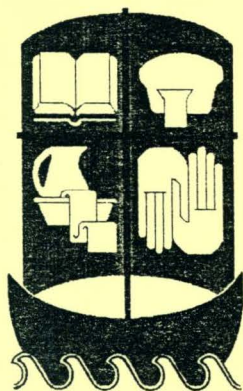


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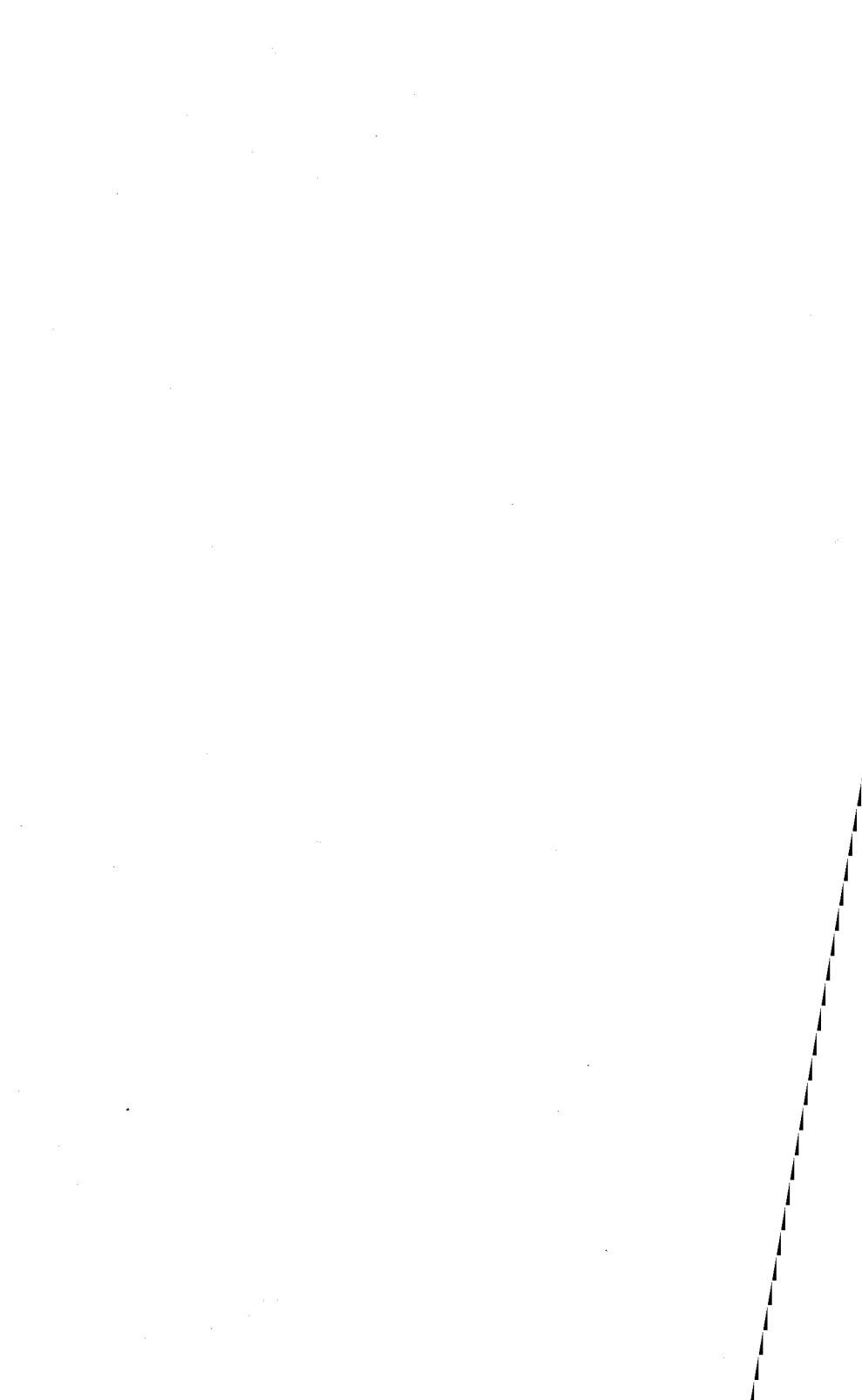


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Rev. Roger Tripp

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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. Jack Ward

Ordaining Council

Rev. Buddy Henry (1991)
Rev. Carl Cook (1992)
Rev. Benny Turner (1993)
Rev. Clyde Nations (1994)
Rev. Roy Shehan (1995)

Trustee Board

Rev. Elisha Fish
Conway Tatham
Rev. Bill Vaughn

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Rev. Wayne Miller
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Jeff Runion (Youth Director)

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Rev. Howard Messer
Rev. Ed Hutchinson
Jeff Runion
Rev. Michael Metcalf
Rev. Wendell Walley

Associational Churches and Pastors

1. Asheville	Rev. James C. Lynn	254-8744
2. Avery's Creek	Rev. Richard Swann	684-7493
3. Beaverdam		
4. Calvary	Rev. Frank Cantrell	298-0409
5. Canton	Rev. Bill Robinson	648-0753
6. Cedar Hill	Rev. Howard Messer	253-0369
7. Clyde	Rev. Carl Cook	926-1326
8. Fairview	Rev. Don Worrell	652-6593
9. Faith		
10. First (Lenoir)	Rev. Jack Moses	584-1863
11. First (Marion)	Rev. Jack Ward	652-4513
12. Gethsemane	Rev. Ralph Reep	738-4238
13. Harriett Memorial	Rev. Benny Turner	657-6062
14. Homer's Chapel	Rev. Buddy Henry	669-2343
15. Meadowbrook	Rev. Talmadge Brown	669-9150
16. Meadow Fork	Rev. Oliver Cagle	235-8568
17. Nowling's Chapel	Rev. Roy Shehan	433-9623
18. Oakley	Rev. Boyd Owenby	628-2019
19. Pisgah	Rev. Leon Stewart (Interim)	
20. Roaring Creek		
21. Rocky Pass	Rev. Milton Hollifield, Sr.	652-5798
22. Shelby	Rev. Ed Hutchinson	481-1604
23. Southside	Rev. Roger Tripp	294-3485
24. Sulphur Springs	Rev. Elisha Fish	667-5656
25. Sweeten Creek	Rev. Johnny Hughes	274-5236
26. Swannanoa	Rev. Clyde Nations	686-5391
27. The Way Of The Cross	Rev. Doug Mathis	
28. Zephyr Hills	Rev. Wendell Walley	253-5487

Ministers

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Dean Good	472 Buckeye Access Rd., Swannanoa, NC 28778	298-7697
Buddy Henry	202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711	669-2343
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
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Ed Hutchinson	1003 High Wedge Rd., Shelby, NC 28150	481-1604
Allen Jackson	Rt. 2, Box 243, Marion, NC 28752	738-3097
David Jerrell	105 Harry Drive, Morganton, NC 28655	
Gordon Johnson	Rt. 1, Box 500, Lot 4, Shelby, NC 28150	482-1244
Eddie Kirkpatrick	Rt. 3, Box 100, Nebo, NC 28761	652-5229
James C. Lynn, Sr.	14 Ridgeway Dr., Asheville, NC 28806	254-8744
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Clyde Nations	202 Park St., Swannanoa, NC 287788	686-5391
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Boyd Owenby	86 Old #9, Fletcher, NC 28732	628-2019
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Jack Ward	250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752	652-4513
Don Worrell	Rt. 1, Box 445, Marion, NC 28752	652-6593

**First Quarterly Meeting of the Blue Ridge Association
meeting with
First F.W.B. Church, Marion, NC
August 5, 1989**

The First Quarterly Meeting was opened by Rev. Wayne Smith, Moderator.

Congregational Singing – Bro. Glen Cole – Stand Up For Jesus

Welcome – Bro. Jack Ward Response – Bro. Earl Davis

Devotion – Bro. Oliver Cagle – Proverbs 18:24

Moderator's Remarks – Bro. Wayne Smith – Matthew 5:44-48. He spoke on Love and Respect.

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers and Recognition of Visitors. 17 Churches represented, 28 Ministers, 40 Delegates, 6 Visitors. Visiting Ministers: Rev. W.L. Kell, Rev. Harold O'Dear, Rev. Glen Newland

Business – Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting with the Clyde Church was read and accepted as information. A motion was made commending the Executive Committee's action on this matter. S/C. The Executive Board will discuss request from Clyde Church regarding the \$1000.00. Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting Saturday, July 22, 1989. Approved as read. Move. The Ordaining Council be given the responsibility of contacting the inactive Ministers of the Blue Ridge Association and bring our Ministerial list up to date, and bring back to next Quarterly Conference. S/C.

Reports – Rest Home Report – Rev. Ed Hill; Treasurer's Report – Sister Carrie Padgett; Ordaining Council Report – Bro. Bill Robinson (See Reports). M/S/C.; Woman's Auxiliary Report – Sister Martha Taylor; Move – A love offering of \$100.00 be sent to Rev. Harry Mintz. S/C.

Worship Hour

Congregational Song – Bro. Glen Cole – Standing on the Promises.

Special Singing – Trio from Marion First Church – When the Lord Came Down

Offering and Prayer by Bro. Jack Ward.

Message by Rev. James Childers – The Blood

**Second Quarterly Meeting of the Blue Ridge Association
meeting with
Homer's Chapel F.W.B. Church
November 4, 1989**

The Second Quarterly Meeting was opened by Rev. Wayne Smith, Moderator.
Congregational Singing – Bro. Glen Cole – Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus.

Prayer by Rev. Talmadge Brown

Welcome – Bro. Johnny Biddex

Response – Rev. Wayne Miller

Devotion – Rev. Earl Davis – Acts 1:4-5

Moderator's Remarks – Bro. Wayne Smith.

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers and Recognition of Vistors. 18 Churches represented, 25 Ministers, 35 Delegates, 11 Visitors, 2 Visiting Ministers:
Rev. Dean Good, Rev. Glen Newland.

Business

Treasurer's Report – Sister Carrie Padgett – Received as information. m/s/c

Youth Report – Bro. Jeff Runion. Move by Bro. Jeff – The Blue Ridge Association attempt to begin providing a summer Youth Camp again for the summer of 1990. S/C. Move – S/C to appoint Bro. Jeff Runion as Youth Director.

Rest Home Report – Bro. Ed Hill

Ordaining Council Report – Bro. Bill Robinson – Recommendation: A letter of good standing for Bro. Ted Reynolds be sent to the Palmer Association of North Carolina. Bro. Reynolds is now Pastoring Parker's Chapel in Greenville, NC m/s/c

Credentials Committee Report – Rev. Wayne Miller.

Executive Committee Report

- 1) m/s/c to reinstate Churches feeding the Association. This is not compulsory. It is requested that Church notivty Clerk if lunch will be served.
- 2) Move to establish a Home Mission Board in our Blue Ridge District for the purpose of planting new churches within the Blue Ridge District; and empower Moderator to appoint a committee to work to this end. S/C

Recommendations: Constitutional Changes for Ministers and Churches

Article 10 (F) Each Minister or Pastor belonging to the Blue Ridge Association, who fails to attend the Associational meetings without just cause, such as sickness, death, or any emergency, for a period of one year shall be granted a letter of dismissal.

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b-If, however; he does not report or give a justifiable reason for absenteeism, the Ordaining Council will ask for his permission to meet with him in a conciliatory meeting. After said meeting, the Ordaining Council will make report to the Quarterly meeting of the Blue Ridge

Association, along with recommendations, etc. m/s/c. to accept this Constitutional change and lay on table until Annual Meeting.

Churches (G) Any church belonging to the Blue Ridge Association who fails deliberately or by neglect to report either by delegation or letter for a period of one year, nor supports the Association financially will be contacted by a designated member or members of the Executive Board, after which a report will be made to the next session of the Blue Ridge Association, and action will be taken based upon report, either to drop them from the roll, or to continue to labor with them in love.
M/S/C to accept this Constitutional change and lay on table until Annual Meeting.

Program (A) That the time of beginning of Registration to start at 8:30-9:30 and that the Associational Meeting begin at 9:30. M/S/C.

Auxiliary Report— Sister Mae Miller.

Brother Jack Ward read an article on Decency Drive in McDowell County. M/S/C Blue Ridge Association endorse and support this movement.

Sister Dorothy Prescott (Historian) asked to be replaced at the Executive Board Meeting.

Worship Hour

Song — Standing On The Promises

Prayer & Offering

Message by Bro. Ed Hill — Manifested Life. 1 John 1-4

Prayer of dismissal by Bro. Allen Jackson

Third Quarterly Meeting of the Blue Ridge Association meeting with Nowling's Chapel F.W.B. Church – Morganton, N.C. February 3, 1990

The Second Quarterly Meeting was called to order by Rev. Wayne Smith, Moderator.

Congregational Singing – Bro. Glen Cole – Heavenly Sunlight

Prayer – Rev. Ed Hill

Welcome – Rev. Roy Shehan

Response – Rev. Gordan Johnson

Devotion – Rev. Glen Newland – 1 Timothy 3:16

Special Prayer was given in Honor of Rev. Paul Butler by Rev. Wayne Smith

Roll Call of Churches, Minister and recognition of visitors. 16 Churches represented, 23 Ministers, 5 Deacons, 47 Delegates, 9 Visitors, 5 Visiting Ministers: Rev. Roger Tripp, Rev. Doug Mathis, Rev. Leon Stewart, Rev. Glen Newland, Rev. Buddy Henry, Pastor of Homer's Chapel Church.

Business

Treasurer's Report – Sister Carrie Padgett – m/s/c received as information.

Youth Report – Bro. Jeff Runion – Youth Camp will be August 6-11 at Camp Joshua, Greenville, Tennessee. Youth for the Master Meeting at Shelby Church, February 17. Received as information.

Rest Home – Rev. Ed Hill – received as information. m/s/c

Ordaining Council Report – Recommendation: Rev. Buddy Henry be accepted in Blue Ridge Association, pending a letter from the Georgia Union Association. m/s/c. He was welcomed into Association by all the Ministers.

Executive Committee's Report: Sister Lucille Tatham, Clerk read the following Recommendations:

1. Bro. Carl Cook replace Bro. Paul Butler on the Ordaining Council. m/s/c.
2. Bro. Bill Robinson resigned from the Ordaining Council, effective May 12, 1990.
3. Bro. Jack Ward was appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee in the absence of Bro. Paul Butler.
4. There was some discussion on State Minister's Insurance. A Motion was made and seconded to give \$200.00 to the Minister or Wife when death occurs. Amendment: Retroactive to the death of Rev. Paul Butler. This money to be paid from Minister's Retirement. Motion Carried.
5. Change Article 16 to read Minister's Benevolent Fund instead of Minister's Retirement. m/s/c.
6. The following seven men were appointed to serve on a Mission Board for the Blue Ridge Association: Bros. Elisha Fish, Allen Jackson, Michael Metcalf, Wendell Walley, Howard Messer, Ed Hutchinson, Jeff Runion.
7. The first Minister's Fellowship Dinner will be April 7th at 5 pm at the Marion Western Steer Steak House. The wives are included. Sister Lucille Tatham was appointed Secretary. Bro. Hutchinson will give a short Devotion.

Woman's Auxiliary – Sister Velma Brown. Approved as Information.
Credentials Report – Bro. Wayne Miller
Panama Mission – Rev. Milton Hollifield
Foreign Mission – Rev. Bill Robinson – April is Foreign Mission Emphasis Month.
Announcement: Rev. Bob Shockey and Rev. Ronald Creech will be in this area
September 15 for Dinner and Program on Bible College.

Worship Hour

Song – Bound For The Promised Land

Prayer – Rev. Buddy Henry

Special Singing by the Heavenly Seekers from Nowling's Chapel Church

Message by Rev. Carl Cook – 2 Samuel 18:33 – "Some Things We Never Get Over"

37th Annual Session of the Blue Ridge Association meeting with *Pisgah F.W.B. Church, Canton, NC* May 12, 1990

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Session was opened by Congregational Singing led
by Bro. Glen Cole – At Calvary

Prayer – Rev. Howard Messer

Welcome – Rev. Allen Jackson Response – Rev. Howard Messer

Devotion – Rev. Edwin Hill – Psalm 96

Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Wayne Smith

Recognition of Visitors – Bro. Doug Mathis, Shelby, Bro. Roy Smith, Beaverdam, Bro.
Roger Tripp, A delegation from the Southside FWB Church in Hickory, A
delegation from the Beaverdam Church and The Way of the Cross Church
in Shelby.

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers. Churches Represented 23, 27 Ministers, 39
Delegates, 19 Visitors.

Business Session

Treasurer's Report – Received as Information

Youth Board Report – Bro. Jeff Runion – Received as Information

Ordaining Council Report – Bro. Bill Robinson

The following Council Recommendations were made:

1. Bro. Roger Tripp be received into Blue Ridge Association. m/s/c.
2. Bro. Don Worrell be received into Blue Ridge Association. m/s/c.
3. The Southside FWB Church in Hickory be received into Association. m/s/c.
4. The Way of the Cross FWB Church in Shelby be received into Association. m/s/c.
5. Beaverdam FWB Church be reinstated in Association. m/s/c.

These new Churches and Minister and Delegates were given a warm welcome
into our fellowship.

Clerk read Executive Board Report. There was much discussion regarding the new Home Mission Board. m/s/c to table until Mission Board has time to formalize Contract – will report back later.

m/s/c to study Article 16 and report at next Quarterly Meeting.

Woman's Auxiliary Report – Sister Betty Hill. Received as Information.

Nominating Committee Report – Bro. Edwin Hill:

Historian – Mrs. Etta Butler

Ordaining council – Bro. Roy Shehan to replace Wendell Walley; Bro.

Buddy Henry to replace Bro. Bill Robinson, 1 year term.

Youth Director – Bro. Jeff Runion

Executive Board – Bro. Clyde Nations; Bro. Roger Tripp to replace Bro. Bill

Vaughn; Bro. Ed Hutchinson to replace Bro. Earl Davis

Rest Home Report – Bro Edwin Hill – m/s/c to accept report

Adjourned from Business for Worship Hour

Congregational Song

Pisgah Choir sang 2 songs

Bro. Jeff Runion sang "In The Midst Of It All"

Message – Bro. Bill Robinson – John 21:15-17 – Lovest Thou Me-Feed My Sheep.

Lunch

Business Session Resumed

Offering Received

Bro. Wendell Walley gave a report on the local Mission Board. Bro. Ronald Creech asked the Blue Ridge Association to sponsor a Bible College Rally on September 15 and have a Dinner as the climax. Motion to adopt this project and set our goal to sponsor College for one week – 17, 800. s/c.

Constitutional Change: Article 10-F and Article 10-G

m/s/c to remove Article 10-F and 10-G from Table for discussion.

m/s/c to remove Article 10-F to read as following:

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m/s/c to adopt Article 10-G to read as following:

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Bro. Talmadge Brown gave a report on the up-dating of the Minister's Reports. m/s/c to adopt this report.

The Pisgah Church was given a rising vote of thanks for their gracious hospitality.

Executive Board Meetings

The Executive Board met at the Western Steer Steak House on Saturday, July 22, 1989. Prayer by Rev. William Vaughn. Present: Rev. Wayne Smith, Moderator, Rev. Vaughn, Rev. Wayne Miller, Rev. Howard Messer, Rev. Clyde Nations, Lucille Tatham, Clerk. The Minutes of the last Executive Board Meeting was read and approved. The Program was planned for the First Quarterly Meeting.

The following recommendation was made: The Ordaining Council be given the responsibility of contacting the inactive Ministers of the Blue Ridge Association, and bring our Ministerial list up to date, and there from create an active roll of Ministers.

Adjourned - Prayer by Rev. Wayne Miller.

The Executive Board met at the Western Steer Steak House on Saturday, September 16, 1989. Prayer by Bro. Walter Sexton. Present: Rev. Wayne Smith, Moderator, Rev. William Vaughn, Rev. Wayne Miller, Rev. Clyde Nations, Rev. Allen Jackson, Rev. Ed Hutchinson, Rev. Paul Butler, Rev. Earl Davis, Rev. Ralph Reep, Rev. Walter Sexton, Bro. Conway Tatham, Sister Lucille Tatham, Sister Carrie Padgett.

Move to enter Business Session, s/c.

Motion was made to reinstate our Churches feeding the Association, s/c.

The Program for the November Quarterly Conference was planned.

Move to present having a Home Mission Board in Blue Ridge Association for planting new Churches within the Blue Ridge District, s/c.

Recommendations: Constitutional Changes for Ministers and Churches

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M/S/C to accept this Constitutional change and lay on table until Annual Meeting.

Program (A) That the time of beginning of Registration to start at 8:30-9:30 and that the Associational Meeting begin at 9:30. M/S/C.

The Executive Board met at the Western Steer Steak House on Saturday, January 13, 1990. Prayer by Rev. Ralph Reep. Visitors were Rev. Glenn Newland, Shelby, NC and Bro. Jeff Runion from Meadowbrook Church.

The following Ministers were present: Rev. Smith, Moderator, Rev. Michael Metcalf, Rev. Carl Cook, Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Ralph Reep, Rev. Benny Turner, Rev. Ed Hill, Rev. Howard Messer, Rev. Ed Hutchinson, Rev. Talmadge Brown, Rev. Wendell Walley, Rev. Clyde Nations, Rev. Bill Robinson, Rev. William Vaughn, Rev. Allen Jackson, Rev. Walter Sexton, Rev. Earl Davis. Sister Carrie Padgett, Treasurer, Sister Lucille Tatham, Clerk and Bro. Conway Tatham.

Minutes of the last Meeting was read and approved.

Recommendation: Bro. Carl Cook replace Bro. Paul Butler on the Ordaining Council, m/s/c. Bro. Bill Robinson resigned from the Ordaining Council, effective May 12. Bro. Jack Ward was appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee in the absence of Bro. Paul Butler.

There was some discussion on State Minister's Insurance. A motion was made and seconded to give \$200.00 to the Minister or Wife when death occurs. An Amendment to be retro-active to the death of Rev. Paul Butler. This money is to be paid from the Minister's Retirement Fund.

A motion carried to change Article 16 to read Minister's Benevolent Fund instead of Minister's Retirement.

The following seven men were appointed to serve on a Mission Board for the Blue Ridge Association: Bros. Elisha Fish, Allen Jackson, Michael Metcalf, Wendell Walley, Howard Messer, Ed Hutchinson, and Jeff Runion.

There was some discussion of Minister's Fellowship Dinner. The first Dinner will be April 7th at 5 pm at the Marion Western Steer Steak House. The wives are included. Bro. Ed Hutchinson will give a short Devotion.

A Thank You Card was read from Mrs. Paul Butler.

There was some discussion on updating report forms for Ministers.

Bro. Carl Cook was chosen for speaker for the February Meeting. Bro. Glen Newland was chosen for the Devotion.

Dismissed in Prayer.

April 7, 1990 – The following Ministers and Wives attended the Fellowship Dinner: Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Smith, Rev. & Mrs. Bill Robinson, Rev. & Mrs. Ralph Reep, Rev. & Mrs. Talmadge Brown, Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Miller, Rev. & Mrs. Clyde Nations, Rev. & Mrs. Don Worrell, Rev. & Mrs. Roger Tripp, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Mr & Mrs. Conway Tatham.

Rev. Smith encouraged each one to support our new Mission Board. He appointed Bro. Talmadge Brown and Bro. Clyde Nations to update our Church Letters and Minister's Reports and bring back to the Annual Meeting. Everyone enjoyed the Fellowship Dinner.

The Executive Board met at the Western Steer Steak House on Saturday, April 14, 1990.

Prayer by Bro. Bill Robinson.

The following Ministers were present: Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Howard Messer, Rev. Ed Hill, Rev. Bill Robinson, Rev. Clyde Nations, Rev. Wendell Walley, Rev. Carl Cook, Rev. Donald Worrell, Rev. Roger Tripp, Sister Carrie Padgett, Sister Lucille Tatham

Bro. Howard Messer gave the following Recommendation concerning the Rest Home: Consolidate A & B Bond Programs and Start a new Bond Program by May 1st. \$698,500 appraisal value of Property. Received as information.

Report from Bro. Walley on Blue Ridge Home Mission Board:

1. Work jointly with National.
2. Utilize their contract in hiring Missionaries
3. Target date to begin first project 24 to 36 months
4. Try to raise \$10,000 before beginning a work.
5. Set a designated fee for Blue Ridge Association and get a percentage for Mission work.

Recommendation: Blue Ridge Association authorize Executive Committee to study financial structure of Article 16 and report back at next quarterly meeting.

Recommendation: The Southside Church in Hickory be received into Blue Ridge Association.

Recommendation: Bro. Wendell Walley to be replaced on Ordaining Council. The Annual Program was planned.

**Recommendation to the Blue Ridge Association
from
The Ordaining Council
August 5, 1989**

1. Be notified the Ministerial Credentials of Harvey Dupree have been revoked by the Blue Ridge Association due to unresolved marital problems. Be it resolved this notification be printed in our State Paper, "The Witness".
2. Recommended we send a letter of good standing from the Blue Ridge Association for Rev. Dale McCoy to the Central Quarterly Meeting of the Union Association in East Tennessee and this letter be given to the person of Dale McCoy to be delivered to said Quarterly Meeting.
3. Recommend that we receive David Jerrell of the Boone Quarterly Meeting of West Virginia into our Association.

Bill Robinson, Chairman
Paul Butler
Clyde Nations
Bennie Turner
Wendell Walley

Minutes of the Ordaining Council 4/14/90

Members Present: Carl Cook, Clyde Nations, Bill Robinson and Wendell Walley

The Ordaining Council of the Blue Ridge Association met on April 14, 1990 and the following business was conducted.

1. Interviewed Don Worrell, Pastor of Fairview Free will Baptist Church. A former member of East Nashville FWB Church where he was ordained by the Cumberland Association. Rev. Eddie Hodges, clerk of the Association may be contacted for his letter of good standing.
2. Interviewed Roger Tripp, pastor of Southside FWB Church in Hickory, NC He is a member of the Western Piedmont Bible Fellowship Association. Ted Dixon of the Association may be contacted for a letter of good standing.

The following recommendations were made and voted on:

1. That Rev. Don Worrell be accepted into the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists pending a letter of good standing from the Cumberland Association of Tennessee.
2. That Rev. Roger Tripp be accepted into the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists pending a letter of good standing from the Western Piedmont Bible Fellowship Association of North Carolina.

Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists

Annual Meeting – May 12, 1990

Financial Report

General Fund:

Fund Balance – May 13, 1989	\$ 1,339.17
Received this Year (includes interest)	2,070.51
Offerings Received	<u>219.35</u>
Sub-Total	\$3,629.03

Disbursements:

Clerk's Salary	125.00
Clerk's Expenses	\$ 128.02
State Association Dues	650.00
National Association Dues	260.00
Blue Ridge Association (Dues to State Assoc.)	50.00
Printing of Minutes	1,023.75
Rev. Harry Mintz (offering)	110.00
Lorene's Florist (Butler)	<u>42.00</u>
	\$2,388.77 <u>-2,388.77</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 1,240.26

Youth Board

Total Funds for Year	\$ 732.88
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Local Missions Fund

Fund Balance – May 13, 1989	\$ 4,177.92
Funds Received this Year	855.02
Interest Added	<u>247.92</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 4,853.36

Minister's Fund

Fund Balance – May 13, 1989	\$ 2,152.82
Funds Received this Year	244.28
Interest Added	88.25
Sub-Total	2,485.55
Mrs. Etta Butler	<u>-200.00</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 2,285.55

FWB Bible College Loan Fund

Fund Balance – May 13, 1989	\$ 1,401.37
Funds Received this Year	76.34
Interest Added	<u>42.01</u>
Fund Balance	1,519.72

Southeastern FWB College Loan Fund

Fund Balance – May 13, 1989	\$ 649.50
Funds Received this Year	76.35
Interest Added	42.03
Fund Balance	\$ 767.88

May 12, 1990

	Amount This Quarter	Amount For Year
Asheville		10.00
Avery Creek	19.96	127.15
Calvary		
Canton	45.91	179.44
Cedar Hill	120.42	444.54
Clyde		
Fairview	98.05	413.90
Faith	95.00	240.00
First – Lenoir		100.00
First – Marion	60.00	255.00
Gethsemane		104.19
Harriett Memorial		200.00
Homer's Chapel		35.00
Meadowbrook	85.00	195.00
Meadow Fork		
Nowling Chapel	169.31	663.42
Oakley		
Pisgah	71.00	71.00
Roaring Creek		100.00
Rocky Pass	200.00	520.00
Shelby	30.00	155.00
Sulphur Springs		
Swannanoa		
Sweeten Creek		
Zephyr Hills		150.00
Totals	\$994.65	\$3,963.64

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Padgett, Asst. Treasurer

Statistics of Churches

- Asheville** 7 Elkmont Dr., Asheville, NC. Pastor: Rev. James C. Lynn, 14 Ridgeway Drive, Asheville, NC 28806. Clerk: Charlene Marlowe, 31 Success Avenue, Asheville, NC 28806. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 2, S.S. Enrollment 30, Average Attendance 20, Members Added 5, Members lost 2, Total Membership 68.
- 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 2, No. Ordained Deacons 2. S.S. Enrollment 20, Average Attendance 20. 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 75, Average Attendance 52. Members Added 6, Members Lost 3, Total Membership 145, C.T.S. Enrollment 22, Average Attendance 17.
- 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 75. No. Baptisms 3, Members Added 3, Total Membership 163. C.T.S. Enrollment 10, Average Attendance 10, W.A. Enrollment 20, Average Attendance 15.
- Clyde** 112 Liner St., Waynesville, NC 28786. Pastor: Rev. Carl Cook, 111 Ivy Hill Dr., Waynesville, NC 28786. Clerk: Patricia Farmer, Rt. 3 Box 313, Canton NC 28716. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2. S.S. Enrollment 35, Average Attendance 20. No. Baptisms 8, Members Added 13, Members Lost 8. Total Membership 48, W.A. Enrollment 11, Average Attendance 7.
- Fairview** Rt. 1, Box 455, Marion, NC 28752. Pastor: Rev. Don Worrell, Rt. 1, Box 455, Marion, NC 28752. Clerk: Mrs. Mae Miller, Rt. 1, Box 474, Marion, NC 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 3, No. Ordained Deacons 3, S.S. Enrollment 116, Average Attendance 79. Members Added 2, Members Lost 3, Total Membership 74. W.A. Enrollment 10, Average Attendance 8, M.M. Ave. Attendance 7.
- Faith** 1310 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Pastor: None. Clerk: Tina Metcalf, 154 Rainhill Church Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3. No. Licensed Ministers 2. S.S. Enrollment 45, Average Attendance 30. Members Added 8, Total Membership 74. W.A. Enrollment 15, Average Attendance 9, M.M. Enrollment 14, Ave. Attendance 10.

- 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 30. Members Added 8, Members Lost 2, Total Membership 45.
- 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 194, No. Baptisms 14. Members Added 12, Members Lost 11, Total Membership 209. C.T.S. Enrollment 80, Average Attendance 73. W.A. Enrollment 21, Average Attendance 18.
- 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 32. No. of Baptisms 1, Members Added 4, Members lost 4. Total Membership 40.
- Harriett Memorial** Rt. 1, Box 545, Forest City, NC 28043 Pastor: Rev. Benny Turner, Rt. 1, Box 545, Forest City, NC 28043. Clerk: Mrs. Barbara Fowler, Carolcen, NC 28019 No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 7, S.S. Enrollment 120, Average Attendance 109. No. Baptisms 15, Members Added 22, Members Lost 4, W.A. Enrollment 12, Average Attendance 8. Total Membership 175.
- Homer's Chapel** 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, NC Pastor: Rev. Buddy Henry, 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Clerk: Mrs. Jennifer Nix, 515 Azalea Ave., Black Mountain, NC 28711. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3. Members Added 3, Members Lost 3, Total Membership 100. W.A. Enrollment 12, Average Attendance 11.
- 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 6. S.S. Enrollment 250, Average Attendance 185. No. Baptisms 2, Members Added 17, Members Lost 13, Total Membership 289. C.T.S. Enrollment 100, Average Attendance 100. 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 1, No. Ordained Deacons 5. S.S. Enrollment 175, Average Attendance 90. No. Baptisms 17, Members Added 20, Members Lost 5, Total Membership 179. W.A. Enrollment 20, Average Attendance 14.

Oakley	P.O. Box 5694, Asheville, NC 28803. Pastor: Rev. Boyd Owenby, 86 Old Number Nine, Fletcher, NC 28732. Clerk: Margaret Higgins, P.O. Box 5694, Asheville, NC 28803. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 5. No. of Baptisms 3, Total Membership 59.
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.
Roaring Creek	Newland, NC Pastor: None. Clerk: Deborah Ward, P.O. Box 43, Plumtree, NC 28657. No. Ordained Deacons 4. S.S. Enrollment 60, Average Attendance 40. No. Baptisms 5, Total Membership 80. C.T.S. Enrollment 65, Average Attendance 20. W.A. Enrollment 7, Average Attendance 7.
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 1, No. Ordained Deacons 10. S.S. Enrollment 238, Average Attendance 198. No. Baptisms 5, Members Added 13, Members Lost 7, Total Membership 321. C.T.S. Enrollment 65, Average Attendance 46. W.A. Enrollment 12, Average Attendance 10.
Shelby	403 College Ave., Shelby, NC 28150. Pastor: Dr. Edward Hutchinson, 1005 High Wedge Rd., Shelby, NC 28150. Clerk: Mrs. Dorothy Cook, 505 Cherryville Rd., Shelby, NC 28150. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3. S.S. Average Attendance 84. No. Baptisms 22, Members Added 45, Total Membership 170. C.T.S. Enrollment 35, Average Attendance 30. W.A. Enrollment 20, Average Attendance 12.
Southside	1001 Teakwood, Hickory, NC 28602. Pastor: Rev. Roger Tripp, 1010 Teakwood Rd. Hickory, NC 28602. Clerk: Sybil Tripp, 1010 Teakwood Rd. Hickory, NC 28602. No. Ordained Ministers 1. S.S. Enrollment 40, Average Attendance 32. No. Baptisms 6, Members Added 7, Total Membership 45. W.A. Enrollment 10, Average Attendance 6.
Sulphur Springs	Waynesville, NC 28786. Pastor Rev. Elisha Fish, Rt. 3, Box 212, Candler, NC 28715. Clerk: Mrs. Mary Lanning,
Swannanoa	200 Park St., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Pastor: Rev. Clyde Nations Jr., 202 Park St., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Clerk: Clara Mae Ogle, 133 Dellwood Ave., Swannanoa, NC 28778. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 9. S.S. Enrollment 108, Average Attendance 88. Members Added 3, Members Lost 7, Total Membership 121. C.T.S. Attendance 67. W.A. Enrollment 18, Average Attendance 14.

Zephyr Hills 283 Shelburne Rd., Asheville, NC 28806. Pastor: Rev. Wendell Walley, 13 Auburndale Dr., Asheville, NC 28806. Clerk: Mrs. Lucille Lance, P.O. Box 6036, Asheville, NC 28816. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Licensed Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 6. S.S. Enrollment 137. Average Attendance 82. No. Baptisms 4, Members Added 22, W.A. Enrollment 15, Ave. Attendance 15.

Minister's Report

- Rev. Talmadge Brown:** Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals 2, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 3.
- Rev. Paul Butler:** Deceased 12/31/89. Churches Pastored 1, No. of Conversions 5, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 1.
- Rev. James K. Childers:** Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals 5, No. Funerals 4, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1.
- Rev. Carl Cook:** Churches Pastored 1, No. of Baptisms 8, No. of Conversions 18, No. Revivals 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 5.
- Rev. Elisha W. Fish:** Churches Pastored 1.
- Rev. Milton Hollifield:** Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals 2, No. of Conversions 13, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Baptisms 4, No. Marriages 4, No. Funerals 23.
- Rev. Edward Huthcinson:** Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals 2, No. of Conversions 40, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 22, No. Marriages 3, No. Funerals 8.
- Rev. Gordon L. Johnson:** No. of Conversions 8, No. Marriages 1.
- Rev. James C. Lynn:** Churches Pastored 1, No. of Conversions 6, No. Funerals 4, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 4.
- Rev. Howard Messer:** Churches Pastored 1.
- 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. Clyde Nations:** Churches Pastored 2.
- Rev. Glen F. Newland:** No. Baptisms 4, No. Revivals 1, No. Conversions 4, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1.
- Rev. Boyd Owenby:** Churches Pastored 1, No. Baptisms 3, No. Marriages 1, No. of Conversions 3, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2, No. Funerals 2.

Rev. Willard Pless:	Churches Pastored 1, No. Baptisms 5, No. Marriages 1, No. Conversions 5.
Rev. Ralph Reep:	Churches Pastored 1, No. Baptisms 1, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 2.
Rev. Bill Robinson:	Churches Pastored 1, No. Baptisms 3, No. Revivals 1, No. Funerals 4, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2.
Rev. Roy Shehan:	Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals 1, No. of Conversions 17, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 17, No. Marriages 7, No. Funerals 6.
Rev. Wayne Smith:	Churches Pastored (Interim Service), No. Revivals 2, No. Marriages 3, No. Funerals 5.
Rev. Richard Swann:	Churches Pastored 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 2.
Rev. Roger Tripp:	Churches Pastored 1, No. Baptisms 6, No. Revivals 1, No. Marriages 1, No. Conversions 10, No. Funerals 1, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 3.
Rev. Benny Turner:	Churches Pastored 1, No. of Conversions 22, No. Baptisms 15, No. Revivals 5, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 6, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1.
Rev. William Vaughn:	Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals 3, No. Marriages 4, No. Funerals 8.
Rev. Jack Ward:	Churches Pastored 1, No. Revivals 1, No. of Conversions 11, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1, No. Baptisms 14, No. Marriages 2, No. Funerals 3.
Rev. Don Worrell:	Churches Pastored 1, No. Marriages 1, No. Funerals 3, No. Communion and Footwashing Services 1.

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 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.

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 Minister or Pastor belonging to the Blue Ridge Association, who fails to attend the Associational meetings without just cause, such as sickness, death, or any emergency for a period of one year shall be granted a letter of dismissal.

a- However, if there is just cause for his absence, he may report by Letter.

b- If, however, he does not report or give a justifiable reason for absenteeism, the Ordaining Council will ask for his permission to meet with him in a conciliatory meeting. After said meeting, the Ordaining Council will make report to the Quarterly meeting of the Blue Ridge Association, along with recommendations, etc.

G. Any Church belonging to the Blue Ridge Association who fails deliberately or by neglect to report either by delegation or letter for a period of one year, and does not support the Association financially will be contacted by the Executive Board, after which a report will be made to the next session of the Blue Ridge Association, and action will be taken based upon report, either to drop them from the roll, or to continue to labor with them in love.

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 28%, Education 5%, Youth Board 24%, Minister's Benevolent 8%.

Article 17

The Ordaining Council will meet, as duty demands, one week prior to the Association 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 reprove 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. 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)

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.

