

27th Annual Session
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
of the
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
Held at the
Swannanoa F.W.B. Church
Swannanoa, N.C.
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Clifford Shetley	Rt. 5, Box 152, Marshall, N. C. 28753	
Wayne Smith	314 Altamahaw St., Black Mountain, N. C. 28711	704/669-2217
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CHURCH DELEGATES

CEDAR HILL - Bonnie Williams, James Cole, Martha Spivey, Ruth Burleson,
Bron Spivey, Earnest Burleson, John Pearce
FAIRVIEW - Betty Miller, Bonnie Lavender, May Miller, Virginia Sprinkle,
Elsie Wall, Daniel Forbes, Herman Wall
HARRIETT MEMORIAL - Paula Dollar, Bea Coffey
MORGANTON - Ann Thompson, Etta Butler
PISGAH - Christine Littrell, C.L. Murray
ROCKY PASS - Perry McKinney, Starline Sowers, Bobby Cloer, Harvey
Hollifield, Elizabeth Hollifield
SPRUCE PINE - Sara Hughes, Mrs. Lynn Hughes
SWANNANOA - Bob Duckworth, Denice Thomas, Robert Thomas, Edith
Messer, Cline Messer, Opal Slagle, Joyce Metcalf
WALNUT - Kenneth Lewis

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Arthur Buchanan, Paul Butler, Oliver Cagle, James Cotley, Carl Cook, Gene
Deaton, Eddie Dollar, Elish Fish, Garland Green, Calvin Grogan, Clemmet
Heath, Tally Heatherly, Elmer Hensey, Milton Hollifield, Larry Hughes, Elmer
Keener, Bob Littrell, J. C. Lynn, Doug Mathis, Wayne Miller, Harry Mintz,
John Moore, Jack Moses, Warren Reece, Ted Reynolds, Winfred Roland, Roy
Shehan, Clifford Shetley, Wayne Smith, Jack Sprinkle, Randy Stone, Richard
Swann, William Vaughn, Jerry Williams, James Waldrop

VISITORS WHO REGISTERED

Rev. Guy Owens, Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Buck Riffe, Carrie Padgett,
Janice Penland, Madge Runion, Jeff Runion, Ina Brown, John Ogle, Josephine
Stevens, Flora Morgan

1ST QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting with
NOWLINGS CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH - MORGANTON, N.C.
August 4, 1979

Congregational singing led by Rev. James Coffey
Prayer - Rev. Jack Moses
Morning devotion-Rev. Doug Mathis
Welcome - Rev. Roy Shehan, host pastor
Response - Rev. Gene Deaton
Roll call of churches, ministers, and recognition of visitors.
23 ministers, 13 delegates registered. Visiting ministers were Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. David Chambers.
Moderator read By-Laws
Executive Committee report given by Mrs. Patsy Rice
MSC to accept report
MSC to table motion regarding Article 12
MSC to table motion regarding changing By-Laws to read as Rules of Decorum
MSC to grant Rev. Gordon Walker a letter of recommendation to the Foothills Association.
Treasurers report given by Miss Carrie Padgett
MSC to accept report
Ordaining Council report given by Rev. Wayne Smith
MSC to accept report
MSC to table motion regarding Article 17 until annual meeting
Youth Camp report given by Rev. Milton Hillifield
MSC to accept report
Rest Home report given by Rev. Milton Hollifield
MSC to accept report
Educational Study Committee report given by Rev. Wayne Smith
MSC to accept report
State Home Mission report given by Rev. Gene Deaton
MSC to adjourn.
Worship Hour:
 Congregational singing led by Rev. James Coffey
 Special Singing by the Nowlings Chapel Youth Choir
 Message by Rev. Eddie Dollar

A note of special thanks to the ladies of Nowlings Chapel for preparing a delicious lunch. It was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

**2ND QUARTERLY MEETING
OF THE
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
of the
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
Meeting with
MORGANTON F.W.B. CHURCH, MORGANTON, N. C.
November 3, 1979**

Congregation singing led by Rev. James Coffey
Morning devotion - Rev. Roy Waldrop
Welcome: Rev. Paul Butler, host pastor
Response - Rev. Roy Shehan
Roll Call of churches, ministers and recognition of visitors
23 ministers, 24 delegates and 4 visitors registered
Moderator read By-Laws
Youth Camp report given by Bro. Bob Duckworth
MSC to accept report
Treasurer's report given by Miss Carrie Padgett
MSC to accept report
Youth report given by Rev. Larry Hughes
State Mission report given by Rev. Larry Hughes
MSC to accept reports
Bible Institute report given by Rev. Wayne Smith
MSC to accept report
Ordaining Council report given by Rev. Wayne Smith
MSC to accept report
Rest Home report given by Rev. Elish Fish
MSC to accept report
Executive Committee report given by Patsy Rice
MSC to accept report
MSC to adjourn
Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jack Moses
Worship Hour:
 Congregational singing led by Rev. James Coffey
 Special singing by the Branch Family
 Message by Rev. Larry Hughes

27TH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting with
SWANNANOA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Swannanoa, N. C.
May 3, 1980

The 27th annual session was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. James Coffey.

Prayer by Rev. Bob Littrell

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

Nominating Committee - Rev. James Coffey (Chair.) Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Jack Moses

Credentials Committee - Rev. Randy Stone (Chair.) Rev. Richard Swann, Miss Carrie Padgett

Resolutions Committee - Rev. John Moore (Chair.) Rev. Roy Waldrop, Rev. Bob Littrell

Morning devotion by Rev. Arthur Buchanan

Welcome by Rev. Ted Reynolds, host pastor

Response by Rev. Larry Hughes

Roll call of churches, ministers and recognition of visitors

Executive Committee report given by Mrs. Patsy Rice.

MSC to accept report

MSC to table amendment of Article 9 until afternoon session.

MSC to remove tabled articles to be voted on as follows:

Article 12 - Deleting the phrase "with a donation of \$1.00" MSC

Change By-Laws to read as Rules of Decorum. MSC

Article 17 - Change article to read "The Ordaining Council will meet, as duty demands, one week prior to the associational meetings." MSC

Article 16 - Change article to read: This Association recommends that each church pay quarterly, one percent of their income for the support of this Association, to be designated as follows:

General Fund	35%
Missions	15%
Educational	10%
Youth	10%
Ministers Retirement	30%

MSC

Partial Credentials Committee report given by Rev. Randy Stone

MSC to accept report.

Treasurers report given by Miss Carrie Padgett

MSC to accept report

Youth report given by Rev. Larry Hughes.

MSC to accept report

Youth camp report given by Bro. Bob Duckworth

MSC to accept report

Blue Ridge Bible Institute report given by Rev. Wayne Smith

MSC to accept report

State Missions report given by Rev. Gene Deaton

MSC to accept report
Rest Home report given by Rev. Milton Hollifield
MSC to accept report
MSC to adjourn

Worship Hour:

Congregational singing led by Rev. Eddie Dollar
Prayer by Rev. Richard Swann
Special singing by Jeff Runion
Message by Rev. Randy Stone, Calvary F.W.B. Church, Swannanoa, N. C.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing led by Rev. Eddie Dollar
Prayer by Rev. Elmer Keener
Devotion by Rev. Oliver Cagle

Ordaining Council report given by Rev. Wayne Smith
MSC to accept report
Rev. Guy Owens, N. C. minister at large, gave a report of his work.
Resolutions Committee report given by Rev. John Moore.
MSC to accept report
Credentials committee report given by Rev. Randy Stone
MSC to accept report
Nominating Committee report given by Rev. James Coffey
MSC to accept report
MSC to remove Article 9 from table to be amended as follows:

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. If business deems it necessary, the Executive Board will meet, otherwise, the Moderator and Assistant Moderator will plan the quarterly programs. 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.

MSC

MSC to give Moderator the authority to appoint delegates to represent the Blue Ridge Association at the North Carolina State Association.
Next quarterly meeting to be held at the Walnut Free Will Baptist Church
MSC that first quarterly meeting be scheduled to meet August 9, 1980.
MSC to adjourn.

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**Annual Meeting - May 3, 1980****FINANCIAL REPORT**

Amount in Treasury - May 1, 1979	\$	970.18
Amount Received this Year	\$	2,313.49
Youth Fund	\$	
10% Allocation to Fund	\$	168.42
Paid to Youth Treasurer		168.42
Balance		-0-

Educational Loan Fund (In Savings)

Amount in Savings - April 30, 1979	713.99
10% Allocation to Fund	168.42
Interest Added	33.46
	915.87

Local Missions Fund (In Savings)

15% Allocation to Fund	\$	252.61
Interest Added		2.24
	\$	254.85

Minister's Retirement Fund (In Savings)

30% Allocation to Fund	\$	505.25
Interest Added		4.48
	\$	509.73

General Fund

35% Allocation to Fund	\$	2,188.97
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Disbursements:

Blue Ridge Bible Institute	230.78	
Typewriter for Clerk	145.41	
Bible Book Store (Reporting Forms)	4.43	
Clerk's Salary	125.00	
Post Cards and Stamps (Clerk)	45.00	
State Association (Representation Fee)	25.00	
National Association (Registration Fees)	125.71	
(For Meadow Fork, Swannanoa, Cedar Hill)		
Foreign Missions (Steve & Judy Lytle)	553.38	
Graphic Associates (Minutes, copies, Envelopes)	519.07	
Travel and Phone Expense		360.66
(Ordaining Council and Executive Board)		
Total	\$	2,134.44
Fund Balance	\$	54.53

REPORTS**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

The Credentials Committee submit the following report:

Churches reporting	17
Offerings from churches	\$587.02
Ministers reported	38
Ministers offering	\$39.00
Morning offering	\$54.00
Total offerings	\$680.02
Registered delegates	36
Registered visitors	11

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Randy Stone (Chair.)
 Rev. Richard Swann
 Miss Carrie Padgett

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee submits and recommends the following:

Ordaining Council member	Rev. Harry Mintz (1985)
Executive Board members	Rev. Larry Hughes
	Rev. Randal Stone
	Rev. C. F. Sprinkle
Youth Director	Rev. Jerry Williams
Assistant Youth Director	Rev. Larry Hughes
Blue Ridge Bible Institute Trustee	Rev. Roy Shehan (1985)

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. James Coffey (Chair.)
 Rev. Wayne Smith
 Rev. Jack Moses

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, we the members of the Blue Ridge Association have enjoyed the blessing of meeting together at this 1980 annual meeting and being blessed by the wonderful fellowship, singing, preaching and the Lords business, etc.

WHEREAS, we were warmly received by the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Church and welcomed by the pastor

WHEREAS, we have enjoyed the delicious food prepared for us by the fine ladies of the 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 all glory and praise to God our Father, who through His Son and our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, and leadership of the Holy Spirit, made it possible

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. John Moore (Chair.)
 Rev. Roy Waldrop
 Rev. Bob Littrell

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met July 2, 1979 with 7 members present: Rev. Eddie Dollar, Rev. Gene Deaton, Mrs. Patsy Rice, Miss Carrie Padgett, Rev. Earl Bittle, Rev. Paul Butler, and Rev. William Vaughn.

Our first quarterly meeting was re-scheduled to meet at Nowlings Chapel, Morganton, N. C. and our program was planned.

MSC that Article 16 of our Blue Ridge Constitution be put into practice and that every church make an effort to bring 1% of its income to each quarterly meeting to be designated as follows:

General Fund	35%
Missions	15%
Educational	10%
Youth	10%
Ministers Retirement	30%

MSC that last sentence of Article 12 of our Constitution be changed to read as follows: Each minister shall report in person or by letter at each meeting and shall submit a report at each annual meeting. This is deleting the \$1.00 donation.

MSC that By-Laws be changed to read as Rules of Decorum.

MSC to adjourn.

Patsy Rice, Clerk

Upon request by the pastor, Rev. Johnny Marler, the Executive Committee met with Union Valley F.W.B. Church, August 2, 1979. Both the Church and pastor are considering joining the Blue Ridge Association and wanted information regarding our association. Rev. Dollar read parts of the constitution and articles of faith of the church. The Executive Committee then answered questions. The church then voted to let the deacons decide whether or not they were to join. This meeting was scheduled for Thursday night. The meeting was then adjourned.

Patsy Rice, Clerk

The Executive Committee met October 4, 1979 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Marion, N. C. with the following members present: Rev. Eddie Dollar, Rev. Gene Deaton, Miss Carrie Padgett, Mrs. Patsy Rice, Rev. Paul Butler, and Rev. William Vaughn.

The program for the next quarterly meeting was planned.

MSC that the 1% contribution from each church be designated as follows:

General Fund	35%
Missions	15%
To be used for local missions only.	
Educational Fund	10%

To be a loan fund set up on a promissory note with 1% interest to be paid as soon as possible with first payment being no later than 3

months upon graduation or leaving school, or if the student goes to mission field, the Association will absorb this expense.

Youth 10%

To go to the youth treasurer for their expenses.

Ministers Retirement Fund 30%

For the first year, this money will be put into savings, then Committee will present the Association with a proposal for distribution.

MSC to adjourn.

Rev. Vaughn dismissed in prayer.

The Executive Committee met January 14, 1980 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Marion, N. C. with 6 members present: Rev. Eddie Dollar, Rev. Gene Deaton, Mrs. Patsy Rice, Miss Carrie Padgett, Rev. Paul Butler, and Rev. William Vaughn.

The program for our 3rd quarterly meeting was planned.

We recommend that Article 9 of the Constitution and By-Laws be amended as follows:

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. If business deems it necessary, the Executive Board will meet, otherwise, the Moderator and Assistant Moderator will plan the quarterly programs. 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.

MSC to adjourn

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Vaughn.

Patsy Rice, Clerk

The Executive Committee met April 8, 1980 in Marion, with six members present: Rev. Eddie Dollar, Rev. Paul Butler, Rev. William Vaughn, Rev. Earl Bittle, Miss Carrie Padgett, and Mrs. Patsy Rice.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Earl Bittle.

The program for annual meeting was planned and lunch was enjoyed by all.

MSC to adjourn.

Mrs. Patsy Rice, Clerk

The Ordaining Council met November 3, 1979 at the Morganton Free Will Baptist Church. We recommend the following:

1. That we receive Rev. Bob Littrell into the Blue Ridge Association under the care of the Association until the annual meeting in May 1980.

2. That Rev. Ted Reynolds be received into the Blue Ridge Association pending a letter from Palmer Association.
3. That Rev. Johnny Marler be received into the Blue Ridge Association pending a letter from the French Broad Association.
4. That Union Valley F.W.B. Church be received into the Blue Ridge Association.
5. That Sulphur Springs F.W.B. Church be received into the Blue Ridge Association.
6. That Rev. Fred Freeman, a F.W.B. minister who is a member of the Fairview F.W.B. Church be reinstated in the Blue Ridge Association.

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

The Ordaining Council met May 3, 1980 at the Swannanoa F.W.B. Church. We submit the following recommendations:

1. That Rocky Pass F.W.B. Church, Marion, N. C. be reinstated as a member of the Blue Ridge Association.
2. That Rev. Bob Littrell be ordained.
3. That Rev. Jerry Williams be accepted a member in the Blue Ridge Association in good standing pending a letter of recommendation from Georgia Union Association.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Wayne Smith Rev. James Coffey
 Rev. Carl Cook

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

ASHEVILLE, Asheville, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Elish Fish, Route 3, Box 82-A, Candler, N. C. 28715. Clerk: Mrs. Edna Marlowe, 55 Elkmont Terrace, Asheville, N. C. 28804. S.S. Supt.: James R. Marlowe, 31 Success Avenue, Asheville, N. C. 28806. W.A. Pres.: Mrs. Jacquelyn Fish, Route 3, Box 82-A, Candler, N. C. 28715. S.S. attendance 31, no. classes 6.

AVERY'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: Thornton Coy, Route 1, Avery's Creek Road, Arden, N. C. 28704. Church membership 58, members added 6, members lost 1, average S.S. attendance 20, no. classes 3.

CALVARY, Swannanoa, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Randy Stone, U. S. Highway 70, 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. Church membership 249, members added 2, members lost 11, no baptisms 2, average S.S. attendance 133, no. classes 14.

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 Allen, P. O. Box 1239, Canton, N. C. 28716. C.T.S. Director: Bruce Sutton, 190 Academy Street, Canton, N. C. 28716. W.A. Pres.: Iona Briley, 108 Holtzclaw Street, Canton, N. C. 28716. Master's Men Pres.: Donald Allen, P. O. Box 1239, Canton, N. C. 28716. Deacon Board Chairman: Collie Clark, P.O. Box 116, Clyde, N. C. Church membership 300, members added 2, members lost 1, no. baptisms 7, average S.S. attendance 133, no. classes 14.

CEDAR HILL, Asheville, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Jerry Williams, 227 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, N. C. 28806. Clerk: Maude King, 405 Deaverview Road, Asheville, N. C. 28806. S.S. Supt: Ernest Burleson, 34 Huffman Road, Asheville, N. C. 28806. Deacon Board Chairman: Earnest Burleson, 34 Huffman Road, Asheville, N. C. 28806. Church membership 146, members added 9, members lost 1, average S.S. attendance 42.

FAIRVIEW, Marion, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Jack Sprinkle, Route 1, Box 390 B, Marion, N. C. 28752. Clerk: Mae Miller, Route 1, Box 403, Marion, N. C. 28752. S.S. Supt.: Ralph Hollifield, Route 1, Nebo, N. C. C.T.S. Director: Rev. Wayne Miller, Route 1, Marion, N. C. 28752. W.A. Pres.: Mrs. Janie Wilson, Route 1, Marion, N. C. 28752. Master's Men Pres.: Mr. Howard Toney, Route 1, Nebo, N. C. Deacon Board Chairman: Mr. Danny Forbes, Route 1, Nebo, N. C. Church membership 87, members added 6, members lost 0, no baptisms 9, average S.S. attendance 97, no. classes 9.

FIRST, Black Mountain, N. C. Pastor: Rev. William Vaughn, P.O. Box 117, Old Fort, N. C. Clerk: Juanita Byrd, 608 Black Mountain Avenue, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. S.S. Supt.: William Burnette, 519 Craigmont Road, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. W.A. Pres.: Beth Rumpfelt, Black Mountain, N. C. Church membership 40, members added 10, no. baptisms 10, average S.S. attendance 50, no. classes 4.

FIRST, Lenoir N. C. Pastor: Rev. Jack Moses, Route 8, Box 559 C, Morganton, N. C. 28655. Clerk: Olene Hutchings, 220 Mt. Herman Road, Lenoir, N. C. 28645. S.S. Supt: Everett Hutchings, 220 Mt. Herman Road, Lenoir, N. C. 28645. Deacon Board Chairman: Everett Hutchings. Church membership 66, members added 5.

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. W.A. Pres.: Martha Taylor, Marion, N. C. Church membership 201, members added 9, members lost 2, average S.S. attendance 142, no. classes 14.

FIRST, Spruce Pine, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Billy Sytles, Route 2, Box 280ccc, Marion, N. C. 28752. 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. W.A. Pres.: Mrs. Linton Branch, Route 3, Spruce Pine, N. C. 28777.
Deacon Board Chairman: Lynn Hughes, Route 3, Box 447, Spruce Pine, N. C.
28777. Church membership 47, members added 3, no. baptisms 4, average S.S.
attendance 59, 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: Frank Turner, Box 328, Caroleen, N. C. 28019.
Church membership 200, no. baptisms 2, members lost 18, average S.S.
attendance 125, no. classes 11.

HOMER'S CHAPEL, Black Mountain, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Harry Mintz, 124
Oakland Drive, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. Clerk: Mary Walker, Route 1,
Box 306A, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. S.S. Supt.: Larry Presnell, P. O. Box
662, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. W.A. Pres.: Ellen Beaver, Black Mountain,
N. C. 28711. Church membership 179, members added 6, members lost 9,
average S.S. attendance 94, no. classes 7.

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,
Route 1, Box 459, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. W.A. Pres.: Mrs. Louise
Rhinehart, 109 Dalton Street, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. Deacon Board
Chairman: Oval Shook, 135 Fountain Way, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. Church
membership 271, members added 83, members lost 1, no. baptisms 59, average
S.S. attendance 175, no. classes 13.

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 45, members
added 4, members lost 3, no. baptisms 4.

NOWLINGS CHAPEL, Morganton, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Roy Shehan, Route 8,
Box 506, Morganton, N. C. 28655. Clerk: Beulah Norville, 108 Logan Street,
Morganton, N. C. 28655. S.S. Supt.: Charles Davie, Route 8, Box 506,
Morganton, N. C. 28655. W.A. Pres.: Jerry 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 79, members added 2,
members lost 4, average S.S. attendance 70, no. classes 7.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Waynesville, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Oliver Cagle, Route 3,
Box 219, Canton, N. C. 28716.

SWANNANOVA, Swannanoa, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Ted Reynolds, 202 Park Street, 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.: Mrs. Janie Hall, 129 Eastwood Avenue, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. Deacon Board Chairman: John Ogle, Jr., 133 Dellwood Avenue, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. Church membership 573, members added 9, members lost 51, no. baptisms 6, average S.S. attendance 131, no. classes 18.

WALNUT, Marshall, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Mike Tweed, 7 Sourwood Lane, Asheville, N. C. 28805. Clerk: Mrs. Virginia Metcalf, 108 Johestown Road, Asheville, N. C. 28804. S.S. Supt.: Allen Stines, Route 7, Box 32, Marshall, N. C. 28753. W.A. Pres.: Dorothy Cody, Route 5, Box 212, Marshall, N. C. Deacon Board Chairman: Gordon Treadway, Route 5, Marshall, N. C. 28753. Church membership 81, members added 4, members lost 2, average S.S. attendance 25, no. classes 3.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Arthur Buchanan: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 2, no. conversions 9, communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 7, no. marriages 2, no. funerals 1.

Rev. Paul Butler: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 3, no. conversions 12, no. baptisms 4, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 5.

Rev. James C. Coffey: Revivals conducted 1, communion and footwashing services 1, no. funerals 3.

Rev. Carl W. Cook: Churches pastored 2, communion and footwashing services 1, no. funerals 11.

Rev. Gene Deaton: Churches pastored 1, no. baptisms 6, no. marriages 7, no. funerals 8.

Rev. Eddie Dollar: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 1, no. conversions 10, communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 2, no. funerals 3.

Rev. Elisha Fish: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 1, communion and footwashing 1.

Rev. Garland Green: No. conversions 2, communion and footwashing services 1.

Rev. Calvin Grogan: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 3, no. conversions 10, no. funerals 3.

Rev. Tally Heatherly, Route 2, Canton, N.C.

Rev. Elmer Hensley: Churches pastored 1, no. conversions 6, communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 2, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 1.

Rev. Larry Hughes: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 1, no. conversions 10, communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 1, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 2.

Rev. Elmer Keener: Churches pastored 2, no. conversions 13, communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 2, no. funerals 7.

Rev. B. D. Littrell: Churches pastored 1, no. conversions 1, communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 1, no. funerals 5.

Rev. James C. Lynn, Sr.: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 3, no. conversions 30, communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 0, no. marriages 5, no. funerals 8.

Rev. Douglas Mathis: No. conversions 2, communion and footwashing services 1.

Rev. Wayne Miller: No. conversions 3, communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 4, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 1.

Rev. Harry Mintz: Churches pastored 2, revivals conducted 4, no. conversions 36, communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 6, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 3.

Rev. John C. Moore: Revivals conducted 1, no. conversions 11, communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 13, no. funerals 2.

Rev. Jack Moses: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 1, no. conversions 26, communion and footwashing services 1, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 1.

Rev. Warren Reece Sr.: Churches pastored 1, no. conversions 1.

Rev. Ted Reynolds: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 5, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 5.

Rev. Winfred Roland: No. funerals 2.

Rev. Roy Shehan: Churches pastored 1, no. conversions 10, communion and footwashing services 1, no. marriages 8, no. funerals 3.

Rev. Wayne Smith: Churches pastored 1, no. conversions 70, communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 57, no. marriages 4, no. funerals 5.

Rev. Jack Sprinkle: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 2, no. conversions 24, communion and footwashing services 3, no. baptisms 19, no. marriages 3, no. funerals 5.

Rev. Randal Stone: Churches pastored 1, no. conversions 1, communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 2, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 4.

Rev. Richard Swann: Churches pastored 1, communion and footwashing services 3, no. baptisms 5, no. funerals 3.

Rev. William Vaughn: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 2, communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 10, no. marriages 4, no. funerals 6.

Rev. Roy Waldrop, 87 Elkmont Drive, Asheville, N.C.

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. If business deems it necessary, the Executive Board will meet, otherwise, the Moderator and Assistant Moderator will plan the quarterly programs. 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 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 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 quarterly, one percent of their income for the support of this Association, to be designated as follows: General Funds 35%, Missions 15%, Education 10%, Youth 10%, Ministers Retirement 30%.

Article 17

The Ordaining Council will meet, as duty demands, one week prior to the Associational meetings.

Article 18

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

RULES OF DECORUM

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. **PERSISTENCE:** 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.” (I 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.” (I Corinthians 9:14)

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in the solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusement and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to “provide things honest in the sight of all men.”

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

We shall not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world, And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

