

30th Annual Session

of the

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

of the

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held at the

**Marion First
F.W.B. Church**

Marion, N.C.

May 7, 1983

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25. Swannanoa	Rev. Ted Reynolds	Swannanoa, N.C.
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27. Zephyr Hills	Rev. Clement Heath	Asheville, N.C.

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MINISTER'S WHO REGISTERED

Fred Baynard, James Coffee, Carl Cook, Eddie Dollar, Harvey Dupree, Elisha Fish, Garland Green, Calvin Grogan, Elmer Hensley, Clement Heath, T.A. Holder, Milton Hollifield, Allen Jackson, Eddie Kirkpatrick, Tom Lilly, Bob Littrell, Doug Mathis, Harry Mintz, John Moore, Jack Moses, Dave Nobles, Ralph Reep, Roy Shehan, C. F. Sprinkle, Randy Stone, Richard Swann, William Vaughn, James Waldrop, Roy Waldrop, Gordon Walker, Jack Ward, Jerry Williams.

CHURCH DELEGATES

Avery's Creek — Thornton Coy, Man's Gasperson
Canton — Helen Hamlett, Pearl Swanger, Glen Cole, Garland Greene
Caroleen — Bea Coffey
Cedar Hill — Bonnie Williams, Frank Saine
Fairview — Mae Miller, Janice Hollifield, Virginia Sprinkle, Brenda Stevens, Jerry Stevens
Faith — Don Parish, Roby Reece, Tim King, Sue Butler, Etta Butler
First Lenoir — Sam Johnson
First Marion — John Lewis, Mida Browning, Annie Wylie, Martha Taylor, Ellen Browning
Harriett Memorial — Paula Dollar, Olene Hutchings
Hömer's Chapel — Stephen Rhinehart, James Ledbetter
Morganton — Fern Norman, Mary Chester, M. Norman
Resurrection — Joe Cutshaw, Mr. and Mrs. James Ledford
Rocky Pass — Dean Hollifield, Lucille Holland

DEACONS

James C. Cole, Everett Hutchings, Bob Gallis, Ronald Bright, Robert Lawter

VISITORS

Lee Roy Walker, Tom Lilly, Flora Kirkpatrick, Vena Martin, Carrie Padgett, Joy Thompson, Gladys Poteat, Clifford Poteat, Vilda Cutshaw, Bobby Revis, Roger Tripp, Volena Wilson

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING
Of The
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting With The
CEDAR HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
August 7, 1982

Congregational Singing led by Bro. James Cole

Morning Devotion — Rev. Ralph Reep - Ephesians 5:24-27 - What's Right With The Church

Welcome by Host Pastor — Rev. Jerry Williams

Response — Rev. Elmer Keener

Roll Call of Churches — Walnut Church Reinstated - 31 Ministers, 24 Delegates, 3 Deacons, 13 Visitors

Moderator's Remarks — Rev. Milton Hollifield

Rest Home Report — Rev. J. C. Lynn. Rev. Lynn reports the Rest Home is filled up - 15 ladies. He encourages our support and is thankful for all that is given. M/S/C

Rev. Tom Lilly, Minister at large, gave a report on our State work and State Mission. He encourages the 100 Family plan to start a new work. M/S/C to accept report.

Youth Camp Report by Rev. Jerry Williams — 98 Campers - 64 Juniors, 34 Seniors, 28 Workers

Recommendation: Divide Campers into Juniors and Seniors. M/S/C

Bob Littrell — Director, Rev. Harvey Dupree, Assistant M/S/C

Youth for the Master Report given by Bro. Glen Cole. Bro. Cole reported that our Blue Ridge Churches were well represented at the State Youth Conference in Durham. Winners going on to the National were Dawn and Donna Hollifield, Fairview Church Duet, and Rocky Pass Trio, Renee Fox, Laura Lovik, and Sandy Patton. Shannon Cope won in the Sword Drill but was unable to go on to the National because of an accident. M/S/C to receive report.

Treasurer's Report was given by Sister Carrie Padgett. M/S/C to receive report.

Historian's Report given by Sister Volena Wilson M/S/C to accept report.

Bible Institute Report given by Bro. Wayne Smith. Bro. Smith reported 8 graduates this year. Three Courses being taught: (1) New Testament Survey, (2) Your Bible and (3) Book of Bible -O.T. M/S/C to accept report.

M/S/C to adjourn

Worship Hour:

Special Music by Bro. James Cole and Quartet

Message by Rev. W. L. Kell — The Lord Chose a Servant - I Samuel 16:1-2; 7:12-13

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING
Of The
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting With The
FAIRVIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
November 6, 1982

Congregational Singing Led by Bro. James Cole

Devotion by Bro. Leon Stewart - Luke 4:14-20

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and recognition of visitors

Ordaining Council dismissed for business.

Moderator's Remarks — Rev. Milton Hollifield

Credentials Committee Report given by Rev. R. J. Swann: Ministers 30, Delegates 27, Deacons 7, Visitors 5.

M/S/C to accept Report.

Rev. Roger Tripp gave a good report on the Hickory Mission. M/S/C to accept report.

A Report was given on the Shelby work. The church is in danger. It is recommended that Executive Committee investigate their need. M/S/C to accept report.

Sister Volena Wilson gave a Report on National Missions and Church History. M/S/C to accept report.

Bible Institute Report — 21 in Attendance. Courses next Semester: (1) V.B.S., (2) New Testament Book, (3) Understanding Teaching. M/S/C to accept report.

Brother John Moore shared furniture need at the Oakley Church.

Rest Home — Bro. Elmer Keener collected enough money to resurface the driveway.

Youth For The Master Report given by Bro. Glen Cole. M/S/C to accept report.

Rest Home Report Given — Lost two recently, one sick, another died. 12 patients in the Home now.

Treasurer's Report by Sister Carrie Padgett. M/S/C to accept report.

Announcement: Blue Ridge District will have a Walk-a-thon for State Missions April 30th.

Ordaining Council Report: Bro. Ernest Philbeck, member of Salen F.W. B. Church, wishes to join the Redeemed Church and the Blue Ridge Association, pending a letter from the Foothills Association.

M/S/C to adjourn for Worship

Message by Rev. Homer Arrowood — The Lack of Sincerity in the work of God. Luke 9:57-62.

**THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING
Of The
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting With The
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF LENIOR
February 5, 1983**

Congregational Singing

Morning Devotion — Bro. Gordon Johnson

Welcome — Bro. Eddie Kirkpatrick

Response - Bro. Jack Sprinkle.

Roll Call of Ministers, Churches, and recognition of visitors.

Moderator's Message by Rev. Milton Hollifield.

Credentials Committee Report: Ministers 31, Delegates 32, Deacons 9, Visitors 7. M/S/C to accept this report.

Treasurer's Report given by Sister Carrie Padgett. M/S/C to accept report.

Youth For The Master Report given by Bro. Glen Cole. M/S/C to accept report.

Bible Institute Report by Randy Stone. M/S/C to receive this report. M/S/C to give Institute \$200.00.

State Report by Bro. Tom Lilly. M/S/C to accept this report.

State Mission Report given on the Charlotte and Hickory Mission. M/S/C.

Mission work in Montreal, Canada requests help. M/S/C to give them an offering.

Nominating Committee Appointed: Rev. Eddie Dollar, Rev. Roy Shehan, Rev. Jerry Williams.

Ordaining Council Report:

1. Bro. Joe Cutshaw be Ordained one year from now, M/S/C.
2. Bro. Dave Nobles requests membership in the Blue Ridge Association. The Council recommends that we receive Bro. Dave upon receiving a letter of recommendation from the Beaver Creek Association. M/S/C.
3. Council recommends Bro. Kevin Wilson stay under the leadership of Rev. Ralph Reep as a Licensed Minister for one year, then return for Ordination. M/S/C.
4. The Broad Street Baptist Church in Shelby has requested membership in the Blue Ridge Association. The Council recommends that church be accepted upon receipt of letter that they have accepted Treatise and have changed their name to Broad Street Free Will Baptist. M/S/C.
5. Council recommends Bro. Randal Ivey study our Ordination questions and then call for a special Council for examination and Ordination. M/S/C.

M/S/C to adjourn for Worship

Message by Rev. Wayne Smith

**30th ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting With
1ST FREE WILL BAPTIST OF MARION
May 7, 1983**

The 30th Annual Session was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. James Cole.

Devotion by Rev. Roy Waldrop — Proverbs 31 - The Church the Mother of Souls.

Welcome by Host Pastor, Rev. Jack Ward.

Response — Rev. John Moore.

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers and recognition of visitors

Ordaining Council dismissed.

Credentials Committee Report — Ministers 31, Delegates 35, Deacons 5, Visitors 12.

Moderator's Remarks — Rev. Milton Hollifield

Treasurer's Report — See Reports. S/A/R.

Youth For The Master Report — Bro. Glen Cole. See Reports, S/A/R.

Auxiliary Report — Mrs. Martha Taylor S/A/R.

Rest Home Report given by Rev. Hollifield — The Rest Home is now full and others are on the waiting list.

Bro. Roger Tripp spoke briefly on the Mission work in Hickory.

Bro. Tom Lilly spoke briefly on the State work.

M/S/C to pay Moderator's expense to Durham for joint Board Meeting.

Youth Camp Report:

- (1) Divide Camp (age groups) at same location and same time — July 24-30.
- (2) Pick up Applications.
- (3) M/S/C to recommend that our Youth Committee meet with Western Piedmont about Camp Arrowood consolidating with us.

Bible Institute Report — Approx. 20 students at Meadowbrook — about 25 on extension.

Will mail announcement on graduation.

Will have information of Fall Schedule at August meeting. S/A/R.

Historical Report by Sister Volene Wilson — Still need Minutes for our History. S/A/R.

Ordaining Council Report:

- (1) Bro. Cutshaw's Ordination be postponed for more study M/S/C.
- (2) Bro. Leroy Walker be reinstated as Minister in Blue Ridge Association on condition that his church (Sunny View) come in later. M/S/C
- (3) Request of Bro. Philbeck and the Broad Street Church to become members of Blue Ridge Association be dropped so that they will not become members. This is in conjunction with the request of Bro. Philbeck and Broad Street Church that they be dropped. M/S/C.

Nominating Committee Report:

Moderator — Rev. Jerry Williams	M/S/C.
Assistant — Rev. C. F. Sprinkle	M/S/C.
Clerk — Sis. Lucille Holland	M/S/C.
Assistant — Sis. Bonnie Williams	M/S/C.
Treasurer — Sis. Carrie Padgett	M/S/C.
Assistant — Rev. Fred Baynard	M/S/C.
Historian — Sis. Volena Wilson	M/S/C.
Assistant — Sis. Virginia Sprinkle	M/S/C.

M/S/C to give \$100 for Hickory Mission.

M/S/C to adjourn business

M/S/C to thank Marion Church for hosting the Association.

Worship Hour — Rev. Tom Lilly, Promotional Director of the State of N.C.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH FOR THE MASTER

Meeting August 21, 1982 at Meadowbrook Church, Black Mountain, N. C. A Christian Film entitled "Senior Year" was shown - a film that emphasized the need for young people to be a christian witness to their peers in school. Several young people came to the altar as Rev. Dupree led in the altar call. We rejoiced to see the young people make decisions to be a light for the Lord at school. We pray that the Lord will give them boldness to carry out their decisions.

The following Officers were elected for the coming year:

President — Tom Williams, Cedar Hill Church
 Vice-President — Myron Crowe, Calvary Church
 Secretary — Kelly Sutton, Canton Church
 Assistant Secretary — Connie Tweed, Meadowbrook Church
 Assistant Pianist — Pamela Conner, Rocky Pass Church
 Song Director — James Wallace, Meadowbrook Church
 Assistant Song Director — Mavis Cole, Cedar Hill Church

The next Meeting is November 20, 1982 at the Cedar Hill Church. Bible Competitive practice will begin at 6 p.m. and the main service at 7 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of 8-1-82	\$720.63
Money Received	222.41
Total	\$943.04
Money paid out	59.25
Balance	\$883.79

Meeting November 20, 1982 at the Cedar Hill Church, Asheville, N.C. Bible competitive activities practice began soon after 6 p.m. The main service began at 7 p.m. with Tom Williams, President, conducting the preliminaries. The Evangels Drama Team from Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, did an outstanding job in presenting the Gospel in several short dramas. We rejoiced when young people came to the altar as Rev. Jerry Williams led in the altar call. An offering of \$400 was given to the Bible College for its ministry. There were 181 in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance November 20, 1982	\$1,048.68
Offering November 20, 1982	121.11
Total	1,169.79
Gift to Bible College	400.00
Balance February 5, 1983	769.79

Respectfully submitted
 Glen Cole, Director
 Youth for the Master

Meeting February 19, 1983 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Marion, N.C. Bible and Music and Arts practice began soon after 6 p.m. The Speaker Rev. Nobles, Pastor of Meadowbrook Church, preached a fine sermon during the main service. There were 235 present for this meeting. The church supplied refreshments after the service.

The Youth for the Master met April 16, 1983, at the Fairview Free Will Baptist Church, Marion, N.C. There was a **record crowd** in attendance — 307 — for the District Bible and Music and Arts Competition. The Kingsboys from Asheville provided special music. The Church supplied refreshments after the service.

There were a total of 46 individuals entered in the Bible and Music and Arts Competition. Certificates of Participation were given to each one who participated; Medals were given to all winners and first and second runners-up in each category. The following groups or individuals will be representing the Blue Ridge Association at the State Youth Conference, Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Swannanoa, N.C., May 28, 1983:

BIBLE MEMORIZATION:

Grade 1 — Kendra McMahan - Meadowbrook Church

Grade 2 — Dawn Caldwell - Canton Church

BIBLE SWORD DRILL:

Grade 4 — Brandi Finley - Fairview Church

Grade 5 — Shannon Cope - Canton Church

Grade 6 — John Caldwell - Canton Church

BIBLE TIC TAC TOE:

Bobby Burleson, Teresa Hollifield, Jamie McKinney, and Kim Wilson from Fairview Church.

BIBLE BOWL

Mark Pless and Charles Whitaker from Canton Church

MUSIC AND ARTS:

Vocal Solo — Adventurer - Wendy Stevens from Fairview Church

Vocal Solo — Herald — Melanie Geiger - Meadowbrook Church

Vocal Ensemble — Duet Division - Angela Jean Sexton and Frank George Saine - Cedar Hill Church.

Keyboard Solo — Herald - Jonathan Nobles, Meadowbrook Church.

A brief business session at the April 16th meeting consisted of approving the sending of \$100 to our State Youth Ministry. Also, we were invited to the Meadowbrook Church, Black Mountain for our next Youth for the Master meeting August 20, 1983.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of May 7, 1983 - \$989.14.

Respectfully Submitted,
Glen Cole, Director
Youth for the Master

**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
ANNUAL MEETING — MAY 7, 1983
FINANCIAL REPORT**

GENERAL FUND

Fund Balance - May 1, 1982		\$ 508.11
Received this year		1,973.65
		\$ 2,481.76
Disbursements:		
Phone, travel expense and postage	85.08	
Clerk's Salary	125.00	
State Association - Charlotte Mission	125.00	
Randall House Publications - Church letters	3.25	
State Association fees	350.00	
National association fees	190.00	
K & E Business Machines - Repair to typewriter	38.84	
Graphic Associates - Minutes	458.43	
Betty-Jo's, Inc. - Flowers-Piercy	26.00	
Home Missions - Brother Bill Reagan	100.00	
Blue Ridge Bible Institute	200.00	
Pen and pencil set	20.80	
		1,722.40
Fund Balance		\$ 759.36

YOUTH FOR THE MASTER

Fund Balance - May 1, 1982		-0-
Received this year and paid to Youth For The Master	\$	733.10
Fund Balance		-0-

LOCAL MISSIONS FUND

Fund Balance - May 1, 1982	\$	1,469.90
Received this year		921.65
Interest added		69.04
Fund Balance	\$	2,460.59

MINISTERS' BENEVOLENT FUND

Fund Balance - May 1, 1982	\$	1,742.15
Received this year		384.83
Interest added		27.61
Fund Balance	\$	2,154.59

EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

Fund Balance - May 1, 1982	\$	1,296.09
Received this year		371.83
Interest added		179.49
Fund Balance	\$	1,847.41

ANNUAL REPORT, MAY 7, 1983

Amount This Quarter

Amount For Year

Asheville		\$ 107.00
Avery Creek	\$ 23.70	180.19
Calvary		35.00
Canton		35.00
Cedar Hill	108.42*	393.04
Fairview	151.36*	511.59
First — Black Mountain		25.00
First — Lenoir		135.00
First — Marion	60.00	275.00
First — Shelby		29.19
First — Spruce Pine		
Gethsemane		91.60
Harriett Memorial	263.52*	522.57
Homer's Chapel		100.00
Meadowbrook	60.00*	85.00
Morganton	59.50	268.40
Nowling's Chapel		85.00
Oakley		35.00
Pisgah	45.54	246.78
Resurrection	20.00	20.00
Rocky Pass	123.00	641.00
Shelby	100.00	474.26
Sulphur Springs		
Swannanoa	80.00	80.00
Zephyr Hills		85.00
Totals	\$ 1,095.04	\$ 4,460.62

*Includes \$35.00 for
State and National Dues

Respectfully submitted,
Miss Carrie Padgett
Treasurer

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

ASHEVILLE - Asheville, N.C., Pastor: Rev. Elisha W. Fish, Rt. 3, Box 82A, Candler, N.C. 28715. Clerk: Charlene Marlowe, 31 Success Ave., Asheville, N.C. 28803. S.S. Supt.: Denver Roller, 8 Pineview Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28804. W. A. President: Frances Rathburn, 66 Pelzer St., Asheville, N.C. 28804. Deacon Board Chairman: Denver Roller, 8 Pineview Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28804. S.S. Attendance - 68; no. classes - 6 - church membership 67; Members lost - 3; no. baptisms - 3.

AVERY'S CREEK - Arden, N.C. Pastor Rev. Richard J. Swann, 484 Rosman Highway, Brevard, N.C. 28712. Clerk: Carolyn Swann, #4 Mildred Apts., Mildred Ave., Asheville, N.C. 28806. S.S. Supt., Gaylord Coy, Erwin Hill Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28806. Deacon Board Chairman, Thornton Coy, Rt. 1, Avery's Creek Rd., Arden, N.C. 28704. S.S. Attendance 25; Church Membership - 52; members added 2; members lost - 0.

CALVARY - Swannanoa, N.C., Pastor: Rev. Randy Stone, 204 Eastwood St., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. Clerk: Genevieve M. Robertson, 15 Sunset Dr., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. S.S. Supt.: David Ray, Rt. 1, Box 336, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. W. A. President: Genevieve M. Robertson, 15 Sunset Dr., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. Deacon Board Chairman: James Brotherton, 125 Stone St., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778 Church Membership - 295; Members Added - 4; members lost - 6; no. baptisms 10; Average S.S. attendance - 110; no. classes - 13.

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. S.S. Supt., Donald Allen, P.O. Box 1239, Canton, N.C. 28716; C.T.S. Director: Glen Cole, P.O. Box 1327, Canton, N.C. 28716. W.A. President: Jeanette Chastain, Rt. 4, Box 387, Canton, N.C.; Master's Men President: Harold Mathews, Rt. 4, Box 601, Canton, N.C.; Librarian: Miss Coleen Johnson, P.O. Box 651, Canton, N.C. 28716.; Church Membership - 345; members added - 10; members lost - 4; no. baptisms - 4; average S.S. attendance - 146; no. classes - 14.

CEDAR HILL - Pastor: Rev. Jerry Williams, Johnston School Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28806; Clerk: Maude King, 405 Deaver View Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28806; C.T.S. Director: James Cole, Rt. 1, Brooks Branch Rd., Leicester, N.C. 28748; W.A. President: Rosa Sexton, P.O. Box 6661, Asheville, N.C. 28806. Church membership - 152; members added - 7; members lost - 3; no. classes 7.

FAIRVIEW - Pastor: Rev. C. F. Sprinkle, Rt. 1, Box 445, Marion, N.C. 28752; Clerk: Mae Miller, Rt., Box 474, Marion, N.C. 28752; S.S. Supt., Johnny Parkins, P.O. Box 176, Nebo, N.C. 28761; C.T.S. Director Danny Forbes, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C. 28761; Deacon Board Chmn.; Herman Wall, Marion, N.C. 28752. Church membership 83; members added - 3; S.S. Average attendance 100; no. classes - 10.

FIRST — LENOIR, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rt. 2, Box 100, 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. Deacon Board Chmn., Everett Hutchings 220 Mt. Herman Rd., Lenoir, N.C. 28645. Church membership - 63; members added - 4; members lost - 5; no. S.S. classes - 5.

GETHSEMANE: Marion, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Ralph Reep, 385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, N.C. 28752. Clerk: Betty Roland, Rt. 4, Box 1300, Marion, N.C. 28752; S.S. Supt., Ronald Bright, Rt. 2, Marion, N.C. 28752; Chairman Deacon Board: James Setzer, Rt. 6, Marion, N.C.; Church membership - 88; members added - 4; members lost - 1; average S.S. attendance - 60; No. classes - 8.

HARRIETT MEMORIAL - Caroleen, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Eddie Dollar, P.O. Box 385, Caroleen, N.C. Clerk: Barbara Fowler, P.O. Box 601, Caroleen, N.C. 28019; S.S. Supt.; Frank Turner, P.O. Box 328, Caroleen, N.C. 28019; Master's Men President; Kenny Coffey, Rt. 3, Box 317, Forest City, N.C. 28043; Deacon Board Chairman: Frank Turner, P.O. Box 328, Caroleen, N.C. 28019. Church membership - 300; members added - 4; members lost - 26; no. baptisms - 5; no. S. S. classes 11.

HOMER'S CHAPEL - Black Mountain, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Harry Mintz, P.O. Box 451, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711; Treasurer: Paula Buchanan, Rt. 1, Box 127B, Black Mountain, N.C. S.S. Supt. James Ledbetter, 108 Sunset Drive, Black Mountain, N.C. W.A. President Debbie Rhinhart, Sunnie Haven Rd., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778; Deacon Board Chairman: Mack Bartlett, Ridgecrest, N.C. Church membership 194; members added - 9; members lost - 5; no. baptisms - 6; no. S.S. classes 7.

MEADOWBROOK - Black Mountain, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Dave Nobles, 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711; Clerk: Helen Shook, 135 Fountain Way, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778; S.S. Supt. John Mundy, Rt. 1, Box 459, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711; C.T.S. Director: Lewis Melton, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 459, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711; W.A. President: Mary Hopkins, Rt. 1, Box 13B, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711; Deacon Board Chairman: Boyce Crowe, McCoy Cove Rd., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711; church membership - 377; members added - 27; no. baptisms - 10; average S.S. attendance - 185; no. classes - 12.

MORGANTON - Morganton, N.C. - Clerk: Fern Norman, Rt. 8, Box 400, Morganton, N.C. 28655; W. A. President Savannah Souther, 112 North St., Morganton, N.C. 28655; Deacon Board Chairman: James Norman, Old Shelby, Rd., Morganton, N.C.

NOWLINGS CHAPEL - Morganton, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Roy Shehan, Rt. 6, Box 74, Morganton, N.C. 28655; Clerk: Tammy Lane, Rt. 1, Box 493, Morganton, N.C. 28655; S.S. Supt. Charles Davis, Rt. 8, Box 506, Morganton, N.C. 28655; W.A. President: Jerry Ann Shehan, Rt. 6, Box 74, Morganton, N.C. 28655; Deacon Board Chairman: Charles Davis, Rt. 8, Box 506, Morganton, N.C. Church membership - 95; members added - 18; members lost - 5; no. Baptisms - 8; average S.S. attendance - 73; no classes - 7.

OAKLEY - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Rev. John Moore, 48 Raleigh Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28803; S.S. Supt.: Ed Hensley, 32 Merchant St., Asheville, N.C. 28803; Deacon Board Chairman: Ed Hensley, 32 Merchant St., Asheville, N.C. 28803; Church membership - 39; members added - 12; no. baptisms - 3; average S.S. attendance - 26; no. classes - 5.

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. President: Norabelle Pless, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C. 28716; Deacon Board Chairman: Fred Pless, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C. 28716; Church membership - 64; members added - 5; members lost - 8; no. baptisms - 9; Average S.S. attendance - 65; no. classes - 7.

ROCKY PASS Nebo, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rt. 1, Box 144, Nebo, N.C. 28761; Clerk: Lucille Holland, Rt. 1, Box 58, Marion, N.C. 28752; S.S. Supt.: Jerry McKinney, P.O. Box 666, Marion, N.C. 28752; C.T.S. Director: Earl Vaughn, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C. 28761; W.A. President: Violet Tipton, Rt. 6, Marion, N.C. 28752; Deacon Board Chairman: Max Holland, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C. 28761; Church Membership - 261; members added - 15; members lost - 5; no. baptisms - 11; Average S.S. attendance - 205; no. classes - 16.

SHELBY - Shelby, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Fred Baynard, P.O. Box 756, Forest City, N.C. 28043; Clerk: Dorothy Cook, Hwy. 150 East, Shelby, N.C. 28150; S.S. Supt.: Gordon Johnson, Springs Rd., Shelby, N.C.; Deacon Board Chairman: Charles Childers, Shelby, N.C. 28150; Average S.S. attendance - 65; no. classes - 8.

ZEPHER HILLS - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Clement Heath, 283 Shelbourne Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28806.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Fred Baynard: Churches pastored 1, no. communion and footwashing services 1.

Rev. Paul Butler: Churches pastored 1, no. conversions 12.

Rev. James Coffey: No. revivals 1, no. funerals 3.

Rev. Joe L. Cutshaw: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals 2, no. conversions 20, no. communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 8, no. funerals 2.

Rev. Eddie Dollar: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals 1, no. conversions 14, no. communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 5, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 4.

Rev. Harvey Dupree: Churches pastored 1, revivals 1, no. conversions 7, no. communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 5, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 4.

Rev. Elisha Fish: Churches pastored 1, no. conversions 4, no. communion and footwashings 3, no. baptisms 3, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 2.

Rev. Garland Greene

Rev. Calvin Grogan: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals 1, no. baptisms 6.

Rev. Clement Heath: Churches pastored 1

Rev. Elmer Hensley: Churches pastored 1, no. conversions 20, no. communion and footwashing services 2, baptisms 8, no. marriages 0, no. funerals 2.

Rev. Thomas A. Holder: Churches pastored 1, no. conversions 8, no. communion and footwashing services 3, no. baptisms 4, no. marriages 2, no. funerals 5.

Rev. Milton Hollifield: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals 3, no. conversions 15, no. communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 11, no. marriages 2, no. funerals 15.

Rev. Allen Jackson: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals 2, no. conversions 8, no. communion and footwashing services 3, no. marriages 2, no. funerals 4.

Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick: Churches pastored 1, no. conversions 3, no. communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 4, no. funerals 1.

Rev. Bob D. Littrell: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals 1, no. communion and footwashing services 2, no. baptisms 9, no. funerals 1.

Rev. Douglas Mathis: Churches pastored 1, no. conversions 10, no. communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 5, no. funerals 1.

Rev. Harry Mintz: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals 3, no. baptisms 5, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 1.

Rev. John Moore: Churches pastored 1, no. conversions 8, no. communion and footwashing Services 2, no. baptisms 4, no. marriages 1.

Rev. Jack Moses: no. revivals 1, no. conversion 11, no communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 2, no. marriages 3, no. funerals 3.

Rev. Dave Nobles: Churches pastored 1, no. baptisms 10, no funerals 1.

Rev. Ralph Reep: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals 1, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 1.

Rev. Roy Shehan: Churches pastored 1, no. conversion 6, no. communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 8, no. marriages 4, no. funerals 4.

Rev. C. T. Sprinkle: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals 1, no. conversion 14, no. communion and footwashing services 4, no. baptisms 4, no. marriages 5, no. funerals 3.

Rev. Randy Stone: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals 2, no. conversions 4, no. communion and footwashing services 1, no. baptisms 10, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 4.

Rev. Richard Swann: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals 1, no. communion and footwashing services 3, no. marriages 1.

Rev. Gordon Walker: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals 2, no. conversions 19, no. communion and footwashing service 4, no. baptisms 7, no. marriages 2, no. funerals 2.

Rev. Jack Ward: Churches pastored 1, no. revivals 4, no. conversions 28, no. footwashing and communion services 1, no. baptisms 18, no. marriages 2, no. funerals 6.

Rev. Jerry Williams: Churches pastored 1, no. communion and footwashing services 4, no. marriages 1, no. funerals 3.

Rev. William Vaughn: Churches pastored 1, revivals 2, no. conversions 4, no. communion and footwashing services 2, no. marriages 3, no. funerals 9.

Chaplain of American Legion Post No. 56. Chaplain of V.F.W. Post 4208, McDowell Co.

MISSIONARY REPORT

Sister Volena Wilson - 19 Brucemont Circle, Asheville, N.C. 28806

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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 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), 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. I 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)

11. **THE LORD'S SUPPER:** We believe the supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)

12. **FEET WASHING:** We believe that washing the saint's feet was a command of our Savior and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of our churches. "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14)

13. **THE GOSPEL:** We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel live of the gospel." (1 Corinthians 9:14)

CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



