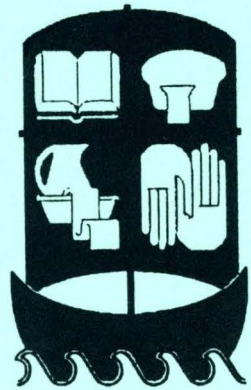


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7.	Fairview	Rev. Willie Sumerlin	652-6593
8.	Faith	Rev. Rocky Reese	584-4849
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12.	Gethsemane	Rev. Ralph Reep	738-4238
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14.	Homer's Chapel	Rev. David Young	669-2343
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18.	Nowling's Chapel	Rev. Roy Shehan	584-1212
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20.	Pisgah	Rev. Oliver Cagle	238-8568
21.	Roaring Creek	Rev. J. D. Wilson	733-5389
22.	Rocky Pass	Rev. Milton Hollifield, Sr.	652-5798
23.	Shelby	Rev. Edward Hutchinson	482-9744
24.	Southside	Rev. Julius Hall (Interim Pastor)	754-7854
25.	Sulphur Springs	Rev. Elisha Fish	667-5656
26.	Sweeten Creek		
27.	Swannanoa	Rev. Clyde Nations	686-1333
28.	The Way Of The Cross	Rev. Alan Sailors	484-3842
29.	Zephyr Hills	Rev. Wendell Walley	253-5487

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FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
meeting with
SOUTHSIDE F.W.B. CHURCH, HICKORY, N.C.
August 5, 1995

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

Welcome — Bro. Benny Turner and Bro. Rocky Reese

Response — Bro. Jack Ward

Devotion — Bro. Dennis Tolley — Luke 11: 9,10. Title — "Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

Moderator's Remarks — Ecc. 12:13-14.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report — Sister Carrie Padgett

M/S/C to seat Delegates

M/S/C to adopt Treasurer's Report

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

Rest Home Report — Bro. Jack Ward (See Reports). M/S/S to adopt Report

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers. 17 Churches represented, Ministers 23. Delegates 25, 22 Visitors. One visitor recognized, Rev. Reubin Cason, new Pastor of Canton Church.

Youth For The Master meets with Rocky Pass Church August 19.♦

Ordaining Council Report — Rev. Norris Hawkins

RECOMMENDATION: Rev. Reubin Cason be received into Blue Ridge Association, pending a Letter from Southeastern F.W.B. Association in Alabama, now Pastor of Canton Church. M/S/C.

A Letter was received from the Asheville Church, stating their desire to withdraw from Association. Bro. Brown asked the Executive Board and the Ordaining Council meet with them and try to reconcile the problem. M/S/C.

Moderator's comments on Article 17: Have this Article 17 be applied to all Committee meetings. All Committees meet one hour early to take care of business.

Credentials Committee Report — Rev. Doug Mathis. M/S/C to adopt Report.

Home Missions Report — Rev. Edward Hutchinson:

New Home Mission Pastor, Bro. Benny Turner, Southside Church. Bro. Rocky Reese was recognized for his work at Southside as Interim Pastor. Bro. Hutchinson encouraged each church to help financially. The Blue Ridge Association will send \$200.00 per week to assist with this work. M/S/C to transfer money from Fayetteville Mission to Southside.

Finance Committee Report: Offering Received \$178.06. Recommend this offering be given to treasurer of Southside Church. M/S/C.

M/S/C to adjourn for Worship Service.

WORSHIP HOUR:

Song — *At Calvary* by Congregation

Special Music by Trio from Meadowbrook Church — *We are Still The Church and The Blood of the Lamb.*

Message by Rev. Doug. Mathis — First Kings 21:1-7. "Do Not Sell Out".

Dismissed for Lunch with Prayer by Bro. Chris Jackson.

Next Meeting — Sulphur Springs Church.

REST HOME REPORT:

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE QUARTERLY/ANNUAL VISIT WORKSHEET

County: *Buncombe* Facility Name: *Western Free Will Baptist*

Date and Time of Visit: *7/20/95 10:05 a.m.* Facility Type *Home for the Aged*

Committee Members Present: *Jesse Owen, Marcelle Daniel, Jean Gertz*

Committees Meet With: *Deanna Burris, SIC*

Report Completed By: *Jesse Owen*

1. Overview of resident's status (Note general appearance of residents, abilities, involvement in activities): *This is undoubtedly one of the nicest homes for the elderly in this county. It seems that every amenity is available for the care and comfort of their residents. The team visited with 14 ladies who were sitting in the living room. Also two more in the hallway. One lady talked with was outside with a wheelbarrow placing mulch around trees and shrubbery. However, she was the exception in physical capability. All ladies seen were very clean and well groomed.*

2. Physical environmental (Note recent improvements, hazards observed, quality of food, cleanliness, general atmosphere, etc.) *This facility was clean, colorful, odorless, airy and was at a comfortable temperature. Residents talked with indicated they were well pleased with the care and attention they were receiving. One new team member was given a tour of the well equipped kitchen and was quite impressed.*

3. Services/Activities/Volunteer involvement (Note observations of medical and social services, activities offered, and volunteer efforts). *This home presents an upbeat feeling not normally found in this type of home. There is a feeling of happiness and contentment among the residents and even the staff presents a positive attitude. A new activities coordinator is due to come onto the staff about the first of August.*

4. Needs (what needs does the facility have which the committee or community could help address): *It was apparent quality care is being provided to all residents. All needs and desires appear to be met. The visitation team will provide a new packet of suggested crafts and materials at the next quarterly visit. This new team was well impressed with the living conditions and arrangements in the home and the quality care being provided to the residents.*

5. Problems or conditions that should be re-checked on next visit. *None noted.*

6. Summary of visit with administrator or SIC: *Although the administrator was not available, the team was escorted throughout the facility by the SIC. She answered all presented questions. She was also very courteous and helpful.*

BLUE RIDGE YOUTH REPORT:

Beginning Balance	\$2,294.91
Camp Fees	\$2,972.00
Camp Cost	\$3,899.01
 Total Camp Cost	 \$6,871.11
 Camper Fees	 \$4,300.00
Canteen Sales	\$ 654.17
 Total Camp Receipts	 \$4,954.17
+ Canteen Change	\$ 200.00
Total	\$5,154.17
 Total Checks Wrote	 \$5,947.18
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 773.92
*Misc. Cash Spent	\$ 150.00
 Total Spent Out	 \$6,871.11
 *Christian Powell	 \$ 100.00
* Refund to	
Meadowbrook	\$ 50.00
 3 Deposits Were Made	 \$ 540.00
	\$3,591.45
	\$ 98.80
 Int. For May & June	 \$ 8.05
Ending Balance	\$ 382.18
 Cost of Camp To The Blue Ridge	 \$1,916.93
 Total Campers	 86
Counselors	22
Total	108
 Saved	 7

And many other Decisions were made.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Douglas Mathis

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
meeting with
SWANNANOA F.W.B. CHURCH, SWANNANOA, N.C.
November 4, 1995

The Second Quarterly Meeting was opened by the Moderator, Bro. Talmadge Brown.
Congregational Singing — *Standing on the Promises* — Bro. Glen Cole
Welcome — Host Pastor, Rev. Clyde Nations
Response — Rev. David Young
Devotion — Bro. Terry McDaniel — Ephesians 6:13
Prayer — Rev. Terry McDaniel

Meeting called to Order by Moderator. Visitors recognized: Rev. Tom Lilly and Rev. Reuben Cason, Pastor of Canton Church.

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers: 18 Churches represented, 26 Ministers, 28 Delegates, 13 Visitors.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report — Sister Carrie Padgett. M/S/C to adopt Report.
Youth Board Report — Rev. Doug Mathis (See Reports). (M/S/C to adopt Report
Rest Home Report — Rev. Jack Ward — 30 Residents, 2 in Hospital. M/S/C to receive as information.

Ordaining Council — Rev. Benny Turner

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Rev. Reuben Cason be received into Blue Ridge Association.
2. A Letter of good standing for Bro. Allen Fredell be sent to Foothills Association as Licensed Minister.

Executive Board Report: Clerk, Sister Lucille Tatham

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A Letter was received from the Asheville Church stating their desire to be dropped from our Roll to become an Independent Baptist Church. M/S/C to honor their request.

A Letter was received from the Robertson Creek Church requesting a Letter from Blue Ridge Association to unite with the Foothills Association. M/S/C to grant the Letter.

Bro. Benny Turner gave a Report on Southside Mission. M/S/C to receive as information.

State Promotional Director, Rev. Tom Lilly gave a good Report on all phases of our State work. A Leadership Conference in Nashville will be held on December 4-6.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Carlyle and Marie Hanna, India Missionaries, encourages each Church to help raise \$5,000.00 to build a Church in South India.

Bro. Doug Mathis gave a report on the Accident that happened at Youth Camp with Matthew Barbar. He read a Letter that was sent to all Parents/Guardians, saying each parent/guardian was responsible for their child's Insurance.

A motion was made that a letter be written to Nationwide Insurance Co. stating that we do not feel responsible because of a verbal agreement between Parent/Guardian and Youth Director that each parent is responsible for their child's Insurance. This is evidenced by letters on file, received from parents whose children have attended Camp. S/C

A statement was made by Bro. Hollifield that two of our Ministers have gone to be with the Lord since our last Quarterly Conference: Bro. Wayne Smith, who is the founder of the Blue Ridge Association, and Bro. Richard Swann.

A Motion was made to dedicate our next Minutes to Bro. Wayne Smith, including his picture and a write-up of his Ministry by Bro. Hollifield. S/C.

A Motion was made to send Rev. Richard Swann's wife \$25.00 Honorarium. S/C. A silent Prayer was observed for both Ministers with Bro. Brown concluding the Prayer.

Bro. Oliver Cagle, Pastor of the Pisgah Church, has had open heart surgery and a lot of Medical expenses. A Motion was made to give him a love offering of \$500.00. S/C.

WORSHIP HOUR:

Congregational Song — *Standing On The Promises* led by Bro. Jay Hollifield
Prayer by Rev. Earl Davis

Offering Received

Special Singing by Choir: *This Blood Has Made Us One and It Will Be Worth It All When We See Jesus*

Bro. Dean Good sang *How Great Thou Art* assisted by Teresa.

Message by Rev. Reuben Cason — Acts 9:26-31 "Churches at Rest or Biblical approach to Church Growth"

Finance Committee Report: Offering received \$90.75. M/S/C to give offering to Bro. Tom Lilly, State Promotional Director.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the Host Church.

Dismissal Prayer by Bro. Nations.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The Executive Board and the Youth Board of the Blue Ridge Association met at the Western Steak House, October 20, 1995.

Present: Rev. Talmadge Brown, Moderator, Rev. & Mrs. Edward Hutchinson, Rev. Chris Jackson, Rev. David Young, Rev. Douglas Mathis, Sister Carrie Padgett, Lucille Tatham.

Prayer — Rev. Edward Hutchinson

The following Recommendations were made:

1. The Youth Camp accident concerning Matthew Barber was discussed. M/S/C Bro. Hutchinson and Bro. Doug Mathis present a recommendation to the Body.
2. A Letter was received from the Asheville Church stating their desire to be dropped from the Blue Ridge Association to become an Independent Baptist Church. M/S/C to honor their request.
3. A Letter was received from the Robertson Creek Church requesting a Letter from Blue Ridge Association to unite with the Foothills Association. M/S/C to grant the Letter.

The Program for the November Meeting was planned as following:

Message — Rev. Reuben Cason

Devotion — Rev. Terry McDaniel

Welcome — Rev. Clyde Nations, Host Pastor

Response — Rev. David Young

YOUTH FUND REPORT — November 4, 1995

Balance 7/30/95.....	\$382.68
Interest for Quarter	+ 9.38
Service Charge for Quarter	- 14.00
(Balance fell below \$500.00)	
2 Checks from Blue Ridge Association.....	+ 229.36
Offering from Youth for the Master meeting	+ 74.63
Balance 11/4/95.....	\$682.05
Check received today	+ 84.21
BALANCE	\$766.26

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Doug Mathis

**THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**

The Third Quarterly Meeting was cancelled because of snow.

**FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
meeting with
THE SULPHUR SPRINGS CHURCH
WAYNESVILLE, N.C.
May 11, 1996**

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

Congregational Singing — *Power In The Blood* was led by Bro. James Cole.

Welcome — Host Pastor, Rev. Elisha Fish

Response — Rev. Rock Reese

Devotion — Rev. Cyrus Shoffner — John 13: 1-6; 11-17

Prayer — Rev. Cyrus Shoffner

Welcome of Visitors — Rev. Troy Smith, Pastor of Harriett Memorial Church, and Rev. Steve Lytle, Missionary to Panama.

Seating of Ministers, Delegates, and Deacons.

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers by Clerk. Churches represented 19, 4 by Letter. Ministers 28, Delegates 38, Visitors 1.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report — Sister Carrie Padgett (See Reports). M/S/C to Adopt Report. Bro. Hollifield stated Dues for the State and National Association have been increased from \$35.00 per year to \$50.00 per year.

M/S/C The Clerk will notify each Church who has not attended the Blue Ridge Association or paid their Dues for the past year will be put on an inactive list. The Dues must be paid by June 1st in order to remain on the Active list.

M/S/C to lay this Item on Table until next quarterly meeting and give the Executive Board time to study this matter.

Youth Board Report — Rev. Rocky Reese (See Reports)

Rest Home Report — Rev. Norris Hawkins (See Reports)

Ordaining Council Report — Rev. Norris Hawkins:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Rev. Cyrus Shoffner be accepted in Blue Ridge Association pending a Letter from the South Carolina Conference. M/S/C.
2. A Letter of Recommendation for Bro. Doug Mathis be sent to Eastern Conference in S.C. M/S/C.
3. Bro. Terry McDaniel Approved for Ordination at Shelby. M/S/C.
4. Bro. Alan Sailors Approved for Ordination at Shelby. M/S/C.
5. Bro. Rocky Reese meet with the Ordaining Council in July

Executive Committee Report — Sister Lucille Tatham (See Reports)

Hickory Mission Report — Bro. Edward Hutchinson:

The Southside Church is averaging 40 in attendance and \$700 Offering in April. Pray for Bro. and Sister Turner's health. M/S/C to accept this report.

Calvary Church Report — A Letter was read by the Moderator from Bro. Randy Stone. A letter of appreciation and thanks for the support given to them. The Church was organized into a Free Will Baptist Church with 45 or 50 Charter members.

Women's Auxiliary Report — by Sister Martha Taylor. (See Reports)

Credentials Committee Report — by Bro. Julius Hall. 38 Delegates, 28 Ministers, 1 Visitor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee Report — by Bro. Edward Hutchinson. (See Reports)

WORSHIP HOUR:

Song — *Stand Up For Jesus*

Prayer — Brother Brown

Offering Received

Special Singing by Rev. Troy Smith — *I Believe Jesus and I Should Have Been Crucified*
Message by Rev. Steve Lytle, Missionary to Panama. Rev. 3:7-13 — "The Open Door".

The outgoing Moderator, Bro. Brown, was given a standing vote of thanks. A standing vote of appreciation was given to the Host Church.

M/S/C to change the August Conference to the second Saturday in August for this time only. Conference will meet with The Way of the Cross Church.

Finance Committee Report — Offering \$80.00 to be given to Rev. Steve Lytle.

Adjourn — Prayer by Rev. Elisha Fish.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The Executive Board met at the Western Steer Steak House, April 19, 1995.

Present: Rev. Talmadge Brown, Moderator, Rev. Edward Hutchinson, Rev. Chris Jackson, Rev. David Young, Rev. Willie Sumerlin, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Sister Carrie Padgett, Sister Lucille Tatham.

Prayer — Rev. Milton Hollifield

The February Meeting was cancelled because of snow. The February Program will be used for the Annual Meeting which will convene May 11, 1996 at the Sulphur Springs Church in Waynesville, N.C.

The Nominating Committee was appointed by the Moderator as following:

Rev. Chris Jackson, Chairman

Rev. David Young

Rev. Milton Hollifield

Dismissed in Prayer by Rev. Hutchinson.

REPORTS:

YOUTH BOARD REPORT:

Balance in Treasure 2/3/96	\$929.41
Interest for Quarter	5.34
Checks from Blue Ridge Assoc.	281.00
Offerings from Youth Meetings	68.94
Appreciation Plaque for Rev. Doug Mathis	48.75
Postage	9.60
Meals at Youth Board Meetings	29.28
Randall House Publications – Dist. Medals	45.10
State Youth Board – Regular Fees	60.00
The Oaks – Deposit for Camp	200.00
Balance in Treasure 5/11/96	\$891.95

Had a good meeting at the last Youth for the Master meeting. Four of our Youth went on to compete in the state competition today in Durham. Let's remember those that are there at that meeting. Start thinking about our Summer Youth Camp at The Oaks, July 29-August 3.

The Youth Board met on April 4th. Discussed several items:

1. Last year our camp went into the red \$1900 due to rising food cost, counsellors charged camp fee, cost of living has gone up. But the cost of our camp has stayed the same for several years, \$50.00. We hate to raise this, but we must. Most camps cost \$100.00 +. We suggest raising it to \$65.00 and ask if the Association would pay the other \$10.00 per camper if need be. This year only. Hopefully it will not be necessary but very probable. We ask the Association to help us break even.
2. The Oaks this year has included camper medical insurance that covers \$3500.00 per accident. \$6,000+ – Dismemberment, \$10,000 life insurance. This is while AT CAMP. Each Church is responsible for getting kids to and from camp.

Motion: The Association is asked to take care of the deficit so that the Youth Fund may break even. S/C.

Bro. Nate Ange is scheduled to be our speaker this year at Youth Camp. My wife called last night. She is with those at the State Youth Competition in Durham. She said she really enjoyed the message he brought, and there were many that came forward during the invitation. So hopefully they will return with a victory in the Bible and Music competition, but more importantly news of many getting saved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Rocky Reese

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT:

The District Auxiliary met April 13, 1996 at Nowlings Chapel.

48 Ladies were present.

Money received during year — \$12,121.13

Money paid out during year — 11,661.98

Balance in Treasure 459.15

The Auxiliaries sponsored 30 Missionary projects.

We will have a Luncheon at Fairview Church August 24th at 11:30. The Fall meeting will be October 5th at the Rocky Pass Church at 9:30 A.M.

The State Auxiliary met at the Victory Church in Goldsboro May 6th and 7th. Mrs. Ethel Whaley was the Speaker at the Banquet, and Mrs. Marcia Ellison was the main speaker. There was a good spirit, good food and good fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Martha Taylor

REST HOME REPORT:

1. Rest Home as 30 residents, and we have four (4) people on the waiting list.
2. Our goals for 1996 includes buying a new gas range for the kitchen, and replacing computer system. Also paying off a \$21,000.00 note on the doublewide and land that was bought in 1991.

What Has Been Done To Date: The new range has been purchased. We still need \$214.00 to finish all our money on the range. The computer system has been bought and all the money was raised to pay for it. We hope to have the land and doublewide paid for by December of this year.

Our Financial Status: We take in \$32,670.00 on resident fees.

Our expense — Bond payment \$2,700.00 per month (all items are monthly)

Wages & Tax..... \$19,400.00 Approx.

Food \$3,000.00

Power Bill \$1,600.00 Avg.

Water \$240.00

Medical Supplies \$623.00 avg. per month

General Supplies \$528.00 avg.

Workman's Comp Ins. \$428.00

General Insurance \$387.00

Hyder Waste Control \$120.85 (garbage pick-up)

Payment on Doublewide \$321.96

General Expense (includes lawn care, maintenance, and materials for general up-keep and repairs

Vehicle Up-keep..... \$684.00

Administrators Medical Ins. \$309.89

Housing Allowance..... \$600.00

Activities \$93.00

TOTAL EXPENSE \$31,035.70

PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for some of the residents who are not saved.

Pray for residents that are lonely, need visitors.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Edward Hutchinson

Blue Ridge Free Will Baptist Association
Annual meeting – May 11, 1996
FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Fund Balance – May 13, 1995	\$3,158.99
Total Receipts	<u>3,108.31</u>
Sub-Total	\$6,267.30

Disbursements:

WFW Baptist Rest Home (Van)	\$ 150.00	
Mrs. Homer Arrowood	25.00	
Clerk's Salary	125.00	
Dues – State Association	825.00	
– National Association	310.00	
Blk. Mtn. Printing (Minutes)	899.73	
Sibley's Florist (Smith Service)	47.70	
Steak House (Exec. Board)	106.00	
Copy Paper, Stamps (for Treas.)	11.69	
Check Order	9.00	
State Promotional Dept.	90.75	
Stamps, Envelopes, Paper (Clerk)	<u>81.00</u>	
Total	\$2,680.87	- 2,680.87

FUND BALANCE	\$3,586.43
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YOUTH BOARD

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 729.03
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LOCAL MISSIONS FUND

Fund Balance – May 13, 1995	\$14,682.12
Total Receipts	4,197.34
Interest Added	<u>323.57</u>
Sub-Total	\$19,203.03
NC State Home Missions (Fayetteville)	- 151.93
Southside Church	- 9,871.65
Travel (Rev. Ed Hutchinson)	<u>- 70.40</u>
FUND BALANCE	\$9,109.05

MINISTER'S BENEVOLENT FUND

Fund Balance – May 13, 1995	\$ 7,906.04
Total Receipts	426.59
Interest Added	<u>187.34</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 8,519.97
Love Offerings – Rev. Oliver Cagle	- 500.00
– Mrs. Richard Swann	<u>- 25.00</u>
FUND BALANCE	\$ 7,994.97

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FWB BIBLE COLLEGE LOAN FUND

Fund Balance – May 13, 1996	\$6,194.89
Total Receipts	130.19
Interest Added	<u>108.38</u>
FUND BALANCE	\$6,433.46

SOUTHEASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE LOAN FUND

Fund Balance – May 13, 1995	\$1,692.16
Total Receipts	130.19
Interest Added	<u>64.10</u>
FUND BALANCE	\$1,886.45

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May 11, 1996

	<u>TOTAL THIS QUARTER</u>	<u>TOTAL FOR YEAR</u>
Asheville	\$	\$
Avery Creek	30.00	30.00
Beaverdam		
Calvary		
Camp Branch		
Canton	150.00	200.00
Cedar Hill	120.32	532.13
Fairview	108.07	460.54
Faith	180.00	662.00
Fellowship	255.00	400.00
First - Marion	60.00	220.00
Gethsemane	41.60	235.82
Harriett Memorial		200.00
Homer's Chapel		75.00
Lakeview	75.65	330.16
Lenoir	226.88	410.58
Meadowbrook	487.34	1,698.57
Meadow Fork		35.00
Nowling Chapel	241.05	1,027.23
Oakley	84.18	222.93
Pisgah	73.00	279.00
Roaring Creek	66.23	212.07
Robertson Creek		
Rocky Pass	200.00	600.00
Shelby	30.00	140.00
Southside	100.00	100.00
Sulphur Springs		
Swannanoa	50.00	150.00
Sweeten Creek		
The Way of the Cross	125.00	291.22
Zephyr Hills	<u>58.91</u>	<u>\$268.36</u>
TOTALS	\$2,763.23	\$8,780.61

NOTE: Western Piedmont District, Women's Auxiliary (Clover, SC) gave \$50.00 for the Southside Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Padgett, Treasurer

Suggestions For Guidelines For
The Blue Ridge Association Youth Camp

1. Girls are allowed to wear slacks, but are asked 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 knee 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.

Minister's Report

Rev. Talmadge Brown:	204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mtn., N.C., 28711. Buncombe County. Pastor, Meadowbrook Church. 669-2310.
Rev. Oliver Cagle:	Rt. 3, Box 219, Canton, NC 28716. Haywood Co. Pastor, Pisgah Church. 235-8568.
Rev. Frank Cantrell:	206 Eastwood Ave., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Buncombe county. Pastor, Calvary Church. 686-5794.
Rev. Reuben Cason:	P.O. Box 1346, Canton, NC 28716. Haywood County. Pastor, Canton Church. 648-0753.
Rev. James Childers Sr.:	180 River Bend Estates, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell Co. 652-2618.
Rev. Joe Cutshaw:	P.O. Box 1281, Fletcher, NC 28732. Henderson Co. 684-9670.
Rev. Daren Dwyer:	204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Buncombe County. Affiliated with Meadowbrook Church. 669-9150.
Rev. Elisha W. Fish:	Rt. 3, Box 212, Candler, NC 28715. Buncombe County. Pastor, Sulphur Springs Church. 667-5656.
Rev. Bobby Fox	1011 Riverside Drive, Asheville, NC 28804. Buncombe County. Pastor, Avery's Creek Church. 253-0885.
Rev. Dean Good:	472 Buckeye Access Rd., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Buncombe County. Affiliated with Flat Rock Church. 299-9387.
Rev. Julius Hall:	1304 Fieldbrook St., Lenoir, NC 28645. Caldwell County. Affiliated with Faith Church. 754-7854.
Rev. Norris Hawkins:	11 Williamsburg Place, Asheville, NC 28803. Buncombe County. Pastor, Fellowship Church. 274-8604.
Rev. Elmer C. Hensley:	24 Pisgah View Ave., Asheville, NC 28803. Buncombe County. 274-2803.
Rev. Mark Hensley:	3440 Arthur Mill Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Affiliated with Faith Church. 584-8372.
Rev. T. A. Holder:	47 Elkmont Dr., Asheville, NC 28804. Buncombe County. 254-8014.
Rev. Milton A. Hollifield, Sr.:	Rt. 1, Box 244, Nebo, NC 28761. McDowell County. Pastor, Rocky Pass Church. 652-5798. <i>Remarks: 3 Revivals, Received 17 Members, Baptized 11, 13 Funerals, 4 Weddings, 2 Communion and Feet Washing Services.</i>

Rev. Johnny Hughes:	220 Rock Hill Rd., Asheville, NC 28803. Buncombe County. 274-5236.
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, Hillcrest — Resigned for the next year due to health reasons. 738-3907.
Rev. Christopher Jackson:	250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church. 652-4513.
Rev. Gordon Johnson:	107 Dakar Dr., Shelby, NC 28150. Cleveland County. 482-1244. Affiliated with Shelby Church.
Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick:	Rt. 3, Box 100, Nebo, NC 28761, McDowell Co. Affiliated with First FWB Church. 652-5229.
Rev. James C. Lynn:	14 Ridgeway Dr., Asheville, NC 28806. Buncombe County. Affiliated with Cedar Hill. 254-8744.
Rev. Terry McDaniel:	1352 Hwy. 221-A, Forest City, NC 28043. Rutherford County. Affiliated with Shelby Church. 657-6512.
Rev. Ernest Messer:	304 Smathers St., Waynesville, NC. Haywood County. Pastor, Camp Branch Church. 452-2755.
Rev. Wayne Miller:	Rt. 1, Box 473, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Affiliated with Fairview Church. 652-3360.
Rev. John Moore:	13 Graham Rd., Marshall, NC 28753. Madison County. 683-9491.
Rev. Jack Moses:	2353 Conley Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Pastor, First FWB Church in Lenoir. 584-1863.
Rev. Clyde Nations:	202 Park St., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Buncombe County. Pastor, Swannanoa Church. 686-5391.
Rev. Scottie Lee Patton:	5169 Pea Ridge Road, Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Church Affiliation, Faith Church. 584-0225.
Rev. Howard Pittman, Sr:	1016 Lakecrest Ave., High Point, NC 27265. Guilford County. Pastor, Lakeview Church. (910) 869-3450.
Rev. Willard Pless:	203 Academy St., Canton, NC 28716. Haywood County. Pastor, Meadow Fork Church, Hot Springs, NC.
Rev. Ralph Reep:	385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Pastor, Gethsemane Church. 738-4238.

Rev. Rocky Reese:	5089 Reese Store Ave., Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Pastor, Faith Church. 584-4849.
Rev. Alan Sailors:	124 Garrett Dr., Shelby, NC 28150. Cleveland County. Pastor, The Way Of The Cross Church. 484-3842.
Rev. Winfred Roland:	106 Young St., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Buncombe County. 686-3509.
Rev. Roy Shehan:	3311 US 64, Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Burke County. Pastor, Nowlings Chapel Church. 433-9623.
Rev. Cyrus Shoffner:	227 Johnston School Rd., Asheville, NC 28806. Buncombe County. Pastor Cedar Hill Church. 253-0369.
Rev. Willie Sumerlin:	Rt. 1, Box 445, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Pastor, Fairview Church. 652-6593.
Rev. Dennis Tolley:	2318 Taylor Rd., Shelby, NC 28152. Cleveland County. Church Affiliation, The Way Of The Cross Church. 482-8513.
Rev. William Vaughn:	P.O. Box 117, Old Fort, NC 28762. McDowell County. Pastor, New Home Church. 668-4609.
Rev. Wendell Walley:	13 Auburndale Dr., Asheville, NC 28806. Buncombe County. Pastor, Zephyr Hills Church. 253-5487.
Rev. Jack Ward	P.O. Box 2303, Candler, NC 28715. Buncombe County. Church Affiliation, Cedar Hill Church. Administrator of Western Free Will Baptist Rest Home. 665-8559.
Rev. J. D. Wilson	Rt. 1, Box 281, Newland, NC 28657. Avery County. Pastor, Roaring Creek Church. 733-5389.
Rev. David Young:	202 Chapel Road, Black Mountain, NC 28711. Buncombe County. Pastor, Homer's Chapel Church. 669-2343.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

- Avery's Creek:** Pastor: Rev. Bobby Fox, 1011 Riverside Drive, Asheville, NC 28804. Clerk: Mrs. Carolyn Swann, 21 Oteen Park Place, Asheville, NC 28805. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 1, No. Members lost 1, Total Membership 43. S.S. Enrollment 20.
- Calvary:** Pastor: Rev. Frank Cantrell, 206 Eastwood Ave., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Clerk: Mrs. Genevieve Robertson, 15 Sunset Dr., Swannanoa, NC 28778. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Members added 3, No. Members lost 16. Women's Auxiliary enrollment 10.
- Camp Branch:** Pastor: Rev. Ernest Messer, 304 Smathers St., Waynesville, NC 28786. Clerk: Mrs. Katy Yount, 773 Brown Ave., Waynesville, NC 28786. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3, No. Members added 2, No. Members lost 1, Total Membership 48. Total S.S. Enrollment 32.
- Canton:** Pastor: Rev. Reuben Cason, P.O. Box 1346, Canton, NC 28716. Clerk: Mrs. Helen Hamlett, 26 Flint St., Canton, NC 28716. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3, No. Members added 7, No. Members lost 5, Total Membership 89, Total S.S. Enrollment 64.
- Cedar Hill:** Pastor: Rev. Cyrus Shoffner, 227 Johnston School Rd., Asheville, NC 28806. Clerk: Mrs. Nancy Cole, 36 Brooks Branch Rd., Leicester, NC 28748. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Licensed Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 4, No. Members added 1, No. Members lost 2, Total Membership 180. Total S.S. Enrollment 86. C.T.S. Enrollment 7, Women's Auxiliary Enrollment 12, Master's Men Enrollment 8.
- Fairview:** Pastor: Rev. Willie Sumerlin, Rt. 1, Box 445, Marion, NC 28752. Clerk: Mrs. Betty Miller, Rt. 1, Box 473, Marion, NC 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Licensed Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 10. No. Members added 2, Total Membership 64, S.S. Enrollment 65. Women's Auxiliary Enrollment 9, Master's Men Enrollment 7.
- First Lenoir:** Pastor: Rev. Jack Moses, 2353 Conley Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Clerk: Mrs. Gwendolyn Key, 705 Prospect St., Lenoir, NC 28645. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 2, No. Members Added 16, No. Members Lost 4, Total Membership 90.
- First Marion:** Pastor: Rev. Christopher Jackson, 250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752. Clerk: Mrs. Cindy Berryhill, 95 Pleasant Hill Rd., Marion, NC 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 5, No. Baptisms 8, No. Members Added 10, No. Members lost 5, Total Membership 215. S.S. Enrollment 203, C.T.S. Enrollment 60, Women's Auxiliary Enrollment 15.

- Gethsemane:** Pastor: Rev. Ralph Reep, 385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752. Clerk: Mrs. Linda Reep, 385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 1, No. Baptisms 2, No. Members added 2, No. Members Lost 3, Total Membership 56.
- Harriett Memorial:** Pastor: Rev. Troy Smith, 1938 Hwy. 221-A, Forest City, NC 28043. Clerk: Mrs. Ellen Robertson, 931 US Hwy. 221-A, Forest City, NC 28043. No. Ordained Deacons 6. Total S.S. Enrollment 90, Women's Auxiliary Enrollment 4.
- Homer's Chapel:** Pastor: Rev. David Young, 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Clerk: Mrs. Midge Rollins, 828 Cherokee Ave., Black Mountain, NC 28711. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3, No. Baptisms 5, No. Members added 10, total Membership 90, S.S. Enrollment 55, Women's Auxiliary (Gleaners 15).
- Lakeview:** Pastor: Rev. Howard Pittman, Sr., 1016 Lakecrest Ave., High Point, NC 27265. Clerk: Mrs. Betty Draghn, Rt. 2, Box 472, Old Greensboro Rd., High Point, NC 27265. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Members added 4, Total Membership 40. S.S. Enrollment 40.
- Meadowbrook:** 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 10 (5 active), No. Baptisms 12, No. Members added 10, No. Members lost 8. Total Membership 226. S.S. Enrollment 235. C.T.S. Enrollment 60, Auxiliary Enrollment 15.
- Meadow Fork:** Pastor: Rev. Willard Pless, 203 Academy St., Canton, NC 28716. No. Ordained Ministers 1, Total Membership 20, S.S. Enrollment 15.
- Nowling's Chapel:** Pastor: Rev. Roy Shehan, 3311 US 64, Morganton, NC 28655. Clerk: Mrs. Shirley Davis, Fisher Davis Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 3, No. Baptisms 4, No. Members added 6, Total Membership 175. S.S. Enrollment 175, Women's Auxiliary Enrollment 12.
- Oakley:** Pastor: Rev. Leonard Cutshaw, P.O. Box 1281, Fletcher, NC 28732. Clerk: Michael Lollis, 741 Old US 70 Hwy., Swannanoa, NC 28778. No. Ordained Ministers 3, No. Ordained Deacons 5, No. Members added 2, Total Membership 67, S.S. Enrollment 20, Women's Auxiliary Enrollment 15.
- Roaring Creek:** Pastor: Rev. J. D. Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 281, Newland, NC 28657. Clerk: Mrs. Deborah Ward, P.O. Box 43, Plumtree, NC 28664. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 4, No. Members added 1, Total Membership 80, S.S. Enrollment 80, Women's Auxiliary Enrollment 8.

Rocky Pass:

Pastor: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Sr., Rt. 1, Box 244, Marion, NC 28752. Clerk: Mrs. Betty McKinney, Rt. 5, Box 666, Marion, NC 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 8, No. Baptisms 11, No. Members added 14, No. Members lost 5, Total Membership 358, S.S. Enrollment 163, C.T.S. Enrollment 69, Women's Auxiliary Enrollment 10.

Shelby:

Pastor: Rev. Edward Hutchinson, 1003 High Wedge Rd., Shelby, NC 28152. Clerk: Mrs. Denise Scruggs, P.O. Box 506, Henrietta, NC 28076. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3, No. Baptisms 3, No. Members added 11, No. Members lost 3, Total Membership 193. S.S. Enrollment 110, C.T.S. Enrollment 20, Women's Auxiliary Enrollment 15.

Southside:

Rev. Julius Hall, Interim Pastor, 4522 Hwy. 127-S, Hickory, NC 28602. Total S.S. Enrollment 50, Women's Auxiliary Enrollment 8.

Sulphur Springs:

Pastor: Rev. Elisha Fish, Rt. 3, Box 212, Candler, NC 28715. Clerk: Mrs. Mary Lanning. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 3.

Swannanoa:

Pastor: Rev. Clyde Nations, 202 Park St., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Clerk: Mrs. Pam Burns, Scenic View Dr., Swannanoa, NC 28778. No. Ordained Ministers 1, No. Licensed Ministers 1, No. Ordained Deacons 8. No. Baptisms 2, No. Members added 4, No. Members lost 2, Total Membership 123.

**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.

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 prosperity 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 proves 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." (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.

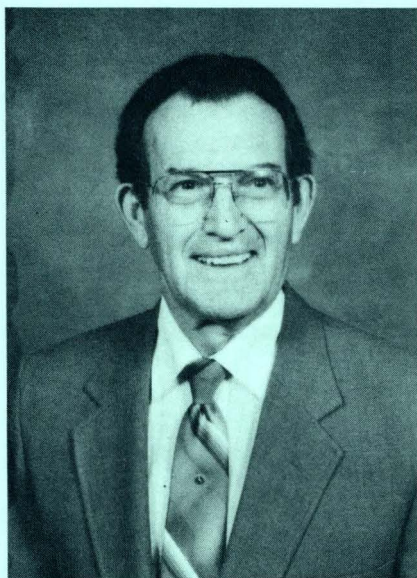
We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish 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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We lovingly dedicate this 1996 Minute to Rev. Wayne Smith who went to be with the Lord on September 8, 1995.

Bro. Smith helped to organize the Blue Ridge Association, and was the first Moderator. He has made a great contribution to the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

He was elected the first Moderator of the N.C. State Association of Free Will Baptists. He has preached at the National Association and served as Assistant Moderator. He held Tent Meetings and preached Revivals and Pastored for over fifty years. He also served as Interim pastor in several churches after retiring from the Pastorate.

His first Pastorate was Canton, then Swannanoa — serving there twice, a total of twelve years. He also Pastored in Arden, Smithfield, and Washington, NC; and Pamplico and Sumter, SC.

He built new Church buildings in Swannanoa, Smithfield, and Meadowbrook Free Will Baptist, where he retired from full-time Pastoring.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mildred Young Smith, and two daughters, Betty Lou Blackburn and Waynette Bridges.

By a Brother in Christ who followed him
in two Pastorates and reaped the fruit of
his labor,

Milton Hollifield, Sr.

We have also lost three more of our Ministers this year:
Rev. Benny Turner, Rev. Richard Swann, and Rev. Talmadge Maynor.

