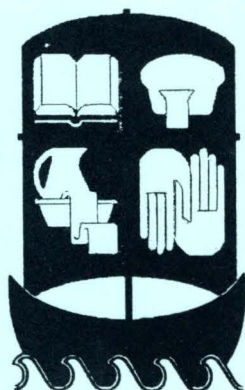


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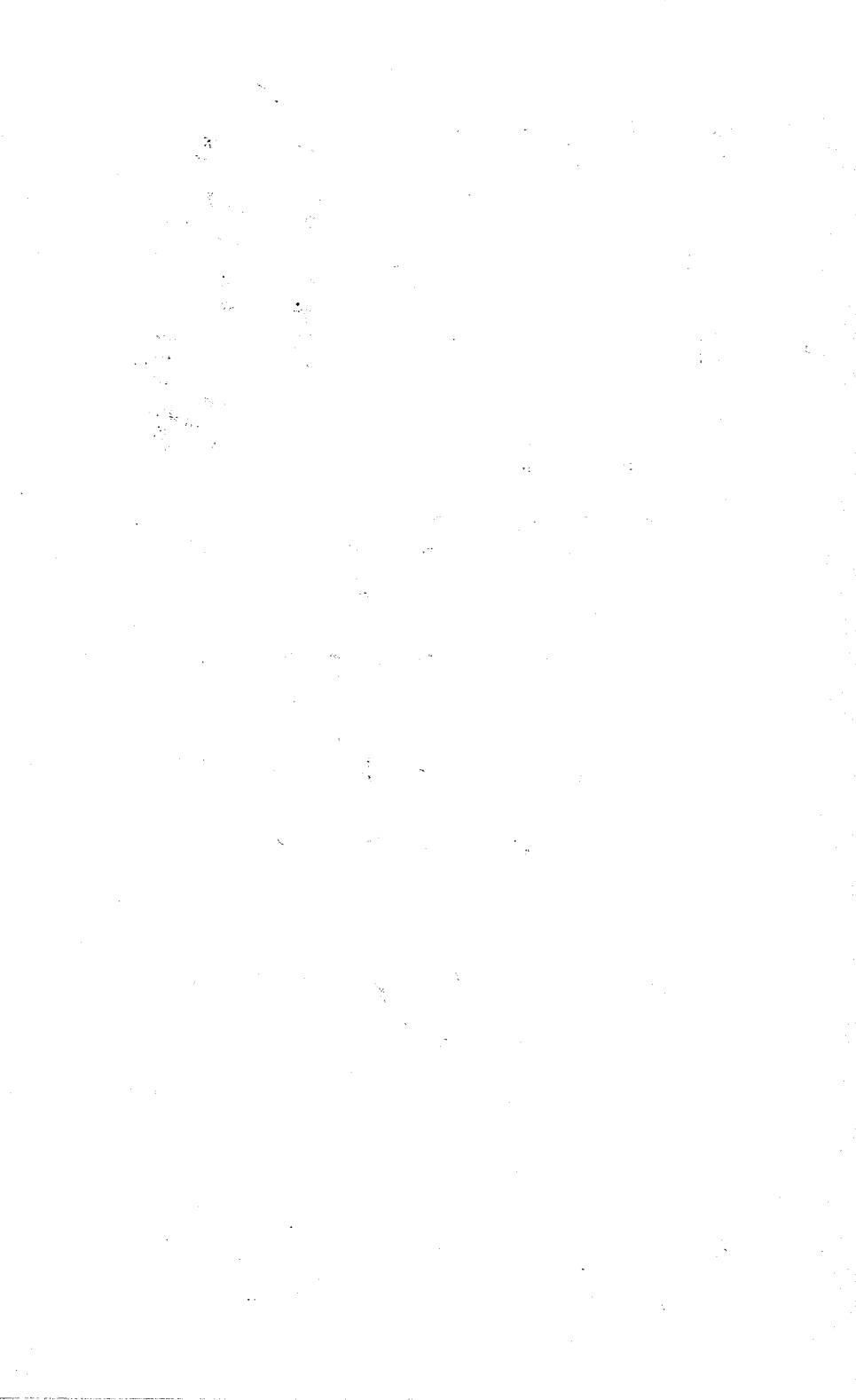


Minutes of the 38th Annual Session

**Held at
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Shelby, NC
May 11, 1991**

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**Minutes
38th Annual Session**

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Free Will Baptist Church
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Rev. Howard Messer (CH)
Rev. Talmadge Brown
Mrs. Lucille Tatham
Rev. Ed Hutchinson
Miss Carrie Padgett
Rev. Don Worrell
Rev. Roger Tripp

Credentials Committee

Rev. Wayne Miller
Rev. Jack Moses
Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick

Finance Committee

Rev. Johnny Hughes
Rev. Wayne Smith
Rev. Bill Robinson

Nominating Committee

Rev. Buddy Henry, Chairman
Rev. Douglas Mathis
Rev. Roger Tripp
Rev. Don Worrell

Ordaining Council

Rev. Carl Cook (1992)
Rev. Benny Turner (1993)
Rev. Clyde Nations (1994)
Rev. Roy Shehan (1995)
Rev. Buddy Henry (1996)

Trustee Board

Rev. Ralph Reep
Bro. Conway Tatham
Rev. Bill Vaughn

Youth Board

Rev. Jeff Runion, Director
Rev. Wayne Miller
Rev. Douglas Mathis
Rev. Rocky Reese
Rev. Dean Goode

Home Mission Board

Rev. Wendell Walley
Rev. Jack Ward
Rev. Roger Tripp
Rev. Milton Hollifield
Rev. Edward Hutchinson
Rev. Don Worrell
Rev. Earl Davis

Associational Churches and Pastors

1. Asheville	Rev. James C. Lynn	254-8744
2. Avery's Creek	Rev. Richard Swann	684-7493
3. Beaverdam	Rev. Dean Good	667-2016
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	Rev. Julius Hall, Sr.	584-7337
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		
17. Nowling's Chapel	Rev. Roy Shehan	433-9623
18. Oakley	Rev. Boyd Owenby	628-2019
19. Pisgah	Rev. Oliver Cagle	238-8568
20. Roaring Creek	Rev. J.D. Wilson	733-5389
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	538-0112
28. Zephyr Hills	Rev. Wendell Walley	253-5487

Ministers

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James K. Childers	Rt. 5, Box 461, Marion, Virginia 24354	(703) 783-5957
Larry Combs	Rt. 1, Box 35, Bostic, NC 28018	245-3291
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Joe Cutshaw	P.O. Box 1281, Fletcher, NC 28732	684-9670
Earl Davis	Rt. 1, Box 432, Marion, NC 28752	652-2370
Fred Freeman	P.O. Box 1323, Marion, NC 28752	652-5674
Elisha Fish	Rt. 3, Box 212, Candler, NC 28715	667-5656
Dean Good	80 Wise Rd., Candler, NC 28715	667-2016
Julius Hall, Sr.	1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655	584-7337
Buddy Henry	202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711	669-2343
Elmer Hensley	24 Pisgah Ave., Asheville, NC 28803	274-2803
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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	220 Rock Hill Rd., Asheville, NC 28803	274-5236
Ed Hutchinson	1003 High Wedge Rd., Shelby, NC 28150	481-1604
Allen Jackson	Rt. 2, Box 243, Marion, NC 28752	738-3097
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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
Doug Mathis	P.O. Box 907, Polkville, NC 28136	538-0112
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Glenn Newland	P.O. Box 675, Shelby, NC 28150	937-9235
Boyd Owenby	86 Old #9, Fletcher, NC 28732	628-2019
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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
Roger Tripp	1010 Teakwood Rd., Hickory, NC 28602	294-3485
Benny Turner	Rt. 1, Box 545, Forest City, NC 28043	657-6062
Dickie Tallent	205 Brentwood Rd., Morganton, NC 28655	584-2703
William Vaughn	P.O. Box 117, Old Fort, NC 28762	668-4609
Gordon Walker	Rt. 2, Box 203, Old Fort, NC 28762	668-4579
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
J.D. Wilson	Rt., Box 281, Newland, NC 28657	733-5389
Don Worrell	Rt. 1, Box 445, Marion, NC 28752	652-6593

**First Quarterly Meeting
of the
Blue Ridge Association
meeting with
Southside F.W.B. Church, Hickory, NC
August 4, 1990**

The First Quarterly Meeting was opened by Rev. Wayne Smith, Moderator.
Prayer by Bro. Wayne Smith
Welcome - Bro. Watson Gasperson
Response - Bro. Ed Hutchinson
Devotion - Rev. Roger Tripp introduced Rev. Eugene Hale - I Thess. 2:17-20.

Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and recognition of Visitors - 16 Churches represented, 19 Ministers, 31 Delegates, 5 Deacons and 3 Visitors. Visitors - Rev. Eugene Hale, Rev. and Mrs. Julius Hall.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report - Sister Carrie Padgett
Youth Board - Bro. Jeff Runion
Rest Home Report - Bro. Bruce Clinediest
Woman's Auxiliary Report - Sister Mae Miller
Credentials Report - Bro. Wayne Miller
M/S/C All reports be received as information.

Bro. Wendell Walley gave a report on the Bible College Dinner, September 16th at the Swannanoa Family Life Center. He encouraged each church and each pastor to attend this dinner.

Executive Report was read. The following recommendations were made:

1. Each church give 1% of their offerings to the Blue Ridge Association, and \$35.00 at the Annual Meeting for the support of State and National Association - (10.00 for State and 25.00 for National). This is to be inserted in Minutes. M/S/C.
 2. All Rest Home Bonds be either turned in now or rolled over to "C" Bonds. M/S/C.
 3. Clerk send two letters each quarter, one to pastor and one to clerk. M/S/C.
- M/S/C to meet with the Roaring Creek Free Will Baptist Church in November.

Worship Service:

Special Singing by Bro. Jeff Runion - "Master of the Wind".

Message by Rev. Doug Mathis - I Cor. 1:26-29 "Remember the Simple Things"

Ordaining Council Report:

The Ordaining Council makes the following recommendation:

Bro. Doug Mathis be accepted in the Blue Ridge Association, pending a letter from the Foothills Association. M/S/C.

Adjourn for lunch. Prayer by Bro. Bill Robinson.

**Second Quarterly Meeting
of the
Blue Ridge Association
meeting with
Roaring Creek F.W.B. Church, Newland, N.C.
November 3, 1990**

The Second Quarterly Meeting was opened by Rev. Howard Messer
Congregational Song - I Would Not Be Denied
Prayer - Bro. Ed Hutchinson
Welcome - Bro. J. D. Wilson
Response - Bro. Jack Ward
Devotion - Bro. Milton Hollifield - Titus 2:11, 12. Rev. Dean Good - Mark 16:15.
Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and recognition of Visitors. 17 Churches
represented, 21 Ministers, 57 Delegates, 1 Visitor - Rev. Julius Hall, Faith Church.
Moderator's Remarks - Bro. Howard Messer on "Preaching the Gospel".
Motion and Second to seat all Delegates

Reports:

Executive Committee Report - Clerk, Lucille Tatham
One recommendation was made: Article 16 - 10% of finances be taken from the
Youth Board and adding this to Mission Board, leaving 14% in Youth Board.
M/S/C to place on table until Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Sister Carrie Padgett
Ordaining Council Report - Bro. Clyde Nations;

Bro. Jeff Runion to be ordained November 10, 1990 at Meadowbrook Church.
Bro. Dean Good to be ordained November 17, 1990.

Youth Board Report given by Rev. Talmadge Brown (See Reports).

Rest Home Report - Rev. Ed Hill - 26 Residents in the Home. Full house and two
on the waiting list. The Rest Home is in the process of buying a van for the
home.

Auxiliary Report by Betty Hill

Credentials Report by Rev. Hollifield

Bro. Roger Tripp gave a report on his church, will burn Note and be established
as a church instead of mission.

Bro. Ed Hutchinson gave a report on his church.

Bro. Brown announced a revival with Bro. Messer.

Bro. Rocky Reese and Bro. Julius Hall gave a report on Faith Church and
building of parsonage.

Bro. Jack Moses reported on Lenoir Church.

M/S/C all reports adopted.

Move by Bro. Eddie Kirkpatrick that Finance Committee be abolished. Motion
Defeated.

Bro. Bill Robinson invited the Association to the Canton Church in February.
Bro. Hutchinson invited the Association to the Shelby Church in May.
Bro. Jack Ward recommended the offering be given to the Rest Home for the van.
Recess:

Worship Hour:

Congregational Singing - "In the Sweet By and By"

Special Song - Bro. Don Oakes, "How Great Thou Art"

Message - Rev. Don Worrell, Rev. 3:14-22

**Third Quarterly Meeting
of the
Blue Ridge Association
meeting with
Canton F.W.B. Church, Canton, N.C.
February 3, 1991**

The Third Quarterly Meeting was called to order by Rev. Howard Messer.

Prayer - Rev. J. D. Wilson

Rev. Bill Robinson led in the singing of "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder".

Welcome - Rev. Bill Robinson

Response - Rev. Jack Ward

Devotion - Rev. William Vaughn - II Tim. 4:10

Roll Call of Ministers and Churches and recognition of visitors.

23 Churches represented, 41 Delegates, 9 Visitors.

Total Recount 111.

Reports:

Executive Board

Treasurer's Report - Sister Carrie Padgett

Ordaining Council Report - Bro. Benny Turner

Recommendations:

1. Bro. Larry Combs be reinstated in this Association as an active member. M/S/C.
2. We recommend Bro. Julius Hall into our membership pending a letter from the Central Association of S.C., M/S/C.

Youth Board Report - Bro. Talmadge Brown (See Reports).

Rest Home - Bro. Ed Hill - all bonds sold, all bills paid, full house. Some on waiting list.

Bro. Messer recommended that each church consider helping Rest Home to air condition older portion of building.

Woman's Auxiliary Report - Sister Betty Hill.

Credentials Committee Report

Finance Committee Report - Bro. Jack Moses - Recommended that offering go to Bible College. M/S/C.

M/S/C to receive the Robinson Creek Church into Blue Ridge Association. Bro. Hollifield recommended that ministers over 80 years of age be placed on an Honorary List - those retired, or sick, or unable to attend the meetings. M/S/C.

M/S/C to adopt all reports.

There was some discussion on the Series "C" bonds. Anyone who has these see Bro. Hill.

Worship Hour:

Congregational Song - "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Prayer by Bro. Robinson

Choir Singing - 2 songs

Message by Rev. Bob Shockey, II Tim. 1:13, 2:2, 2:15, 4:2-3 "Keeping Your Sins of Urgency"

Prayer

Song - Amazing Grace

Benediction and blessing of food.

**38th Annual Session
of the
Blue Ridge Association
meeting with
Shelby F.W.B. Church, Shelby, NC
May 11, 1991**

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Wayne Smith.

Glen Cole led the congregation in singing "Love Lifted Me".

Prayer - Bro. Glen Newland

Welcome - Bro. Edward Hutchinson

Response - Bro. Jack Moses

Devotion - Bro. Fred Freeman, Titus 2:11-15.

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers. Churches represented 19. Ministers 25, Delegates 38, Deacons, 11, Visitors 10.

Visitors recognized: Bro. Tom Lilly, Bro. Bobby Jackson, Bro. Mark Hogan.

Business Session:

Treasurer's Report - Received as information

Youth Board Report - Bro. Jeff Runion (See Reports).

Rest Home Report - Bro. Edwin Hill - The old part of the Rest Home has been air conditioned at a cost of \$15,000. All contributions for this project will be appreciated. There are 27 residents in the home now and one lady waiting for a bed.

Motion carried to adopt this report.

Executive Committee Report read and motion carried to adopt this report as information.

Woman's Auxiliary Report - Sister Betty Hill.

Home Mission Board Report - Bro. Don Worrell gave a report in the absence of Bro. Wendell Walley:

Fayetteville Mission - Bro. Randy Stone reports, "Mission is growing and they are trying to raise money to build a building.

Mathews Mission - Bro. Eugene Hales also sends in a good report. They are trying to raise money to purchase property.

A motion was made and seconded that Blue Ridge Association support the Evangelistic Conference at Meadowbrook Church November 22-23. Motion carried.

Credentials Report - Bro. Wayne Miller

Finance Report - Bro. Jack Moses - Offering received was \$78.42.

Ordaining Council Report - Bro. Benny Turner:

Having met with Rev. Glen Newland, we make the following recommendation: We recommend Bro. Glen Newland of Shelby for ordination.

Respectfully Submitted,
Benny Turner, Secretary
Carl Cook
Buddy Henry
Roy Shehan

A report of our State Work was given by Bro. Tom Lilly:

Mission work is prospering throughout our state. We are making progress in all the various ministries of our state. We are anticipating a new work to begin this year. Great things are in store for us in the future as we continue our missions thrust and church planning endeavors throughout the state of North Carolina. The NC State Association will be meeting with the Rocky Pass Church, June 3-4.

Nominating Committee Report - Bro. Buddy Henry. (See Reports). M/S/C accept report.

A motion was made and seconded to remove from the table the item concerning Article 16 for discussion.
M/S/C to change Article 16 to read:

This Association recommends that each church pay quarterly one percent (1%) of their income for the support of this Association, to be designated as follows:
General Fund 35%, Missions 38%, Education 5%, Youth Board 14%, Minister's Benevolent Fund 8%.

Bro. Howard Messer commented on the book that is being written in honor of Rev. Wayne and Mildred Smith, "Beyond the Mountain Around the Bend - Life Journey of Wayne and Mildred Young Smith".

M/S/C to give Rev. Smith a rising vote of appreciation and \$50.00 out of the treasure for a nice lunch.

Worship Hour:

Congregational Song - Bro. Cole, "At Calvary"

Special Singing, Homeland Trio, "Someday I'll Live There Too", and "I Want to See Jesus".

Prayer - Rev. Bobby Jackson

Message - Rev. Roger Tripp, Matt. 20:20-28, "A Real Servant"

Offering - \$78.42, given to Bro. Tom Lilly

Executive Board Meetings

The Executive Board of the Blue Ridge Association met at the Western Steer Steak House on Saturday, July 28, 1990.

Present: Bro. Wayne Smith, Bro. Ed Hutchinson, Bro. Jack Ward, Bro. Roger Tripp, Bro. Bill Robinson, Bro. Milton Hollifield, Bro. Talmadge Brown, Bro. Ed Hill, Bro. Clyde Nations, Sister Carrie Padgett, Sister Lucille Tatham.

The following recommendations were made:

1. Due to the financial strain in the Blue Ridge Association, recommendation that each church pay quarterly one percent (1%) of their income for the support of the Association and \$35.00 at the Annual Meeting for the State and National Association (\$10.00 for State and \$25.00 for National).
2. This transaction be printed in minutes.
3. All Rest Home Bonds be either turned in now or rolled over to "C" bonds.

The Executive Board of the Blue Ridge Association met at the Western Steer Steak House on Saturday, September 29, 1990.

Bro. Roger Tripp led in prayer.

Present: Bro. and Sister Roger Tripp, Bro. Wayne Smith, Bro. Howard Messer, Bro. Bill Robinson, Bro. Dean Good, Sister Carrie Padgett and Sister Lucille Tatham.

The program for the November meeting was planned.
Rest Home Report was given by Bro. Howard Messer.

Recommendation:

Article 16, M/S/C to take 10% from Youth Board (leaving it 14%) and adding to Mission Fund making it 38%.

Adjourned

The Executive Board of the Blue Ridge Association met at the Western Steer Steak House on Saturday, January 12, 1991.

Present: Bro. and Sister Roger Tripp, Rev. Howard Messer, Rev. Ed Hutchinson, Rev. Bill Robinson, Rev. Clyde Nations, Bro. Lee Roy Melton, Sister Carrie Padgett, Sister Lucille Tatham

The program for the February meeting was planned.

The Nominating Committee was appointed as following:

Rev. Buddy Henry (Chmn.)

Rev. Roger Tripp

Rev. Doug Mathis

Rev. Wendell Walley

Rev. Don Worrell

Bro. Hutchinson made a motion to recommend Bro. Clyde Nations as Chairman of the Ordaining Council. Second - Carried.

Motion made by Bro. Tripp for each church to participate in World Missions Day and receive an offering for foreign missions.

Adjourned

The Executive Board of the Blue Ridge Association met at the Western Steer Steak House on Saturday, April 6, 1991.

Present: Revs. Wayne Smith, Edward Hutchinson, Glen Newland, Clyde Nations, Benny Turner, Carl Cook, Roy Shehan, Roger Tripp, Bill Robinson, Sis. Carrie Padgett and Lucille Tatham.

Prayer - Bro. Clyde Nations

Clerk read minutes of last meeting.

The program for the Annual Meeting was planned.

Adjourned

Nominating Committee Report

Moderator	Rev. Howard Messer
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Talmadge Brown
Clerk	Mrs. Lucille Tatham
Assistant Clerk	Miss Volena Wilson
Treasurer	Miss Carrie Padgett

Executive Committee

Rev. Howard Messer
Rev. Talmadge Brown
Miss Carrie Padgett
Mrs. Lucille Tatham
Rev. Roger Tripp
Rev. Don Worrell
Dr. Edward Hutchinson

Credentials Committee

Rev. Wayne Miller
Rev. Jack Moses
Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick

Youth Board

Rev. Jeff Runion (Director)
Rev. Douglas Mathis
Rev. Wayne Miller
Rev. Dean Good
Rev. Rocky Reese

Home Mission Board

Rev. Wendell Walley
Rev. Milton Hollifield
Rev. Don Worrell
Rev. Jack Ward
Dr. Edward Hutchinson
Rev. Earl Davis
Rev. Roger Tripp

Trustee Board

Bro. Conway Tatham
Rev. Bill Vaughn
Rev. Ralph Reep

Ordaining Council

Rev. Buddy Henry (96)

Finance Committee

Rev. Johnny Hughes
Rev. Wayne Smith
Rev. Bill Robinson

Respectively submitted,

Rev. Buddy Henry, Chairman
Rev. Douglas Mathis
Rev. Roger Tripp
Rev. Don Worrell

Youth Board Reports

November Meeting

1. Youth Camp went great with 48 campers. Next year the Youth Camp will meet at the same place, Camp Joshua in Greenville, TN, July 29-August 3, 1991. We had one unexpected expense at this year's camp and we came out \$200.00 in the red. Therefore, next year's cost will be moved up to \$50.00 for the week
2. Current Youth Balance = \$867.79
3. Youth for the Master will meet November 17, 1990 at 6:00 pm at Fairview FWB in Marion. Meadowbrook Youth Evangelistic Team will present a Musical/Drama entitled "Say Yes To Jesus."

February Meeting

On New Year's Eve, we had a youth event for the association churches. We had 30 young people present from three churches: Meadowbrook, Homer's Chapel, and Swannanoa.

The current youth balance is \$1,347.10

May Meeting

Our previous Youth for the Master Meeting was on Saturday, April 20 at Swannanoa FWB. We had 13 contestants from 4 different churches (Fairview, Meadowbrook, Cedar Hill, Zephyr Hills) for our Youth Competitive Activities. 11 Advanced to the State Youth Conference.

Those going to youth camp need to register by July 1 in order to help us plan accordingly.

There will be a State-Wide Youth Walk-A-Thon for our Home Mission Churches on Saturday, October 12

Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists

Annual Meeting – May 11, 1991

Financial Report

General Fund:

Fund Balance – May 12, 1990	\$ 1,240.26
Received this Year (includes interest)	2,718.23
Offerings Received	<u>219.35</u>
Sub-Total	\$3,958.49

Disbursements:

Clerk's Salary	\$ 125.00
Clerk's Expenses	50.50
Assoc. Dues to State	50.00
State Association Dues	700.00
National Association Dues	280.00
Professional Images (Printing of Minutes)	1,023.75
Elsie's Florist (Messer Service)	42.00
Charge for Printing Checks	10.75
Service Charge	<u>7.94</u>
	\$2,289.94 <u>-2,289.94</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 1,668.55

Youth Board

Total Funds for Year	\$ 842.40
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Local Missions Fund

Fund Balance – May 12, 1990	\$ 4,853.36
Funds Received this Year	982.80
Interest Added	<u>262.23</u>
Sub Total	\$6098.39
NC State Home Missions (Fayetteville)	<u>- 491.39</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 5,607.00

Minister's Benevolent Fund

Fund Balance – May 12, 1990	\$ 2,285.55
Funds Received this Year	280.80
Interest Added	<u>99.88</u>
Sub-Total	2,666.23
Mrs. Walter Sexton	<u>- 200.00</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 2,466.23

FWB Bible College Loan Fund

Fund Balance – May 12, 1990	\$ 1,519.72
Funds Received this Year	87.74
Interest Added	<u>42.72</u>
Fund Balance	1,650.18

Southeastern FWB College Loan Fund

Fund Balance – May 12, 1990	\$ 767.88
Funds Received this Year	87.76
Interest Added	42.74
Fund Balance	\$ 898.38

May 12, 1990

	Amount This Quarter	Amount For Year
Asheville		10.00
Avery Creek	25.38	67.15
Beaverdam	25.00	90.00
Calvary		
Canton	51.07	136.23
Cedar Hill	127.85	471.81
Clyde		35.00
Fairview	121.51	486.50
Faith	78.00	353.00
First – Marion	80.00	260.00
Gethsemane	58.13	138.13
Harriett Memorial	100.00	300.00
Homer's Chapel		35.00
Lenoir	47.00	184.00
Meadowbrook	85.00	135.00
Meadow Fork		
Nowling Chapel	211.53	804.90
Oakley		
Pisgah		108.00
Roaring Creek	120.00	220.00
Rocky Pass		300.00
Shelby	30.00	220.00
Southside		50.00
Sulphur Springs		
Swannanoa		35.00
Sweeten Creek		
Way of The Cross	45.00	172.00
Zephyr Hills	62.25	246.84
Totals	\$1,267.72	\$4,848.56

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 25, Members Added 1, Members lost 2.
- 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.
- Canton** 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 71, Average Attendance 53. No. Baptisms 3, Members Lost 49 (2 deceased, 47 dismissed), Total Membership 96, C.T.S. Enrollment 25, Average Attendance 16.
- 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 101, Average Attendance 68. No. Baptisms 16, Members Added 6, Members lost 1, Total Membership 167. 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 37, Average Attendance 22. No. Baptisms 2, Members Added 2, Members Lost 1. Total Membership 49, W.A. Enrollment 11, Average Attendance 7.
- Fairview** 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 5, S.S. Enrollment 90, Average Attendance 84. No. Baptisms 1, Members Added 10, Members Lost 2, Total Membership 79. C.T.S. Average Attendance 30, W.A. Enrollment 10, Ave. Attendance 9, Masters Men Enrollment 9, Ave. Attendance 7.
- Faith** Pastor: Rev. Julius Hall, Sr. 1310 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Clerk: Tina Metcalf, 154 Rainhill Church Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2 (1 Junior Deacon). No. Licensed Ministers 2. S.S. Enrollment 55, Average Attendance 48. No. Baptisms 8, Members Added 24, Total Membership 89. W.A. Enrollment 15, Average Attendance 8, M.M. Enrollment 12, Ave. Attendance 8.

- 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 2, No. Licensed Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 1. S.S. Enrollment 20, Average S.S. Attendance 38. Members Added 13, Members Lost 4, Total Membership 48.
- First Marion** 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 203, No. Baptisms 23. Members Added 18, Members Lost 2, Total Membership 216. C.T.S. Enrollment 20, Average Attendance 16.
- Gethsemane** Pastor: Rev. Ralph Reep, 385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752. Clerk: Linda Reep, 385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3. S.S. Enrollment 50, Average Attendance 33. No. of Baptisms 5, Members Added 10, Members lost 1. Total Membership 49.
- Harriett Memorial** Pastor: Rev. Benny Turner, Rt. 1, Box 545, Forest City, NC 28043. Clerk: Mrs. Barbara Fowler, Caroleen, NC 28019 No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 7, S.S. Enrollment 125, No. Baptisms 13, Members Added by letter 7, Total Membership 175. W.A. Enrollment 12, Average Attendance 8.
- Homer's Chapel** 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 1, Total Membership 102. W.A. Enrollment 14, Average Attendance 12.
- 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 3. No. Ordained Deacons 5. S.S. Enrollment 265, Average Attendance 193. No. Baptisms 5, Members Added 15, Members Lost 13, Total Membership 293. C.T.S. Enrollment 100, Average Attendance 65. Average Adult Prayer Meeting 50. W.A. Enrollment 15, Average Attendance 12.
- Nowlings Chapel** 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. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 4. S.S. Enrollment 187, Average Attendance 95. No. Baptisms 5, Members Added 5, Members Lost 1, Total Membership 187. 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.

- Pisgah** Pastor: Rev. Oliver Cagle, Rt. 3, Box 219, Canton, NC 28716. Clerk: Mrs. Elizabeth Pless, Rt. 2, Box 435, Canton, NC 28716. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2. S.S. Enrollment 60, Average Attendance 47. Members added 6, Members lost 3, Total Membership 112. Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 15, Average Attendance 13.
- Roaring Creek** Pastor: Rev. J.D. Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 281, Newland, NC 28657. Clerk: Deborah Ward, P.O. Box 43, Plumtree, NC 28657. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 4. S.S. Enrollment 80, Average Attendance 50. Members lost 3, Total Membership 80. W.A. Enrollment 10, Average Attendance 7.
- Robertson Creek** Pastor: Larry Combs, Rt. 1, Box 35, Bostic, NC 28081. Clerk: Mrs. Patsy Poteat, 203 Orchard St., Forest City, NC 28043. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 5. S.S. Enrollment 61, Average Attendance 40. Members Added 2, Members Lost 5, Total Membership 50. C.T.S. Enrollment 65, Average Attendance 46. W.A. Enrollment 5, Average Attendance 4.
- Rocky Pass** 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 134. No Baptisms 9, Members Added 19, Members Lost 19, Total Membership 337. C.T.S. Enrollment 75, Average Attendance 47. W.A. Enrollment 12, Average Attendance 12.
- Shelby** 403 College Ave., Shelby, NC 28150. Pastor: Dr. Edward Hutchinson, 1005 High Wedge Rd., Shelby, NC 28152. Clerk: Mrs. Denise Scruggs, P.O. Box 506, Henrietta, NC 28076. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3. S.S. Enrollment 125, Average Attendance 97. No. Baptisms 16, Members Added 16, Members Lost 4, Total Membership 225 - 145 Active. C.T.S. Enrollment 20, Average Attendance 15. W.A. Enrollment 16, Average Attendance 10.
- Southside** 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 35, Average Attendance 25. No. Baptisms 6, Members Added 4, Members Lost 2, Total Membership 45. W.A. Enrollment 5, Average Attendance 5.
- 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.

The Way Of The Cross

Shelby, NC Pastor: Rev. Douglas Mathis, P.O. Box 607, Polkville, NC 28136. Clerk: Mrs. Joyce Crumpton, Shelby, NC. No. Ordained Ministers 1. No. Ordained Deacons 2. S.S. Enrollment 40, Average Attendance 30. No. Baptisms 21, Members Added 23, Members Lost 4, W.A. Enrollment 12, Average Attendance 8.

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 147. Average Attendance 86. No. Baptisms 4, Members Added 11, Members Lost 1, Total Membership 166. W.A. Enrollment 24, Ave. Attendance 19.

Minister's Reporting

Rev. Talmadge Brown: 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711 Buncombe County. Pastor, Meadowbrook Church. 669-2310.

Rev. Frank Cantrell: 206 Eastwood Ave., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Buncombe County. Pastor Calvary Church. 298-0409.

Rev. James K. Childers, Sr.: Rt. 5, Box 461, Marion, VA 24354. Smyth County. Pastor Adwolfe Church. (703) 783-5957

Rev. Larry R. Combs.: Rt. 1, Box 35, Bostic, NC 28018. Rutherford County. Pastor Robertson Creek Church.

Rev. Fred Freeman: P.O. Box 1323, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Affiliated with Fairview Church. 245-3291.

Rev. Julius R. Hall: 1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Pastored 2 Churches, No. Revivals 1, No. Conversions 18. Feet Washing & Communion Services 2, No. Baptisms 8, No. Funerals 3. Burke County 584-7337.

Rev. Buddy T. Henry: 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Pastor Homer's Chapel Church. No. Conversions 4, No. Baptisms 1, No. Marriages 1. Buncombe County 669-2343.

Rev. Edwin L. Hukk: Administrator, Western Free Will Baptist Rest Home. Rt. 3, Box 41-A, Candler, NC 28715. Affiliated with Zephyr Hills Church. Buncombe County. 667-9902.

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Sr.: Rt. 1, Box 244, Nebo, NC 28761. McDowell County. Pastor Rocky Pass Church. No. Funerals 20, No. Weddings 5, 19 Members Received, 9 Baptisms, 4 Revivals. 652-5798.

Rev. Edward Huthcinson: 1003 High Wedge Rd., Shelby, NC 28150. Cleveland County. Pastor Shelby Church. 481-1604.

Rev. Gordon L. Johnson:	Rt. 1, Box 500, Lot 4, Shelby, NC 28150. Cleveland County. Affiliated with Shelby Church. 482-1244.
Rev. James C. Lynn:	14 Ridgeway Drive, Asheville, NC 28806. Buncombe County. Pastor Asheville Church. 254-8744.
Rev. Douglas Mathis:	P. O. Box 607, Polkville, NC 28136. Cleveland County. Pastor Way Of The Cross Church. 538-0112.
Rev. Wayne Miller:	Rt. 1, Box 473, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Associate Pastor Fairview Church. 652-3360.
Rev. Jack Moses:	Rt. 8, Box 559-C, Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Pastor Lenoir First Church. 584-1863.
Rev. Glenn Newland:	P.O. Box 675, Grover, NC 28073. Cleveland County. Affiliated with Shelby Church. 937-9235.
Rev. Ralph Reep:	385 Arrowhead Trail, Marions, NC 28752. McDowell County. Pastor Gethsemane Church. 738-4238.
Rev. Bill Robinson:	P.O. Box 1346, Canton, NC 28716. Haywood County. Pastor Canton Church. 648-0753.
Rev. Jeff Runion:	100 Aycock Street, Black Mountain, NC 28711. Buncombe County. Minister of Music and Youth, Meadowbrook Church. 669-4903.
Rev. Roy Shehan:	Rt. 6, Box 74, Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Pastor Nowlings Chapel Church.
Rev. Wayne Smith:	314 Altamahaw Ave., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Buncombe County. Affiliated with Meadowbrook Church. 669.2217. Remarks: "I am just filling in and doing Revivals."
Rev. Roger Tripp:	1010 Teakwood Rd., Hickory, NC 28602. Catawba County. Pastor Southside Church. 294-3485. Remarks: "It has certainly been a wonderful first year in the Blue Ridge Association."
Rev. Benny Turner:	Rt. 1, Box 545, Forest City, NC 28043. Rutherford County. 657-6062. Pastor Harriett Memorial Church.
Rev. William S. Vaughn:	P.O. Box 117, Old Fort, NC 28762. McDowell County. 668-4609. Pastor New Home Church. Remarks: "Busy"
Rev. Jack Ward:	250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. 652-4513. Pastor First FWB Church.
Rev. J.D. Wilson:	Rt. 1, Box 281, Newland, NC 28657. Avery County. 733-5389. Pastor Roaring Creek Church.
Rev. Don Worrell:	Rt. 1, Box 445, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. 652-6593. Pastor Fairview Church.

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 38%, Education 5%, Youth Board 14%, Minister's Benevolent 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Articles of Faith

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

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

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

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

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

6. Repentance: We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. "Now I rejoice, not that ye are made sorry, but ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a Godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." (2 Corinthians 7:9-10)

7. Free Grace: We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scripture. "He that shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8)

8. 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." (1 Corinthians 9:14)

Church Covenant

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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