \$7,110.84, Foreign Missions \$204.25, State Home Missions \$39.56, Rest Home \$660.00, Blue Ridge Association \$52.93, N. C. State Association \$25.00, Total our side expenditures \$928.84, Value of all church property \$8,000.00.

AVERY'S CREEK, Arden, N.C.

Pastor: Rev. Richard Swann, 84 Rosman Highway, Bevard, N.C., Clerk, Carolyn Swann 4 Mildred Apts., Mildred Ave., Asheville, N.C., S.S. Supt., David Moore, P. O. Box 663, Skyland, N.C., Deacon Board Chair., Thorton Coy, Rt. 1, Arden, N.C., W. A. President, Juanita Strickland, Rt. 1, Box 242, Arden, N.C., Church membership 56, No. Baptisms 13, No. added 18, S.S. Attendance 35, No. Classes 5, Total offerings \$4,140.65, Pastor salary \$1,215.00, Total local expenditures \$2.976.00, Foreign Missions \$125.10, Worthy Causes \$512.09, Childrens Home \$125.10, Blue Ridge Association \$32.28, Total out side causes \$919.67, Value of all church property \$17,000.00.

BEAVERDAM: Candler, N.C.

Pastor: Rev. Clifford Shetley, Marshall, N.C., Clerk, Gene Devore, Rt. 2, Box 535, Candler, N.C., S.S. Supt., Bernard Warren, Rt. 8, Box 766, Asheville, N.C., C.T.S. Director, Harry Taylor, Rt. 2, Candler, N.C., W. A. President, Marie Wilson, P. O. Box 332, Candler, N.C., Deacon Board Chair., Roy Smith, Rt. 2, Beaverdam Rd., Candler, N.C.; Church membership 39, No. added 10. No. lost 5, S.S. 50, No. Classes 5, Total offering \$12,000.00, Pastor's salary \$1,000.00 Local expenditures \$8,000.00, Foreign Missions \$240.00, Home Missions \$300.00, Value of all church preperty \$175,000.00

BETHEL: Marion, N.C.

Pastor, Rev. R. J. Reynolds, P. O. Box 1061, Marion, N.C., Clerk, Mrs. Betty Turner, Rt. 2, Nebo, N.C., S.S. Supt., Bennie Duncan, 103 Kathleen Park, Marion, N.C., Deacon Board Chair., Louis Roland, Rt. 1, Box 10, Nebo, N.C., Church membership 195, Members added 22, No. Baptisms 20, No. lost 3, Average S.S. Attendance 175, No. classes 12, Pastor's salary \$7,280.00, Local expenditures \$14,000.00 Foreign Missions \$450.00, Home Missions \$1,500.00, Value of all church property \$90,000.00.

CALVERY: Swannanoa, N.C.

Pastor, Rev. Frank Cantrell, 316 Melody Circle, Swannanoa, N.C., Clerk, Mrs. Ralph Robertson, Rt. 1, Box 179, Swannanoa, N.C., S. S. Supt. David Ray, Rt. 1, Box 336, Swannanoa, N.C., C.T.S. Director, Richard Brown, 3rd Street, Blk. Mtn., N.C., W. A. President, Mrs. Ralph Robertson, Master's Men President, Paul Gragg, 101, North Cotton Ave., Blk. Mtn., N.C., Deacon Board Chair., James Brotherton, Blk. Mtn., N.C., Church membership 222, No. added 22, No. aptisms 9m, No. Lost 12, Average S.S. Attendance 155, No. classes 11, Total offerings \$39,140.04, Pastor's salary \$7,800.00,m other salaries \$1,328.04, Local expenditures \$17,593.58, Foreign Missions \$3,056.00, Home Missions \$1,339.78, Bible College \$767.39, Total spent for out side causes \$5,580.72, Value of all church property \$140,000.00.

CANTON: Canton, N.C.

Pastor: Rev. Larry Hughes, P. O. Box 1364, Canton, N.C., Clerk: Mrs. Helen Hamlett 26 Flint St., Canton, N.C., S. S. Supt. Kenneth Cope, 119 Allen Farm Rd., Canton, N.C., C.T.S. Director, Eugene Milner, Rt. 4, Box 387, Canton, N.C.,

W. A. President, Mrs. Marcia Cope, 119 Allen Farm Rd., Canton, N.C., Masters Men President, Harold Norris, 50 Birch St., Canton, N.C., Deacon Board Chair., Collie Clark, P. O. Box 116 Clyde, N.C., Church Membership 317, No. Baptisms 6, No. added 10. MNo. lost 3, Average S.S. Attendance 163, Total offerings \$36,540.00, Pastors Salary \$9,000.00, Other Salaries \$1,100.00, No. of Classes 15, Total local expenditures \$26,236.00, Foreign Missions \$1,812.30, Home Missions \$634.77, Bible College \$4,513.26, Total spent for outside causes \$8,615.00, Value of all church property \$200,000.00.

CLAYTON AVE.: Asheville, N.C.

Clerk: Mrs. J. M. Warren, 77 Hansel Ave., W. Asheville, N.C., S. S. Supt. Sam Ruth, 44 Ben Lippen Rd., Asheville, N.C., Deacon Board Chair., Richard Callway, Hansel Ave., W. Asheville, N.C., Church Membership 48, Average S.S. attendance 33, No. of Classes 4, Pastors Salary \$1,706.43.

#### EAST FORK: Mars Hill, N.C.

Pastor, Rev. Garold Metcalf, Rt. 2, Box 87, Mars Hill, N.C., Clerk, Mrs. Vera Metcalf, Rt. 2, Box 91-A, Mars Hill, N.C., S.S. Supt. Richard Bailey, Rt. 2, Mars Hill, N.C., Church Membership, 66, No. Baptisms 16, No. Added 3, No. of Classes 5, Average S.S. Attendance 55, Total offerings \$1,560.00, Pastors Salary \$600.00, Total local expenditures \$1,250.00, Value of all church property \$7,500.00.

#### FAIRVIEW: Marion, N.C.

Pastor, Rev. Troy Smith, Rt. 1, ox 390-B, Marion, N.C., Clerk., Mrs. Mae Miller, Rt. 1, Box 403, Marion, N.C., S.S. Supt., Howard Toney, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C., C.T.S. Director, Wayne Miller, Rt. 1, Marion, N.V. W.A. President, Mrs. Bonnie Lavendar, Rt. 1, Box 390-A, arion, N.C., Master's Men President, Cyrcus Hensley, Rt 1, Nebo, N.C., Deacon Board Chair., Howard Hollifield, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C., Church membership, 83, No. added 4, No. lost 30, Aferage S.S. Attendance 98, No. of classes, 7, Pastor's salary \$8,531.00, Total offerings \$29.342.00, Other salaries \$1,040.00, Total local expenditures \$13,8789.62, Foreign Missions \$1,308.20, Bible College \$680.03, Home Missions \$835.42, Home for Aged \$1,363.91, Total Spent for outside causes \$4,187.56, Value of all church property \$125,000.00.

FIRST, Blk. Mtn., N.C.

Pastor: Rev. W. S. Vaughn, P. O. Box 117, Old Fort, N.C., Clerk, Mrs. Juanita Byrd, 608 Black Mtn. Ave., Blk. Mtn., N.C., S.S. Supt., Cline Jordan, Blk. Mtn. N.C., W.A. President, Susan Worley, Blk. Mtn. N.C. Church membership 23, No. Baptisms 2, No. lost 4, Average S.S. Attendance 22, No. of classes 3, Value of all church property \$75,000.00

FIRST: Lenoir, N.C.

Pastor: Rev. James K. Childers, 1304 Lenwell St. S.W., Lenoir, N.C., Clerk, Barbara Watson, Rt. 11, Box 126, Lenoir, N.C., S.S. Supt., Bill Bollinger, Lenoir, N.C., Church membership 94, No. baptisms 16, No. added 5, No. lost 20, Average SS Attendance 80, No. of classes 4, Total offerings \$15,246.41, Pastor's salary \$6,330.00 Other salaries \$180.00 Total local expenditures \$10.907.98, Value of all church property \$75,000.00.

#### FIRST: MARION, N.C.

Pastor, Rev. Allen Jackson, 250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, N.C., Clerk, Joseph Loftis, Rt. 6, Box 362, Marion, N.C., S.S. Supt. Wade Fox, Rt. 1, box 307, Marion, N.C., C.T.S. Director, Johnny Hughes, Rt. 5, Box 152, Marion, N.C., W. A. President, Mrs. Martha Taylor, 725 Norris St., Marion, N.C., Master's Men President, Rev. Allen Jackson, Deacon Board Ciar. Ray Frisbee, Vetren Dr. marion, N.C., Church membership 175, No. baptisms 9, No. added 3, No. Lost 3, Average S.S. attendance 135. No. of classes 14, Total offerings \$22,120.46, Pastors salary \$7,137.00, Total local expenditures \$21,431,92. Foreign Missions \$11,168.00, JHome Missions \$3,253.85, C.T.S. \$56.00 Total spent for our side causes \$5,982.85, Value of all church property \$120,000.00.

FIRST: Spruce Pine, N.C.

Clerk, Mrs. Evelyn Ollis,m Rt. 2, Box 176, Spruce Pine, N.C., S.S. Supt. Billy Hughes, Rt. 3, Spruce Pine, N.C. Deacon Board Chair. Lynn Hughes, Rt. 3, Spruce Pine, N.C. Church membership 87, No. baptisms 5, No. added 9, No. lost 1, Average S.S. Attendance 65, No. of classes 4, Total offerings \$7,217.00, Pastor's salary \$2,450.00, Total local expenditures \$4,795.00, Value of all church property \$138,000.00.

HARRIETT MEMORIAL: Caroleen, N.C.

Pastor, Rev. Ted Reynolds, Box 385, Caroleen, N.C. Clerk, Mrs. Tom Peppers, Box 281, Carolee, N.C. S.S. Supt. John Deyton, Caroleen, N.C. W. A. President, Mrs. Ann Reynolds, P. O., Box 385, Caroleen, N.C. Deacon Board Chair., Alton Conner, Rt. 1, Forest City, N.C., Church membership 190, No. baptisms 19, No. added 16, No. lost 3, Average SS attendance 134, No. of classes 11, Total offerings \$55,335.00, Pastor's salary \$8,200.00, Foreign Missions \$925.68, Home Missions \$865.68, Bible College \$894.60, Childrens Home and Home for Aged \$1,731.68, Total local expenditures \$143,840.00, Total spent for out side causes \$4,417.64, Value of all church property \$300,000.00.

HOLLY GROVE: Waynesville, N.C.

Pastor, Rec. Carl Cook, 111 Ivey Hill Dr., Waynesville, N.C., Clerk, Mrs. Brenda Barnes, 526 Woodland Dr., Clyde, N.C. SS Supt., Lewis Buchanan, 386, Big Cove Circle, Waynesville, N.C. C.T.S. Director, Neal Clarke, 109 Overlook Dr. Waynesville, N.C. W.A. President Brenda Barnes, Masters Men President, Lowell Browning, 403 Fuller Circle, Waynesville, N.C. Deacon Board Chair. Lewis Buchanan, Church membership 97, No. added 9, No. lost 13, Average S.S. attendance 55, No. of classes 7, Total offerings \$12,711.00, Pastor's salary \$8,100.00 Total local expenditures \$15,633.00, Foreign Missions \$50.00, Home Missions \$15.00, Value of all church property \$60,000.00

#### MEADOWBROOK: Blk. Mtn., N.C.

Pastor, Rev. Howard Messer, 106 Kerlee St. Blk. Mtn. N.C. Clerk, Mrs. Oval Shook, 135 Fountain Way,m Swannanoa, N.C. S.S. Supt. Ronnie McAbee, Scenic View Dr. Swannanoa, N.C. C.T.S. Director Lewis Melton, Rt. 1, Blk Mtn., N.C. W. A. President Mrs. mary Gregory, Rt. 1, Mccoy Cove Rd., Blk. Mtn. N.C. Deacon Board Chair. Oval Shook 135 Fountain Way, Swannanoa, N.C., Church Membership 140, No. added 27, No. lost 10, S.S. Enrolled 175, No. of classes 10, Total offering \$29,929.21, Pastor's salary \$7,790.00, Other salaries \$480.00. Total local expenditures \$37,588.06, Foreign Missions \$383.74, Home Missions \$521.05, Total value of all church property \$90,000.00.

MEADOW FORK: Hot springs, N.C.

Pastor, Rev. Elisa W. Fish, Rt. 3, Box 52-A, Candler, N.C., Clerk, Mrs. Blanche Fowler, Rt. 2, Box 45, Hot Springs, N.C. Total membership 19, No. Baptists 1, No. lost 4, Total offerings \$1,794.63, Pastors salary \$246. Total value of all church property \$12,000.00

MORGANTON: Morganton, N.C.

Pastor, Rev. Paul Butler Rt. 12, Box 100, Morganton, N.C., Clerk, Ann Thompson, 206 Phillips St. Morganton, N.C., S.S. Supt, Otis Thompson, 206 Phillips St., Morganton, N.C., W. A. President, Mrs. Etta Butler, rt. 12, Box 100, M,organton, N.C., Total membership 86, No. baptisms 1, No. added 13, No. lost 3, Average S.S. attendance 75, No. of classes 7, Total offerings \$13,017.74, Pastor's salary \$8,520.00, Other salaries \$300.00. Total local expenditures \$12,657.62, Foreign Missions \$120.73, Bible College \$120.73, Home Missions \$120.73, Home for Aged \$241.46 Total spent for out side causes \$482,92, Total value of all church property \$94,000.00.

MT. BETHEL: Weaverville, N.C.

Pastor, Rev. Robert Ballard, Rt. 1, Box 205, Swannanoa, N.C., Clerk, W. B. Edwards, Rt. 1, Box 128, Weaverville, N.C., S.S. Supt. Robert Robinson, Rt. 3, Weaverville, N.C. C.T.S. Director, Larry Edwards, 8 Revonda Dr., Asheville, N.C., Deacon Board Chair. W.B. Edwards. Total church membership 222, No. baptisms 10, No. added 17, No. lost 2, Average S.S. attendance 207, No. of classes 11, Total offerings \$31,900.00, Pastor's salary \$4,800.00. Other salaries \$1,926.60, Total local expenditures \$15.973.90, Foreign Missions \$1,402.00, C.T.S. \$44.09, Home Missions \$4,697.17, Retirement an Ins. Bd. \$700.00. Home for Aged \$1,400.00 Total spent for out side causes \$8,243.26, Total value of all church property \$80,000.00.

MT. CALVARY: Marion, N.C.

Pastor, Rev. Bobby Parker, P. O. Box 1544, Marion, N.C., Clerk, Mrs. Norman Arrowood, Rt. 4, Box 118, Marion, N.C., S.S. Supt. Dennis Ward, Rt. 6, Marion, N.C., W.A. President, Mrs. Grace Reel, Rt. 2, Box 80-BB, Marion, N.C., Deacon Board Chair. Lewis Gardner, Rt. 2, Nebo, N.C., C.T.S. Director, Dennis Ward, Total church membership, 96, No. baptisms 10, Average S.S. attendance 90, No. of classes, Total offerings \$14,518.87, Pastor's salary \$6,700.00, Total local expenditures \$9,130.28, Home Missions \$120.00, Home for Aged \$120.00. Total value of all church property \$40,000.00.

NOWLINGS CHAPEL: Morganton, N.C.

Pastor, Rev. Roy Shehan, Rt. 6, Box 74, Morganton, N.C., Clerk, Mrs. Beulah Norville, 108 Logan St. Morganton, N.C., S.S. Supt, Charles Davis, Rt. 8, Box 506, Morganton, N.C. W.A. President, Jerry Ann Shehan, Rt. 6, Box 74, Morganton, N.C., Deacon Board Choir., Charles Davis, Church membership 153, No. baptisms 10, No. added 20, Average S.S. attendance 90, No. of churches 6, Pastor's salary \$8,320.00. Total value of all church property \$100,000.00.

#### OLD FORD: Old Fort, N.C.

Pastor, Rev. Lattie Ślagle, P. O. Box 505, Old Fort, N.C., Clerk, Carrie Padgett, Rt. 2, Box 380, Old Fort, N.C., S.S. Supt. Phillip Ogle, Old Fort, N.C., W. A. President, Mrs. Kathryn Johnson, P. O. Box 704, Old Fort, N.C., Deacon Board Chair. Mack Bartlett, Montreat, N.C., Total church membership 94, No. baptisms 2, Average S.S. attendance 120, No. of classes 8, Total offerings \$17,404.70, Pastor's salary \$6,000.00. Total local expenditures \$11,784.58, Foreign Missions \$276.67, Home for aged \$100.00, Total spent for out side causes \$376.67, Total value of all church property \$102,000.00.

#### ROBERTSON CREEK: Bostic, N. C.

Pastor, Rev. James Coffee, Rt. 2, Box 123-C, Forest City, N. C., Clerk, Violet Poteat, 207 Fracklin Dr., Forest City, N. C., S.S. Sup't. Steve Newton, 206 Poplar St. Forest City, N. C., W. A. President, Alice Mace, Rt. 2, Ellenboro, N. C., Deacon Board Chair., B. A. Thomas, Rt. 2, Bostic, N. C., Total dhurch membership 83, No. baptisms 5, No. lost 2, Average S. S. attendance 67, No. oc classes 7, Total offerings \$14,065.87, Pastor's salary \$6,500.00, Other salaries \$780.00, Total local expenditures \$35,066.41, Home Missions \$25.00, Home for Aged \$61.64, Total spent for out side causes\$86.64.

#### ROCKY PASS: Nebo, N. C.

Pastor, Rev. A. C. Truluck, Rt. 1, Bos 144, Nebo, N. C., Clerk, Lucille Holland, Rt. 1, Box 46, Marion, N. C., S. S. Sup't. Carl Hall, Rt. 1, Nebo N. C., C. T. S. Director Lester Conner, 147 Ridge Rd., Marion, N. C., W. A. President, Lucille Holland, Deacon Board Chair., Lester Conner, Total church membership 349, No. baptisms 11, No. added 7, No. lost 5, Average S. S. attendance 202, No. of classes 17, Total

offerings \$45,508.00, Pastor's salary \$8,647.19, Other salaries \$2,340.00, Total local expenditures \$39,588.00, Executive office \$108.33, Foreign Missions \$1,300.00, Bible College \$525.41, Home Missions \$394.50, Home for Aged & Children's home \$2, 685.83, Total spent for out side causes \$5,014.07, Total value of all church property \$225,000.00.

#### SALEM: Old Fort, N. C.

Pastor, Rev. Joe Helms, Box 88, Rt. 1, Old Fort, N. C., Clerk, Kathy Ricker, Rt. 2, Box 158, Old Fort, N. C., S. S. Sup't. Mallie Hall, Rt. 1, Box 475-A. Black Mt., N. C., C.T.S. Director, Jerry Lewis, Salem Rd. Old Fort, N. C., W. A. President, Marie Parker, Old Fort, N. C., Master's Men President, Rev. Joe Helms, Deacon Board Chair. Clarence Parker, Parker Padgett Rd. Old Fort, N. C., Total church membership 137, No. baptisms 25, No. added 34, No. lost 11, Average S. S. attendance 175, No. of classes 14, Total offerings \$42,282.00, Pastor's salary \$5,200.00, Other salaries \$437.00, Total local expenditures \$38,658.57, Foreign Missions \$73.53, Home Missions \$454.87, Total value of all church property \$200,000.00.

#### SWANNANOA: Swannanoa, N. C.

Pastor, Rev. Melton Hollifield, P. O. Box 281, Swannanoa, N. C., Clerk, Mrs. Clara Mae Ogle 133, Dellwood Ave. Swannanoa, N. C., S.S. Sup't. J. D. Lewis, 405 Reger Rd. Swannanoa, N. C., C.T.S. Director, Ronnie Smith, 109 Harrison Ave. Swannanoa, N. C. W. A. President, Mrs. Jerry Suggs, 21 Tipperary Dr. Asheville, N. C., Total church membership 701, No. baptisms 32, No. added 33, No. lost 30, Average S.S. attendance 246, No of classes 24, Total offerings \$48,728.00, Pastor and Associate Pastor salaries \$13,666.12, Other salaries \$1,180.00, Total local expenditures \$38,443.00, Cooperative Plan \$600.00, Foreign Missions \$2,758.48, Bible College \$270.25, Home Missions \$379.00, State Work \$1,727.72, Total spent for outside causes \$5,745.54, Total value of all church property \$160,000.00.

#### SWEETEN CREEK: Biltmore, N. C.

Pastor, Rev. John Moore, P. O. Box 176, Fairview, N. C., Clerk, Paul Jenkins, Rt. 9, Box 44, Biltmore, N. C., S.S. Sup't Henry Henkins, Rt. 1, Box 226, Fletcher, N. C. Deacon Board Chair. Paul Jenkins, Church membership 54, Total offerings \$8,299.00, Total local expenditures \$7, 626.68, Foreign

Missions \$60.00, Home for Aged \$142.00, Total spent for outside causes \$200.00, Total value of all church property \$20,500.00.

#### TRINITY HILL: Nebo N. C.

Pastor, Rev. Carl Roland, Rt. 1, Box 16, Nebo, N. C., Clerk, Mrs. Jerry Helms, 23 Hunt St. Marion, N. C., S.S. Sup't. Ralph Morgan, 225 Poplar Dr., Marion, N. C. W.A. President, Mrs. Jerry Helms, Deacon Board Chair. Robert Washburn, Rt. 2, Nebo, N. C., Total church membership 92, No. baptisms 14, No. added 16, No. lost 18, Average S. S. attendance 100, No. of classes 7, Total offerings \$24,367.00, Pastor salary \$9,523.00. Other salaries \$400.00, Total local expenditures \$23,129.81, Cooperative Plan \$75.00, Foreign Missions \$26.00, Home Missions 19.00, State Work, \$45.50, Total spent for out side causes \$165.50, Total value of all church property \$30,000.00.

#### WALNUT: Marshall, N. C.

Clerk, Mrs. Barbara Shelton, Rt. 5, Marshall, N. C., S.S. Sup't. Allen Stines, Marshall, N. C., Deacon Board Chair. Gordan Treadway, Rt. 5, Marshall, N. C., Total Church membership 78, No. added 1, Average S.S. attendance 25, Total offerings \$5,544.56, Pastor's salary 1,200.00, Other salaries \$339.00, Total local expenditures \$3,968.44, Foreign Missions \$281.00. Home Missions \$281.00, Home for Aged \$180.00, Total spent for out side causes \$4,937.44, Total value of all church property \$30,000.00.

#### MINISTER'S REPORT

Rev. Robert Ballard: Churches pastored -, Revivals 2, Conversions 17, Communion and footwashing services 1, Baptisms 10, No. marriages 2, No. funerals 4, Amt. Rec'd for pastorial duties \$4,800.00.

Rev. Arthur Buchanan, No. revivals conducted 1, No.

funerals 1.

Rev. Gorman Burgin, No. revivals 1, Conversions 14,

Baptisms 9, Marriages 4, Funerals 4.

Rev. Paul Butler, Churches pastored 1, No. revivals conducted 2. No. conversions 24, No. communion and footwashing services 1, No baptisms 14, No. marriages 1, No. funerals 2, Amt. Rec'd for pastorial duties \$6,330.00. Amt. rec'd for other ministerial duties \$1,560.00.

Rev. James Coffey, Churches pastored 1. No. communion and footwashing services 1, No. baptisms 6, No. funerals 4, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$6,000.00, amt. rec'd for other ministerial duties \$431.00.

Rev. Carl Cook, Churches pastored 1, No. revivals 4, No. of conversions 35. No. communion and footwashing services 1.

No. marriages 1, No. funerals 10.

Rev. Lonnie Crawford, Churches pastored 1, No. of conversions 24, No. communion and footwashing services 4, No. baptisms 8, No. marriages 4, No. funerals 5, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$300.00, Amt. rec'd for other ministeral duties \$45.00.

Rev. Haskel Davis, No. conversions 50, No. communion and footwashing services 1, No. baptisms 3, No. funerals 2,

Amt. rec'd for other ministerial duties \$150.00.

Rev. Elisha W. Fish, Churches pastored 1, No. conversions 3, No. communion and footwashing services 4, No. funerals 1, Amt, rec'd for pastorial duties \$190.00, Amt, rec'd for other ministerial duties \$70.00.

Rev. William Freal, No. of conversions 27, No. funerals 1. Rev. Fred Freeman, Assisted in the Shelby Mission.

Rev. Joe Helms, Churches pastored 1. No. revivals conducted 6, No. conversions 95, No. communion and footwashing services 2. No. baptisms 40, No. marriages 6, No. funerals 10. Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$5,200.00. Amt. rec'd for revivals \$450.00. Amt. rec'd for other ministerial duties \$2,600.00.

Rev. Floyd Frisbee, No. marriages 1.

Rev. Daniel Hensley, Churches pastored 1, No conversions 20, No. funerals 1, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$520.00.

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Churches pastored 1, No. revivals conducted 3, No. conversions 50, No. communion and footwashing services 2, No. baptisms 32, No. marriages 4, No. funerals 17.

Rev. Larry Hughes, Churches pastored 1, No. revivals 2, No. conversions 10, No. communion and footwashing services 2, No. baptisms 8, No. funerals 3.

Rev. Allen Jackson, Churches pastored 1, No. revivals 2, No. conversions 45, No. baptisms 13, Np. marriages 6, No. funerals 6, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$5,240.00, Amt. rec'd for revivals \$300.00, Amt. rec'd for other ministerial duties \$150.00.

Rev. Elmer Keener, Churches pastored 1, No. conversions 5, No. communion and footwashing services 2, No. baptisms 1, No. marriages 1. No. funerals 2, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$3,000.00.

Rev. James Lynn, Churches pastored 1, No. revivals 3, No. conversions 9, No. communion and footwashing services 4. No. baptisms 5, No. marriages 4, No. funerals 6, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$5,200.00.

Rev. Leon McBride, No. communion and footwashing services 1, No. conversions 4.

Rev. Ernest Messer, Churches pastored 1, No. revivals conducted 1, No. conversions 30, No. communion and footwashing services 2, No. baptisms 17, No. funerals 1, Amt. rec'd for revivals \$40.00, Amt. rec'd for other ministerial dities \$30.00.

Rev. Garold Metcalf, Churches pastored 1, No. revivals conducted 1, No. conversions 30, No. communion and footwashing services, No. baptisms 17, No. funerals 1, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$600.00, Amt. rec'd for revivals \$60.00, Amt. rec'd for other ministerial duties \$100.00.

Rev. John Moore, Churches pastored 1, No. conversions 7, No. funerals 6, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$2,700.00, Amt. rec'd for other ministerial duties \$25.00.

Rev. Jack Moses, No. revivals 1, No. conversions 7, No. funerals 2, Amt. rec'd for revivals \$50.00, Amt. rec'd for other ministerial duties \$20.00.

Rev. Charles Ownsby, No. conversions 2.

Rev. Wade Parker, No. conversions 5, No. communion and footwashing services 1, No. baptisms 2, Amt. rec'd for other ministeral duties \$40.00.

Rev. Warren Reece, Churches pastored 1, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$1200.00.

Rev. R. J. Reynolds, Churches pastored 1, No. revivals 3, No. conversions 78, No. communion and footwashing services 3, No. baptisms 21, No. marriages 3, No. funerals 4, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$7,280.00.

Rev. Ted Reynolds, Churches pastored 1, No. revivals 2, No. communion and footwashing services 2, No. baptisms 19, No. marriages 2, No. funerals 12, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$8,950.00, Amt. rec'd for revivals \$330.00, Amt. rec'd for other ministeral duties \$60.00.

Rev. Carl Roland, Churches pastored 1, No. revivals 3, No. conversions 29, No. communion and footwashing services 1, No. baptisms 21, No. marriages 3, No. funerals 19, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$9,523.00.

Rev. Roy Shehan, Churches pastored 1, No. conversions 24, No. communion and footwashing services 1, No. baptisms 10, No funerals 3, Amt. Rec'd for pastorial duties \$8,320.00.

Rev. Clifford Shetley, Churches pastored 2, No. revivals 3, No. conversions 6, No. communion and footwashing services 3, No. baptisms 3, No. funerals 2, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$1,860.00, Amt. rec'd for revivals \$260.00, Amt. rec'd for other ministerial duties \$50.00.

Rev. Lattie Slagle, Churches pastored 1, No. conversions 10, No communion and footwashing services 2, No. baptisms 4, No. marriages 1, No. funerals 3, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$6,500.00, Amt. rec'd for other ministeral duties \$300.00.

Rev. Ronnis Smith, Churches pastored 1, No. revivals 1, No. conversions 28, No. marriages 1, No. funerals 5, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$6,500.00, Amt. rec'd for revivals \$125.00, Amt. rec'd for other ministerial duties \$30.00.

Rev. Troy Smith, Churches pastored 2, No. revivals 1, No communion and footwashing services 2, No. baptisms 2, No. marriages 3, No funersls 3, Amt. Rec'd for pastorial duties \$9,000.00, Amt. rec'd for revivals \$325.00, Amt. rec'd for other ministeral duties \$100.00.

Rev. Richard Swann, Church pastored 1, No. revivals 1, No. communion and footwashing services 3, No. baptisms 13, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$1,000.00, Amt. rec'd for revivals \$100.00.

Rev. Ray Thomas, No. conversions 23, No. funerals 1, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$103.00, Amt. rec'd for other ministeral duties \$71.00.

Rev. William Vaughn, Churches pastored 1, No. revivals 2, No. conversions 10, No. funerals 4, No. communion and footwashing services 1, No. baptisms 8, No. marriages 5.

Rev. Gordon Walker, Churches pastored 1, No. conversions 21, No. communion and footwashing services 3, No. baptisms 12, No. funerals 2, Amt. rec'd for pastorial duties \$5,200.00, Amt. rec'd for other ministeral duties \$150.00.

Rev. Jerry Williams, No. churches pastored 1, No. conversions 4, No. communion and footwashing services 2, No. baptisms 3, No. marriages 1.

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### CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS of the BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION of

### NORTH CAROLINA Affiliated with NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

#### Article 1

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

#### Article 2

A. 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 Baptist within its bounds in one sacred effort to encourage and promote the general spread of the gospel and the causes of the National Association. B. This Association shall encourage a sound ministry, which presents Christ as an all-sufficient Savior, 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

A. 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.

B. 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.

C. 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

A. 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

B. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall not succeed themselves in election. However, the Assistant Moderator may be

elected Moderator.

C. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all the meetings of the Association.

D. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to preside in the absence of the Moderator. This has employed of one is sends about

E. 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 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 Assocition. Minutes of the Association shall be sent to all visiting Free Will Baptist Ministers.

F. 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.

G. 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 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.

H. This Association shall elect a Home Mission Board consisting of three members for rotating terms as follows. One for one year, one for twoyears, and one for three years. The purpose of this Board will be to work in communication with our state and National boards in establishing new churches in this area. This Board shall have the authority to act independant of these Boards if it finds it necessary to do so. This Board shall report it's work to the annual Association and it's action shall be subject to the approval of the Association in session.

#### 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 cooperation 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

A. 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.

B. The Ordaining Council shall act as an Advisory Council and an investigating committee, under the authority and recommendations of the local Church in this Assocition, 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.

- C. 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, catholicis, etc.
- D. Each minister shall be required to practice, preach, and teach tithing as the means of church support.
- E. Each Preacher or pastor who fails to attend or report by letter to the associational meetings of the Blue Ridge Association for a period of one year shall be granted a letter of dismissal from the said association roll of ministers.
- F. Any church who fails to report by letter or delegate to the associational meetings for a period of nine months shall be contacted by the executive committee, then if they fail to report at the next meeting they shall be dropped from the roll.

#### Article 11

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 \$1.000, 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 first Sunday in May.

#### Article 16

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

#### Article 17

The Ordaining Council will meet on Saturday before the Association meetings.

#### Article 18

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 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. 1 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 docitrine, for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.
- 3. ORIGINAL APOSTASY: We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into repravity and consequently involved his poserity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat, gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat." (Gensis 3:6)
- 4. 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)
- 55. 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 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 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 rightousness 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 thee. Wherefore by their fruits: ye shall know them." (Matthew 7: 19-20)
- 10. CHRISTIAN BAPTISM: We believe that Christian 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 damanation to himself, not descerning the Lord's body." (1 Corinthians 11: 28-29)
- 12; FEET WASHING: We believe that washing the saint's feet was a command of our Savior and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of our churches. "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14).
- 13. THE GOSPEL: We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel live of the gospel." (1 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 comformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeaver to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We shall 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 eductional 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.

### **MEMO**

