

Zephyr Hills Church

26th Annual Session

of the

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

of the

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held at the

**Meadowbrook F.W.B. Church
Black Mountain, N.C.**

May 4, 5, 1979

MODERATOR

Rev. Eddie Dollar

CLERK

Mrs. Patsy Rice

MINUTES

26th ANNUAL SESSION

of the

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

of the

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held at

MEADOWBROOK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Black Mountain, N.C.

May 4, 5, 1979

MODERATOR

Rev. Eddie Dollar

CLERK

Mrs. Patsy Rice

OFFICERS

MODERATOR - Rev. Eddie Dollar, P. O. Box 385, Caroleen, N.C. 28019

ASSISTANT - Rev. Gene Deaton, 250 Baldwin Avenue, Marion, N.C. 28752

CLERK - Mrs. Patsy Rice, 109 Kerlee Street, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711

Phone - 669-6250

ASSISTANT - Mrs. Grace Stafford, Route 1, Box 404, Marion, N.C. 28752

TREASURER - Miss Carrie Padgett, Route 2, Box 380, Old Fort, N.C. 28762

ASSISTANT - Bro. Bob Duckworth, Route 2, Box 256, Asheville, N.C. 28805

HISTORIAN - Mrs. Lucille Lance, Larue Street, West Asheville, N.C.

ASSISTANT - Miss Volena Wilson, 331 Montford Avenue, Asheville, N.C.

TRUSTEE BOARD

Rev. James C. Lynn, Rev. Elmer Keener, Bro. Cline Messer

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Carl Cook 1981, Rev. Elmer Keener 1980, Rev. James Coffey 1982,

Rev. J. C. Lynn 1983, Rev. Wayne Smith 1984

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. William Vaughn (Chair.) Rev. Jack Moses, Bro. Wise

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Eddie Dollar (Chair.) Rev. Gene Deaton, Mrs. Patsy Rice, Miss Carrie Padgett, Rev. Earl Bittle, Rev. William Vaughn, Rev. Paul Butler.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Harry Mintz (Chair.) Rev. Elish Fish, Rev. Garland Green

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Rev. Richard Calloway (Director) Rev. Larry Hughes (Assistant)

YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR

Bro. Bob Duckworth (Director) Rev. Roy Shehan (Assistant) Bro. Bob Duckworth (Treas.) Rev. Roy Shehan (Asst. Treas.)

ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Asheville	Rev. Elish Fish	Asheville, N.C.
Avery's Creek	Rev. R. J. Swann	Arden, N.C.
Beaverdam		Candler, N.C.
Calvary	Rev. Randal Stone	Swannanoa, N.C.
Canton	Rev. Larry Hughes	Canton, N.C.
Cedar Hill	Rev. J. C. Lynn, Sr.	W. Asheville, N.C.
Fairview	Rev. C. F. Sprinkle	Marion, N.C.
First Black Mountain	Rev. W. S. Vaughn	Black Mtn., N.C.
First Lenoir	Rev. Jack R. Moses	Lenoir, N.C.
First Marion	Rev. Eugene Deaton	Marion, N.C.
First Spruce Pine	Rev. Arthur Buchanan	Spruce Pine, N.C.
Harriett Memorial	Rev. Eddie Dollar	Caroleen, N.C.
Holly Grove	Rev. Carl Cook	Waynesville, N.C.
Homer's Chapel		Black Mtn., N.C.
Meadowbrook	Rev. Wayne Smith	Black Mtn., N.C.
Meadow Fork	Rev. Oliver Cagle	Hot Springs, N.C.
Morganton	Rev. Paul Butler	Morganton, N.C.
Nowlings Chapel	Rev. Roy Shehan	Morganton, N.C.
Oakley Chapel	Rev. Elmer Hensley	Asheville, N.C.
Pisgah	Rev. Harry Mintz	Canton, N.C.
Swannanoa	Rev. Milton Hollifield	Swannanoa, N.C.
Walnut		Walnut, N.C.
Zephyr Hills	Rev. Clemmet Heath	Asheville, N.C.

MINISTERS NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Earl Bittle 115 Hovis Road, Stanley, N.C. 28164 704/263-1301
 Arthur Buchanan Rt. 3, Box 488, Spruce Pine, N.C. 28777 704/765-7517
 Paul Butler Rt. 12, Box 100, Morganton, N.C. 28655 704/433-0554
 Oliver Cagle Rt. 2, Box 544A, Canton, N.C. 28716
 Richard Calloway 713A Old U.S. 70, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778
 704/686-5884
 Duane Cassida 414 Normandy Circle, Nashville, Tenn. 37209
 615/356-0817
 John Chandler Box 475, Spruce Pine, N.C. 28777
 James Coffey Rt. 2, Box 123-C, Forest City, N.C. 28043 704/631-2896
 Carl Cook 111 Ivey Hill Drive, Waynesville, N.C. 28786 704/926-1326
 Gene Deaton 250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, N.C. 28752 704/652-4513
 Eddie Dollar P. O. Box 385, Caroleen, N.C. 28019 (Church) 704/657-9446
 (Home) 704/657-6062
 Elish Fish Rt. 3, Box 82-A, Candler, N.C. 28715 704/667-5656
 Floyd Frisbee 107 Virginia Ave., Hazelwood, N.C. 28738 704/456-3150
 Calvin Grogan Old Fort, N.C. 28762
 Garland Green Box 365, Caroleen, N.C. 28019 704/657-6848
 Clemmet Heath 283 Shelbourne Road, Asheville, N.C. 28806
 Elmer Hensley 24 Pisgah View Ave., Asheville, N.C. 28803
 704/274-2803
 Milton Hollifield Rt. 1, Box 144, Nebo, N.C. 28761 704/652-5798
 Larry Hughes P. O. Box 1346, Canton, N.C. 28716
 (Church) 704/648-0272
 (Home) 704/648-0753
 Elmer Keener 134 N. Main Street, Canton, N.C. 28716 704/648-5177
 James C. Lynn 227 Johnston Blvd., W. Asheville, N.C. 28806
 704/253-0369
 Steve Lytle Missionary to Panama
 Doug Mathis Rt. 8, Box 467, Morganton, N.C. 28655 704/584-2072
 Leon McBride Bull Mountain Road, Asheville, N.C. 28805
 Freddie McCracken 950 Maxwell Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37206
 W. J. McDaniel P. O. Box 312, Rutherford College, N.C. 28671
 Wayne Miller Route 1, Box 403, Marion, N.C. 28752
 Harry Mintz Rt. 2, Box 306A, Canton, N.C. 28716 704/235-8610
 John Moore 48 Raleigh Road, Asheville, N.C. 28803 704/274-2936
 Jack Moses Rt. 8, Box 559, Morganton, N.C. 28655 704/584-1863
 Warren Reece 220 Virginia Avenue, Asheville, N.C. 28804
 704/254-6654
 George Reynolds 111 Kerlee Street, Black Mtn., N.C. 28711
 704/669-7455
 Winfred Roland 106 Young Street, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778 704/686-3509
 Danny Runion 306 W. End Ave., Box 416, Nashville, Tenn. 37205
 Roy Shehan Rt. 6, Box 74, Morganton, N.C. 28655 704/433-9623
 Clifford Shetley Rt. 5, Box 152, Marshall, N.C. 28753
 Wayne Smith 314 Altamahaw St., Black Mtn., N.C. 28711
 704/669-2217
 C. F. Sprinkle Rt. 1, Box 390B, Marion, N.C. 28752 704/652-5876
 Randal Stone 300 Stonewall Ave., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778 704/686-3696
 Richard Swann 84 Rosman Highway, Brevard, N.C. 28712 704/884-9142
 William Vaughn P. O. Box 117, Old Fort, N.C. 28762 704/668-4609
 James Waldrop Rt. 1, Box 169, Asheville, N.C. 28804
 Roy Waldrop 87 Elkmont Drive, Asheville, N.C. 28804

Gordon Walker
Leroy Walker
Ray Wiseman

Bat Cave Road, Old Fort, N.C. 28762
P. O. Box 548, Old Fort, N.C. 28762
820 Craigmont Road, Black Mtn., N.C. 28711

CHURCH DELEGATES

ASHEVILLE - Victoria Metcalf, Jackie Fish, Edna Marlowe
CALVARY - Cline Messer, Elaine Hines, Charles Norman, Linda Norman,
Joe Rice, O. L. McMahan
CANTON - Helen Hamlett, Velma Harkins, Hoyle Harkins
CEDAR HILL - Mrs. J. C. Lynn
FIRST BLACK MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Louise Vaughn
FIRST MARION - Martha Taylor, Faye Radford, Ellen Browning, Edgar
White
FIRST SPRUCE PINE - Manuel Biddix, Rebecca Biddix, Mrs. Willard
Biddix, Jr., Linda Buchanan, Mrs. Anita Buchanan, Mrs. Lynn Hughes
HOMER'S CHAPEL - Mack Bartlett, Albert Pittman, Glenda Mundy, Paula
Buchanan
MEADOWBROOK - Mrs. Wayne Smith, Oval Shook, Dorothy Prescott,
Charles Wise
MORGANTON - Etta Butler, Ann Thompson
PISGAH - Edith Mintz, Mae Poston, Dorcus Poston, Nancy Cagle
SWANNANOA - Bob Duckworth, Lillian Biggs, Clara Mae Ogle
ZEPHYR HILLS - Flora Morgan

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Earl Bittle, Arthur Buchanan, Paul Butler, Oliver Cagle, Richard Calloway,
Duane Cassida, James Coffey, Carl Cook, Gene Deaton, Eddie Dollar,
Elish Fish, Floyd Frisbee, Garland Green, Elmer Hensley, Milton Holli-
field, Larry Hughes, Elmer Keener, J. C. Lynn, Doug Mathis, Wayne
Miller, Harry Mintz, John Moore, Jack Moses, Warren Reece, George
Reynolds, Winfred Roland, Roy Shehan, Wayne Smith, Jack Sprinkle,
Randal Stone, Richard Swann, William Vaughn, James Waldrop, Roy
Waldrop

VISITORS WHO REGISTERED

Dr. Charles Thigpen, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Rev. Guy Owens, Rev. Eddie
Kirkpatrick, Rev. Carl Banks, Mrs. Elmer Keener, Shannon Cagle, Carrie
Padgett, Volena Wilson (Missionary - India), Mrs. A. C. Messer, Mrs. Randal
Stone, Alex Biddix

1ST QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting with
FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH - SPRUCE PINE, N.C.
August 5, 1978

Congregational singing led by Rev. J. C. Lynn

Morning Devotion - Rev. Richard Calloway

Welcome - Rev. Arthur Buchanan, Host Pastor

Response - Rev. Harry Mintz

Roll call of churches, ministers, and recognition of visitors

23 ministers, 27 delegates registered. Visiting ministers were Rev. V. E.

Condrey, Rev. Roy Waldrop, and Rev. Guy Owens.

Financial report given by Miss Carrie Padgett.

MSC to accept report.

Executive Committee report given by Mrs. Patsy Rice.

Rev. Hollifield reports Rev. Gene Deaton will not accept position as Youth Director.

MSC that Director be appointed at next Executive Committee meeting.

MSC that Rev. Richard Calloway be assistant Youth Director.

Ordaining Council report given by Rev. J. C. Lynn.

MSC to accept report

Report on rest home given by Rev. J. C. Lynn.

Rev. Milton Hollifield reported that Rev. Ronald Creech from Free Will Baptist Bible College will be in area this fall to raise money for new building on Bible College campus and would like to meet with Blue Ridge Association ministers. MSC to set up meeting with Rev. Creech.

Youth Camp report given by Bro. Bob Duckworth.

MSC to accept report.

Rev. Guy Owens from our State Association gave report of his work as minister at large. Rev. Wayne Smith of the Ordaining Council made motion to amend constitution so the local church would have authority to license their own preachers. Motion tabled until next annual meeting.

MSC that next quarterly meeting be held November 4, 1978 and place of meeting to be scheduled by the Executive Committee.

MSC that Bro. Bob Duckworth be Youth Camp Director, Rev. Roy Shehan, Assistant Youth Camp Director, Bro. Bob Duckworth, treasurer, Rev. Roy Shehan, Assistant Treasurer. MSC to delete present dress code for youth camp and maintain dress code used in previous years.

MSC to adjourn.

Worship Hour

Congregational singing led by Rev. J. C. Lynn.

Offering received and given to Rev. Guy Owens.

Message by Rev. Jack Moses.

Dismissed by Rev. Eddie Dollar.

2ND QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting with
HOLLY GROVE F.W.B. CHURCH - WAYNESVILLE, N.C.
November 4, 1978

Congregational singing led by Rev. J. C. Lynn

Morning Devotion - Rev. Larry Hughes

Welcome - Rev. Carl Cook, host pastor

Response - Rev. Wayne Smith

Roll call of churches, ministers, and recognition of visitors, 24 ministers, 33 delegates, and 3 visitors registered.

Financial report given by Miss Carrie Padgett.

MSC to accept report

Ordaining Council report given by Rev. Wayne Smith.

MSC to accept report.

MSC to grant Rev. Ronnie Smith a letter of recommendation to the Cumberland Association.

Executive Committee report given by Mrs. Patsy Rice.

MSC to accept report.

Rest Home report given by Rev. J. C. Lynn.

MSC to accept report.

MSC that a letter of love and appreciation be written to Rev. Frank Cantrell.

MSC to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Oliver Cagle.

Worship Hour:

Congregational singing led by Rev. J. C. Lynn.

Special Singing

Message by Rev. Elmer Keener.

3RD QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting with
HOMER'S CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH - BLACK MOUNTAIN, N.C.
February 3, 1979

Congregational singing led by Rev. J. C. Lynn

Morning Devotion - Rev. Elish Fish (Acts 12:7&8)

Welcome - Rev. Richard Calloway

Response - Rev. Roy Shehan

Roll call of churches, ministers, and recognition of visitors

26 ministers, 33 delegates registered. Visiting ministers were: Rev.

Guy Owens, Minister at Large; Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick; Rev. Homer Ollis and Rev. Randy Stone

Moderator's remarks (1st Cor. 16:13&14)

Executive Committee report given by Mrs. Patsy Rice

MSC to accept report

MSC that Youth for Master program be reinstated. Rev. Larry Hughes agreed to help Rev. Richard Calloway in getting this program started.

First meeting to be April 14, 1979 at Swannanoa F.W.B. Church.

MSC that Youth Revival begin March 19, 1979 and that Rev. Chuck Branch conduct services.

Ordaining Council report given by Rev. Wayne Smith

MSC to accept report

Educational Study Committee report given by Mrs. Patsy Rice

MSC to accept report

MS and tabled until annual meeting that the nominating committee be appointed by the moderator at the 3rd quarterly meeting

Rev. Guy Owens, Minister at large, showed slides regarding his state wide work

Rest Home report given by Rev. J. C. Lynn

MSC to accept report.

Youth Camp report given by Bro. Bob Duckworth

MSC to accept report

MSC to adjourn

Worship Hour:

Special singing by First F.W.B. Church, Black Mountain, N.C.

Message - Rev. W. S. Vaughn (Prov. 10:4)

26TH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting with
MEADOW BROOK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
BLACK MOUNTAIN, N.C.
May 4, 5, 1979

The 26th annual session was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Eddie Dollar.

Morning devotion by Rev. Randy Stone

Welcome by Rev. Wayne Smith, host pastor

Response by Rev. Paul Butler

Roll call of churches, ministers and recognition of visitors.

BUSINESS SESSION

Appointment of committees:

Nominating Committee - Rev. William Vaughn (Chair.) Rev. Jack Moses, Bro. Charles Wise.

Credentials Committee - Rev. Harry Mintz (Chair.) Rev. Elish Fish, Rev. Garland Green

Resolutions Committee - Rev. C. F. Sprinkle (Chair.) Rev. Carl Cook, Rev. Arthur Buchanan

The item concerning Article 10, Section B, tabled during the first quarterly meeting was brought from the table, regarding the local church having the authority to license its preachers. A motion was made to amend the motion to include that a minister should serve for a minimum of one year in that capacity before he can be ordained. MS and tabled until Saturday meeting.

The change concerning Article 7 tabled during third quarterly meeting was brought from table giving the moderator the authority to appoint nominating committee at third quarterly meeting. MSC

Educational Study Committee report given by Rev. Larry Hughes. MSC to adopt report in its entirety.

Rest Home report giving by Rev. J. C. Lynn. MSC to accept report.

Motion made to amend Article 15, deleting annual Friday meeting. MS and tabled until Saturday meeting.

Ordaining Council report given by Rev. Wayne Smith. MSC to accept report.

Motion made to amend Article 17 stating that ordaining council meet same day of associational meetings, one hour prior to meeting instead of one week before meeting. MS and tabled until Saturday meeting.

Worship Hour:

Congregational singing led by Rev. Eddie Dollar

Message by Dr. Charles Thigpen

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing by Rev. Eddie Dollar

Devotion by Rev. Wayne Miller

MSC to buy clerk an electric typewriter

Partial Credentials Committee report given by Rev. Harry Mintz. MSC

to accept report.

Executive Committee report given by Mrs. Patsy Rice. MSC to accept report. MSC that State Association be contacted regarding simplifying yearly report forms.

Youth report given by Rev. Larry Hughes. MSC to accept report. MSC to adjourn.

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH SERVICE

Total of 85 present

Special music:

Meadowbrook Choir

Meadowbrook Quartet

Solo - Jeffrey Runion from Meadowbrook Church

Message: Rev. Guy Owens, N.C. Minister at Large

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Congregational singing led by Rev. Eddie Dollar

Devotion by Rev. Richard Swann

The amendment regarding Article 10, Section B was brought from table and approved as amended.

Amendment to Article 15 was brought from table and approved as amended.

Amendment to Article 17 was brought from table and approved as amended.

Treasurer's report given by Miss Carrie Padgett. MSC to accept report.

Resolutions Committee report given by Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick. MSC to accept report.

MSC to accept Oakley Free Will Baptist Chapel into full fellowship with the Blue Ridge Association.

MSC to give \$200.00 to Blue Ridge F.W.B. Bible Institute.

Rev. Guy Owens, N. C. Minister at Large gave a report of his state work.

Credentials Report given by Rev. Harry Mintz. MSC to accept report.

MSC to give moderator the authority to appoint delegates to represent Blue Ridge Association at N. C. State Association.

Recommendation was made that Executive Committee appoint a public relations person.

Youth Camp report given by Bro. Bob Duckworth. MSC to accept report.

Next quarterly meeting to be held at Meadow Fork F.W.B. Church, Hot Springs, N.C.

Next annual meeting to be held at Pisgah F.W.B. Church, Canton, N.C. May 3, 1980.

Nominating Committee report given by Rev. William Vaughn and Bro. Charles Wise. MSC to accept report.

MSC to adjourn.

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee submit the following report:

Churches reporting

Offerings from Churches

18

\$319.18

Ministers reported	31
Ministers offering	23.00
Total offerings	372.96
Morning offering	30.78
Registered delegates	40
Registered visitors	6

Respectfully submitted
Harry Mintz

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator	Rev. Eddie Dollar
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Gene Deaton
Clerk	Mrs. Patsy Rice
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Grace Stafford
Treasurer	Miss Carrie Padgett
Assistant Treasurer	Mr. Bob Duckworth
Historian	Mrs. Lucille Lance
Assistant Historian	Miss Volena Wilson
Executive Board	Rev. Earl Bittle
	Rev. William Vaughn
	Rev. Paul Butler
Youth Director	Rev. Richard Calloway
Assistant Youth Director	Rev. Larry Hughes
Youth Camp Director	Mr. Bob Duckworth
Assistant Youth Camp Director	Rev. Roy Shehan
Youth Camp Treasurer	Mr. Bob Duckworth
Assistant Youth Camp Treasurer	Rev. Roy Shehan

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. William Vaughn
Rev. Jack Moses
Mr. Charles Wise

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE YEAR 1978-1979

TREASURER'S REPORT - MAY 4, 1979

Amount in Treasury - May 1, 1978	\$ 226.41
Amount Received this Year	2,058.00
Sub-Total	\$2,284.41

Disbursements:

Clerk's Salary	125.00
Postage for Clerk	86.00
Registration Fee	55.00
For Youth at State Competition	
Graphic Associates - Printing of Minutes, Letterhead, Envelopes, and Copies made	683.50
Travel Expense - Ordaining Council and	164.73

Executive Board	
Rev. Chuck Branch - Youth Revival	200.00
Total Disbursements	\$1,314.23
Balance in Treasury - April 30, 1979	\$ 970.18
Student Loan Fund - Balance March 31, 1979	\$ 711.07

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, we have all enjoyed the many blessings of the Lord upon us at this session, such as the wonderful preaching, singing, and fellowship, etc. WHEREAS, we were given a warm welcome into this beautiful church building by the host pastor

WHEREAS, we have enjoyed the delicious food prepared for us by the ladies of this fine church,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church and pastor and to all who had a part in making this annual session a great success.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we give glory and thanks to God, who, through His Son and our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, made it all possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jack Sprinkle

Rev. Carl Cook

Rev. Edward Kirkpatrick

REPORTS OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council met Saturday, July 29, 1978 at the Cedar Hill F.W.B. Church. We submit the following recommendations:

1. That Rev. Richard Calloway be licensed.
2. That Rev. John Chandler's license be renewed for another year.
3. That Rev. Roy Waldrop, a duly ordained minister since 1954 in the Broad Association be accepted as a minister in the Blue Ridge Association.

Submitted by

Rev. J. C. Lynn

Rev. Carl Cook

Rev. Elmer Keener

Rev. Wayne Smith

The Ordaining Council met at Cedar Hill F.W.B. Church October 28, 1978. We recommend the following:

1. That Rev. Freddie McCracken's license be renewed for another year.
2. That Rev. Duane Cassida be licensed.

Submitted by

Rev. J. C. Lynn

Rev. Wayne Smith

Rev. James Coffey

The Ordaining Council met Saturday, January 27, 1979 at 10:00 A.M. at Cedar Hill F.W.B. Church.

The meeting was opened with scripture - Psalms 118:24 - Prayer by Rev. Randy Stone.

We recommend:

1. That Rev. Randy Stone, pastor of Calvary F.W.B. Church, Swannanoa, N.C., be accepted a member of Blue Ridge Association in good standing, pending a letter of recommendation from South Carolina Conference.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. James Coffey.

Submitted by
Rev. J. C. Lynn
Rev. Elmer Keener
Rev. Carl Cook
Rev. James Coffey

The Ordaining Council met Saturday, April 28, 1979 at Cedar Hill F.W.B. Church.

We recommend:

1. That Rev. Oliver Cagle be ordained.

Submitted by
Rev. J. C. Lynn
Rev. Carl Cook
Rev. Wayne Smith

REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive board met with Oakley Community Chapel May 11, 1978. Present were Rev. Earl Bittle, Rev. Jack Moses, Rev. Paul Butler, and Rev. Clemmet Heath. Rev. Bittle addressed the church concerning their joining the association.

Rev. Jack Moses preached "the first church" Acts 2:37-47

Rev. Bittle related to the church that we did not have enough to make a decision and explained purpose of the association to the church (promote and further God's kingdom by national unity)

Vote to be taken by church at Sunday meeting and if they decide to join, then will petition the association by letter.

Rev. Bittle questioned concerning the practice of tongues and apostasy.

No questions from church to executive board.

Meeting then turned over to Pastor Hensley.

Patsy Rice, Clerk

The Executive Committee met July 10, 1978 at Swannanoa F.W.B. Church with six members present: Rev. Earl Bittle, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Mrs. Patsy Rice, Miss Carrie Padgett, Rev. Paul Butler, and Rev. Clemmet Heath. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Bittle. Rev. Clemmet Heath led in prayer.

M.S.C. that Rev. Hollifield attend next meeting of Ordaining Council and that a letter be written from the Executive Board to the Ordaining Council advising them of their authority referring them to Article 10, Section B of the Constitution of the Blue Ridge Association.

Rev. Bittle advised the Board that Duane Cassida had resigned as Youth Director. M.S.C. that Rev. Gene Deaton serve as Youth Director and Rev. Richard Calloway as Assistant Youth Director.

Program for first quarterly meeting was planned.

M.S.C. to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Paul Butler.

Patsy Rice, Clerk

The Executive Committee met October 3, 1978 at the Hushpuppy in Morganton, N.C. with seven members present: Rev. Earl Bittle, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Mrs. Patsy Rice, Miss Carrie Padgett, Rev. Paul Butler, Rev. Clemmet Heath, and Rev. Jack Moses. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Milton Hollifield.

Prayer by Rev. Milton Hollifield

MSC that next Blue Ridge Associational meetings be as follows:

Holly Grove F.W.B. Church — 2nd quarterly meeting — Nov. 4, 1978

Homer's Chapel F.W.B. Church — 3rd quarterly meeting — Feb. 3, 1979

Meadowbrook F.W.B. Church — annual meeting — May 4 & 5, 1979

Program for 2nd quarterly meeting was planned.

MSC to appoint Lewis Melton, Jr. as Youth Director and to ask Rev. Larry Hughes to advise him regarding competition, etc.

MSC that Rev. Gene Deaton replace Rev. Frank Cantrell on Educational Study Committee.

MSC to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Miss Carrie Padgett.

Patsy Rice, Clerk

The Executive Committee met January 8, 1979 at the Swannanoa F.W.B. Church with six members present: Rev. Earl Bittle, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Mrs. Patsy Rice, Miss Carrie Padgett, Rev. Jack Moses, and Rev. Paul Butler.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Bittle.

Prayer by Miss Carrie Padgett.

Program for 3rd quarterly meeting was planned.

MSC to write Connelly Springs Church and invite them to our next quarterly meeting. The following recommendations to be made to the Association:

1. That the Youth for Master program be reinstated.
2. That we have an associational youth revival to be held at the following locations:

Monday Evening Service - Morganton

Tuesday Evening Service - Marion
Wednesday Evening Service - Swannanoa
Thursday Evening Service - Asheville
Friday Evening Service - Canton

3. That Rev. Chuck Branch conduct the services and that the revival be scheduled for March.

MSC to adjourn.

Rev. Paul Butler dismissed in prayer.

Patsy Rice, Clerk

The Executive Committee met April 2, 1979. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Bittle. There were six member present: Rev. Earl Bittle, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Mrs. Patsy Rice, Miss Carrie Padgett, Rev. Jack Moses, and Rev. Paul Butler.

Prayer by Rev. Jack Moses.

The Steve Lytle fund has gone in the red and since he is from our Association, the Executive Committee feels that this is our responsibility. We therefore recommend to the Association that we designate 25% of the income of the Association to their account.

We recommend that we omit the national and state church letter system of reporting to the Association and go back to the original method Program for annual meeting was planned.

Dismissed in prayer by Miss Carrie Padgett.

Patsy Rice, Clerk

REPORTS OF THE EDUCATIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE

Educational Study Committee met at Homer's Chapel F.W.B. Church, Friday, January 5, 1979 at 7:00 P.M. with three members present: Rev. Earl Bittle, chairman; Rev. Elish Fish, and Rev. William Vaughn.

After discussion, recommendation was made that we contact Brother Bobby King of the Piedmont Bible Institute and that the committee meet with him and the Institute to get some ideas and information which would be helpful for the establishing of our Blue Ridge Bible Institute.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Brother Fish.

On January 22, 1979, the Educational Study Committee met with Rev. Bobby King of the Piedmont Bible Institute. Members present: Rev. Earl Bittle, Rev. William Vaughn, Rev. Elish Fish, Rev. Paul Butler, and Rev. Randy Stone as proxy for Rev. Gene Deaton.

The Committee sat in on one class and later met with Brother King and discussed our intentions. The information that we were able to get was very limited since Brother King was not the founder of the Institute.

We recommend that the Blue Ridge Association organize the Bible Institute in the May 4, 1979 meeting at which time the Committee will offer the cur-

riculum to be used, officers and teachers to be installed, a promotional man to promote it among our associational churches and other local associations, a date to begin classes, and where the Institute should be located.

May 4, 1979

The Educational Study Committee recommends the following Bible Institute proposals:

1. The official name of the institute shall be the Blue Ridge Free Will Baptist Bible Institute.
2. Board of Trustees:
Rev. Larry Hughes (May 1980)
Rev. William Vaughn (May 1981)
Rev. Eddie Dollar (May 1982)
Louis Melton, Jr. (May 1983)
Rev. Gene Deaton (May 1984)
3. Officers:
President - Rev. Wayne Smith
Registrar - Rev. Randy Stone
Secretary/Treasurer - Ellen Neilson
4. Location:
Meadowbrook F.W.B. Church, Black Mountain, N.C.
5. Schedule:
The opening semester to begin September 10, 1979 at 7:00 P.M.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

ASHEVILLE, Asheville, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Elish Fish, Route 3, Box 820 A, Candler, N. C. 28715. Clerk: Mrs. Edna Marlowe, 5 Elkmont Terrace, Asheville, N. C. 28804. S. S. Supt: James Marlowe, 31 Success Avenue, Asheville, N. C. 28806. W. A. Pres: Mrs. Frances Rathburn, 66 Pelzer Street, Asheville, N. C. 28804. Church membership 61, members lost 2, average S. S. attendance 29, no. classes 6.

EVERY'S CREEK, Arden, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Richard Swann, 84 Rosman Highway, Brevard, N. C. 28712. Clerk: Carolyn Swann, 4 Mildred Apts., Asheville, N. C. 28806. S. S. Supt: Gaylord Coy, Asheville, N. C. Deacon Board Chairman: Thorton Coy, Route 1, Avery's Creek Road, Arden, N. C. 28704. Church membership 54, members added 2, members lost 1, average S.S. attendance 20, no. classes 2.

CALVARY, Swannanoa, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Randy Stone, 300 Stonewall Avenue, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. Clerk: Genevieve Robertson, 15 Sunset Drive, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. S. S. Supt: David Ray, Route 1, Box 336, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. W. A. Pres: Genevieve Robertson, 15 Sunset Drive, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. Deacon Board Chairman: James Brotherton, 125

Stone Drive, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. Church membership 299, members added 7, members lost 19, no. baptisms 13, average S. S. attendance 160, no. classes 13.

CANTON, Canton, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Larry Hughes, P. O. Box 1346, Canton, N. C. 28716. Clerk: Helen Hamlett, 26 Flint Street, Canton, N. C. 28716. S. S. Supt: Donald B. Allen, Jr., P. O. Box 1239, Canton, N. C. 28716. C.T.S. Director: Bruce Sutton, 190 Academy Street, Canton, N. C. 28716. W. A. Pres: Mrs. Velma Harkins, 13 Holtzclaw Street, Canton, N. C. 28716. Master's Men Pres: Douglas Patton, Route 2, Box 67D, Clyde, N. C. Deacon Board Chairman: Collie Clark, P. O. Box 116, Clyde, N. C. Church membership 300, members added 5, members lost 8, no. baptisms 5, average S. S. attendance 139, no. classes 13.

CEDAR HILL, Asheville, N. C. Pastor: Rev. J. C. Lynn, 227 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, N. C. 28806. Clerk: Mrs. Maude King, 405 Deaverview Road, Asheville, N. C. S. S. Supt: Ernest Burleson, 34 Huffman Road, Asheville, N. C. 28806. C.T.S. Director: James Cole, Brooks Branch Road, Leicester, N. C. Church membership 136, members lost 3, no. classes 7.

FAIRVIEW, Marion, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Jack Sprinkle, Route 1, Box 39B, Marion, N. C. 28752. Clerk: Mae Miller, Route 1, Box 403, Marion, N. C. 28752, S. S. Supt: Danny Forbes, Route 1, Marion, N. C. 28752. W. A. Pres: Virginia Sprinkle, Route 1, Box 390 B, Marion, N. C. 28752. Master's Men Pres: Howard Toney, Route 1, Nebo, N. C. 28752. Deacon Board Chairman: Frank Lavendar, Route 1, Box 390 A, Marion, N. C. 28752. Church membership 78, members added 3, no. baptisms 9, average S. S. attendance 87, no. classes 7.

FIRST, Black Mountain, N. C. Pastor: Rev. William S. Vaughn, Box 117, Old Fort, N. C. Clerk: Robert Ledbetter, Box 406 A, McCoy Cove Road, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. S. S. Supt: Chuck Burnette, Craigmont Road, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. W. A. Pres: Emmaline Ledbetter, Box 406 A, McCoy Cove Road, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. Deacon Board Chairman: Tim Gregg, Old Ridgecrest Highway, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. Church membership 34, members added 4, members lost 5, no. baptisms 12, average S. S. attendance 45, no. classes 4.

FIRST, Lenoir, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Jack Moses, Route 8, Box 559 C, Morganton, N. C. Clerk: Mrs. Jeanne Deul, Route 11, Box 154 A, Lenoir, N. C. 28645. S. S. Supt: Everett Hutchings, 220 Mt. Herman Road, Lenoir, N. C. 28645. Deacon Board Chairman: Everett Hutchings, 220 Mt. Herman Road, Lenoir, N. C. 28645. Church membership 68, members added 7, no. baptisms 7, average S. S. attendance 53, no. classes 7.

FIRST, Marion, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Eugene Deaton, 250 Baldwin Avenue, Marion, N. C. 28752. Clerk: Joseph Loftis, Route 6, Box 362, Marion, N. C. 28752, S. S. Supt: Arnold Presnell, Nebo, N. C. C.T.S. Director: Johnny Hughes, Marion, N. C. 28752. W. A. Pres: Martha Taylor, Marion, N. C. 28752. Deacon Board Chairman: Wade Fox, Marion, N. C. 28752. Church membership 198, members added 11, members lost 3, no. baptisms 1, average S. S. attendance 141, no. classes 14.

FIRST, Spruce Pine, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Arthur Buchanan, Route 3, Box 488, Spruce Pine, N. C. 28777. Clerk: Evelyn Ollis, Route 2, Box 176, Spruce

Pine, N. C. 28777. S. S. Supt: Robert Lee Jones, Route 2, Box 615, Spruce Pine, N. C. 28777. Deacon Board Chairman: Lynn Hughes, Route 3, Box 447, Spruce Pine, N. C. 28777. Church membership 44, members lost 4, no baptisms 4, average S. S. attendance 63, no. classes 5.

HARRIETT MEMORIAL, Caroleen, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Eddie Dollar, Box 385, Caroleen, N. C. 28019. Clerk: Mrs. Barbara Fowler, Box 601, Caroleen, N. C. 28019. S. S. Supt: Frank Turner, Box 328, Caroleen, N. C. 28019. W. A. Pres: Mrs. James Coffey, Route 2, Box 123 C, Forest City, N. C. 28043. Deacon Board Chairman: Alton Conner, Route 1, Forest City, N. C. 28043. Members added 10, members lost 16, no. classes 11.

HOLLY GROVE, Waynesville, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Carl Cook, 111 Ivey Hills, Waynesville, N. C. 28786. Clerk: Brenda Barnes, 117 Rogers Drive, Waynesville, N. C. 28786. S. S. Supt: Lowell Browning, Jr., Fuller Circle, Waynesville, N. C. 28786. C. T. S. Director: Ray Wyatt, Big Cove Circle, Waynesville, N. C. 28786. W. A. Pres: Brenda Barnes, 117 Rogers Drive, Waynesville, N. C. 28786. Master's Men Pres: Lowell Browning, Jr., Fuller Circle, Waynesville, N. C. 28786. Deacon Board Chairman: Lewis Buchanan, Big Cove, Waynesville, N. C. 28786. Church membership 131, members added 5, members lost 1, no. baptisms 5, average S. S. attendance 62, no. classes 8.

HOMER'S CHAPEL, Black Mountain, N. C. Clerk: Glenda Mundy, 107 Rainbow Lane, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. S. S. Supt: Larry Presnell, P. O. Box 662, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. W. A. Pres: Judy Grogan, 111 Rainbow Lane, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. Deacon Board Chairman: Roland Slone, 100 W. Keesler Avenue, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. Church membership 196, members added 6, members lost 12, no. baptisms 3. average S. S. attendance 120, no. classes 8.

MEADOWBROOK, Black Mountain, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Wayne Smith, 314 Altamahaw Street, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711, Clerk: Mrs. Helen Shook, 135 Fountain Way, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. S. S. Supt: Calvin Runion, 17 Meadowlark Road, Asheville, N. C. 28805. C.T.S. Director: Lewis Melton, Jr., Route 1, Box 459, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. W. A. Pres: Mrs. Faye Wise, 100 Portman Villa Road, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. Deacon Board Chairman: Oval Shook, 135 Fountain Way, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. Church membership 188, members added 43, no. baptisms 38, average S. S. attendance 150, no. classes 12.

MORGANTON, Morganton, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Paul Butler, Route 12, Box 100, Morganton, N. C. 28655. Clerk: Ann Thompson, 206 Phillips Street, Morganton, N. C. 28655. S. S. Supt: Paul Branch, Jr., 504 S. Sterling Street, Morganton, N. C. 28655. W. A. Pres: Etta Butler, Route 12, Box 100, Morganton, N. C. 28655. Deacon Board Chairman: Otis Thompson, 206 Phillips Street, Morganton, N. C. 28655. Church membership 50, members added 5, members lost 10, average S.S. attendance 50, no. classes 7.

NOWLINGS CHAPEL, Morganton, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Roy Shehan, Route 6, Box 74, Morganton, N. C. 28655. Clerk: Beulah Norville, 108 Logan Street, Morganton, N. C. 28655. S. S. Supt: Charles Davis, Route 8, Box 506, Morganton, N. C. 28655. W. A. Pres: Jerri Ann Shehan, Route 6, Box 74, Morganton, N. C. 28655. Deacon Board Chairman: Charles Davis, Route 8, Box 506, Morganton, N. C. 28655. Church membership 82, members added

6, members lost 4, average S.S. attendance 75, no. classes 7.

PISGAH, Canton, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Harry Mintz, Route 2, Canton, N.C. 28716. Clerk: Mrs. Elizabeth Pless, Route 2, Canton, N. C. 28716. S. S. Supt: Tally Heatherly, Route 2, Canton, N. C. 28716. W. A. Pres: Edith Mintz, Route 2, Canton, N. C. 28716. Church membership 60, members added 6, members lost 9, no. baptisms 6, average S. S. attendance 65, no. classes 7.

SWANNANOVA, Swannanoa, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Milton Hollifield, P. O. Box 281, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. Clerk: Clara Mae Ogle, 133 Dellwood Avenue, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. S. S. Supt: J. D. Lewis, 405 Reger Road, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. W. A. Pres: Janie Hall, Eastwood Avenue, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. Deacon Board Chairman: John Ogle, Jr., 133 Dellwood Avenue, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. Church membership 600, members added 9, members lost 20, no. baptisms 4.

WALNUT, Marshall, N. C. Clerk: Barbara Shelton, Route 4, Box 34 A, Marshall, N. C. 28753. S. S. Supt: Allen Stines, Route 7, Marshall, N. C. 28753. W. A. Pres: Dorothy Cody, Route 5, Box 212, Marshall, N. C. 28753. Deacon Board Chairman: Gordon Treadway, Route 5, Marshall, N. C. 28753. Church membership 25, no. classes 3.

ZEPHYR HILLS, Asheville, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Clemmet Heath, 283 Shelbourne Road, Asheville, N. C. 28806. Clerk: Mrs. Bynum Lance, 283 Shelbourne Road, Asheville, N. C. 28806.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Arthur Buchanan: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 1, communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 5, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 2, amount received for pastoral duties \$3,620, amount received for revivals \$218.00.

Rev. Paul Butler: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 3, no. conversions 15, communion and footwashing services 1, marriages 1, funerals 1, amount received for pastoral duties \$9,250.00, amount received for revivals \$545.00, amount received for other ministerial duties \$98.00.

Rev. Richard Calloway: no. conversions 20, no. baptisms 1.

Rev. William Duane Cassida: Student at F.W.B. Bible College.

Rev. James Coffey: Communion and footwashing services 1, no. funerals 9, amount received for other ministerial duties \$508.40.

Rev. Carl Cook: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 1, conversions 17, communion and footwashing services 1, baptisms 5, marriages 0, funerals 10.

Rev. Gene Deaton: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 2, conversions several, communion and footwashing services 2, baptisms 4, marriages 3, funerals 4, amount received for pastoral duties \$10,000.

Rev. Eddie Dollar: Churches pastored 1, conversions 11, communion and

footwashing services 2, baptisms 10, marriages 1, funerals 2, amount received for pastoral duties \$9,800.00.

Rev. Elisha Fish: Churches pastored 2 communion and footwashing services 3, funerals 1.

Rev. Floyd C. Frisbee: no. conversions 3, marriages 3, funerals 1.

Rev. Garland Green: marriages 1

Rev. Elmer C. Hensley: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 1, conversions 20, communion and footwashing services 1, baptisms 5, funerals 3, amount received for pastoral duties \$300.00.

Rev. Milton Hollifield: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 2, conversions 35, communion and footwashing services 2, baptisms 4, marriages 1, funerals 15.

Rev. Larry Hughes: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 2, conversions 25, communion and footwashing services 2, baptisms 5, marriages 4, funerals 8.

Rev. Elmer Keener: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 2, conversions 7, communion and footwashing services 2, baptisms 6, marriages 1, funerals 8, amount received for pastoral duties \$3000.00, amount received for revivals \$275.00.

Rev. James C. Lynn: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 2, communion and footwashing services 4, marriages 4, funerals 5.

Rev. Doug Mathis: conversions 6, communion and footwashing services 1, baptisms 1.

Rev. Harry Mintz: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 4, conversions 42, baptisms 7, funerals 3, amount received for pastoral duties \$6,110.00, amount received for revivals \$765.00.

Rev. John Moore: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 1, conversions 8, communion and footwashing services 1, baptisms 5, marriages 2, funerals 2, amount received for pastoral duties \$1,290.00.

Rev. Jack Moses: Churches pastored 1, conversions 14, communion and footwashing services 2, baptisms 7, funerals 4, amount received for pastoral duties \$3,500.00, amount areceived for other ministeral duties \$100.00.

Rev. Warren Reece: Churches pastored 1, funerals 2, amount received for pastoral duties \$946.85, amount received for other ministeral duties \$40.00.

Rev. Roy Shehan: Churches pastored 1, conversions 6, communion and footwashing services 1, marriages 8, funerals 12, amount received for pastoral duties \$9,600.00.

Rev. Wayne Smith: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 2, conversions 42, communion and footwashing services 2, baptisms 42, marriages 3, funerals 5.

Rev. Jack Sprinkle: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 3, conversions 24, communion and footwashing services 2, baptisms 7, marriages 3, funerals 6, amount received for pastoral duties \$9,120.00, amount received for revivals \$300.00, amount received for other ministerial duties \$20.00.

Rev. Randal Stone: Churches pastored 1, baptisms 6.

Rev. Richard Swann: Churches pastored 1, communion and footwashing services 3, funerals 2, amount received for pastoral duties \$1,200.00, amount received for other ministerial duties \$20.00.

Rev. William Vaughn: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 2, communion and footwashing services 2, baptisms 12, marriages 4, funerals 5.

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 known 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 delegate.

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 period.

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.

E. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and accurate record of the proceedings of the Association in a businesslike 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 for services rendered - an amount fixed by the Association. 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 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, except the Nominating Committee which shall be appointed at the third quarterly meeting. 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 Association, 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 licensing anyone for ministry, 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, and serve in that capacity for a minimum of one year before he can be ordained.

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, catholicism, 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 \$1.00 and shall submit a report at each annual meeting.

Tabled till annual to delete

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 Hastings's Rules of Order.

Article 15

This Association shall meet annually on 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 one (1) hour before the Association meetings.

Tabled to change @ annual.

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 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. 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 doctrine, for re-proof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.

3. **ORIGINAL APOSTASY:** We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into reprobity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat, gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat." (Genesis 3:6)

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)

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. **PERSERVERENCE:** We do not believe, under gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and finally be lost. "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough

and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." (luke 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 Christian baptism is the immersions of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without faith in the Subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4)

11. **THE LORD'S SUPPER:** We believe the supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." (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 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.

Association Living

35 % Gen fund .
15 % Mission
10 % Education
10 % Youth
30 % Minister Retirement

100 %

Ordination Report -

Churches now license all preachers, instead of the Association.

Sept. 15, F.W.B.B.G. Dinner @ S. & W. Cafeteria 7 p.m. Ashland

