

32nd ANNUAL SESSION

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

Held at the
Oakley
F.W.B. Church
Asheville, N.C.
May 5, 1985

MODERATOR
Rev. Jerry Williams
CLERK
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MINUTES
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4. Canton	Rev. Harvey Dupree	Canton, N.C.
5. Cedar Hill	Rev. Jerry Williams	Asheville, N.C.
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7. Fairview	Rev. Jack Sprinkle	Marion, N.C.
8. Faith	Rev. Paul Butler	Morganton, N.C.
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10. First Marion	Rev. Jack Ward	Marion, N.C.
11. First Morganton	Rev. Larry Combs	Morganton, N.C.
12. Gethsemane	Rev. Ralph Reep	Marion, N.C.
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15. Meadowbrook	Rev. Dave Nobles	Black Mountain, N.C.
16. Meadow Fork	Rev. Elmer Keener	Hot Springs, N.C.
17. Nowlings Chapel	Rev. Roy Shehan	Morganton, N.C.
18. Oakley	Rev. John Moore	Asheville, N.C.
19. Pisgah	Rev. Allen Jackson	Canton, N.C.
20. Roaring Creek	Rev. Wayne Smith	Newland, N.C.
21. Rocky Pass	Rev. Milton Hollifield	Marion, N.C.
22. Shelby	Rev. Edward Hutchinson	Shelby, N.C.
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24. Swannanoa	Rev. Ted Reynolds	Swannanoa, N.C.
25. Sulphur Springs		Waynesville, N.C.
26. Zephyr Hills	Rev. Roy Harris	Asheville, N.C.

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MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Paul Butler, Larry Combs, Carl Cook, Joe Cutshaw, Eddie Dollar, Harvey Dupree, Elisha Fish, Roy Harris, Elmer Hensley, T.A. Holder, Milton Hollifield, Edward Hutchinson, Allen Jackson, Elmer Keener, Eddie Kirkpatrick, James Lynn, Doug Mathis, Dale McCoy, Doug McGee, Wayne Miller, John Moore, Jack Moses, Dave Nobles, Ralph Reep, Ted Reynolds, Winfred Roland, Roy Shehan, Clifford Shetley, Jack Sprinkle, Randy Stone, Richard Swann, William Vaughn, James Waldrop, Roy Waldrop, Lee Roy Walker, James Ward, Jerry Williams.

CHURCH DELEGATES

Asheville — Phillip Purcell, Bruce Clinedents, Ronnie Hughes, Jeter Higgins, Bob Gallis
Avery's Creek — Thornton Coy
Calvary — Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Messer
Cedar Hill — Bonnie Williams, Rosa Sexton, James Cole, Mike Mashburn
Fairview — Mae Miller, Virginia Sprinkle
Faith — Timothy King, Don Parrish, Etta Butler
First Lenoir — Everett Hutchings
First Marion — Martha Taylor, Mrs. Clifford Poteat, Mrs. Gladys Poteat, Vernie Martin, Annie Wylie, Mida Browning
First Morganton — Robert Souther, Goldie Combs, Savannah Souther, Ned Perkins, Gladys Moses, Mary Chester.
Harriet Memorial — Collon Phillips, Bobby Waters, Frank Turner
Homer's Chapel — Mallie Hall
Meadow Fork — Mrs. Elmer Keener
Oakley — Richard Mills, Norma Moore, Jeter Higgins, Margaret Higgins, Shirley Lollis, Robert Lollis
Rocky Pass — Ernest Shell, Mae Shell, Elizabeth Hollifield, Lucille Tatham
Shelby — Leroy Beheler
Zephyr Hills — Flora Morgan, Lucille Lance, Sheldon Lance

VISITORS WHO REGISTERED

Rev. Leonard Lindsey, Rev. Bronco West, Rev. Boyd Owenby, Rev. Louis and Florine Coscia (Missionaries), Olen Teague, Carrie Padgett

DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

Robert Souther, Everett Hutchings, Bob Gallis, Sheldon Lance, Tim King, Collon Phillips, Bobby Waters, Frank Turner, James Cole, Olen Teague, Mike Mashburn, Thornton Coy.

**FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING
Of The
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting With
MEADOWFORK F.W.B. CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS, N.C.
August 4, 1984**

Congregational Singing — Rev. Dale McCoy - "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

Prayer — Rev. Milton Hollifield

Devotion — Moderator - Rev. Jerry Williams - Psalm 51

Response — Rev. Jack Ward

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors - 10 Churches Represented, 23 Ministers, 21 Delegates, 8 Visitors.

The Following Reports were given:

Credentials Report - Rev. Allen Jackson

Youth For The Master - Rev. Jerry Williams - (See Reports).

Rest Home - Rev. Milton Hollifield

Historian - Sister Volena Wilson

Ordaining Council Report - Rev. Milton Hollifield

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

M/S/C to accept these Reports.

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

M/S/C - Moderator appoint a Committee to study Article 3 of the Constitution and By-Laws concerning Ministers who are members of our Association and the Church belonging to another Association. The Ordaining Council and the Executive Board were appointed to study this Article and bring back to next meeting.

Rest Home Report was given by Rev. J.C. Lynn. M/S/C to accept as information.

State Report given by Rev. Tom Lilly. M/S/C to receive Report.

M/S/C the Walnut F.W.B. Church and the Spruce Pine Church be dropped from our Roll.

M/S/C. The following Ministers be dropped from our Roll: Arthur Buchanan, Floyd Frisbee, Ralph McKinney, Wade Parker, Haskell Davis

Business Adjourned

Worship Hour

Song — Kneel At The Cross

Prayer — Rev. Eddie Dollar

Message — Rev. Ed Hutchinson - Judges 2:6-12

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING
Of The
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting With
MORGANTON F.W.B. CHURCH, MORGANTON, N.C.
November 3, 1984

Congregational Song -- Bro. James Cole - At Calvary

Prayer -- Rev. Jack Ward

Devotion -- Rev. Roy Harris - Galatians 6:9-10

Welcome -- Rev. Larry Combs

Response -- Rev. Milton Hollifield

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors - 18 Churches represented, 30 Ministers, 47 Delegates, and 12 Visitors.

Reports:

Youth For the Master (See Reports)

Rest Home - Rev. J. C. Lynn

Historian - Sister Volena Wilson

Credentials - Rev. Richard Swann

Woman's Auxiliary - Sister Martha Taylor

Treasurer's Report - Sister Carrie Padgett (See Reports)

M/S/C to receive all Reports.

New Business: Ordaining Council Report:

Council recommends that the Blue Ridge Association receive the Faith F.W.B. Church of Morganton, M/S/C.

Council recommends that the Blue Ridge Association grant Bro. Harry Mintz a Letter of good standing to the Appalachian Association of F.W.B. in Tennessee. M/S/C.

Council recommends that the Blue Ridge Association receive Bro. Roy Harris as a member of the Association, subject to a letter of good standing from the Pamalco Association. M/S/C.

Council recommends that the Association receive the Clyde F.W.B. Church into the Association. This request comes from Bro. Carl Cook, Pastor of the Church, M/S/C.

Finance Committee Recommendations:

\$500.00 gift from Education Fund be given to Marillo at Bible College, M/S/C.

\$500.00 gift to Clyde Mission from the Mission Fund. M/S/C.

\$100.00 gift to Blue Ridge Bible Institute from General Fund. M/S/C.

\$100.00 gift to Sister Bea Coffey from Benevolent Fund. M/S/C.

M/S/C In the future the widow of any Minister in good standing will receive

\$100.00 from the Benevolent Fund.

Information:

Suggest each Church volunteer one month during the year to do special work at the Rest Home.

Encourage Churches to help with Land Fund for Promotional Office.

Send December 16 Offering for that Fund.

March 31 -- Sunday School Roll Call - Encourage \$1.00 per member for Land Fund.

Next Meeting - February 2, 1985 - Nowling's Chapel

Worship Service -- Song - Stand Up For Jesus.

Message -- Rev. Dale McCoy - Titus 2:11-15

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING
Of The
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting With
NOWLING'S CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH, MORGANTON, N.C.
February 2, 1985

Congregational Singing — Praise The Lord - Rev. Dale McCoy
 Prayer — Bro. Wayne Smith
 Devotion — Bro. William Vaughn - Exodus 17: 5
 Welcome — Bro. Roy Shehan, Pastor
 Response — Bro. Eddie Kirkpatrick
 Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors - 22 Churches
 Represented, 27 Ministers, 60 Delegates, and 2 Visitors.

Reports:

Youth Report — Bro. Glen Cole (See Reports)
 Historian — Sister Volena Wilson
 Rest Home — Rev. Milton Hollifield
 Blue Ridge Bible Institute Report — Rev. Randall Stone (See Reports)
 Woman's Auxiliary Report — Sister Martha Taylor
 Credentials Report — Rev. Harvey Dupree
 Treasurer's Report — Sister Carrie Padgett
 M/S/C to accept all Reports as given.
 M/S/C. To give a love Offering to Bro. Jack Sprinkle and also \$100.00 from Benevolent Fund.

M/S/C This Conference write the National Foreign Mission Board, Bro. Waddell and inform him we would like for all Foreign Missionaries who are from our area, and whose wives are from our area to spend more time in the Blue Ridge Association during furlough. We would like for them to visit every one of our Churches, and more than once if possible.

New Business:

M/S/C To accept Executive Board Meeting Report and take from table the move concerning Minister's belonging to Association and Churches who do not belong to Association. There was much discussion on this.
 M/S/C This Item be laid on Table until Annual Meeting.
 Amendment — Executive Board Meeting be included in Program Sheet for Annual Meeting. M/S/C.

Bro. Tom Lilly gave an interesting Report on our State Work.

Nominating Committee appointed by Moderator:

Rev. Eddie Dollar, Chmn., Rev. Dale McCoy, and Rev. Paul Butler

Youth Camp Director — Rev. Dale McCoy

Assistant — Rev. Harvey Dupree

Next Meeting — Oakley Church, May 4th.

Adjourn from Business

Worship Hour:

Song — When We All Get To Heaven

Prayer — Rev. Ralph Reep

Message — Rev. Jack Sprinkle - Acts 17:30

**32nd ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting With
OAKLEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
May 4, 1985**

The Thirty-Second Annual Session was opened with Congregational singing led by Bro. James Cole.

Devotion by Rev. Allen Jackson - John 3:11,12

Prayer by Rev. Jackson

Welcome by Rev. John Moore

Response - Rev. Dave Nobles

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors - 24 Churches represented, 39 Ministers, 45 Delegates, 12 Deacons, 2 Visiting Ministers, 2 Missionaries - Louis and Florine Coscia.

The Following Reports were given:

Youth For The Master — Bro. Glen Cole (See Reports) M/S/C to accept Report.

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

State Mission Report — Rev. Randy Stone. A very good Report was given on all State Mission Work. An appeal was made by Bro. Randy for more support for Steve and Judy Lytle.

Credentials Report — Rev. Richard Swann gave a partial Report.

Rest Home — Rev. J. C. Lynn

Youth Camp Report — Rev. Dale McCoy

Auxiliary Report — Lucille Holland

Treasurer's Report — Sister Carrie Padgett (See Reports) M/S/C to accept all Reports

Old Business regarding Article 3 of the Constitution and By-Laws:

M/S/C to retable the Executive Committee Report until next Quarterly Meeting and suspend rule concerning Annual Meeting.

New Business:

The Nominating Committee Report was given by Rev. Dale McCoy (See Reports) M/S/C Ordaining Council Report: The Ordaining Council met April 22, 1985 at the Fairview Free Will Baptist Church. Members present were: Rev. Jerry Williams, Rev. Jack Sprinkle, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Harvey Dupree, Rev. Allen Jackson, Rev. Paul Butler.

Business:

Item #1 - Received Written Complaint Against Rev. Bob Littrell

Upon having received and read written complaint from Parties involved and having received a report of a verbal confession of guilt to a member of the Ordaining Council and Church Members, the report also stated that he had repented and asked the Lord and others to forgive him.

We request that he surrender his License and Ordination papers to the Ordaining Council (until such a time as they feel he has proven himself) and we suggest that he ask the Lord's leadership in attending some other church. M/S/C.

Item #2 - Ref. Rev. Eddie Dollar

M/S/C - That the Ordaining Council recommend the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist issue Rev. Eddie Dollar a letter of recommendation to the Blue Grass Association of Free Will Baptist in Kentucky.

This decision was made after meeting with Rev. Dollar. The Ordaining Council was satisfied with the explanation. However, the Council did reprimand Rev. Dollar for using bad judgment in regard to the issue at hand.

Item #3 -

A letter was received from Rev. Fred Baynard stating his desire to render his Free Will Baptist Credentials. M S C to receive and accept his Credentials according to his wishes.

M/S/C to adjourn for Worship

Prayer - Rev. Jerry Williams

Worship Hour:

Congregational Singing led by Bro. James Cole

Message by Rev. Roy Harris - I Samuel 17:20-24 and 29. Characteristics of the Contented Christian.

Next Meeting Pisgah Church - August 3, 1985

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee submits and recommends the following:

Moderator Rev. Harvey Dupree
Assistant Rev. Edward Hutchinson
Clerk Lucille Holland
Assistant Bonnie Williams
Treasurer Carrie Padgett
Assistant Rev. Roy Harris
Historian Volena Wilson
Assistant Virginia Sprinkle

Ordaining Council: Rev. Jerry Williams (1990), Rev. Ted Reynolds (1987),
Rev. Jack Ward (1989).

Executive Board: Rev. John Moore, Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Dave
Nobles.

Credentials Committee: Rev. Elisha Fish, Rev. Ralph Reep, Rev. Larry
Combs.

Youth For The Master: Bro. Kenny McMahan

Youth Camp Rotating Board: Rev. Harvey Dupree, Bro. Bruce Clinediest,
Rev. Doug McGee.

Finance Committee: Rev. Allen Jackson, Rev. Roy Shehan, Rev. Wayne
Smith.

Blue Ridge Bible Institute Board of Trustees: Rev. Roy Harris (1990)

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Eddie Dollar (Chair.)
Rev. Dale McCoy
Rev. Paul Butler

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Board and the Ordaining Council met August 20, 1984 at the Western Steer Steak House in Black Mountain, N.C. The following members were present: Rev. Jerry Williams, Rev. Harvey Dupree, Rev. Allen Jackson, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Wayne Smith, Sister Carrie Padgett, and Lucille Holland.

We recommend that Article 3 of the Constitution and By-Laws be amended to read as following:

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 and all Ministers who are in good standing and of sound doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Faith, who are not affiliated with Associational Churches contribute \$1.00 at each meeting for the support of the Benevolent Fund. Each Church shall be entitled to at least (6) six Delegates.

M/S/C to adjourn

Lucille Holland, Clerk

YOUTH CAMP REPORT August 4, 1984**Attendance:**

Sunday	— 145	Wednesday	— 146
Monday	— 146	Thursday	— 143
Tuesday	— 148	Friday	— 125

Total 853 - with an average of 142 plus several helpers and workers that drove in during the day.

A total of 25 young people that said they were either saved or made sure of their salvation. A large number made decisions in regard to their daily walk with God.

Rev. Mike Messer from Nashville, Tennessee was the Camp Evangelist. Due to some outstanding bills not yet received, the financial report is not ready.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Harvey Dupree

**BLUE RIDGE BIBLE INSTITUTE
FINANCIAL REPORT - WINTER - 1985**

Beginning Balance, May 1, 1984	\$223.80
Receipts	937.50

Expenses:

Randall House	\$ 94.63
Vicki Hosteller	150.00
Postage	24.80
Meadowbrook Church	300.00
Refund - Deaf Ministry	35.00
Graphic Associates	121.65
Haga Enterprises	9.36
Christian Book Store	79.40
Morgan Bros.	3.27
Cash Tickets - Institute Graduation	33.59
Cash Tickets - Institute Graduation	3.20

Total Expenses	\$854.90
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Book Balance as of January 31, 1985	\$306.40
Receipts - Feb. 1, 1985 thru May 3, 1985	\$334.15

Expenses:

Graphic Associates	87.15
Postage	16.59
Carpenters Shop	131.19
Meadowbrook Church	300.00
Total Expenses	534.93
Book Balance as of May 3, 1985	105.62

YOUTH FOR THE MASTER REPORT

Youth For the Master Report to the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist on August 4, 1984.

The North Carolina State Youth Conference was held at Ruth's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, May 11 and 12, 1984. The following youth from the Blue Ridge Association won at that meeting and represented us at the National Youth Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, in July:

BIBLE MEMORIZATION

Grade 2 - Kendra McMahan from Meadowbrook Free Will Baptist Church.

Grade 3 - Lori Ann Miller from Fairview Free Will Baptist Church.

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Team from Meadowbrook Free Will Baptist Church - Sheri Hollifield, Jonathan Nobles, Kim Rhinehart, and Jennifer Runion.

MUSIC AND ARTS

Vocal Ensemble - Sextet Division (any combination of ages) - Canton Ensemble from Canton Free Will Baptist Church - Mary Bennett, Kelly Cope, Shannon Cope, Jennifer Mathews, Kim Robinson, and Kelly Sutton.

Oral Communication - Herald age group - Jonathan Nobles from Meadowbrook Free Will Baptist Church.

Our next meeting will be two weeks from today on Saturday evening, August 18, 1984, at Fairview Free Will Baptist Church, Marion, North Carolina. The meeting will begin promptly at 7 o'clock. Rev. Phil Poston, Youth Pastor at East Side Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabethton, Tennessee, will be our speaker. Brother Poston has a real burden for young people, and we look forward to a challenging message from him to our youth—one that we pray will challenge them as never before as they begin a new school year. Please begin to pray **now** for this very important service that young lives will be changed!

Treasurer's Report:

Balance, May 5, 1984	\$665.78
RECEIPTS:	
Check from Blue Ridge Association May 7, 1984	215.52
TOTAL	\$881.30
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Randall House Publications (Medals, Kits, and Other Supplies for District Competition)	314.28
Glenn Cole (Phone Calls Regarding District Competition)	15.75
BALANCE August 4, 1984	\$551.27

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

Youth For the Master Report to the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist on November 3, 1984.

Youth for the Master met August 18, 1984, at Fairview Free Will Baptist Church, Marion, North Carolina. Prior to the message a teen trio from East Side Free Will Baptist Church presented special music. Rev. Phil Poston, Music and Youth Director at East Side brought a great message that challenged hearts. Several youth responded during the invitation. There were 134 present at the meeting.

Our next meeting will be two weeks from today Saturday, November 17, 1984, at Cedar Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Asheville, North Carolina. The Christian film, "FACE IN THE MIRROR," will be shown during the main service.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance August 4, 1984	\$551.27
RECEIPTS:	
Check from Blue Ridge Association August 21, 1984	266.08
TOTAL	\$817.35
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Phil Poston (Honorarium)	60.00
Balance November 3, 1984	\$757.35

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

Youth For the Master Report of the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists on February 2, 1985.

Youth for the Master met November 17, 1984, at Cedar Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Asheville, North Carolina. An election to fill vacancies in several offices took place. The following are the officers for 1985.

President Jonathan Nobles - Meadowbrook
Vice-President John Lewis - Homer's Chapel
Secretary Jennifer Mathews - Canton
Assistant Secretary Traci Lynn Walker - Homer's Chapel
Pianist Pamela Marlowe - Rocky Pass
Assistant Pianist Kelly Cope - Canton
Song Director Kelly Sutton - Canton
Assistant Song Director Kellie Michelle Slone - Homer's Chapel

The film, "Face in the Mirror," was shown. It was an excellent Christian film, and decisions were made at the invitation. There were 194 present at the meeting.

Our next meeting will be two weeks from today Saturday, February 16, 1985, at Rocky Pass Free Will Baptist Church, Marion, North Carolina. This will be the last opportunity for practice before the District Competition Finals in April. This practice session will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.; the main service at 6:30 p.m. Reverend Roy Harris, Pastor of Zephyr Hills Free Will Baptist Church will be our speaker; Mrs. Sue Arthur, a member of the Zephyr Hills Church, will bring the special music.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance November 3, 1984 \$757.35

RECEIPTS:

Check from Blue Ridge Association November 17, 1984 143.17

Offering from Youth for the Master Meeting

November 17, 1984 46.00

Check from Blue Ridge Association February 1, 1985 179.89

Total \$1,126.41

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chapel Film Service (film rental) 114.00

Western Steer (annual officers meeting) 43.20

Balance February 2, 1985 \$969.21

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Cole, Director

Blue Ridge Youth for the Master

Youth For the Master Report to the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist on May 4, 1985.

Youth for the Master met February 16, 1985, at Rocky Pass Free Will Baptist Church, Marion, North Carolina. Bible Competition and Music and Arts practice began at 6 p.m. During the main service, Mrs. Sue Stover Arthur from Zephyr Hills Free Will Baptist Church brought the special music. Rev. Roy Harris, pastor of the Zephyr Hills Church, brought a challenging message. There were 200 in attendance, with Rocky Pass receiving the banner for having the most in attendance.

Youth for the Master met April 20, 1985, at Fairview Free Will Baptist Church, Marion, North Carolina. There were 214 in attendance for the District Bible and Music and Arts Competition. Fairview Church won the banner for having the most in attendance. Certificates of Participation were presented to each of the 39 young people who participated in Bible and Music and Arts Competition; medals were given to all winners and to the first and second runners-up 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 17 and 18, 1985, at Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina:

BIBLE MEMORIZATION:

Grade 1 - Jennie Lorraine Davis - Cedar Hill Church

Grade 2 - No entries

Grade 3 - Kendra McMahan - Meadowbrook Church

BIBLE SWORD DRILL:

Grade 4 - Lorie Miller - Fairview Church

Grade 5 - Nathan Shook - Meadowbrook Church

Grade 6 - Jeffrey McMahan - Meadowbrook Church

BIBLE TIC TAC TOE:

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

BIBLE BOWL:

No entries.

MUSIC AND ARTS:

Vocal Ensemble - Quartet Division - Canton Quartet (Jennifer Mathews, Kimberly Robinson, Angie Sutton, and Kelly Sutton) - Canton 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.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance February 2, 1985 \$969.21

RECEIPTS:

Youth for the Master Offering - February 16, 1985 50.90

Youth for the Master Offering - April 20, 1985 67.17

Check from Blue Ridge Association May 3, 1985 94.34

Total \$1,181.62

DISBURSEMENTS:

Randall House Publications (Sword Drill Bibles and

District Competition Kits) 127.44

Balance May 4, 1985 \$1,054.18

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

**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 4, 1985
FINANCIAL REPORT**

GENERAL FUND

Fund Balance - May 5, 1984	\$ 847.08
Received this year	2,287.35
	<hr/> \$ 3,134.43

Disbursements:

Clerk's Salary	125.00
Postage, phone expense, printing of programs	84.40
Representation fee for association	50.00
State Association	525.00
National Association	210.00
Rev. Tom Lilly	186.61
Graphic Associates (Minutes)	543.19
Moderator's expense	114.11
Home Missions Dept. (Russell Lowe Account)	100.00
Blue Ridge Bible Institute	100.00
Roach Flower Shop (Rev. James Coffey)	26.13
	<hr/> 2,064.44
	\$ 1,069.99

YOUTH FOR THE MASTER

Fund Balance - May 5, 1984	-0-
Received this year	\$ 671.34
Fund Balance	-0-

YOUTH CAMP

Fund Balance - May 5, 1984	-0-
Received this year	\$ 373.01
Fund Balance	-0-

LOCAL MISSIONS FUND

Fund Balance - May 5, 1984	\$ 2,314.23
Received this year	800.25
Interest Added	125.45
Clyde Free Will Baptist Church	- 500.00
	<hr/> \$ 2,739.93

MINISTER'S BENEVOLENT FUND

Fund Balance - May 5, 1984	\$ 830.66
Received this year	294.01
Interest Added	79.03
Mrs. James Coffey	- 100.00
Family of Rev. George Reynolds*	- 100.00
Rev. and Mrs. C.F. Sprinkle	- 100.00
	<hr/> \$ 903.70

*Reynolds Family is sending \$100.00 to Foreign Missions
for Steve and Judy Lytle in memory of Brother Reynolds.

EDUCATION LOAN FUND

Fund Balance - May 5, 1984	\$ 1,823.70
Received this year	254.64
Interest Added	79.51
Free Will Baptist Bible College (Maurillio Amorim, Jr. Acct.)	- 500.00
Fund Balance	\$ 1,657.85

ANNUAL REPORT

	Received	Total for Year
Churches		
Asheville		\$ 85.00
Avery's Creek	\$ 37.45	178.23
Calvary		60.00
Canton		35.00
Cedar Hill	86.69	386.06
Fairview	108.00	491.02
First-Lenoir		35.00
First-Marion	60.00	275.00
Gethsemane	224.61	259.61
Harriett Memorial	133.78	557.80
Homer's Chapel		85.00
Meadowbrook	382.46	492.46
Meadow Fork		20.00
Morganton	219.00	477.41
Nowling's Chapel	25.00	110.00
Oakley		121.72
Pisgah	29.00	185.30
Roaring Creek		50.00
Rocky Pass	120.00	505.00
Shelby		420.00
Suplhur Springs		
Sunny View		35.00
Swannanoa	60.00	275.00
Zephyr Hills		35.00
TOTALS	\$ 1,485.99	\$ 5,174.61

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Padgett, Treasurer

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

ASHEVILLE - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Elisha Fish, Rt. 3, Box 212, Candler, N.C. 28715. Clerk: Charlene Marlowe, 31 Success Ave., W. Asheville, N.C. 28806. No. ordained ministers 1, No. ordained deacons 5, average S.S. attendance 40, No. Baptisms 3, members added 12, members lost 5, total membership 66.

AVERY'S CREEK - Arden, N.C. Pastor: Richard J. Swann, Rt. 1, Avery's Creek Rd., Arden, N.C. 28704. Clerk: Carolyn Swann, #4, Mildred Apts., Mildred Ave., Asheville, N.C. 28806. No. ordained ministers 1, No. ordained deacons 2, total S.S. enrollment 15, average attendance 15, No. baptisms 0, total church membership 45. Value of Church property \$30,000.

CALVARY - Swannanoa, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Randy Stone, 204 Eastwood Ave., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. Clerk: Genevieve Robertson, 15 Sunset Drive, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. No. ordained ministers 1, No. ordained deacons 7, total S.S. enrollment 165, average attendance 123, No. baptisms 5, members added 6, members lost 10, total membership 301. Woman's Auxiliary enrollment 20, average attendance 15.

CLYDE - Clyde, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Carl Cook, 111 Ivey Hill Drive, Waynesville, N.C. 28786. Clerk: Bessie Wyatt, 409 Big Cove Dr., Waynesville, N.C. 28786. No. ordained deacons 1, No. baptisms 5, members lost 3, total membership 32. C.T.S. enrollment 10, W.A. enrollment 12, average attendance 9.

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.

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.

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. No. ordained ministers 2, No. ordained deacons 5, total S.S. enrollment 125, average attendance 103, No. baptisms 3, members added 3, members lost 1, total membership 90. W.A. enrollment 12, average attendance 9, Master's Men enrollment 15, average attendance 12.

FAITH - Morganton, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Paul Butler, Rt. 2, Box 833, James Town Rd., Morganton, N.C. 28655. Clerk: Judy King, Rt. 10, Box 479-A, Morganton, N.C. 28655. No. ordained ministers 1, No. ordained deacons 3. Total S.S. enrollment 26, average attendance 22. Members added 4, total membership 27. W.A. enrollment 8, average attendance 8.

FIRST LENOIR - Lenoir, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rt. 2, Box 100, Nebo, N.C. 28761. Clerk: Olene Hutchings, 220 Mt. Hermon Rd., Lenoir, N.C. 28645. No. ordained ministers 1, No. ordained deacons 2, average S.S. attendance 25, members lost 2, total membership 59.

FIRST MARION - 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. No. ordained ministers 1, No. licensed ministers 2, No. ordained deacons 7. Average S.S. attendance 194, No. baptisms 21, members lost 4, total membership 196. C.T.S. enrollment 71, average attendance 83.

FIRST MORGANTON - Morganton, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Larry Combs, Rt. 12, Box 100, Morganton, N.C. 28655. Clerk: Fern Norman, Rt. 8, Box 400, Morganton, N.C. 28655. No. ordained ministers 2, No. of licensed ministers 2, No. ordained deacons 3, total S.S. enrollment 61, average attendance 44, No. baptisms 4, members added 17, members lost 1, total membership 54, W.A. enrollment 12, average attendance 9.

GETHESEMANE - Marion, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Ralph Reep, 385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, N.C. 28752. Clerk: Linda Stevens, 109 Sunset Drive, Marion, N.C. 28752. No. ordained ministers 1, No. ordained deacons 4. Total S.S. enrollment 85, average attendance 66, No. baptisms 6, members added 12, total membership 73.

HARRIETT MEMORIAL - Caroleen, N.C.

HOMER'S CHAPEL - Black Mountain, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Dale McCoy, 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711. Clerk: Shelly Hall, 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711. No. ordained ministers 1, No. licensed ministers 1, No. ordained deacons 5. Average S.S. attendance 82, No. baptisms 10, members added 14, members lost 6.

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. No. ordained ministers 1, No. ordained deacons 7, total S.S. enrollment 290, average attendance 190, No. baptisms 14, members added 15, members lost 9, total membership 343. Enrollment 15, average attendance 10.

NOWLING'S CHAPEL - Morganton, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Roy Shehan, Rt. 6, Box 74, Morganton, N.C. 28655. Clerk: Shirley Davis, Rt. 8, Box 506, Morganton, N.C. 28655. No. ordained ministers 1, no licensed ministers 2, No. ordained deacons 7. Total S.S. enrollment 128, average attendance 93, No. baptisms 6, members added 32, members lost 1, total membership 128. W.A. total enrollment 25, average attendance 20.

OAKLEY - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Rev. John Moore, 13 Grayham Rd., Rt. 1, Marshall, N.C. 28753. Clerk: Jeter Higgins, P.O. Box 5694, Asheville, N.C. 28803. No. ordained ministers 3, No. licensed ministers 1, No. ordained deacons 3, total S.S. enrollment 30, average attendance 28, No. baptisms 5, members added 8, members lost 2, total membership 56. W.A. total enrollment 15, average attendance 8.

PISGAH - Canton, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Allen Jackson, Rt. 2, Box 243, Marion, N.C. 28752. Clerk: Elizabeth Pless, Rt. 2, Box 435, Canton, N.C. 28716. No. licensed ministers 3, No. ordained deacons 2. Total S.S. enrollment 65, average attendance 55, No. baptisms 3, members added 7, members lost 4, total membership 75. W.A. enrollment 13, average attendance 13.

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. No. ordained ministers 1, total S.S. enrollment 55, average attendance 50. Total Church membership 55. C.T.S. average attendance 30, Master's Men total enrollment 6.

ROCKY PASS - Marion, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rt. 1, Box 244, Nebo, N.C. 28761. Clerk: Violet Tipton, Rt. 6, Box 666, Marion, N.C. 28752. No. ordained ministers 2, No. licensed ministers 1, No. ordained deacons 7. Total S.S. enrollment 250, average attendance 196, No. baptisms 6, members added 11, members lost 8, total membership 278. C.T.S. total enrollment 111, average attendance 59, W.A. total enrollment 12, average attendance 8.

SHELBY - Shelby, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Edward Hutchinson, 3103 College Rd., Shelby, N.C. 28150. Clerk: Dorothy Cook, 505 Cherryville Rd., Shelby, N.C. 28150. No. ordained ministers 3, No. licensed ministers 1, No. ordained deacons 3, total S.S. enrollment 100, average attendance 80, No. baptisms 24, members added 37, members lost 3. W.A. total enrollment 15, average attendance 10.

SWANNANOA - Swannanoa, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Ted Reynolds, 200 Park St., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. Clerk: Clara Mae Ogle, 133 Dellwood Ave., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. No. ordained ministers 1, No. ordained deacons 8, members added 2, members lost 11, total membership 148. W.A. total enrollment 15, average attendance 11.

SUNNY VIEW - Old Fort, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Lee Roy Walker, P.O. Box 548, Old Fort, N.C. 28762.

ZEPHYR HILLS - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Rev. Roy Harris, 2003 Shelburne Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28806. Clerk: Lucille Lance, P.O. Box 6036, Asheville, N.C. 28806. No. ordained ministers 1, No. licensed ministers 1, No. ordained deacons 4, total S.S. enrollment 93, average attendance 74, No. baptisms 4, members added 12, members lost 9, total membership 114. W.A. total enrollment 10, average attendance 10.

MINISTER'S REPORT

Rev. Paul Butler: Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Conducted 2, No. Conversions 6, No. Marriages 1.

Rev. Carl Cook: Churches Pastored 1, No. Conversions 12, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 5, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 9.

Rev. Eddie Dollar: No. Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 10, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 5, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 3.

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

Rev. Elisha Fish: Churches Pastored 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4, No. Baptisms 3, No. Funerals 3.

Rev. Milton Hollifield: Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Conducted 2, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 6, No. Marriages 7, No. Funerals 21.

Rev. Edward Hutchinson: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 28, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 24, No. Funerals 3.

Rev. Allen Jackson: No. Revivals Conducted 2, No. Conversions 8, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 2.

Rev. Elmer Keener: Churches Pastored 2, No. Conversions 9, No. Baptisms 6, No. Funerals 1.

Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick: Churches Pastored 1, No. Conversions 3, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 1.

Rev. James Lynn: Rest Home, No. Conversions 22, No. Funerals 4.

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

Rev. Dale McCoy: Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Conducted 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4, No. Baptisms 10, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 8.

Rev. Wayne Miller: No. Conversions 3, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 3.

Rev. John Moore: Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 7, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 2, No. Marriages 1.

Rev. Jack Moses: No. Revivals 1, No. of Conversions 8, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Funerals 1.

Rev. Dave Nobles: Churches Pastored 1, No. Baptisms 14, No. Marriages 5, No. Funerals 6.

Rev. Ralph Reep: Churches Pastored 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 6, No. Funerals 2.

Rev. Ted Reynolds: Churches Pastored 1.

Rev. Roy Shehan: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 14, No. Baptisms 6, No. Marriages 7, No. Funerals 5.

Rev. Wayne Smith: Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Conducted 3, No. Baptisms 3, No. Marriages 4, No. Funerals 4.

Rev. Jack Sprinkle: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals 1, No. Conversions 19, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 3, No. Baptisms 3, No. Funerals 5.

Rev. Randy Stone: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 2, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 3, No. Baptisms 5, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 6.

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

Rev. William Vaughn: Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Conducted 2, No. Conversions 8, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 7, No. Marriages 6, No. Church Funerals 8, No. Military Funerals 37, Chaplain of Post 56 American Legion 4208 V.F.W. McDowell Co.

Rev. Jack Ward: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 26, No. Communion and Footwashing services 4, No. Baptisms 21, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 4.

Rev. Jerry Williams: Churches pastored 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4.

Missionary - Miss Volena Wilson, 302-1 Zeb Vance Street, Marion, N.C. 28752. 652-6625.

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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

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. 1 Timothy 2:5
2. **THE HOLY SCRIPTURE:** We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of his church. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for re-proof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.
3. **ORIGINAL APOSTASY:** We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat, gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat." (Genesis 3:6)
4. **A FREE GRACE:** We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him." (Romans 10:12)
5. **CHRISTIAN FAITH:** We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth in him." (John 3:36)
6. **REPENTANCE:** We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a Godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." (2 Corinthians 7:9-10)
7. **FREE GRACE:** We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scripture. "He that shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8)
8. **PERSERVERENCE:** We do not believe, under gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and finally be lost. "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough

and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." (Luke 8:62)

9. **GOOD WORKS:** We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasant, or acceptable to God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." (Matthew 7:19-20)

10. **CHRISTIAN BAPTISM:** We believe that Christian baptism is the immersions of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without faith in the Subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4)

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

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

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

CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HISTORY OF Cedar Hill Free Will Baptist Church

Cedar Hill Free Will Baptist Church first met in Johnston School in the year 1905. A little later it was moved to a site given to the church by Mr. John Ledford. The first trustees and charter members were Will Pettit, John Masters and General Wilson.

In the year 1922 the church was moved from Cedar Hill Road to the present site on Johnston Boulevard. In 1959 the old building was torn down and the present brick structure was built.

Some of the pastors who have served this congregation are Willis Ballard, Tom Cole, Bob Self, A.P. Rich, Clyde Reece, Lane Chatham (who passed away while serving as Pastor of Cedar Hill), Loyd Ballard, W. L. Kell, Paul Butler, J.C. Lynn and the present Pastor, Jerry W. Williams.

