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34th ANNUAL SESSION

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

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Held at the  
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Rev. Ted Reynolds 1987	Rev. Milton Hollifield 1988
Rev. Jack Ward 1989	Rev. Jerry Williams 1990
Rev. Dave Nobles 1991	

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West: Rev. Dale McCoy	Rev. Wayne Smith	Bro. Glen Cole

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Rev. Lee Roy Walker	Rev. Jack Moses	Rev. Elisha Fish
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**YOUTH FOR THE MASTER**

Bro. Kenny McMahan	Rev. Jimmy Cone
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**YOUTH CAMP BOARD**

Rev. Roy Shehan	Bro. Bruce Clinedist	Rev. Jimmy Cone
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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Bro. James Cole	Rev. Carl Cook	Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick
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2. Avery's Creek	Rev. Richard Swann	Arden, N.C.
3. Calvary	Rev. E.E. McMillan	Swannanoa, N.C.
4. Canton	Rev. Bill Robinson	Canton, N.C.
5. Cedar Hill	Rev. Jerry Williams	Asheville, N.C.
6. Clyde	Rev. Carl Cook	Clyde, N.C.
7. Fairview	Rev. Robert Travis	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's 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. Sweeten Creek	Rev. Harvey Dupree	Asheville, N.C.
23. Swannanoa	Rev. Ted Reynolds	Swannanoa, N.C.
24. Sulphur Springs	Rev. Elisha Fish	Hazelwood, N.C.
25. Zephyr Hills	Rev. Roy Harris	Asheville, N.C.

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**MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED**

Paul Butler, Jimmy Cone, Harvey Dupree, Elisha Fish, Milton Hollifield, Edward Hutchinson, Allen Jackson, Gordon Johnson, Elmer Keener, Eddie Kirkpatrick, James Lynn, Dale McCoy, Wayne Miller, John Moore, Jack Moses, Dave Nobles, Ralph Reep, Ted Reynolds, Roy Shehan, Wayne Smith, Richard Swann, Dickie Tallent, Robert Travis, Benny Turner, William Vaughn, Jack Ward, Jerry Williams.

**VISITORS WHO REGISTERED**

Rev. Walter H. Sexton, Dr. Robert Picirilli, Rev. Boyd Owenby, Carrie Padgett, Mildred Smith.

**DEACONS WHO REGISTERED**

Henry Belcher, Mack Bartlett, Everett Hutchings, Jerry Messer, Curtis Rice, Collon Phillips, J.B. Wilson, Conway Tatham.

**CHURCH DELEGATES**

Calvary —	Glen Cole, Nancy Cole
Cedar Hill —	Maude King, Grace Lindsey, Rosa Sexton, David Sexton, Bonnie Williams
Canton —	Brenda Allen, Helen Hanlett, Sue Ingle, Mabel Wilson, Lillian Messer
Fairview —	Tilman Powell
Faith —	Ann Thompson, Etta Butler
First Lenoir —	Olene Hutchings, Gladys Moses
Harriett Memorial —	Curtis Rice, Georgia Phillips
Meadowbrook —	Ken McMahan, Barbara McMahan
Meadow Fork —	Mrs. Elmer Keener
Roaring Creek —	Margie Condrey, Angela Cone, Jean Oaks, Deborah Ward
Rocky Pass —	Elizabeth Hollifield, Conway Tatham, Lucille Tatham, Ernest Shell, Mae Shell
Shelby —	Gene Scruggs
First Marion —	Mida Browning, Hattie Greene, Inez Kirkpatrick, Foy Radford, Annie Wylie, Volena Wilson
Zephyr Hills —	E.B. Clinediest, Jerome Allinen, Dan Gasperson, Lucille Lance, Flora Morgan

**FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING  
OF THE  
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION  
MEETING WITH  
SULPHUR SPRINGS F.W.B. CHURCH, WAYNESVILLE, N.C.  
August 2, 1986**

Congregational Singing - Bro. James Cole  
Prayer — Rev. Jerry Williams  
Devotion — Rev. Wayne Smith  
Welcome — Host Pastor, Rev. Oliver Cagle  
Response — Rev. Ralph Reep  
Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors. 21 Churches represented, 26 Ministers, 26 Delegates, 7 Deacons, 3 Visitors, Rev. Danny Williams, Columbus, Miss., Rev. Benny Turner, and Maurillo Amorium.

**REPORTS:**

**YOUTH FOR THE MASTER** — Bro. Dave Nobles - Next Meeting August 16th at the Fairview Church.

**YOUTH CAMP** — Bro. Bruce Cliendist. (See Reports). Motion that Youth For The Master Director be a member of the Youth Camp Board, S/C. Motion made that Youth Director be X-Officio at all Youth Camp Meetings. S/C. Bro. Steve Suttles gave Steps For Planning a Retreat.

**REST HOME REPORT** — Rev. James Lynn. 13 Ladies in Home at present time. Building Program on standstill waiting for the Blueprint from Raleigh. September 27th was set for an Associational work day at the Home. M/S/C to accept Report.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** — Bro Harvey Dupree. October 25th next O: Jaining Council Meeting. The following Recommendation was made: A Round Robin Missionary Conference, sponsored by the Blue Ridge Association be held January 11, 1987. M/S/C Ammendment: Emphasis be placed on Foreign Mission unless Committee deem it necessary to use Home Missionaries. M/S/C. Bro. Roy Harris was appointed co-ordinator for this Conference and he is to choose one or two helpers from Association.

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

**ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT** — Bro. Ted Reynolds. The following Recommendation was made: Rev. Jimmy Cone be received into Blue Ridge Association. M/S/C

Motion was made to meet quarterly with all Boards and Ministers two weeks prior to Quarterly Conference at the Steak House in Marion. S/C.

Dismissed for Worship Hour — Bro. Dupree.

**WORSHIP HOUR:**

Song Service — Trust and Obey by Bro. James Cole

Prayer — Bro. Roy Harris



Special Song by Minister's Quartet — He Set Me Free

Message — Rev. Benny Turner - Planted In The Likeness of a Tree - I Kings 10:11-12

A special note of appreciation to the Ladies for a very delicious meal.

**SECOND QUARTERLY CONFERENCE  
OF THE  
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION  
MEETING WITH  
SWANNANOA F.W.B. CHURCH, SWANNANOA, N.C.  
November 1, 1986**

Congregational Singing — Bro. James Cole - Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus.

Prayer — Rev. Jerry Williams

Devotion — Rev. Carl Cook - Hebrews 2:1-4

Welcome — Rev. Ted Reynolds

Response — Rev. Dale McCoy

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors. 21 Churches represented, 30 Ministers, 33 Delegates, 34 Visitors. Rev. Bill Jones from Dothan, Alabama was a visitor. Sweeten Creek Church was represented with 7 Delegates.

**REPORTS:**

**BLUE RIDGE BIBLE INSTITUTE** — Rev. Dale McCoy

**Recommendations:**

1. That the Bible Institute be dissolved at the conclusion of this Semester. M/S/C.
2. That all money received through Percentage Givings be given to local Mission Fund until Annual Conference. M/S/C.
3. That at the conclusion of the Semester, and paying of all debts, all remaining Funds up to \$300.00 be given to Zephyr Hills Church. Any additional Funds will then be given to the local Missions Fund. M/S/C.

**HISTORICAL REPORT** — Sister Volena Wilson. M/S/C that the two missing Minutes be reproduced and sent to the National Archives in Nashville, Tennessee.

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

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY** — Sister Volena Wilson

**YOUTH CAMP** — Bro. Bruce Clinediest

**REST HOME** — Rev. James Lynn - 14 happy Ladies in Home. State has approved plans for the new addition.

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

**ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT** — Rev. Ted Reynolds. A move was made by Rev. Dave Nobles to suspend the present rule concerning Article 10, Section B until the Annual Conference. Second, Carried.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT** — Rev. Elisha Fish

## EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND COMMITTEE REPORT — Rev. Jerry Williams. (See Reports).

### Recommendations:

1. That a separate Account be established for the use of Students who desire to attend Southeastern College. M/S/C.
2. That Churches designate which Account they wish their Funds to be applied.  
Amendment: Undesignated money be divided between the two Colleges. M/S/C. Recommendation 2. M/S/C.
3. That the Association give \$200.00 from the General Account to the Southeastern Loan Fund to establish a base on which to build. M/S/C.
4. That the morning Offering also be given to the Southeastern Loan Fund. M/S/C.

Rev. Jerry Williams  
Rev. Roy Harris  
Rev. Randy Stone  
Rev. Ted Reynolds  
Rev. Dave Nobles  
Rev. Dale McCoy

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING REPORT -- Rev. Harvey Dupree. M/S/C to adopt Report. (See Reports).

Rev. Steve Lytle, Missionary to Panama, gave an interesting report on his work there. He witnessed 116 people saved last year.

### WORSHIP HOUR:

Song Service — Bro. James Cole

Prayer — Rev. John Moore

Offering

Special Singing — Rev. Dave Nobles

Message — Rev. Randy Stone — Ezra 5:1; 6:14; 8:21.

A very special thanks to the Ladies for a delicious meal.

## THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION MEETING WITH SWEETEN CREEK F.W.B. CHURCH, ASHEVILLE, N.C. February 7, 1987

Congregational Singing — Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Prayer — Rev. Roy Harris

Devotion — Rev. Wayne Smith - Feeding The Sheep.

Welcome — Host Pastor, Rev. Harvey Dupree

Response — Rev. Hollifield

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers and Recognition of Visitors. 20 Churches represented, 25 Ministers, 2 Visiting Ministers, Rev. Tom Lilly, and Rev. Leonard Lindsey, 5 Deacons and 22 Delegates. 3 Visitors.

Special Prayer for Rev. Jerry Williams by Rev. Tom Lilly.

**REPORTS:**

**REST HOME** — Rev. James Lynn - Good Report - 1 Chron. 4:23

**YOUTH FOR THE MASTER** — Rev. Dale McCoy (See Reports).

**YOUTH CAMP** — Bro. Clinediest, Bro. Hutchinson, Bro. Dale McCoy presented two proposals:

1. Youth Camp be held January 22, 23, 24 for the Western District with Bro. Danny Gasperson, Director.
2. Eastern District be held January 29, 30, 31 with Rev. Jimmy Cone, Director.

M/S/C to reimburse Staff members for expenses.

Cost per camper \$45.00.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** — Sister Carrie Padgett

Move made to have 2 Headings under Educational Funds:

1. Free Will Baptist Bible College
2. Southeastern College S/C.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING REPORT** — Rev. Harvey Dupree. (See Reports).

**ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT** — Rev. Dave Nobles.

**BUSINESS:**

Recommendation by the Ordaining Council:

Constitutional change in Article 10 - Section B. Move: This be tabled until the Annual Meeting. S/C. Move - All Constitutional changes be made in writing prior to the meeting. S/C.

Bro. Roy Harris gave an up-date on the Bible Conference.

Recommendation: Bro. Harris plans Conference for next year. He may appoint 2 assistants to help him in co-ordinating the Services. M/S/C.

**WORSHIP HOUR:**

Song — Wonderful Words Of Life

Prayer — Bro. Glen Cole

Piano Solo — Bro. Gordon Johnson — When They Ring Those Golden Bells.

Message by Rev. Dickie Tallent — Ephesians 5:21-23 - A Successful Church.

Adjourn

**THIRTY FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION  
MEETING WITH  
ZEPHYR HILLS F.W.B. CHURCH, ASHEVILLE, N.C.  
May 2, 1987**

The 34th Annual Session was opened with the congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing."

Prayer — Rev. Jack Ward

Devotion — Rev. Milton Hollifield

Welcome — Bro. Danny Gasperson

Response — Rev. Jack Ward

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors, 22 Churches represented, 30 Ministers, 36 Delegates, 9 Visitors, 7 Deacons, Visiting Ministers were Rev. Earl Davis, Rev. Eugene Moore and Dr. and Mrs. Picirilli, Rev. Walter H. Sexton.

#### **REPORTS:**

**FINANCIAL REPORT** — Sister Carrie Padgett (See Reports). M/S/C to accept Report.

**YOUTH FOR THE MASTER** — Bro. Kenny McMahan (See Reports). M/S/C to accept Report.

**YOUTH RETREAT** — Bro. Bruce Clinediest — Youth Retreat be moved to any 2 week-ends in March for next 3 years at Craigmont with guaranteed rate of \$33.00 per camper. M/S/C to table until August Meeting.

**REST HOME** — Rev. J. C. Lynn - 14 Ladies in Home. Pray for workers. Construction on new wing started.

**ORDAINING COUNCIL** — Rev. Ted Reynolds (See Reports). M/S/C. Rev. Robert Travis and Rev. Bill Robinson be received into Association pending letters. M/S/C. Rev. Jack Sprinkle be given a letter of Recommendation to the Appalachian Association in Tennessee.

**YOUTH CAMP REPORT** — Rev. Jimmy Cone M/S/C to receive report.

**HISTORIAN** — Sister Volena Wilson resigned today. All Reports complete and submitted. She was given a rising vote of thanks.

**REPORT FROM F.W.B. BIBLE COLLEGE** was given by Dr. Picirilli, Dean of the College. He encouraged the Churches to send young people to visit the college. Fall enrollment was 332. Two things the Bible College needs are Prayer and Financial Aid.

M/S/C to bring Article 10-B change off of table. M/S/C to accept Constitutional change. (See Reports).

M/S/C to accept Report from East/West Quarterly Committee on a one year trial basis. (See Reports).

M/S/C to change Article 15 to read: This Association shall meet annually on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. This is on a trial basis due to the annual Youth For The Master meeting the first Saturday in May.

A Nominating Committee was appointed by the Moderator: Rev. Roy Shehan, Rev. Jimmy Cone, Rev. Gordon Johnson for the East Quarterly Conference.

Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Dale McCoy, Bro. Glen Cole for the West Quarterly Conference.

The Moderator for the Association for the next two years was chosen by the straw vote from the West Conference.

The East Quarterly Conference will meet with the Rocky Pass Church August 1, 1987.

The West Quarterly Conference will meet with the Meadowbrook Church August 8, 1987.

### **WORSHIP HOUR:**

Congregational Song — Power In The Blood

Prayer — Rev. Benny Turner

Message — Dr. Robert Picirilli, Dean of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.  
Ephesians 6:11-17. A Call To Arms.

The Message was stirring and challenging to each one who attended this session.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

A joint meeting of all the Boards in the Blue Ridge Association was held Saturday, July 12, 1986 at the Western Steer Steak House in Marion.

The following members were present:

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Rev. Harvey Dupree, Moderator, Rev. Edward Hutchinson, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Ralph Reep, Rev. William Vaughn, Miss Carrie Padgett, Mrs. Lucille Tatham.

**TRUSTEE BOARD:** Rev. James Lynn, Rev. Elmer Keener, Bro. Cline Messer

**ORDAINING COUNCIL:** Rev. Ted Reynolds, Rev. Jack Ward, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Jerry Willaims, Rev. Randy Stone.

**YOUTH CAMP BOARD:** Bro. Bruce Clinediest

**BLUE RIDGE BIBLE INSTITUTE BOARD:** Rev. Dale McCoy, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Allen Jackson.

Prayer by Rev. Elmer Keener

Report of Trustee Board by Rev. James Lynn.

The following Ordaining Council Report by Rev. Ted Reynolds, Recommendation: No Ordaining Council meetings at the regular Associational meetings. If there is any Business, the Council will meet one week prior to Associational meeting.

Bro. Dave Nobles recommended all Boards meet before each Associational meeting.

Next Ordaining Council meeting October 25th, if there is any business.

The Minister's Fellowship Meeting is to be each Fourth Monday at 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon with Lunch. Bro. Dale McCoy is in charge.

Youth Camp Report was given by Bro. Bruce Clinediest (See Reports).

The Executive Board recommends a Round Robin Foreign Mission Conference January 11, 1987 - urging each of our churches to participate in attendance and offering.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Wayne Smith.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

A joint meeting of all the boards and Ministers in the Blue Ridge Association was held Saturday, October 11, 1986 at the Western Steer Steak House in Marion.

The following members were present:

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Rev. Harvey Dupree, Moderator, Rev. Edward Hutchinson, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Ralph Reep, Rev. William Vaughn, Sister Carrie Padgett, Sister Lucille Tatham.

**TRUSTEE BOARD:** Rev. James Lynn, Rev. Elmer Keener.

**ORDAINING COUNCIL:** Rev. Milton Hollifield

**YOUTH CAMP BOARD:** Bro. Bruce Clinediest.

**BLUE RIDGE BIBLE INSTITUTE BOARD:** Rev. Dale McCoy, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Allen Jackson.

**OTHER MINISTERS PRESENT:** Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Jimmy Cone, Rev. Dave Nobles.

Prayer by Rev. Wayne Smith

Bro. Bruce Clinediest gave Treasurer's Report and an up-date on Youth Retreat.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS BY BOARDS AND MINISTERS:**

1. Beginning next Quarterly meeting, Ministers be called in alphabetical order to preach at Quarterly meetings. Amendment: New Pastors or a special Speaker may be called in as the Board deems necessary.
2. Due to a large number of people in Association, we recommend Churches not provide meals for Association, beginning with Annual Meeting.
3. Bro. Randy Stone be given \$1,000.00 out of Mission Account and 50% of Mission Funds that come in each month for a 12 month period for his new Mission work in the Fayetteville area.
4. Bro. Dave Nobles replace Bro. Randy Stone on the Ordaining Council.
5. Bro. Jimmy Cone replace Bro. Doug McGee on the Youth Camp Board and also Youth For The Master.
6. Bro. Gordon Johnson replace Bro. Jack Sprinkle on Nominating Committee.

7. Bro. Lee Roy Walker replace Bro. Doug McGee on Credentials Committee.
8. Bro. Eddie Kirkpatrick replace Bro. Jack Sprinkle on Finance Committee.

All replacements are effective until the Annual Meeting.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board met at the Swannanoa Church November 1, 1986. The following members were present: Rev. Harvey Dupree, Moderator, Rev. Wayne

Smith, Rev. Bill Vaughn, Rev. Ralph Reep, Sister Carrie Padgett, Sister Lucille Tatham.

Bro. Paul Jenkins, Chairman of the Deacon Board of the Sweeten Creek Free Will Baptist Church presented a letter to the Board requesting membership into the Blue Ridge Association.

A move was made by Rev. Smith to recommend that Association receive the Sweeten Creek Church into the Body. Second, Carried.

Adjourned.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A joint meeting of all the Boards and Ministers was held Saturday, January 17, 1987, at the Western Steer Steak House in Marion, with 20 members present. Prayer by Bro. Edward Hutchinson.

#### REPORTS:

Bro. Edward Hutchinson gave an interesting Report on the State work.

Youth Camp Report - Bro. Clinediest asked different Preachers to comment on the Youth Camp. The following Preachers made some very interesting comments on the Camp: Bro. Hutchinson, Bro. Reynolds, Bro. Jimmy Cone and Bro. Dale McCoy.

Bro. Clinediest recommended the Youth Camp be held in January of next year - 22, 23, 24 for the West Side with Bro. Danny Gasperson, Director. The East Side, 29, 30, 31 with Rev. Jimmy Cone Director. Cost \$45.00 per Camper. M/S/C.

Move made to reimburse Workers for expense (\$17.00). S/C.

Bro. Hollifield gave a Report on the Rest Home: \$10,000 spent on the foundation. Work will proceed when weather permits.

Motion made by Rev. Hutchinson - Moderator appoint a committee of 3 from the East and 3 from the West to study the feasibility of having separate Quarterly Meetings and a joint Annual Conference. S/C.

The Committee: East - Bro. Hollifield, Bro. Hutchinson, Bro. Cone  
West - Bro. Smith, Chmn., Bro. Ted Reynolds, Bro. Williams

Move made to change Article 10-B to read: The Ordaining Council shall act as an Advisory Council and an investigating Committee for Ministers & Churches 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 at which time he may be Ordained at the request of the Church or Organization which he is serving. S/C.

M/S/C - Association pay Expenses for Missionaries meals (apprx. \$35.00).

Executive Board Recommendation - At Bro. Butler's request, Bro. Dickie Tallent be the speaker for the Association. S/C.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Board Meeting - Saturday, April 11, 1987

The following Members were present: Rev. William Vaughn, Rev. Dale McCoy, Rev. Jimmy Cone, Rev. Roy Shehan, Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Dave Nobles, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. James Lynn, Rev. Edward Hutchinson, Rev. Ted Reynolds, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Benny Turner, Rev. Jack Ward, Rev. Harvey Dupree, Sis. Lucille Tatham, Bro. Bruce Clinediest, Rev. Robert Travis, Sis. Carrie Padgett, Bro. Conway Tatham, Rev. Ralph Reep.

Bro. Ted Reynolds recommended that Reports be dispensed with at Annual Meeting to allow time for other Business and Preaching Service. M/S/C.

Rev. Robert Travis, the new Pastor of the Fairview Church, gave a wonderful Testimony.

There was further discussion regarding the East/West Quarterly Conference, with recommendations being outlined to present to the Body at the Annual Meeting.

Dismissed in Prayer.

### **BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION EAST/WEST QUARTERLY MEETING COMMITTEE**

This committee was appointed due to the growing concern over the lack of participation and involvement in the Blue Ridge Association. The purpose of this committee was to study and recommend the necessary aspects and steps involved to promote participation, fellowship and involvement through maintaining an Association-Wide Annual Meeting in coordination with Quarterly Meetings on an East-West emphasis.



It is the finding of this committee that due to the geographical miles between our churches, we highly recommend such diversification. In order to implement such an organization we make the following recommendations:

1. That we strive to implement this program immediately on a trial basis for one year.
2. That each Quarterly stagger their quarterly meetings so they are not meeting on the same dates.
3. That each Quarterly elect a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer for the purpose of scheduling and conducting services.
4. That 3 more members be appointed to the nominating committee so as to equal 3 members from the East and 3 members from the West. Each 3 will be responsible for nominating their Quarterly's officers. These officers would be elected in August at the first quarterly meetings.
5. That the Association officers be placed on a two year rotation schedule. Example: If the East Quarterly Moderator serves as the Association Moderator two years, then the Moderator for the West Quarterly will serve as the Association Assistant Moderator. The next two years will be vice-versa.
6. That the Association Clerk and Treasurer rotate with the Association Moderator.
7. That Wayne Smith be nominated as the Association Moderator until August when the Quarterly officers are elected.
8. That we, the Blue Ridge Association East/West Quarterly Meeting Committee, be given the opportunity to study the necessary Constitution changes and submit them as soon as possible for tabling until the Annual Meeting in May 1988.
9. That the Annual Meeting strive for a central location for the Annual by rotating between the Swannanoa Valley and Marion area.
10. That the Executive Committee consist of the East Quarterly Moderator and the Assistant Moderator plus one more representative from the East and the West Quarterly Moderator and the Assistant Moderator plus one more representative from the West.
11. Youth for the Master remain as it is for the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted  
Rev. Jimmy Cone, Jr.  
Rev. Milton Hollifield, Sr.  
Rev. Ed Hutchinson  
Rev. Ted Reynolds  
Rev. Wayne Smith  
Rev. Jerry Williams  
Blue Ridge Association East/West  
Quarterly Meeting Committee

## REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

Since our last meeting, the ordaining council has met twice. Once with Brother Robert Travis and once with Brother Bill Robinson. At these meetings their credentials were checked and approved. It is the recommendation of the ordaining council that we receive Brother Robert Travis into membership from the Beaver Creek Association in South Carolina, pending a letter from that association.

We also recommend that we receive Brother Bill Robinson from the Midway Association in Georgia, pending a letter from that association.

We have received a letter from Brother Jack Sprinkle regarding a letter of recommendation to the Appalachian Association in Tennessee. We recommend that a letter in good standing be sent to that association along with our prayerful support for Brother Jack.

Youth for the Master report to the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists, August 2, 1986.

The North Carolina State Youth Conference was held at the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Swannanoa, North Carolina on May 23 and 24, 1986. The following youth from the Blue Ridge Association won at that meeting and represented us at the National Youth Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

### BIBLE SWORD DRILL:

Grade 4: Kendra McMahan, Meadowbrook Church

Grade 6: J.R. O'Neal, First Church, Marion

### BIBLE TIC TAC TOE:

Team from Meadowbrook Church; Kurt Massey, Keith Melton, LeAnne McDonald and Christy Gregg.

### BIBLE BOWL:

Team from Meadowbrook; Kim Rhinehart, Jonathan Nobles, Sheri Hollifield and Jennifer Runion.

### MUSIC AND ARTS:

Keyboard Solo - Adventurer - Pam Parker, Meadowbrook

Keyboard Solo - Crusader - James Condrey, Roaring Creek

Our next meeting will be help on Saturday, August 16, 1986 at Fairview Free Will Baptist Church in Marion. Services will begin at 7:00 P.M. Steve and Judy Lytle, our missionaries to Panama, will be in charge of this service. A special offering will be taken during the service for the Lytles' account. Please plan to attend and bring as many of your young people as you can.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance August 2, 1986 .....	\$897.86
No Receipts/no disbursements	

Respectfully submitted,  
Blue Ridge Youth For The Master  
Ken McMahan, Director

Youth for The Master Report to the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists, November 1, 1986.

Youth for the Master met on August 16, 1986 at the Fairview Free Will Baptist Church in Marion, North Carolina with 100 present. Meadowbrook won the banner with the most in attendance. Sister Judy Lytle, our missionary to Panama was in charge of the service.

The next meeting will be held on November 15, 1986 at the Zephyr Hills Church in Asheville. Practice competition will begin at 6:00; main service at 7:00 P.M.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Balance Forward ..... \$897.86

#### **RECEIPTS:**

Offering 8/16 ..... \$ 48.24

Check from Blue Ridge Association ..... 187.53

#### **DISBURSEMENTS:**

#### **DISBURSEMENTS:**

Foreign Mission Board (Steve and Judy Lytle) ..... 200.00

Bank Service Charge ..... 6.20

**BALANCE ENDING 10/31/86 ..... 927.43**

Respectfully submitted

Ken McMahan

Youth for the Master Director

Youth for The Master report to the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists, February 7, 1987.

Youth for the Master met on November 15, 1986 at Zephyr Hills Free Will Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina. Bible Competition and Music and Arts practice began at 6:00 P.M. The main service began at 7:00 P.M. Scott Cooper, a Christian ventriloquist from Forest City, North Carolina, was in charge of the program.

There were 113 present. Zephyr Hills Church won the banner for having the most in attendance.

Our next meeting will be on February 21, 1987 at the Fairview Free Will Baptist Church in Marion, North Carolina. The last practice competition before the district finals will begin at 6:00 P.M. It has become necessary to move our final activities up because the state competition will be April 17 and 18 this year.

Brother Jimmy Cone, pastor of Roaring Creek Free Will Baptist Church will be in charge of the February meeting.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### **BLUE RIDGE YOUTH FOR THE MASTER**

Balance Forward ..... \$897.86

#### **RECEIPTS:**

Offering 8/16/86 ..... \$ 48.24

Offering 11/15/86 ..... 69.21

Blue Ridge Quarterly percentage ..... 187.53

**\$304.98**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Steve & Judy Lytle	200.00
Scott Cooper	125.00
Bank Charge	<u>21.20</u>
	\$346.20

Balance Ending 1/31/87

\$856.64

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken McMahan, Director  
Blue Ridge Youth For The Master

**Youth For The Master Report** to the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists - May 2, 1987

Youth For The Master met on February 18, 1987 at the Fairview Free Will Baptist Church in Marion, North Carolina. Bible competition began at 6:00 P.M. Brother Jimmy Cone and the singers from Roaring Creek Free Will Baptist Church were in charge of the program. There were 126 present. Meadowbrook won the banner with 35 in attendance. Our next meeting will be March 28 at Rocky Pass Free Will Baptist Church. This will be the district finals in competitive activities.

Youth For The Master met on March 28, 1987 at Rocky Pass Free Will Baptist Church in Marion, North Carolina. There were 198 present for the District Bible and Music Competition. Rocky Pass won the banner with 48 present.

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

Our next meeting will be August 15 at Meadowbrook Church in Black Mountain at 7:00 P.M.

Certificates of participation were presented to each of the 56 young people who participated. Medals were given to all the winners and to the first and second runner-ups in each area of competition, and to those who received a "1" rating in Music and Arts. The following young people represented the Blue Ridge Association at the State Youth Conference in Greenville, North Carolina on April 17 and 18:

**BIBLE MEMORIZATION:**

Grade 1 - Angela Shook - Meadowbrook  
Grade 2 - Stephen Hollifield - Fairview  
Grade 3 - Jennie Davie - Cedar Hill

**SWORD DRILL**

Grade 4 - No entries  
Grade 5 - Kendra McMahan  
Grade 6 - Lorie Ann Miller - Fairview

**TIC TAC TOE**

Team from Meadowbrook Church: Keith Melton, Christy Gregg, Nathan Shook.

**BIBLE BOWL:**

Team from Meadowbrook Church: Jonathan Nobles, Jennifer Runion, Sheri Hollifield, Leanne McDonald.

**MUSIC AND ARTS**

Category 3 - Choral (mixed) - Roaring Creek Chorale

Category 7 - Division 1 - Keyboard Solo - James Condrey - Roaring Creek.

Category 11 - Division 3 - Graphics - Kimberly Moffat - Zephyr Hills

Division 4 - Ceramic/Pottery - Kimberly Moffat

Division 5 - Textiles - Kim Rhinehart - Meadowbrook

We were very proud of these young people. Each one participating from our Association placed either first, second or third in the state competition. We feel that this is a great accomplishment. Several won first place and will represent us at the National Youth Conference in Birmingham in July. They are:

Kendra McMahan - Meadowbrook Church

Bible Bowl Team from Meadowbrook Church

Roaring Creek Chorale from Roaring Creek Church

Kimberly Moffat from Zephyr Hills Church (two entries)

Kim Rhinehart from Meadowbrook

We also have an entry in Poetry from Christy Gregg of Meadowbrook. This will be judged on the national level.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Balance Forward \$ 856.64

**RECEIPTS:**

Offering 2/18/87	\$ 46.00
Offering 3/28/87	30.00
Blue Ridge Quarterly percentage	139.64
	<u>\$ 215.64</u>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Speaker for February	25.00
Youth Board Offering	100.00
Entry Fees	150.00
Randall House	211.36
Walk-A-Thon Expense	13.58
Bank Charge	<u>12.00</u>
	\$ 511.94

BALANCE ending 4/30/87

\$ 560.34

### REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP BOARD

On the evening of June 23, 1986 a meeting was held at the Western Steer Steak house in Black Mountain for the purpose of planning a Youth Retreat for the young people of the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists.

The following members were present: Bro. Bruce Clinedinst, Bro. Kenny McMahan, Pastors: Rev. Dave Nobles, Rev. Jimmy Cone, Rev. Roy Harris, Rev. Randy Stone, and Rev. Dale McCoy.

Pastor Randy Stone presented the following information regarding the use of the Cragmont Assembly in Black Mountain:

**Dates Available:** November 21-23 & December 5-7

**Costs:** \$9.00 per night for lodging  
 \$2.50 per Breakfast  
 \$3.00 per Lunch and Supper  
 Projected Total Cost Per Person \$35.00

**Facilities:** Campers would only have to bring clothing, toiletries, and Bibles. Everything else is provided by the camp.

After hearing this report, the following recommendations were made to be:

**Facilities:** Campers would only have to bring clothing, toiletries, and Bibles. Everything else is provided by the camp.

1. That Nov. 21-23 be used for the Eastern Retreat. 10 years old and up.
2. That Dec. 5-7 be used for the Western Retreat.
3. Note: Tentative plans are for the Retreats to begin at 3:00 p.m. (Registration 7 Cabin Assignments) on Friday and End with Lunch on Sunday.
4. That Pastor Jimmy Cone Direct the East Camp.
5. That Pastor Dale McCoy Direct the West Camp.
6. That each Director recruit his own staff and develop his own program.
7. That the Directors be allocated \$300.00 maximum for Evangelist expense
8. That the youth fund pay \$16.00 for other staff lodging.
9. That staff members pay for their meals.
10. That the following subjects be dealt with at the Retreats:
  - a. Rock Music
  - b. Sex
  - c. Drugs
  - d. Peer Pressure
  - e. Self-image
  - f. Parental Authority

**Note:** This Report is subject to the approval of the Association. The Association may make any changes that they see necessary.

### BLUE RIDGE YOUTH CAMP FUND

Balance Forward as of May 2, 1986

\$1399.18

#### RECEIPTS:

Blue Ridge Association	\$241.30
East Side Camp	1099.00
West Side Camp	1292.00
Camp Dep. Refund	139.00
Insurance Refund	97.50
Interests	22.09
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	\$2891.17

\$4290.35

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Randy Stone (printing)	\$ 41.90
Bruce Clinedinst (expense)	63.00
Slides/Stamps	39.94
Jimmy Cone (expenses)	8.37
Joann Suttles (expenses)	9.70
Standard Paper	10.80
Carpenter Shop	5.39
Bi-Lo	15.00
Len Davenport (Honorarium)	450.00
Cragmont (retreats)	2628.00
Roaring Creek Church (Phone)	17.71
Graphic Associates	24.05
Reel to Real Life Films	26.90
Janet Clontz (reimb.)	17.00
Dianne Bridges (reimb.)	17.00
Faith Church (reimb.)	68.00
Bank Charge for checks	32.82
Service Charge	2.13
	<u>\$3477.71</u>

Closing Balance

\$ 812.64

Respectfully submitted,  
Jimmy Cone  
Youth Camp Board

**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
ANNUAL MEETING — MAY 2, 1987  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND:**

Fund Balance - May 3, 1987	\$1,225.27
Received Past Year	2,075.16
Interest Added	<u>27.36</u>
	<u>\$3,327.79</u>

**Disbursements:**

Representation Fee - Assoc.	50.00
State Association	625.00
National Association	250.00
Clerk's Salary	125.00
Postage, Phone Expense	78.23

F.W. Baptist Bible College ..... 500.00  
(For Maurillio Amorim)

Graphic Associates - Minutes	792.74
Marion Florist - Padgett Service	25.08
Elsie's Florist	60.75
Southeastern Loan Fund	200.00
Rev. Ed Hutchinson (Expenses to Durham)	100.60
Chg. for Printing Deposit Slips	3.50
NOVA Office Supply - Copies made	9.00

2,819.90

Fund Balance ..... \$ 507.89

**YOUTH FOR THE MASTER:**

Allocation Past Year..... \$ 548.65

**YOUTH CAMP:**

Allocation Past Year..... \$ 274.29

**BIBLE INSTITUTE:**

Allocation Past Year..... \$ 204.47

**LOCAL MISSIONS FUND:**

Fund Balance - May 3, 1987 ..... \$3,724.62

Received Past Year ..... 617.20

From Bible Institute ..... 138.42

Interest Added ..... 196.83

N.C. State Home Missions (Fayetteville) ..... 1,000.00

50% Received sent to Fayetteville..... 193.80

Fund Balance ..... \$3,483.27

**MINISTER'S FUND:**

Fund Balance - May 3, 1987 ..... \$1,340.72

Received Past Year ..... 275.30

Interest Added ..... 70.05

Fund Balance ..... \$1,686.07

**FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE LOAN FUND:**

Fund Balance - May 3, 1987 ..... \$1,418.43

Received Past Year ..... 136.86

Interest Added ..... 58.97

Jeff Runion Loan ..... 500.00

Fund Balance ..... \$1,114.26

**SOUTHEASTERN LOAN FUND:**

Offering Received - 11-1-86 ..... \$ 75.00

Base Amount From General Fund ..... 200.00

Received Past Two Quarters ..... 84.60

Interest Added ..... 7.76

Fund Balance ..... \$ 367.36

May 2, 1987

	Total This Quarter	Total For Year
Asheville		
Avery's Creek .....	25.61	150.42
Calvary		60.00
Canton		35.00
Cedar Hill.....	91.18	429.10
Clyde		25.00
Fairview .....	113.00	494.00
Faith .....	50.00	195.56
First - Marion .....	40.00	240.00



Gethsemane .....	49.48	232.56
Harriett Memorial .....		35.00
Homer's Chapel .....	50.00	85.00
Lenoir .....		100.00
Meadowbrook .....	25.00	160.00
Meadow Fork .....		
Nowling's Chapel .....	50.00	100.00
Oakley .....		129.49
Pisgah .....	38.00	179.00
Roaring Creek .....	50.00	75.00
Rocky Pass .....	210.00	740.00
Shelby .....	25.00	275.00
Sulphur Springs .....		
Sunny View .....		
Swannanoa .....	40.00	255.00
Zephyr Hills .....		235.00
Totals .....	\$ 857.27	\$ 4,230.13

Respectfully submitted:  
Carrie Padgett, Secretary

## STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

**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. No. 4, Asheville, N.C. 28806. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2, S.S. Enrollment 15, Average Attendance 15. Total Membership 47.

**CALVARY** - Swannanoa, N.C. Pastor: E.E. McMillan, Clerk: Genevieve Robertson, 15 Sunset Dr., Swannanoa, N.C. 28878. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 5, S.S. Enrollment 147, Average Attendance 125, No. Baptisms 6, Members Added 7, Members Lost 7, Total Membership 280, W.A. Enrollment 15, Average Attendance 10.

**CANTON** - Canton, N.C. Pastor: Bill Robinson, P.O. Box 1346, Canton, N.C. 28716. Clerk: Helen Hanlett, 26 Flint St., Canton, N.C. 28716. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 4, S.S. Enrollment 90, Average Attendance 57, No. Baptisms 7, Total Membership 143, C.T.S. Enrollment 30, Average Attendance 22.

**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 5, S.S. Enrollment 75, Average Attendance 64, No. Baptisms 2, Members Added 9, Members Lost 6, Total Membership 172, C.T.S. Enrollment 35, Average Attendance 29, W.A. Enrollment 12, Average Attendance 7.

**CLYDE** - Clyde, N.C. Pastor: Carl Cook, 111 Ivey Hill Dr., Waynesville, N.C. 28786. Clerk: Patricia Farmer, Rt. 3, Box 313, Canton, N.C. 28786. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 1, S.S. Enrollment 35, Average Attendance 20, No. Baptisms 1, Members Added 10, Members Lost 4, Total Membership 61, W.A. Enrollment 16, Average Attendance 10.

**FAIRVIEW** - Marion, N.C. Pastor: Robert Travis, 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 115, Average Attendance 87, No. Baptisms 0, Members Added 3, Total Membership 83, C.T.S. Enrollment 50, Average Attendance 45, W.A. Enrollment 14, Average Attendance 10, M.M. 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. No. Baptisms 10, Members Added 15, Total Membership 55, W.A. Enrollment 15, Average Attendance 11, M.M. Enrollment 13, Average Attendance 10.

**FIRST LENOIR** - Lenoir, N.C. Pastor: Jack Moses, Rt. 8, Box 559-C, Morganton, N.C. Clerk: Olene Hutchings, 220 Mt. Herman Red., Lenoir, N.C. 28645. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2, S.S. Enrollment 25, Average Attendance 30, No. Baptisms 8, Members Added 2, Members Lost 2, Total Membership 37.

**GETHSEMANE** - Marion, N.C. Pastor: Ralph Reep, 385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, N.C. 28752. Clerk: Roni Hall, Rt. 3, Box 104, Nebo, N.C. 28761. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3, S.S. Enrollment 70, Average Attendance 49, No. Baptisms 2, Members Added 6, Members Lost 4, Total Membership 60.

**HARRIETT MEMORIAL** - Caroleen, N.C. Pastor: Benny Turner, Rt. 1, Box 545, Forest City, N.C. 28043. Clerk: Barbara Fowler, Caroleen, N.C. 28043. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 7, S.S. Enrollment 147, Average Attendance 113. No. Baptisms 12, Members Added 18, total Membership 202.

**HOMER'S CHAPEL** - Black Mountain, N.C. Pastor: Dale McCoy, 202 Chapel Road, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711. Clerk: Mary Walker, 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 5, Average S.S. Attendance 80, Baptisms 6, Members Added 10, Members Lost 6, Total Membership 120.

**MEADOWBROOK** - Black Mountain, N.C. Pastor: Dave Nobles, 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, N.C. 28711. Clerk: Rebecca Hollifield. No. Ordained Ministers 3, No. Ordained Deacons 7, S.S. Enrollment 250, Average Attendance 176, No. Baptisms 6, Members Added 15, Members Lost 8, Total Membership 353, C.T.S. Enrollment 20, Average Attendance 20, W.A. Enrollment 20, Average Attendance 12.

**NOWLINGS 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 2, S.S. Enrollment 141, Average Attendance 91, Members Added 7, Members Lost 4, Total Membership 141. W.A. Enrollment 24, Average Attendance 20.

**OAKLEY** - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Boyd Owenby, 86 Old Number Nine, Fletcher, N.C. 28732. Clerk: Jeter Higgins. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3, S.S. Average Attendance 25 No. Baptisms 2, Members Added 7, Total Membership 53, W.A. Enrollment 12, Average Attendance 8, M.M. Total Enrollment 53, Average Attendance 33.

**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. Clerk: Elizabeth Pless, Rt. 2, Box 435, Canton, N.C. 28716. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2, S.S. Enrollment 80, Average Attendance 60, Members Added 2, Members Lost 1, Total Membership 114. W.A. Enrollment 114.

**ROARING CREEK** - Newland, N.C. Pastor: Jimmy Cone, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 281, Newland, N.C. 28657, Clerk: Deborah Ward, P.O. Box 43, Plumptree, N.C. 28864. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 4, S.S. Enrollment 70, Average Attendance 55, Members Added 2, total Membership 55, C.T.S. Enrollment 10. Average Attendance 6. W.A. Enrollment 12, Average Attendance 8. M.M. Enrollment 7, Average Attendance 5.

**ROCKY PASS**- Nebo, N.C. Pastor: Milton Hollifield, Rt. 1, Box 244, Nebo, N.C. 28761. Clerk: Lucille Tatham, Rt. 1, Box 58, Marion, N.C. 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 7, S.S. Enrollment 210, Average Attendance 175, No. Baptisms 11, Members Added 22, Members Lost 4, Total Membership 304, C.T.S. Enrollment 72, Average Attendance 60, W.A. Enrollment 12, Average Attendance 8.

**SHELBY** - Shelby, N.C. Pastor: Edward Hutchinson, 813 Rhodann Drive, Shelby, N.C. 28150. Clerk: Dorothy Cook, 505 Cherryville Rd., Shelby, N.C. 28150. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2. S.S. Enrollment 100, Average Attendance 75, No. Baptisms 10, Members Added 19, Members Lost 3, Total Membership 129 Active, C.T.S. Enrollment 18, Average Attendance 15, W.A. Enrollment 15, Average Attendance 10.

**SWANNANOA** - Swannanoa, N.C. Pastor: Ted Reynolds, 202 Park St., Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. Clerk: Clara Mae Ogle, 133 Dellwood, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 7, S.S. Enrollment 135, Average Attendance 110, No. Baptisms 5, Members added 5, Members Lost 5, Total Membership 144, W.A. Enrollment 10, Average Attendance 8.

**SWEETEN CREEK** - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Harvey Dupree, 24 Windy Hill Rd., Clyde, N.C. 28721. Clerk: Paul Jenkins, Rt. 9, Box 44, Asheville, N.C. 28803. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 1, S.S. Average Attendance 35, Members Added 4, Members Lost 2, Total Membership 36.

**SULPHUR SPRINGS** - Hazelwood, N.C. Pastor: Elisha Fish, Rt. 3, Box 212, Candler, N.C. 28715. Clerk: Mary Lanning, Rt. 3, Box 276, Waynesville, N.C. 28786. No. Ordained Ministers, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3, S.S. Enrollment 55, Average Attendance 50, Members Added 4, Members Lost 4, Total Membership 63. W.A. Enrollment 19, Average Attendance 12.

**ZEPHYR HILLS** - Asheville, N.C. Pastor: Roy Harris, 209 Scottlyn Dr., Asheville, N.C. 28806. Clerk: Lucille Lance, 93 English Drive, Candler, N.C. 28715. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 4, S.S. Enrollment 109, Average Attendance 109, No. Baptisms 8, Members Added 12, Members Lost 2, Total Membership 138, C.T.S.

Enrollment 56, Average Attendance 50, W.A. Enrollment 14, Average Attendance 12.

### MINISTER'S REPORT

Rev. Paul Butler: Churches Pastored 1, No. Conversions 14, No. of Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 10, No. Funerals 2.

Rev. Jimmy G. Cone Jr: Churches Pastored 1, No. Conversions 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Funerals 1.

Rev. Carl Cook: Churches Pastored 1, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 15.

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

Rev. Roy Harris: Churches Pastored 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 3, No. Baptisms 8, No. Marriages 1.

Rev. Edward Hutchinson: Churches Pastored 1, No. of Revivals Conducted 3, No. Conversions 15, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 10, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 8.

Rev. Allen Jackson: No. Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 4, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Funerals 5.

Rev. Elmer Keener: Churches Pastored 2, No. Conversions 6, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 4.

Rev. James Lynn, Sr.: Churches Pastored-Rest Home Pastor, No. Conversions 12, No. Funerals 4.

Rev. Dale McCoy: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals 1, No. Conversions 7, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4, No. Baptisms 6, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 2.

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

Rev. Jack Moses: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 26, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 8, No. Funerals 1.

Rev. Dave Nobles: Churches Pastored 1.

Rev. Boyd C. Owenby: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. Conversions 2, No. Baptisms 2, No. Marriages 1.

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

Rev. Roy A. Shehan: Churches pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 3, No.

Conversions 8, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Marriages 6, No. Funerals 4.

Rev. Wayne W. Smith: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 2, No. Marriages 3, No. Funerals 4.

Rev. Randal Stone: Churches Pastored 2, No. Conversions 3, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 2.

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

Rev. William S. Vaughn: Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 3, No. Conversions 8, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 6, No. Marriages 4, No. Funerals 9.

Rev. Jerry W. Williams: Churches Pastored 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4, No. Baptisms 3, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 2.

**CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS**  
of the  
**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
of  
**NORTH CAROLINA**

Affiliated with

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**Article 1**

This Association shall be known as the Blue Ridge Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

**Article 2**

A. The purpose of this Association shall be: To promote unity, fraternity, fellowship, and co-operation: To encourage and engage in larger Christian enterprises which cannot be carried on by a single church: and to combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptist within its bounds in one sacred effort to encourage and promote the general spread of the gospel and the causes of the National Association. B. This Association shall encourage a sound ministry, which presents Christ as an all - sufficient Savior, having made salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the gospel, which is freely offered to all.

**Article 3**

This Association shall be composed of all Ordained Ministers, Deacons and Delegates, chosen and sent by each church in its bounds, who are duly recommended by the Church to which they belong, 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 for Ministers and Churches 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 the 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, at which time he may be Ordained at the request of the Church or Organization which he is serving.

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

**Article 19**

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

**RULES OF DECORUM**

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

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

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

Article 4 — No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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

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

11. **THE LORD'S SUPPER:** We believe the supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh 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 Fairview Free Will Baptist Church**

The Church was founded September 4, 1931, with 13 members meeting in the Fairview School Building. The Building was purchased and converted into a Church House.

The Rev. A. B. Lowery of Lockhart, S.C. was the first Pastor. The Church has grown over the years and now has 84 members. The Rev. Robert Travis is the present Pastor.

