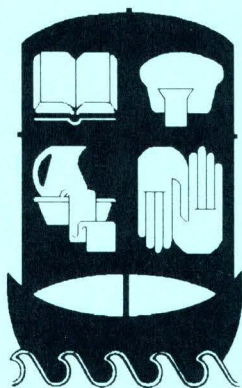


# Minutes 36th Annual Session

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## Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists



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Held at  
Meadowbrook Free Will  
Baptist Church  
Black Mountain, NC  
May 13, 1989

Moderator  
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**Minutes  
36th Annual Session**

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## Officers

Moderator:	Rev. Wayne Smith .....	669-2217
	334 Altamahaw Ave., Black Mountain, NC 28711	
Assistant:	Rev. Howard Messer .....	253-0369
	227 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, NC 28806	
Clerk:	Mrs. Lucille Tatham .....	652-7588
	Rt. 1, Box 58, Marion, NC 28752	
Assistant:	Rev. Ralph Reep .....	738-4238
	385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752	
Treasurer:	Miss Carrie Padgett .....	668-4857
	Rt. 2, Box 380, Old Fort, NC 28762	
Assistant:	Rev. Jimmy Cone .....	733-5389
	Rt. 1, Box 281, Newland, NC 28657	
Historian:	Mrs. Dorothy Prescott .....	628-2085
	P.O. Box 146, Fairview, NC 28730	

## Executive Board

Rev. Wayne Smith (CH)	Rev. Clyde Nations	Rev. Howard Messer
Mrs. Lucille Tatham	Rev. Bill Vaughn	Miss Carrie Padgett
Rev. Bill Robinson	Rev. Earl Davis	

## Credentials Committee

Rev. Elisha Fish	Rev. Wayne Miller	Rev. Richard Swann
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## Finance Committee

Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick	Rev. Johnny Hughes	Rev. Jack Moses
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## Nominating Committee

Rev. Ed Hutchinson	Rev. Allen Jackson	Rev. Gordon Johnson
Rev. Roy Shehan	Rev. Benny Turner	Rev. Paul Butler

## Ordaining Council

Rev. Wendell Walley (1990)	Rev. Paul Butler (1992)
Rev. Bill Robinson (1991) CH	Rev. Benny Turner (1993)
Rev. Clyde Nations (1994)	

## Trustee Board

Rev. Elisha Fish	Conway Tatham	Rev. Bill Vaughn
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## Youth Board

Rev. Wayne Miller	Danny Gasperson	Rev. Howard Messer
Rev. Talmadge Brown		

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## Associational Churches and Pastors

1. Asheville	Rev. James C. Lynn	254-8744
2. Avery's Creek	Rev. Richard Swann	684-9558
3. Calvary	Rev. Frank Cantrell	298-0409
4. Canton	Rev. Bill Robinson	648-0272
5. Cedar Hill	Rev. Howard Messer	253-0369
6. Clyde	Rev. Carl Cook	452-4672
7. Fairview	Rev. Clyde Nations	652-6593
8. Faith	Rev. Paul Butler	584-4639
9. First (Lenoir)	Rev. Jack Moses	584-1863
10. First (Marion)	Rev. Jack Ward	652-4513
11. Gethsemane	Rev. Ralph Reep	738-4238
12. Harriett Memorial	Rev. Benny Turner	657-9446
13. Homer's Chapel	Rev. Dale McCoy	669-6013
14. Meadowbrook	Rev. Talmadge Brown	669-9150
15. Meadow Fork	Rev. Oliver Cagle	235-8568
16. Nowling's Chapel	Rev. Roy Shehan	433-9623
17. Oakley	Rev. Boyd Owenby	628-2019
18. Pisgah	Rev. Allen Jackson	235-8610
19. Roaring Creek	Rev. Jimmy Cone, Jr.	733-5389
20. Rocky Pass	Rev. Milton Hollifield, Sr.	652-5798
21. Shelby	Rev. Ed Hutchinson	481-1604
22. Sulphur Springs	Rev. Elisha Fish	667-5656
23. Sweeten Creek	Rev. Johnny Hughes	
24. Swannanoa	Rev. Ted Reynolds	686-5391
25. Zephyr Hills	Rev. Wendell Walley	253-5487

## Ministers

Talmadge Brown	204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711	669-2310
Paul Butler	1310 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655	584-4639
Oliver Cagle	Rt. 3, Box 219, Canton, NC 28716	235-8568
Jimmy Cone	Rt. 1, Box 281, Newland, NC 28657	733-5389
James K. Childers	67 Ridge St., Marion, NC 28752	652-7423
Carl Cook	111 Ivey Hill Dr., Waynesville, NC 28786	926-1326
Joe Cutshaw	P.O. Box 1281, Fletcher, NC 28732	684-9670
Earl Davis	Rt. 1, Box 432, Marion, NC 28752	652-2370
Elisha Fish	Rt. 3, Box 212, Candler, NC 28715	667-5656
Elmer Hensley	24 Pisgah Ave., Asheville, NC 28803	274-2803
T.A. Holder	47 Elkmont Dr., Asheville, NC 28804	254-8014
Milton Hollifield, Sr.	Rt. 1, Box 244, Nebo, NC 28761	652-5798
Johnny Hughes	222 Rock Hill Rd., Asheville, NC 28803	
Ed Hutchinson	1003 High Wedge Rd., Shelby, NC 28150	481-1604
Allen Jackson	Rt. 2, Box 377, Canton, NC 28716	235-8610
Eddie Kirkpatrick	Rt. 3, Box 100, Nebo, NC 28761	652-5229
James C. Lynn, Sr.	14 Ridgeway Dr., Asheville, NC 28806	254-8744
Gordon Johnson	Rt. 1, Box 500, Lot #4, Shelby, NC 28150	
Dale McCoy	202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711	669-2343
E.E. McMillen	P.O. Box 966, Swannanoa, NC 28778	669-7665
Howard Messer	227 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, NC 28806	253-0369
Michael Metcalf	154 Rainhill Ch. Rd., Morganton, NC 28655	
Wayne Miller	Rt. 1, Box 473, Marion, NC	652-3360
John Moore	13 Graham Rd., Marshall, NC 28753	683-9491
Jack Moses	Rt. 8, Box 559-C, Morganton, NC 28655	584-1863
Clyde Nations	Rt. 1, Box 445, Marion, NC 28752	652-6593
Boyd Owenby	86 Old #9, Fletcher, NC 28732	628-2019
Rocky Reece	Rt. 8, Box 610, Morganton, NC 28655	
Ralph Reep	385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752	738-4238
Ted Reynolds	202 Park Avenue, Swannanoa, NC 28778	686-5391
Bill Robinson	P.O. Box 1346, Canton, NC 28716	648-0753
Winfred Roland	106 Young St., Swannanoa, NC 28778	686-3509
Walter Sexton	Box 19, Sparks Mobile Hme, Spindale, NC 28160	286-9305
Roy Shehan	Rt. 6, Box 74, Morganton, NC 28655	433-9623
Clifford Shetley	Rt. 5, Box 259, Marshall, NC 28753	649-2410
Wayne Smith	314 Altamahaw Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711	669-2217
Richard Swann	Rt. 1, Avery's Creek Rd., Arden, NC 28704	684-9558
Willard Pless	103 Terrace Dr., Canton, NC 28716	
Dickie Tallent	205 Brentwood Rd., Morganton, NC 28655	584-2703
Benny Turner	Rt. 1, Box 545, Forest City, NC 28043	657-6062
William Vaughn	P.O. Box 117, Old Fort, NC 28762	668-4609
Lee Roy Walker	P.O. Box 548, Old Fort, NC 28762	668-4086
Wendell Walley	283 Shelbourne Rd., Asheville, NC 28806	253-5487
Jack Ward	250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752	652-4513

## Attendance Report *Churches*

Quarterly Meetings:	Aug.	Nov.	Feb.	May
Asheville	3	9		1
Avery's Creek	1		2	2
Calvary				
Canton	5	17	5	6
Cedar Hill	7	3	10	7
Clyde				
Fairview	8	3	9	4
Faith	11	3	11	11
First (Lenoir)	6	2	5	3
First (Marion)	6	8	14	3
Gethsemane	1	1	3	2
Harriett Memorial	2		3	1
Homer's Chapel	1			
Meadowbrook	2	2	3	9
Meadow Fork				
Nowling's Chapel	2	2	2	1
Oakley				1
Pisgah	1			1
Roaring Creek	1			
Rocky Pass	2	4	4	6
Shelby	1	7	1	3
Sulphur Springs				
Sweeten Creek	3	2	4	
Swannanoa				3
Zephyr Hills		3	6	4

## Attendance Report

### Pastors

Quarterly Meetings:	Aug.	Nov.	Feb.	May
Talmadge Brown	•	•	•	•
Paul Butler	•	•	•	•
Jimmy Cone	•			
James K. Childers	•		•	
Earl Davis	•	•	•	•
T.A. Holder		•		
Milton Hollifield, Sr.	•	•	•	•
Johnny Hughes	•	•	•	
Ed Hutchinson	•	•		
Allen Jackson	•			•
Gordon Johnson		•		
Eddie Kirkpatrick	•	•	•	
James C. Lynn		•		•
Dale McCoy	•			L
John Moore		•		•
Jack Moses	•	•	•	•
Clyde Nations	•	•	•	
Willard Pless	•		•	
Rocky Reece			•	•
Ralph Reep	•	•	•	•
Ted Reynolds			L	L
Bill Robinson	•	•	•	•
Winfred				•
Walter Sexton	•		•	•
Roy Shehan	•	•	•	•
Clifford Shetley		•		
Wayne Smith	•	•	•	
Richard Swann	•		•	•
Dickie Tallent	•	•		
Benny Turner	•		•	•
William Vaughn	•	•	•	•
Lee Roy Walker			•	
Wendell Walley		•	•	•
Jack Ward	•			•



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**First Quarterly Meeting of the Blue Ridge Association  
meeting with  
Faith F.W.B. Church, Morganton, NC  
August 6, 1988**

Hymn: Victory In Jesus  
Prayer: Rev. Bill Robinson  
Welcome: Rev. Paul Butler  
Response: Rev. Dale McCoy  
Devotion: Rev. Clyde Nations, Phil. 2:6 "The Name That's Above Every Name".

Business: Clerk's Report m/s/c  
Treasurer's Report m/s/c  
Ordaining Council Report m/s/c

**Item 1:** We recommend that Rev. Howard Messer be accepted into our fellowship. He is pastor of Cedar Hill Free Will Baptist Church. This recommendation is pending a letter of good standing from the Union Association (Eastern Quarterly Meeting) of Free Will Baptist in Tennessee.

**Item 2:** We recommend that Rev. Talmadge Brown be accepted into our fellowship pending a letter of good standing from the South Carolina Conference. He is pastor of the Meadowbrook Free Will Baptist Church in Black Mountain.

**Item 3:** We recommend that Rev. Clyde Nations be accepted into our fellowship pending a letter of good standing from the Beaver Creek Association in South Carolina. Bro. Nations is now pastoring the Fairview Free Will Baptist Church.

**Item 4:** The ordaining council of the Blue Ridge Association regretfully recommends that the credentials of Rev. Harvy Dupree be returned to said association, and that his name be removed from the roll of ministers. This action comes as a result of marital problems still un-resolved, and only after the ordaining council met with Bro. Dupree and encouraged him to resolve these problems, or submit his credentials. The waiting period designated by the ordaining council has expired.

Submitted motion to send letter to Universal Studios and Pastors opposing movie "The Last Temptation of Christ".

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**Motion:** We greatly appreciate the churches who support our association with 1% or more of their general offerings, but since several churches who are enjoying the benefits of the association such as minutes, clerk, etc. we feel each church should help defray expenses. Any money that is designated to various programs such as college loan funds or state and national dues cannot be used for associational expenses.

We therefore recommend that each church in the association who is not helping with expense of such be asked to give a certain percentage of the \$1,250.00 for the clerk and printing of the minutes. m/s/c

**Motion:** Should the money for the minutes not be on hand within 30 days, the difference will be equally divided from all the various funds of the Association. m/s/c

### Service

Hymn: "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"

Prayer: Wayne Smith

Offering

Singing: Dickie Tallent

Preaching: Talmadge Brown, Rom. 10:1, II Cor 6:11, and Luke 8:24-32, "The Right King of Heart"

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**Second Quarterly Meeting of the Blue Ridge Association  
meeting with  
Asheville F.W.B. Church  
November 5, 1988**

The Second Quarterly Meeting was opened by Rev. Wayne Smith.

Prayer: Rev. John Moore.

Hymn: Bro. Glen Cole, "Amazing Grace"

Welcome: Rev. Wayne Smith

Response: Rev. Bill Robinson

Devotion: Rev. Rocky Reece

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers and Recognition of Vistors. 14 Churches represented, 22 Ministers, 41 Delegates, 7 Visitors. Total Attendance 70.

Business: Treasurer's Report m/s/c

Executive Committee Report m/s/c (See Reports)

Ordaining Council Report m/s/c

**Item 1:** We recommend that Bro. James Childers be received into the Blue Ridge Association pending a letter of good standing from the Western Piedmont Bible Fellowship Association.

**Item 2:** We recommend Bro. Johnny Hughes be ordained as a Free Will Baptist Minister and become a member of the Blue Ridge Association upon completion of ordination.

**Item 3:** We recommend that a letter in good standing be granted to the Beaver Creek Association in behalf of Rev. Jack Ward.

Rev. Bill Robinson, Chmn.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Rev. James Lynn for the many years of service he has given to the Rest Home.

Recess

Hymn: "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

Prayer: Rev. Johnny Hughes

Message: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Malachi 2:1-17

Next Quarterly Meeting, Lenoir Church

Adjourned

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**Third Quarterly Meeting of the Blue Ridge Association  
meeting with  
First F.W.B. Church – Lenoir, N.C.  
February 4, 1989**

The Third Quarterly Meeting was opened by Rev. Milton Hollifield.

Prayer: Rev. John Moore

Hymn: Bro. Rocky Reece – Heavenly Sunlight

Prayer: Rev. Benny Turner

Welcome: Rev. Jack Moses

Response: Rev. Richard Swann

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers and recognition of Visitors. 15 Churches represented, 23 Ministers, 51 Delegates, 5 Deacons, 6 Visitors: Bro. David Jerral & Wife from West Virginia, Mrs. Mace, Rev. Guy Owens, Southeastern College, Rev. Ed Hill, Rest Home, and Rev. Tom Lilly, State Evangelist.

The following Reports were given:

Treasure's Report – Sister Carrie Padgett m/s/c to adopt Report.

Southeastern College – Rev. Guy Owens.

Rev. Ed Hill – Rest Home

Bro. Danny Gasperson – Youth Report

Rev. Bill Robinson – Advance Celebration. Adopted project of \$50,000 for Panama.

Rev. Tom Lilly gave a Report on our State Work.

M/S/C All Reports Be Adopted.

Special Music by Bro. Gordon Johnson

Offering Received \$150.00 for Foreign Missions Advance Celebration.

Prayer by Rev. Hollifield

Message #1 by Rev. Johnny Hughes – 1 Kings 18 – The Fire Fell

Recess

Worship Hour

Hymn: Bro. Hollifield – "Brethern We Have Met Together."

Message #2: Rev. Howard Messer – Hosea 7; Proverbs 22:28 – Old Fashion Ways for Christians.

Adjourned

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**36th Annual Session of the Blue Ridge Association  
meeting with  
Meadowbrook F.W.B. Church, Black Mountain, NC  
May 13, 1989**

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Session was opened with Congregational singing led by Bro. Lewis Metcalf – "Standing On The Promises."

Prayer: Rev. Benny Turner

Welcome: Rev. Talmadge Brown, host pastor

Response: Rev. Benny Turner

Devotion: Rev. Ralph Reep

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Recognition of Visitors – 18 Churches represented, 21 Ministers, 34 Delegates, 10 Deacons, 5 Visitors, 3 Visiting Ministers – Rev. Tom Lilly and Rev. Ed Hill. Rev. Mark Hogan, Bro. Royce Hogan.

**Business Session:**

In the absence of the Moderator and assistant Moderator, Bro. Milton Hollifield was elected as Moderator for this Session. Rev. Brown Assistant.

Report of the Credentials Committee was given by Sister Dorothy Prescott. Accepted.

Report of the Treasurer. Accepted.

Report of the State Work by Rev. Tom Lilly. Accepted.

Report of Rest Home by Rev. Ed Hill. Accepted.

Report on Youth for Master by Bro. Talmadge Brown. Accepted.

Clerk read Letter from Clyde Church requesting their Church be dropped from the Blue Ridge Association. Bro. Howard Messer recommended the Board meet with the Church and see if they will reconsider the matter.

Letters from Ministers absent were recognized.

The Nominating Committee Report was given by Bro. Roy Shehan.

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### **The following Officers were elected:**

Moderator	Rev. Wayne Smith
Assistant	Rev. Howard Messer
Clerk	Mrs. Lucille Tatham
Assistant	Rev. Ralph Reep
Treasurer	Miss Carrie Padgett
Assistant	Rev. Jimmy Cone
Executive Board	Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Bill Vaughn, Rev. Bill Robinson, Rev. Earl Davis, Rev. Clyde Nations
Credentials Committee	Rev. Elisha Fish, Rev. Wayne Miller, Rev. Richard Swann
Finance Committee	Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Johnny Hughes, Rev. Jack Moses
Nominating Committee	Rev. Ed Hutchinson, Rev. Allen Jackson, Rev. Gordon Johnson, Rev. Roy Shehan, Rev. Benny Turner, Rev. Paul Butler
Ordaining Council	Rev. Clyde Nations replace Rev. Roy Shehan
Youth Board	Rev. Wayne Miller, Bro. Danny Gasperson, Rev. Howard Messer, Rev. Talmadge Brown
Historian	Mrs. Dorothy Prescott
	Respectfully Submitted Rev. Allen Jackson Rev. Wayne Miller Rev. Roy Shehan

### **Ordaining Council Report – May 24, 1989**

The Ordaining Council recommends the following:

1. That a letter in good standing be sent to the Cumberland Association of Tennessee for Roy Harris.
2. That Ed Hill be received into our Association pending a letter from the Pamplico Association.
3. That Jack Ward be received back into our Association pending a letter from the Beaver Creek Association of S.C.

M/S/C This Report be accepted.

### **Worship Hour**

Hymn: Bro. Lewis Metcalf – "Send The Light."  
Prayer: Bro. Boyce Crowe  
Message: Rev. Jack Ward – Acts 1:9-12 – The Second Coming of Christ.

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## Executive Committee

The executive Committee met July 30, 1988 at the Western Steer Steakhouse in Marion, N.C. Moderator Ed Hutchinson opened the meeting by recognizing the new ministers: Rev. Clyde Nations, Rev. Talmadge Brown and Rev. Howard Messer.

The following items of business were taken care of:

1. Motion was made to send a letter to the Pastor of Old Fort Free Will Baptist church attesting to the faithfulness and character of Carrie Padgett.
2. Moderator appointed a committee to co-ordinate a Foreign Missions Conference. Members of that committee are: (ch) Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Bill Robinson and Rev. Milton Hollifield.
3. Mention was made of the need to stagger meeting place of Association meetings because of alphabetical order sometimes means meeting on one side of Association four times in a row.
4. Asheville Free Will Baptist Church will host the November Meeting.
5. Mention was made of the need to find a Youth Director.
6. Youth for the Master will meet August 20, 1988 at the Fairview Free Will Baptist Church.
7. Motion was made to support Moderator Ed Hutchinson's decision in the payment of the Clerks for last year. Clerk: Dale McCoy \$125, Clerk: Lucille Tatham \$125.

The Executive Board met October 22, 1988 at the Western Steer Steakhouse in Marion, N.C. The following changes were made in the Ordaining Council:

Rev. Wendell Walley replaced Rev. Dale McCoy.  
Rev. Roy Shehan replaced Rev. Jack Ward  
Rev. Bill Robinson – Chairman

Rev. Jimmy Cone resigned as Clerk – Mrs. Lucille Tatham was elected Clerk.

The November Meeting will be with the Asheville Church.

The Executive Committee and Ministers met at the Western Steer Steakhouse in Marion January 21, 1989.

The following Ministers and Laymen were present:

Rev. Clyde Nations, Rev. Howard Messer, Rev. James Childers,  
Rev. Paul Butler, Rev. Allen Jackson, Rev. Richard Swann, Rev.  
Talmadge Brown, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Carl Cook, Rev.  
Milton Hollifield, Rev. Ralph Reep, Rev. William Vaughn, Rev.  
Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Wendell Walley, Rev. Bill Robinson, Rev.  
Roy Shehan, Sister Carrie Padgett, Sister Lucille Tatham.

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The Assistant Moderator, Bro. Wayne Smith presided at this meeting.

Prayer by Bro. Messer, Scripture Reading by Bro. Robinson.

Minutes of the last meeting was read by Clerk and approved.

Motion was made to allow Correspondence of Ordaining Council to be done within the Council, with the understanding that the Body give authority of action taken, and that it be recorded in Minutes.

Bro. Hollifield gave a Report of the Rest Home.

There was much discussion on the Advance Celebration Program for Foreign Missions. Each Church was encouraged to participate.

The Program for the Third Quarterly Meeting was planned.

Motion to have First and Second Speaker and omit Devotion at Association Meetings. Carried.

Motion for Offering to go to Advance Celebration. Carried.

Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Nations.

The Executive Committee and Ministers met at the Western Steer Steakhouse in Marion on April 15, 1989.

The following Ministers and Laymen were present:

Rev. Clyde Nations, Rev. Benny Turner, Rev. Paul Butler, Rev. Earl Davis, Rev. Allen Jackson, Rev. Wayne Miller, Rev. Paul Shehan, Rev. Bill Robinson, Rev. Ed Hutchinson, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Walter Sexton, Bro. Conway Tatham, Sister Lucille Tatham, Sister Carrie Padgett.

The Program was planned for the annual meeting, which will be May 13th. at the Meadowbrook Church in Black Mountain.

Dismissed in Prayer.



# Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists

## Annual Meeting – May 13, 1989

### Financial Report

#### General Fund:

Fund Balance – May 14, 1988	\$ 817.18
Received this Year (includes interest)	3,034.87
Offerings Received	<u>290.62</u>
Sub-Total	<b>\$ 4,142.67</b>

#### Disbursements:

Clerk's Expenses	\$ 87.65
Moderator's Expenses	96.00
Southeastern FWB College	100.00
Graphic Associates (Folding Programs and Printing of Minutes)	1,023.06
Blue Ridge Association (Dues to State Assoc.)	50.00
State Association	725.00
National Association	290.00
West Side Clerk's Salary	125.00
East Side Clerk's Salary	125.00
File Cabinet for Clerk	25.00
Foreign Missions (Advance Celebration)	150.00
Printing Charge for Deposit Tickets	<u>6.25</u>
	\$2,802.96 – 2,802.96

<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,339.17</b>
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#### Youth Camp

Total Funds for Year	<b>\$ 184.84</b>
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#### Youth For The Master

Total Funds for Year	<b>\$ 369.67</b>
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#### Local Missions Fund

Fund Balance – May 14, 1988	\$ 4,097.79
Funds Received this Year	646.93
Interest Added	223.52
NC State Home Missions (Fayetteville)	– 290.32
Dry Branch FWB Church	– 200.00
Rev. Tom Lilly	<u>– 300.00</u>
Fund Balance	<b>\$ 4,177.92</b>

#### Minister's Fund

Fund Balance – May 14, 1988	\$ 1,931.52
Funds Received this Year	184.84
Interest Added	79.56
Rev. Tom Lilly	<u>– 100.00</u>
Fund Balance	<b>\$ 2,095.92</b>

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**FWB Bible College Loan Fund**

Fund Balance – May 14, 1988	\$ 1,405.72
Funds Received this Year	57.76
Interest Added	37.89
Rev. Tom Lilly	<u>– 100.00</u>
Fund Balance	1,401.37

**Southeastern FWB College Loan Fund**

Fund Balance – May 14, 1988	\$ 553.84
Funds Received this Year	57.76
Interest Added	<u>37.90</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 649.50

**May 13, 1989**

	Amount This Quarter	Amount For Year
Asheville		50.00
Avery Creek	30.71	116.37
Calvary		
Canton	45.35	127.74
Cedar Hill	105.75	449.66
Clyde		35.00
Fairview	140.85	479.87
Faith	75.00	230.00
First – Marion	80.00	275.00
Gethsemane	35.73	133.65
Harriett Memorial	200.00	385.00
Homer's Chapel		35.00
Lenoir		100.00
Meadowbrook	25.00	160.00
Meadow Fork		20.00
Nowling Chapel	149.69	630.90
Oakley		
Pisgah		35.00
Roaring Creek		
Rocky Pass	70.00	280.00
Shelby	30.00	155.00
Sulphur Springs		60.00
Swannanoa		55.00
Zephyr Hills		<u>100.00</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,013.08</u>	<u>\$4,038.19</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie Padgett, Asst. Treasurer

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## Statistics of Churches

- Asheville**      Elkmont Dr., Asheville, NC. Pastor: Rev. James C. Lynn, 14 Ridgeway Drive, Asheville, NC 28804. Clerk: Mrs. Edna Marlowe, C-80 Cheerio Lane, Asheville, NC 28803. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 3, S.S. Enrollment 35, Average Attendance 22, No. Baptisms 3, Members Added 3, Members lost 5, Total Membership 66, W.A. Enrollment 9, Average Attendance 7.
- Avery's Creek**      Avery's Creek Rd., Arden, NC 28704. Pastor: Rev. Richard Swann, Rt. 1, Avery's Creek Rd., Arden, NC 28704. Clerk: Mrs. Carolyn Swann P.O. Box 16123, Asheville, NC 28806. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2. S.S. Enrollment 15, Average Attendance 20. Members Lost 1, Total Membership 45.
- Canton**      P.O. Box 1346, Canton, NC 28716. Pastor: Rev. Bill Robinson, P.O. Box 1346, Canton, NC 28716. Clerk: Mrs. Helen Hamlett, 26 Flint St., Canton, NC 28716. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 4. S.S. Enrollment 79, Average Attendance 56. Total Membership 142, C.T.S. Enrollment 30, Average Attendance 18.
- Cedar Hill**      227 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, NC 28806. Pastor: Rev. Howard Messer, 227 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, NC 28806. Clerk: Mrs. Maude King, 405 Deaverview Rd., Asheville, NC 28806. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 4. S.S. Enrollment 85, Average Attendance 70. No. Baptisms 7, Members Added 7, Members Lost 1, Total Membership 160. C.T.S. Enrollment 10, Average Attendance 10, W.A. Enrollment 10, Average Attendance 10.
- Fairview**      Rt. 1, Marion, NC 28752. Pastor: Rev. Clyde Nations, Rt. 1, Marion, NC 28752. Clerk: Mrs. Mae Miller, Rt. 1, Box 474, Marion, NC 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 3, No. Ordained Deacons 5, S.S. Enrollment 95, Average Attendance 82. No. Baptisms 5, Members Added 8, Members Lost 2, Total Membership 75. W.A. Enrollment 12, Average Attendance 9, M.M. Enrollment 8, Average Attendance 7.
- Faith**      1310 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Pastor: Rev. Paul Butler, 1310 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Clerk: Mrs. Judy King, Rt. 1, Box 479-A, Morganton, NC 28655. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 2 - 1 Junior Deacon. No. Licensed Ministers 2. S.S. Enrollment 70, Average Attendance 40. No. Baptisms 1, Members Added 8, Total Membership 70. W.A. Enrollment 15, Average Attendance 9, M.M. Enrollment 14, Average Attendance 10.

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- First Lenoir** 220 Mt. Herman Rd., Lenoir, NC 28645. Pastor: Rev. Jack Moses, Rt. 8, Box 559-C, Morganton, NC 28655. Clerk: Mrs. Olene Hutchings, 220 Mt. Hermon Rd. Lenoir, NC 28645. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2. Average S.S. Attendance 24. Members Added 7, Total Membership 40.
- First Marion** 250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752. Pastor: Rev. Jack Ward, 250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752. Clerk: Mr. Hank Taylor, P.O. Box 784, Marion NC 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 7. S.S. Enrollment 218, Average Attendance 168. No. Baptisms 4. C.T.S. Enrollment 70, Average Attendance 64. W.A. Enrollment 18, Average Attendance 12.
- Gethsemane** Marion, NC Pastor: Rev. Ralph Reep, 385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752. Clerk: Roni Hall, Rt. 3, Box 104-A Nebo, NC 28761. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2. S.S. Enrollment 50, Average Attendance 28. Members Added 2, Members lost 3. Total Membership 50.
- Harriett Memorial** Caroleen, NC Pastor: Rev. Benny Turner, Rt. 5, Box 545, Forest City, NC 28043. Clerk: Mrs. Barbara Fowler, Caroleen, NC No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 7, S.S. Enrollment 145 Average Attendance 117. W.A. Enrollment 24, Average Attendance 13. Total Membership 175.
- Homer's Chapel** Black Mountain, NC Pastor: Rev. Dale McCoy, 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Clerk: Mrs. Joy Lyman, 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3. Average S.S. Attendance 75. Total Membership 100. W.A. Average Attendance 15.
- Meadowbrook** P.O. Box 566, Black Mountain, NC 28711. Pastor: Rev. Talmadge Brown, 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Clerk: Mrs. Hazel Wallace, Rt. 2, Box 281, Asheville, NC 28805. No. Ordained Ministers 2. No. Ordained Deacons 7. S.S. Enrollment 250, Average Attendance 170. No. Baptisms 7, Members Added 15, Members Lost 24, Total Membership 285. C.T.S. Enrollment 11, Average Attendance 11. W.A. Enrollment 20, Average Attendance 15.
- Nowlings Chapel** Morganton, NC Pastor: Rev. Roy Shehan, Rt. 6, Box 74, Morganton, NC 28655. Clerk: Mrs. Shirley Davis, Rt. 8, Box 506, Morganton, NC 28655. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 4. S.S. Enrollment 155, Average Attendance 90. No. Baptisms 14, Members Added 18, Total Membership 155. W.A. Enrollment 25, Average Attendance 18.

- Oakley** P.O. Box 5694, Asheville, NC 28803. Pastor: Rev. Boyd Owenby, 86 Old Number Nine, Fletcher, NC 28732. Clerk: Jeter Higgins, 614 Marietta St., Asheville, NC 28803. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 3. No. Members Added 5, Total Membership 55. C.T.S. Enrollment 55A, Average Attendance 35. W.A. Enrollment 12, Average Attendance 8. M.M. Average Attendance 18.
- Pisgah** Canton, NC Pastor: Rev. Allen Jackson, Rt. 2, Pisgah Creek Rd., Canton, NC 28716. Clerk: Mrs. Elizabeth Pless, Rt. 2, Box 435, Canton, NC 28716. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2. S.S. Enrollment 70, Average Attendance 50. Members Lost 2, Total Membership 108. W.A. Enrollment 15, Average Attendance 13.
- Roaring Creek** Newland, NC Pastor: Rev. Jimmy Cone, Rt. 1, Box 281, Newland, NC 28657. Clerk: Deborah Ward, P.O. Box 43, Plumptree, NC 28864. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 4. S.S. Enrollment 60, Average Attendance 48. Members Lost 1, Total Membership 60. W.A. Enrollment 7, Average Attendance 5.
- Rocky Pass** Nebo, NC 28651. Pastor: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rt. 1, Box 244, Nebo, NC 28651. Clerk: Mrs. Lucille Tatham, Rt. 1, Box 58, Marion, NC 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 11. S.S. Enrollment 238, Average Attendance 198. No Baptisms 4, Members Added 12, Members Lost 7, Total Membership 315. C.T.S. Enrollment 65, Average Attendance 46. W.A. Enrollment 15, Average Attendance 15.
- Shelby** 403 College Ave., Shelby, NC 28150. Pastor: Dr. Edward Hutchinson, 1003 High Wedge Rd., Shelby, NC 28150. Clerk: Mrs. Dorothy Cook, 505 Cherryville Rd., Shelby, NC 28150. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 3. S.S. Enrollment 100, Average Attendance 81. No. Baptisms 10, Members Added 14, Members Lost 5, Total Membership 132. W.A. Enrollment 15, Average Attendance 9.
- Sulphur Springs** P.O. Box 413, Hazelwood, NC 28738. Pastor Rev. Elisha Fish, Rt. 3, Box 212, Candler, NC 28715. Clerk: Mrs. Mary Lanning, Rt. 3, Box 276, Waynesville, NC 28786. No. Ordained Ministers 1.
- Zephyr Hills** 283 Shelburne Rd., Asheville, NC 28806. Pastor: Rev. Wendell Walley, 13 Auburndale Dr., Asheville, NC 28806. Clerk: Mrs. Lucille Lance, 93 English Dr., Candler, NC 28715. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Licensed Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 4. S.S. Enrollment 90. Average Attendance 70. Members Added 12, Members Lost 2, Total Membership 156.

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## Minister's Report

- Rev. Talmadge Brown:** Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 3, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 7, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 5.
- Rev. Paul Butler:** Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. of Conversions 15, No. Marriages 2.
- Rev. James K. Childers:** No. Revivals Conducted 7, No. Funerals 3.
- Rev. Jimmy C. Cone:** Churches Pastored 1, No. of Conversions 6, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Marriages 3, No. Funerals 5.
- Rev. Elisha W. Fish:**
- Rev. Milton Hollifield:** Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. of Conversions 12, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 5, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 24.
- Rev. Edward Huthcinson:** Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. of Conversions 15, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 12, No. Funerals 8.
- Rev. Allen Jackson:** Churches Pastored 1, No. of Conversions 6, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Funerals 3.
- Rev. James C. Lynn:** Churches Pastored 1, No. of Conversions 25 While Administrator at Rest Home, No. Funerals 4.
- Rev. Dale McCoy:** Churches Pastored 1.
- Rev. Howard Messer:** Churches Pastored 2, No. Revivals Conducted 7, No. of Conversions 21, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4, No. Baptisms 7, No. Marriages 5, No. Funerals 8.
- Rev. Jack Moses:** Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 1, No. of Conversions 11, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 3.
- Rev. Boyd Owenby:** Churches Pastored 1, No. of Conversions 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 3, No. Funerals 3.

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<b>Rev. Ralph Reep:</b>	Churches Pastored 1, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 3.
<b>Rev. Walter H. Sexton:</b>	No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2.
<b>Rev. Roy Shehan:</b>	Churches Pastored, No. Revivals Conducted 2, No. of Conversions 14, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 14, No. Marriages 4, No. Funerals 3.
<b>Rev. Wayne Smith:</b>	Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 2, No. of Conversions 3, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 2, No. Marriages 4, No. Funerals 7.
<b>Rev. Richard Swann:</b>	Churches Pastored 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 3.
<b>Rev. Benny Turner:</b>	Churches Pastored 1, No. of Conversions 26, No. Baptisms 20.
<b>Rev. William Vaughn:</b>	Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals Conducted 2, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 4, No. Marriages 3, No. Funerals 9.
<b>Rev. Jack Ward:</b>	Churches Pastored 2, No. Revivals Conducted 2, No. of Conversions 8, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4, No. Baptisms 8, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 4.

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**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.



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## **Article 6**

A. The officers of the 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 a 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.

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## 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 of 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.

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### **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 28%, Education 5%, Youth Board 24%, Minister's Retirement 8%.

### **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.

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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)

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**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. Perseverance:** 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." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)

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

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**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.



