

29th Annual Session

of the

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

of the

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held at the

Canton F.W.B. Church

Canton, N.C.

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Rev. Jerry Williams (Director)	Rev. Bob Littrell
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25. Swannanoa	Rev. Ted Reynolds	Swannanoa, N.C.
26. Zephyr Hills	Rev. Clement Heath	Asheville, N.C.

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MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Fred Baynard, Paul Butler, Oliver Cagle, James Coffey, Carl Cook, Joe L. Cutshaw, Eddie Dollar, Harvey Dupree, Elisha Fish, Garland Green, Elmer Hensley, T. A. Holder, Milton Hollifield, Allen Jackson, Gordon Johnson, Eddie Kirkpatrick, Bob Littrell, James C. Lynn, Wayne Miller, John Moore, Jack Moses, Ralph Reep, Ted Reynolds, Winfred Roland, C. F. Sprinkle, Randal Stone, Richard Swann, James Waldrop, Roy Waldrop, Gordon Walker, Jack Ward, Jerry Williams.

(Lists of church delegates and visitors misplaced.)

1ST QUARTERLY MEETING**of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION****Meeting with
ASHEVILLE F.W.B. CHURCH****August 8, 1981**

Congregational - Singing was led by Rev. James Coffey.

Prayer

Morning Devotion - Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick

Psalm 122:1 "Why go to the House of God?"

Welcome - Rev. Elisha Fish

Response - Rev. Harry Mintz

Roll call of churches, ministers and recognition of visitors.

30 Ministers 33 Delegates 5 Visitors

Moderator read the rules of decorum.

Treasurer's report was given by Miss Carrie Padgett.

MSC to accept report.

Ordaining council report was given by Rev. Wayne Smith.

MSC to accept report.

Rev. Larry Hughes was granted a letter to the Cumberland Association.

Shelby F.W.B. Church was received into our Association.

Rev. Gordon Johnson was received into our Association pending a letter from the Piedmont Association.

Rev. Fred Baynard was received into our Association.

Youth Camp report was given by Bob Duckworth.

MSC to accept report. Going back to Camp Hope.

Bible Institute report was given by Rev. Wayne Smith.

MSC to accept report.

Youth for the Master report was given by Rev. Jerry Williams.

MSC to accept report.

State Missions report was given by Rev. Gene Deaton.

MSC to accept report.

Rev. Roger Tripp from Hickory gave a report on the Hickory Mission.

Rest Home report was given by Rev. Milton Hollifield.

MSC to accept report.

Bible College report was given by Rev. Larry Hughes. (Information)

Ladies Auxiliary report was given by Mrs. Martha Taylor.

MSC to accept report.

Rev. Ted Reynolds gave a report that the Steve Lytle Fund was now completed.
\$7,470.00

MSC to adjourn.

Worship Hour:

Congregational singing led by Rev. James Coffey

Message by Rev. Jerry Williams, Ephesians 5:25-27 - "The Glorious Church"

Miscellaneous Business -

A nominating committee was appointed to fill all vacant offices:

Rev. Jack Sprinkle - chairman Rev. Harry Mintz Rev. Ted Reynolds

Moderator, Assistant moderator, Youth for the Master director, Youth Camp director, and Assistant director.

A special note of thanks to the ladies of the Asheville FWB for the delicious meal.

**2ND QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
of the
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
Meeting with
AVERY'S CREEK F.W.B. CHURCH
November 7, 1981**

Congregational - Singing led by Rev. James Coffey

Prayer - Rev. Wayne Smith

Morning Devotion - Rev. Harvey Dupree - Luke 3:15-17

Welcome - Rev. Richard Swann, Host Pastor

Response - Rev. Ted Reynolds

Roll Call of churches, ministers, and recognition of visitors.

19 Churches 30 Ministers 34 Delegates 4 Visitors

Treasurer's report was given by Miss Carrie Padgett.

MSC to accept report.

Bro. Steve Lytle gave a word of testimony and thanked the Association for raising the money for his automobile.

Youth Camp report was given by Mr. Bob Duckworth.

MSC to accept report.

Camp Hope. - Dates for 1982 - July 25-31 - Balance \$1,284.85

Youth for the Master report given by Rev. Jerry Williams.

MSC to accept report.

State Missions report was given by Rev. Gen Deaton.

MSC to accept report.

Bible Institute report was given by Rev. Wayne Smith.

MSC to accept report.

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

MSC to accept report.

Ordaining Council report was given by Rev. Wayne Smith.

MSC to accept report.

Doug Melton be licensed by First F.W.B. Church of Black Mountain for 1 year.

Rev. Ken Piercy from Shelby F.W.B. Church into our Association pending a letter from Western Piedmont.

Rev. Gordon Walker received into our Association pending a letter from the Foothills.

Rev. Harvey Dupree, pastor of Canton F.W.B. Church, be received into our Association pending a letter from Palmer.

Ralph McKinney will have a letter from his church in February.

Rev. Doug Mathis pastor of First F.W.B. of Shelby request by vote of the church to come back into the Blue Ridge Association from the Western Piedmont.

Miscellaneous Business:

Election of Officers for vacant offices:

Moderator: Rev. Milton Hollifield

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Elisha Fish

Director of Youth for the Master: Glenn Cole, Canton

Youth Camp Director: Rev. Jerry Williams

Assistant Youth Camp Director: Rev. Bob Littrell

Each church is to raise \$25.00 for the State Program and \$10.00 for the National Association by May. A total of \$35.00 will be sent to our Treasurer who will mail one check.

MSC to adjourn

Worship Hour:

Youth group from the Resurrection F.W.B. Church provided special music.

Rev. Tom Lilly brought message from Jude 20-21 and Revelation 2:1-4.

A special note of thanks to the ladies of Avery's Creek F.W.B. Church for a wonderful meal.

Morning Devotion - Rev. James F. Walker
 Psalm 122:1-5 "Why do we sit here?"
 Welcome - Rev. Elisha Fisk
 Response - Rev. Harry Smith
 Roll call of churches - Rev. Harry Smith
 30 Ministers
 Moderator read the rules of the Association
 Treasurer's report - Rev. Harry Smith
 MSC to accept report
 Ordaining council report - Rev. Harry Smith
 MSC to accept report
 Bro. Steve Lytle gave a report of his work in the field of evangelism during the past year.
 Shelby F.W.B. Church - Rev. Harry Smith
 Rev. Gordon Johnson - Rev. Harry Smith
 the Piedmont Association
 Rev. Fred Baynard - Rev. Harry Smith
 Youth Camp report - Rev. Harry Smith
 MSC to accept report
 State Missions report - Rev. Harry Smith
 MSC to accept report
 Youth for the Master - Rev. Harry Smith
 MSC to accept report
 State Missions report - Rev. Harry Smith
 MSC to accept report
 Rev. Roger Tripp - Rev. Harry Smith
 Rest Home report - Rev. Harry Smith
 MSC to accept report
 Rev. Harry Smith - Rev. Harry Smith
 Ladies Auxiliary - Rev. Harry Smith
 Rev. Gordon Walker received into our Association pending a letter from Western Piedmont.
 Rev. Ted Reynolds gave a report of his work in the field of evangelism during the past year.
 Rev. Harry Duque pastor of Canton F.W.B. Church, received into our Association pending a letter from Palmer.
 Association will have a letter from his church in February.
 Rev. Doug Mathis pastor of First F.W.B. of Shelby request by one of the churches to come back into the Blue Ridge Association from the Western Piedmont.
 Miscellaneous Business
 A nominating committee was appointed for the next year.
 Rev. Jack Sprinkle - chairman
 Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors of Youth for the Master, Glenn Cole, Director of the Western Piedmont Association, Rev. Harry Smith, and Rev. Harry Smith.
 A special note of thanks to the ladies of Avery's Creek F.W.B. Church for a wonderful meal.

3RD QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting with
CALVARY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
February 6, 1982

Congregational - Singing led by Rev. James Coffey

Prayer - Rev. Jerry Williams

Morning Devotion - Rev. Richard Swann - II Peter 1:13-14

Welcome - Rev. Randy Stone, Host Pastor

Response - Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick

Roll Call of churches, ministers, and recognition of visitors.

34 Ministers 36 Delegates 6 Visitors

Treasurer's report given by Miss Carrie Padgett.

MSC to accept report.

Youth Camp report given by Rev. Jerry Williams.

MSC to accept report.

Youth for the Master report given by Glenn Cole.

MSC to accept report.

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

MSC to accept report.

State Missions report given by Rev. Randy Stone.

MSC to accept report.

Ladies Auxiliary report given by Mrs. Martha Taylor.

MSC to accept report.

Historian's report given by Miss Volena Wilson.

Received as information.

Bible Institute report given by Rev. Wayne Smith.

MSC to accept report.

Ordaining Council report given by Rev. Wayne Smith.

MSC to accept the following ministers:

Rev. Ralph McKinney - Mt. Zion F.W.B. Church

Rev. Floyd Millsaps - Shelby F.W.B. Church

Rev. Ralph Reep - Gethsemane F.W.B. Church

Executive Committee report given by Rev. Eddie Dollar, Clerk.

MSC to accept report.

Miscellaneous Business:

Ministers-at-large, Rev. Tom Lilly, reported on State work.

Rev. Ted Reynolds made a motion concerning ministerial ethics which was tabled until May 1, 1982, meeting.

"After all other resources have been exhausted to settle areas of ministerial ethics, that we approve the ordaining council the authority to deal with the situation, and that if unethical conduct is not stopped, the Association will handle it; also, a letter to be sent by the Ordaining Council to the other Association when the minister moves."

Bible College report given by Dr. Charles Thigpen.

Brief Foreign Missions report given by Rev. Tom Hughes.

Worship Hour:

Due to the late hour Rev. Fred Baynard made just a few remarks and we were dismissed for lunch.

A special note of thanks for the ladies of Calvary F.W.B. Church for the wonderful meal enjoyed by everyone.

**29TH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting with**

**CANTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
CANTON, N.C.
May 1, 1982**

The 29th Annual Session was opened with Congregational singing led by Rev. James Coffey.

The Session was opened with prayer by Rev. Milton Hollifield.

The Morning devotions were given by Rev. Fred Baynard. (Luke 15:24)

Welcome by Rev. Harvey Dupree, the host pastor.

Response by Rev. Gordon Johnson.

The moderator dismissed the Ordaining Council and the Nominating Committee.

Moderators remarks — Rev. Milton Hollifield.

The Treasurer's report was given by Sister Carrie Padgett.

MSC. A copy of this report is given in the following pages.

The Youth Camp report given by Rev. Jerry Williams.

MSC to receive his report.

The Youth for the Master report given by Bro. Glen Cole. Bro Cole reported that there were 205 present at the February meeting and 180 at the April meeting. Their present balance is \$1,033.78. The State Youth meeting will be held on May 22, 1982. MSC to receive his report.

Rest Home report given by Rev. J. C. Lynn. MSC to receive his report.

State Missions report given by Rev. Randy Stone. Bro. Stone shared information on our four works in Wilmington, Silar City, Hickory, and Charlotte. The works are doing well but the financial needs are great. MSC to receive his report.

Ladies Auxiliary report was given by Mrs. Martha Taylor. She informed us that eleven of the Blue Ridge Churches now have a Ladies Auxiliary chapter. MSC to receive her report.

Historian's report given by Miss Volena Wilson. She asked us to give her any copies of the Blue Ridge minutes for the years between 1956 and 1962 that we might have. MSC to receive her report.

The Bible Institute report was given by Rev. Wayne Smith. He reported that we had approximately 25 students for the Spring semester. He also announced that we would have our first graduation this year with eight students graduating. MSC to receive his report.

Ordaining Council report given by Rev. Randy Stone who was acting as proxy.

Bro. Stone gave the following report:

- (1) Ordaining Council had been authorized to give Bro. Ralph McKinney ordination papers. These papers had not yet been delivered. At the request of his pastor and with his knowledge the council recommends that his papers be cancelled because he has been unfaithful to the local church. MSC.
- (2) Rev. Jack Ward, the new pastor of the First Church of Marion, has requested membership in the Blue Ridge Association. The concil recommends that we receive Bro. Jack upon receiving a letter of recommendation from the Cahaba River Association of Alabama. MSC.
- (3) Council received as information from the Shelby F.W.B. Church

that they had licensed Robert Wagner and Jerry Hubbard.

- (4) Council informs the Association that it will meet the last Saturday in July (9:00 a.m.) at the Meadowbrook Church, Black Mountain. All who have business for the Ordaining Council should contact Bro. Smith.

The Executive Committee's report was given by Rev. Eddie Dollar. MSC to receive Executive Committee's report in full, including proposed change in the constitution. For details see Executive Committee's report given in full in the following pages.

The motion by Rev. Ted Reynolds which was tabled at the February meeting was brought to the floor again. This had been tabled to allow for time for proper wording and also because it involved a constitutional change. Bro. Reynolds presented the proposal in writing with copies for everyone. The following would become letter "C" of Article 18.

Be it understood that the Ordaining Council is charged with the responsibility of investigating and reporting complaints lodged by the pastor of a church concerning the interference in the internal affairs of his church by a minister or ministers who do not hold an elected pastoral position in that church. Complaints about an occurrence of interference must be submitted in writing to the Ordaining Council at the quarterly meeting. All complaints submitted must be investigated and if the matter can not be resolved by the Council, a report must be made to the Association at the next quarterly meeting. Complaints may not be made from the floor until this procedure has been completed. If the minister or ministers against whom the complaint is lodged do not belong to the Blue Ridge Association, the Ordaining Council, if it feels the complaint is justified, should report the interference to the Ordaining Council of the Association to which the offending minister or ministers belong."

MSC.

Rev. Larry Hughes gave a report concerning Free Will Baptist Bible College. He reported that they had had over 600 students enrolled this past year.

Rev. Tom Lilly, our minister-at-large, was unable to attend because of car trouble.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Rev. Jerry Williams. The Committee made the following nominations:

Ordaining Council:

Rev. Harvey Dupree was chosen to replace Rev. James Coffey. His term will expire in 1987. MSC.

Blue Ridge Bible Institute:

- (a) Bro. Dean Wallace was nominated to fulfill the unexpired term of Bro. Lewis Melton, Jr. His term expires in 1983. MSC.
- (b) Rev. Jerry Williams was nominated to fulfill the unexpired term of Rev. Gene Deaton. His term expires in 1984. MSC.
- (c) Rev. Fred Baynard was nominated to replace Rev. Eddie Dollar. His term expires in 1987. MSC.

Clerk:

Rev. Randy Stone was nominated to fulfill the unexpired term of Rev. Eddie Dollar. His term will expire in 1983. MSC.

Dismissed for our worship hour at 11:00 a.m. The message was given by Rev. Johnny Pike, our Home Missionary to Charlotte.

After the message the meeting was adjourned and dinner was served by the ladies of the Canton F.W.B. Church. The meal was enjoyed by everyone. There was no afternoon session.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**April 16, 1982**

The Executive Committee met on April 16, 1982, at the Meadowbrook F.W.B. Church. The Ordaining Council was invited to sit in during our planning meeting for the annual session.

Our Moderator, Rev. Milton Hollifield, gave a short devotion from I Corinthians 15:1-11. Bro. Elisha Fish led in prayer.

Executive Committee members present were: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Elisha Fish, Rev. John Moore, Rev. Eddie Dollar and Miss Carrie Padgett.

Ordaining board members present were: Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. James Coffey, Rev. Harry Mintz.

We prepared the program for our yearly meeting. Miss Carrie Padgett gave the financial report of our Association.

We discussed with the Ordaining Council the motion that was tabled during our last meeting in February, 1982. "After all other resources have been exhausted to settle areas of ministerial ethics, that we approve the Ordaining Council the authority to deal with the situation, and that if unethical conduct is not stopped, the Association will deal with it. Also, a letter will be sent by the Ordaining Council to the other Association when the minister moves."

The Executive Committee recommends that before action is taken on the motion on the table that it be presented in writing to the Executive Committee for further study.

The Executive Committee recommends that Article 18 of our Constitution read as follows: "Anyone who wishes to present any grievance, or any matter that pertains to any person or personality, or persons, first be presented in writing and signed, to the proper committee (Executive or Ordaining Council), which ever the matter concerns." It was also suggested that our ministers start meeting for prayer and fellowship again. Bro. John Moore and Bro. Wayne Smith will work out the details.

We closed in prayer by Bro. John Moore.

Fund Balance - May 2, 1981	\$1,438.46
Received this Year	380.35
Interest Added	23.34
Withdrawn for Rev. Allen Jackson	- 100.00
Fund Balance	\$1,742.15

EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

Fund Balance - May 2, 1981	\$1,283.94
Received this Year	380.32
Interest Added	131.83
Withdrawn for Polly Johnson loan	- 500.00
Fund Balance	\$1,295.09

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Padgett, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE YOUTH FOR THE MASTER

Meeting February 20, 1982, at Fairview Church, Marion, N.C. There were 205 present. Rev. Harvey Dupree was the speaker.

Meeting April 17, 1982, at Canton Church, Canton, N. C. There were 180 present for District Bible Competition and Music and Arts. Registration. Gave medals to all first, second, and third place participants in each category; certificates of participation were given to each one who participated.

Going to State Competition in Durham:

Bible Memorization - 2 from Fairview Church

Bible Sword Drill - 3: 4th Grade, Canton; 5th Grade, Canton; 6th Grade, Meadowbrook

Bible Tic Tac Toe Team - Canton

Bible Bowl Team - Fairview

Vocal Solo - Meadowbrook

Duet - Fairview

Quartet - Rocky Pass

Officers met with Rev. Jerry Williams and Glenn Cole on March 20, 1982, to plan meetings for a full year. In November the Drama Team for Free Will Baptist Bible College will be at Meadowbrook Church.

Treasurer's Report: Balance 5-1-82, \$1,033.78

State Meeting is May 22, 1982, at Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Cole, Youth Director

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**Annual Meeting - May 1, 1982****FINANCIAL REPORT****GENERAL FUND**

Fund Balance - May 2, 1981	\$ 394.14
Received this Year	1,331.18
	\$1,725.32
Disbursements:	
Travel, phone expense, postage	202.74
Clerk's Salary	125.00
Rev. Ronald Creech	50.00
Rev. Guy Owens	50.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College	54.25
Graphic Assoc., Minutes and copies made	522.21
State Association - Representation Fee	50.00
Rev. Tom Lilley	125.00
Associated Printing & Services	
Letterhead and envelopes	38.01

Total	1,217.21
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Fund Balance	\$ 508.11
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YOUTH FOR THE MASTER

Fund Balance - May 2, 1981	- 0 -
Received this Year	\$ 760.66
Paid to Youth for the Master	760.66
Fund Balance	- 0 -

LOCAL MISSIONS FUND

Fund Balance - May 2, 1981	\$ 719.24
Received this Year	950.83
Interest Added	49.83
Withdrawn for Steve Lytle Vehicle	-250.00
Fund Balance	\$1,469.90

MINISTER'S BENEVOLENT FUND

Fund Balance - May 2, 1981	\$1,438.46
Received this Year	380.35
Interest Added	23.34
Withdrawn for Rev. Allen Jackson	- 100.00
Fund Balance	\$1,742.15

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Withdrawn for Polly Johnson loan	- 500.00
Fund Balance	\$1,296.09

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Padgett, Treasurer

	Amount This Quarter	Amount For Year
Asheville		85.00
Avery's Creek	26.43	135.00
Beaverdam		
Calvary		50.00
Canton		25.00
Cedar Hill	75.42	380.33
Fairview	107.82	442.48
First - Black Mountain		
First - Lenoir		
First - Marion	60.00	240.00
First - Shelby	37.11	37.11
First - Spruce Pine		94.00
Harriett Memorial	98.24	510.65
Homer's Chapel		75.00
Marshall		
Meadowbrook	25.00	75.00
Morganton	52.23	233.92
Nowling's Chapel	25.00	75.00
Oakley	11.40	30.87
Pisgah		167.75
Rocky Pass	169.00	548.50
Shelby	212.13	212.13
Sulphur Springs	50.00	50.00
Swannanoa		180.00
Walnut		
Zephyr Hills		
Totals	\$949.78	\$3,647.74

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Padgett, Treasurer

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

ASHEVILLE - Asheville, N.C., Pastor: Rev. Elisha W. Fish, Rt. 3, Box 82A, Candler N.C. 28715. Clerk: Mrs. Edna Marlowe, C-80 Cheerio Lane, Asheville, N.C. 28803. S.S. Supt.: Denver Roller, 8 Pineview Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28804. W.A. Pres.: Frances Rathburn, Asheville, N.C. 28804. Deacon Board Chairman: Denver Roller, 8 Pineview Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28804. S.S. Attendance - 44; no. classes - 6; church membership - 68; members lost - 2.

CALVARY - Swannanoa, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Randy Stone, 204 Eastwood 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. Deacon Board Chairman: Jim Brotherton, 125 Stone Dr., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. Church membership - 297; members added, 13; members lost, 10; no. baptisms - 4; S.S. Attendance - 115, no. classes, 14.

CANTON - Canton, N.C., Pastor: Rev. Harvey Dupree, P.O. Box 1346, Canton, N.C. 28716. Clerk: Helen Hamlett, 26 Flint St., Canton, N.C. 28716. S.S. Supt.: Donald B. Allen, P.O. Box 1239, Canton, N.C. 28716. CTS Director: Glenn Cole, P.O. Box 1327, Canton, N.C. 28716. W.A. Pres.: Jeannette Chastain, Rt. 4, Box 389, Canton, N.C. 28716. Masters Men Pres.: Roy Lee Stephenson, Rt. 4, Box 589, Canton, N.C. 28716. Deacon Board Chairman: Collie Clark, P.O. Box 116, Clyde, N.C. Church Membership - 310; members added - 20; members lost - 9; no. baptisms - 14.

CEDAR HILL - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Jerry Williams, 227 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, N.C. 28806. Clerk: Maude King, 405 Deaverview Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28806. S.S. Supt.: Ernest Burlison, 34 Huffman Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28806. C.T.S. Director, James Cole, Brooks Branch Rd., Leicester, N.C. W.A. President: Linda Wright, Old Leicester Rd., Leicester, N.C. Deacon Board Chairman: Ben Spivey, 164 Ben Lippen Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28806. Church membership - 178, members added - 5; members lost - 1; no. baptisms - 9; average S.S. attendance - 58; no. S.S. classes 5.

FAIRVIEW - Marion, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Jack Sprinkle, Rt. 1, Box 445, Marion, N.C. 28752. Clerk: Mae Miller, Rt. 1, Box 474, Marion, N.C. 28752. S.S. Supt. Johnny Parkins, P.O. Box 176, Nebo, N.C. 28761. C.T.S. Director: Wayne Miller, Rt. 1, Box 473, Marion, N.C. 28752. W.A. Pres.: Mae Miller, Rt. 1, Box 474, Marion, N.C. 28752. Master's Men Pres.: Danny Forbes, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.; Deacon Board Chairman, Harry Duncan. church membership - 80; members added - 7; members lost - 1; no. baptisms - 1; average S.S. attendance - 104; no. S.S. classes - 10.

FIRST - Lenoir, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rt. 2, Box 36, Nebo, N.C. 28761. Clerk: Olene Hutchings, 220 Mt. Herman Rd., Lenoir, N.C. 28645. S.S. Supt. Everett Hutchings, 220 Mt. Herman Rd., Lenoir, N.C. 28645; Church membership - 63; members added - 4; average S.S. attendance - 25; no. S.S. classes - 4.

FIRST - Shelby, N.C. Pastor: Douglas Mathis, Rt. 8, Box 467, Morganton, N.C. 28655. Clerk: Sherry Hoyle, Shelby, N.C. 28150. S.S. Supt.: Joel Hendrick, 1321 Clairmont Ave., Shelby, N.C. 28150. W.A. Pres.: Debbie Mathis, Rt. 8, Box 467, Morganton, N.C. 28655. Deacon Board Chairman: Joel Hendrick, 1321 Clairmont Ave., Shelby, N.C. 28150. Church membership - 62; members added 14; members lost - 56; no. baptisms - 10; average S.S. attendance - 33; no. classes - 5.

GETHSEMANE - Marion, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Ralph Reep, 385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, N.C. 28752. Clerk: Mrs. Betty Roland, Rt. 4, Box 1300, Marion, N.C. 28752. S.S. Supt., Ronald Bright, Rt. 2, Marion, N.C. Chairman Deacon Board: James Setzer, Rt. 6, Marion, N.C. Church membership - 90; members added - 7; members lost - 6; no. baptisms - 2; average S.S. attendance - 70; no. classes - 8.

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. C.T.S. Director: Mrs. Paula Dollar, Box 385, Caroleen, N.C. 28019. W.A. Pres.: Mrs. Eddie Dollar, Box 385, Caroleen, N.C. 28019. Master's Men Pres.: Kenny Coffeey, Rt. 3, Box 317, Forest City, N.C. 28043. Deacon Board Chairman Frank Turner, Box 328, Caroleen, N.C. 28019. Church Membership - 200; members lost - 6; no. S.S. classes - 11.

HOMER'S CHAPEL - Black Mountain, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Harry Mintz, P.O. Box 451, Blk. Mtn., N.C. 28711. Clerk: Mary H. Walker, Rt. 1, Box 366A, Blk. Mtn., N.C. 28711. S.S. Supt.: Steve Rhinehart, Old U.S. 70 Hwy., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. W.A. Pres.: Paula Buchanan, Blue Ridge Rd., Blk. Mtn., N.C. 28711. Church membership - 186; members added - 13; members lost - 10. No. baptisms - 1.

MEADOWBROOK - Black Mountain, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Wayne Smith, 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Blk. Mtn., N.C. 28711. Clerk: Mrs. Helen Shook, 135 Fountain Way, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. S.S. Supt.: John Mundy, 107 Rainbow Lane, Blk. Mtn., N.C. 28711. C.T.S. Director: Lewis Melton, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 459, Blk. Mtn., N.C. 28711. W.A. Pres.: Mrs. Mary Hopkins, Rt. 1, Box 13B, Blk. Mtn., N. C. 28711. Deacon Board Chairman: Calvin Runion, 17 Meadowlark Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28805. Church membership - 257; members added - 17; members lost - 2; average S.S. attendance - 145; no. classes - 12; no. baptisms - 3.

MORGANTON - Morganton, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Paul Butler, Rt. 12, Box 100, Morganton, N.C. 28655. Clerk: Ann Thompson, 206 Phillips St., Morganton, N.C. 28655. S.S. Supt.: Jeff King, 462 North Green St., Morganton, N.C. 28655. W.A. Pres.: Etta Butler, Rt. 12, Box 100, Morganton, N.C. 28655. Deacon Board Chairman: James Norman, Rt. 8, Box 400, Morganton, N.C. 28655. Church membership - 40; members added - 4; members lost - 19; average S.S. attendance - 30; no. classes - 5.

NOWLINGS CHAPEL - Morganton, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Roy A. Shehan, Rt. 6, Box 74, Morganton, N.C. 28655. S.S. Supt.: Charles Davis, Rt. 8, Box 506, Morganton, N.C. 28655. W.A. Pres.: Jerry Ann Shehan, Rt. 6, Box 74, Morganton, N.C. 28655. Chairman Deacon Board: Charles Davis, Rt. 8, Box 506, Morganton, N.C. 28655. Church membership - 84; members added - 5; members lost - 7; average S.S. attendance - 64; no. classes - 6.

OAKLEY - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Rev. John C. Moore, 48 Raleigh Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28803. S.S. Supt.: Ed Hensley, 32 Merchant St., Asheville, N.C. 28803. Church membership - 25; members added - 19; average S.S. attendance - 22; no. classes - 3.

PISGAH - Canton, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Bob Littrell, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C. 28716. Clerk: Elizabeth Pless, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C. 28716. S.S. Supt.: Jack Heatherly, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C. 28716. W.A. Pres.: Norabell Pless, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C. 28716. Church membership - 64; members added - 6; members lost - 6; average S.S. attendance - 55; no. classes - 7.

RESURRECTION - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Elmer Hensley, 24 Pisgah View Ave., Asheville, N.C. 28803. Clerk: Tommy Flynn, Cranston Dr., Fletcher, N.C. 28732. S.S. Supt.: Charles Flynn, Cranston Dr., Fletcher, N.C. 28732. Deacon Board Chairman: Dennis Mathes. Church membership - 52; members lost - 2; average S.S. attendance - 40; no. classes - 3.

ROCKY PASS - Nebo, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rt. 1, Harmony Grove Rd., 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, Rt. 5, Box 42H, Asheworth Rd., Marion, N.C. 28752. W.A. Pres.: Margaret Fox, P.O. Box 926, Marion, N.C. 28752. Deacon Board Chairman: Max Holland, Rt. 1, Box 89, Nebo, N.C. 28761. Church membership - 266; members added - 26; members lost - 23; average S.S. attendance - 206; no. classes - 16; no. baptisms - 13.

SHELBY - Shelby, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Fred Baynard, Box 756, Forest City, N.C. 28043. Clerk: Dorothy Cook, Shelby, N.C. 28150. S.S. Supt.: Charles Childers, Shelby, N.C. 28150. Deacon Board Chairman: Charles Childers, Shelby, N.C. 28150. Church membership - 75; members added - 11; average S.S. attendance - 50; no. classes - 8.

SWANNANOA - Swannanoa, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Ted Reynolds, 202 Park St., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. Clerk: Clara Mae Ogle, 133 Dellwood Ave., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. S.S. Supt.: J.D. Lewis, 405 Reger Rd., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. C.T.S. Director: Frank Lewis, Gash Farm Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28805. W.A. Pres.: Janie Hall, 129 Eastwood Ave., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. Deacon Board Chairman: John Ogle, Jr., 133 Dellwood Ave., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. Church membership - 177; members lost - 18; average S.S. attendance - 113; no. classes - 16; no. baptisms - 5.

ZEPHYR HILLS - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Clement Heath, 283 Shelburne Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28806. Clerk: Mrs. J.B. Lance, P.O. Box 6036, Asheville, N.C. 28816. S.S. Supt.: Ed Randall, Rt. 1, Box 3380, Blue Ridge Acres, Leicester, N.C. 28748. W.A. Pres.: Mrs. Peggy Lance, Rt. 8, Candler, N.C. 28715. Church membership - 122; members added - 14; members lost - 2; no. baptisms - 10. Deacon Board Chairman: Sheldon Lance, P.O. Box 6355, Asheville, N.C. 28816.

AVERY'S CREEK - Arden, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Richard J. Swann, 484 Rosman Hwy., Brevard, N.C. 28712. Clerk: Carolyn Swann, No.4 Mildred Apts., Mildred Ave., Asheville, N.C. 28806. S.S. Supt.: Gaylord Coy, Asheville, N.C. Deacon Board Chairman: Thornton Coy, Rt. 1, Avery's Creek Rd., Arden, N.C. 28704. Church membership - 50; members added - 4; members lost - 5; average S.S. attendance - 20; no. classes - 2.

Churches not reporting: First, Black Mountain; First, Marion; First, Spruce Pine; Meadow Fork; Sulphur Springs.

MINISTER'S REPORT

Rev. Fred Baynard: Churches pastored, 1.

Rev. Paul Butler: Churches pastored, 1; revivals conducted, 2; no. conversions, 7; no. marriages, 1.

Rev. Oliver Cagle: Churches pastored, 2.

Rev. James C. Coffey: No. marriages, 2; no. funerals, 4.

Rev. Eddie Dollar: No. churches pastored, 1; no. revivals, 1; no. conversions, 10; no. communion and footwashing services, 2; no. baptisms, 5; no. marriages, 1; no. funerals, 2.

Rev. Harvey W. Dupree: Churches pastored, 1; no. revivals, 1; no. conversions, 12; no. baptisms, 9; no. marriages, 1; no. funerals, 3.

Rev. Elisha W. Fish: Churches pastored, 1; no. communion and footwashing services, 1; no. marriages, 2; no. funerals, 1.

Rev. Garland Greene: No. communion and footwashing services, 1.

Rev. Clement K. Heath: No. churches pastored, 1.

Rev. Elmer Hensley: Churches pastored, 1; revivals, 2; no. conversions, 20; no. communion and footwashing services, 2; no. baptisms, 18; no. marriages, 1; no. funerals, 5.

Rev. Milton A. Hollifield, Sr.: Churches pastored, 1; revivals, 2; no. conversions, 20; no. communion and footwashing services, 2; no. baptisms, 13; no. marriages, 2; no. funerals, 23.

Rev. Allen Jackson: Churches pastored, 1; no. revivals, 1; no. conversions, 6; no. communion and footwashing services, 4; no. baptisms, 1; no. marriages, 2; no. funerals, 4.

Rev. Gordon L. Johnson: No. conversions, 8; no. marriages, 1; no. funerals, 1.

Rev. Edward Kirkpatrick: Churches pastored, 1; no. revivals, 1; no. conversions, 4; no. communion and footwashing services, 1.

Rev. Bob Littrell: Churches pastored, 1; no. conversions, 8; no. communion and footwashing services, 2; no. funerals, 3.

Rev. James C. Lynn, Sr.: (Rest Home), no. conversions, 12; no. funerals, 1.

Rev. Douglas Mathis: Churches pastored, 1; no. conversions, 10; no. funerals, 1.

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

Rev. Harry Mintz: Churches pastored, 1; no. revivals, 4; no. conversions, 15; no. communion and footwashing services, 1; no. baptisms, 3; no. funerals, 1.

Rev. John C. Moore: Churches pastored, 1; no. conversions, 5; no. communion and footwashing services, 1; no. marriages, 2; no. funerals, 1.

Rev. Jack Moses: Churches pastored, 1; revivals, 1; no. conversions, 9; no. communion and footwashing services, 2; baptisms, 1; no. funerals, 3.

Rev. Ralph Reep: Churches pastored, 1; no. revivals, 1; no. communion and footwashing services, 1; no. baptisms, 2; no. funerals, 3.

Rev. Roy Shehan: churches pastored, 1; revivals, 2; no. conversions, 6; no. communion and footwashing services, 1; no. marriages, 8; no. funerals, 6.

Rev. Wayne Smith: Churches pastored, 1; revivals, 3; no. conversions, 14; no. communion and footwashing services, 4; no. baptisms, 16; no. marriages, 5; no. funerals, 6.

Rev. Charles Sprinkle: Churches pastored, 2; no. revivals, 2; no. conversions, 27; no. communion and footwashing services, 3; no baptisms, 4; no. marriages, 2; no funerals, 5.

Rev. F. Randall Stone: Churches pastored, 1; no. revivals, 2; no. conversions, 4; no. communion and footwashing services, 2; no. baptisms, 4; no. marriages, 1; no. funerals, 3.

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

Rev. William S. Vaughn: Churches pastored, 1; no. revivals, 2; no. conversions, 10; no. communion and footwashing services, 1; no. baptisms, 6; no. marriages, 3; no. funerals, 5.

Rev. Gordon Walker: Churches pastored, 1; revivals, 2; no. conversions, 6; no. communion and footwashing services, 1; no. baptisms, 2; no. funerals, 2.

Rev. Jerry Williams: Churches pastored, 1; no. communion and footwashing services, 4; no. baptisms, 6; no. marriages, 2; no. funerals, 1.

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. Be it understood that the Ordaining Council is charged with the responsibility of investigating and reporting complaints lodged by the pastor of a church concerning the interference in the internal affairs of his church by a minister or ministers who do not hold an elected pastoral position in that church. Complaints about an occurrence of interference must be submitted in writing to the Ordaining Council at the quarterly meeting. All complaints submitted must be investigated and if the matter can not be resolved by the Council a report must be made to the Association at the next quarterly meeting. Complaints may not be made from the floor until this procedure has been completed. If the minister or ministers against whom the complaint is lodged do not belong to the Blue Ridge Association, the Ordaining Council, if it feels the complaint is justified, should report the interference to the Ordaining Council of the Association to which the offending minister or ministers belong.

D. This Association deems it necessary for the protection of the gospel not to accept anyone as a minister who had 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.

E. Each minister shall be required to practice, preach, and teach tithing as the means of church support.

F. 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.

G. 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 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

Anyone who wishes to present any grievence, or any matter that pertains to any person or personality, or persons, first be presented in writing and signed, to the proper committee (Executive or Ordaining Council), whichever the matter concerns.

Article 19

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 depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat, gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat." (Genesis 3:6)
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)

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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)

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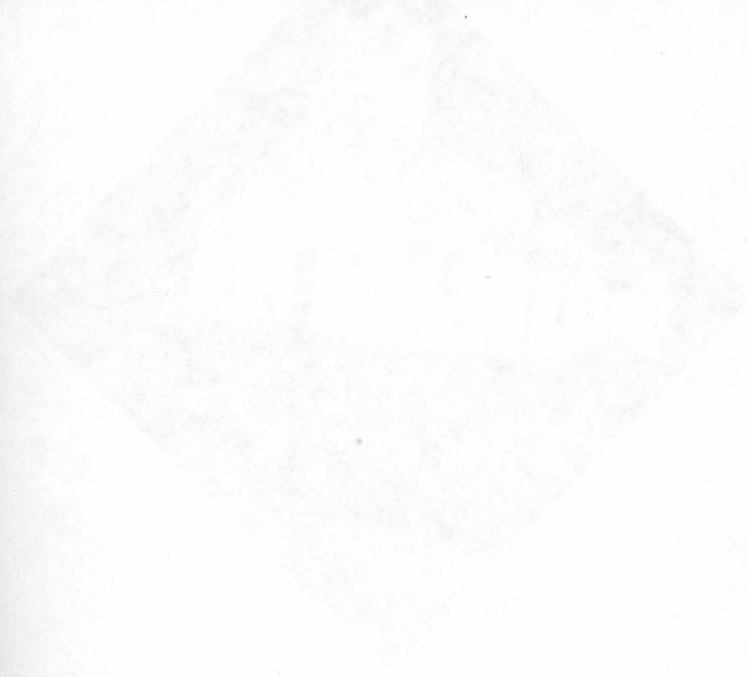
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The Blue Ridge Fwb Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation and management of the Blue Ridge Forest Wildlife Refuge. The Association was founded in 1980 and has since become a leading voice in the region for wildlife conservation. Its primary focus is on the protection of the refuge's diverse ecosystems, including its forests, wetlands, and wildlife. The Association works closely with the U.S. Forest Service and other federal, state, and local agencies to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of the refuge. Through its various programs and initiatives, the Association aims to educate the public about the importance of the refuge and to encourage responsible land use practices. The Association also provides technical assistance and funding to local landowners and organizations to help them implement conservation measures on their property. In addition, the Association organizes a variety of events and activities, including guided tours, workshops, and volunteer opportunities, to engage the public and foster a sense of stewardship for the refuge. The Association's efforts have resulted in the preservation of thousands of acres of land and the protection of numerous species of plants and animals. The Association continues to work hard to ensure that the Blue Ridge Forest Wildlife Refuge remains a thriving and healthy ecosystem for generations to come.



BRIEF HISTORY OF AVERY'S CREEK F.W.B. CHURCH

On June 30, 1940, Avery's Creek F.W.B. Church was organized in the home of one of the charter members. With 38 charter members, they continued to meet in the home while a building was being erected on land donated for a church. In the spring of 1941, the building was such that services were held there. The building has had several additions and improvements made but the original building is still the church today.

The Church joined the French Broad Association and was an active, participating member for many years. At one time they ceased to be active in the Association so withdrew from it. They were for a short period not affiliated with anyone. When the present pastor came in February, 1971, God directed him to bring the church back into fellowship with the Free Will Baptists so he led the church to affiliate with the Blue Ridge Association. When this church ever ceases to be an honest Free Will Baptist Church it shall cease to exist. God has said He had the church established and united with the Free Will for a purpose.

Some of the pastors are listed as follows: The first was Rev. Henry Robinson, then Alva Ellis, Jack Hutchins, John Roberts, Bayliss McDonald, Gurney McKinney, G.A. Marshall, L. J. Hensley, Fred Silvers, Harold Ballard, James Vaughn, Roy Redmon, Ralph Mumpower, Winfred Roland, Roy Burleson, Cecil Creasman and the present one, Richard J. Swann. Several served at different times. Some of these servants of the Lord are gone now.

Submitted by: Rev. R. J. Swann, Pastor

