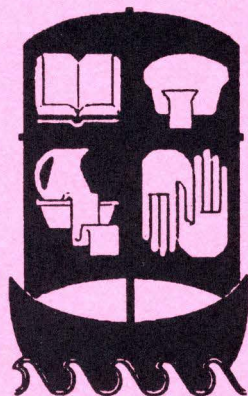
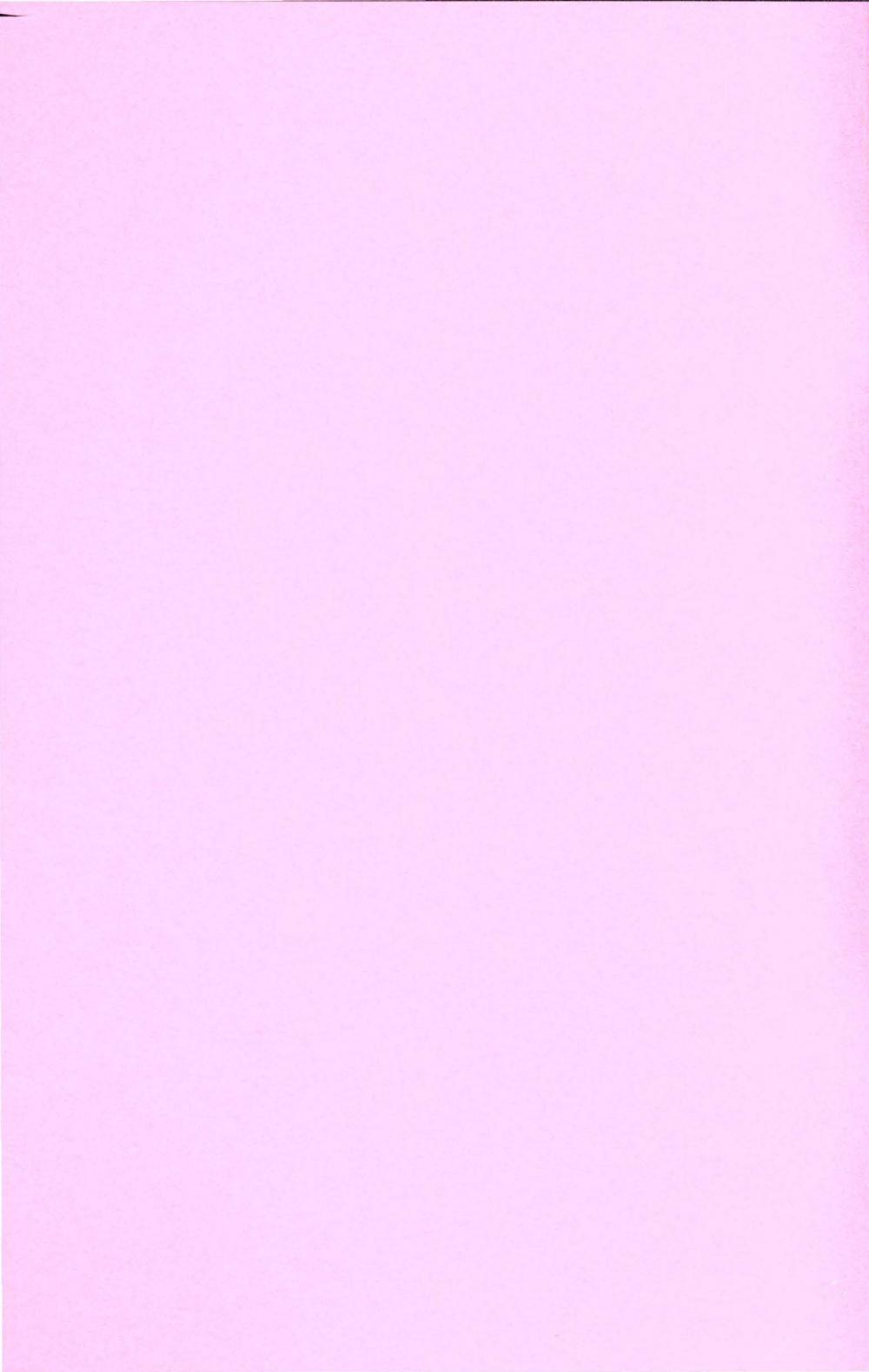


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BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION of the ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING OAKLEY F.W.B. CHURCH, ASHEVILLE, NC August 5, 2000

The First Quarterly Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Roger Hayley.
Congregational Singing, *When We All Get To Heaven*. Brother Hayley directing
Prayer — Rev. Willie Summerlin

Welcome — Rev. James Smith

Response — Rev. David Young

Devotion — Rev. Elisha Fish

Moderator's Remarks - Welcome and recognition of visitors. One visitor: Rev. Larry Haggard, Southeastern F.W.B. Bible College.

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers: Churches represented 19, Ministers 27, Delegates 20, Deacons 7, Visitors 4.

REPORTS:

Finance Report — Sister Carrie Padgett. M/S/C.

Youth Board Report — Rev. David Mizelle: Youth For The Master will meet with the Fellowship Church, August 19, 2000. Excellent Report was given on Youth Camp: 3 Saved and 1 answered the call to the Ministry. M/S/C to receive Report.

Ordaining Council Report — Rev. Julius Hall. (See Reports) M/S/C to receive Report.

Woman's Auxiliary Report — Lucille Tatham in the absence of the President, Sister Paula McKinney. (See Reports) M/S/C to receive this Report.

Reports) M/S/C.

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

Rev. David Young resigned his church (Homer's Chapel) and is leaving the Association.

Rev. Leonard Lindsey was nominated to replace Bro. Young on the Executive Board.
S/C/

Missions Report - Bro. Julius Hall: Bro. Hollifield recommended giving the Hickory Mission \$5000.00 from the local Mission Fund. M/S/C

Rev. Larry Haggard gave an interesting Report on the Southeastern FWB Bible College. College is debt-free, a total of 216 students, graduated 27 students this year.

Bro. Hollifield gave a report on the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Congregational Song — *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms.*

Offertory Prayer by Rev. Troy Smith

Credentials Report - Rev. Jack Moses

Finance Committee Report recommended offering go to Southeastern Bible College.
M/S/C

MESSAGE by Bro. Willard Pless — Matthew 11:28-30; Genesis 8:8-12

"The Search for the Rest for the Soul"

Adjourned.

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION of the ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING PISGAH F.W.B. CHURCH, CANTON, NC November 4, 2000

The Second Quarterly Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Roger Hayley.

Congregational Singing — *Where Could I Go* — Bro. Jack Heatherly

Prayer --- Rev. Milton Hollifield

Welcome — Rev. Oliver Cagle

Response — Rev. Brian Bishop

Devotion — Rev. Harold Webb — Psalm 119:105, 112

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers, and recognition of Visitors:

Moderator's remarks --- Welcome and recognized one visitor, Rev. Carl Miller, new Pastor of Homer's Chapel Church.

Churches represented 19, and one by Letter, Ministers 26, Delegates 14, Deacons 4, Visitors 4.

Bro. James Stepp from Harvest Home gave a brief presentation on the Home. Altar Prayer by everyone, led by Bro. Edward Hutchinson.

BUSINESS:

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

Youth Board Report — Bro. David Mizelle. Youth For The Master will meet Nov. 18, 2000 at the Faith Church in Morganton. The Speaker will be Bro. Tully Blanchard. M/S/C to receive Report.

Ordaining Council Report — Rev. Julius Hall. M/S/C to receive Report (See Reports)

Executive Committee Report — Sister Lucille Tatham (See Reports). M/S/C to receive Report.

Mission Report — Rev. Julius Hall — Great Revival, Sanctuary almost completed.

Woman's Auxiliary Report — Written by President, Paula McKinney, and read by Mrs. Fish (see reports). A moment of silent prayer in honor of Sister Martha Taylor, followed by Prayer by Rev. Elisha Fish. M/S/C.

Credentials Report — Rev. Eric Jones. M/S/C to receive Report.

Nominating Committee Report -- Bro. Wayne Miller (See Reports)

Rev. Troy Smith has accepted a Church in Tennessee.

Field Worker will be presented at next meeting.

Finance Committee Report -- Recommended that offering go to Rev. Bill Vaughn. M/S/C.

WORSHIP HOUR:

Congregational Singing — *Where Could I Go. Led by Bro. Jack Heatherly.*

Choir -- "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There"

"He Made A Difference"

Altar Prayer -- Led by Bro. Carl Miller

Message — Rev. Randy Stone — Col. 4:17 and II Timothy 4:5, II Cor. 11:28.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the Pisgah Church for their warm hospitality and the very good meal.

Adjourned.

**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
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**THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING
ROARING CREEK F.W.B. CHURCH, NEWLAND, NC
February 3, 2001**

The Third Quarterly Meeting was called to Order by Moderator, Rev. Roger Hayley.

Congregational Singing — *Victory In Jesus. Led by Bro. Von Oaks.*

Prayer — Rev. Jack Moses

Welcome — Rev. Willard Pless, Host Pastor.

Response — Rev. Edward Hutchinson

Devotion — Rev. David Crowe — Home Mission Department, Rev. 5:8-10

Visitors Welcomed: Bro. Jim Marcum, State Promotional Director, Bro. James Stepp, Director of Harvest Children's Home; a Delegation from the Valdese Church; Bro. Larry Monday, Pastor of Mt. Bethel Church in Weaverville.

Roll Call of Churches & Ministers: Churches represented 17; Ministers 25; Deacons 8, Delegates 23; Visitors 10.

REPORTS:

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

Youth Camp Report — Bro. David Mizelle -- Youth For The Master will meet February 17th, at Homer's Chapel Church. M/S/C to receive Report.

Executive Committee Report -- Lucille Tatham (See Reports).

Bro. Randy Sawyer was elected to be Speaker for the Pastor's Retreat, and be paid \$400.00 for his services. Ammended motion by Bro. Randy Stone -- Bro. Randy Sawyer be given \$269.00: \$200.00 Honorium and \$69.00 traveling expenses. M/S/C.

Bro. Randy gave a Report on the Pastor's Retreat: 12 Pastors and 3 Visitors attending.

Bro. Randy recommended -- A committee be appointed to study the possibility of an Associational Revival. The Committee appointed: Leonard Lindsey, Zachery Bell, Brian Bishop, Harold Webb, Carl Miller, Randy Stone, Roger Hayley.

Woman's Auxiliary Report — Report read by Lucille Tatham in the absence of the President, Sister Paula McKinney. (See Reports).

Credentials Report — Bro. Brian Bishop. M/S/C to receive Report. Minister's Benevolent Fund Report -- Bro. Jack Ward. M/S/C to give \$500.00 each to the following: Bro. Jeff Bohem \$500.00 from the Bible College Fund, Mrs. Winfred Roland, Mrs. James Childers, Sr., and Rev. Bill Vaughn \$500.00 each from the Benevolent Fund.

Recess

Mission Report: Rev. Julius Hall (See Reports) M/S/C to receive report. Bro. Milton Hollifield recommended the Blue Ridge Association be responsible for purchasing the carpet for the Hickory Mission from our Mission Fund, and ask Bro. Jerry McLain to install it. M/S/C.

Ordaining Council Report — Rev. Julius Hall (See Reports).

WORSHIP HOUR:

Congregational Singing — *Standing On The Promises* — Bro. Von Oaks, Director.

Prayer — Rev. Leonard Lindsey

Special Singing by the Host Church — *"Jesus Paid It All" and "Anywhere Is Home"*

Special Trio — *I'll Be Present When The Roll Is Called.*

Offering

Song — Won't It Be Wonderful There".

Message by Rev. David Crowe -- Hebrews 10:25

M/S/C Offering is to go to the Home Mission Department.

Adjourned.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION of the BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION meeting with ROCKY PASS F.W.B. CHURCH MORGANTON, NC May 5, 2001

The Forty-Eighth Annual Session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Roger Hayley.

Congregational Singing — *Praise Him.* Bro Eddie Kirkpatrick, Directing.

Welcome — Rev. Milton Hollifield, Host Pastor

Response — Rev. Leonard Lindsey

Prayer — Rev. Edward Hutchinson

Devotion — Rev. Tom Malone, President of Free Will Baptist Bible College

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors by Moderator:

Rev. and Mrs. James D. Stepp, Director of Harvest Child Care Ministries in Duffield, Va.; Delegation from Mt. Bethel Church and their Pastor Rev. Larry Monday, Rev. Tom Malone, President of F.W.B. Bible College.

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers: Churches represented 19, Ministers 19, Delegates 22, Deacons 7, Visitors 10.

Special Prayer for the sick - Rev. Chris Jackson

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report — Sister Carrie Padgett (See Reports). M/S/C to receive report.

Youth Board Report — Rev. David Mizelle — Emphasis is placed on encouragement, Leadership, and Participation for all of our Youth. Summer Camp will be the last week in July and the first week in August. M/S/C to receive report.

Woman's Auxiliary Report — was given by Sister Polly McKinney (See Reports).

Credentials Report — was given by Rev. David Mizelle.

Nominating Report — was given by Rev. Wayne Miller (See Reports). M/S/C to receive report.

Ordaining Council Report — Rev. Julius Hall (See Reports). M/S/C to receive Report.

Mission Report — Rev. Hall and Rev. Hutchinson (See Reports). M/S/C to receive report.

Finance Committee Report — Offering to go to Bible College.

RECESS

Rev. James Stepp gave a report on the Harvest Child Care Ministry. Bro. Hutchinson made a motion to give \$500.00 from Bible College Loan Fund to the Bible College. S/C.

WORSHIP HOUR:

Congregational Singing — "*Sweetest Name I Know*" and "*Jesus Saves*"

Offeratory Prayer by Rev. Randy Stone. Offering to go to Bible College.

Special Song — David and Christi Mizelle — Carry The Light

Message by Rev. Tom Malone, President of F.W.B. Bible College.

Ephesians 1 — "*Our Spiritual Grace and Peace in Christ Jesus*".

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Willard Pless.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – June 29, 2000:

The Executive Board met at the Countryside Barbecue in Marion, June 29, 2000. The following members were present: Rev. Roger Hayley, Moderator, Sister Carrie Padgett, Sister Lucille Tatham.

The August Program was planned as following:

Welcome by Host Pastor, Rev. Leonard Cutshaw

Response by Rev. Elisha Fish

Concert by Bro. Tim LeBoue

Message by Rev. Willard Pless

Adjourned with Prayer

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – September 12, 2000

The Executive Board met at the Western Sizzlin Steak House, September 12, 2000. The following members were present: Rev. Roger Hayley, Rev. Leonard Lindsey, Sister Carrie Padgett, Sister Lucille Tatham.

Recommendations:

1. Proposed Speakers for future meetings:

February - Home Mission Dept. - Rev. David Crowe

May - F.W.B. Bible College - Rev. Tom Malone

August - Foreign Mission

2. The Conference elect a Field Worker to visit and encourage all of our churches. His duties will be to call ahead and set up appointments so as to promote the work of the Blue Ridge Association, and give a report at the Quarterly Meetings. The Body will determine means by which he will be reimbursed.

The Program for the November meeting was planned as following:

Welcome — Host Pastor, Rev. Oliver Cagle

Response — Rev. Brian Bishop

Devotion — Rev. Harold Webb

Message — Rev. Randy Stone

Adjourned

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – January 10, 2001

The Executive Board met at the Western Sizzlin Steak House, January 10, 2001. The following members were present: Rev. Roger Hayley, Rev. Roy Shehan, Sister Carrie Padgett, Sister Lucille Tatham.

Recommendations:

1. Rev. Randy Sawyer, Speaker for Pastor's Retreat - January 25, 26, 2001
2. Bro. Randy be given \$400.00 love offering for his Services.
3. A committee be chosen to study the possibility of an Associational Revival. The committee would be responsible for the place, time, and Speaker.

The Program for the February meeting was planned as following:

Welcome — Host Pastor, Rev. Willard Pless

Response — Rev. Ralph Reep

Devotion — Rev. David Crowe, Home Mission Dept.

Message — Rev. David Crowe

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – April 5, 2001

The Executive Board met at the Countryside Barbecue April 5, 2001. The following members were present: Rev. Roger Hayley–Moderator, Rev. Randy Stone, Assistant Moderator, Lucille Tatham, Carrie Padgett, Rev. Leonard Lindsey.

The May meeting was planned as following:

Welcome — Host Pastor, Rev. Milton Hollifield

Response — Rev. Leonard Lindsey

Devotion — Rev. Tom Malone

Message — Rev. Tom Malone, President of F.W.B.B.C.

The August meeting was planned as following:

Welcome — Host Pastor, Rev. Edward Hutchinson

Response — Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick

Devotion — Rev. Jim Marcum, State Promotional Dir.

Message — Rev. Jim Marcum

Recommendations:

1. We recommend the following amendment to our Constitution in Article 10, Section C, immediately after the first sentence: "We also deem it necessary to further state that we do not accept a Minister whose wife has two living Husbands." M/S/C.
2. M/S/C to loan Bro. Brian Bishop one-half of his tuition to finish his F.W.B.B.C Bachelor's Degree. This loan will be repaid according to an agreed upon schedule after his Degree is completed or he no longer pursues the Degree. M/S/C.
3. Clarification that two offices need to be filled in this meeting. Bro. Eddie Kirkpatrick needs to be re-elected to his own full term on the Ordaining Council to end in 2006. Someone needs to be nominated to fill the vacancy for 2005. Rev. Elisha Fish was elected to serve until 2005. Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick was elected to serve until 2006. M/S/C.

Adjourned.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT: August 5, 2000

Recommendations:

Bro. Scott Hollifield bring a Letter of Recommendation from the Liberty Church for his Ordination. M/S/C

Bro. Troy Smith replace Bro. Edward Hutchinson on the Ordaining Council. Bro. Hutchinson resigned because of health reasons. M/S/C

Bro. Harold Webb be elected to the Ordaining Council. M/S/C

Bro. Leonard Lindsey was originally ordained August, 1966 in the Western Association. His credentials were ratified by the Blue Ridge Association. M/S/C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT: November 3, 2000

Recommendations:

Bro. Danny Gasperson, new Pastor of Zephyr Hills Church be Ordained. He is a graduate of F.W.B. Bible College and received his Master's Degree from the Bob Jones University. He has been preaching for 11 years. M/S/C

Bro. Harold Webb's Ordination credentials be accepted from Wolverine Association in Michigan. M/S/C

Request for Ordination for Bro. Scott Hollifield was withdrawn for the time being. M/S/C

The Ordaining Council needs to meet with Bro. Neil Pressley, Pastor of Meadow Fork Church for further review. M/S/C

The Ordaining Council met with Bro. Carl Miller, Pastor of Homer's Chapel Church. After a brief interview, the Board agreed to recommend him into our Association, per written request by Homer's Chapel Church, pending a letter of recommendation from the Great Lakes Association in Ohio. M/S/C

— Respectfully submitted, Rev. Julius Hall,
Rev. Harold Webb, Rev. Willard Pless, Rev. Jack Moses

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT: February 3, 2001

Recommendations:

The Ordaining Council met with Bro. David Mizelle, Youth Pastor at Rocky Pass Church. Bro. David was interviewed by the Board, his questionnaire was completed and reviewed, and we recommend his Ordination, pending a letter of request from the Rocky Pass Church. M/S/C.

We recommend our By-Laws, Article 10, Section C be updated. M/S/C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Julius Hall, Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Harold Webb, Rev. Jack Moses

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT: May 5, 2001

The Ordaining Council met Monday, April 30 at the Western Sizzlin Steak House in Morganton. The following members were present: Rev. Jack Moses, Julius Hall, Eddie Kirkpatrick, and Harold Webb.

Recommendations:

Mt. Bethel F.W.B. Church be received in Blue Ridge Association. M/S/C to receive the Church.

Rev. Larry Monday be received in our Association, pending a Letter of Recommendation from the Illinois Association. M/S/C. Bro. Larry is Pastor of Mt. Bethel Church.

A Letter of Recommendation be sent to the South Carolina Conference for David Young. M/S/C.

A Letter of Recommendation be sent to the Cumberland Conference in Tennessee for Steve Lytle. M/S/C.

A Letter was received from Meadow Fork Church requesting withdrawal from our Association. Voted to table this request pending additional information/verification.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Recommendations:

Rev. Leonard Lindsey replace Bro. David Young on Executive Board.

Rev. Oliver Cagle replace Rev. Troy Smith on Nominating Committee.

Rev. Ralph Reep replace Rev. David Young on Nominating Committee.

Rev. Leonard Lindsey replace Rev. David Young on Mission Board.

Rev. Harold Webb replace Rev. Troy Smith on Mission Board.

Youth Camp Director - Bro. David Mizelle.

Rev. Harold Webb replace Rev. Troy Smith on Ordaining Council.

M/S/C to accept all recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Wayne Miller

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: May 5, 2001

Youth Director - Bro. David Mizelle M/S/C

Executive Committee: Rev. Earl Davis, Rev. Jack Ward, Rev. Phillip Wyatt

Ordaining Council: Rev. Elisha Fish to serve until 2005 M/S/C

Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick to serve until 2006 M/S/C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Ralph Reep, Rev. Wayne Miller, Rev. Oliver Cagle

MISSIONS REPORT: February 4, 2001

The Hickory Mission is doing very well, holding its own in number. Work on the Sanctuary has been down because of the cold weather. Any Pastor that has anyone that does Asphalt Paving or Painting, please let me know. We appreciate Bro. Pless doing our Plumbing for free. Also his Church is supplying the plumbing materials. Respectfully Submitted, Pastor, Rev. Julius Hall.

HOME MISSION REPORT: MAY 5, 2001

The Lord is blessing our people at the Southside Mission at Hickory. On April 18th, we had our "Rough-In" inspection. They rejected quite a bit of the work. Pray that the Sub-Contractors will soon correct the errors. Pray for the inspectors too.

We are praying to be in the new Sanctuary by September on our Homecoming Day.

We do need your prayers. We want to thank the Blue Ridge Association for all the financial help you have given us. Also for paying for our new carpet.

Respectfully Submitted by Rev. Hall

WOMAN'S DISTRICT REPORT:

The Blue Ridge District Auxiliary held their annual Brunch on August 26th, 2000 with 49 in attendance. We had a wonderful time of Fellowship.

On October 7, 2000 the women met at Rocky Pass Church. Our guest Speaker was Mrs. Sharon Hodgins from Family Care Ministries in Greenville, Tenn. She brought a wonderful message on giving our time and talent to the Lord. There were 44 in attendance. Most of all, the Sweet Holy Spirit filled the place. We may be small in number, but God has promised that where there are 2 or 3 gathered in His Name, He would be in the midst. We were challenged by each Mission Chairman to pray for our Missionaries and to continue to give, as God has blessed us. In six months time, our Women have given \$6845.19. Praise God!

We are planning a Retreat for our Ladies sometime in the Spring. We would like for all of the Ladies in our District to come and join us for this special time of Bible Study and Prayer, also Fellowship and fun.

As most of you know, Mrs. Martha Taylor went to be with the Lord on Friday, Oct. 27, 2000. She will be greatly missed by all of our Ladies. Mrs. Martha was President of her local Auxiliary for 39 years. She served as District President for approximately 20 years. Her first love was the Lord Jesus, and her second love was Missions. She left a wonderful legacy behind for each of us. We must carry on the work. Please try and encourage your women to come and join us in our efforts to spread the Gospel.

Respectfully Submitted by Sister Paula McKinney

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT:

The Blue Ridge District Women's Auxiliary will meet April 7, 2001 at the Shelby Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. Registration will begin at 9:30. Our guest speaker will be Dianne Thomas Bridgman. She is our North Carolina Women Active for Christ field worker. We would like to have as many of our women as possible come and hear Dianne. She is a very dynamic speaker and she will surely bless your heart.

Our state WAC meeting will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City on May 1, 2001. Our theme, is "Sharing Hope and Healing". The fellowship dinner will be on Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. The special speaker this year will be Rick Bowling - director of the cross-cultural ministries. We would like to see a good representation from our district to the state meeting. If you have never been before, you are missing a great treat.

The projects for the coming year will be:

Foreign Missions - The subsidization of 20 church planters in Cuba

Home Missions - Hispanic cross-cultural missions

Bible College of choice

Special Emphasis - Rio Lumbreras Barron

More information will be sent out to let the women know about the hotel reservations and the cost for the state meeting. If you would like for the women of your church to get this information, please give your church's name and address to Bro. Hayley and he will pass this on to Paula McKinney.

Our prayer is that more of our women will get involved in the work of the Ladies Auxiliary. We have had one of our churches to leave our district and this is very sad for those of us who are trying to carry on the work of the Lord. We would ask that each of you keep the ladies in your prayers.

Blue Ridge Free Will Baptist Association

Annual Meeting – May 5, 2001

FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Fund Balance – May 6, 2001	\$ 2,263.43
Total Receipts	<u>6,337.11</u>
Sub-Total	\$8,600.54

Disbursements:

Clerk's Salary	125.00	
Clerk's Expenses	88.90	
Blk. Mtn. Printing (Minutes)	1,015.48	
State Assoc. Fees	1,130.00	
National Assoc. Fees	1,425.00	
Meals (Executive Board Meetings)	101.65	
Marion, First Church (To reimburse lodging for Retreat Speaker)	80.66	
Swannanoa Flower Shop	53.00	
Rev. James Kilgore	56.50	
Rev. James Stepp	56.50	
Rev. William Vaughn	201.00	
Cedar Hill Church Bldg. Fund (in memory of Rev. James Lynn)	50.00	
Rev. Randy Sawyer, travel/honor.	269.00	
National Home Missions	400.00	
Southeastern FWB Bible College	<u>118.05</u>	
Total	\$5,170.74	- 5,170.74

FUND BALANCE

\$ 3,429.80

YOUTH BOARD

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 1,331.22

LOCAL MISSIONS FUND

Fund Balance – May 6, 2000	\$ 8,026.33
Total Receipts	<u>5,864.75</u>
Sub-Total	\$13,891.08
Rev. Ed Hutchinson (Travel)	- 144.00
Southside Church (Building Fund)	<u>- 5,000.00</u>
FUND BALANCE	\$8,747.08

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MINISTER'S BENEVOLENT FUND

Fund Balance – May 6, 2000	\$ 5,263.65
Total Receipts	<u>756.29</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 6,019.94
Rev. William Vaughn	- 500.00
Mrs. James K. Childers	- 500.00
Mrs. Winfred Roland	<u>- 500.00</u>
FUND BALANCE	\$ 4,519.94

FWB BIBLE COLLEGE LOAN FUND

Fund Balance – May 6, 2000	\$4,900.40
Total Receipts	<u>236.37</u>
Sub-Total	\$5,136.77
Panama Bible Institute	- 500.00
Loan for Jeff Boehm	<u>- 500.00</u>
FUND BALANCE	\$4,136.77

SOUTHEASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE LOAN FUND

Fund Balance – May 6, 2000	\$806.60
Total Receipts	<u>236.34</u>
Sub-Total	\$1,042.94
Panama Bible Institute	<u>- 500.00</u>
FUND BALANCE	\$542.94

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May 5, 2001

**TOTAL
THIS QUARTER**

**TOTAL
FOR YEAR**

Avery Creek	\$40.00	\$ 160.00
Beaverdam		
Calvary	\$150.00	300.00
Calvary (Valdese)	300.00	1,100.00
Canton	50.00	450.00
Cedar Hill	164.77	667.93
Clyde	466.00	591.58
Fairview	300.04	1,191.17
Faith	171.00	717.00
Fellowship		
Gethsemane	60.70	200.54
Harriett Memorial		500.00
Homer's Chapel	350.00	700.00
Lakeview	117.37	484.93
Lenoir		331.00
Liberty	200.00	400.00
Marion - First		90.00
Meadowbrook	366.82	1,277.93
Meadow Fork		100.00
Nowling Chapel	371.16	1,715.87
Oakley	84.77	423.98
Pisgah		400.00
Roaring Creek	55.33	265.62
Rocky Pass	330.00	1,210.00
Shelby	50.00	50.00
Southside		100.00
Sulphur Springs		100.00
Swannanoa	100.00	400.00
Sweeten Creek		
Way of the Cross		
Zephyr Hills	82.23	269.42
TOTALS	\$3,810.19	\$14,196.97

Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Padgett, Treasurer

Minister's Report

- Rev. Zachary Bell:** 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mtn., NC 28711
Buncombe Co. Youth Pastor of Meadowbrook Church. (828) 669-9150. (Home) 664-1728
- Rev. Brian Bishop:** 227 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, NC 28806. Buncombe Co. Pastor, Cedar Hill Church. (828) 253-0369.
- Rev. Oliver Cagle:** Stanley Dr., 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. Leonard Cutshaw:** P.O. Box 1281, Maxwell Dr., Fletcher, NC 28732. Buncombe Co. Pastor, Oakley Church. (828) 684-9670.
- Rev. Earl Davis:** 2639 Fairview Rd., Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. (828) 652-2370.
- Rev. Elisha 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. Danny Gasperson** 709 Bryson Rd., Candler, NC 28715. Buncombe Co. Pastor, Zephyr Hills Church. (828) 665-7135.
- 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., Lenoir, NC 28645. Caldwell County. Pastor, Southside Mission Church. (828) 754-7854 / 294-6757.
- Rev. Norris Hawkins** 11 Williamsburg Pl., Asheville, NC 28803. Buncombe Co. Pastor, Fellowship Church. (828) 274-8604.
- Rev. Roger Hayley:** 951 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Pastor, Marion First Church. (828) 652-0250 (828) 652-4513 / 674-5177
- Rev. Mark Hensley:** 3141 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 Hollifield, Sr.:** 6988 Harmony Grove Rd., Nebo, NC 28761. McDowell County. Pastor, Rocky Pass Church. 23 Funerals, 2 Weddings, Received 9 members,

- Rev. Edward Hutchinson:** Baptized 11. Church Phone (828) 659-6977 - (828)652-5798
1003 High Wedge Rd. Shelby, N.C. 28152. Cleveland County. Pastor, Shelby Church. Preached 4 Revivals, 17 Saved. Church Phone (704) 482-9744. E-mail: revhutch@juno.com (704) 481-1604
- Rev. Allen Jackson:** Rt. 11, Box 643, Marion, NC. 28752. McDowell Co. (828) 738-3907
- Rev. Christopher Jackson:** #8 Third St., Inman, SC. 29349. Affiliated with Shelby Church. (864)472-0301; (864) 472-2863
- Rev. Eric Jones:** P.O. Box 1346, Canton, NC 28716. Haywood County. Pastor, Canton Church. (828) 648-0753. Church (828) 648-0272.
- Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick:** Rt. 4, Box 100, Nebo, NC 28761. McDowell Co. Associate Pastor, Marion First Church. (828) 652-5229.
- Rev. Leonard Lindsey:** 6679 Carson Ave. PO Box 331 Connelly Springs, NC 28612. Burke Co. Pastor, Calvary Church - Valdese (828) 874-4016. Cell: (828) 205-4016. 35 new members, 12 Baptisms, lost 4 by letter, Preached 3 Revivals.
- Rev. Terry McDaniel:** 1938 Hwy. 221-A, Forest City, NC 28043. Ruth-
erford Co. Affiliated with Harriett Memorial Church. (828) 657-9730.
- Rev. Carl Miller** 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mtn., NC. 28711. Bun-
combe Co. Pastor, Homer's Chapel Church. (828) 669-2343. Email Office -
cmillerpastor@aol.com
Email Parsonage: cmpastor@bellsouth.net
- Rev. Wayne Miller:** 43 Randolph Rd., Marion, NC 28752. McDowell
County. Associate Pastor, Fairview Church. (828) 652-3360.
- Rev. David Mizelle** 6925 Harmony Grove Rd., Nebo, NC. 28761.
McDowell Co. Youth Minister of Rocky Pass Church. (828) 659-9344 Cell: 925-9344.
- Rev. Larry Monday** 14-J Ascension Ct., Asheville, NC. 28806. Pas-
tor, Mt. Bethel Church. Home: (828) 255-8892 Church: (828) 658-2213
- Rev. Jack Moses:** 2353 Conley Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Burke
County. Pastor, Lenoir First Church. (828) 584-1863.
- Rev. Howard Pittman:** 1016 Lakecrest Ave., High Point, NC 27265.
Guilford County. Pastor, Lakeview Church. (336) 869-3450. Church (336) 869-6312.
- Rev. Willard Pless:** 203 Academy St., Canton, NC 28716. Haywood
County. Pastor, Roaring Creek Church,

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- Rev. Neil Pressley:** Newland, NC 28657. (828) 648-8145. Church (828) 733-5389. P.O. Box 273, Clyde, NC 28721-0273. Madison County. Pastor, Meadowfork Church. E-mail n7.pressleypastor@cs.com. Cell Phone (828) 506-5021. Phone (828) 648-0021.
- Rev. Ralph Reep:** 396 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Pastor, Gethsemane Church. (828) 738-4238. Cell Phone (828) 606-4548.
- Rev. Rocky Reese:** 1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Pastor, Faith Church. (828) 584-4849.
- Rev. Roy Shehan:** 3311 US 64, Morganton, NC 28655. Burke County. Pastor, Nowlings Chapel Church. (828) 433-9623. Church phone (828) 584-1212.
- Rev. Alan Sailors:** 101 Clearview Dr., Shelby, NC 28150. Cleveland County. Pastor, The Way Of The Cross. (704) 484-3842.
- Rev. Randy Stone:** 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. Buncombe County. Pastor, Meadowbrook Church. (828) 669-2310. Church phone (828) 669-9150. Email: meadowbrookfwb@juno.com
- Rev. Willie Summerlin:** 1708 Stacy Hill Rd., 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. (704) 538-1476.
- Rev. William Vaughn:** P.O. Box 117, Old Fort, NC 28761. McDowell County. Affiliated with Old Fort Church. I appreciate your prayers and everything you have done for me. Continue to pray for me. (828) 668-4609.
- Rev. Jack Ward** P.O. Box 2303, Candler, NC 28715. Buncombe County. Pastor, Swannanoa Church, 202 Park St. (828) 665-8559.
- Rev. Harold Webb:** 4089 US Hwy. 70 West, Marion, NC 28752. McDowell County. Pastor, Liberty FWB Church. (828) 724-9550. Email: haroldwebb@juno.com
- Rev. Phillip Wyatt:** 160 Quinlan Dr., Waynesville, NC. 28786. Haywood County. Pastor, Sulphur Springs Church. (828) 452-0870

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

- Avery's Creek:** Avery's Creek Rd., Arden, NC 28704. (828) 253-0885. Pastor: Rev. Bobby Fox, 1011 Riverside Dr., Asheville, NC 28804. (828) 253-0885. Clerk: Mrs. Carolyn Swann, 21 Oteen Park Pl., Asheville, NC 28805. No. Ordained Ministers 1; ; Total Membership 45; S.S. Enrollment 45.
- Calvary:** Hwy. 70 West, Swannanoa, NC 28778. (828) 686-5794. Pastor: Rev. Frank Cantrell, 206 Eastwood Ave., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Clerk: Mrs. Genevieve Robertson, 15 Sunset Dr., Swannanoa, NC. No. Ordained Deacons 1; Ordained Ministers 1; S.S. Enrollment 35.
- Canton:** P.O. Box 1346, Canton, NC 28716. (828) 648-0272. Pastor: Rev. Eric Jones, P.O. Box 1346, Canton, NC. (828) 648-0753. Clerk: Mrs. Helen Hamlett, 26 Flint St., Canton, NC. 28716. (828) 648-1452. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 4; No. Baptisms 3; Total Membership 89; S.S. Enrollment 65.
- Cedar Hill:** 227 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, NC 28806. (828) 253-0369. Pastor: Rev. Brian Bishop, 227 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, NC 28806. (828) 253-0369. Clerk: Mrs. Nancy Cole, 36 Brooks Branch Rd., Leicester NC 28748. (828) 683-3319. Ordained Ministers 1; Ordained Deacons 4; Baptisms 5; No. Members Added 9; Members Lost 4; Total Membership 53; S.S. Enrollment 55.
- Clyde:** 2221 Jones Cove Rd., Clyde, NC 28721. (828) 627-0700. Pastor: Rev. Elisha Fish, 99 Young's Cove Rd., Candler, NC 28715. (828) 667-5656. Clerk: Mrs. Katherine Trantham, 858 Big Cove Rd., Waynesville, NC. 28786. Ordained Ministers 1; Ordained Deacons 4; Baptisms 3; No. Members added 5; No. Members lost 3; Total Membership 40; S.S. Enrollment 30.
- Fairview:** Rt. 1, 1708 Stacy Hill Rd., Marion, NC 28752. (828) 652-6593. Pastor: Rev. Willie Summerlin, 1708 Stacy Hill Rd., Marion, NC 28752. (828) 652-6593. Clerk: Mrs. Betty Miller, 43 Randolph Rd., Marion, NC 28752. (828) 652-3360. Ordained Ministers 2; Licensed Ministers 2; Ordained Deacons 10; No. Members Added 3; total Membership 76; S.S. Enrollment 66.
- Faith:** 1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Pastor: Rev. Rocky Reese, 1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. (828) 584-4848. Clerk: Ann Thompson, 206 Phillip St., Morganton, NC 28655. Ordained Ministers 3; Ordained Deacons 3; No. Members Added 19; No. Members Lost 1; Total Membership 178; S.S. Enrollment 100; C.T.S. Enrollment 36; W.A. Enrollment 8.

- Fellowship:** 11 Williamsburg Pl., Asheville, NC 28803. Pastor: Rev. Norris Hawkins, 11 Williamsburg Pl, Asheville, NC 28803. (828) 274-8604. Clerk: Barbara Reese, Sherwood Rd., Swannanoa, NC 28778. Ordained Ministers 1; Ordained Deacons 2; Total Membership 40; S.S. Enrollment 30; W.A. Enrollment 10.
- Gethsemane:** 2252 Nix Creek Rd., Marion, NC 28752. (828) 738-4238. Pastor: Rev. Ralph Reep, 396 Arrowhead Trail, 28752. (828) 738-4238. Clerk: Mrs. Linda Reep, 396 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752. Ordained Ministers 2; No. Licensed Ministers 1; Ordained Deacons 1; Baptisms 1; No. Members Added 4; Total Membership 71; S.S. Enrollment 50.
- Harriett Memorial:** 1938 Hwy. 221-A, Forest City, NC 28043. (828) 657-9446. Pastor: Rev. Robert Harris, 1938 Hwy. 221-A, Forest City, NC 28043. (828) 657-9446. Clerk: Mrs. Joy Medford, 107 Lilac Ct., Rutherfordton, NC 28139. (828) 863-2141. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Licensed Ministers 1; Ordained Deacons 5; No. Members Lost 12; total Membership 68; S.S. Enrollment 65; W.A. Enrollment 6.
- Homer's Chapel:** 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. (828) 669-2343. Pastor: Rev. Carl Miller, 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mtn., NC 28711. (828) 669-2394. Clerk: Midge Rollins, 828 Cherokee Ave., Black Mountain, NC 28711. (828) 669-7097. Ordained Ministers 1; Ordained Deacons 3; No. Baptisms 7; No. Members Added 7; No. Members Lost 3; Total Membership 92; S.S. Enrollment 56; W.A. Enrollment 12; Girls Quintet in State Competition 15.
- Lakeview:** 3855 Johnson St., High Point, NC 27265. (336) 869-6312. Pastor: Rev. Howard Pittman, 1016 Lakecrest Ave., High Point, NC 27265. (336) 869-3450. Clerk: Betty Draughn, Rt. 2, Box 472, Old Greensboro Rd., High Point, NC. Ordained Ministers 1; Total Membership 40; S.S. Enrollment 40.
- Lenoir First:** Hwy 18, Lenoir, NC 28645. (828) 584-1863. Pastor: Rev. Jack Moses, 2353 Conley Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. (828) 584-1863. Clerk: Mrs. Betty Michael, 118 Meadowview Pl., SW, Lenoir, NC 28645. (828) 726-0022. Ordained Ministers 1; Licensed Ministers 1; Ordained Deacons 2; Baptisms 14; No. Members Added 17; No. Members Lost 3; Total Membership 141. S.S. Enrollment 60.
- Liberty:** 4089 US Hwy. 70 W. Marion, NC. 28752. (828) 724-4272. Pastor: Rev. Harold Webb, 4089 US Hwy. 70 W., Marion, NC 28752. (828) 724-9550. Clerk: Mrs. Debra Renfro, 57 McKinney Rd. W., Marion, NC 28752. (828) 724-9036. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Licensed Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 3; No. Members Lost 9; Total Membership 146; S.S. Enrollment 85; C.T.S. 35; W.A. Enrollment 15.
- Marion First:** 965 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752. (828) 652-0250. Pas-

- tor: Rev. Roger Hayley, 951 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752. (828) 652-4513. Clerk: Cynthia Berryhill, 297 Pleasant Hill Rd., Marion, NC. (828) 652-4377. Ordained Ministers 2; No. Ordained Deacons 7; No. Members Added 6; No. Members Lost 4; Baptisms 6; S.S. Enrollment 100; C.T.S. Enrollment 25; W.A. Enrollment 15.
- Meadowbrook:** 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. (828) 669-9150. Pastor: Rev. Randy Stone, 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711. (828) 669-2310. Clerk: Kelli Conner, P.O. Box 1123, Black Mountain, NC 28711. (828) 669-8940. Ordained Ministers 2; Ordained Deacons 13 (5 Active); No. Baptisms 3; No. Members Added 5; No. Members Lost 4; Total Membership 260; S.S. Enrollment 180; Mens Fellowship 20; W.A. Enrollment 20.
- Meadow Fork:** 2919 Meadow Fork Rd., Hot Springs, NC 28743. (828) 622-7667. Pastor: Rev. Neil Pressley, P.O. Box 273, Clyde, NC 28721-0273. (828) 648-0021. Clerk: Margaret Shetley, 2245 NC 63 Hwy, Hot Springs, NC 28743. Ordained Ministers 1; Ordained Deacons 2; No. Baptisms 1; No. Members Added 7; No. Members Lost 2; Total Membership 20; S.S. Enrollment 18.
- Nowling's Chapel:** 3311 US 64, Morganton, NC 28655. (828) 584-1212. Pastor: Rev. Roy Shehan, 3311 U.S. 64, Morganton, NC 28655. Clerk: Shirley Davis, 5835 Fisher Davis Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. (828) 584-2228. No. Ordained Ministers 1; Licensed Ministers 1; Ordained Deacons 3; No. Members Added 11; Baptisms 7; Total Membership 195; S.S. Enrollment 190; W.A. Enrollment 12.
- Oakley:** 614 Marietta St., Asheville, NC 28803. Pastor: Rev. Leonard Cutshaw, P.O. Box 1281, Fletcher, NC 28732. (828) 684-9670. Clerk: Michael Lollis, Tanglewood MHP Lot 4, Swannanoa, NC 28778. (828) 686-4442. Ordained Ministers 2; Licensed Ministers 2; Ordained Deacons 5; No. Members added 6; No. Members Lost 1; Total Membership 65; S.S. Enrollment 25; Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 18;
- Pisgah:** Chinqua Pin Rd., Canton, NC 28716. Pastor: Rev. Oliver Cagle, Stanley Drive, Canton, NC 28716. (828) 235-8568. Clerk: Mrs. Elizabeth Pless, 31 Bear Hunter Dr., Canton, NC 28716. (828) 235-8808. Ordained Ministers 3; Licensed Ministers 1; Ordained Deacons 4; No. Members Added 13; total Membership 103; S.S. Enrollment 70; W.A. Enrollment 15.
- Roaring Creek:** 1736 Roaring Creek Rd., Newland, NC 28657. (828) 733-5389. Pastor: Rev. Willard Pless, 203 Academy St., Canton, NC. 28716. (828) 648-8145. Clerk: Mrs. Sarah Eudy, 225 Elk Hollow Lane, Newland, NC 28657. (828) 733-0563. Ordained Ministers 1; Ordained Deacons 4; No. Members Added 2; Total Membership 39; S.S. Enrollment 37; W.A.

Enrollment 7.

Rocky Pass:

Hwy. 226 South, Marion, NC 28752. (828) 659-6977. Pastor: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Sr., 6988 Harmony Grove Rd., Nebo, NC 28761. (828) 652-5798. Clerk: Chad Beam, 6141 Hwy. 226 South, Nebo, NC. 28761. (828) 659-7441. Ordained Ministers 2; Ordained Deacons 7; No. Baptisms 10; No. Members Added 9; No. Members Lost 9 (4 by death, 3 moved out of town); Total Membership 381; S.S. Enrollment 146; C.T.S. Enrollment 60; W.A. Enrollment 16.

Shelby:

403 College Ave., Shelby, NC 28152. (704) 482-9744. Pastor: Dr. Edward Hutchinson, 1003 High Wedge Rd., Shelby, NC. (704) 481-1604. Clerk: Mrs. Donna Hamilton, 508 Forest Dr., Shelby, NC. 28152. (704) 434-7181. No. Ordained Ministers 1; Ordained Deacons 4; No. Baptisms 1; No. Members Lost 17; Total Membership 215; S.S. Enrollment 100; C.T.S. Enrollment 30; W.A. Enrollment 12.

Southside:

4522 Hwy. 127 South, Hickory, NC 28602. (828) 294-6757. Pastor: Rev. Julius Hall, 1304 Fieldbrook St. S.W., Lenoir, NC 28645. (828) 754-7854. Clerk: Trudy Caldwell, 5570 Hillside Ct., Hickory, NC 28602. (828) 294-1478. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Licensed Ministers 1; No. Members Added 2; S.S. Enrollment 40; C.T.S. Enrollment 12; W.A. Enrollment 8.

Sulphur Springs:

160 Quinlan Dr., Waynesville, NC 28786. (828) 452-0870. Pastor: Rev. Phillip Wyatt, 160 Quinlan Dr., Waynesville, NC 28786. (828) 452-0870. Clerk: Mrs. Terri Cutshaw 129 Carolina Ave., Waynesville, NC 28786. (828) 456-4480. Ordained Ministers 2; Licensed Ministers 1; Total Membership 103; S.S. Enrollment 50; C.T.S. Enrollment 50; W.A. Enrollment 10.

Swannanoa:

200 Park St., Swannanoa, NC. 28778 (828) 686-1333. Pastor: Rev. Jack Ward, PO Box 2303, Candler, NC. 28714. (828) 665-8559. Clerk: Mrs. Clara Mae Ogle, 133 Dellwood Ave., Swannanoa, NC. 28778. (828) 686-3847. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Licensed Ministers 1; No. Ordained Deacons 12 (7 active, 5 inactive); No. Baptisms 3; No. Members Added 4; No. Members Lost 7; Total Membership 80; S.S. Enrollment 85; C.T.S. Enrollment 50; W.A. Enrollment 8.

The Way Of The Cross

101 Clearview Dr., Shelby, NC. 28150. (704) 484-3842. Pastor: Rev. Alan Sailors, 101 Clearview Dr., Shelby, NC. 28150. (704) 484-3842. Clerk: Mrs. Barbara Mahue, Monica Dr., Shelby, NC. 28150. No. Ordained Ministers 1; No. Baptisms 12; No. Members Added 10; No. Members Lost 4; Total Membership 160; S.S. Enrollment 80; C.T.S. Enrollment 60; W.A. Enrollment 20.

Zephyr Hills:

283 Shelburne Rd., Asheville, NC. 28806. (828) 253-5487. Pastor: Rev. Danny Gasperson, 709 Bryson Rd., Candler, NC. 28715. (828) 665-7135. Clerk: Mrs. Pat Lipe, 21 Clarks Chapel Exit, Weaverville, NC. 28787. No. Ordained Ministers 2, No. Ordained Deacons 4, Baptisms 3, No. Members Added 6; No. Members Lost 2; Total Membership 110; 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. We also deem it necessary to further state that we do not accept a minister whose wife has two living husbands. 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 first 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.

ARTICLE FOR 2001 MINUTES

To The Blue Ridge Soldiers in God's Service who have gone to be with the Lord, we respectfully Dedicate this Minute.

1. Rev. James K. Childers, 77 years old, went to be with the Lord on June 9, 2000. He had pastored in Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina. He had preached in 9 states, and served on the Board of Care for a number of years. At the time of his death, he was a member of Rocky Pass Church.
2. Rev. Winfred Roland, 70 years old, went to be with the Lord on July 5, 2000. He attended Fruitland Bible Institute. He pastored in Asheville, Barnardsville, and Weaverville in Buncombe County. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Oakley Church.
3. Rev. J.C. Lynn, 83 years old, went to be with the Lord October 13, 2000. He attended Free Will Baptist Bible College. He pastored in Tennessee, Virginia, Durham and Asheville, N.C. He served on the Board of Care, and was manager of the Western Free Will Baptist Rest Home. He served as Chaplain of Buncombe County Military Memorias Team. At the time of his death, he was a member of Cedar Hill Church.

*All of these Ministers leave a Wife that
needs our support and prayers.*

Respectfully Submitted by Rev. Milton Hollifield.

