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Rev. Allen Jackson	Rev. Dale McCoy	Rev. Wayne Smith

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Rev. Jack Ward (1989)-CH		Rev. Bill Robinson (1991)
Rev. Dale McCoy (1990)		Rev. Paul Butler (1992)
	Rev. Benny Turner (1993)	

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Rev. Elisha Fish	Conway Tatham	Rev. Bill Vaughn
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YOUTH FOR THE MASTER

Director:	Assistant: Rev. Jimmy Cone, Jr.
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YOUTH BOARD

Rev. Jimmy Cone, Jr.	Kenny Cope
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ATTENDANCE REPORT

CHURCHES:

Eastern District Meetings:	Aug.	Nov.	Feb.	May
Fairview	6	3	13	5
Faith	11	2	10	10
First (Lenoir)	7	2	2	6
First (Marion)	2	5	11	13
Gethsemane	1	4	1	3
Harriett Memorial		4	2	2
Nowling's Chapel	3	1	3	1
Roaring Creek	3	2	3	5
Rocky Pass	3	10	4	5
Shelby	7	5	6	2
Sunny View	2	2	3	1

Western District Meetings:	Aug.	Nov.	Feb.	May
Asheville				5
Avery's Creek		4	1	
Calvary	3	1	1	1
Canton	9		13	11
Cedar Hill	7	9	8	3
Clyde	1			
Homer's Chapel	1	3		1
Meadowbrook	3	3	1	1
Meadow Fork	2			1
Oakley			6	2
Pisgah	1		2	1
Sweeten Creek				2
Swannanoa	8		9	1
Sulphur Springs			1	1
Zephyr Hills	3	7	5	4

PASTORS:	Aug.	Nov.	Feb.	May
Paul Butler	+	+	+	+
Jimmy Cone, Jr.	+	+	+	+
Carl Cook			+	
Elisha Fish	+			
Milton Hollifield	+	+		+
Ed Hutchinson	+	+	+	+
Alen Jackson	+		+	+
Elmer Keener	+			
Dale McCoy	+	+		+
Jack Moses	+	+	+	+
Dave Nobles	+	+		+
Boyd Owenby			+	
Ralph Reep	+	+	+	+
Ted Reynolds	+		+	+
Bill Robinson	+		+	+
Roy Shehan	+	+	+	+
Richard Swann		+	+	
Benny Turner		+	+	+
Wendell Walley				+
Jack Ward	+	+	+	+
Jerry Williams	+	+	+	

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A joint meeting of all the Boards in the Blue Ridge Association was held Saturday, July 11, 1987 at the Western Steer Steak House in Marion.

The Following members were present:

Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Ted Reynolds, Rev. Dale McCoy, Rev. Edward Hutchinson, Rev. Dave Nobles, Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Gordon Johnson, Rev. Ralph Reep, Rev. Jimmy Cone, Rev. Paul Butler, Rev. Paul Butler, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Jack Ward, Rev. William Vaughn, Rev. Roy Shehan, Rev. E.E. McMillen, new Pastor at Calvary.

There was much discussion and much prayer for the Western and Eastern Districts.

Dismissed in Prayer by Rev. Wayne Smith.

FIRST EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
meeting with
NOWLING'S CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH, MORGANTON, N.C.
August 1, 1987

The First Session was opened by Rev. Edward Hutchinson, Moderator, Prayer by Rev. Jimmy Cone.

Congregational Singing -	Bro. Milton Hollifield
Pianist -	Bro. Gordon Johnson
Welcome -	Bro. Roy Shehan
Response -	Bro. Gordon Johnson

The following Officers were elected:

Moderator -	Rev. Edward Hutchinson
Assistant -	Rev. Jack Ward
Clerk -	Sis. Lucille Tatham
Treasurer -	Sis. Carrie Padgett
Historian -	Sis. Volena Wilson
Trustees -	Rev. William Vaughn & Bro. Conway Tatham
Ordaining Council -	Rev. Paul Butler
Executive Board -	Rev. Wayne Miller
Credentials Comm. -	Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick & Rev. Ralph Reep
Finance Committee -	Rev. Jimmy Cone & Rev. Gordon Johnson

Roll Call of Ministers, Churches, and Recognition of Visitors. 10 Churches, represented, 16 Ministers, 31 Delegates.

Rev. Milton Hollifield moved to send letters to Harriett Memorial, Valdese, and Morganton Churches to say they are missed, and we are praying for them. S/C

M/S/C Association meet with the Rocky Pass Church November 7, 1987.

Special Singing by Bro. Gordon Johnson - "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone" and "When They Ring Those Golden Bells".

Devotion by Rev. Jack Ward - Zachariah 4: 6-10. "For Who Hath Despised The Day Of Small Things".

Intermission:

Congregational Song -	"Brethren, We Have Met To Worship".
Prayer -	Bro. Hutchinson
Special Singing -	Bro. Dickie Tallent - "I'll Make It On Home Someday" "I Should Have Been Crucified" "I Claim The Blood".

Message by Bro. Jimmy Cone - 2 Tim. 2:15 - "Returning To The Word of God"
"Ye Do Err, Not Knowing The Scripture".

**MINUTES OF
THE WESTERN
QUARTERLY MEETING OF
THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**

The 1st Western Quarterly Meeting of the Blue Ridge Association met Saturday August 8, 1987 at the Meadowbrook FWB Church in Black Mountain. Brother Wayne Smith presided.

The meeting began with Brother James Cole leading the congregation in singing "When We All Get to Heaven". The devotion was given by Pastor E.E. McMillen of the Calvary FWB Church. He shared with us concerning the three must's of John chapter 3. He closed by leading in prayer.

The busines session then began with the seating of delegates. There were 12 ministers present; 9 deacons present; 20 delegates present; and 2 visitors present; for a total attendance of 43.

The Ordaining council gave the following report:

"We the Ordaining Council of the Blue Ridge Association do hereby recommend:

1. That a letter of good standing and recommenation be sent to the Pee Dee Association of Free Will Baptists in the name of Brother Robert Travis.
2. That Brother E.E. McMillen be accepted into the Blue Ridge Association pending a letter from the Pamlico Association.

Ted Reynolds
Milton Hollifield
Jerry Williams
Dave Nobles
Jack Ward

The Following Officers were elected:

Moderator	Jerry Williams
Assistant Moderator	Wayne Smith
Clerk	Dale McCoy
Treasurer	E.E. McMillen
Historian	Dorothy Prescott

MINUTES CONTINUED

Other Officers Elected were:

Ordaining Council: Dale McCoy to replace Jerry Williams
Ted Reynolds to replace Ted Reynolds

Member at large for Executive Board: Dave Nobles

Nominating Committee: Oliver Cagle, Glenn Cole, Alan Jackson

Credentials Committee: Richard Swann, Elisha Fish, Bill Robinson

Finance Committee: Harvey Dupree, Elmer Keener

Youth Camp Board: E.E. McMillen

M/S/C To Remove Brother J.C. Lynn from the Trustee Board.

M/S/C to have our quarterly meetings on the first Friday night with limited time allotted for business and that the services be designed with camp-meeting style fervency.

M/S/C to instruct the Executive Board to contact the Pastor of each church in alphabetical order for the purpose of scheduling the Quarterly Meetings.

M/S/C to have a fellowship meeting of Pastors and/or their wives for supper on Monday nights. The first of these meetings to be held 9/21/87.

Special Music was then rendered by The Praise Singers of the Maranatha Baptist Church in Weaverville.

The message was delivered by Pastor Bill Robinson of the Canton FWB Church. His message was entitled "Spiritual Poverty". The service was a real blessing. The presence of God was obvious.

Following the message an oral report was given by Brother Randy Stone indicating great progress in Fayetteville, NC.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale McCoy
Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A Board Meeting of the Eastern District met October 19, 1987 at the Western Steer Steak House in Marion.

The following Ministers & Laymen were present:

Rev. William Vaughn, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Jack Ward, Rev. Paul Butler, Rev. Roy Shehan, Rev. Benny Turner, Rev. Dale McCoy, Rev. E.E. McMillen, Rev. Gordon Johnson, Rev. Edward Hutchinson & Wife, Rev. Wayne Miller, Rev. Jimmy Cone, Conway Tatham, Lucille Tathan, Carrie Padgett.

Motion by Bro. Hollifield to table the changing of Treasurer due to exchanging of money and all the confusion regarding this. Sec. Bro. Johnson. Carried.

Bro. Hutchinson discussed Mission Conference. He would prefer having one in October next year. Move by Bro. Hollifield to postpone decision of Conference until Annual Meeting. S/C.

Motion Made for Clerk to send a letter to General Director of Foreign Mission in regard to this Conference.

Youth Retreat - Keep date scheduled. Contact Bro. Danny Cassell about a date for future Retreat.

Move by Bro. Jimmy Cone that Youth For The Master Board get together and implement Activities for Youth in addition to Quarterly Meetings. S/C.

SECOND EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
meeting with
ROCKY PASS F.W.B. CHURCH, MARION, N.C.
November 7, 1987

The Second Session was opened by Rev. Edward Hutchinson, Moderator. Prayer by Bro Dale McCoy.

Congregational Singing -	Bro. Milton Hollifield
Welcome -	Bro. Milton Hollifield
Response -	Bro. Wayne Miller
Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors. 10 Churches Represented, 13 Ministers, 3 Visiting Ministers; Rev. Earl Davis, Rev. Dale McCoy, Rev. E.E. McMillen. 9 Deacons, 19 Delegates.	

Special Singing by Rocky Pass Church - Bro. George Rollo and Sister Joann Davis.
Devotion by Bro. Paul Butler - Matt. 16: 13-18, Acts 6:7; 12:24; 19:20.

Minutes of last Meeting read and approved.

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

Bro. Randy Stone requested a letter of Dismission to join the Randal Association. M/S/C. M/S/C to continue to send 50% of local Missions Fund to Bro. Randy.

Bro. Gordon Walker requested his name be removed from our records, due to his work.

Move by Bro. Jimmy Cone - Youth for the Master attempt to coordinate November and February meetings to involve Activities during the day, including refreshments and the Quarterly meeting. S/C.

Bro. Roy Shehan dismissed in Prayer for Recess.

WORSHIP HOUR:

Song - In The Sweet By and By

Prayer by Bro. Benny Turner

Song - Bro. George Rollo And Sister Joann Davis "Let Me Feel Your Spirit Once Again".

Message - Bro. E.E. McMillen - 2 Kings 2:1-15. The Spirit of Elijah Doth Rest on Elisha".

February Meeting will be at the Fairview Church.

Adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

The 2nd Western Quarterly Meeting of the Blue Ridge Association met Friday November 6, 1987 at the Avery's Creek FWB Church in Arden. Brother Jerry Williams presided.

The meeting began with the congregation singing "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus". Brother Wayne Smith led us in the opening prayer.

The business session began with the Roll Call of Churches and the seating of delegates. There were 7 Ministers present; and 21 delegates reporting for a total attendance of 28.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved and Brother Jerry Williams resigned as Moderator to conclude our business session.

The worship service began with special music being given by the Zephyr Hills Church. Following this time of inspirational music, Brother Dave Nobles delivered a very soul-stirring message concerning the Sovereignty of God. The meeting was then dismissed by Brother Wayne Smith.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A Board Meeting of the Eastern District met January 16, 1988 at the Western Steer Steak House. The following Ministers and Laymen were present:

Rev. Gordon Johnson, Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Wayne Miller, Rev. Paul Butler, Rev. Ralph Reep, Rev. Dickie Tallent, Rev. William Vaughn, Rev. Jack Ward, Rev. Roy Sheehan, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Edward Hutchinson, Sister Carrie Padgett.

A motion was made by Bro. Wayne Miller to keep Treasurer as is for the present time, but we recommend that treasury be divided equally, if we remain 2 separate Conferences. Second, Carried.

Motion made by Bro. Eddie Kirkpatrick that the two conferences unite together for greater fellowship and worship as we had before the separation. Second, Carried 100%.

The Annual Meeting will be at Rocky Pass Church May 14, 1988.

Dismissed by Bro. Jack Ward.

**THIRD EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
MEETING WITH
FAIRVIEW F.W.B. CHURCH, MARION, N.C.
Feb. 6, 1988**

Congregational Singing - Revive Us Again

Prayer - Rev. Jack Ward

Welcome - Rev. Wayne Miller

Response - Rev. William Vaughn

Roll Call of Ministers, Churches and Recognition of Visitors, 11 Churches represented
14 Ministers, 41 Delegates, 3 Visitors - Rev. James Raper, FWBBC, Rev. Mark Hogan & Rev. Hutchinson's Mother-in-Law.

Reports:

Free Will Baptist Bible College - Rev. Raper

Financial Report - Sister Carrie Padgett M/S/C to accept these reports.

Special Singing - Fairview Church

Devotion - Rev. Johnny Hughes - Acts 3:1-11

M/S/C to accept the Executive Board Report as read.

M/S/C to accept report of the East/West Quarterly Meeting Committee.

M/S/C to adopt report of the Ordaining Council.

M/S/C to send a letter to THE WITNESS and Rev. Dann Patrick concerning the article written in the current publication that fails to explain the committee's National appointment and appears to be an independent committee investigating charges by Lonnie Palmer in the Ivory Coast. Rev. Jimmy Cone, Jr. was appointed to write the letter.

Recess

Special Singing - Fairview Church

Message - Rev. Mark Hogan II Tim. 4:1-2. "Preaching the Word of God!"

Altar Prayer

Adjourn

**MINUTES OF
THE WESTERN
QUARTERLY MEETING OF
THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**

The 3rd Western Quarterly Meeting of The Blue Ridge Association met Friday, February 11, 1988 at the Calvary FWB Church in Swannanoa. Brother Wayne Smith presided.

After the congregational singing, under the leadership of brother Lewis Metcalf, and our opening prayer, the Association was given a warm welcome by Rev. Frank Cantrell to which Rev. Alan Jackson responded.

The business session then began with the Roll Call of Churches and the seating of delegates. There were 9 Ministers present; and 40 delegates reporting for a total attendance of 49.

Following the reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting the subsequent reports were accepted and/or approved:

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE: Note that there had been an obvious increase in attendance to our Association meetings due to the diversification plan. Some minor problems had occurred but future meetings were being scheduled to help alleviate those problems.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Recommended that we accept Rev. E. E. McMillen and Rev. Wendell Walley into our fellowship. They further recommended that a letter in good standing be granted to the Midway Association of Georgia in behalf of Rev. Jerry Williams.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Nominated Rev. Bill Robinson to serve as the Assistant Moderator for the Western Quarterly Association.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Reported on their meeting held 12/3/87 at Western Steer Steak House in Marion. They discussed the apparent problems involved in making the changes mandated by the Association regarding the position of Treasurer. They also appointed Rev. Dave Nobles to serve on the Constitution Committee replacing Rev. Jerry Williams. The Executive Board further recommended that the annual Missions Conference be postponed until next year due to the departure of Rev. Roy Harris who served as the Coordinator.

YOUTH BOARD: Reported that 39 young people attended our youth retreats at Cragmont Assembly. They reported that there was 1 decision for salvation and 12 rededications.

An oral report was received from Rev. James Earl Raper giving encouraging and exciting news regarding Free Will Baptist College.

The business meeting was adjourned and followed with an exciting worship service. Special music was rendered by Ann Rhinehart of Homer's Chapel Church and a soul-stirring message was delivered by Rev. James Earl Raper.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A joint meeting of all the Boards in the Blue Ridge Association was held Saturday, April 23, 1988, at the Western Steer Steakhouse in Marion.

The following members were present:

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Allen Jackson, Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Wayne Miller, Sister Carrie Padgett, Rev. Wayne Smith, Bro. Conway Tatham, Sister Lucille Tatham, Rev. Bill Vaughn, Rev. Jack Ward.

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Marion, N.C.**

Prayer - Rev. Wayne Smith

Hymn - "To God be the Glory" & "Victory in Jesus"

Welcome - Rev. Milton Hollifield

Response - Rev. Bill Vaughn

Devotion - Rev. Wendell Walley....Psalms 23

Business Session:

Motion to adopt recommendation of diversification. M/S/Defeated

Report of the treasurer. Accepted

Report of the State. Accepted

Recommended that each church send \$100.00 to State work.

Recommended that each church give \$200.00 to Dry Branch Church that burned down.

Report of Youth for the Master. Accepted

Report of the Youth Camp Board. Accepted

Motion to combine Youth for the Master and Youth Camp Board under one Board called the Youth Board and that said Board be in charge of all youth activities. M/S/Carried

Report of the Credentials Committee: 26 Ministers, 13 Visitors & 45 Delegates. Accepted

Report of the Ordaining Council:

Benny Turner was accepted pending letter from the Piedmont Association.

Wendell Walley was accepted pending letter from the Cumberland Association.

Jerry Williams to be sent a letter of good standing.

Report of Southeastern College.

Report of Rest Home. Accepted

Each Women's Auxiliary was asked to take 1 room in the Rest Home and furnish it for \$300.00.

INTERMISSION

Special Song - Southeastern College Quartet

Report of Rev. Eugene Hales work in Monroe, N.C..

Report of Nominating Committee:

Clerk - Rev. Jimmy Cone, Jr.

Historian - Dorothy Prescott

Trustee Board - Rev. Elisha Fish to replace Bro. Cline Messer.

Ordaining Council - Rev. Bill Robinson to replace Rev. Dave Nobles
Rev. Benny Turner (1993)

Executive Board - Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Allen Jackson &
Rev. Bill Vaughn

Finance Committee - Rev. Roy Shehan, Rev. Winfred Roland &
Rev. Gordon Johnson

Youth Director - Dan Gasperson

Youth Board - Kenny Cope & Rev. Wayne Miller

All of the above were accepted unanimously.

Constitutional change was moved from the table.

Motion was made to change Article 15 to read: This Association shall meet annually on the second Saturday in May. M/S/Carried

Service:

Songs by Southeastern College Quartet

Message - Bro. Tom Lilly Eph. 6:9

YOUTH FOR THE MASTER Report:

Blue Ridge Youth for the Master met February 20, 1988 at Meadowbrook Free Will Baptist Church. Practice competition began at 6:00 P.M. The main service was at 7:00 P.M. The film LOVE NOTES was shown during this time. There were 114 in attendance with Meadowbrook winning the banner. Eleven churches were represented at this meeting and we were thankful to see those from Morganton and Shelby churches.

Our next meeting will be held on April 9 at the Homer's Chapel Church. This will be the district final competition before the state competition in May.

Blue Ridge Youth for the Master met April 9, 1988 at Homer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church with 89 in attendance for the Bible and Music and Arts Competition. Zephyr Hills won the banner for having the most in attendance. Certificates of participation were presented to all the 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 recieved a "1" rating in Music and Arts. The following young people will represent the Blue Ridge Association at the State Youth Conference in Durham on May 6 and 7:

BIBLE MEMORIZATION:

Grade 1 - Jacob Pennington - Zephyr Hills

Grade 3 - Eric Wayne Miller - Fairview

BIBLE SWORD DRILL:

Grade 6 - Chad Melton - Meadowbrook

BIBLE BOWL:

Meadowbrook Team - LEEANNE McDONALD, Christy Gregg, Jonathan Nobles, Keith Melton

MUSIC AND ARTS:

Keyboard Solo - Ambassador Division - James Condrey - Roaring Creek

Vocal Solo - Learner Division - Christina Herron - Zephyr Hills

A location for the August meeting was not set at this meeting. We need to have it east of the mountain. This will be the decision of the new director. Also, new officers will need to be elected at the August meeting. Most of our current officers will be leaving for college this fall.

The State Youth Conference was held May 6 and 7 at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Durham. Those winning from our district who will represent North Carolina at the National Convention in Kansas City, July 17-20 are:

The Bible Bowl Team from Meadowbrook

James Condrey - Roaring Creek

Please pray for these young people that they will do their best for the Lord.

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME - February through April	\$227.98
PAID OUT	\$104.00
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT ENDING 4/30/88	\$668.17

Youth Camp Board Report:

Beginning Balance of May 7, 1987	\$ 815.58
Receipts Camp receipts & Assoc. donations	\$1891.84
Interest earned	34.14
Total monies on hand	\$2741.56
Expenses Check #119 Postmaster (Mailings)	23.19
120 Meadowbrook (reimbursement)	35.00
121 Garnett Reid	250.00
122 Secu (change)	40.00
123 Eckerd's (supplies)	7.62
124 VOID	
125 VOID	
126 Dr. Ken Riggs	275.00
127 Cragmont	1695.00
128 Mission Possible (Film)	55.00
129 Postmaster (Mail Film)	5.08
130 Southern Bell	15.14
131 Jimmy Cone (350 miles travel)	30.00
***Service charges	13.00
Total Expenses	\$2444.03
Balance on hand May 13, 1988	\$297.53

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Jimmy Cone, Jr.

**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
ANNUAL MEETING - May 14, 1988
FINANCIAL REPORT**

GENERAL FUND:

Fund Balance - May 2, 1987	\$ 507.89
Offerings Received	165.25
Funds This Year	2,261.65
Interest Added	28.49
Sub-Total	<u>\$2,963.28</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Dr. Picirilli	\$150.00	
Clerk's Salary	125.00	
NC State Association	525.00	
Repre. Fee (State Assoc.)	50.00	
National Association	210.00	
Postage, Phone Expense	63.46	
Graphic Assoc. (Minutes)	909.14	
Polly's Florist & Gifts		
(Keener Service)	31.50	
FWB Bible College	82.00	
		<u>2,146.10</u>

FUND BALANCE**\$817.18****YOUTH CAMP:**

Total Funds for Year	\$ 170.44
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YOUTH FOR THE MASTER:

Total Funds for Year	\$ 340.85
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LOCAL MISSIONS FUND:

FUND BALANCE - May 2, 1987	\$3,483.27
Funds this Year	807.47
Interest Added	210.79
NC State Home Missions (Fayetteville)	<u>- 403.74</u>
FUND BALANCE	\$4,079.79

MINISTER'S FUND:

Fund Balance — May 2, 1987	\$1,686.07
Funds this Year	170.42
Interest Added	75.03
FUND BALANCE	<u>\$1,931.52</u>

FWB BIBLE COLLEGE LOAN FUND:

Fund Balance - May 2, 1987	\$1,114.26
Funds this Year	55.74
Interest Added	35.72
Loan Payment - Angela M. Cone	<u>200.00</u>
FUND BALANCE	\$1,405.72

SOUTHEASTERN COLLEGE LOAN FUND:

Fund Balance - May 2, 1987	\$ 367.36
Funds this Year	150.76
Interest Added	35.72
FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 553.84</u>

May 14, 1988

	TOTAL THIS QUARTER	TOTAL FOR YEAR
Asheville		
Avery Creek	30.63	157.45
Calvary		35.00
Canton		35.00
Cedar Hill	178.19	386.03
Clyde		25.00
Fairview	145.18	505.43
Faith	70.00	215.00
First - Marion	80.00	260.00
Gethsemane	58.34	192.15
Harriett Memorial		85.00
Homer's Chapel		185.00
Lenoir		100.00
Meadowbrook		35.00
Meadow Fork		
Nowling's Chapel	138.05	173.05
Oakley		
Pisgah		124.00
Roaring Creek	100.00	100.00
Rocky Pass	105.00	420.00
Shelby	30.00	105.00
Sulphur Springs		
Sunny View	42.34	42.34
Swannanoa	80.00	315.00
Sweeten Creek		35.00
Zephyr Hills		265.00
	<u>1,057.73</u>	<u>3,795.45</u>

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

Church Clerk	Ministers Deacons	S.S. Enroll.	Aver. Atten.	Add Lost Total	CTS	WA	MM
Asheville							
Kathy Freeman	<u>2</u>	40	40	<u>7</u>	x		x
Asheville, N.C.	<u>4</u>			<u>0</u>			
28804				<u>70</u>			
Canton							
Helen Hamlett	<u>1</u>	81	59	<u>12</u>	29	x	x
26 Flint St.	<u>5</u>			<u>13</u>			
Canton, N.C.				<u>142</u>			
28716							
Cedar Hill ,							
Maude King	<u>2</u>	75	60	<u>0</u>	x	12	x
405 Deaver View	<u>4</u>			<u>13</u>			
Asheville, N.C.				<u>154</u>			
28806							

Clyde Patricia Farmer Rt. 3, Box 313 Canton, N.C. 28716	$\frac{1}{1}$	35	25	$\frac{15}{9}$ <u>50</u>	x	14	x
Fairview Mae Miller Rt. 1, Box 474 Marion, N.C. 28752	$\frac{2}{5}$	88	76	$\frac{0}{29}$ <u>73</u>	50	11	10
Faith Judy King Rt. 10, Box 479-A Morganton, N.C. 28655	$\frac{1}{3}$	65	50	$\frac{9}{2}$ <u>59</u>	x	17	17
Gethsemane Roni Hall Rt. 3, Box 104-A Nebo, N.C. 28761	$\frac{1}{3}$	65	41	$\frac{1}{4}$ <u>53</u>	x	x	x
Harriett Memorial Barbara Fowler Rt. 3, Box 224 Ellenboro, N.C. 28040	$\frac{1}{7}$	147	115	$\frac{17}{1}$ <u>192</u>	20	17	x
Homer's Chapel Joy Lyman 202 Chapel Rd. Black Mtn., N.C. 28711	$\frac{1}{3}$?	80	$\frac{0}{0}$ <u>80</u>	x	x	x
Lenoir Olene Hutchings 220 Mt. Herman Rd. Lenoir, N.C. 28645	$\frac{1}{2}$	30	23	$\frac{4}{0}$ <u>33</u>	x	x	x
Meadowbrook Hazel Wallace Rt. 2, Box 298 Asheville, N.C. 28805	$\frac{3}{7}$	250	175	$\frac{0}{2}$ <u>290</u>	20	20	x
Oakley Jeter Higgins 614 Marietta St. Asheville, N.C. 28803	$\frac{2}{3}$	25	20	$\frac{2}{1}$ <u>54</u>	x	8	x

Roaring Creek Sarah Eudy Rt. 1, Box 346 Newland, N.C. 28657	$\frac{1}{4}$	74	50	$\frac{2}{2}$ $\frac{2}{54}$	x	8	x
Rocky Pass Lucille Tatham Rt. 1, Box 58 Marion, N.C. 28752	$\frac{2}{7}$	238	198	$\frac{22}{6}$ $\frac{6}{313}$	65	10	x
Sulphur Springs Mary Lanning	$\frac{1}{3}$						
Shelby Dorothy Cook 505 Cherryville Rd. Shelby, N.C. 28150	$\frac{2}{3}$	100	79	$\frac{12}{2}$ $\frac{2}{137}$	20	15	x
Swannanoa Clara Ogle 133 Dellwood Ave. Swannanoa, N.C. 28778	$\frac{1}{7}$			$\frac{5}{3}$ $\frac{3}{136}$	x	x	x
Pisgah Elizabeth Pless Rt. 2, Box 435 Canton, N.C. 28716	$\frac{1}{2}$	70	50	$\frac{0}{1}$ $\frac{1}{113}$	x	16	x
Zephyr Hills Lucille Lance 93 English Dr. Candler, N.C. 28715	$\frac{1}{3}$	119		$\frac{8}{4}$ $\frac{4}{146}$	x		x

MINISTER'S REPORT

Reverend:	Churches Pastored	Conversions	Communion Footwashing	Baptisms	Marriages	Revivals
Paul Butler	1	20				1
Jimmy Cone, Jr.	1	3	1		1	3
Carl Cook	1	10	1	7		1
Elisha Fish						
Milton Hollifield	1	20	2	8	3	1
Ed Hutchinson	1	14	2	9	2	3
Allen Jackson	1	7	1		1	
Ed Kirkpatrick	1	1			1	
Dale McCoy	1	?	3			3
Wayne Miller		3	1	1		
Jack Moses	1	14	2	4		1
Boyd Owenby	1	0	3	0	1	1
Wayne Smith	2	3	3	2	2	3
Benny Turner	1	22	1	15	2	4
William Vaughn	1		2	7	8	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 Hasting's Rules of Order.

Article 15

This Association shall meet annually on the second Saturday 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. 1 Timothy 2:5

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

3. **ORIGINAL APOSTASY:** We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat, gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat." (Genesis 3:6)

4. **A FREE GRACE:** We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him." (Romans 10:12)

5. **CHRISTIAN FAITH:** We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth in him." (John 3:36)

6. **REPENTANCE:** We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. "Now I rejoice, not that ye are 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 immersion 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.



