

31st ANNUAL SESSION

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**Blue Ridge  
Association  
Of the  
Original  
Free Will  
Baptist**

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Held at the  
**Meadowbrook  
F.W.B. Church**  
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5. Cedar Hill	Rev. Jerry Williams	W. Asheville, N.C.
6. Fairview	Rev. Jack Sprinkle	Marion, N.C.
7. First Lenoir	Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick	Lenoir, N.C.
8. First Marion	Rev. Jack Ward	Marion, N.C.
9. First Spruce Pine	Rev. Billy Styles	Spruce Pine
10. Gethsemane	Rev. Ralph Reep	Marion, N.C.
11. Harriett Memorial	Rev. Eddie Dollar	Caroleen, N.C.
12. Homer's Chapel	Rev. Dale McCoy	Black Mountain, N.C.
13. Meadowbrook	Rev. Dave Nobles	Black Mountain, N.C.
14. Meadow Fork	Rev. Randy Tipton	Hot Springs, N.C.
15. Morganton	Rev. Larry Combs	Morganton, N.C.
16. Nowlings Chapel	Rev. Roy Shehan	Morganton, N.C.
17. Oakley	Rev. John Moore	Asheville, N.C.
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19. Resurrection	Rev. Elmer Hensley	Fletcher, N.C.
20. Roaring Creek	Rev. Wayne Smith	Newland, N.C.
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26. Walnut	Rev. Roy Waldrop	Marshall, N.C.
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### MINISTER'S WHO REGISTERED

Fred Baynard, Paul Butler, Carl Cook, Larry Combs, Eddie Dollar, Harvey Dupree, Glen Edwards, Elisha Fish, Garland Green, T.A. Holder, Milton Hollifield, Edward Hutchinson, Allen Jackson, Gordon Johnson, Elmer Keener, Eddie Kirkpatrick, Tom Lilly, Leonard Lindsey, Bob Litrell, Doug Mathis, Dale McCoy, Doug McGee, Wayne Miller, Harry Mintz, John Moore, Jack Moses, Howard Munsey, Dave Nobles, Ralph Reep, Roy Shehan, Wayne Smith, Jack Sprinkle, Randy Stone, Dick Talent, William Vaughn, James Waldrop, Roy Waldrop, Gordon Walker, Lee Roy Walker, Jack Ward, Jerry Williams.

### CHURCH DELEGATES

Asheville — Jackie Fish  
Calvary — Glen Cole  
Canton — Pearl Swanger, Helen Hamlett  
Cedar Hill — Bron Spivey, Martha Spivey, Bonnie Williams, James Cole  
Fairview — Virginia Sprinkle, Janice Hollifield, Mae Miller, Tillman Powell  
First Lenoir — Everett Hutchings, Sam Johnson, Clyde Watson, Inez Kirkpatrick  
Gethsemane — Ronald Bright  
Morganton — Goldie Combs, Gladys Moses, Savannah Souther, Mary Chester, Boa Souther  
Oakley — Bob Gallis  
Roaring Creek — Von Oaks, Jean Oaks, Debbie Ward, Mildred Smith  
Rocky Pass — Lucille Holland  
Zephyr Hills - Dot Prescott, Flora Morgan, Volena Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Lance

### DEACONS

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

### VISITORS

Etta Butler, Ann Thompson, Joy Thompson, Tim King, Don Parish, Rev. Howard Munsey, Rev. Leonard Lindsey, William Gaylor, Bob Gallis, Carrie Padgett, Edith Mintz, Harry Mintz, Jr.

**FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**Of The**  
**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting With The**  
**GETHSEMANE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**August 6, 1983**

Congregational Song — At Calvary

Prayer — Rev. Randy Stone

Morning Devotion — Rev. Jack Ward - Phil. 3:10

Welcome - Host Pastor, Rev. Ralph Reep

Response — Rev. Eddie Dollar

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors - 14 Churches represented, 29 Ministers, 31 Delegates, 10 Visitors.

The following Reports werw given:

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

Youth For The Master Report was given by Bro. James Cole M/S/C to receive Report.

Woman's Auxiliary Report - Sister Martha Taylor. M/S/C to receive Report.

Bible Institute Report - Rev. Randy Stone. M/S/C to receive Report.

Foreign Missions Report - Rev. Eugene Wadell. M/S/C to receive Report.

Rev. Randy Stone gave a report on the Blue Ridge Walk-A-Thon - \$3,580.00 was raised for N.C. State Missions. There are four new Missions now in the State: Hickory, Wilmington, Charlotte, and Henderson.

Rest Home Report was given by Rev. J. C. Lynn. M/S/C to receive Report.

Youth Camp Report - Rev. Harvey Dupree - 108 Campers, 28 Counselors and helpers. Rev. Sawyer was the Camp Evangelist. Many decisions were made - some saved, many rededications, one young man answered the call to preach. M/S/C to receive Report.

Historian Report - Sister Volena Wilson. M/S/C to receive Report.

New Business: Ordaining Council Report:

1. Council Rec. Sunny View F.W.B. Church, Old Fort, and Pastor, Rev. Leroy Walker be received into Blue Ridge Association. M/S/C.
2. Council Rec. that First F.W. B. Church in Marion License Bro. Doug McGee and then he will be received into the Blue Ridge Association as a licensed Minister. M S/C.
3. Council Rec.that Bro. Larry Combs be received into the Blue Ridge Association. Bro. Combs Pastors Morganton F.W.B. Church. M/S/C.
4. Rev. Paul Butler greatly appreciates the love gift of \$100.00 from the Benevolent Fund of the Association.
5. Council Rec. that a love gift of \$200.00 be given to Rev. John Moore of



Asheville. This gift to come from the Benevolent Fund. M/S/C.  
M/S/C The Ordaining Council to investigate the First Church in Black Mountain, the Spruce Pine Church, and the Meadowfork Church.  
M/S/C The Shelby Church (Broad Street) be dropped from our roll in compliance with their request.  
M/S/C The Executive Committee meet and rearrange Article 16 to include the Youth Camp in the finances.  
Rev. Tom Lilly gave a report on the State Work. He encouraged Pastors to have a North Carolina Day and give more support to the State Work. M/S/C to receive Report.  
Adjourned for Worship  
Worship Hour: Song — He Keeps Me Singing  
Prayer — Rev. Eddie Dollar  
Message — Rev. Dave Nobles - Eph. 5:25-32

**SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**Of The**  
**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting With The**  
**HARRIETT MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**November 5, 1983**

Congregational Song — He Keeps Me Singing  
Devotion — Rev. Ed Hutchins - Shelby Church  
Special Prayer — Rev. Jerry Williams  
Welcome — Rev. Eddie Dollar  
Response — Rev. Larry Combs  
Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors - 21 Churches represented, 27 Ministers, 57 Delegates, 8 Visitors.  
The Following Reports were given:  
Youth For The Master - Bro. Glen Cole (See Reports)  
Credentials Report  
Rest Home Report - Rev. J.C. Lynn - 11 Ladies in the Home, He requested prayer for laborers and also financial needs.  
Financial Report - Sister Carrie Padgett  
A partial Report given by Rev. Harvey Dupree for the Bible Institute. A complete Report to be given in the February Meeting.  
M/S/C to receive all Reports.  
M/S/C to adjourn Business until after Worship Service.  
Worship  
Song - Nearer Nearer Blessed Lord  
Prayer - Rev. Ralph Reep  
Message - Rev. Fred Baynard  
Dismissed - Rev. Coffey  
Recess  
Special Singing - Trio from Host Church  
Business resumed - Rev. Bob Litrell; Youth Camp Director, resigned. Bro. Roy Shehan was elected by acclamation to this position.  
There was some discussion about changing article 16 to include the Youth Camp.

The Executive Board recommended tabling this until the Annual Meeting.  
M/S/C.

M/S/C Moderator appoint a committee to form guidelines for the various Boards.

M/S/C That the various Chairmen meet with the Moderator and Assist Moderator to form guidelines.

Recommendation by Bro Hollifield: Association buy Bonds for Rest Home, taking \$1,000.00 from the following Funds: Benevolent Fund, Educational Fund, Home Mission Fund for a two year term, Bonds maturing October 1, 1985.

Ordaining Council Report:

Recommendations:

1. Bro. Johnny Lee Hughes be licensed by First F.W.B. Church in Marion.  
M/S/C.
2. Received Letter from the First F.W.B. Church in Black Mountain desiring to withdraw from Blue Ridge Association, but Council did have a minority group that wants to stay in the Association. Council received the Ordination Papers that Rev. Doug Melton turned in. M/S/C that their request be granted, Church will be dropped from our roll.  
M/S/C that we, the Blue Ridge Association, receive the Ordination Papers of Doug Melton that were voluntarily submitted by him, after he had learned that his doctrine concerning speaking in unknown tongues was in opposition to Free Will Baptist Doctrine, as set forth in the F.W.B. Treaties under Appendix to Chapter 7, adopted July 1979.
3. Charles Edward Hutchinson be received in Blue Ridge Association pending a letter. Council received letter from Shelby F.W.B. Church stating he had been called as Pastor and asking that he be received as member of Blue Ridge Association. Motion made that Bro. Hutchinson be received pending letter from Lawrence County Association of Free Will Baptist. Second, Carried.
4. A Letter was received from the Roaring Creek Free Will Baptist Church wishing to unite with the Blue Ridge Association. M/S/C to receive this church into Association.

M/S/C That our offering today be given to the Pastor of Meadow Fork Church Rev. Randy Tipton.

Adjourned

### **THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING**

**Of The**

**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**

**Meeting With The**

**HOMER'S CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH, BLACK MOUNTAIN, N.C.**

**February 4, 1984**

Congregational Song -- At Calvary

Prayer -- Rev. Dave Nobles

Devotion -- Rev. Bob Litrell - Rev. 1:4

Welcome - Host Pastor, Rev. Dale McCoy

Response -- Rev. Jack Moses

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors - 22 Churches represented, 39 Ministers, 69 Delegates, 11 Visitors.

The Following Reports were given:

Youth For The Master - Bro. Glen Cole (See Reports)

Partial Credentials Report given by Rev. Richard Swann

Historian Report - Sister Volena Wilson

Rest Home Report given by Rev. James C. Lynn

State Mission Board Report - Rev. Randy Stone

Bible Institute Report - Rev. Randy Stone (See Reports). Resolution from Bible Institute Trustees requesting the Association put Bible Institute in Budget and allot a certain amount of money each semester.

Treasurer's Report - Sister Carrie Padgett. M/S/C to accept all Reports.

Minutes of last Meeting read and approved.

M/S/C A Financial Committee be appointed: Rev. John Moore, Rev. Eddie Dollar and Rev. Bill Vaughn.

Ordaining Council Report:

1. Received Letter from Lawrence County Conference recommending Charles E. Hutchinson to our Fellowship. M/S/C.
2. The Ordaining Council recommends that Churches and Ministers that have not been reporting by letter or person for the past year, if no report is made by annual meeting be dropped from roll, according to Article 10-F and G. M/S/C.
3. The Ordaining Council recommends that Dickey Joe Tallent be licenced by the Nowling's Chapel F.W.B. Church. M/S/C.

Recommendation by Executive Board - A love offering be given to Rev. John Moore. M/S/C to give \$500.00.

A Nominating Committee was elected: Rev. Carl Cook, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Jack Ward.

Dismissed for Worship Service - Rev. Hollifield.

Song — When We All Get To Heaven

Prayer — Rev. Harvey Dupree

Special Singing — Host Church

Message — Rev. Larry Combs - Pastor of Morganton Church - II Timothy 3:1-15

Dismissed with Altar Prayer - Rev. Milton Hollifield.

Next Meeting - Meadowbrook Church, May 5, 1984

**31 ANNUAL SESSION  
Of The  
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION  
Meeting With  
MEADOWBROOK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
May 5, 1984**

The 31st Annual Session was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. James Cole.

Prayer by Jack Sprinkle

Devotion by Rev. Dale McCoy - Psalms 73

Response — Rev. Randy Stone

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors - 22 Churches represented, 39 Ministers, 32 Delegates, 12 Visitors.

The Following Reports were given:

Youth For The Master - Bro James Cole (See Reports).

Bible Institute Report - Rev. Randy Stone (See Reports)

Historian - Sister Volena Wilson

Credentials Report - Rev. Richard Swann

State Promotional Work - Rev. Tom Lilly

Rest Home - Rev. Milton Hollifield

Ordaining Council Report - Rev. Harvey Dupree (See Reports)

Youth Camp Report - Rev. Harvey Dupree (See Reports)

Treasurer's Report - Sister Virginia Sprinkle

Rev. Leonard Lindsey gave an interesting report on the Valdese Church.

The Nominating Committee Report was given (See Reports) M/S/C to accept these Reports.

Old Business:

M/S/C to remove Article 17 from Table to be amended as follows:

This Association recommends that each Church pay quarterly one percent of their income for the support of this association to be designated as follows: General Fund 35%, Missions 22%, Education 7%, Youth 18%, Minister's Benevolent Fund 8%, Youth Camp 10%.

M/S/C Churches and Ministers being absent for one year be investigated and dealt with at next meeting.

Ammendment - Clerk give Ordaining Council a list of Churches that have been absent for one year.

Next Meeting - Meadow Fork Church - August 4, 1984.

Worship Hour

Song - He Keeps Me Singing led by Bro. James Cole

Prayer - Bro. Glen Cole

Special Singing - The Roaring Creek Trio.

Message - Rev. Harvey Dupree - "Behold Your King" - John 19

Adjourned

### REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee submitted the following report:

Churches Reporting	22
Ministers Reported	39
Delegates Registered	32
Visitors Registered	12

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Richard Swann  
Rev. Dave Nobles  
Rev. Allen Jackson

### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee submits and recommends the following:

Ordaining Council      Rev. Bob Littrell (1989)  
                                 Rev. Allen Jackson (1985)

Blue Ridge Bible Institute - Trustee      Rev. Wayne Smith (1989)

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Carl Cook  
Rev. Wayne Smith  
Rev. Jack Ward

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Board met September 10, 1983 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Marion, N.C. The following members were present: Rev. Jerry Williams, Rev. Jack Ward, Rev. Jack Sprinkle, Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Ted Reynolds, Mrs. Lucille Holland, Miss Carrie Padgett.

We recommend that Article 16 of our Constitution and By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

General Fund .....	35%
Missions .....	22%
Education .....	7%
Youth .....	18%
Youth Camp .....	10%
Minister's Benevolent Fund .....	8%

We also recommend the Association appoint a committee to investigate the need for dealing with guidelines and boards concerning the finances of Education, Missions, and Minister's Benevolent Fund.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Mrs. Lucille Holland, Clerk

The Executive Board and the Ordaining Council met September 19, 1983 at Shoney's Restaurant in Oteen, with 10 members present: Rev. Jerry Williams, Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Ted Reynolds, Rev. Paul Butler, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Harvey Dupree, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Miss Carrie Padgett, and Mrs. Lucille Holland.

We discussed problems existing in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Black Mountain, based upon information received from a number of the older members of the church, the following action was taken:

M/S/C to inform Rev. Doug Melton by letter that his credentials has been revoked and that he turn in his Certificate of Ordination within two weeks. If not, notification will be published in the local paper.

Motion to include - Rev. Doug Melton be informed by letter that this action was taken by Ordaining Council and Executive Board, due to the fact that Rev. Melton refused to meet with the Ordaining Council, and of charges by various members of the First Free Will Baptist Church that he is promoting Doctrines and behaviors which are contrary to the Free Will Baptist Doctrine and Concept.

Mrs. Lucille Holland, Clerk

The Ordaining Council met at the Meadowbrook Church May 5, 1984. We recommend the following:

That we receive Rev. Dale McCoy as a minister in good standing in our Association.

Rev. Dale McCoy was Ordained at Homer's Chapel Church February 12, 1984, by the Ordaining Council in South Carolina. The following Ministers were present: Rev. Norris Hawkins, Rev. Billy Vandiford, Rev. Earl Hendrix.

Respectfully submitted  
Rev. Harvey Dupree  
Rev. Wayne Smith  
Rev. Paul Butler  
Rev. Harry Mintz

#### REPORT OF THE YOUTH CAMP

Last Year's Balance .....	\$1,606.01
Disbursements:	
Camp Rent .....	180.00
Camp Groceries .....	400.00
Camp Trailer .....	68.75
	<u>648.75</u>
Fund Balance May 5, 1984 .....	\$975.26
Respectfully Submitted Rev. Harvey Dupree	

#### BLUE RIDGE BIBLE INSTITUTE FINANCIAL REPORT FALL 1983

Beginning Balance .....	\$189.57
Receipts .....	556.00
Expenses:	
Postage .....	\$ 71.15
Advertising - Black Mountain News .....	47.60
Petty Cash .....	25.00
Graphic Assoc. - Printing .....	157.51
Randall House .....	44.99
Phone .....	6.50
Meadowbrook Church .....	300.00
Total Expense .....	652.75
Book Balance End of Fall Semester .....	\$ 92.82

#### YOUTH FOR THE MASTER'S REPORT

August 6, 1983

The North Carolina State Youth Conference was held at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Swannanoa, N.C. on May 28, 1983. The following youth from the Blue Ridge Association won at that meeting, and each represented us very well at the National Youth Conference in Columbus, Ohio:

**BIBLE MEMORIZATION**

Grade 1 - Kendra McMahan from Meadowbrook Free Will Baptist Church was first runner-up.

**BIBLE SWORD DRILL**

Grade 5 - Shannon Cope from Canton Free Will Baptist Church was first runner-up.

**ORAL COMMUNICATION**

Hearald age group - Jonathan Nobles from Meadowbrook Free Will Baptist Church tied for first place.

**CREATIVE WRITING** (this category of competition bypasses District and State competition and is sent directly to the National Youth Conference Office for judging).

Hearald age group - Jennifer Mathews from Canton Free Will Baptist Church received a "1" rating for her poetry entry.

Our next meeting will be two weeks from today on Saturday evening, August 20, 1983, at Meadowbrook Free Will Baptist Church, Black Mountain, N.C. The meeting will begin promptly at 7 o'clock. The Rev. Jack Ward, Pastor of First Church in Marion, will be the speaker, with the host church providing special music.

I appreciate the opportunity of working with my previous assistant, Rev. Jerry Williams, who was a real help and inspiration. I now look forward to working with my new assistant, Mr. James Cole, from Cedar Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

Treasurer's Report-Balance as of August 6, 1983 - \$742.58.

Respectfully submitted  
Glenn Cole, Director  
Youth for the Master

**Youth For the Master Report** to the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist on November 5, 1983.

The Youth for the Master met August 20, 1983 at Meadowbrook Church. The Host Church's Youth Choir presented Special music, and Rev. Jack Ward (pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Marion) brought an inspiring message from II Kings 2:9 with his sermon entitled "A Double Portion." Several young people came forward at the invitation.

Total attendance at this meeting was 149, with Meadowbrook winning the banner with 54 present. The following eight churches from the Blue Ridge Association were represented: Calvary, Canton, Cedar Hill, Fairview, First Marion, Meadowbrook, Pisgah, and Rocky Pass. Average attendance for the past year is 218, while the previous year's average is 181.

New Officers were elected as follows:

President — Myron Crowe - Calvary  
Vice-President — Rodney Phillips - Meadowbrook  
Secretary — Jennifer Mathews - Canton  
Assistant Secretary — Tracy Wise - Meadowbrook  
Pianist — Pamela Marlowe - Rocky Pass  
Assistant Pianist — Kelly Cope - Canton  
Song Director — Darlene Silver - Canton  
Assistant Song Director — David Marlowe - Rocky Pass

Our next Meeting is November 19, 1983 at the Rocky Pass Church, Marion, N.C. at 6 p.m. There will be a practice session for Bible Competitive Activities and

Music and Arts. Our main service at 7 p.m. will have a missions emphasis with some of our Missionary Kids who are presently attending Free Will Baptist College.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance August 6, 1983 .....	742.58
Cheek from Blue Ridge Association, August 8, 1983 .....	295.82
Offering August 20, 1983 .....	43.35
Balance November 5, 1983 .....	\$1,081.75

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Cole, Director

**Youth For the Master Report** to the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists on February 4, 1984.

The Youth for the Master met November 19, 1983, at the Rocky Pass Church. Four students from the Bible College presented an outstanding program consisting of music, personal testimonies, slides of mission work in Brazil and France, and a thought-provoking poem about witnessing. The students were Jonathan Merkh, John Poole, Dave Franks, Jr., and Maurilo Amorim.

There were 175 people present at the meeting; Rocky Pass won the banner with 54 present. The following churches were represented: Calvary, Canton, Cedar Hill, Fairview, First Marion, Meadowbrook, and Rocky Pass.

Our next meeting is February 18, 1984, at Calvary Church. At 5:30 p.m. there will be a practice session for Bible Competitive Activities and Music and Arts. The main service at 6:30 p.m. will feature the Bob Jones University film, **Sheffey**.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance November 5, 1983 .....	\$1,081.75
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**RECEIPTS:**

Check from Blue Ridge Asso. November 11, 1983 .....	138.34
Offering at Youth For the Master Meeting, Nov. 19, 1983 ..	63.11
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1,283.20</b>

**Disbursements:**

Free Will Baptist Bible College (expenses for travel for four Students to Nov. 19 Youth For the Master Meeting .....	170.00
Western Sizzlin' (lunch for Officers Meeting Nov. 12, 1983; six officers and directors) .....	38.37
F.W.B. Bible College (honorarium for the four students who presented our November 19 program .....	200.00
<b>BALANCE February 4, 1984</b> .....	<b>\$874.83</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Cole, Director

**Youth For the Master Report** to the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist on May 5, 1984.

The Youth for the Master met February 18, 1984, at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Swannanoa, North Carolina. Bible Competition and Music and Arts practice began at 6 p.m. The film "Sheffey" was shown during the main service. Several young people responded to the altar call. There were 286 in attendance, with Meadowbrook Church receiving the banner for having the most in attendance. We welcomed, for the first time at one of our youth meetings, the Roaring Creek Church from Newland, North Carolina, and the Shelby Church from Shelby, North Carolina.



**The Youth For the Master** met April 21, 1984, at Canton Free Will Baptist Church, Canton, North Carolina. There were 189 in attendance for the District Bible and Music and Arts Competition. Canton Church won the banner for having the most in attendance. There were a total of 43 individuals entered in the Bible and Music and Arts Competition. Certificates of Participation were given to each of the 43 young people who participated; medals were given to all winners and to the first and second runner-ups in each area of Bible Competition and to all those who received a "1" rating in Music and Arts Competition. The following individuals or groups will be representing the Blue Ridge Association at the State Youth Conference to be held May 11 and 12, 1984, at Ruth's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina:

**BIBLE MEMORIZATION:**

Grade 1 — Nathan Weldon Ammons - Meadowbrook Church

Grade 2 — Kendra McMahan - Meadowbrook Church

Grade 3 — Lorie Ann Miller - Fairview Church

**BIBLE SWORD DRILL:**

Grade 4 — No entries

Grade 5 — Jeffrey McMahan - Meadowbrook Church

Grade 6 — Shannon Cope - Canton Church

**BIBLE TIC TAC TOE:**

Meadowbrook Church — Sheri Hollifield, Jonathan Nobles, Kim Rhinehart, and Jennifer Runion

**BIBLE BOWL:**

No entries

**MUSIC AND ARTS:**

Vocal Solo — Learner - Lorie Ann Miller - Fairview Church

Vocal Solo — Crusader - Angela Burleson - Roaring Creek Church

Vocal Solo — Ambassador - Kelly Sutton - Canton Church

Vocal Ensemble — Quartet Division - Roaring Creek Quartet (Alric Burleson, James Condrey, Kevin Eudy, and Kyle Eudy - Roaring Creek Church

Vocal Ensemble — Sextet Division - Canton Ensemble (Mary Bennett, Kelly Cope, Shannon Cope, Jennifer Mathews, Kim Robinson, and Kelly Sutton) - Canton Church

Choral — Division IV - Roaring Creek Free Will Baptist Youth Group, (Gary Buchanan, Alric Burleson, Angela Burleson, James Condrey, Kevin Eudy, Kyle Eudy, Cammy Hughes, and Ginger Hughes) - Roaring Creek Church.

Keyboard Solo — Herald - Kelly Cope - Canton Church

Keyboard Solo — Crusader - James Condrey - Roaring Creek Church

Oral Communication — Herald - Jonathan Nobles - Meadowbrook Church

Creative Art — Crusader - Jennifer Mathews - Canton Church

Approval was given at this meeting to send a gift of \$100 to our North Carolina State Youth Board for our state youth work. Also, we were invited to the Fairview Free Will Baptist Church, Marion, North Carolina, for our next meeting, August 18, 1984.

**Combined February and April Treasurer's Report:**

BALANCE February 4, 1984

\$ 874.83

**RECEIPTS:**

Check from Blue Ridge Association February 4, 1984 -

161.59

Offering at Youth for the Master Meeting February 18, 1984	75.43
<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>1,111.85</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Bob Jones University (Rental of Sheffey Film and Brochures) -	209.10
<b>BALANCE April 20, 1984 -</b>	<b>902.75</b>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Offering at Youth for the Master Meeting April 21, 1984 -	53.03
<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>955.78</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
North Carolina State Youth Board (Entry Fees for District Winners in Bible and Music and Arts) -	190.00
North Carolina State Youth Board (Gift) -	100.00
<b>BALANCE May 5, 1984</b>	<b>\$ 665.78</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Glenn Cole, Director  
Blue Ridge Youth for the Master

**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 5, 1984  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Fund Balance - May 7, 1983	\$ 759.36
Received this year	1,807.00
	<u>\$2,566.36</u>

## Disbursements:

State Assoc. - Rev. Tom Lilly	100.00
Clerk's salary	125.00
Phone, postage	65.15
Travel expense	203.49
State Assoc. - Representation fees	450.00
National Assoc. Representation fees	180.00
Graphic Associates - Minutes and copies made	519.64
Rev. Randy Tipton (Offering received)	76.00
	<u>1,719.28</u>

Fund Balance	\$ 847.08
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**YOUTH FOR THE MASTER**

Fund Balance - May 7, 1983	-0-
Received this year and paid to Youth for the Master	\$ 811.27
Fund Balance	-0-

**LOCAL MISSIONS FUND**

Fund Balance - May 7, 1983	\$2,460.59
Received this year	841.18
Interest added	112.46
Paid to Hickory Mission	- 100.00
Less Bond for Rest Home	- 1,000.00
Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,314.23</u>

**MINISTER'S BENEVOLENT FUND**

Fund Balance - May 7, 1983	\$ 2,154.59
Received this year	404.49
Interest added	71.58
Rev. Paul Butler	- 100.00
Rev. John Moore	- 700.00
Less Bond for Rest Home	- 1,000.00
Fund Balance	<u>\$ 830.66</u>

**EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND**

Fund Balance - May 7, 1983	\$ 1,847.41
Received this year	336.49
Interest added	129.80
Reimbursement - Polly Johnson Loan	510.00
Less Bond for Rest Home	- 1,000.00
Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,823.70</u>

## ANNUAL REPORT, MAY 5, 1984

Churches	Amt. this Quarter	Amt. for Year
Asheville		85.00
Avery's Creek	33.85	190.34
Calvary		60.00
Canton		35.00
Cedar Hill	99.25	485.96
Fairview	122.00	610.22
First - Black Mountain		25.00
First - Lenoir		100.00
First - Marion	60.00	335.00
First - Shelby		
First - Spruce Pine		
Gethsemane	56.87	202.26
Harriett Memorial	251.90	781.74
Homer's Chapel		100.00
Meadowbrook	25.00	160.00
Meadowfork		
Morganton	53.55	249.09
Nowling's Chapel		35.00
Oakley		67.00
Pisgah	38.22	179.91
Resurrection		40.00
Rocky Pass	147.00	830.50
Shelby		135.00
Sulphur Springs		
Sunny View		70.00
Swannanoa	120.00	300.00
Walnut		
Zephyr Hills		50.00
TOTALS	\$ 1,077.64	\$ 5,127.02

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie Padgett, Treasurer

### BLUE RIDGE BIBLE INSTITUTE FINANCIAL REPORT - SPRING 1984

Beginning Balance .....	\$ 92.82
Receipts .....	745.00
Expenses:	
Randall House .....	\$171.41
Meadowbrook Church .....	300.00
Graphic Associates .....	95.11
Janie Hall - Mileage .....	25.00
Christian Book Store .....	22.50
Total Expenses .....	\$ 614.02
Book Balance as of May 1, 1984 .....	\$ 223.80

### STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

**ASHEVILLE** - Asheville, N.C., Pastor: Rev. Elisha W. Fish, Rt. 3, Box 212, Candler, N.C. Clerk: Charlene Marlowe, 31 Success Ave., W. Asheville, N.C. 28806. S.S. Supt.: D.E. Roller, P.O. Box 8112, Asheville, N.C. 28814. W.A. President: Frances Rathburn, Asheville, N.C. Deacon Board Chairman: Denver Roller, P.O. Box 8112, Asheville, N.C. 28804. Church Membership - 61; members added 6; members lost 1; no. baptisms 4; Average S.S. attendance 35; no. classes 6.

**AVERY'S CREEK** - Arden, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Richard J. Swann, 484 Rosman Hwy., Brevard, N.C. Clerk: Carolyn Swann, #4, Mildred Apts., Mildred Ave., Asheville, N.C. 28806; S.S. Supt., Gaylord Coy, Erwin Hill Rd., Asheville, N.C.; Deacon Board Chairman: Thornton Coy, Rt. 1, Avery's Creek Road, Arden, N.C.; Church Membership 45; members lost 2; S.S. attendance 20; no classes 3.

**CALVARY** - Swannanoa, N.C., Pastor: Rev. Randy Stone, 204 Eastwood Ave., Swannanoa, N.C. Clerk: Genevieve Robertson, 15 Sunset Drive, Swannanoa, N.C. 28878. S.S. Supt., David Ray, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778; W.A. President: Genevieve Robertson, 15 Sunset Drive, Swannanoa, N.C. Deacon Board Chairman: James Brotherton, 125 Stone Drive, Swannanoa, N.C. Church Membership 305, Members added 14; members lost 8; No. Baptisms 15.

**CANTON** - Canton, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Harvey Dupree, P.O. Box 1346, Canton, N.C. 28716 Clerk: Helen Hamlett, 25 Flint St., Canton, N.C. 28716; S.S. Supt., Eugene Norton, 30 E. Haywood Drive, Canton, N.C.; C.T.S. Director: Eugene Norton, 30 E. Haywood Drive, Canton, N.C.; W.A. President: Nellie Seeley, P.O. Box 545, Canton, N.C.; Master's Men President: Harold Mathews, Rt. 5, Box 601, Canton, N.C.; Deacon Board Chairman: Collie Clark, P.O. Box 116, Clyde, N.C. 28721; Church Membership 341; members lost 8; no. baptisms 2; Average S.S. attendance 120; no classes 13; Librarian: Coleen Johnson

**CEDAR HILL** - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Jerry Williams, 227 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, N.C. 28806; Clerk: Maude King, 405 Deaver View Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28806; S.S. Supt., Mike Mashburn, Johnston School Rd., Asheville, N.C.; C.T.S. Director: James Cole, Leicester, N.C. 28748; W.A. President: Mrs. Rose Sexton, Johnston Blvd., Asheville, N.C.; Deacon Board Chairman: Bron Spivey, 164 Ben Lippen Rd., Asheville, N.C. Church Membership 158; Members added 15, members lost 2; Average S.S. Attendance 61; no. classes 7.

**FAIRVIEW** - Marion, N.C. Pastor: Rev. C.F. Sprinkle, Rt. 1, Box 445, Marion, N.C. 28752; Clerk: Mae Miller, Rt. 1, Box 474, Marion, N.C. 28752; S.S. Supt., John Parkins, P.O. Box 176, Nebo, N.C. 28761; C.T.S. Director: Danny Forbes, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C.; W.A. President: Frances Stines, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C.; Master's Men President: Danny Forbes, Rt. 1, Nebo, N.C. Deacon Board Chairman: Baxter Stafford, Rt. 1, Marion, N.C. Church Membership 90; Members added 2; members lost 7; no. baptisms 5; no. classes 10.

**HOMER'S CHAPEL** - Black Mountain, N.C., Pastor: Rev. Dale McCoy, 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, N.C.; Clerk: Mary Walker, Rt. 1, Box 306-A, Black Mountain, N.C.; Supt. James K. Ledbetter; W.A. President: Teresa Stone, Rt. 1, Box 306-A, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711. Deacon Board Chairman: Bro. Mac Bartlett. No. members added 6; no members lost 2; average S.S. attendance 70; no. classes 7.

**LENOIR 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., Sam Johnson, 2503 Old Morganton Rd., Lenoir, N.C. 28645; Deacon Board Chairman: Everett Hutchings, 220 Mt. Herman Rd., Lenoir, N.C.; Church membership 67; members added 1; average S.S. attendance 25; no. classes 5.

**MARION FIRST** - Marion, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Jack Ward, 250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, N.C. 28752; Clerk: Hank Taylor, P.O. Box 784, Marion, N.C. 28752; S.S. Supt., Arnold Pressnell, Rt. 1, Box 532, Marion, N.C.; C.T.S. Director: Paula McKinney, Rt. 2, Box 27-C, Nebo, N.C. 28761; W.A. President: Martha Taylor, 725 Morris Ave., Marion, N.C.; Church Membership 234; no. members added 19; no. members lost 7; no. baptisms 31; S.S. average attendance 178; no. classes 11.

**GETHSEMANE** - Marion, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Ralph Reep, 385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, N.C. Clerk: Linda Stevens, Rt. 4, Box 109, Marion, N.C. 28752; S.S. Supt., Ronald Bright, Rt. 2, Box 43-A, Marion, N.C.; Deacon Board Chairman: James Setzer, Rt. 6, Box 95, Marion, N.C. 28752; Church Membership 81; no members added 9; no. members lost 1; no. baptisms 3; average S.S. attendance 60; no. classes 8.

**HARRIETT MEMORIAL** - Caroleen, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Eddie Dollar, 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; W.A. President: Virginia Churchwell, Rt. 5, Box 200, Forest City, N.C. 28043; 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.; Church Membership 283; no members added 4; no. members lost 3; no. baptisms 6; average S.S. attendance — no. classes 11; Librarian: Rhonda Coffey.

**MEADOWBROOK** - Black Mountain, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Dave Nobles, 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711; Clerk: Helen Shook, 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711; S.S. Supt., John Mundy, 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, N.C.; C.T.S. Director: John Mundy, 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, N.C.; W.A. President: Madge Runnion, 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, N.C. Deacon Board Chairman: Boyce Crowe, 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, N.C.; Church Membership 415; no. members added 67; no. members lost 2; no. baptisms 47; average attendance 185; no. classes 12.

**MORGANTON**- Morganton, N.C. Pastor: Larry Ray Combs, Whispering Pine Rd., Morganton, N.C. Clerk: Leona Harmon, Rt. 5, Box 268, Morganton, N.C. 28655; S.S. Supt. Robert Souther, North St., Morganton, N.C.; W.A. President: Savannah Souther, North St., Morganton, N.C. Deacon Board Chairman: James Norman, Rt. 6, Morganton, N.C.; Church Membership 43; no. members added 16; no. members lost 17; average S.S. attendance 38; no. classes 4.

**NOWLING CHAPEL** - Morganton, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Roy Shehan, Rt. 6, Box 74, Morganton, N.C. Clerk: Tammy Lane, Morganton, N.C. 28655; S.S. Supt., Dick Tallent, Morganton, N.C.; 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 103; no. members added 10; no. members lost 5; no. baptisms 6; average S.S. attendance 85; no. classes 7.

**OKALEY** - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Rev. John Moore, 48 Raleigh Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28803; S.S. Supt.: Glen Edwards, 15 Ridge Ave., Asheville, N.C. 28803; Master's Men President: Leonard Cutshall, P.O. Box 128, Fletcher, N.C. 28726; Deacon Board Chairman: Henry Belcher, 11 Ridge Ave., Asheville, N.C. Church membership 48; no. members added 6; no. members lost 1; no. baptisms 2; average S.S. attendance 22; no. classes 4.

**PISGAH** - Canton, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Bob Littrell, Rt. 2, Box 377, Canton, N.C. 28716; Clerk: Elizabeth Pless, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C.; S.S. Supt., Jack Heatherly, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C. W.A. President: Norabell Pless, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C.; Deacon Board Chairman: Fred Pless, Rt. 2, Canton, N.C.; average S.S. attendance 55; no. classes 7.

**ROARING CREEK** - Newland, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Wayne Smith, 314 Altamahaw Ave., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711; Clerk: Sarah Eudy, Rt. 1, Newland, N.C. 28657; S.S. Supt., McRae Burleson, Rt. 1, Box 265, Newland, N.C.; W.A. President: Mrs. Earl Hughes, Rt. 1, Newland, N.C. Master's Men President: Earl Hughes, Rt. 1, Newland, N.C. Church membership 55; no. members added 5; Librarian: Angela Burleson, Rt. 1, Newland, N.C.

**ROCKY PASS** - Marion, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rt. 1, Box 244, Harmony Grove Rd., Nebo, N.C. 28761. Clerk: Lucille Holland, Rt. 1, Box 58, Marion, N.C. S.S. Supt.: Jerry McKinney, P.O. Box 1786, Marion, N.C. 28752; C.T.S. Director: George Rollo, 302 Third St., Marion, N.C. 28752; W.A. President: Violet Tipton, Rt. 6, Box 666, Marion, N.C. Deacon Board Chairman: Max Holland, Rt. 1, Box 131, Nebo, N.C. 28761; Church membership 286; no. members added 15; no. members lost 1; no. baptisms 9; average S.S. attendance 198; no. classes 17; Librarian: Volunteers.

**SHELBY** - Shelby, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Edward Hutchinson D.D., 3103 College Rd., Shelby, N.C. 28150; Clerk: Dorothy Cook, 505 Cherryville Rd., Shelby,

N.C. S.S. Supt.: Rev. Gordon Johnson, 5307 Spring Lane, Shelby, N.C.; W.A. President: Betty Rogers, 3033 Charles Rd., Shelby, N.C. Deacon Board Chairman: Bruce Landers, 902 Lake St., Shelby, N.C.; Members added 16; no. members lost 4; no. baptisms 6; average S.S. attendance 55; no classes 8.

**SUNNY VIEW** - Old Fort, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Lee Roy Walker, P.O. Box 548, Old Fort 28762; Clerk: Rev. Lee Roy Walker, P.O. Box 548, Old Fort, N.C. S.S. Supt.: Joe Gregory, Old Fort, N.C.; no. members added 9; no members lost 2, average S.S. attendance 15; no. classes 2.

**ZEPHER HILLS** - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Clerk: Mrs. Lucille Lance, P.O. Box 6036, Asheville, N.C.; no members added 6; no members lost 2; no. baptisms 11; average S.S. attendance 68; no classes 8; Librarian: Teresa Pennington, Justice Rd., Candler, N.C. 28715

### MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Paul Butler: Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 3, No. Baptisms 4, No. Marriages 1.

Rev. Larry Combs: Churches Pastored 2, Revivals Conducted 3, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 6, No. Funerals 5.

Rev. Carl Cook:

Rev. Eddie Dollar: Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 10, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 6, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 5.

Rev. Harvey Dupree: Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Conducted 2, No. Conversions 8, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 2, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 3.

Rev. Elisha Fish: Churches Pastored 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 4, No. Marriages 4, No. Funerals 4.

Rev. T.A. Holder: Churches Pastored 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4, No. Baptisms 8, No. Marriages 4, No. Funerals 4.

Rev. Milton A. Hollifield, Sr.: Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Conducted 2, No. Conversions 15, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 9, No. Marriages 4, No. Funerals 14.

Rev. Edward Hutchinson: No. Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Conducted 2, No. Conversions 2, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 6, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 1.

Rev. Allen Jackson: No. Revivals Conducted 2, No. Conversions 8, No. Funerals 5.

Rev. Gordon Johnson: Churches Pastored 1, No. Conversions 15, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 3.

Rev. Elmer Keener: Churches Pastored 2, No. Conversions 12, No. Funerals 3.

Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick: Churches Pastored 1, Revivals 1, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 1.

Rev. Bob Littrell: Churches Pastored 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2.



Rev. Douglas Mathis: No. Conversions 6, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 1.

Rev. Dale McCoy: Churches Pastored 1, No. Conversions 5, No. Communion And Footwashing Services 1, No. Funerals 1.

Rev. Wayne Miller: Assistant Pastor, No. Conversions 2, No. Baptisms 5.

Rev. Harry Mintz: Churches Pastored 2, Revivals Conducted 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 10.

Rev. John C. Moore: Churches Pastored 1, No. Conversions 8, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 2, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 1.

Rev. Jack Moses: Revivals conducted 1, No. Conversions 6, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 2.

Rev. Dave Nobles: Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Conducted 1, No. Baptisms 47, No. Marriages, No. Funerals 5.

Rev. Ralph Reep: Churches Pastored 1, Revivals conducted 1, No. Baptisms 3, No. Marriages 1.

Rev. Winfred Roland:

Rev. Roy A. Shehan: Churches Pastored 1, No. Conversions 10, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 6, No. Marriages 8, No. Funerals 7.

Rev. Clifford Shetley: No. Revivals conducted 2, No. Conversions 16, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 3.

Rev. Wayne Smith: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 3, No. Conversions 20, No. Marriages 4, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2.

Rev. C.F. "Jack Sprinkle: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 26, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4, No. Baptisms 5, No. Marriages 1.

Rev. Randal Stone: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 3, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 15, No. Marriages 3, No. Funerals 5.

Rev. Richard Swann: Churches Pastored 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 3, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 3.

Rev. William S. Vaughn: Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Conducted 2, No. of Conversions 8, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 5, No. Marriages 4, No. Funerals 6, Chaplain of Post American Legion 56, Chaplain of Post V.F.W. 4208, 35 Military Funerals, McDowell County.

Rev. Gordon Walker: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 3, No. Conversions 10, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4, No. Baptisms 4, No. Marriages 3, No. Funerals 2.

Rev. Lee Roy Walker: Churches Pastored 1, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 1.

Rev. Jack Ward: Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Conducted 6, No. Conversions 34, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4, No. Baptisms 17, No. Marriages 4, No. Funerals 6.

Rev. Jerry Williams: Churches Pastored 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 2, No. Sermons Preached 121.

Missionary Report: Sister Volena Wilson - 19 Brucemont Circle, Asheville, N.C. 28806 — Telephone 704-254-1090



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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 Fund 35%, Missions 22%, Education 7%, Youth 18%, Minister's Benevolent Fund 8%, Youth Camp 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 prosperity 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 unworthly, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." (I Corinthians 11:28-29)

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

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

## CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Calvary Free Will Baptist**

On June 28, 1970, interested parties held their first meeting in the home of the late Ralph Robertson with 25 in attendance. Then on July 5, the first service was held, with 63 present for Sunday School and 76 for preaching.

The first phase of the present facility was completed and used for the first time on December 29, 1971. The second phase was complete in September of 1977.

Calvary has had two pastors: The Rev. Frank Cantrell from 1970 until October of 1978 and The Rev. Randy Stone from October of 1978 until the present. It presently has approximately 130 in Sunday School attendance and 160 in Sunday Morning preaching attendance.

