

28th Annual Session

of the

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

of the

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held at the

Sulphur Spring F.W.B. Church

Waynesville, N.C.

May 2, 1981

MODERATOR

Rev. Eddie Dollar

CLERK

Mrs. Patsy Rice



MINUTES
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CLERK
MRS. PATSY RICE

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Rev. James Coffey 1982	Rev. J. C. Lynn 1983
Rev. Wayne Smith 1984	Rev. Harry Mintz 1985
Rev. Paul Butler 1986	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Jerry Williams (CH)	Rev. Ted Reynolds	Rev. Harry Mintz
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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Gene Deyton (Chair.)	Rev. Larry Hughes	Rev. Eddie Dollar
Miss Carrie Padgett	Rev. C. F. Sprinkle	Rev. John Moore
	Rev. Oliver Cagle	

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. J. Swann	Miss Carrie Padgett	Rev. Carl Cook
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YOUTH FOR THE MASTER

Rev. Larry Hughes	Rev. Jerry Williams
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YOUTH CAMP

Mr. Bob Duckworth (Director)	Rev. Roy Shehan (Asst.)
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Rev. Eddie Dollar 1982	Mr. Lewis Melton, Jr. 1983
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Rev. Elisha Fish, Jr. 1986	

ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCHES AND PASTORS

1. Asheville	Rev. Elish Fish	Asheville, N. C.
2. Avery's Creek	Rev. R. J. Swann	Arden, N. C.
3. Calvary	Rev. Randal Stone	Swannanoa, N. C.
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5. Cedar Hill	Rev. Jerry Williams	W. Asheville, N. C.
6. Fairview	Rev. C. F. Sprinkle	Marion, N. C.
7. First Black Mountain	Rev. W. S. Vaughn	Black Mtn., N. C.
8. First Lenior	Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick	Lenior, N. C.
9. First Marion	Rev. Eugene Deaton	Marion, N. C.
10. First Spruce Pine	Rev. Billy Styles	Spruce Pine, N. C.
11. Harriett Memorial	Rev. Eddie Dollar	Caroleen, N. C.
12. Homer's Chapel	Rev. Harry Mintz	Black Mtn., N. C.
13. Meadowbrook	Rev. Wayne Smith	Black Mtn., N. C.
14. Meadow Fork		Hot Springs, N. C.
15. Morganton	Rev. Paul Butler	Morganton, N. C.
16. Nowlings Chapel	Rev. Roy Shehan	Morganton, N. C.
17. Oakley Chapel	Rev. Elmer Hensley	Asheville, N. C.
18. Pisgah	Rev. Bob Littrell	Canton, N. C.
19. Rocky Pass	Rev. Milton Hollifield	Marion, N. C.
20. Shelby	Rev. Fred Baynard	Shelby, N. C.
21. Sulphur Springs	Rev. Oliver Cagle	Waynesville, N. C.
22. Swannanoa	Rev. Ted Reynolds	Swannanoa, N. C.
23. Walnut	Rev. Talley Heatherly	Walnut, N. C.
24. Zephyr Hills	Rev. Clement Heath	Asheville, N. C.

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Arthur Buchanan	Rt. 3, Box 488, Spruce Pine, N.C. 28777	765-7517
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James C. Lynn	P.O. Box 417, Candler, N.C. 28715	667-0158
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Harry Mintz	124 Oakland Drive, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711	669-2343
John Moore	48 Raleigh Road, Asheville, N.C. 28803	274-2936
Jack Moses	Rt. 8, Box 559, Morganton, N.C. 28655	584-1863
Mark Penley		
Warren Reece	220 Virginia Ave., Asheville, N.C. 28804	254-6654
George Reynolds	111 Kerlee Street, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711	669-7455
Ted Reynolds	202 Park Street, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778	686-5391
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Danny Runion	Moorehead City, N.C.	
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Ray Wiseman	820 Craigmont Road, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711	
Harvey Dupree	P. O. Box 1346, Canton, N. C. 28716	

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Wayne Burnett, Paul Butler, Oliver A. Cagle, James Coffey, Carl Cook, Gene Deyton, Eddie Dollar, Elisha Fish, Garland Greene, John C. Gaddy, Clement Heath, Elmer Hensley, Milton Hollifield, Larry Hughes, Allen Jackson, Elmer Keener, Bob Littrell, Doug Mathis, Wayne Miller, Harry Mintz, John Moore, Jack Moses, Ted Reynolds, Clifford Shetley, Wayne Smith, Jack Sprinkle, Randy Stone, Richard Swann, William Vaughn, Jerry Williams, James Waldrop.

CHURCH DELEGATES

Avery's Creek - Lonnie Gaspenson, Margaret Gaspenson, Thurton Coy
Cedar Hill - James Cole
Fairview - Mae Miller, Virginia Sprinkle, Bonnie Lavender, Charles Hunsinger
Harriett Memorial - Mrs. Bea Coffey
First Marion - Martha Taylor, Venia Martin, Lillie Harris
First Spruce Pine - Sarah Hughes, Charles Hughes, Addie Hughes
Meadowbrook - Mildred Smith
Pisgah - Christine Littrell
Resurrection - John Gaddy
Zephyr Hills - Flora Morgan, Volena Wilson

VISITORS

Rev. Ronald Creech, Rev. Guy Owens, Miss Carrie Padgett

1ST QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting with
WALNUT F.W.B. CHURCH, WALNUT, N. C.
August 9, 1980

Congregational singing led by Rev. Eddie Dollar
Prayer - Bro. Bob Duckworth
Morning Devotion - Rev. Elmer Hensley
Welcome - Bro. Gordon Treadwell
Response - Rev. Roy Shehan
Roll call of churches, ministers and recognition of visitors.
21 ministers, 21 delegates registered. Visiting ministers were Rev. Allen Jackson, and Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick
Treasurer's report given by Miss Carrie Padgett
MSC to accept report.
MSC that churches contributing to the Blue Ridge Association be listed in treasurer's report.
Youth camp report given by Bro. Bob Duckworth
MSC to accept report.
Ordaining Council report given by Rev. Wayne Smith
MSC to accept report
MSC that Ordaining Council will meet after roll call of churches and this to be included in program.
Rest Home reports given by Rev. Milton Hollifield and Rev. Elish Fish.
MSC to accept reports
Home Mission report given by Rev. Gene Deaton
MSC to accept report.
Blue Ridge F.W.B. Bible Institute report given by Rev. Wayne Smith
MSC to accept report.
MSC that following officers be installed:
 Youth Camp Director - Bro. Bob Duckworth
 Assistant Youth Camp Director - Rev. Clement Heath
 Youth Camp treasurer - Bro. Bob Duckworth
 Assistant Youth Camp treasurer - Rev. Clement Heath
MSC to adjourn

Worship Hour:

Congregational singing led by Rev. Eddie Dollar
Special singing by church trio
Message by Rev. Clement Heath
Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Wayne Smith

A special note of thanks to the ladies of the Walnut F.W.B. Church for the delicious refreshments and lunch enjoyed by all.

2ND QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
of the
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
Meeting with
ZEPHYR HILLS F.W.B. CHURCH, ASHEVILLE, N. C.
November 1, 1980

Congregational singing led by Rev. Eddie Dollar
Prayer by Rev. Jerry Williams
Morning Devotion - Rev. Wayne Miller
Welcome - Rev. Clement Heath, Host Pastor
Response - Rev. Jerry Williams
Roll call of churches, ministers and recognition of visitors
24 ministers, 21 delegates registered
Treasurer's Report given by Miss Carrie Padgett
MSC to accept report
Youth report given by Rev. Jerry Williams
MSC to accept report
MSC to stop payment on all outstanding checks payable to youth and re-issue
sending to Rev. Jerry Williams
State Mission report given by Rev. Gene Deaton
MSC to accept report
Blue Ridge Bible Institute report given by Rev. Randy Stone
MSC to accept report
Rest Home report given by Rev. Elish Fish
MSC to accept report
MSC to raise \$10,000 by July 1981 for Steve Lytle. Rev. Ted Reynolds to be in
charge, assisted by Rev. Randy Stone. Organizational meeting to be held to
discuss ways of raising money.
MSC to send Rev. Louis Coscia \$200.
Ordaining Council report given by Rev. Clement Heath
MSC to accept report
Youth Camp report given by Rev. Clement Heath
MSC to accept report
MSC to adjourn.
Worship Hour:
Congregational singing led by Rev. Eddie Dollar
Message by Rev. Roy Shehan

A special note of thanks to the ladies of the Zephyr Hills F.W.B. Church for the
delicious lunch.

3RD QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
of the
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
Meeting with
ROCKY PASS F.W.P. CHURCH, MARION, N. C.
February 7, 1981

Congregational singing
Prayer by Rev. Elish Fish
Morning Devotion - Rev. Roger Tripp, Hickory, N. C.
Welcome - Rev. Milton Hollifield, Host Pastor
Response - Rev. C. F. Sprinkle
Roll call of churches, ministers and recognition of visitors
18 ministers, 25 delegates, and 10 visitors registered
Treasurer's report given by Miss Carrie Padgett
MSC to accept report
State Mission report given by Rev. Roger Tripp
MSC to accept report
Youth report given by Rev. Jerry Williams
MSC to accept report
Youth Camp report given by Bro. Bob Duckworth
MSC to accept report
Ladies Auxiliary report given by Mrs. Martha Taylor
MSC to accept report
Bible Institute report given by Rev. Larry Hughes and 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. J.C. Lynn and Rev. Milton Hollifield
MSC to accept report
Steve Lytle project report given by Rev. Ted Reynolds
Rev. Louis Coscia gave report and testimony of his work in Brazil.
Moderator appointed Nominating Committee:
 Rev. Jerry Williams, Chairman
 Rev. Ted Reynolds
 Rev. Harry Mintz
Annual meeting is to be held at Sulphur Springs F.W.B. Church,
Waynesville, N. C. May 2, 1981.
MSC to adjourn
Worship Hour:
 Special Music - Church Trio
 Message - Rev. Herman Hersey

A special note of thanks to the ladies of the church for the delicious meal enjoyed by everyone.

28TH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting with
SULPHUR SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
WAYNESVILLE, N.C.
May 2, 1981

MORNING SESSION

The 28th Annual Session was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Eddie Dollar.

Rev. Jack Moses opened our Annual Association with prayer.

Our moderator, Rev. Eddie Dollar, appointed the following committees:

Resolutions Committee - Rev. Randy Stone (Chair.) Rev. James Coffey
Rev. Gene Deyton

Credentials Committee - Rev. Richard Swann (Chair.) Rev. Carl Cook
Miss Carrie Padgett.

Morning devotions by Rev. Paul Butler (Acts 2:1-7)

Welcome by Rev. Oliver Cagle Host Pastor

Response by Rev. Bob Litterall

Executive Committee report given by Mrs. Patsy Rice

MSC to accept her report.

MSC to table change of Article 16 until afternoon session.

Treasurer's report was given by Miss Carrie Padgett

MSC to accept her report.

Youth report was given by Rev. Jerry Williams

MSC to accept his report.

Blue Ridge Bible Institute report was given by Rev. Wayne Smith, President of B.R.B.I.

MSC to accept his report.

Roll call of Churches, Ministers and Recognition of Visitors

Visitors - Rev. Fred Baynard Shelby Free Will Baptist Church

Rev. Ronald Creech F.W.B. Bible College

Rev. John Guddy and Rev. Guy Owens

State Missions report was given by Rev. Gene Deyton

MSC to accept his report.

Rest Home report was given by Rev. Milton Hollifield.

MSC to accept his report.

Partial Credentials Committee report was given by Rev. Richard Swann

MSC to accept his report.

Mission Project for Rev. Steve Lytle was given by Rev. Ted Reynolds

MSC to accept his report.

MSC to send a letter to the Goshen F.W.B. Church for their contribution toward the Steve Lytle Fund.

MSC to give our moderator authority to appoint delegates to N.C. State Association.

Nominating Committee report was given by Rev. Jerry Williams

MSC to accept his report.

MSC to adjourn for worship service.

Rev. Elisha Fish dismissed in prayer.

Worship Hour:

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Eddie Dollar.

Message by Rev. Ronald Creech was stirring and challenging to each one who attended this session.

Afternoon Service:

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Eddie Dollar.

Prayer was by Rev. C.F. Sprinkle.

Devotion was given by Rev. Wade Paryler.

Credentials Committees complete report was given by Rev. Richard Swann.

MSC to accept his report.

Ordaining council report was given by Rev. Wayne Smith.

MSC to accept his report.

Executive Committee members were elected as follows:

Rev. C.F. Sprinkle Rev. John Moore Rev. Oliver Cagle

Resolutions Committee report was given by Rev. Randy Stone.

MSC to accept his report.

MSC that the 1st Quarter's Meeting August 1, 1981 be changed to August 8, 1981 due to conflict with Summer Camp.

MSC to remove from the table Article 16 to be amended as follows:

This Association recommends that each church pay quarterly one percent of their income for the support of the Association to be designated as follows:

(1) Percentage change-

General Fund - 35%

Missions - 25%

Educational - 10%

Youth (For Master) - 20% ,

Ministers Retirement - 10%

(2) and that Ministers Retirement be changed to Ministers Benevolent Fund.

MSC to give a rising vote of thanks to our outgoing moderator Rev. Eddie Dollar and present our new moderator Rev. Gene Deyton.

1982 Annual Session will be at Canton F.W.B. Church.

MSC to adjourn.

Rev. Eddie Dollar dismissed in prayer.

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee submitted the following report:

Churches Reporting	18
Offerings from Churches	\$725.24
Ministers Reported	33
Ministers Reports	17
Delegates Registered	30
Total Offerings	\$774.04
Visitors Registered	3

Respectively submitted:
Rev. Richard Swann
Miss Carrie Padgett

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee submits and recommends the following:

Moderator - Rev. Gene Deyton
Assnt. Moderator - Rev. Larry Hughes
Clerk - Rev. Eddie Dollar
Assnt. Clerk - Mrs. Patsy Rice
Treasurer - Miss Carrie Padgett
Assnt. Treasurer - Mr. Bob Duckworth
Historian - Miss Volena Wilson
Ordaining Counsel - Rev. Paul Butler (1986)
Youth Director - Rev. Larry Hughes
Assnt. Youth Director - Rev. Jerry Williams
Blue Ridge Bible Institute - Trustee - Rev. Elisha Fish (1986)

Respectively submitted:
Rev. Jerry Williams
Rev. Ted Reynolds
Rev. Harry Mintz

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

No. 1

Whereas, we the members of the Blue Ridge Association have enjoyed the blessing of meeting together at this 1981 annual meeting and being blessed by the wonderful fellowship, singing, preaching, and the Lord's business, etc;

Whereas, we were warmly received by the Sulphur Springs Church and welcomed by the pastor; and;

Whereas, we have enjoyed the delicious food prepared for us by the fine ladies of the church, therefore;

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, and;

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 the leadership of the Holy Spirit, made it possible.

No. 2

Whereas, the educational materials used in our public schools are becoming increasingly characterized by profanity, pornography, and violence, and;

Whereas, such materials are detrimental to the moral and spiritual well being of our children, therefore;

Be it resolved, that we, the Blue Ridge Association of Original Free Will Baptist, do strongly oppose the use of such materials in our public schools.

No. 3

Whereas, abortion is a continuing blight upon our civilized society, and; Whereas, it is a constant issue in our fair state of North Carolina, and;

Whereas, the Word of God most clearly condemns the murder of the innocent, therefore;

Be it resolved, that we, the Blue Ridge Association of Original Free Will Baptist do strongly oppose and abhor the murder of innocent unborn children and any state assistance given for the purpose of perpetuating this sin.

No. 4

Whereas, the King James Version has been a valuable and trustworthy translation of the Word of God for many centuries, and;

Whereas, excessive criticism of this version could lead some to doubt its validity and authority, therefore;

Be it resolved, that, though we understand the process and the problems of transferring the Word of God from our language to another, we, the Blue Ridge Association of Original Free Will Baptist, do hereby declare our sincere concern for the recent article in the Contact Magazine entitled, "King James Version."

Respectively submitted,

Randy Stone (Chair.)

Gene Deyton

James Coffey

Whereas, the TV programs are becoming worse each day with profanity, pornography, and violence, and;

Be it resolved, that we, go on record as opposing this and we encourage our pastors to send petitions to the necessary authorities who can inform the sponsors of our opposition to such programs.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met April 2, 1981 at Calvary F. W. B. Church with the following members present: Rev. Eddie Dollar, Mrs. Patsy Rice, Rev. Larry Hughes, Rev. C. F. Sprinkle, and Rev. Randy Stone.

The annual program was planned.

We recommend the Moderator have the authority to appoint delegates for the N. C. State Association.

We recommend changing Ministers Retirement Fund to Ministers Benevolent Fund, leaving the discretion of Executive Committee distribution of funds to needy ministers and/or widows. We further recommend that Benevolent Fund receive 10% (previously 30%) and the 20% we are deducting be divided between Mission and Youth Funds, making last sentence of Article 16 of our Constitution and By-Laws to read as follows: General Fund 35%, Missions 25%, Education 10%, Youth Fund 20%, Ministers Benevolent Fund 10%.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Randy Stone.

Mrs. Patsy Rice, Clerk

The Ordaining Council met at Walnut F.W. B. Church, August 9, 1980. We recommend the following:

1. That we receive Rev. Allen Jackson into the Blue Ridge Association, pending letter of recommendation from Foothills Association.
2. That we give Holly Grove F.W.B. Church a letter of recommendation for the purpose of uniting with the Foothills Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Wayne Smith
Rev. Harry Mintz
Rev. James Coffey

The Ordaining Council met at Rocky Pass F.W.B. Church, February 7, 1981. We recommended:

1. That Article 10, Section B, C, and D be read at every quarterly meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Wayne Smith
Rev. Harry Mintz
Rev. James Coffey
Rev. Carl Cook
Rev. J. C. Lynn

The Ordaining Council met at Zephyr Hills F.W.B. Church, November 1, 1980.
We recommend the following:

1. That Richard Calloway's name be dropped from roster.
2. That the Blue Ridge Association receive Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick into our fellowship pending letter of recommendation from Southwest Virginia Association.
3. That Rev. John Chandler's name be dropped from roster per his request.
4. That Rev. Earl Bittle be given a letter of recommendation for the purpose of uniting with Western Piedmont Association.
5. That Rev. Freddie McCracken be given a letter of recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Harry Mintz

Rev. Carl Cook

Rev. James Coffey

Rev. Clement Heath

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Annual Meeting - May 2, 1981
Financial Report

GENERAL FUND — 35%

Fund Balance - May 3, 1980	\$ 54.53
Amount Received for Year	1,542.08
	\$ 1,596.61

Disbursements:

Rev. Guy Owens	54.00	
Clerk's Salary	125.00	
Clerk's Expense	91.34	
State Association (Dues)	50.00	
Graphic Associates	505.08	
(Printing of Minutes, Programs)		
Charge for Printing new checks	4.25	
Travel Expense	38.20	
Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions	200.00	
Rev. Herman Hersey	100.00	
Riddle Flower Shop	34.60	
Total		1,202.47
Fund Balance		\$ 394.14

YOUTH FOR MASTER — 20%

Fund Balance - May 3, 1980	-0-
Amount Received for Year and Paid to Youth For Master	\$ 296.60
Fund Balance	-0-

LOCAL MISSION FUND — 25%

Fund Balance - May 3, 1980	\$ 254.85
Amount Received for Year	444.89
Interest Added	19.50
Fund Balance	\$ 719.24

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT FUND — 10%

Fund Balance - May 3, 1980	\$ 509.73
Amount Received for Year	889.76
Interest Added	38.97
Fund Balance	\$ 1,438.46

EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND - 10%

Fund Balance - May 3, 1980	\$ 915.87
Amount Received for Year	296.58
Interest Added	71.49
Fund Balance	\$ 1,283.94

	Amount This Quarter	Amount For Year
Asheville		81.91
Avery's Creek		73.52
Beaverdam		
Calvary		50.00
Canton		25.00
Cedar Hill		234.60
Fairview	105.02	406.99
First - Black Mountain	41.90	41.90
First - Lenoir		100.00
First - Marion	60.00	240.00
First - Spruce Pine		35.00
Harriett Memorial	111.58	334.23
Homer's Chapel		50.00
Marshall		10.00
Meadowbrook	25.00	75.00
Morganton	57.13	239.72
Nowling's Chapel	25.00	125.00
Oakley Chapel		39.00
Pisgah		70.28
Rocky Pass	112.60	567.29
Swannanoa	40.00	360.00
Walnut		10.00
Zepher Hills		
Sulphur Springs	50.00	100.00
Total	\$ 628.23	\$ 3,269.44

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

ASHEVILLE - Asheville, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Elisha Fish, Route 3, Box 82-A, Candler, N. C. 28715. Clerk: Mrs. Edna Marlowe, C-80 Ckeeria Lane, Asheville, N. C. 28803. S.S. Supt: Ronald Marlow, 31 Success Ave., Asheville, N. C. W.A. Pres.: Mrs. Ruth Reed, 91 Jonestown Rd., Asheville, N C. 28804. S. S. Attendance - 37, no. classes - 6, church membership - 70, members added - 4, members lost - 3.

EVERY'S CREEK - Arden, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Richard Swann, 84 Rosman Highway, Brevard, N.C. 28712. Clerk: Carolyn Swann, No. 4 Mildred Apt., Asheville, N. C. 28806. S. S. Supt.: Richard Swann, 84 Highway, Brevard, N. C. 28712. Deacon Board Chairman: Church membership - 53, members lost - 3, average - 55, attendance - 20, no. classes - 3.

CALVARY - Swannanoa, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Randy Stone, 300 Stonewall Ave., Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. Clerk: Genevieve Robertson, 15 Sunset Dr., Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. S.S. Supt.: David Ray, Rt. 1 Box 336, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. W.A. Pres.: Genevieve Robertson, 15 Sunset Drive, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. Church membership - 250, members added - 13, members lost - 17, no. baptisms - 6, S.S. Attendance - 120, no. classes - 14.

CANTON - Canton, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Harvey Dupree, 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, Glenn Cole, 32 Southwicke Drive, Arden, N. C. 28704. W.A. Pres.: Jennette Chastain, Rt. 4, Box 389, Canton, N. C. Masters Men Pres.: Donald Allen, Jr., 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 - 15, members lost - 19, no. baptisms - 8, average S.S. Attendance - 144, no. classes - 14.

CEDAR HILL - Asheville, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Jerry Williams, 227 Johnston Blvd. Asheville, N. C. 28806. Clerk: Mayde 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. Church membership - 148, members added - 8, members lost - 5, S.S. average attendance - 58, (C.T.S. Director - James Cole. W.A. Pres.: Mrs. Harold Wright, Old Newfound Rd.)

FAIRVIEW - Marion, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Jack Sprinkle, Route 1, Box 390-B Marion, N. C. 28752. Clerk: Mae Miller, Rt. 1, Box 403, Marion, N. C. 28752. S.S. Supt.: Ralph Hollifield, Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C. C.T.S. Director - Rev. Wayne Miller, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C. 28752. W.A. Pres.: Mrs. Janie Wilson, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C. 28752. Master's Men Pres.: Danny Forbes, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C. 28752. Church membership - 80, Deacon Board Chairman: Charles Hunginger, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C. 28752, no. baptisms - 4, average S.S. attendance - 100, no. classes - 10.

FIRST - Black Mountain, N. C. Pastor: Rev. William Vaughn, P.O. Box 17, Old Fort, N. C. Clerk: S.S. Supt.: Chuck Burnett, Black Mountain, N. C. Members added - 10, no. baptisms - 10, S.S. enrollment - 40, no. classes - 3.

FIRST - Lenoir, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rt. 2, Box 36, Nebo, N. C. 28761. Clerk: Olene Hutchings. Church membership - 63, members lost - 5.

FIRST - Marion, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Eugene Deaton, 250 Baldwin Avenue, Marion, N. C. 28752. Clerk: Joe Loftis, Rt. 6, Box 362, Marion, N. C. 28752. S. S. Supt.: Arnold Presnell, Nebo, N.C. 28752. W.A. Pres.: Martha Taylor, 725 Morris Street, Marion, N.C. 28752. Church membership - 215, members added - 8, members lost - 4, average S.S. attendance - 155, no. classes - 14.

FIRST - Spruce Pine, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Billy Styles, Rt. 2, Box 920, Marion, N. C. 28752. Clerk: Evelyn Ollis, Rt. 2, Box 176, Spruce Pine, N. C. 28777. S.S. Supt.: Billy Hughes, Rt. 3, Spruce Pine, N. C. 28777. W.A. Pres.: Mrs. Linton Branch, Rt. 3, Box 424, Spruce Pine, N. C. 28777. Deacon Board Chairman: Lynn Hughes, Rt. 3, Box 447, Spruce Pine, N. C. 28777. Church membership - 43, members lost - 6, average S.S. attendance - 55, no. classes - 5.

HARRIETT MEMORIAL - Caroleen, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Eddie Dollar, P.O. Box 385, Caroleen, N. C. 28019. Clerk: Mrs. Barbara Fowler, P.O. Box 601, Caroleen, N. C. 28019. S.S. Supt.: Frank Turner, P.O. Box 328, Caroleen, N. C. 28019. W.A. Pres.: Mrs. Paula Dollar, P. O. Box 385, Caroleen, N. C. 28019. Deacon Board Chairman: Frank Turner. Masters Men Pres.: Gary DeWeese, Rt. 5, Box 137-A, Forest City, N. C. 28043. Church membership - 200, no. baptisms - 2, members added - 11, members lost - 21, average S. S. attendance - 125, no. classes - 11.

HOMERS CHAPEL - Black Mountain, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Harry Mintz, 124 Oakland Drive, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. Clerk: Mary Walker, Rt. 1, Box 662, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. W.A. Pres.: Ellen Beaver, Black Mountain. Deacon Board Chairman: Mack Bartlett, Montreat, N. C. Church membership - 184, members added - 6, members lost - 3, average S.S. attendance - 94, no. classes - 7.

MEADOWBROOK - Black Mountain, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Wayne Smith, 204 Blue Ridge Road, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711. Clerk: Mrs. Helen Shook, 135 Fountain Way, Swannanoa, N. C. 28778. S.S. Supt.: John Mundy, 107 Rainbow Lane, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711. C.T.S. Director: Lewis Melton, Rt. 1, Box 455, Black Mountain, N. C. W.A. Pres.: Mrs. Mary Gregory, 110 Kerlee Heights, Black Mountain, N. C. Church membership - 238, members added - 8, members lost - 12, no. baptisms - 2, no. classes - 12.

MORGANTON - Morganton, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Paul Butler, Rt. 12, Box 100, Morganton, N. C. 28655. Clerk: Ann Thompson, 206 Phillips Street, Morganton, N.C. 28655. S.S. Supt.: Robert Souther, 112 North Street, Morganton, N. C. W.A. Pres.: Etta Butler, Rt. 12, Box 100, Morganton, N. C. Church membership - 39, members added - 6, members lost - 3.

NOWLINGS CHAPEL - Morganton, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Roy Shehan, Rt. 8, Box 506, Morganton, N.C. 28655. Clerk: Beulah Norville, 108 Logan Street, Morganton, N.C. S.S. Supt.: Charles Davie, Rt.8, Box 506, Morganton, N. C. W.A. Pres.: Jerrie Shehan, Rt. 6, Box 74, Morganton, N. C. Deacon Board Chairman: Charles David, Rt. 8, Box 506, Morganton, N.C. Church membership - 75, members added - 6, members lost - 1, average S. S. attendance - 75, no. classes - 7.

OAKLEY COMMUNITY CHAPEL - Asheville, N. C. Pastor: Rev. John Moore, 48 Raleigh Road, Asheville, N. C. 28803. Clerk: Timmothy Lee Angel, Rt. 9, Lot 41, Asheville, N.C. S.S. Supt.: Edd Hensley. Church membership - 23, members added - 14, members lost - 5.

PISGAH - Canton, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Bob Littrell, Rt. 2, Canton, N. C. 28716. Clerk: Elizabeth Pless, Rt. 2, Canton, N. C. S.S. Supt.: Jack Heatherly, Rt. 2, Canton, N. C. W.A. Pres.: Lucill Heatherly, Rt. 2, Canton, N. C. Church membership - 90, members added - 6, average S.S. attendance - 60, no. classes - 7.

ROCKY PASS - Nebo, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rt. 1, Box 144, Harmony Grove Road, Nebo, N. C. 28761. Clerk: Lucille Holland, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C. 28752. S.S. Supt.: Jerry McKinney, P.O. Box 1786, Marion, N. C. 28752. C.T.S. Director: Lloyd Lovik, Jr., Box 42, Ashworth Road, Marion, N. C. W.A. Pres.: Margaret Fox, P.O. Box 926, Marion, N.C. Deacon Board Chairman: Max Holland, Rt. 1, Box 89, Nebo, N.C. 28761. Church membership - 257, members added - 26, members lost - 5, average S.S. attendance - 200, no. classes - 16.

SWANNANOVA - Swannanoa, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Ted Reynolds, 202 Park Street, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. Clerk: Clara Mae Ogle, 133 Dellwood Ave., Swannanoa, N.C. S.S. Supt.: J.D. Lewis, 405 Reger Road, Swannanoa, N.C. W.A. Pres.: Janie Hall, 128 Eastwood Ave., Swannanoa, N.C. C.T.S. Director: French Lewis, P.O. Box 9421, Asheville, N.C. 28805. Deacon Board Chairman: John Ogle, 133 Dellwood Ave., Swannanoa, N.C. Church membership - 197, members added - 11, members lost - 176, no. baptisms - 5, average S.S. attendance - 112, no. classes - 16.

WALNUT - Marshall, N. C. Pastor: Talley Heatherly, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C. Clerk: Mrs. Virginia Metcalf, 108 Jamestown Road, Asheville, N.C. 28804. S.S. Supt.: Atten Stines, Route 7, Box 32, Marshall, N.C. 28753. W.A. Pres.: Dorothy L. Cody, Route 5, Box 212, Marshall, N.C. Deacon Board Chairman: Gordon Treadnoty, Rt. 5, Marshall, N.C. 28753. Church membership - 84, members added - 3, members lost - 10, average S.S. attendance - 40, no. classes - 3.

Churches not reporting: Beaverdam, Meadowfork, Union Valley, and Zephyr Hills.

MINISTER'S REPORT

Rev. Paul Butler: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 2, no. conversion 12, no. funerals 2.

Rev. James C. Coffey: Revivals conducted 3, no. funerals 2.

Rev. Carl W. Cook: Churches pastored 2, communion and footwashing 1, no. revivals conducted 1, no. of conversions 11, no. funerals 11.

Rev. Gene Deyton: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals conducted 4, no. communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 7.

Rev. Eddie Dollar: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 1, no. conversions 15, no. communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 5, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 5.

Rev. Elisha Fish: Churches pastored 1, no. communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 4, no. funerals 4.

Rev. Garland Green: no. marriages 1.

Rev. Elmer C. Hensley: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals conducted 1, no. conversions - 20, no. footwashing and communion 2, no. baptisms 6, no. marriages 2, no. funerals 18.

Rev. Milton A. Hollifield: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 2, no. conversions 25, no. communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 6, no. marriages 2, no. funerals 18.

Rev. Larry D. Hughes: Churches pastored 1, revivals conducted 3, no. of conversions 6, communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 8, no. marriages 2, no. funerals 6.

Rev. Allen Jackson: Churches pastored - 1, no. revivals conducted - 1, no. of conversions - 10, no. baptisms - 3, no. marriages - 6, no. funerals - 6.

Rev. Elmer Keener: Churches pastored - 1, no. of conversions - 7, no. of communion and footwashing services - 1, no. marriages - 1, no. funerals - 1.

Rev. Bob D. Littrell: Churches pastored - 1, no. revivals conducted - 1, no. of conversions - 5, no. communion and footwashing services - 3, no. baptisms - 4, no. marriages - 1, no. funerals - 3.

Rev. James C. Lynn, Sr.: (Rest Home) no. revivals conducted 1, no. of conversions 26, no. funerals 3.

Rev. Doug Mathis: No. conversions 4, no. communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 5.

Rev. Wayne Miller: (Asst. Pastor) No. of conversions 4, no. communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 6, no. marriages 2.

Rev. Harry Mintz: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals conducted 5, no. of communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 10, no. funerals 1.

Rev. John C. Moore: Churches pastored 1, no. of conversions 5, no. communion and footwashing services 1, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 1.

Rev. Jack Moses: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals conducted 1, no. of conversions 9, no. communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 4, no. of marriages 1, no. funerals 1.

Rev. C. F. Sprinkle: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals conducted 1, no. conversions 27, no communion and footwashing services 4, no. baptisms 6, no. funerals 2.

Rev. Randy Stone: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals conducted 2, no. of conversions 6, no. communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 6, no. marriages 2, no. funerals 5.

Rev. Richard J. Swann: Churches pastored 1, no. communion and footwashings services 3, no. baptisms 2, no. funerals 2.

Rev. Wayne W. Smith: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals conducted 2, no. baptisms 9, no. weddings 3.

Rev. William S. Vaughn: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals conducted 2, no. conversions 10, no. communion and footwashing service 2, no. baptisms 8, no. marriages 4, no. funerals 5.

Rev. Jerry W. Williams: Churches pastored 1, no. communion and footwashing services 4, no. baptisms 7, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 2.

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' 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 25%, Education 10%, Youth 20% Ministers Benevolent Fund 10%.

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. **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." (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.

BRIEF HISTORY OF ASHEVILLE F.W.B. CHURCH

Asheville Free Will Baptist Church was originally called New Bridge Chapel, and was organized on Feb. 1, 1914, by Rev. J. C. Crane and J. F. Rathbone. There were thirteen original charter members.

A lot was bought from Mrs. A. C. Reed. On Aug. 4, 1915, the deed was registered with J. E. Dockery and I. J. Grindstaff as trustees. A frame building was built and used until it became unsafe. In 1929 the present brick building was built.

Elisha Fish presently is the Pastor of this fine church on the outskirts of Asheville, North Carolina.

