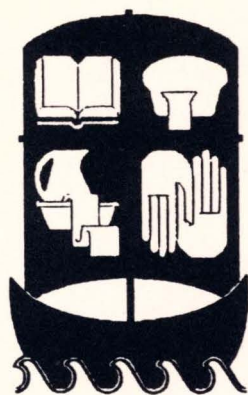


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20. Oakley	Rev. Boyd Owenby	628-2019
21. Pisgah	Rev. Oliver Cagle	238-8568
22. Roaring Creek	Rev. J. D. Wilson	733-5389
23. Robertson Creek	Rev. Don Tindall	248-3811
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25. Shelby	Rev. Edward Hutchinson	482-9744
26. Southside		
27. Sulphur Springs	Rev. Elisha Fish	667-5656
28. Sweeten Creek	Rev. John Moran	
29. Swannanoa	Rev. Clyde Nations	686-5391
30. The Way Of The Cross	Rev. Douglas Mathis	538-0112
31. Zephyr Hills	Rev. Wendell Walley	253-5487

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**FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**of the**  
**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**meeting with**  
**ROARING CREEK F.W.B. CHURCH, NEWLAND, N.C.**  
**August 6, 1994**

The First Quarterly Meeting was opened by the Moderator, Bro. Talmadge Brown. Congregational Singing, *Standing on the Promises*, led by Bro. Daren Dwyer.

Welcome — Bro. J. D. Wilson, Host Pastor

Response — Bro. Doug Mathis

Moderator's Remarks — Bro. Talmadge Brown

Devotion — Bro. Howard Messer — Rom. 12:1, 2.

Welcome and recognition of visitors, roll call of churches and ministers, M/S/C to seat all delegates. 18 churches represented, 26 delegates, 27 ministers and 4 visitors.

**REPORTS:**

Treasurer's Report — Sister Carrie Padgett

Youth Board Report — Rev. Douglas Mathis (See Reports)

Rest Home Report — Bro. Jack Ward (See Reports)

Ordaining Council — Bro. Buddy Henry (See Reports)

Credentials Committee Report — 27 ministers, 26 delegates, and 4 visitors

Finance Committee — to be given at the close of the service

M/S/C to Adopt all Reports.

**SPECIAL REPORTS:**

Bro. Wendell Walley gave a report from our national missions departments. The Arkansas Youth raised \$80,000 for missions last year. He encouraged our Youth Board to promote challenging our youth to "go thou and do likewise." Remember our Benjamin Randall Day for raising support to our Home Missions Department.

Bro. Tom Lilly requested churches to give \$250 to help support the National Association to be held in Charlotte next year. Fees will go from \$10 per church to \$25 per church per year. Thank you for supporting the Witness and please support the Bible Book Store and our N.C. Home Missions program.

Bro. Darien Dwyer announced that Sept. 10 will be FWB Day at Carowinds with special entry price.

A missions report was given for our N.C. missionaries. Bro. Bob Edmonson will begin services in Asheboro the first of November. 80.8% of his support has been raised. Bro. Randy Stone hopes to go self-supporting 1/95 and Bro. Hales in the fall of 1995.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Nominated to be Members at Large on the Executive Board and elected by acclamation were: Bro. Howard Messer, Bro. Willie Sumerlin, and Bro. Christopher Jackson. It was announced that Bro. Fred Freeman went to be with the Lord. M/S/C to donate \$25 to the Fairview FWB Church in memory of Brother Freeman.

Next quarterly meeting should be at Robertson Creek, with Rocky Pass being the alternate.

### **WORSHIP HOUR:**

Special Singing — Host Church's Quartet — *What a Meeting In The Air*, dedicated to Bro. Wayne Smith.

Message — Bro. Christopher Jackson — Eph. 4:15 and 16

Offering taken was \$64.85 and it was voted to make this \$100 and donate it to the Rest Home sealing of their parking lot.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Youth Board Report:**

Camp — We had 51 campers with 6 churches represented. We had one saved, with young people at the altar each night. To God be the glory.

A Youth Revival will be held at Bro. Doug Mathis' church beginning Aug. 25, with Rev. Allen Saylers preaching.

Our Youth for the Master will meet at the Meadowbrook FWB church on Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. with the young people from camp handling the program with singing and skits.

#### **Rest Home Report:**

We now have 29 residents — a full house. A special project is the need to seal the parking lot. Please support the rest home — as you sow so shall you reap.

#### **Ordaining Council Report:**

With all members present we recommend that we rescind the credentials of Glen Newland who has joined a Southern Baptist church. M/S/C.

We have a letter from Southeastern Assoc. of Ala. asking for a letter of good standing for Bro. David Young. M/S/C to give this letter.

Bro. Norris Hawkins was elected Chairman of our board.



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**SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING**  
of the  
**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
meeting with  
**ROBERTSON CREEK F.W.B. CHURCH**  
**November 5, 1994**

The Second Quarterly Meeting was opened by the assistant moderator, Bro. Edward Hutchinson. Congregation singing — *At The Cross*.

Welcome — Bro. Don Tindall

Response — Bro. Benny Turner

Devotion — Bro. Allen Fredell — Romans 1:16-17

Moderator's Remarks — Bro. Talmadge Brown — Prov. 8:15, Prov. 29:2

Welcome and recognition of visitors, roll call of churches and ministers, M/S/C to seat all delegates. 18 churches represented, 46 delegates, 26 ministers, and 5 visitors. A motion was made by Bro. Julius Hall to delete Bro. Michael Metcalf's name from our ministers roll. Bro. Hall has been Bro. Metcalf's pastor and has talked with him about this several times. M/S/C.

New ministers, licensed by their churches, were introduced to our conference: Terry McDaniel, Vernon Marlowe, Scott Patton, and Allen Salyers.

**REPORTS:**

Treasurer's Report — Sister Carrie Padgett

Youth Board Report — Bro. Doug Mathis (see Reports)

Rest Home Report — Bro. Jack Ward (see Reports)

Ordaining Council — No Report

Executive Committee — Anita Messer

Woman's Auxiliary — Sister Martha Taylor (see Reports)

Credentials Committee — 26 ministers, 46 delegates, 5 visitors

Finance Committee — \$116 offering received today

Home Missions Committee — Bro. Edward Hutchinson (see Reports)

**WORSHIP HOUR:**

Congregational Singing — *When We All Get To Heaven*

Special Singing — James and Nancy Cole — *Love Lifted Me*

Message — Bro. Willie Sumerlin — Matt. 16:13-19

Standing vote of appreciation to the host church.

Dismissal

**REPORTS:**

**Youth Board Report:**

As of August 6, 1994, the Youth Fund contained \$1,619.23. As of Nov. 5, 1994, the

Youth Fund was \$2,010.41. The Youth for the Master will meet at Gethsemane FWB Church November 19, 1994, at 6 P.M. for Competition Practice and 7 P.M. for a service.

### **Rest Home Report:**

The Western FWB Rest Home is now full. We appreciate the \$100 given by the Blue Ridge Association to help with paving the parking lot. The new sign is now in place. Bro. Ward emphasized that this home is a ministry.

### **Woman's Auxiliary:**

Carlisle and Marie Hanna, missionaries to India, met with our district auxiliary at Fairview in October, along with Sherwood Lee. Sister Martha Taylor, acting president of our district, encouraged all churches to participate in our Woman's Auxiliary. If you do not want to participate in the National Association of the Woman's Auxiliary you can participate in the district. The next meeting will be at the First FWB Church in Marion, the first Saturday in April.

### **Finance Committee:**

The National Association has requested each district association in North Carolina contribute \$500 toward the expenses of the National Association meeting in Charlotte, N.C. next year. The Finance Committee suggested that our offering today be sent for this project and enough added to send the \$500. M/S/C.

All churches are encouraged to give the requested \$250 for the expenses of the National Association and to send this to Bro. Tom Lilly.

All churches are encouraged to give the requested 1% to the Blue Ridge Association (Article 16 in our Constitution and By Laws).

### **Home Missions:**

A recommendation was made that we assume responsibility of mission work at the Southside Free Will Baptist Church, Hickory, N.C. for supervision and support as has been recommended by the North Carolina State Mission Board of FWB. We recommend that the Blue Ridge Association give local mission board the authority to hire a missionary and establish all necessary guidelines as approved by the N.C. State Mission Board. We further recommend that the Blue Ridge Association subsidize the current salary with an additional \$150.00 per week for one year with an evaluation after the first year. M/S/C. A report was given by Mr. Grant, a member of Southside FWB Church, that the attendance has been increasing and they will appreciate the help of our association.

A recommendation for a replacement on this board of Bro. Roger Tripp, was Bro. Doug Mathis who would complete Bro. Tripp's term. M/S/C.

### **New Business:**

Next Quarterly meeting will meet at Rocky Pass FWB Church on the first Saturday in February.

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board met at the Western Steer Steak House in Marion, NC on October 21, 1994.

Members present were: Revs. Talmadge Brown, Edward Hutchinson, Howard Messer, Willie Sumerlin, and Christopher Jackson, Miss Carrie Padgett and Mrs. Anita Messer

Plans were made for the November Quarterly Meeting to be held at the Robertson Creek FWB Church in Bostic, on November 5, 1994.

Message — Rev. Willie Sumerlin

Devotion — Rev. Allen Fredell

Response — Rev. Howard Pittman

The Executive Board would like to encourage all Blue Ridge Association churches to send \$250 to our state office to help with the expenses of hosting the National Association in Charlotte, N.C. next year.

The Executive Board would like to encourage all Blue Ridge Association churches to support Project 42 — an effort for Carlisle and Marie Hanna who have been missionaries to India for 42 years. They are home on furlough but hope to return to India in February. Their account is now in the red and this needs to be erased before they return to the foreign field.

Meeting was adjourned.

**THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**of the**  
**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**meeting with**  
**ROCKY PASS F.W.B. CHURCH,**  
**Marion, N.C.**  
**February 4, 1995**

The Third Quarterly Meeting was opened by the Moderator, Bro. Talmadge Brown. Congregational singing was led by Rev. Milton Hollifield.

Welcome — Rev. Milton Hollifield

Response — Rev. Earl Davis

Devotion — Rev. Earl Davis

Recognition of visitors, Rev. and Mrs. Tom Lilly: Roll Call of churches with 14 churches represented, and ministers with 17 ministers represented. 33 delegates were registered. M/S/C to seat all delegates.

**REPORTS:**

Treasurer's Report — Sister Carrie Padgett

Youth Board Report — Bro. Doug Mathis (See Reports)

Woman's Auxiliary Report — Sister Martha Taylor

Home Missions Report — Bro. Rocky Reese is serving as Interim Pastor

**SPECIAL REPORT:**

Bro. Tom Lilly — reported on a 60/40 Plan of support for our denominational ministries, and asked each church to contribute. A Newsletter will be published each month until after the National Convention, at which time it will be determined whether further printing will continue. He discussed the benefits of the 60/40 Plan and stressed the need of each minister's help. Bro. Lilly announced a meeting planned on Feb. 28 at the Oak Grove FWB Church on Mineral Springs Road in Durham.

M/S/C to adopt all the reports as given.

A Nominating Committee was appointed by the Moderator as follows: Rev. Benny Turner, Rev. Wendell Walley, and Rev. Doug Mathis.

The next meeting will be held May 13, 1995 at the Shelby F.W.B. Church.

No New Business.

**WORSHIP HOUR:**

Congregational Singing — *At Calvary.*

Special Singing by Rocky Pass Duet — Joann Davis and George Rollo: *Let the World of the Lord Dwell in Me and Tell Everyone You Know.*

Message — Bro. Ed Hutchinson — Matt. 16:13-18 *What is Right With the Church.*

Song — *Have Thine Own Way Lord.*

Finance Committee Report – \$53.00 received. Will be sent to the National Convention.

An Altar Prayer for Everyone.

Dismissed by Bro. Christopher Jackson.

### YOUTH BOARD REPORT:

The Youth for the master met November 19, 1994 at the Gethsemane F.W.B. Church in Marion. We had a good attendance of 127.

The Youth for the Master will meet Feb. 18, 1995 at the Calvary F.W.B. Church in Swannanoa.

The State of N.C. Free Will Baptists have been asked to raise \$75,000 to \$100,000 for missions. A letter from Bro. Daren Dwyer gives various ideas on how this goal can be met. We need 100% of our churches, pastors, and youth to get involved. Please pray and work for this worthwhile goal. A copy of the ideas from Bro. Dwyer was distributed to all those present.

Youth Fund Financial Report as of Feb. 4, 1995:

Balance as of 11/5/94 .....	\$1,977.47
Check from Blue Ridge Association .....	+ 32.94
U.S. Postage .....	- 9.86
Dep. Youth for Mis. offering .....	+ 47.35
Interest for Nov. ....	+ 3.28
Interest for Dec. ....	+ 3.92
Check from Blue Ridge Association .....	+ 79.07
Interest for Jan. ....	+ 4.35
Balance as of 2/4/95 .....	\$2,138.52

## **Executive Board Meeting**

The Executive Board of the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist Churches met at the Western Steer Steak House in Marion, NC on January 20, 1995.

Members present were: Revs. Talmadge Brown, Edward Hutchinson, Howard Messer, Willie Sumerlin, and Christopher Jackson; Miss Carrie Padgett and Mrs. Anita Messer.

Plans were made for the February Quarterly Meeting to be held at the Rocky Pass FWB Church in Marion, on February 4, 1995.

Message – Rev. Ed Hutchinson

Devotion – Rev. J. D. Wilson

Response – Rev. Earl Davis

Plans also were made for the May Quarterly Meeting to be held at the Shelby FWB Church in Shelby, on May 13, 1995.

Message – Rev. Milton Hollifield

Devotion – Rev. David Young

Response – Rev. Howard Messer

Meeting was adjourned.

**FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**  
**of the**  
**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**meeting with**  
**SHELBY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**SHELBY, N.C.**  
**May 13, 1995**

The Forty-Second Annual Session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Talmadge Brown.

Congregational Singing was led by Rev. Daren Dwyer.

Welcome — Host Pastor, Rev. Edward Hutchinson

Response — Rev. Howard Messer

Devotion — Rev. David Young

Prayer — Rev. David Young

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers. Churches represented 18, Ministers 23, Delegates 43, Visitors 5.

M/S/C to seat Delegates

**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report** — Carrie Padgett (See Reports). M/S/C to adopt.

**Youth Board** — Rev. Doug Mathis (See Reports). M/S/C to adopt.

**Rest Home Report** given by Rev. Jack Ward, Administrator:

1. Full House since July 1994.
2. Project Ninety Five — Each Church is asked to give \$95.00 to help purchase a Van for the Home. \$18,000 is needed for this project.
3. Beginning a Newsletter for the Home in the near future.
4. Planning to have a Booth at the National Association.

M/S/C to Adopt this Report.

**Executive Board** did not meet and does not have a report.

**Woman's Auxiliary Report** was given by Martha Taylor, acting president of the District. Total Received: \$11,895.85; Total Paid Out: \$11,378.61; Balance in Treasury: \$517.24. We met all our project goals:

1. Help Support 16 Missionaries
2. Special Vehicle for Molly Barker
3. Foreign Mission — Mexican Pastor
4. Children's Home, Greenville, Tenn.
5. Rest Home Sign

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The District will meet at Harriett Memorial Church October 7.

109 Members — 41 present. M/S/C to Adopt this Report.

**Home Mission Board Report** — Rev. Edward Hutchinson: Bro. Benny Turner will be in Revival at the Hickory Mission. The Home Mission Board is now considering a potential Pastor for the Hickory Mission Church, and hope to be making an announcement soon.

It was voted to increase the Salary of the Hickory Mission Church to \$650.00 per week, the Church providing \$450.00 per week and the Association \$200.00 per week. Salary will be reviewed every six months.

M/S/C to Adopt this Report.

**Credentials Committee** — was given by Rev. Julius Hall. M/S/C .

**Finance Committee Report** — was given by Rev. Wayne Miller:

Offering \$75.00. A motion was made to take \$75.00 from Treasury, making a Total of \$150.00 to go toward the purchasing of a Van for Rest Home. S/C.

M/S/C to send Mrs. Homer Arrowood \$25.00 in memory of Rev. Homer Arrowood. Bro. Jack Moses thanked the Association for the Flowers sent in memory of his Mother.

**Ordaining Council Report** — given by Rev. Roy Shehan. Recommendations:

1. Send a letter of recommendation for Bro. Roger Tripp to the South Carolina Conference. Bro. Tripp has accepted the Pastorate at New Town F.W.B. Church at Lake City, S.C.
2. Send a letter of recommendation for Bro. Howard Messer to the Appalachian Association of Tenn. Bro. Messer has accepted the Pastorate of Eastside F.W.B. Church of Elizabethton, Tenn.
3. Send a letter of recommendation for Bro. Buddy Henry to the Vernon Association of Alabama. Bro. Henry has accepted the Pastorate of Cooper F.W.B. Church of Fayette, Alabama.
4. Bro. Alan Sailors' name be added to our Minister's Roll. He is a member of The Way Of The Cross Church.
5. Ministers in the Shelby Church be added to our Minister's Roll.
6. Request a Letter for Rev. David Young.

M/S/C to accept these recommendations.

## Youth Board Report:

Youth Fund as of February 4, 1995:

Balance in Treasure February 4, 1995 .....	\$2138.52
Deposit 2/21/95 .....	191.66
Postage for Quarter .....	52.14
Interest for Quarter .....	13.42
Youth For The Master Offering .....	51.68
Randall House Camp Supplies .....	185.90
Ken — Cash for State Registration .....	160.00
Check from Blue Ridge Association .....	<u>293.32</u>
Total Balance 5/13/95 .....	\$2190.56

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Douglas Mathis

M/S/C to adopt this Report.

## Nominating Committee Report:

Recommendations:

1. Clerk — Lucille Tatham to fill the unexpired term of Sister Anita Messer.
2. Ordaining Council — Bro. Roy Shehan to succeed himself on this Board; Bro. Howard Pittman to replace Bro. Buddy Henry.
3. Youth Board — Bro. Doug Mathis, Director
4. Executive Committee — Bro. David Young replace Bro. Howard Messer.
5. Home Mission Board — Bro. David Young replace Bro. Howard Messer.

M/S/C to accept these recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Benny Turner, Chmn.  
Rev. Douglas Mathis  
Rev. Wendell Walley

## WORSHIP HOUR:

Special Singing by the Host Church.

Message by the Rev. Milton Hollifield, Sr. — *Conquer or Compromise, Romans 8:3.*

A standing vote of appreciation was given to Bro. and Sister Messer.

A standing vote of appreciation was given to the Host Church.

The next Conference will be at the Southside F.W.B. Church, August 5, 1995.

Adjourned.



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**Blue Ridge Free Will Baptist Association**  
**Annual Meeting – May 13, 1995**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Fund Balance – May 14, 1994	\$2,649.82
Receipts for Year	<u>3,910.09</u>
Sub-Total	\$6,559.91

**Disbursements:**

Talmadge Brown (Plaque for Clerk)	\$ 47.70	
Muriel Gainer	100.00	
Clerk's Salary	125.00	
State Association Dues	750.00	
National Association Dues	280.00	
Black Mtn. Printing (Minutes)	903.97	
Fairview Church (Memorial for Bro. Fred Freeman)	25.00	
WFWB Rest Home (Park. Lot Sealer)	100.00	
Clerk's Expenses	75.96	
W. Steer Steak House (Meals for Executive Board)	51.34	
Travel (Howard Messer and Ed Hutchinson)	88.00	
Check Order Fee	10.95	
National Association Expenses	803.00	
Meadowbrook Florist		
Jack Moses' Mother)	<u>40.00</u>	
Total	\$3,400.92	<u>- 3,400.92</u>

<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 3,158.99</b>
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**YOUTH BOARD**

<b>TOTAL FUNDS THIS YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 851.04</b>
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**LOCAL MISSIONS FUND**

Fund Balance – May 14, 1994	\$12,443.26
Receipts for Year	2,736.36
Interest Added	337.92
Matured Bond (Rest Home)	<u>483.18</u>
Sub-Total	\$16,000.72

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NC State Home Missions (Fayetteville)	- 1,154.97
W. Steer Steak House (Meals for Home Missions Bd.)	- 32.95
Travel (Rev. John Moran and Rev. Ed Hutchinson)	- 130.68
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$14,682.12</b>

#### **MINISTER'S BENEVOLENT FUND**

Fund Balance – May 14, 1994	\$6,787.92
Receipts for Year	486.30
Interest Added	148.63
Matured Bond (Rest Home)	483.19
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$7,906.04</b>

#### **FWB BIBLE COLLEGE LOAN FUND**

Fund Balance – May 14, 1994	\$4,494.68
Receipts for Year	151.96
Interest Added	65.06
Matured Bond (Rest Home)	483.19
Loan Reimbursement (Jeff Runion and Rocky Reese) \$500 each	1,000.00
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,494.68</b>

#### **SOUTHEASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE LOAN FUND**

Fund Balance – May 14, 1994	\$1,475.13
Receipts for Year	151.97
Interest Added	65.06
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$1692.16</b>

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	<u>TOTAL THIS QUARTER</u>	<u>TOTAL FOR YEAR</u>
Asheville	\$	\$ 25.00
Avery Creek	10.00	40.00
Beaverdam		
Calvary		236.37
Camp Branch		
Canton		35.00
Cedar Hill	148.45	568.94
Fairview	160.44	478.94
Faith	200.00	635.00
Fellowship		35.00
First - Marion	80.00	275.00
Gethsemane	36.97	286.58
Harriett Memorial	200.00	435.00
Homer's Chapel		122.50
Lakeview	69.09	345.53
Lenoir	80.00	365.46
Meadowbrook	451.98*	666.42
Meadow Fork		35.00
Nowling Chapel	240.81	916.25
Oakley	51.24	259.79
Pisgah	52.00	255.00
Roaring Creek	113.82	262.30
Robertson Creek		
Rocky Pass	200.00	600.00
Shelby	30.00	405.00
Southside	250.00	340.00
Sulphur Springs		35.00
Swannanoa	100.00	200.00
Sweeten Creek		
The Way of the Cross	140.43	325.95
Zephyr Hills	41.87	\$320.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,657.10</b>	<b>\$8,505.70</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie Padgett, Treasurer

## STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

Asheville	Pastor: . Clerk: Charlene Marlowe, 31 Success Avenue, Asheville, NC 28806. 254-6207. No. Ordained Ministers 0, No. Ordained Deacons 3.
Avery's Creek	Pastor: Rev. Bob Fox, 1011 Riverside Drive, Asheville, NC 28804. Clerk: Carolyn Swann, 21 Oteen Park Place, Asheville, NC 28805.
Camp Branch	Pastor: Rev. Ernest Messer, 304 Smathers St., Waynesville, NC 28786. Clerk: Kate Young, 317 Brown Ave., Hazelwood, NC 28739. 299-8947. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3, No. Baptisms 2, No. Members Added 1, No. Members Lost 2, Total Membership 47, S.S. Enrollment 25.
Canton	Pastor: Clerk: Mrs. Helen Hamlett, 26 Flint St., Canton, NC 28716. No. Ordained Deacons 3, No. Members Added 1, No. Members Lost 2, Total Membership 87. S.S. Enrollment 56.
Cedar Hill	Pastor: Clerk: Nancy Cole, 36 Brooks Branch Road, Leicester, NC 28748. 683-3319. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 4, S.S. Enrollment 120, Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 20.
Fairview	Pastor: Rev. Willie Summerlin, Rt. 1, Box 445, Marion, NC 28752. Clerk: Mrs. Betty Miller, Rt. 1, Box 473, Marion, NC 28752. 652-3463. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Licensed Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 10, No. Members Added 2, No. Members Lost 3, Total Membership 76 S.S. Enrollment 95, Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 9, Master's Men Enrollment 7.
Faith	Pastor: Rev. Julius Hall, 1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton NC 28655. Clerk: Renée Campbell, 5197 Reese Store Avenue, Morganton, NC 28655. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 4, No. Members Added 10, No. Members Lost 5, Total Membership 125, S.S. Enrollment 75, C.T.S. Enrollment 9, Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 10.
First Lenoir	Pastor: Rev. Jack Moses, 2353 Conley Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Clerk: Gwendolyn Key, 102 Willow St., Lenoir, NC 28645. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 2, No. Baptisms 2, No. Members Added 9, No. Members Lost 2, Total Membership 75.
First Marion	Pastor: Rev. Christopher P. Jackson, 250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752. Clerk: Hank Taylor, P.O. Box 784, Marion, N.C. 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 7. No. Members Added 1, No. Members Lost 2, Total Membership 210, S.S. Enrollment 203, C.T.S. Enrollment 60, Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 15.

<b>Gethsemane</b>	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 2. No. Baptisms 5, No. Members Added 10, Total Membership 57, S.S. Enrollment 50.
<b>Harriett Memorial</b>	Pastor: Rev. Benny Turner, Rt.1, Box 545, Forest City, NC 28043. Clerk: Ellen Robertson, Forest City, NC 28043. No. Licensed Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 5, No. Baptisms 11, Members Added 12, Members Lost 2, Total Membership 215, C.T.S. Enrollment 25, Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 14.
<b>Homer's Chapel</b>	Pastor: Rev. David Young, 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain NC 28711. Clerk: Teresa Stone, 2066 North Fork Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3, No. Baptisms 2, No. Members Added 9, No. Members Lost 2, Total Membership 80, S.S. Enrollment 45, Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 15.
<b>Lakeview</b>	Pastor: Rev. Howard Pittman, 1016 Lakecrest Ave., High Point, NC 27265. Clerk: Betty Draughn, Rt. 2, Box 472, Old Greensboro Rd., High Point, NC 27265. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Baptisms 2, Members Added 3, Total Membership 40, S.S. Enrollment 50.
<b>Meadowbrook</b>	Pastor: Rev. Talmadge Brown, 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Clerk: Mrs. Sonya Grindstaff, P.O. Box 1619, Old Fort, NC 28762. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 9, No. Baptisms 8, No. Members Added 6, No. Members Lost 118, Total Membership 224, Sunday School Enrollment 270, C.T.S. Enrollment 110, Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 15.
<b>Meadow Fork</b>	Pastor: Rev. Willard Pless, 203 Academy St., Canton, NC 28716. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Baptisms 2, No. Members Added 2, Total Membership 15, S.S. Enrollment 20.
<b>Nowlings Chapel</b>	Pastor: Rev. Roy Shehan, 3311 US 64, Morganton, NC 28655. Clerk: Shirley Davis, Rt. 8, Box 506, Morganton, NC 28655. 584-2228. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3, Total Membership 165, S.S. Enrollment 165, Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 20.
<b>Roaring Creek</b>	Pastor: Rev. J. D. Wilson, Rt.1, Box 281, Newland, NC. 28657. Clerk: Deborah Ward, P.O. Box 43, Plumptree, NC 28664. 765-7013. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 4, Total Membership 80, S.S. Enrollment 80, Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 8.

## Rocky Pass

Pastor: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Sr., Rt.1, Box 244, Nebo, NC 28651. Clerk: Betty McKinney, Rt. 6, Box 666, Marion, NC 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 8, No. Baptisms 4, No. Members Added 6, No. Members Lost 4, Total Membership 350, S.S. Enrollment 163, C.T.S. Enrollment 69, Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 10.

## Shelby

Pastor: Rev. Edward Hutchinson, 1003 High Wedge Rd., Shelby, NC 28152. Clerk: Virginia Lee Heafner, 301 Lily St., Shelby, NC 28152. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2, No. Baptisms 6, No. Members Added 11, No. Members Lost 7, Total Membership 185, S.S. Enrollment 104, C.T.S. Enrollment 44, Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 25.

## The Way of The Cross

Pastor: Rev. Douglas Mathis, P.O. Box 607, Polkville, NC 28136. Clerk: Barbara Mayhue, 405 Monica Dr., Shelby, NC 28150. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Baptisms 6, No. Members Added 11, Total Membership 79, S.S. Enrollment 55, C.T.S. Enrollment 14, Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 12.

## Suggestions For Guidelines For The Blue Ridge Association Youth Camp

1. Girls are allowed to wear slacks, but are to wear Dresses to the Worship Services.
2. Items listed below may not be worn to Youth Camp:
  - (a) No clothes advertising rock personalities, albums, songs, or etc.; beer advertisements; suggestive remarks; tobacco advertisements; or country western singers.
  - (b) No jams, shorts, mini-skirts, walking shorts, tank tops, shirts leaving the midsection exposed, or made of mesh material, permitted by boys or girls.
  - (c) No low-cut apparel should be worn. All clothes should be loose fitting. No tight pants on boys or girls. No tight dresses, skirts, or blouses on girls. Clothing on girls must come to the knees or below.
3. Physical contact will not be allowed. This policy will be strictly adhered to. (Some examples to be avoided are: handholding, heads on shoulders, back rubs, sitting on laps, arms around shoulders or waists, and kissing). The Bible is clear concerning physical contact prior to marriage. In Thess. 4:3-7 God outlines the principles of defrauding and stealing one's honor and respect through physical contact.
4. No tobacco is to be used while at camp.
5. We ask that campers treat each other with respect. Food fights or throwing of items will not be tolerated.
6. No one is to go off alone. Dating couples must stay with a group at all times.

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## Minister's Report

- Rev. Talmadge Brown:** 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mtn., N.C., 28711. Buncombe County. Pastor, Meadowbrook Church. 669-2310.
- Rev. James Childers, Sr.:** Rt. 5, Box 461, Marion, Va., 24354. Smyth County. Pastor Adwolfe Church, (703) 783-5957. *Remarks:* "I appreciate you allowing me to continue to be a member of the Blue Ridge Association."
- Rev. Daron Dwyer:** 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Buncombe County. Affiliated with Meadowbrook Church. 669-9150.
- Rev. Dean Good:** 472 Buckeye Access Rd., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Buncombe County. Interim Pastor at Canton Church. 299-9387.
- Rev. Julius Hall, Sr.:** 1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Pastor Faith Church. *Remarks:* "We love the Blue Ridge Association. 584-7337."
- Rev. Milton A. Hollifield, Sr.:** Rt. 1, Box 244, Nebo, NC 28761. McDowell County. Pastor, Rocky Pass Church. *Remarks:* 11 Funerals, 5 Weddings, 1 Revival, 4 Baptisms, 1 Communion & Feet Washing Service, 6 Members Added. 652-5798.
- Rev. Edward Hutchinson:** 1003 High Wedge Rd. Shelby, N.C. 28152. Cleveland County. Pastor, Shelby Church. 481-1604.
- Rev. Allen Jackson:** Rt. 2, Box 243, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Pastor Hill Crest Church. 738-3907. *Remarks:* "Sorry I have not been able to attend the Meetings, due to my work at Ridgecrest Conference Center. Will be going into the Hospital May 9. Please remember me in your prayers."
- Rev. Christopher Jackson:** 250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Pastor, First Church, Marion. 652-4513. *Remarks:* "Please pray that our Church will grow."
- Rev. Gordon L. Johnson:** 107 Dakar Dr., Shelby, NC 2815. Cleveland County. Affiliated with Shelby Church. 482-1244. *Remarks:* "Please help me pray for the people in Cuba."
- Rev. James C. Lynn:** 14 Ridgeway Dr., Asheville, NC 28806. Buncombe County. 254-8744. Affiliated with Cedar Hill Church. *Remarks:* "I resigned the Asheville Church January, 1995. Filling in for Pastors in Blue Ridge Assoc. "

<b>Rev. Doug Mathis:</b>	P.O. Box 607, Polkville, N.C., 28136. Cleveland County. Pastor, The Way of The Cross Church. 538-0112.
<b>Rev. Terry McDaniels:</b>	1352 Hwy. 221-A, Forest City, NC 28043. Church affiliation Harriett Memorial Church.
<b>Ernest Messer:</b>	304 Smathers St., Waynesville, NC 28786. Haywood County. Supply Pastor. 452-2755.
<b>Rev. Howard Messer:</b>	227 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, NC 28806. Buncombe County. Pastor, Cedar Hill Church. 254-0369.
<b>Rev. Wayne Miller:</b>	Rt.1, Box 473, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Affiliated with Fairview Church. 652-3360.
<b>Rev. Jack Moses:</b>	2353 Conley Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Pastor, Lenoir Church. 584-1863.
<b>Rev. Scott Patton:</b>	5169 Pea Ridge Road, Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Affiliated with Faith Church. 584-9225.
<b>Rev. Howard Pittman, Sr:</b>	1016 Lakecrest Ave., High Point, NC 27265. Guilford County. (910) 869-3450. Pastor, Lakeview Church.
<b>Rev. Willard Pless:</b>	203 Academy St., Canton, NC 28716. Haywood County. Pastor, Meadow Fork Church. <i>Remarks:</i> "Pray for us. Sorry I was unable to attend the Association, Pat was sick and I was afraid to leave." 648-8145.
<b>Rev. Ralph Reep:</b>	385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Pastor, Gethsemane Church. 738-4238.
<b>Rev. Roy Shehan:</b>	3311 US 64, Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Pastor, Nowlings Chapel Church. 433-9623.
<b>Rev. Alan Sailors:</b>	124 Garrett Dr., Shelby, NC 28152. Cleveland County. Affiliated with The Way Of The Cross Church. 484-3842.
<b>Wayne Smith:</b>	314 Altamahaw Ave., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Buncombe County. Affiliated with Meadowbrook Church. <i>Remarks:</i> "I am available for Revivals, Interim Pastor, or filling in wherever needed." 669-2217.
<b>Rev. Willie Sumerlin:</b>	Rt. 1, Box 445, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Pastor, Fairview Church. 652-6593.
<b>Rev. Dennis Tolley:</b>	2318 Taylor Rd., Shelby, NC 28152. Cleveland County. Affiliated with Shelby Church. 482-8513. <i>Remarks:</i> "Licensed as Minister April 16, 1995."



**Rev. Benny Turner:**

Rt.1, Box 545, Forest City, NC 28043. Rutherford County. Pastor, Harriett Memorial Church. 657-6062.

**Rev. William Vaughn:**

P.O. Box 117, Old Fort, NC 28762. McDowell County. Pastor, New Hope Church. *Remarks:* "Sorry about my absence. Hope it will be better in the future." 668-4609.

**Rev. Jack Ward:**

P.O. Box 2303, Candler, NC 28715. Buncombe County. Affiliated with Cedar Hill Church and Administrator of our Western FWB Rest Home. 665-8559.

**Rev. J. D. Wilson:**

Rt.1, Box 281, Newland, NC 28657. Avery County. 733-5389. Pastor Roaring Creek Church. 733-5389. *Remarks:* "Another Outstanding year. Not without sickness, not without sorrow, not without troubles; but with hope and victory through the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord."

**Rev. David Young:**

202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Buncombe County. Pastor, Homer's Chapel Church. 669-2343. *Remarks:* "Just Praise The Lord."

**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 rights 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 an indefinite period.

B. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall not succeed themselves in election. However, the Assistant Moderator may be elected Moderator.

C. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all the meetings of the Association.

D. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to preside in the absence of the Moderator.

E. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and accurate record of the proceedings of the Association in a businesslike manner; to superintend the printing of the minutes and the distribution of same; and to give all properties belonging to his or her office to his or her duly elected successor. The Clerk shall be paid for services rendered – an amount fixed by the Association. Minutes of the Association shall be sent to all visiting Free Will Baptist ministers.

F. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds belonging to the Association and to disburse same as directed by the Association. The Treasurer shall be bonded by an amount sufficient to cover all money coming into their hands.

G. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep a record of such items of interest as may be useful in the future, and to preserve the same in a book. He or she shall keep a file of the minutes. All materials and property shall be given to his or her duly elected successor in office.

#### **Article 7**

At each annual session, the Moderator shall appoint such committees as the Association may direct, except the Nominating Committee which shall be appointed at the third quarterly meeting. It shall be the duty of these committees to report at the appointed time.

#### **Article 8**

A Youth Director shall be elected annually. This Director shall be responsible for promoting youth work in the Association, in cooperation with the church training service.

#### **Article 9**

The Executive Board of this Association shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and three (3) members elected from the floor annually. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to have the supervision of the work of the Association between sessions. If business deems it necessary, the Executive Board will meet, otherwise, the Moderator and the 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. 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.

D. Each minister shall be required to practice, preach, and teach tithing as the means of church support.

E. 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.

F. 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.

G. Any Minister uniting with another Denomination, his Credentials become null and void, and his Ordination papers shall be called for.

## **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.

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### **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 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

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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." (I Corinthians 11:28-29).

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

**13. The Gospel:** We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel live of the gospel." (I Corinthians 9:14).

## Church Covenant

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

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

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

We shall not forsake the assembling of our selves 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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