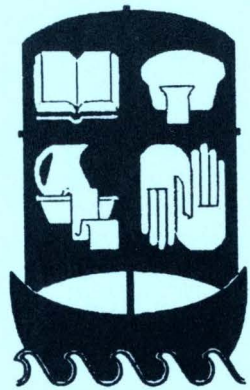


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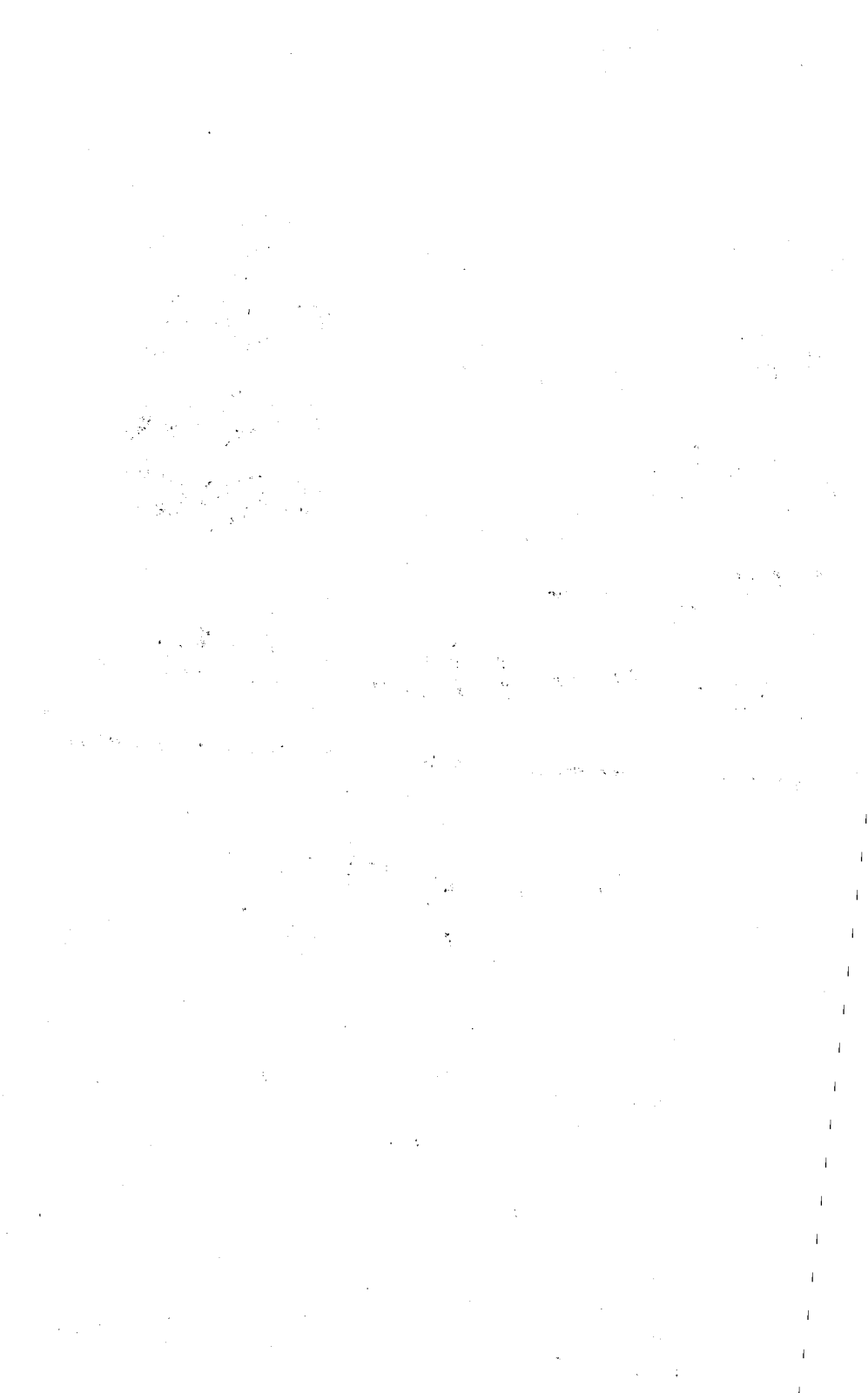
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26	Sulphur Springs	Rev. Phillip Wyatt	456-0870
27	Sweeten Creek		
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**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION  
of the  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING  
CEDAR HILL CHURCH, ASHEVILLE, NC  
August 2, 1997**

The First Quarterly Meeting was opened by the Moderator, Rev. Edward Hutchinson.

Congregational Singing, *Victory In Jesus*. Led by Bro. Mike Mashburn

Prayer — Rev. Reuben Cason

Welcome — Rev. Cyrus Shoffner, Pastor

Response — Rev. Milton Hollifield

Devotion — Rev. Edward Hutchinson — in the absence of Rev. Frank Cantrell

Moderator's Remarks

M/S/C to seat Delegates.

Visitors Welcomed — Mr. and Mrs. Walt Wilson, Rev. Roger Hayley and Wife, Joy, Bro. Phillip Wise.

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers — 11 Churches represented, 26 Delegates, 14 Pastors, 7 Visitors.

**REPORTS:**

Treasurer's Report — Sister Carrie Padgett

Youth Board Report — Rev. Cyrus Shoffner — Youth Camp was very good, 4 first time decisions, many rededications.

Rest Home Report — Bro. Jack Ward

Executive Committee Report — Lucille Tatham, Clerk — One recommendation was made, Bro. Willie Summerlin be elected on the Ordaining Council. M/S/C.

Mission Report — Bro. Talmadge Brown: Rev. Patrick Hall hired by the Mission Board to begin a new work in Wilmington. He needs our prayers and financial support.

Hickory Mission — Rev. Hollifield

Women's Auxiliary — No Report.

Credentials Report

M/S/C to accept all Reports.

**Recommendation by Finance Committee:** Offering be given to Rev. Bill Vaughn. Bro. Hollifield recommended Bro. Vaughn be given \$300.00, the offering, and the rest taken from the Treasury. M/S/C.

**Bro. Shoffner recommended** Association sponsor a Sunday School Conference with Bro. Lovelace. M/S/C. The following Committee was appointed for this: Bro. Shoffner, Chmn.; Bro. Hollifield; Bro. Alan Sailors.

**Bible College Promotion** be scheduled the weekend of November Conference. Ordaining Council Report: Recommendation: Bro. Roger Hayley be received into conference, pending a letter from the Liberty Association. M/S/C.

### WORSHIP HOUR:

Song — *Standing On The Promises*

Prayer — Bro. Howard Pittman

Offering Received — \$105.00

Special Singing *Wilt Thou Be Made Whole?* — Bro. Mike Mashburn

Message — Bro. Roger Hayley, First Church, Marion. Gal. 1:1-12

Adjourned

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**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
of the  
**ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
  
**SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**FAIRVIEW CHURCH, MARION, NC**  
**November 1, 1997**

The Second Quarterly Meeting was opened by the Moderator, Rev. Edward Hutchinson.

Congregational Singing — *Rescue The Perishing* — Led by Bro. James Cole

Prayer — Rev. Chris Jackson

Welcome — Rev. Willie Summerlin, Pastor

Response — Rev. Milton Hollifield

Devotion — Rev. Daniel Lincoln, President of Tamil Nadu Baptist Bible College, Kotagiri, India. Exodus 15:6.

Moderator's Remarks

M/S/C to seat Delegates

Visitors Welcomed — Rev. Daniel Lincoln, Rev. John Cannon, Rev. Patrick Hall, N.C. Home Missionary in Wilmington, NC. A Delegation, along with their Pastor, Rev. Dean Good, from the Flat Rock Church in Hendersonville. Mae Good, Becky Carroll, Courtney Carroll, Kathy Justice, Fred Justice, Roy Burleson, Billy Morrow. A Delegation from the Clyde Church with their Pastor, Rev. Elisha Fish; Grover & Sue Clevenger, Mont & Lucy Putman, Earl Wheeler.



Roll Call of Churches and Ministers: 16 Churches represented, 24 Ministers, 4 Deacons, 28 Delegates, 16 Visitors.

### **REPORTS:**

Treasurer's Report — Sister Carrie Padgett.

Youth Board Report — Rev. Talmadge Brown (See Reports).

Ordaining Council Report — Rev. Norris Hawkins.

### **Recommendations:**

1. The Clyde Church be reinstated in the Blue Ridge Association. M/S/C.
2. Rev. Jonathan Cannon be received into the Blue Ridge Association. M/S/C.
3. Bro. Dennis Tolley meet with the Ordaining Council at the next Session.

Missions Report — Rev. Larry Ball gave a report on the Hickory Mission. Rev. Wendell Walley gave a report on the Mexican Mission.

Rest Home Report — given by Rev. Jack Ward.

Credentials Report — given by Rev. Alan Sailors. M/S/C all Reports be received.

### **WORSHIP HOUR:**

Congregational Song — *There Shall Be Showers of Blessings* — James Cole.

Special Song — Bro. James Cole and Wife — *I'd Rather Have Jesus*

Message by Rev. Patrick Hall — 2 Cor. 5:17.

Adjourned.

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**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION  
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**THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING  
FAITH CHURCH, MORGANTON, NC**

**February 7, 1998**

The Third Quarterly Meeting was opened by the Moderator, Rev. Edward Hutchinson.

Prayer — Bro. Talmadge Brown

Congregational Singing — *Victory In Jesus* — Led by Bro. Daren Dwyer

Special Prayer for Bro. Clyde Nations — by Bro. Julius Hall

Welcome by Host Pastor — Bro. Rocky Reese

Response — by Rev. Roger Hayley

Devotion — by Rev. Reubin Casson — 1 Thess. 2:7-12

Moderator's Remarks

M/S/C to seat Delegates.

Visitors Welcomed — Rev. Roy Harris, FWB Bible College; Rev. Jim Marcum, NC Promotional Dr.; Michael Taylor, Children's Home, Greenville, TN; Tom Jackson, Boone, NC; Jim Lambert, Royce Hogan, Delegation from Flat Rock Church; Pastor Dean Good, Mae Good, Roy Burleson, Billy Morrow, Beverly Morrow, Jared Morrow.

Roll Call of Ministers and Churches — 18 Churches represented, 25 Ministers, 49 Delegates & Deacons, 12 Visitors — Total 86.

**REPORTS:**

Treasurer's Report — Sister Carrie Padgett.

Youth Board Report — Rev. Daren Dwyer (See Reports).

Executive Board Report — Rev. Milton Hollifield

Missions Report — Rev. Hall gave a Report on Hickory Mission, Comments from Rev. Hollifield and Bro. Crocker.

Credentials Report — Bro. Terry McDaniel

Rest Home Report — Rev. Cyrus Shoffner

Children's Home in Greenville, TN — Dr. James Kilgore is new Executive Director, Rev. Kevin Trimble is Assistant Executive Director.

Promotion Department Report — Rev. Jim Marcus

M/S/C to Receive all Reports.

## **BUSINESS SESSION:**

Youth Camp Report — Rev. Daren Dwyer (See Reports).

A Recommendation was made by the Youth Board that we acquire the Anchorage Camp in Lake Wacamaw, NC, July 27-Aug. 1, at a cost of \$110 per person. M/S/C.

The Nomination Committee was appointed by the Moderator as following:

Rev. Reubin Cason, Chairman; Rev. Willie Summerlin, Rev. Alan Sailors.

The following motion was made by Rev. Reubin Cason:

The Executive Committee study the recommendation that was made at the Pastor's Meeting in Winston Salem, and present a Resolution at the May Meeting to send to the State Association in June. S/C.

Rev. Cyrus Shoffner announced the Sunday School Seminar to be held Saturday 21, 1998, at the Rocky Pass Church.

## **WORSHIP HOUR:**

Congregational Song — *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart* — Bro. Daren Dwyer

Special Song — Faith Duet

Message — Rev. Roy Harris — Eph. 2:1-10 — "What Makes the Difference? The Word of God."

Adjourned.

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**FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**of the**  
**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**meeting with**  
**FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH, LENOIR, NC**  
**May 2, 1998**

The Forty-Fifth Annual Session was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Wendell Walley, in the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Edward Hutchinson.

Congregational Singing — *Glory To His Name*. Led by Bro. James Cole.

Prayer — Rev. Julius Hall

Welcome — Rev. Jack Moses, Host Pastor.

Response — Rev. Julius Hall.

Devotion — Rev. Roy Shehan — John 11:20-27.

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors: Rev. Jim Marcum, State Promotional Director; Rev. Tom Jackson, Pastor at Boone; Rev. and Mrs. James Childers, Sr. They were given a standing ovation. Bro. Childers is the founder of the Lenoir Church.

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers: Churches represented: 21, Ministers: 26 present, 5 reported either by Letter or Call, 2 Expired. Delegates: 32, Deacons: 7, Visitors, 2.

Two Ministers have Expired: Rev. Clyde Nations and Rev. Elmer Hensley. A move was made by Rev. Hollifield that our Minutes be Dedicated to Bro. Clyde Nations, this to be written by Executive Board. S/C.

### **REPORTS:**

Treasurer's Report — Sister Carrie Padgett (See Reports).

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

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

Executive Comm. Report — Sister Lucille Tatham (See Reports).

Missions Report — Rev. Julius Hall gave a report on Hickory Mission: Average Attendance 30-40, Churches sending in money goes into Building fund, \$53,000 in Building Fund, Need large Auditorium.

Auxiliary Report — Sister Martha Taylor (See Reports).

Credentials Report — Rev. Julius Hall

Nominating Committee Report — Rev. Reuben Cason — Nominations from floor: Bro. Jon Canon, Youth Board; Bro. Jack Moses replace Bro. Jack Ward on Home Mission Board. M/S/C to accept these and adopt the Report (See Reports).

M/S/C to adopt all Reports.

## **BUSINESS SESSION:**

A Motion was made by Bro. Hollifield to send a \$50.00 donation as a Memorial for Bro. Willie Summerlin's father, who recently passed away. S/C.

The following move was made by Bro. Cason:

The Executive Board send a Resolution to the State Association in regard to the growing lack of participation in the State Association. S/C. This Letter was mailed to all Executive Board Members for their approval before being sent to the State Association. Following is a copy of the Letter that was sent to the State Association:

May 18, 1998

State Association of Free Will Baptists  
Moderator, Tim Stout  
Route 2, Box 363-X  
Bailey, NC 27807

Dear Brothers in Christ,

For several years and with growing concern we have watched the interest level of our Blue Ridge Pastors dwindle in regards to participation in the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists. With growing alarm, we have noticed that this dissatisfaction and lack of interest is not confined to our Pastors.

Therefore, it seems to us that if we are to have a viable State Association, we need to find ways to encourage greater unity and participation. One idea floated by others that we feel might help in this matter, is a change in our Constitution and By-Laws to require that the Moderators of the various District Associations serve as the nominating committee. We respectfully recommend the adoption of this or a similar proposal.

We would also like to suggest that our Executive Committee explore this whole area of concern and report back to the next meeting of The State Association, other suggestions to promote greater unity and participation at the state level.

Respectfully Submitted,

Executive Committee of the Blue Ridge Association.

Report by State Promotional Director, Rev. Jim Marcum.

Finance Committee recommended that offering go to Promotional Office. M/S/C.

Next Associational Meeting will be with the Fellowship Church.

## **WORSHIP HOUR:**

Special Singing — Host Church

Message by Bro. Talmadge Brown — Mark 4:35-41 "The Storm Of A Soul."

Blue Ridge Association Of Free Will Baptist  
c/o Lucille Tatham  
1769 Hwy. 221 South  
Marion, N.C. 28752

April 8, 1997

To: All Sister Free Will Baptist Churches  
Of The Blue Ridge Association

From: Executive Committee  
Blue Ridge Association Of Free Will Baptist  
C/O Lucille Tatham, (Clerk)  
1769 Hwy. 221 South  
Marion, N.C. 29872

Subject: Active Membership With Blue Ridge Association Of Free Will Baptists

Dear Pastor:

We are writing this letter in concern of all of our sister Free Will Baptist Churches in the Blue Ridge Association. Each year we have to pay state and national dues in line with how many active churches we have in the association. For many years we paid the dues for inactive members. The Executive Committee has recommended that any church that has not reported in the past year, in person or by letter, and has not paid at least the State and National dues, be dropped from the active list of our membership. If we do not do this, then our association is responsible for paying the dues of the inactive churches.

The Constitution And By-Laws of the Blue Ridge Association states in Article 10 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 at the next session of the Blue Ridge Association and action will be based upon report, either to drop them from the roll, or to continue to labor with them in love."*

We are asking that each church report at the May conference in person or by letter. The conference will be at the Lenoir Free Will Baptist Church, May 2 at 9:30 a.m. If there are any questions concerning this letter please phone the moderator, Rev. Ed Hutchinson at (704) 482-9744.

Rev. Ed Hutchinson — Moderator

Board Members — Rev. Wendell Walley	Rev. Julius Hall	Rev. David Young
Rev. Milton Hollifield	Carrie Padgett	Lucille Tatham

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The Executive Board met at the Western Steer Steak House July 7, 1997.

The following members were present: Rev. Edward Hutchinson, Rev. Wendell Walley, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Julius Hall, Sister Carrie Padgett and Sister Lucille Tatham.

The Program for August was planned. The following **Recommendation** was made:  
Bro. Willie summerlin be elected on the Ordaining Council.

Dismissed in Prayer.

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The Executive Board met in conjunction with the Mission Board January 5, 1998 at the Rocky Pass Church.

Members present were: Rev. Edward Hutchinson, Chairman; Rev. Julius Hall, Rev. David Young, and Rev. Milton Hollifield. The February Program was planned.

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The Executive Board met at the Western Steer Steak House April 6, 1998.

The following Members were present: Rev. Edward Hutchinson, Rev. Wendell Walley, Rev. Willie Sumerlin, Rev. Julius Hall, Rev. Alan Sailors, Sister Carrie Padgett, and Sister Lucille Tatham.

The Annual Program for May was planned. The following **Recommendation** was made:

A Letter concerning active membership be mailed to each of our Sister Churches.

**REPORTS:**

**WESTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST REST HOME REPORT**

Status: Residents 29; Employees 19

Financial Status: We lost a number of Residents in November of '97 and was unable to admit any more Residents until after Christmas. We ended the year with \$11,637.89, down about \$10,000.00 from the year ending December '96.

Project for 1998: We hope to replace the big 280 gal. water heater that is 19 years old. It is leaking already and we want to replace it with a gas water heater. The cost will be \$2,600.00 plus installation. Please help us on the project as soon as possible.

Prayer Requests:

1. We need to stay full, please pray that God will send us the residents that we can minister to.
2. We need to hire some good dedicated employees. . . please pray.

Praise Items: We now have more Free Will Baptist Residents in the home than we have ever had in its history, for this we praise the Lord.

One of our employees' husband, 41, was saved on April 21st.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Jack Ward

**YOUTH BOARD REPORT: November 1, 1997**

Financial Report:

Beginning Balance 5/3/97 .....	\$1,400.00
Income .....	\$6,940.08
1. Blue Ridge Association .....	\$ 496.65
2. Interest Added .....	16.29
3. Camp Fees .....	6,000.00
4. Drink and Candy Sales at Camp .....	226.45
5. Deposit from Camp .....	200.00
6. Final Interest Added .....	.69
Expenses .....	\$6,135.31
1. NC Youth Relations Board - Competition Fees. \$	95.00
2. Camp Fees, Pool Rental, Lifeguard Fees .....	3,472.00
3. Camp Food .....	1,794.95
4. Honorariums .....	700.00
5. Video Rentals .....	44.00
6. Phone Calls .....	29.36

Ending Balance as of 11/1/97..... \$2,204.77\*\*

\*\*Because of the recent election of Daron Dwyer as the chairman of the Blue Ridge Association Youth Board, the account has been moved to First Union National Bank in Black Mountain, NC.



### **Camp Report:**

We had a total of 109 people at camp this year. There were 83 youth and 26 adults. Four precious souls made first time decisions for the Lord, and many, many more re-dedicated their lives to Christ. We thank the Lord for a safe and wonderful camp this year. Also, we thank Him for allowing us to finish camp in the black, showing a camp profit of \$186.14. While we hated to raise the cost of camp, it was necessary to maintain financial integrity.

The Youth Board will be meeting within the next two weeks to decide whether or not to return to "The Oaks" for camp next year, and make initial preparations for next year's camp. We ask for your prayers as we consider these important decisions.

### **Announcements:**

Youth for the Master will meet on Saturday, November 15th at 6:00 PM at First FWB Church in Marion for the presentation of the dramatic music, "Acts of the Apostles" by Ken Sausedo. A love offering will be taken. We will then break for refreshments, and re-assemble for practice competition. We remind you that in order to be eligible for district competition next spring, you must compete in either the Nov. or Feb. practice competition.

### **YOUTH FUND REPORT: February 7, 1998**

#### **Financial Report:**

Previous Balance 11/1/97 .....	\$2,204.77
Income .....	\$ 330.23
1. Youth for the Master Offering (11/17/97) ..	\$ 117.00
2. Check from Blue Ridge Association .....	213.23
Expenses .....	\$ 269.85
1. Ken Sausedo Ministries, Inc. (11/15/97) ....	\$ 200.00
2. Board Meeting (11/24/97) .....	35.85
3. Board Meeting (1/17/98) .....	34.00
Ending Balance .....	\$2,265.15

#### **Youth for the Master Report:**

**Last Meeting (11/15/97):** We were privileged to have Ken Sausedo and the "Song of Paul" ministry team with us to present the musical drama, "Acts of the Apostles," which not only gives the story of the Book of Acts, but also presents a strong message of carrying the gospel to the world. The meeting was fairly well attended, but we would still love to see more churches there. The host church, First FWB in Marion, also served refreshments. We had practice competition in both Bible and Music, though entries were low in number.

**Upcoming Meeting (2/21/98):** Shelby FWB invited us to come because they are having a visiting chalk artist to come. We will be having practice competition at 6:00 PM, followed by a service in which the TASK ministry team from Meadowbrook will present a musical drama, "Field of Souls." Then we will enjoy the talents of the chalk

artist. Refreshments will be served. We challenge all our Association churches to attend these meetings with their youth of all ages. Satan sure is willing to provide things for your youth to go to, so do not miss this chance to counter his schemes with good Christian fellowship and service.

**District Competition (4/18/98):** Youth must participate in at least one of the practice competitions (Nov. or Feb.) to be eligible to compete in the district with the chance of going on to state competition, which will be held May 15, 16 at Trinity FWB in Greenville, NC. Location for our district will be announced at the February Youth for the Master meeting.

**Report from board meetings:**

- A. Meeting on 11/24/97 (attending: Daron Dwyer, Wayne Miller, Lewis Melton, Jr., Rocky Reese).
  - 1. Discussed plans for upcoming youth meeting.
    - a. Youth for the Master meetings.
    - b. Additional youth rallies to encourage fellowship among churches and address such issues as rock music, drugs and alcohol and other youth issues.
    - c. Considered having in another drama group such as the "Academy of Arts" to do a drama.
  - 2. Discussed where to have the 1998 youth camp.
    - a. Call Camp Jacob in Clintwood, VA
    - b. Looked at literature from The Anchorage camp in Lake Wacamaw, NC.
  - 3. Discussed preparations for 1998 camp
    - a. Recruiting and training camp volunteers (counselors)
    - b. Daron Dwyer would work to secure a speaker
- B. Meeting on 1/17/98 (attending: Daron Dwyer, Rocky Reese, Lewis Melton, Jr.)
  - 1. Met with Camp Jacob director, Ed Slemple and wife, Ginger
    - a. Viewed a video about the camp
    - b. Had a question and answer time to find out more about the camp.
  - 2. Met with The Anchorage camp director, David Ulrich
    - a. Viewed a photo album from the camp
    - b. Had a question and answer time to find out more about the camp.

**1998 Youth Camp:** All information about this year's camp will be available at the February Youth for the Master meeting. See additional handout for information on this year's camp.

## **YOUTH FUND REPORT: May 2, 1998**

### **Financial Report:**

Previous Balance 2/6/98 .....	\$2,265.15
Income .....	\$ 308.48
1. From Blue Ridge Association .....	\$308.48
Expenses .....	\$1,623.45
1. Camp Deposit: The Anchorage .....	\$1600.00
2. Phone Use: Meadowbrook .....	14.57
3. Phone Use: Meadowbrook .....	8.88

**Ending Balance .....** \$ 950.18

### **Youth for the Master Report:**

**February Meeting (2/21/98) — Shelby FWB Church:** Our February meeting was one of the most exciting in some time, not only because of the program featuring Meadowbrook's TASK team presenting the musical "Field of Souls" and the talented and powerful chalk artist that was present, but also because it was the most attended meeting in years, with about 275 people attending. We also had another practice competition.

**April Meeting (4/18/98) — Homer's Chapel FWB Church:** Our District competition meeting saw these competitors going on to state competition: Michelle Marlowe, Cedar Hill, Bible Sword Drill, Grade 6; Cedar Hill Bible Tic Tac Toe Team; Cedar Hill Bible Bowl Team; Shannon Shoffner, Cedar Hill, Female Vocal Solo, Grades 7-9; Mandi Mashburn, Cedar Hill, Female Vocal Solo, Grades 10-12; Seth McKinney, Rocky Pass, Male Vocal Solo, Grades 10-12; Cesar Hill Trio, vocal Ensemble, Grades 10-12; Jessica Bowman, Rocky Pass, Keyboard, Grades 4-6; Rodney Shoffner, Cedar Hill, Instrumental Solo, Wind, Grades 10-12. While participation was up from last year, we look for even greater participation in competition next year.

The April meeting was also exciting because the Youth Choir from Way of the Cross in Shelby was able to come and bless our hearts with their singing, and Pastor Alan Sailors brought a great message to us on the "Mirage" that Satan uses to tempt youth. What a challenge. Praise the Lord for the decisions made that night!

### **Youth Camp:**

Youth camp will be held this year at The Anchorage Camp at Lake Wacamaw, NC, just this side of Wilmington, NC. Rev. Jeff Jones, pastor of Hilltop FWB Church in the Raleigh Area will be our camp evangelist. He is an excellent youth speaker that has been on the program of youth conferences and special meetings in many areas. All churches are asked to pick up a copy of the information and registration form today. The registration fee is due June 1st.

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT:

The Blue Ridge District Woman's Auxiliary met April 4, 1998 at Cedar Hill Church. There were 48 in attendance. The Clyde Free Will Baptist Women joined the District. Bro. Jack Ward, Director of the Western F.W.B. Rest Home brought the message.

Our goals for the spring meeting were:

Foreign Mission	Jim and Vickie Sturgill	\$600.00 - Paid \$725.00
Home Mission	Miguel Vera	\$200.00 - Paid \$285.00
Bible College	Choice	\$300.00 - Paid \$475.00
Fall Project	F.W.B. Children's Home	\$500.00 - Paid \$572.50

Total Paid Out — \$12,655.71 this year.

Bal. in Trea.      \$969.00

We currently have 87 members in our District.

Our State Meeting will be in Chocowinity at the Union Chapel church of the Coastal District May 4, 5. Muriel Gainer, Missionary to Japan will be the featured speaker on Tuesday. Bro. Pat Hall, Home Missionary in Wilmington, will be speaking at the Banquet on Monday evening.

We would like each Pastor here today to encourage the Ladies of your Church to join our district Woman's Auxiliary. Our Missionaries need each of us working together to keep them in the field.

Our next Meeting will be a Luncheon at Harriett Memorial Church, Aug. 29, at 11:30.

Our Fall Meeting will be at Fairview in Marion, October 3rd. Registration will be from 9:00 to 9:30. Singing at 9:30.

Again, we would love for more Churches to join us and help us win the lost for Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Taylor

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## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT:**

Moderator:	Wendell Walley
Assistant:	Roger Hayley
Clerk:	Lucille Tatham
Assistant:	Etta Butler
Treasurer:	Carrie Padgett

### **Executive Board**

Wendell Walley (Chairman)  
Roger Hayley  
Lucille Tatham  
Carrie Padgett  
Roy Shehan  
Alan Sailors  
Reuben Cason

### **Credentials Committee**

Rocky Reese  
David Young  
Jack Moses

### **Finance Committee**

Norris Hawkins  
Howard Pittman  
Frank Cantrell

### **Trustee Board**

Milton Hollifield, Sr.  
Roger Hayley  
Ed Hutchinson

Respectively Submitted:

Willie Sumerlin  
Alan Sailors  
Reuben Cason

### **Ordaining Council**

Norris Hawkins (1999)  
Roy Shehan (2000)  
Willie Sumerlin (2001)  
Ed Hutchinson (2002)

### **Youth Board**

Daren Dwyer  
Dennis Tolley  
Junior Melton  
Dean Good  
Rocky Reese  
Jon Cannon

### **Youth Camp Directors**

Daren Dwyer  
Dennis Tolley

### **Home Mission Board**

Milton Hollifield, Sr.  
Ed Hutchinson  
Jack Moses  
Earl Davis  
David Young  
Reuben Cason  
Cyrus Shoffner

# Blue Ridge Free Will Baptist Association

## Annual Meeting – May 2, 1998

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### GENERAL FUND

Fund Balance – May 3, 1997	\$3,442.31
Total Receipts	<u>6,261.87</u>
Sub-Total	\$9,704.18

#### Disbursements:

Clerk's Salary	125.00	
Clerk's Expenses	83.58	
Dues – State & National Assoc. ('97)	1,115.00	
Blk. Mtn. Printing (Minutes)	983.68	
Steak House (Meals, Exec. Board)	141.67	
Home Missions Board (Mexico)	1,160.00	
Check Order Fee	24.79	
Rev. William Vaughn & Wife	300.00	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	181.00	
Roaring Creek Church, Flood Damage	400.00	
(From Canton Church)		
Memorial - American Cancer Society	50.00	
(Darvie Padgett)		
Food for Sunday School Workshop:		
Cedar Hill Church	200.00	
Rocky Pass Ladies Auxiliary	100.00	
Dues (1998)	120.00	
Wilmington Missions	<u>170.00</u>	
(From Clyde Church)		
Total	\$5,154.72	- 5,154.72

<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 4,549.46</b>
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#### YOUTH BOARD

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 1,106.04</b>
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#### LOCAL MISSIONS FUND

Fund Balance – May 3, 1997	\$ 4,505.67
Total Receipts	<u>7,059.83</u>
Interest Added	96.55
Sub-Total	\$11,662.05
Southside Church	<u>- 7,431.21</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,230.84</b>

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**MINISTER'S BENEVOLENT FUND**

Fund Balance – May 3, 1997	\$ 6,439.99
Total Receipts	632.01
Interest Added	<u>97.71</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 7,169.71
Roaring Creek Church (Flood Damage)	- 1,000.00
Memorials:	
FWB Bible College (Bro. Clyde Nations)	- 100.00
Shriners Hospital (Bro. Elmer Hensley)	<u>- 50.00</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 6,019.71</b>

**FWB BIBLE COLLEGE LOAN FUND**

Fund Balance – May 3, 1997	\$6,661.33
Total Receipts	<u>197.50</u>
Interest Added	64.47
Sub-Total	\$ 6,923.30
FWB Bible College (Loan for Jeff Boehm)	<u>- 534.29</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$6,389.01</b>

**SOUTHEASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE LOAN FUND**

Fund Balance – May 3, 1997	\$2,095.40
Total Receipts	197.50
Interest Added	<u>44.87</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$2,337.77</b>

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May 3, 1997

**TOTAL  
THIS QUARTER**

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FOR YEAR**

Avery Creek		\$ 100.00
Beaverdam		
Calvary		1,025.00
Camp Branch		
Canton	680.00	1,570.00
Cedar Hill	131.85	538.22
Clyde	267.66	267.66
Fairview	235.01	610.67
Faith	105.00	503.49
Fellowship	414.00	1,797.00
First - Marion		240.00
Gethsemane	60.74	316.53
Harriett Memorial		260.00
Homer's Chapel	250.00	375.00
Lakeview	74.11	398.96
Lenoir		352.38
Meadowbrook	293.56	1,061.12
Meadow Fork		100.00
Nowling Chapel	360.29	1,467.03
Oakley	79.39	347.64
Pisgah		189.00
Roaring Creek		283.36
Rocky Pass	330.00	1,210.00
Shelby		60.00
Southside		
Sulphur Springs		60.00
Swannanoa	50.00	200.00
Sweeten Creek		
The Way of the Cross	100.00	897.22
Zephyr Hills	33.51	412.47
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,465.12</b>	<b>\$14,642.75</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carrie Padgett, Treasurer

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**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.

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## Minister's Report

- Rev. Talmadge Brown:** 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mtn., N.C., 28711. Buncombe County. Pastor, Meadowbrook Church. (828) 669-2310.
- Rev. Oliver Cagle:** Rt. 3, Box 219, Canton, NC 28716. Haywood Co. Pastor, Pisgah Church. (828) 235-8568.
- Rev. Frank Cantrell:** 206 Eastwood Ave., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Buncombe County. Pastor, Calvary Church. (828) 686-5794.
- Rev. Reuben Cason:** P.O. Box 1346, Canton, NC 28716. Haywood County. Pastor, Canton Church. (828) 648-0753.
- Rev. James Childers Sr.:** Rt. 1, Box 233-A-1, Old Fort, NC 28762. McDowell Co. Affiliated with Rocky Pass Church. (828) 724-9785.
- Rev. Leonard Cutshaw:** P.O. Box 1281, Maxwell Dr., Fletcher, NC 28732. Henderson Co. Pastor, Oakley Church. (828) 684-9670.
- Rev. Earl Davis:** Route 1, Box 432, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. (828) 652-2370.
- Rev. Daren Dwyer:** 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Buncombe County. Affiliated with Meadowbrook Church. (828) 669-9150.
- Rev. Elisha W. Fish:** Rt. 3, Box 212, Candler, NC 28715. Buncombe County. Pastor, Clyde Church. (828) 667-5656.
- Rev. Bobby Fox** 1011 Riverside Drive, Asheville, NC 28804. Buncombe County. Pastor, Avery's Creek Church. (828) 253-0885.
- Rev. Dean Good:** 472 Buckeye Access Rd., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Buncombe County. Pastor, East Flat Rock Church. (828) 299-9387.
- Rev. Julius Hall, Sr.:** 1304 Fieldbrook St., S.W. Lenoir, NC 28645. Caldwell County. Pastor, Southside Mission. (828) 754-7854.
- Rev. Norris Hawkins:** 11 Williamsburg Place, Asheville, NC 28803. Buncombe County. Pastor, Fellowship Church. (828) 274-8604.
- Rev. Mark Hensley:** 3440 Arthur Mill Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Affiliated with Faith Church. (828) 584-8372.
- Rev. T. A. Holder:** 47 Elkmont Dr., Asheville, NC 28804. Buncombe County. (828) 254-8014.
- Rev. Roger Hayley:** 250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752. McDowell Co. Pastor, Marion First Church. (828) 652-4513.

<b>Rev. Milton A. Hollifield, Sr.:</b>	Rt. 3, Box 744, Nebo, NC 28761. McDowell County. Pastor, Rocky Pass Church. (828) 652-5798.
<b>Rev. Edward Hutchinson:</b>	1003 High Wedge Rd. Shelby, N.C. 28152. Cleveland County. Pastor, Shelby Church. (828) 481-1604.
<b>Rev. Allen Jackson:</b>	Rt. 11, Box 643, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Not Pastoring now. Going wherever I am called or just visit other churches. (828) 738-3907.
<b>Rev. Gordon Johnson:</b>	107 Dakar Dr., Shelby, NC 28152. Cleveland County. Pastor, Adwolf Church. (828) 783-5957.
<b>Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick:</b>	Rt. 4, Box 100, Nebo, NC 28761. McDowell Co. Associate Pastor, First Marion Church. (828) 652-5229.
<b>Rev. James Lynn, Sr.:</b>	14 Ridgeway Dr., Asheville, NC 28806. Buncombe County. Supply Preacher for any Church. VFW Post 3040 280th. Combat Eng. Conducted 7 Funerals, Traveled 2496 Miles, volunteered, Spent \$299.50 for Gas. (828) 254-8744.
<b>Rev. Terry McDaniel:</b>	1352 Hwy. 221-A, Forest City, NC 28043.utherford County. Affiliated with Shelby Church. (828) 657-6512.
<b>Rev. Ernest Messer:</b>	304 Smathers St., Waynesville, NC 28786. Haywood County. Pastor, Camp Branch Church. (828) 452-2755.
<b>Rev. Wayne Miller:</b>	Rt. 1, Box 473, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Affiliated with Fairview Church. (828) 652-3360.
<b>Rev. John Moore:</b>	140 Graham Rd., Marshall, NC 28753. Madison County. Affiliated with Red Hill Church. I am Retired Pastor for Medical reasons, but I remain a Preacher of the Gospel. Thank God for the Blue Ridge Assn. of which I have been a member since 1969. (828) 683-9491.
<b>Rev. Jack Moses:</b>	2353 Conley Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Pastor, First FWB Church in Lenoir. (828) 584-1863.
<b>Rev. Scott Patton:</b>	5169 Pea Ridge Road, Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Church Affiliation, Faith Church. (828) 584-0225.
<b>Rev. Howard Pittman, Sr:</b>	1016 Lakecrest Ave., High Point, NC 27265. Guilford County. Pastor, Lakeview Church. (336) 899-3450.
<b>Rev. Willard Pless:</b>	203 Academy St., Canton, NC 28716. Haywood County. Pastor, Meadow Fork Church. (828) 648-8145.

- Rev. Ralph Reep:** 385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Pastor, Gethsemane Church. (828) 738-4238.
- Rev. Rocky Reese:** 1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Pastor, Faith Church. (828) 584-4849.
- Rev. Winfred Roland:** 106 Young St., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Buncombe County. (828) 686-3509.
- Rev. Roy Shehan:** 3311 US 64, Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Pastor, Nowlings Chapel Church. (828) 433-9623.
- Rev. Alan Sailors:** 101 Clearview Dr., Shelby, NC 28150. Cleveland County. Pastor, The Way Of The Cross Church. (828) 484-3842.
- Rev. Cyrus Shoffner:** 227 Johnston School Rd., Asheville, NC 28806. Buncombe County. Pastor Cedar Hill Church. (828) 253-0369.
- Rev. Troy Smith:** 1938 Hwy. 221-A, Forest City, NC 28043. Rutherford County. Pastor, Harriett Memorial Church. (828) 657-6062.
- Rev. Willie Sumerlin:** Rt. 1, Box 445, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Pastor, Fairview Church. (828) 652-6593.
- Rev. Dennis Tolley:** 670 Big Springs Church Rd., Ellenboro, NC 28040. Rutherford County. Youth Pastor, The Way Of The Cross Church. (828) 538-1476.
- Rev. William Vaughn:** P.O. Box 117, Old Fort, NC 28762. McDowell County. Affiliated with First FWB Church, Black Mountain. (828) 668-4609.
- Rev. Wendell Walley:** 13 Auburndale Dr., Asheville, NC 28806. Buncombe County. Pastor, Zephyr Hills Church. (828) 665-4538.
- Rev. Jack Ward** P.O. Box 2303, Candler, NC 28715. Buncombe County. Administrator of Western FWB Rest Home. (828) 665-8559.
- Rev. J. D. Wilson** Rt. 1, Box 281, Newland, NC 28657. Avery County. Pastor, Roaring Creek Church. (828) 733-5389.
- Rev. Phillip Wyatt:** Rt. 10, Box 658, Waynesville, NC 28786. Haywood County. Pastor, Sulphur Springs Church. (828) 452-0870.
- Rev. David Young:** 202 Chapel Road, Black Mountain, NC 28711. Buncombe County. Pastor, Homer's Chapel Church. (828) 669-2343.

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## 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. Licensed Ministers 1; Total Membership 43; S.S. Enrollment 25.
- 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 lost 7; Total Membership 125; 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.
- 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. Licensed Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 3; No. Baptisms 1; No. Members added 2; No. Members lost 5; Total Membership 86; S.S. Enrollment 79.
- Cedar Hill:** Pastor: Rev. Cyrus Shoffner, 227 Johnston School Rd., Asheville, NC 28806. Clerk: Mrs. Nancy Cole, 36 Brook Branch Rd., Leicester, NC 28748. No. Ordained Ministers 2; No. Licensed Ministers 2; No. Ordained Deacons 4, No. Members added 3; Total Membership 177.
- Clyde:** Pastor: Rev. Elisha Fish, 99 Young's Cove Rd., Candler, NC 28715. Clerk: Rita Putnam, 60 Woodland Church Rd., Clyde, NC 28721. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Licensed Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 4.
- 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 8; Total Membership 75; Total S.S. Enrollment 85. Women's Auxiliary Enrollment 8; Master's Men Enrollment 8.
- Faith:** Pastor: Rev. Rocky Reese, 1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Clerk: Mrs. Darlene Ball, 2710 Acorn Dr., Morganton, NC 28655. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Licensed Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 3; Total Membership 150; S.S. Enrollment 80; C.T.S. Enrollment 15; Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 12.
- Fellowship:** Pastor: Rev. Norris Hawkins, 11 Williamsburg Pl., Asheville, NC 28803. Clerk: Mrs. Mildred Southern, 1 Waters Rd., Asheville, NC 28803. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 3; No. Baptisms 15; No. Members added 28;

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No. Members lost 10; Total Membership 76; S.S. Enrollment 50; Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 18.

**First Lenoir:**

Pastor: Rev. Jack Moses, 2353 Conley Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Clerk: Kim Patrick, 118 Meadowview Pl., SW, Lenoir, NC 28645. No. Ordained Ministers 2; No. Licensed Ministers 2; No. Ordained Deacons 3; No. Baptisms 5; No. Members added 13; Total Membership 109; S.S. Enrollment 60.

**First Marion:**

Pastor: Rev. Roger Haley, 250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752. Clerk: Mrs. Cindy Berryhill, 95 Pleasant Hill Rd., Marion, NC 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 2; No. Licensed Ministers 2; No. Ordained Deacons 6, No. Baptisms 3; No. Members added 8; No. Members lost 9; Total Membership 262; C.T.S. Enrollment 28; Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 20.

**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 3; No. Members added 5; Total Membership 61; S.S. Enrollment 50.

**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 Ministers 2; No. Licensed Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 6; No. Baptisms 4; No. Members added 11; No. Members Lost 16; Total Membership 126.

**Homer's Chapel:**

Pastor: Rev. David Young, 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Clerk: Mrs. Midgie Rollins, 828 Cherokee Ave., Black Mountain, NC 28711. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 3; No. Baptisms 1; No. Members added 4; Total Membership 102; S.S. Enrollment 65; Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 15.

**Lakeview:**

Pastor: Rev. Howard Pittman, 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; Total Membership 40; S.S. Enrollment 50.

**Meadowbrook:**

Pastor: Rev. Talmadge Brown, 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Clerk: Mrs. Kelli Conner, P.O. Box 1123, Black Mountain, NC 28711. No. Ordained Ministers 2; No. Ordained Deacons 11 (7 Active); No. Baptisms 9; No. Members added 18; No. Members lost 2; Total Membership 235; S.S. Enrollment 225; Youth Training Program Enrollment 130, Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 18.

**Meadow Fork:**

Pastor: Rev. Willard Pless, 203 Academy St., Canton, NC 28716. Clerk: Mrs. Pat Pless, 203 Academy St., Canton, NC 28716. No. Ordained Ministers 1; Total Membership 17; 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 8; No. Members added 4; Total Membership 172; S.S. Enrollment 172; Women's Auxiliary Enrollment 20.
- Oakley:** Pastor: Rev. Leonard Cutshaw, P.O. Box 1281, Fletcher, NC 28732. Clerk: Michael Lollis, 741 Old US70 Hwy., Swannanoa, NC 28778. No. Ordained Ministers 4; No. Ordained Deacons 4; No Baptisms 5; Total Members Added 15; Total Membership 70; S.S. Enrollment 30; C.T.S. Enrollment 70; Total Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 12.
- Pisgah:** Pastor: Rev. Oliver Cagle, Rt. 2, Box 219, Canton, NC 28716. Clerk: Mrs. Karen Leatherwood, 110 Harley Creek Road, Canton, NC 28716.
- 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.
- Rocky Pass:** Pastor: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Sr., Rt. 3, Box 744, Nebo, NC 28761. Clerk: Mrs. Betty McKinney, Rt. 6, Box 667, Marion, NC 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 2; No. Licensed Ministers 2; No. Ordained Deacons 12; No. Baptisms 9; No. Members added 9; No. Members lost 6; Total Membership 378; S.S. Enrollment 175; C.T.S. Enrollment 50; Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 13.
- 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 2; No. Ordained Deacons 3; No. Baptisms 15; No. Members added 19; Total Membership 230; S.S. Enrollment 125; C.T.S. Enrollment 35; Women's Auxiliary Enrollment 15.
- Southside:** Pastor: Rev. Julius Hall, Sr., 1304 Fairbrook St. S.W. Lenoir, NC 28645. Clerk: Mrs. Trudy Caldwell, 127 Hillside Court, Hickory, NC 28602. No Ordained Ministers 1; No. Licensed Ministers 1; No. Baptisms 5; No. Members added 8; No. Members lost 2; S.S. Enrollment 30; Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 7.
- Sulphur Springs:** Pastor: Rev. Phillip Wyatt, 160 Quinlan Dr., Waynesville, NC 28786. Clerk: Mrs. Mary Lanning, 28 Dolphin Dr., Waynesville, NC 28786. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Licensed Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 3; No. Baptisms 1; No. Members added 5; Total Membership 50; S.S. Enrollment 30; Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 12.
- Swannanoa:** Pastor: -- Clerk: Mrs. Clara Mae Ogle, 133 Dellwood Ave., Swannanoa, NC 28788. No. Ordained Deacons 8; Total Membership 123; Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 12.
- The Way Of** Pastor: Rev. Alan Sailors, 101 Clearview Dr., Shelby, NC

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**The Cross**

28150. Clerk: Mrs. Barbara Mayhue, Monica Dr., Shelby, NC 28150. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Licensed Ministers 2.

**Sweeten Creek:**

**Zephyr Hills:**

Pastor: Rev. Wendell Walley, 13 Auburndale Dr., Asheville, NC 28806. Clerk: Mrs. Lucille Lance, 93 English Place, Candler, NC 28715. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Licensed Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 4; No. Baptisms 2; No. Members added 6; No. Members lost 4; Total Membership 185; S.S. Enrollment 70; Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 20.



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**Constitution and By Laws  
of the  
Blue Ridge Association of North Carolina  
Affiliated with  
National Association of Free Will Baptist**

**Article 1**

This Association shall be known as the Blue Ridge Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

**Article 2**

A. The purpose of this Association shall be: To promote unity, fraternity, fellowship, and co-operation: To encourage and engage in larger Christian enterprises which cannot be carried on by a single church: and to combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptist within its bounds in one sacred effort to encourage and promote the general spread of the gospel and the causes of the National Association.

B. This Association shall encourage a sound ministry, which presents Christ as an all-sufficient Savior, having made salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the gospel, which is freely offered to all.

**Article 3**

This Association shall be composed of all Ordained Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates, chosen and sent by each church in its bounds, who are duly recommended by the Church to which they belong, and all Ministers who are in good standing and of sound doctrine of the Free Will Baptist faith, who are not affiliated with the Blue Ridge Associational Churches, contribute \$1.00 at each meeting for the support of the Benevolent Fund. Each Church shall be entitled to at least (6) six Delegates.

**Article 4**

A. This Association disclaims the right to exercise lordship over the churches, or to have any power which would entitle it to infringe upon the internal affairs or rights of any of the churches of which it is composed. Each church shall consider its internal affairs to be its own business, but it shall not disrespect the Association and those who are placed in authority by the proper process.

B. An accused church shall have the same 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 Association meetings.

#### **Article 18**

Anyone who wishes to present any grievance, or any matter that pertains to any person or personality, or persons, first be presented in writing and signed, to the proper committee (Executive or Ordaining Council), whichever the matter concerns.

#### **Article 19**

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at any annual meeting of this Association.

### **Rules of Decorum**

**Article 1** — This Association shall be opened and closed with suitable devotions.

**Article 2** — There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

**Article 3** — Every person wishing to speak shall first arise and address the Moderator, and be recognized before speaking.

**Article 4** — No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

**Article 5** — Every member speaking shall attend the subject under consideration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Articles of Faith

**1. God:** We believe 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 reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him." (Romans 10:12).

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

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

**7. Free Grace:** We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scripture. "He that shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of thee, but to do

justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8).

**8. Perseverance:** We do not believe, under gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved: that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and finally be lost. "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." (Luke 8:62).

**9. Good Works:** We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasant, or acceptable to God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." (Matthew 7:19-20).

**10. Christian Baptism:** We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without faith in the Subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4).

**11. The Lord's Supper:** We believe the supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." (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 dedicate this 1998 Minute to the memory of Rev. Clyde Nations, who went home to be with the Lord on February 25, 1998. He was Pastor of the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Church, and the former Pastor of the Fairview Free Will Baptist Church, Nebo, NC; North Spartanburg Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, SC; White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Blandenboro, NC; and Saw Mill Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Bryson City, NC.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Faye Lowman Nations; son, Randy E. Nations of Morganton, NC; daughters, Teresa N. White, Carla Glover, Hope Nations and Leigh Ward, all of Spartanburg, SC; one daughter-in-law; 2 sons-in-law; brothers, Max Nations of Connelly Springs, NC, and Hubert Nations of Marble, NC; sisters, Geraldine Gregory of Hickory, NC, Shirley McGaha of Andrews, NC, and Yvonne Ammons of Connelly Springs, NC; mother-in-law, Della Lowman of Connelly Springs, NC; 9 grandchildren and 15 nieces and nephews.

