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of the
Original
Free Will Baptists*

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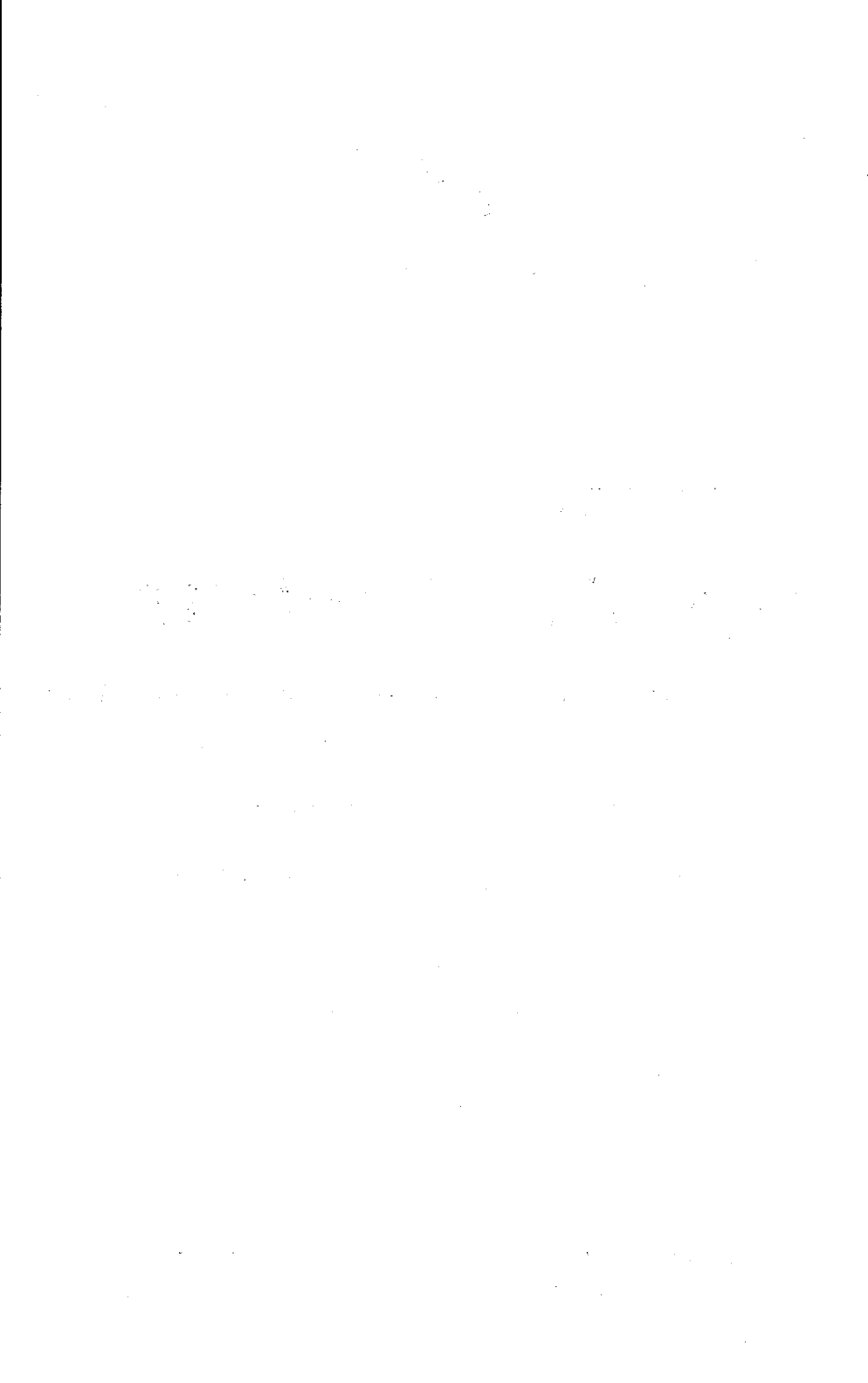
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**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
of the
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, ASHEVILLE, NC**

August 1, 1998

The First Quarterly Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Wendell Walley.

Congregational Singing, *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms*, Rev. Milton Hollifield

Prayer — Rev. Reuben Cason

Welcome — Rev. Norris Hawkins

Response — Rev. Roger Hayley

Devotion — Rev. Frank Cantrell — Matthew 6:9-15

Moderator's Remarks

M/S/C to seat Delegates.

Visitors Welcomed — David and Kristi Mizille, Rev. Bob Edmonson and wife, Joann.

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers — 16 Churches Represented, Delegates 28, Ministers 18, visitors 4, Deacons 9.

REPORTS:

Financial Report — Sister Carrie Padgett. M/S/C to Receive Report.

Rest Home Report — Rev. Jack Ward (See Reports). M/S/C to Receive Report.

Executive Committee Report — Sister Lucille Tatham. M/S/C to Receive Report.

Missions Report — Rev. Hollifield. M/S/C to Receive Report.

Women's Auxiliary — Sister Martha Taylor. M/S/C to Receive Report.

Home Mission Report — Rev. Julius Hall. Average Attendance 40, 5 saved since January. M/S/C to Receive Report.

State Mission Report — Rev. Bob Edmonson, Asheboro. Church Organized Nov. 6, 1944. Average Attendance 47. M/S/C to Receive Report.

BUSINESS SESSION:

No Business. Several Testimonies and Prayer Requests were given.

WORSHIP HOUR:

Congregational Song — *Glory To His Name* — Led by Rev. Cason

Offertory Prayer — Rev. Shoffner. Offering going to Ashboro Mission.

Offering — \$214.50

Special Singing — *It's Still The Blood* — Jennie Ratcliffe

Message — Rev. Bob Edmonson — Proverbs 24:15-16.

**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
of the
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**SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING
FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH, MARION, NC
November 7, 1998**

The Second Quarterly Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Wendell Walley

Congregational Singing — *Sunlight* — Led by Rev. Daren Dwyer

Prayer — Rev. Randy Stone

Welcome — Rev. Roger Hayley

Response — Rev. Elisha Fish

Minister's Retirement Program presented by Rev. Bill Evans.

Moderator's Remarks

Song — *Amazing Grace* — Testimonies

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers: 22 Churches represented, 25 Ministers, 14 Deacons, 18 Delegates, 8 Visitors.

Visitors Welcomed — Rev. Bill Evans, a Delegation from Bro. Jon Cannon's Church: Tom McClure, Eric Jones, and David Smith.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report — Sister Carrie Padgett. M/S/C to Receive Report.

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

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

Missions Report — Bro. Julius Hall, Southside, Hickory: Good Attendance in Revival, 7 people Saved and 7 Baptized, plans are being made for a new Sanctuary. Rev. Milton Hollifield recommended giving the Hickory mission \$6,000.00 for their Building, M/S/C.

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

Credentials Committee Report

M/S/C to Receive all Reports.

Bro. Hayley provided information and report on having a Pastor's Retreat at Smokey Shadows Conference Center in Gatlinburg. If 10 couples attend, there will be no charge for Assembly Room. Bro. Ed Hutchinson moved to proceed with Retreat and Blue Ridge Association pay expense of Speaker and make this an Annual Event. S/C.

Bro. Milton encouraged all Pastors and Ministers to attend the third Monday meetings at Meadowbrook Church. The Speaker will be Bro. Sells.

Benediction — Bro. Talmadge Brown.

WORSHIP HOUR:

Congregational Singing led by Bro. Reuben Cason

M/S/C to send Offering and \$200.00 extra to Board of Retirement.

Prayer by Bro. Daren Dwyer.

Special Song by Bro. Roger Hayley — *Going Home*.

Offering — \$100.75

Message by Rev. Bill Evans — Genesis 14:20.

Prayer by Rev. Roger Hayley

Adjourned

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION of the ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING GETHSEMANE CHURCH, MARION, NC February 6, 1999

The Third Quarterly Meeting was called to Order by the Moderator, Rev. Wendell Walley.

Congregational Singing — *On Jordan's Stormy Banks* — Led by Bro. Ron Barber

Welcome — Rev. Ralph Reep, Host Pastor

Response — Rev. Alan Sailors

Rev. Roy Harris gave a presentation on the Relocation Campaign Project for the Bible College.

Special Altar Prayer by all Ministers, Led by Bro. Rocky Reese.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report — Sister Carrie Padgett. M/S/C to Receive Report.

Youth Board Report — Bro. Rocky Reese (See Reports). M/S/C to Receive Report.

Rest Home Report — Rev. Norris Hawkins — good report — 3 vacancies. Pray for the Home and visit the Home. M/S/C.

Ordaining Council Report — Bro. Norris Hawkins — 3 Recommendations were given:

1. Bro. Randy Stone be accepted in the Association, pending a Letter from his former Association. M/S/C.
2. Bro. Dennis Tolley be Ordained. Date set later. M/S/C.
3. Rev. Eric Jones is the Interim Pastor of the Canton Church.

Executive Report — Lucille Tatham — (See Reports). M/S/C.

Bro. Roger Hayley gave a report on the Pastor's Retreat at the Smokey Shadows Conference Center in Pigeon Forge, TN.

Mission Report — Rev. Julius Hall — Good attendance, \$78,000 in Building Fund. M/S/C.

Woman's Auxiliary Report — Sister Martha Taylor

Credentials Committee Report — Rev. David Young

Roll Call of Ministers and Churches: 20 Churches represented, 23 Ministers, 11 Deacons, 36 Delegates.

Visitor's Welcomed: Rev. Roy Harris, Bible College, Nashville, TN, Rev. Robert Harris, Bethel F.W.B. Church.

M/S/C to replace Rev. Cyrus Shoffner on the Home Mission Board and also Rev. Reuben Cason on the Executive Committee Board and Home Mission Board.

Nominating Committee elected: Rev. David Young, Rev. Ed Hutchinson, and Rev. Rocky Reese.

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Congregational Song — *I'll Fly Away* — Bro. Ron Barber, Director

Prayer — Bro. Howard Pittman

Offering — \$198.77 — Offertory Prayer by Moderator, Rev. Walley

Special Singing — *Walk Around Me Jesus* and *It's Still The Blood* — by Martha, Matthew, and Mark Barber.

Message by Rev. Roy Harris — Psalm 91:1,2

Move by Rev. Hollifield — Give \$2500.00 from the Bible College Loan Fund to the Bible College Campaign Fund. S/C.

Testimony and Benediction by Bro. Jeff Boehm.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
meeting with
HARRIETT MEMORIAL CHURCH, CAROLEEN, NC
May 8, 1999

The Forty-Sixth Annual Session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Wendell Walley.

The Choir sang *The King Is Coming* and *I'll Sail Away Home*.

Prayer — Rev. Julius Hall

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors by Moderator: Rev. Scott Hollifield and Marvin Vaughn from Liberty Church; Rev. Eric Jones, new Pastor at Canton; Rev. Shawn Hartzog, director of Asheville Christian Counseling; Rev. and Mrs. Al Taylor, Director of Stewardship for the church of God.

M/S/C to seat all Delegates.

Report of Churches and Ministers: Church represented 19, Ministers present 20, Delegates 53, Deacons 8, Visitors 10 — Total 91.

The Moderator introduced Bro. Shawn Hartzog, Director of Christian Counseling. He has recently moved to Asheville and is beginning a new work in this area. He used for his text, 2 Cor. 5:13-16. His service is available to those churches who wish to utilize it.

Prayer — Rev. Milton Hollifield

Special Singing — *He's Alive* by Mrs. Lynn Evans

The Moderator introduced Bro. Al Taylor, Author, International Speaker, and Director of Stewardship for the Church of God. His first message was "God's Purpose For Saints." Gen. 1:26-29.

Dismissal Prayer by Bro. Jack Moses for Recess.

Congregational Song — *To God Be The Glory*.

Prayer by Bro. Ed Hutchinson.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Ordaining Council Report by Bro. Norris Hawkins (See Reports)

Nominating Committee Report by Bro. Ed Hutchinson (See Reports)

M/S/C to receive Rev. Eric Jones into Association, pending a Letter of Recommendation from the Canton Church.

Offertory Prayer — Bro. Elisha Fish.

Offering — \$125.00 to Asheville Christian Counseling.

REV. TAYLOR'S SECOND SESSION: "The Christ Priority." Gen. 14:16-23, Romans 15:1, Leviticus 23:9-14.

Closing Prayer Host Pastor, Rev. Troy Smith

LUNCH

REV. TAYLOR'S THIRD SESSION: "The Jesus Franchise."

Benediction

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The Executive board met at the Camp Fire Steak House in Black Mountain, July 20, 1998. The following members were present: Moderator: Rev. Wendell Walley, Rev. Roger Haley, Rev. Reuben Cason, Rev. Rocky Reese, Rev. Alan Sailors, Sister Carrie Padgett, Conway and Lucille Tatham.

The program for the August meeting was planned using the Theme: "The Free Will Baptist State Ministry." The speaker is the Rev. Bob Edmonson, State Home Missionary in Ashboro, North Carolina.

The November Session will meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Marion. The Theme: "The Free Will Baptist Retirement Program." Rev. Bill Evans is the Speaker.

The Executive Board met at the Countryside Barbecue in Marion, January 22, 1999. The following members were present: Rev. Wendell Walley, Rev. Roger Hayley, Carrie Padgett and Lucille Tatham. Prayer by Bro. Hayley. The Board approved Rev. Roy Harris to give the Morning Message and to give a report on the Bible College relocation.

The Board discussed the Pastor's Retreat scheduled for March 12 and 13 at Pigeon Forge.

Dismissed in prayer by Sister Carrie.

REPORTS:

WESTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST REST HOME REPORT: August 1, 1998

The Home is currently full. We have 30 residents.

We have a staff of nineteen (19).

We are currently involved in the re-call of the Series-C bonds that was issued in the Spring of 1990. These bonds were to be paid off in the year 2004. We have secured a \$100,000.00 loan from the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptist. This is an interest-free loan. The proceeds of this loan will pay off the bonds. The Rest Home will save about \$60,000.00 over the next five years. For the first time since the old Series-A bonds were issued when the building was built, we now see the light at the end of the tunnel.

WESTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST REST HOME REPORT: November 7, 1998

We are currently full.

We have 18 employees at the present.

We just had a resident that turned 101 years old and we have one that is 102, and is in the last stages of cancer. Our average age is 83. We continue to admit our Free Will Baptist people.

If any churches plan to bring anything for Christmas, please bring fruit in place of candy. Please come and visit during the Holidays.

Our Needs:

1. We need some churches to have a paper drive and collect paper towels, toilet tissue, table napkins.
2. We are replacing curtains with vertical blinds, the cost is about \$48.00 per set. We need 10 more sets.
3. We need you to put us in your budget for monthly support.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for Francisca Varao. She is 102 and dying.
2. Pray for some employees we have that do not live like they should live.
3. We are once again in the middle of the annual audit. Pray that God will help us through it.

Submitted by
Jack Ward, Administrator

WESTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST REST HOME REPORT: February 6, 1999

The Rest Home has 29 residents at the present time.

The Home has 18 employees.

Notes of Interest:

The Rest Home has paid the first installment of \$10,000.00 back to the State Association on the \$100,000.00 loan. We now owe a total of \$90,000.00. This time last year we owed \$162,018.96.

Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray for some good second shift employees.
2. We need a van with a lift on it.
3. Pray for our staff and residents.

Come and visit.

YOUTH BOARD REPORT: November 7, 1998

Financial Report:

Previous Balance 5/1/98	\$ 950.18
Income	\$9,110.07
1. Camp Registrations	\$8,225.00
2. Camp Registrations	345.00
3. Deposit: Check from Blue Ridge Assoc.	255.88
6. Deposit: Check from Blue Ridge Assoc.	284.19

Expenses	\$8,209.98
1. Office Expenses (stamps)	\$ 32.00
2. Commercial Service Charges	30.48
3. Youth Board Meeting	10.00
4. Camp Registration Balance: The Anchorage	7,737.50
5. Camp Speaker, Jeff Jones	400.00

Ending Balance as of 11/7/98..... \$1,850.27

Youth for the Master Report:

Our August meeting was delayed until September 19th, because we had just returned from camp and did not have time to send out letters in time for the meeting to be held in August. This Youth for the Master meeting was held at Meadowbrook FWB in Black Mountain. It was an exciting meeting, and fairly well attended. There were games in the gym, then ice cream was served, followed by our service. The service featured many of the songs from camp, special music from the Cannon's, and a great message by Bro. Jon. The attendance banner stayed with Way of the Cross FWB.

Our November meeting will be on the 21st at Way of the Cross FWB in Polkville, pastor Alan Sailors. This will also be our first practice competition. The practice will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by the service. We really want to see our meetings continue to be well attended, so come on out.

Camp Report:

Camp really went well this year. Yes, there were several changes that called for adjustment, but it seems that the young people really enjoyed themselves. There were so many activities to do, and the facility was in good shape.

We tried something new and for the first time had a separate Junior and Teen evening service. This really makes for better understanding and application on God's Word because it is tailored to the level of the audience, but it sure is exciting to be all together. The youth board is going to discuss this and other important issues concerning our camp soon. In answer to prayer, there were many decisions made by the youth. Some of the finest preaching I have heard to teens was done by Bro. Jeff Jones, pastor of Hilltop FWB Church in the Raleigh/Durham area, and I have heard some good comments about the Junior Evangelist as well. This is the highlight of camp!! Yes, the activities were good, but seeing kids move closer to God — THAT'S GREAT.

If you went to camp this year, your comments and suggestions for next year will be greatly appreciated. See one of the youth board members today, or give us a call within the next day or two, and we will take it into consideration. If you did not go or send youth, perhaps there is a reason why that you would like to share with us that would help us serve everyone better in the future. *We may not know if you do not tell us.*

Thank you for your support of the blue Ridge Association Youth.

YOUTH FUND REPORT: February 6, 1999

Financial Report:

Previous Balance (5/1/98)	\$1,850.27
Income	\$ 272,74
1. Deposits: Blue Ridge Association.....	\$ 272.74
Expenses	\$ 218.85
1. Campfire (board meeting)	\$ 19.00
2. Randall House (competition)	37.05
3. Randall House (competition)	162.80
Ending Balance (11/7/98)	\$1,904.16

Youth for the Master Report:

The November Youth for the Master meeting was held at the Way of the Cross FWB Church. There were 105 in attendance. Competition was followed by a service in which Bro. Dennis Tolley preached and the youth choir from the Way of the Cross sang.

Our February meeting will be held at Cedar Hill FWB Church in Asheville. Practice competition will begin at 6 p.m. The service will follow, with the youth choir from Mt. Vernon FWB bringing the special music, and the message by Bro. Eric Jones, Interim Pastor of Canton FWB Church.

Camp Report: After much discussion, the Youth Board has decided to make the following changes for our 1999 youth camp:

1. The dates for youth camp will be June 14-19. This is a much better date than the last week in July, because the National is always the week before, and there are some conflicts with school schedules.
2. The location of this year's camp will be CAMP JACOB in Clintwood, Virginia. This was one of the camps considered last year, and has very good facilities, activities, and programs, at a lower cost than last year.

Thank you for your support of the Blue Ridge Association Youth. We are working together very closely and doing our best to be sure our youth are being effectively trained as soldiers of the cross.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT:

The following recommendations were made:

1. Letters of Recommendation be sent to Rev. Talmadge Brown, Rev. Reuben Cason, and Rev. Jon Cannon
2. Rev. Eric Jones be received into Association, pending a Letter of Recommendation from the Canton Church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Norris Hawkins
Ed Hutchinson
Willie Summerlin
Jack Ward
Roy Shehan

WOMAN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEETING: October 2, 1998

Fairview Church. We have a membership of 87 with 10 churches actively participating in our District. Muriel Gainer, Missionary to Japan, was the Speaker. We recently lost one of the most important and loved members of our Auxiliary, Sister Beulah Norville went to be with the Lord a few weeks ago.

Our next meeting will be April 10, 1999 at the First Church in Marion. We would like to encourage each one here to get behind the Ladies Auxiliaries of your churches and encourage them to come and be a part of our work for the Lord.

Our special Project this year is the N.C. Home Mission at Wilmington.

Foreign Mission — Car for Molly Barker

Home Mission — Cross Cultural Ministries

Bible College of your choice.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Martha Taylor

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The following Recommendations were made:

1. Executive Board — Bro. David Young replace Bro. Reuben Cason.
2. Youth Board — Bro. Eric Jones replace Bro. Daren Dwyer.
3. Home Mission — Bro. Howard Pittman replace Bro. Cyrus Shoffner.
Bro. Troy Smith replace Bro. Reuben Cason.
4. Ordaining Council — Bro. Julius Hall replace Bro. Norris Hawkins.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Young
Ed Hutchinson
Rocky Reese

Blue Ridge Free Will Baptist Association

Annual Meeting – May 2, 1998

FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Fund Balance – May 2, 1998	\$4,549.46
Total Receipts	<u>5,260.36</u>
Sub-Total	\$9,809.32

Disbursements:

Clerk's Salary	125.00	
Clerk's Expenses	88.37	
State Promotional Work	103.00	
Blk. Mtn. Printing (Minutes)	1,004.62	
State Assoc. Fees	615.00	
National Assoc. Fees	400.00	
Steak House (Meals, Exec. Board)	72.62	
Rev. Bob Edmonson	224.50	
Copy Paper, Stamps (Treasurer)	11.17	
Bro. Milton Hollifield (Reimbursement for meals for Mission Board)	78.06	
National Board of Retirement	300.75	
Smoky Shadows Conference Center (Pastor's Retreat)	729.57 *	
Rev. James Kilgore (Speaker)	200.00	
State Missions Board	274.97 **	
FWB Bible College (Bldg. Program)	2,500.00	
Total	<u>\$6,727.63</u>	<u>- 6,727.63</u>

FUND BALANCE

\$ 3,082.19

*Portion of this amount (\$413.00) offset by payment of those attending.

**This amount was sent to the State Missions Board at the request of Clyde and The Way of the Cross Churches (was designated for Wilmington and Bro. Ral Alsbrook).

YOUTH BOARD

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 1,137.12
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LOCAL MISSIONS FUND

Fund Balance – May 2, 1998	\$ 4,230.84
Total Receipts	6,869.23
Interest Added	<u>83.59</u>
Sub-Total	\$11,183.66
Southside Church (Building Fund)	<u>- 6,000.00</u>
FUND BALANCE	\$5,183.66

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MINISTER'S BENEVOLENT FUND

Fund Balance – May 2, 1998	\$ 6,019.71
Total Receipts	649.75
Interest Added	<u>62.73</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 6,732.20
Memorials:	
Rev. Willie Summerlin's Father	- 50.00
Bro. Eugene Moore (Bro. John Moore's Son)	<u>- 200.00</u>
FUND BALANCE	\$ 6,482.20

FWB BIBLE COLLEGE LOAN FUND

Fund Balance – May 2, 1998	\$6,389.01
Total Receipts	203.05
Interest Added	<u>64.14</u>
FUND BALANCE	\$6,656.20

SOUTHEASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE LOAN FUND

Fund Balance – May 2, 1998	\$2,337.77
Total Receipts	203.05
Interest Added	<u>21.56</u>
FUND BALANCE	\$2,562.38

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	<u>AMOUNT THIS QUARTER</u>	<u>AMOUNT FOR YEAR</u>
Avery Creek	\$ 30.00	\$ 110.00
Calvary		100.00
Camp Branch		
Canton	150.00	806.00
Cedar Hill		453.57
Clyde		515.37
Fairview	279.72	976.31
Faith	114.00	511.00
Fellowship	269.80	1,775.63
First - Marion		240.00
Gethsemane	62.73	275.32
Harriett Memorial	400.00	600.00
Homer's Chapel		
Lakeview	84.72	451.29
Lenoir		340.87
Meadowbrook	296.58	1,099.06
Meadow Fork		100.00
Nowling Chapel	375.21	1,531.02
Oakley	73.92	400.36
Pisgah	140.00	295.00
Roaring Creek	78.02	250.78
Rocky Pass	220.00	1,371.00
Shelby	60.00	135.00
Southside		60.00
Sulphur Springs		60.00
Swannanoa	50.00	200.00
Sweeten Creek		
The Way of the Cross	60.00	752.00
Zephyr Hills	85.65	305.05
TOTALS	<u>\$2,830.35</u>	<u>\$13,714.63</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Padgett, Treasurer

Minister's Report

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. 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. Elisha W. Fish:	99 Young's Cove Rd., Candler, NC 28715. Buncombe County. Pastor, Clyde Church. (828) 667-5656.
Rev. Bobby Fox	1011 Riverside Dr., 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. Roger Hayley:	250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Pastor, First F.W.B. Church. (828) 652-4513
Rev. Norris Hawkins:	11 Williamsburg Place, Asheville, NC 28803. Buncombe County. Pastor, Fellowship Church. (828) 274-8604.
Rev. Mark Hensley:	3440 Arthur Mull 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. Milton A. Hollifield, Sr.:	Rt. 3, Box 744, Harmony Grove Rd., Nebo, NC 28761. McDowell County. Pastor, Rocky Pass Church. 1 Revival, 28 Funerals, 3 Weddings. (828) 652-5798.
Rev. Edward Hutchinson:	1003 High Wedge Rd. Shelby, N.C. 28152. Cleveland County. Pastor, Shelby Church. E-mail: revhutch@juno.com (828) 481-1604.
Rev. Allen Jackson:	Rt. 11, Box 643, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. (828) 738-3907.
Rev. Christopher Jackson:	Box 280, Switzer, W.Va. 25647. (304) 946-2867.
Rev. Eric Jones:	P.O. Box 1346, Canton, NC 28716. Haywood County. Pastor, Canton Church. (828) 648-0753.
Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick:	Rt. 4, Box 100, Nebo, NC 28761. McDowell Co.

	Associate Pastor, First Marion Church. (828) 652-5229.
Rev. James Lynn:	14 Ridgeway Dr., Asheville, NC 28806. Buncombe County. Affiliated with Cedar Hill Ch. Supply Preacher for any Church. Chaplain of American Legion #2. Chaplain of VFW Post 3040, Chaplain Buncombe Co. Memorial Team. Conducted 79 Military Funerals. (828) 254-8744.
Rev. Terry McDaniel:	1352 Hwy. 221-A, Forest City, NC 28043. Rutherford County. Affiliated with Harriett Memorial Church. I just want to thank the Lord for the things He has done for me. (828) 657-9730.
Rev. Wayne Miller:	Rt. 1, Box 473, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Affiliated with Fairview Church. (828) 652-3360.
Rev. John Moore:	140 Graham Rd., Marshall, NC 28753. (828) 683-9491.
Rev. Jack Moses:	2353 Conley Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Pastor, First FWB Church in Lenoir. (828) 584-1863.
Rev. Scott Patton:	5169 Pea Ridge Road, Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Church Affiliation, Faith Church. (828) 584-0225.
Rev. Howard Pittman:	1016 Lakecrest Ave., High Point, NC 27265. Guilford County. Pastor, Lakeview Church. (336) 869-3450.
Rev. Willard Pless:	203 Academy St., Canton, NC 28716 and 1736 Roaring Creek Rd., Newland, NC 28657. Haywood County. Pastor, Roaring Creek Church. (828) 648-8145.
Rev. Ralph Reep:	385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Pastor, Gethsemane Church. (828) 738-4238. Burdened for lost Souls and looking for Jesus.
Rev. Rocky Reese:	1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Pastor, Faith Church. (828) 584-4849. Unable to attend Association because of accident.
Rev. Winfred Roland:	106 Young St., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Buncombe County. Affiliated with Oakley Church. (828) 686-3509. Unable to Pastor because of bad health.
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. Cleve-

	land County. Pastor, The Way Of The Cross Church. (704) 484-3842.
Rev. Troy Smith:	1938 Hwy. 221-A, Forest City, NC 28043. Rutherford County. Pastor, Harriett Memorial Church. (828) 657-6062.
Rev. Randy Stone:	204 E. Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Buncombe County. Pastor, Meadowbrook Church. (828) 669-2310.
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. (704) 538-1476.
Rev. William Vaughn:	P.O. Box 117, Old Fort, NC 28762. McDowell County. Affiliated with First FWB Church in Black Mountain, NC. (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. 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.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

Avery's Creek:	Pastor: Rev. Bobby Fox, 1011 Riverside Drive, Asheville, NC 28804. (828) 253-0885. Clerk: Mrs. Carolyn Swann, 21 Oteen Park Place, Asheville, NC 28805. No. Ordained Ministers 1; Total Membership 43; Total S.S. Enrollment 22.
Calvary:	Pastor: Rev. Frank Cantrell, 206 Eastwood Ave., Swannanoa, NC 28778. (828) 686-5794. Clerk: Mrs. Genevieve Robertson, 15 Sunset Dr., Swannanoa, NC 28778. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 1; No. of Baptisms 2; No. Members lost 3; Total Membership 125; W.A. Enrollment 10; Master's Men enrollment 5.
Canton:	Pastor: Rev. Eric Jones, P.O. Box 1346, Canton, NC 28716. (828) 648-0743. Clerk: Mrs. Helen Hamlett, 26 Flint St., Canton, NC 28716. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 4; No. Baptisms 1; No. Members added 4; No. Members lost 6; Total Membership 84; S.S. Enrollment 73.
Cedar Hill:	Pastor: No Pastor. Clerk: Mrs. Nancy Cole, 36 Brook Branch Rd., Leicester, NC 28748. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 4; No. Baptisms 6; No. Members added 11; No. Members lost 3; Total Membership 125; S.S. Enrollment 60; W.A. Enrollment 15; C.T.S. Enrollment 35.
Clyde:	Pastor: Rev. Elisha Fish, 99 Young's Cove Rd., Candler, NC 28715. (828) 667-5656. Clerk: Mrs. Rita Putnam, 60 Woodland Church Rd., Clyde, NC 28721. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Licensed Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 4; No. Members added 3; Total Membership 40; Total S.S. Enrollment 30; C.T.S. Enrollment 4; W.A. Enrollment 6.
Fairview:	Pastor: Rev. Willie Sumerlin, Rt. 1, Box 445, Marion, NC 28752. (828) 652-6593. Clerk: Mrs. Betty Miller, Rt. 1, Box 473, Marion, NC 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 2; No. Licensed Ministers 2; No. Ordained Deacons 9; No. Baptisms 4; No. Members added 2; No. Members lost 5; Total Membership 72; S.S. Enrollment 65; W.A. Enrollment 8; M.M. Enrollment 8.
Faith:	Pastor: Rev. Rocky Reese, 1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. (828) 584-4849. Clerk: No Clerk. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Licensed Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 3; No. Members added 4; No. Members lost 4; Total Membership 150; S.S. Enrollment 80; C.T.S. Enrollment 25; W.A. Enrollment 15.
Fellowship:	Pastor: Rev. Norris Hawkins, 11 Williamsburg Pl., Asheville, NC 28803 (828) 274-8604. Clerk: Mrs. Mildred Southern, 1 Waters Rd., Asheville, NC 28805. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 3; No. Baptisms 5; No. Members added 2; No. Members lost 6; Total Membership 58; W.A. Enrollment 20; M.M. Enrollment 10.

- Gethsemane:** Pastor: Rev. Ralph Reep, 385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752. (828) 738-4238. Clerk: Mrs. Linda Reep, 385 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 1; No. Members added 3; No. Members lost 1; Total Membership 64; Total S.S. Enrollment 50.
- Harriett Memorial:** Pastor: Rev. Troy Smith, 1938 Hwy. 221-A, Forest City, NC 28043. (828) 657-6062. Clerk: Mrs. Ellen Robertson, 931 US Hwy. 221-A, Forest City, NC 28043. No. Ordained Ministers 2; No. Licensed Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 5; No. Baptisms 4; No. Members added 13; No. Members Lost 1; Total Membership 135; W.A. Enrollment 5.
- Homer's Chapel:** Pastor: Rev. David Young, 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. (828) 669-2343. 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 2; Total Membership 105; S.S. Enrollment 60; W.A. Enrollment 15.
- Lakeview:** Pastor: Rev. Howard Pittman, 1016 Lakecrest Ave., High Point, NC 27265. (336) 869-3450. Clerk: Mrs. Betty Draughn, Rt. 2, Box 472, Old Greensboro Rd., High Point, NC 27265. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Baptisms 9; No. Members added 2; Total Membership 50; S.S. Enrollment 50.
- Lenoir First:** Pastor: Rev. Jack Moses, 2353 conley Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. (828) 584-1863. Clerk: Mrs. Kimberly Patrick, 118 Meadowview Pl., SW, Lenoir, NC 28645. No. Ordained Ministers 2; No. Licensed Ministers 2; No. Ordained Deacons 3; No. Baptisms 3; No. Members added 5; No. Members lost 1; Total Membership 114; S.S. Enrollment 62.
- Marion First:** Pastor: Rev. Roger Hayley, 250 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752. (828) 652-4513. Clerk: Mrs. Cindy Berryhill, 95 Pleasant Hill Rd., Marion, NC 28752; No. Ordained Ministers 2; No. Licensed Ministers 2; No. Ordained Deacons 9; No. Baptisms 9; No. Members added 11; No. Members lost 5; Total Membership 180; C.T.S. Enrollment 50; W.A. Enrollment 15.
- Meadowbrook:** Pastor: Rev. Randy Stone, 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. (828) 669-2310. Clerk: Mrs. Keli Conner, P.O. Box 1123, Black Mountain, NC 28711. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 11 (7 Active); No. Baptisms 4; No. Members added 17; No. Members lost 2; Total Membership 253; S.S. Enrollment 243; W.A. Enrollment 10.
- Nowling's Chapel:** Pastor: Rev. Roy Shehan, 3311 US 64, Morganton, NC 28655. (828) 433-9623. Clerk: Mrs. Shirley Davis, Fisher Davis Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 3; No. Baptisms 6; No. Members added 4; No. Members lost 1; Total Membership 178; S.S. Enrollment 178; W.A. Enrollment 10.

- Oakley:** Pastor: Rev. Leonard Cutshaw, P.O. Box 1281, Fletcher, NC 28732. (828) 684-9760. Clerk: Michael Lollis, Tanglewood MHP Lot 4, Swannanoa, NC 28778. No. Ordained Ministers 3; No. Ordained Deacons 4; No Baptisms 6; No. Members added 6; W.A. Enrollment 12; M.M. Enrollment 4.
- Pisgah:** Pastor: Rev. Oliver Cagle, Rt. 3, Box 219, Canton, NC 28716. (828) 235-8568. Clerk: Mrs. Karen Leatherwood, 110 Harley Creek Road, Canton, NC 28716. No. Ordained Ministers 3; No. Licensed Ministers 2; No. Ordained Deacons 3; No. Baptisms 5; No. Members added 4; Total Membership 68; S.S. Enrollment 55; W.A. Enrollment 18.
- Roaring Creek:** Pastor: Rev. Willard Pless, 1736 Roaring Creek Rd., Newland, NC 28657 and 203 Academy St., Canton, NC 28716. (828) 648-8145. 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 2; Total Membership 65; S.S. Enrollment 50; W.A. Enrollment 8.
- Rocky Pass:** Pastor: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Sr., Rt. 3, Box 744, Harmony Grove Rd., Nebo, NC 28761. (828) 652-5798. Youth Director: David Mizelle, Rt. 3, Box 743, Nebo, NC 28761. (828) 659-9344. Clerk: Mrs. Betty McKinney, Rt. 6, Box 667, Marion, NC 28752. No. Ordained Ministers 2; No. Licensed Ministers 2; No. Ordained Deacons 10; No. Members added 3; No. Members lost 3; Total Membership 375; S.S. Enrollment 134; C.T.S. Enrollment 65; W.A. Enrollment 14.
- Shelby:** Pastor: Rev. Edward Hutchinson, 1003 High Wedge Rd., Shelby, NC 28152. E-mail: revhutch@juno.com (704) 481-1604. Clerk: Mrs. Denise Scruggs, P.O. Box 506, Henrietta, NC 28076. No. Ordained Ministers 2; No. Ordained Deacons 3; No. Baptisms 5; No. Members added 8; No. Members lost 4; total Membership 234; S.S. Enrollment 125; C.T.S. Enrollment 40; W.A. Enrollment 15.
- Southside:** Pastor: Rev. Julius Hall, Sr., 1304 Fairbrook St., Lenoir, NC 28645. (828) 754-7854. Clerk: Mrs. Trudy Caldwell, 5570 Hillside Cir., Hickory, NC 28602. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Baptisms 5; No. Members added 8; No. Members lost 2; W.A. Enrollment 9.
- Sulphur Springs:** Pastor: Rev. Phillip Wyatt, 160 Quinlan Dr., Waynesville, NC 28786. (828) 452-0870. Clerk: Mrs. Mary Lanning, 28 Dolphin Dr., Waynesville, NC 28786. No. Ordained Ministers 3; No. Ordained Deacons 6; No. Members added 34; Total Membership 69.
- Swannanoa:** Pastor: Rev. Jack Ward, P.O. Box 2303, Candler, NC 28715. (828) 665-8559. Clerk: Mrs. Clara Mae Ogle, 133 Dellwood Ave., Swannanoa, NC 28788. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Licensed Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 10; No. Members added 8; No. Members lost 2; Total Membership 87; S.S. Enrollment 85; C.T.S. Enrollment 50; W.A. Auxiliary Enrollment 9.

**The Way Of
The Cross**

Pastor: Rev. Alan Sailors, 101 Clearview Dr., Shelby, NC 28150. (704) 484-3842. Clerk: Mrs. Barbara Mayhue, Monica Dr., Shelby, NC 28150. No. Ordained Ministers 2; No. Baptisms 25; No. Members added 30; No. Members lost 1; Total Membership 135; S.S. Enrollment 80; W.A. Enrollment 25.

Zephyr Hills:

Pastor: Rev. Wendell Walley, 13 Auburndale Dr., Asheville, NC 28806. (828) 665-4538. Clerk: Mrs. Lucille Lance, 93 English Place, Candler, NC 28715. No. Ordained Ministers 2; No. Licensed Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 3; No. Baptisms 3; No. Members added 5; No. Members lost 2; Total Membership 188; S.S. Enrollment 75; W.A. Enrollment 12.

**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 cooperation: 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 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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