

33rd ANNUAL SESSION

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

Held at the
**Roaring Creek
F.W.B. Church**

Newland, N.C.

May 3, 1986

MODERATOR

Rev. Harvey Dupree

CLERK

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Rev. Doug McGee	Rev. Jack Moses	Rev. Elisha Fish
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Bro. Kenny McMahan	Rev. Doug McGee
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6. Clyde	Rev. Carl Cook	Clyde, N.C.
7. Fairview	Rev. Jack Sprinkle	Marion, N.C.
8. Faith	Rev. Paul Butler	Morganton, N.C.
9. First Lenoir	Rev. Jack Moses	Lenoir, N.C.
10. First Marion	Rev. Jack Ward	Marion, N.C.
11. Gethsemane	Rev. Ralph Reep	Marion, N.C.
12. Harriett Memorial	Rev. Benny Turner	Caroleen, N.C.
13. Homer's Chapel	Rev. Dale McCoy	Black Mountain, N.C.
14. Meadowbrook	Rev. Dave Nobles	Black Mountain, N.C.
15. Meadow Fork	Rev. Elmer Keener	Hot Springs, N.C.
16. Nowling Chapel	Rev. Roy Shehan	Morganton, N.C.
17. Oakley	Rev. Boyd Owenby	Asheville, N.C.
18. Pisgah	Rev. Allen Jackson	Canton, N.C.
19. Roaring Creek	Rev. Jimmy Cone	Newland, N.C.
20. Rocky Pass	Rev. Milton Hollifield	Nebo, N.C.
21. Shelby	Rev. Edward Hutchinson	Shelby, N.C.
22. Sunny View	Rev. Lee Roy Walker	Old Fort, N.C.
23. Swannanoa	Rev. Ted Reynolds	Swannanoa, N.C.
24. Sulphur Springs	Rev. Oliver Cagle	Waynesville, N.C.
25. Zephyr Hills	Rev. Roy Harris	Asheville, N.C.

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Jack Ward	250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, N.C. 28752	652-4513
Jerry Williams	227 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, N.C. 28806	253-0369

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Paul Butler, Carl Cook, Harvey Dupree, Roy Harris, Milton Hollifield, Edward Hutchinson, Allen Jackson, Gordon Johnson, Elmer Keener, James C. Lynn, Eddie Kirkpatrick, Dale McCoy, Douglass Mathis, Wayne Miller, Jack Moses, Ralph Reep, Ted Reynolds, Winfred Roland, Roy Shehan, Wayne Smith, Randal Stone, Richard Swann, Dickie Tallent, William Vaughn, Jack Ward, Jerry Williams.

VISITORS WHO REGISTERED

Rev. Jimmy Cone and Angela Cone, Carrie Padgett.

CHURCH DELEGATES

Cedar Hill —	Bonnie Williams, Martha Spivey, Rosa Sexton, Phillip Prucell, Bron Spivey, Harold Sexton
Clyde —	Gladys Cook
Fairview —	Rev. Wayne Miller, Betty Miller, Mae Miller, Tilman Powell
Faith —	Timothy King, Darrel Bentley, Etta Butler
First Lenoir —	Gladys Moses, Everett Hutching, Olene Hutchings
First Marion —	William Poteat, April Poteat, Volena Wilson
Gethsemane —	Barney Early, Johnnie Yow, Ruby Yow
Homer's Chapel —	Mr. & Mrs. Mack Bartlett
Meadowbrook —	Ken McMahan, Barbara McMahan, Jeffry McMahan, Kendra McMahan
Meadow Fork —	Mrs. Elmer Keener
Nowling's Chapel —	Rev. Dickie Talent, Rev. Doug Mathis
Oakley —	Jeter Higgins, Margaret Higgins, Richard Mills, Henry Belcher, Bob Lollis
Roaring Creek —	Mildred Smith, Kyle Eudy, Sara Eudy, Angela Burleson, James Condrey, Margie Condry, Von Oaks, Jean Oaks, McRay Burleson
Rocky Pass —	Conway Tatham, Lucille Tatham, Ernest Shell, Mae Shell, Elizabeth Hollifield
Shelby —	Jerry Clontz, Rev. Gordon Johnson
Swannanoa —	J. D. Hawn, Frank Owenby
Zephyr Hills —	Flora Morgan, W.B. Edwards, Dan Gasperson, E.B. Clinediest

**FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING
OF THE
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
MEETING WITH
ROCKY PASS F.W.B. CHURCH, NEBO, N.C.
August 3, 1985**

Congregational Singing — Marillo Amoram

Prayer — Bro. Elmer Keener

Devotion — Rev. John Moore - Phil. 2:1-5

Welcome — Host Pastor, Rev. Milton Hollifield

Response — Rev. Dave Nobles

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors. 20 Churches represented. 26 Ministers, 36 Delegates and 6 Visitors.

REPORTS:

REST HOME — Bro. Milton Hollifield - 14 Ladies in Home. The Board is waiting for the O.K. from Raleigh to break ground. Pray for funds for new car for Rest Home.

BIBLE INSTITUTE — Rev. Dave Nobles - Encourage more participation.

YOUTH FOR THE MASTER — Bro. Ken McMahan (See Reports)

TREASURER'S REPORT — Sister Carrie Padgett. (See Reports).

YOUTH CAMP — Bro. Bruce Clinediest

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY — Sis. Lucilee Tatham

HISTORIAN — Sis. Volena Wilson

CREDENTIALS — Rev. Elisha Fish

M/S/C to receive all Reports as information.

BUSINESS:

Bro. Doug McGee was nominated assistant Director of Youth For The Master.
M/S/C

Bro. Dale McCoy was nominated to replace Bro. Fred Baynard on the Bible Institute Board of Trustees. M/S/C

Motion made to take from the Table the Report of the Executive Committee concerning Article 3 of the Constitution. M/S/C.

M/S/C to amend Article 3 of the Constitution and By-Laws 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 the Blue Ridge 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.

Recommendation from the Executive Board and the Bible Institute Board:

1. \$500.00 be taken from the Educational Fund and be given to the Bible Institute Fund. M/S/C.
2. For future financing of the Bible Institute, we recommend that the following percentages be taken from the various funds in Article 16:

4% be taken from Mission	Leaving 18%
2% be taken from Education	Leaving 5%
2% be taken from Youth	Leaving 16%
2% be taken from Youth Camp	Leaving 8%
Minister's Retirement remain same	8%
General Fund remain same	35%
Giving the Bible Institute	10%

M/S/C. Ammendment to this Motion: This be a temporary change until the Annual Conference. M/S/C.

WORSHIP HOUR:

Song — To God Be The Glory

Prayer — Rev. Edward Hutchinson

Offering was given to the Bible Institute

Special Song — Bro. Harold Webb

Message — Rev. Jack Ward - Jeremiah 18:1-8 -House of the Potter.

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

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION MEETING WITH PISGAH F.W.B. CHURCH, CANTON, N.C. November 2, 1985

Congregational Singing — Bro. Kenny McMahan

Prayer — Bro. Roy Harris

Devotion — Rev. Louis Coscia

Welcome — Rev. Allen Jackson

Response — Rev. Jerry Williams

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors - 19 Churches represented, 20 Ministers, 26 Delegates, 14 Visitors, 4 Deacons, 3 Missionaries.

Visiting Missionaries were Rev. and Mrs. Louis Coscia and Rev. Mike Messer was a visitor.

REPORTS:

BLUE RIDGE BIBLE INSTITUTE: Rev. Dave Nobles. M/S/C to receive Report and appoint Rev. Randy Stone to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Roy Harris on the Bible Institute Board. M/S/C.

YOUTH FOR THE MASTER. — Bro. Kenny McMahan. M/S/C to receive Report.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT— Martha Taylor. M/S/C to receive Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT — Rev. Wayne Smith. M/S/C to receive Report. M/S/C that Angelia Metcalf be allowed to borrow \$300.00 from Student Loan Fund to attend Bible College. This to be paid back at 5% interest.

REST HOME REPORT — Rev. James C. Lynn. M/S/C to receive Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT — Sister Carrie Padgett. M/S/C to receive Report.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT — Rev. Jerry Williams (See Reports) M/S/C to receive Report except for Item No. 3. Ordaining Council to take care of this.

CREDENTIALS REPORT — Rev. Ralph Reep. M/S/C to receive Report.

BUSINESS:

Bro. Milton Hollifield gave status of Rest Home Construction - Bro. Bob Cable of Liberty Church, a Licensed Contractor, to oversee work.

M/S/C that the \$3000.00 Certificate of Deposit that has matured be repurchased to mature in 7 years. This to be purchased from the Rest Home.

A Letter was received from the Morganton Church requesting to be dropped from our Roll. M/S/C that Executive Board set up a meeting with the Church and Bro. Larry Combs, Pastor, if this meets their approval.

A letter was received from Rev. Roy Waldrop requesting to be dropped from our roll. M/S/C to accept his resignation.

WORSHIP HOUR:

Special Singing by the Pisgah Church

Prayer by Rev. Clark Cook

Message by Rev. Elmer Keener.

Special thanks to the ladies for the delicious meal.

**THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING
OF THE
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
MEETING WITH
SHELBY F.W.B. CHURCH, SHELBY, N.C.
February 1, 1986**

Congregational Singing — Rev. McCoy - At Calvary

Prayer — Rev. Boyd Owenby

Devotion — Rev. Wayne Miller - 2 Chron. 7:14

Welcome — Rev. Edward Hutchinson, Host Pastor

Response — Rev. Doug McGee

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors. 18 Churches represented, 23 Ministers, 40 Delegates, 6 Deacons, 11 Visitors, 3 Visiting Ministers: Rev. Tom Lilly, Rev. Benny Turner, Rev. Boyd C. Owenby.

REPORTS:

BLUE RIDGE BIBLE INSTITUTE REPORT — Bro. Dave Nobles. M/S/C to receive Report.

YOUTH FOR THE MASTER - Bro. Dave Nobles. M/S/C to receive Report.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY - Sister Martha Taylor. M/S/C to receive Report.

REST HOME — Rev. J.C. Lynn - 16 Ladies in Home. Bought property adjoining Rest Home. Care Committee for Rest Home. M/S/C to appoint Bro. Bruce Clinedinst, Chairman to work with Pastors until Annual Meeting.

TREASURER' REPORT - Sister Carrie Padgett. M/S/C to receive Report.

ORDAINING COUNCIL — No Report. Bro. Wayne Smith reported plans of having a 50th Anniversary of Foreign Missions.

CREDENTIALS REPORT — Rev. Elisha Fish. M/S/C to receive Report.

YOUTH CAMP REPORT — Rev. Dale McCoy - Date: August 4th - 9th Camp Courtney, Hendersonville. \$50.00 per Camper - Goal 200.

HISTORICAL REPORT — Sister Volena Wilson. M/S/C to receive Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee appointed by Moderator: Bro. Jack Sprinkle, Chmn., Rev. Jack Ward, Rev. Jerry Williams.

The Annual Meeting is May 3, 1986 at the Roaring Creek Church.

Rev. Roy Harris recommended more fellowship for the Ministers and also an annual Missionary Conference. M/S/C Ministers meet at the Homer's Chapel Church Monday, February 17, 10:00 A.M. Rev. Dale McCoy doing the preaching. Then lunch set up on monthly basis.

Bro. Tom Lilly gave a Report on the promotional work.

The Executive Board met with the Morganton Church. We had a good fellowship service with them, but they do not wish to be a member of Association at this time.

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Special Singing by Host Church

Prayer by Rev. Hutchinson

Message by Rev. Roy Shehan - Isa. 32:1-3

Special thanks to the ladies for a delicious meal.

**33rd. ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
MEETING WITH
ROARING CREEK F.W.B. CHURCH, NEWLAND, N.C.
May 3, 1986**

The 33rd Annual Session was opened with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace"

Prayer — Rev. Jack Ward

Devotion — Rev. Jack Moses - Acts 3:1-10

Welcome — Rev. Wayne Smith

Response — Rev. Dickie Tallent

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors. 21 Churches respresented, 26 Ministers, 47 Delegates, 1 Missionary, 2 Visitors - Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Cone.

The Following Reports were given:

REST HOME — Rev. J. C. Lynn - More land has been purchased at a cost of \$25,000.00. The Building Program is on hold at this time. Bro. Lynn requests Prayer for the Home and for more laborers.

BIBLE INSTITUTE — Rev. Roy Harris gave a good Report — more students than in previous years. Changes being made in curriculum.

YOUTH FOR THE MASTER — Bro. Ken McMahan - 78 present in February at Canton, 163 present in April at Calvary, 46 participants in Competition.

TREASURER'S REPORT — Sister Carrie Padgett (See Reports).

YOUTH CAMP — Bro. Bruce Clinedinst.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY — Sister Volena Wilson.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT — Rev. Ralph Reep.

ORDAINING COUNCIL — Rev. Jerry Williams (See Report).

M/S/C to accept all Reports.

BUSINESS:

The Finance Report was given by Rev. Wayne Smith. There was a discussion concerning the Student Loan Fund, whether it is available to Bible College students only, or is it available to Southeastern College students also? Motion made by Rev. Smith - A Committee be appointed to study this issue for six months and at that time, bring back detailed information. Motion seconded and carried. Bro. Dale McCoy and Bro. Roy Harris are to choose two men each to serve with them on this Committee.

Motion made by Rev. Dale McCoy to take \$1500 from local Mission Fund to pay Liability Insurance for Youth Camp. Motion Defeated.

Motion made by Rev. Jerry Williams - Youth Camp Board get information on the Summer Retreats at Craigmont as soon as possible and bring back to the Body. Second and Carried.

Motion made by Rev. Dale McCoy to remove item from table concerning Finance for the Bible Institute on percentage basis. Second and Carried. The Body voted to take 4% from the Mission Fund, 2% from the Educational Fund, 2% from Youth Fund, 2% from Youth Camp Fund and giving this 10% to Bible Institute Fund on a permanent basis. S/C.

Rev. Jerry Williams gave the Nominating Committee Report (See Reports) M/S/C.

Move by Rev. Ted Reynolds to send a letter of Condolence to Bro. Elisha Fish, Sr's wife. Second/ Carried.

MSC to have a joint meeting of all Boards once a year. Moderator to set date and time.

MSC Executive Board meet and make plans for a Missionary Conference including Rev. Steve Lytle and bring back to next Conference.

MSC to give Maurillo \$500.00 - Offering taken and balance to come from General Fund.

Delegates to State Association:

Bro. James Cole

Bro. Shelton Lance

Bro. Ron Spivey, Alt.

Mrs. Mildred Smith

Mrs. Flora Morgan

Mrs. Angela Cone

WORSHIP HOUR:

Special Singing by the Roaring Creek Choir - I'm Standing On The Solid Rock

Special Singing by the Roaring Creek Trio - Because He Loved Me.

Prayer by Rev. Hutchinson

Offering

Message by the Rev. Jimmy Cone - Purpose of the Church - Matt. 28:19 - Eph. 4:12-16

Special thanks to the church for a very delicious meal.

REPORTS

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee submits and recommends the following:

Ordaining Council — Rev. Randy Stone (1991) replace Rev. Paul Butler
 Executive Board — Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Ralph Reep, Rev. William Vaughn
 Youth Camp Board — Rev. Roy Shehan to replace Rev. Harvey Dupree
 Youth For The Master — Bro. Kenny McMahan
 Finance Committee — Bro. James Cole, Rev. Carl Cook, Rev. Jack Sprinkle
 Blue Ridge Bible Institute Board — Rev. Allen Jackson (1990) to replace Rev. Elisha Fish, Rev. John Moore (1991) to fill vacated position of Rev. Randal Stone.

Recommend Moderator appoint Credentials Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Rev. Jack Sprinkle (Chair)
 Rev. Jack Ward
 Rev. Jerry Williams

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Board met with the Bible Institute Board of Trustees at the Western Steer Steak House in Marion, May 31, 1985. The following members were present:

Rev. Harvey Dupree (Chair)	Rev. Edward Hutchinson
Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick	Bro. Dean Wallace
Rev. Dave Nobles	Miss Carrie Padgett
Rev. Roy Harris	Mrs. Lucille Tatham
Rev. Wayne Smith (Chmn. Bible Institute)	

The purpose of the meeting was to take care of the Financial emergency need of the Bible Institute.

We recommend the following:

1. \$500.00 be taken from the Educational Fund and be given to the bible Institute.
2. For future financing of the Bible Institute, we recommend that the following percentages be taken from the various funds:

4% be taken from Mission	leaving 18%
2% be taken from Education	leaving 5%
2% be taken from Youth For Master	leaving 16%
2% to be taken from Youth Camp	leaving 8%
Minister's Retirement remain same	8%
General Fund remain same	35%
Bible Institute be given	10%

The Meeting was adjourned with Prayer.

Mrs. Lucille Tatham, Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**January 18, 1986****Morganton Church**

Members present: Rev. Harvey Dupree, Rev. John Moore, Rev. Dave Nobles, Sister Carrie Padgett, Sister Lucille Tatham.

Prayer by Rev. Nobles

The Moderator, Rev. Dupree expressed appreciation to the Pastor, Rev. Larry Combs, and the Deacon Board for the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to find out why the Church wishes to withdraw Fellowship from the Blue Ridge Association.

Bro. Larry said the Church had voted to be independent, and if, and when, the Church decided to go back to an Association, they had decided to go to the Foothills Association.

Bro. John Moore dismissed in prayer.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council met Saturday Night, October 19, 1985. The following members were present:

Rev. Jack Ward

Rev. Ted Reynolds

Rev. Jerry Williams

Rev. Milton Hollifield

Place - Cedar Hill Free Will Baptist Church

1. Council discussed various Churches that had asked for some advice.
2. Council discussed various Churches and Ministers that have withdrawn Fellowship with the Blue Ridge Association.
3. Council voted to recommend that the outgoing member of the Ordaining Council serve as Chairman the last year of his term.
4. Council scheduled to meet Saturday, October 26th at Marion First F.W.B. Church at 7:00 P.M. (Meeting was canceled).

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Milton Hollifield (Chair)

Rev. Ted Reynolds

Rev. Jack Ward

Rev. Jerry Williams

The Ordaining Council met May 3, 1986 at the Roaring Creek Church.

1. The Council met with all 5 members present.
2. Bro. Garland Greene turned in his credentials to Bro. Ted Reynolds. The reason for this action was due to some personal problems in his life that tend to bring reproach upon the Ministry and the Blue Ridge Association. We, the Ordaining Council request that much prayer be made for him and for each Minister to be willing to render personal council at any opportunity.
3. We recommend that the Blue Ridge Association give the Ordaining Council authority to question and approve, in a special call meeting, Bro. Jimmy Cone for Ordination, after he gets out of Bible College, May 15. (he has been called to Pastor Roaring Creek F.W.B. Church and will be ordained at Peace F.W.B. Church in Wilson, N.C. which is his home Church.) He has been licensed for 4 years at Peace Church.

4. We remind the Blue Ridge Association that if anyone needs to meet with the Ordaining Council, please get in touch with Chairman, Rev. Ted Reynolds. We meet on the Saturday before the Association meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Rev. Paul Butler (Chair)
 Rev. Ted Reynolds
 Rev. Milton Hollifield
 Rev. Jack Ward
 Rev. Jerry Williams

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 Assoc.	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
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Receipts, Feb. 1, 1985 thru May 3, 1985	\$334.15
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Expenses:

Graphic Associates	\$ 87.15
Postage	16.59
Carpenters Shop	131.19
Meadowbrook Church	300.00

Total Expenses	534.93
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Book Balance as of May 3, 1985	105.62
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Receipts, May 4 thru May 20, 1985	00.00
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Expenses:

Randall House	\$ 64.20
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Total Expenses	64.20
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Book Balance as of May 20, 1985	41.42
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Book Balance as of June 30, 1985	41.42
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Book Balance as of July 31, 1985	41.42
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BLUE RIDGE BIBLE INSTITUTE FINANCIAL REPORT - FALL - 1985

Beginning Balance, August 1, 1985	\$ 41.42
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Receipts, August 1, thru October 31, 1985	1297.66
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Expenses: - August 1, 1985 thru Oct. 31, 1985

Randall House	\$ 39.70
Mileage	194.40
Rent - Zypher Hills Church	300.00
Carpenter's Shop	255.77
Black Mountain News	47.60
Biblical Evangelist	23.28
Total Expenses	860.75
Book Balance as of Oct. 31, 1985	478.33
Beginning Balance - November 1, 1985	\$478.33
Receipts - November 1, 1985 thru January 31, 1986	285.22

Expenses: November 1, 1985 thru January 31, 1986

Graphic Associates	7.32
Baptist Book Store	41.28
Roy Harris, Cash Receipts	25.80
Mileage	43.00
Rent - Zypher Hills Church	300.00
Total Expenses	417.40
Book Balance as of January 31, 1986	\$346.15

**YOUTH FOR THE MASTER REPORT
TO THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST, AUGUST 3, 1985**

The North Carolina State Youth Conference was held at Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis on May 17 and 18. The following youth from the Blue Ridge Association won at that meeting and represented us at the National Youth Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in July:

BIBLE MEMORIZATION:

Grade 1 - Jennie Davis, Cedar Hill Church

Grade 3 - Kendra McMahan, Meadowbrook Church

MUSIC AND ARTS:

Vocal Ensemble - Canton Church, Jennifer Matthews, Kinberly Robinson, Angie Sutton and Kelly Sutton

CREATIVE ARTS:

Crusader Division - Jennifer Matthews, Canton Church

CREATIVE WRITING - ESSAY

Amy Metcalf - Highest "I" Rating

CREATIVE WRITING - POETRY

Jennifer Matthews "I" Rating

Our next Youth for the Master meeting will be held two weeks from today on Saturday, August 17 at the Homer's Chapel Church in Black Mountain, North Carolina. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 P.M. Rev. Dale McCoy will be preaching and special music will be provided by the Meadowbrook Free Will Baptist Youth Choir. We would like to ask that you pray for this meeting and please continue to support our Youth by your attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 5-4-85 \$1,054.18
 Monies received 0

DISBURSEMENTS:

Youth Board - entry fees 90.00
 Gift - N.C. Youth Board 100.00
 Randall House - Medals, Certificates, etc. ... 146.88
 Balance - 8-3-85 \$ 717.30
 Respectfully submitted

Youth for the Master report to the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists, November 2, 1985.

Youth for the Master met on August 17, 1985 at the Homer's Chapel Church in Black Mountain with 130 present. Special music was provided by the Meadowbrook Youth Choir. The speaker for this service was Rev. Dale McCoy, pastor of Homer's Chapel.

Special recognition was given following the service to Brother Glen and Sister Nancy Cole for all their many hours of faithful and unselfish dedication to Youth for the Master. We would like to thank Brother McCoy and all the ladies in his church who so graciously helped us in preparing for this occasion.

Our next meeting will be two weeks from today on Saturday, November 16, 1985 at the Rocky Pass Church in Marion. Practice competition will begin at 6:00 P.M. with the main service beginning promptly at 7:00 P.M. We will need to elect a couple of new officers at this meeting. Also, we plan to show a film. Please plan now to attend and bring all the young people you can.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance forward 8-3-85 \$ 717.30
 Income \$373.44
 Paid out 140.37
 *Carpenter's Shop - \$43.94)
 *(Sugar 'N Spice - \$56.43)
 (officer's dinner - \$40.00)
 Balance 11-2-85 \$950.37
 (*Plaque and cake for Cole's)

Respectfully submitted,
 Ken McMahan
 Blue Ridge Youth for the Master

Youth For the Master Report to the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist on February 1, 1986.

The Youth for the Master met November 16, 1985, at Rocky Pass Free Will Baptist Church, Marion, North Carolina. Practice competition began at 6:00 P.M. After a brief business meeting to elect several new officers, the film "Sudden Death" was shown. Several young people responded to the altar call. There were 212 people present with ten churches represented. Meadowbrook Church won the banner with 58 present.

Our next meeting will be held on February 15, 1986 at the Canton Church, Canton, North Carolina. Practice competition will begin at 6:00 P.M. The main service will begin at 7:00 P.M. Brother Doug McGee, Assistant Youth for the Master director, will be the speaker.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance 11-2-85	\$ 950.37
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RECEIPTS:

Check from Blue Ridge Association	182.75
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Offering 11/16/85	51.01
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Christian Cinema (film)	61.31
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Balance 2/1/86	\$1,122.82
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Respectfully submitted,

Ken McMahan

Youth for the Master Director

Youth For the Master Report to the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists, May 3, 1986.

Youth for the Master met on February 15, 1986 at the Canton Free Will Baptist Church in Canton, North Carolina. Bible Competition and Music and Arts Practice began at 6:00 P.M. During the main service, Brother Doug McGee, Assistant Youth for the Master Director, brought the message. We were thankful for the 78 who braved the bad weather and snowy roads to attend this meeting. Meadowbrook received the banner with 36 in attendance.

Youth for the Master met on April 19, 1985 at the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Swannanoa, North Carolina. There were 163 in attendance for the District Bible and Music and Arts Competition. Meadowbrook won the banner for having the most in attendance. Certificates of participation were presented to each of the 46 young people who participated. Medals were given to all winners and to the first and second runner-up in each area of competition and to those who received a "I" rating in the Music and Arts Competition. The following young people will represent the Blue Ridge Association at the State Competition which will be held May 23 and 24, 1986 at the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Swannanoa, North Carolina:

BIBLE MEMORIZATION:

Grade 1 — Jason Gregg - Meadowbrook

Grade 2 — Joshua Hopkins - Meadowbrook

Grade 3 — Tony Robinson - Cedar Hill

BIBLE WORD DRILL:

Grade 4 — Kendra McMahan - Meadowbrook

Grade 5 — Lorie Ann Miller - Fairview

Grade 6 — J.R. O'Neal - First, Marion

BIBLE TIC TAC TOE:

Meadowbrook Church — Kurt Massey, Leanne McDonald, Keith Melton and Christy Gregg.

BIBLE BOWL:

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

MUSIC AND ARTS:

Category VI - Keyboard Solo - Adventurer - Pamela Parker - Meadowbrook

Crusader - Gary Buchanan - Roaring Creek

Ambassador - James Condrey - Roaring Creek

Approval was given at this meeting to send a gift of \$100.00 to the North Carolina State Youth Board.

BLUE RIDGE YOUTH FOR THE MASTER TREASURER'S REPORT

May 3, 1986

Balance Forward \$1,122.82

RECEIPTS:

Offering 2-15-86 30.00

Offering 4-19-86 72.00

Checks from Blue Ridge Association 88.77

\$1,313.59

DISBURSEMENTS:

Randall House Publications (medals,
certificates, District Competition

Kits) 189.73

North Carolina State Youth Board (gift) 100.00

North Carolina State Youth Board (entry
fees for state competition) 120.00

Bank Service Charge (Feb. & March) 6.00

415.73

BALANCE May 3, 1986

\$ 897.86

Respectfully submitted,
Ken McMahan, Director
Blue Ridge Youth for the Master

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 3, 1986 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Fund Balance - May 4, 1985 \$1,069.99

Received this year 1,691.52

Interest added 24.30

\$2,785.81

Disbursements:

Representation Fee for Assoc. \$ 50.00

State Association 450.00

National Association 245.00

Clerk's Salary 125.00

Postage, Phone Expense 36.40

Bank Service Charge .70

Moderator's Expense 95.83

Graphic Associates - Minutes 526.73

Envelopes 30.88

\$1,560.54

Fund Balance

\$1,225.27

YOUTH FOR THE MASTER

Year's Allocation

\$ 509.39

YOUTH CAMP

Year's Allocation

\$ 267.92

BIBLE INSTITUTE

Offering Received 8-3-85	\$ 49.00
From Educational Loan Fund	500.00
Allocation This Year	<u>169.69</u>
Total	\$ 718.69

LOCAL MISSIONS FUND

Fund Balance - May 4, 1985	\$2,739.93
Received This Year	596.21
Interest Added	172.97
Matured Bond (Rest Home)	1,215.51
Purchase of Bond (Rest Home)	<u>-1,000.00</u>
Fund Balance	\$3,724.62

MINISTER'S BENEVOLENT FUND

Fund Balance - May 4, 1985	\$ 903.70
Received This Year	241.47
Interest Added	80.04
Rev. James Waldrop Family	-100.00
Matured Bond (Rest Home)	1,215.51
Purchase of Bond (Rest Home)	<u>-1,000.00</u>
Fund Balance	\$1,340.72

EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

Fund Balance - May 4, 1985	\$1,657.85
Received This Year	177.34
Interest Added	62.73
Matured Bond (Rest Home)	1,215.51
Reimbursement-Angela Metcalf Loan	105.00
Purchase of Bond (Rest Home)	-1,000.00
Loan to Angela Metcalf	-300.00
To Bible Institute	<u>-500.00</u>
Fund Balance	\$1,418.43

May 3, 1986

	Received This Quarter	Total for Year
Asheville		\$ 135.00
Avery's Creek	34.51	155.86
Calvary		25.00
Canton		35.00
Cedar Hill	94.04	401.83
Clyde		25.00
Fairview	118.25	510.79
Faith		35.00
First - Lenoir		35.00
First - Marion	60.00	280.00
Gethsemane		35.00
Harriett Memorial		
Homer's Chapel		
Meadowbrook		297.16
Meadow Fork		
Morganton		174.47

Nowling's Chapel		35.00
Oakley		137.98
Pisgah	63.00	172.00
Roaring Creek		
Rocky Pass	105.00	600.00
Shelby	100.00	250.00
Sulphur Springs		
Sunny View		71.00
Swannanoa	60.00	220.00
Zephyr Hills		135.00
TOTALS	\$634.80	\$3,766.09

Respectfully Submitted:
Carrie Padgett, Treasurer

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

ASHEVILLE -

AVERY'S CREEK - Arden, N.C. Pastor: Richard Swann, Rt. 1, Avery's Creek Rd., Arden, N.C. 28704. Clerk: Carolyn Swann, 5 Mildred Ave., Apt. 4, Asheville, N.C. 28806. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2, S.S. Enrollment 15, Average Attendance 15. Members added 2, Members lost 1, Total Membership 46.

CALVARY - Swannanoa, N.C. Pastor: Randal 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 5, S.S. Enrollment 150, Average Attendance 122. No. Baptisms 15, Members added 9, Members lost 4, Total Membership 292, W.A. Enrollment 12, average attendance 9.

CANTON - Canton, N.C. Pastor: Harvey Dupree, P.O. Box 1346, Canton, N.C. 28716. Clerk: Helen Hamlett, 26 Flint St., Canton, N.C. 28716. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 4, S.S. Enrollment 83, Average attendance 80, No. Baptisms 2, Total Membership 146. C.T.S. enrollment 30, average attendance 33, W.A. Enrollment 12, average attendance 10. Master's Men Enrollment 5, average attendance 5.

CEDAR HILL - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Jerry Williams, 227 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, N.C. 28806. Clerk: Maude King, 405 Deaverview Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28806. No. Ordained Ministers 3, No. Licensed Ministers 3, No. Ordained Deacons 4. S.S. Enrollment 75, average attendance 62. Members Added 2, Members lost 1, Total Membership 162, C.T.S. Enrollment 35, average attendance 33. W.A. Enrollment 12, average attendance 6.

CLYDE - Clyde, N.C. Pastor: Carl Cook, 111 Ivey Hill Drive, Waynesville, N.C. 28786. Clerk: Bessie Wyatt, 409 Big Cove Drive, Waynesville, N.C. 28786. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2. S.S. Enrollment 53, average attendance 40. Members added 21, Total Membership 53. W.A. Enrollment 16.

FAIRVIEW - Marion, N.C. Pastor: Jack 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, S.S. Enrollment 105, average attendance 97. No. Baptisms 3, Members added 4, members lost 4, Total Membership 87. C.T.S. Enrollment 65, average attendance 60. W.A. Enrollment 12, average attendance 9. Master's Men Enrollment 12, average attendance 10.

FAITH - Morganton, N.C. Pastor: Paul Butler, Rt. 2, Box 833, Morganton, N.C. 28655. Clerk: Judy King, Rt. 10, Box 479-A, Morganton, N.C. 28655. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3, S.S. Enrollment 44, Average Attendance 35. Members added 15, Total membership 40. W.A. Enrollment 16, average attendance 12.

FIRST LENOIR - Lenoir, N.C. Pastor: Jack Moses, Rt. 8, Box 559, Morganton, N.C. 28655. Clerk: Olene Hutchings, 220 Mt. Herman Rd., Lenoir, N.C. 28645. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2, S.S. Enrollment 25, Average attendance 35. Members added 19, Members lost 2, Total Membership 31.

FIRST MARION - Marion, N.C. Pastor: 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. S.S. Enrollment 218, average attendance 211. No. Baptisms 11, Members added 16. Members lost 3, Total Membership 206. C.T.S. Enrollment 70, average attendance 73. W.A. Enrollment 18, average attendance 14.

GETHSEMANE - Marion, N.C. Pastor: 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 3. S.S. Enrollment 70, average attendance 60. No. Baptisms 6, Members lost 18, total membership 55.

HOMER'S CHAPEL - Black Mountain, N.C. Pastor: Dale McCoy, 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711. Clerk: Mary Walker, 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711.

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. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 7, S.S. Enrollment 235, Average Attendance 200. No. Baptisms 23, Members added 21, Members lost 8, total membership 340. C.T.S. Enrollment 25. W.A. Enrollment 15, average attendance 13.

NOWLING CHAPEL - Morganton, N.C. Pastor: 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, Licensed Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 7. S.S. Enrollment 141, average attendance 90. Members added 22, Members lost 4, Total membership 141. W.A. Enrollment 22, average attendance 18.

OAKLEY - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Boyd Owenby, #86 Old Number Nine Rd., Fletcher, N.C. 28732. Clerk: Jeter Higgins, 614 Marietta St., Asheville, N.C. 28803. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3, S.S. Enrollment

28, Average attendance 26. No. Baptisms 1, Members added 3, Members lost 5. Total Membership 51. W.A. Enrollment 12, average attendance 8. Master's Men Enrollment 8, average attendance 6-8.

PISGAH - Canton, N.C. Pastor: Allen Jackson, Rt. 2, Box 377, Canton, N.C. 28716. Clerk: Elizabeth Pless, Rt. 2, Box 435, Canton, N.C. 28716. No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2, S.S. Enrollment 70, average attendance 55. No. Baptisms 2, Members added 10, Members lost 10, Total Membership 113, W.A. Enrollment 14, average attendance 13.

ROARING CREEK - Newland, N.C. Pastor: Jimmy Cone, Rt. 1, Box 281, Newland, N.C. 28657. Clerk: Sarah Eudy, Rt. 1, Box 346, Newland, N.C. 28657. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 4, S.S. Enrollment 49, average attendance 44. No. Baptisms 3, Members added 3, W.A. Enrollment 7, average attendance 7-8.

ROCKY PASS - Marion, N.C. Pastor: Milton Hollifield, Sr., Rt. 1, Box 244, Nebo, N.C. 28761. Clerk: Violet Tipton, Rt. 6, Box 666, Marion, N.C. 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Deacons 11, No. Licensed Ministers 1, S.S. Enrollment 244, Average attendance 215. No. Baptisms 8, Members added 17, Members lost 4, Total Membership 289. W.A. Enrollment 10, average attendance 8.

SHELBY - Shelby, N.C. Pastor: Edward Hutchinson, 813 Rhodan Drive, Shelby, N.C. 28150. Clerk: Dorothy Cook, 504 Cherryville Rd., Shelby, N.C. 28150. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Licensed Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 3, S.S. Enrollment 100, average attendance 81, No. Baptisms 7, Members added 17, Members lost 6, Total Membership 112, C.T.S. Enrollment 18, average attendance 15. W.A. Enrollment 12, Average attendance 8.

SWANNANOA - Swannanoa, N.C. Pastor: Ted Reynolds, 202 Park St., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. Clerk: Clara Mae Ogle, 133 Dellwood Ave., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 11, S.S. Enrollment 144, average attendance 116, No. Baptisms 19, Members added 16, Members lost 8, Total Membership 149. W.A. Enrollment 14, average attendance 8.

ZEPHYR HILLS - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Roy Harris, 209 Scottlynn Dr., Asheville, N.C. 28806. Clerk: Lucille Lance. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 4, S.S. Enrollment 88, average attendance 91, No. Baptisms 10, Members added 23, Members lost 2, C.T.S. Enrollment 56, average attendance 48. W.A. Enrollment 10, average attendance 13.

MINISTER'S REPORT

Rev. Paul Butler: Churches Pastored 1, No. Conversions 6, No. Funerals 2.

Rev. Carl Cook: Churches Pastored 1, No. Conversions 8, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Marriages 3, No. Funerals 11.

Rev. Harvey Dupree: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 2, No. Conversions 7, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 3, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 3.

Rev. Elisha Fish: Churches Pastored 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2.

Rev. Roy Harris: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 2, No. Conversions 10, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 10.

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Sr.: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 5, No. Conversions 25, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 8, No. Marriages 10, No. Funerals 24.

Rev. Edward Hutchinson: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 2, No. Conversions 14, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 7, No. Marriages 5, No. Funerals 12.

Rev. Allen Jackson: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 8, No. Baptisms 3, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 2.

Rev. Gordon Johnson: Churches Pastored 1, No. Conversions 5.

Rev. Elmer Keener: Churches Pastored 3, No. Conversions 6, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 2.

Rev. James Lynn, Sr.: Churches Pastored - Rest Home Pastor, No. Conversions 21, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Funerals 3.

Rev. Dale McCoy: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 2, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4.

Rev. Wayne Miller: No. Conversions 3, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 3, No. Marriages 1.

Rev. Jack Moses: Churches Pastored 1, No. Conversions 12, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Funerals 2.

Rev. Dave Nobles: Churches Pastored 1, No. Communion Services 5, No. Footwashing Services 1, No. Marriages 4, No. Funerals 6.

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

Rev. Ted Reynolds: Churches Pastored 1.

Rev. Roy Shehan: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 30, No. Baptisms 12, No. Marriages 6, No. Funerals 8.

Rev. Wayne Smith: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 4, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 3, No. Baptisms 3, No. Marriages 5, No. Funerals 4.

Rev. Jack Sprinkle: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 2, No. Conversions 24, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4, No. Baptisms 4, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 4.

Rev. Randal Stone: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 6, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 3, No. Baptisms 15, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 10.

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

Rev. William Vaughn: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 3, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 8, No. Marriages 6, No. Funerals 7, No. Military Funerals 39. Chaplain American Legion Post 56, Chaplain VFW Post 4208, McDowell County.

Rev. Jack Ward: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 2, No. Conversions 22, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4, No. Baptisms 18, No. Marriages 4, No. Funerals 6.

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

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

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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, and all Ministers who are in good standing and of sound doctrine of the Free Will Baptist faith, who are not affiliated with the Blue Ridge 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.

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 18%, Education 5%, Youth For the Master 16%, Youth Camp 8%, Minister's Retirement 8%, Bible Institute 10%.

Article 17

The Ordaining Council will meet, as duty demands, one week prior to the Associational meetings.

Article 18

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

Article 19

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at any annual meeting of this Association.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1 — This Association shall be opened and closed with suitable devotions.

Article 2 — There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

Article 3 — Every person wishing to speak shall first arise and address the Moderator, and be recognized before speaking.

Article 4 — No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

Article 5 — Every member speaking shall attend the subject under consideration.

Article 6 — No member shall speak on any one subject more than twice, except by permission of the Moderator.

Article 7 — Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

Article 8 — A motion before the house must be acted upon before another motion can be made.

Article 9 — On all motions acted upon, the majority vote shall prevail.

Article 10 — The Moderator shall have the privilege to speak on any subject as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

Article 11 — This Association shall admit no other title while in session but that of Brother or Sister.

Article 12 — No member shall absent himself from the body without the permission of the Moderator.

Article 13 — Any person transgressing these By-Laws shall be admonished by the Moderator.

Article 14 — No less than twenty (20) members shall constitute a quorum.

Article 15 — An offering shall be received at the annual meeting as is necessary. The necessity will be determined by the Moderator.

Article 16 — These By-Laws may be amended at any regular annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD: We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. I Timothy 2:5

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE: We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of his church. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for re-proof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.

3. ORIGINAL APOSTASY: We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his 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 unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)

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

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

CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HISTORY OF

Clyde Free Will

Baptist Church

After much prayer and consideration, and feeling the need of a Free Will Baptist Church in Clyde, N.C., the Rev. Carl Cook met with his wife and daughter, and two more interested persons for their first service on June 24, 1984, in a rented building at #3 Broad Street in Clyde.

The Church was officially organized on September 16, 1984 with 21 Charter Members.

We have now moved to a larger building at #7 Broad St. in Clyde, N.C.

We presently have 54 members, and are now in the process of trying to purchase property to build a new Free Will Baptist Church in Clyde, N.C. The Pastor is Rev. Carl Cook.

