

**BLUE RIDGE  
ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
ORIGINAL  
FREE WILL BAPTIST**



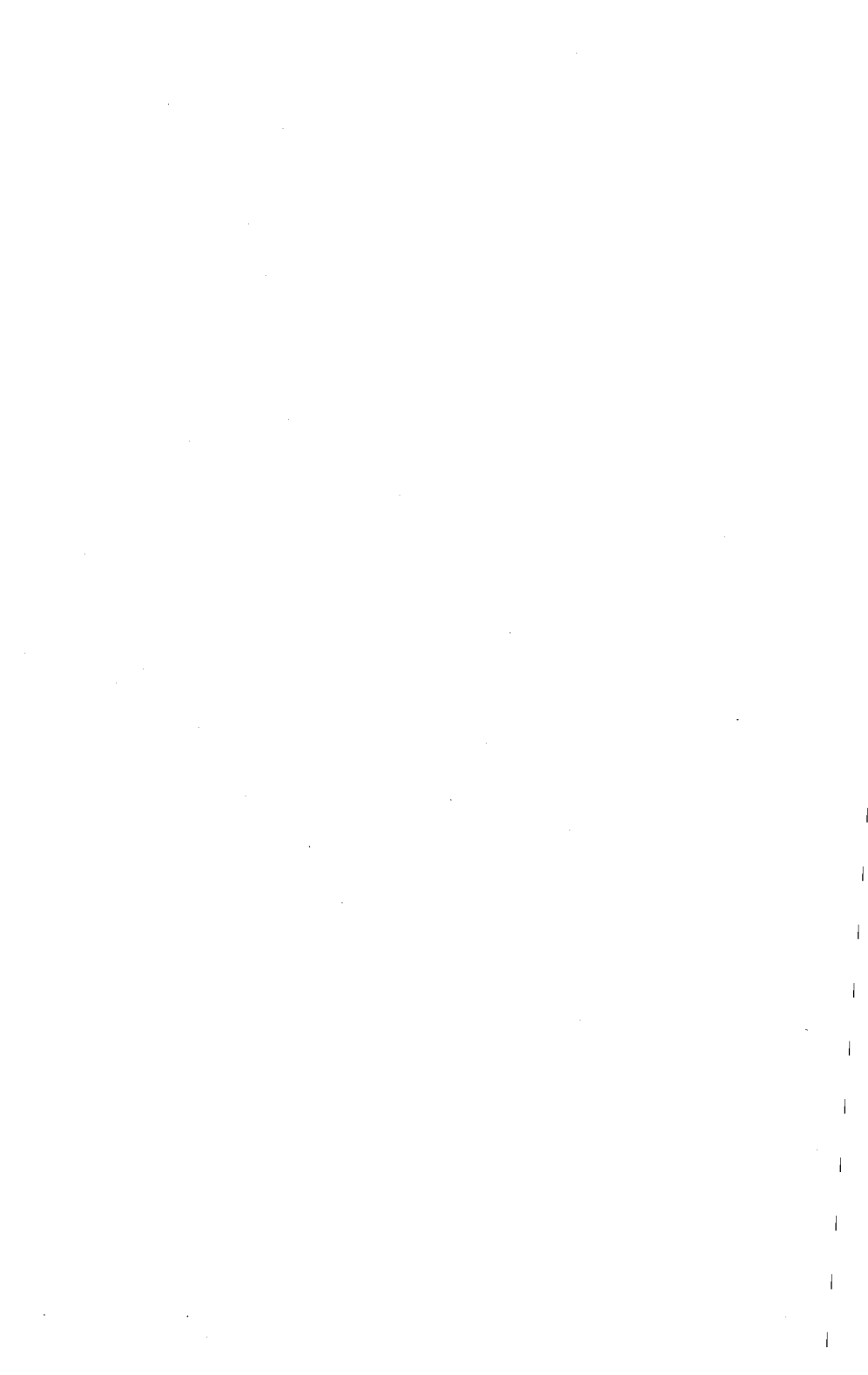
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**Minutes of the  
49th. Annual Session**

**Held at**

**Swannanoa  
Free Will Baptist Church  
Swannanoa, NC**

**May 4, 2002**



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Swannanoa  
Free Will Baptist Church  
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May 4, 2002**

**Moderator  
Rev. Randy Stone**

**Clerk  
Jack Ward**

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Randy Stoe-Chairman

Larry Monday

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Carrie Padgett

Earl Davis

Rocky Reese

Phillip Wyatt

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Julius Hall (2003)

Jack Moses (2004)

Elisha Fish (2005)

Eddie Kirkpatrick (2006)

Willard Pless (2007)

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rocky Reese

Brian Bishop

Eric Jones

## YOUTH BOARD

David Mizelle

Carl Miller

Alan Sailors

Zachery Bell

Rocky Reese

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jerry McDaniels

Howard Pittman

Frank Cantrell

## YOUTH CAMP

David Mizelle

Carl Miller

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ralph Reep

Elisha Fish

Oliver Cagle

## HOME MISSION BOARD

Milton Hollifield Sr.

Jack Moses

Willard Pless

Leonard Lindsey

Harold Webb

Norris Hawkins

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24. Rocky Pass	-	
25. Shelby		
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**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
of the  
**ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**SHELBY F.W.B. CHURCH,SHELBY,NC**  
**August 4,2001**

The First Quarterly Meeting was called to order by the  
Moderator, Rev. Roger Hayley.  
Congregational Singing- "I'd Rather be an Old Time Christian".  
Bro. Cliff Wilson-Director

Welcome - Host Pastor, Rev. Ed Hutchinson  
Response - Rev. Willard Pless  
Devotion - Rev. Jim Marcum NC Promotional Director I Tim. 6  
Moderator's Remarks - Welcome and recognition of Visitors. Two visitors  
Rev. Charles Chandler, and Rev. Jim Marcum.  
Roll Call of Churches and Ministers: Churches represented  
21, Ministers: 26, Delegates 27, Visitors 2

**REPORTS:**

Treasurer's Report - Sister Carrie Padgett, M/S/C to receive report.  
Youth Board Report - Bro. Hayley gave a partial report. included 4  
conversions, and a number of rededications, and about 70 in attendance at  
Youth Camp.  
Ordaining Council Report - Bro. Julius Hall Southside Missions, God  
Report, had two conversions recently, and Bible School Averaged about 50  
in attendance. The Building program is progressing nicely.  
M/S/C for Clerk to send letter of thanks to the South Mountain  
Association of Southern Baptist for the gift of tile to the Hickory Mission.  
Rev. Hollifield was recommended to be Promotional Representative of The  
Blue Ridge Association. Rev. Hollifield accepted the position part-time and  
will go full-time when he retires from pastoring. The executive committee  
report was read by Sister Lucille Tatham, M/S/C to receive report.

**WORSHIP HOUR**

Congregational Song - "At The Cross"  
Prayer - Rev. Roger Hayley

Special Singing "The Rogers Trio"  
Offeretory Prayer - Rev. Brian Bishop  
Message - Rev. Jim Marcum -- Isa. 6:1-4  
Offering \$89.00 The Finance Committee recommended to increase the  
offering to \$100.00 and give it to Bro. Marcum. M/S/C

**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
of the  
**ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**CALVERY F.W.B. CHURCH CONNELLY SPRINGS, NC**  
**November 10, 2001**

The Secone Quarterly Meeting was called to order by Moderator  
Rev. Roger Hayley .

Prayer - Rev. David Mizelle

Congregational Singing - Amazing Grace

Welcome - Host Pastor Rev. Leonard Lindsey

Response - Rev. Earl Davis

Devotion - Rev. Milton Hollifield Sr. Titus 2:11

Moderator's Remarks - Welcome and recognition of visitors, Rev. Guy Ownes was recognized. Roll Call of Churches, Ministers, and Delegates. Churches 14, Ministers 23, Delegates 16 Deacons 3 Visitors 4 Toyal Head Count 89

## **REPORTS**

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

Youth Camp Report - Rev. David Mizelle (see reports) M/S/C

Ordaining Council Report - Rev. Julius Hall (see reports) M/S/C

Missions Report - Rev. Julius Hall (see reports) M/S/C

Woman's Auxiliary Report - Sister Polly McKinney (see reports) M/S/C

Rev. Milton Hollifield Sr. gave a report about his work in various churches in preparation for his work as field representative.

Many Prayer Request were given and Rev. Roy Shehan led in prayer.

Bro. Donnie Dingess gave a devotional Isa. 5

## **WORSHIP**

Congregational Singing - "When We All Get To Heaven"

Alter Prayer - Led by Rev. Rocky Reese

Calvary Choir - "O What a Saviour" and others.

Message - Rev. Guy Ownes Proverbs 11:30

The Finance Committee recommended an offering of \$250.00 for Rev. Ownes

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

Adjourned



**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
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**ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**SULPHUR SPRINGS F.W.B. CHURCH**  
**WAYNESVILLE, NC**  
**February 2, 2002**

The Third Quarterly Meeting was called to order by the assistant Moderator, Rev Randy Stone

Prayer - Rev. Randy Stone

Congregational Singing - "When We All Get To Heaven"  
Charlotte Cagle, Directing

Welcome - Host Pastor Rev. Phillip Wyatt

Response - Rev. Frank Cantrell

Devotion - Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick Ps. 103:2 Ps. 116:12

Moderator's Remarks - Roll Call of Churches, and Ministers

Churches represented 20, Ministers 22, Delegates 13 Total Attendance 82

### **REPORTS**

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

Youth Camp Report - Rev. David Mizelle (see reports) M/S/C to receive

Ordaining Council - Rev. Julius Hall (see reports) M/S/C to receive

Missions Report - Rev. Julius Hall (see reports) M/S/C to receive

Field Representative - Rev. Milton Hollifield gave a report on the different churches he had visited .

Rev. Jack Moses gave a report on the New Church Building, Lenoir, NC

Executive Committee report - Sister Lucille Tatham (see reports) M/S/C to receive report.

Credentials Report - Rev. Brian Bishop M/S/C to receive report

Information - Rev. Terry McDaniel has been elected Pastor of Fairview.

### **WORSHIP**

Song - "Amazing Grace"

Prayer - Rev. Wayne Miller

Recommendation by Finance Committee: Offering received today be applied to Bro. Brian Bishop's College Loan (\$300.00) if offering is less

than \$300.00 The rest is to be taken from General Fund. If more than \$300.00 the rest be given to Bro. Bishop.

Rev. Jack Moses & Rev. Elisha Fish were appointed as proxy on the Finance Committee.

Offertory Prayer - Rev. Randy Stone

Choir Singing - "The Church of the Living God"

Message - Rev. Larry Monday II Tim. 4:9-18

**FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
of the  
**BULE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
meeting with  
**SWANNANOA F.W.B.CHURCH**  
**SWANNANOA,NC**  
**May 4, 2002**

The Forty Ninth Annual Session was called to order by Moderator  
Rev.Roger Hayley

Congregational Singing - "All that thrills my soul is Jesus"

Prayer - Rev.Roger Hayley

Welcome - Host Pastor Jack Ward

Response - Rev.Rocky Reese

Devotion - Rev.Leonard Lindsey Phil.4:6-7

Prayer - Rev.Edward Hutchinson

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors - Rev.Pat Hall and Rev.&  
Mrs.James Stepps from Harvest Children's Home in Va.

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers - Churches present 19, Ministers  
ppresent 25 Total Total Attendance 117

## **REPORTS**

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

Youth Board Report - Rev.David Mizelle Youth for the Master met at  
Rocky Pass April 13th.2002 Good meeting.Youth Camp July  
29-Aug.3,2002. Voted to give \$300.00 each to Holley Mashburn and Ricky  
Fall to help them go to Truth & Peace Conference,to be taken from  
General Fund.

Ordaining Council Report - Rev.Julius Hall (see reports) M/S/C to  
receive report.

Missions Report - Rev.Julius Hall, Rev.Hall reported that the Southside  
Building Project was almost complete,and would be in building Mother's  
Day or the following Sunday.A special thanks to the Blue Ridge for their  
long standing support for this building program.

Executive Committee Report - (see reports) M/S/C

Nominating Committee Report - Randy Stone- Moderator, Larry  
Monday -Assistant Moderator, Jack Ward -Clerk, Etta Butler-Assistant  
Clerk, Carrie Padgett,Treasurer, Rocky Reese-Executive Board.M/S/C

Auxiliary Report - Polly McKinney (see reports) M/S/C

Harvest Children's Home Report - Bro James Stepps

## **WORSHIP**

Song - "When We All Get To Heaven"

Message - Rev.Pat Hall

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS**

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OCT.15,2001**

The Executive Board met at the Western Sizzlin Steak House in Marion. Members present were Randy Stone, Roger Hayley, Earl Davis, Jack Ward, Lucille Tatham, Carrie Padgett, Phillip Wyatt, Leonard Lindsey and visiting Howard Messer.

M/S/C to change November meeting to second Saturday. Rev Guy Owens to speak, and Donnie Dingus to have devotions. Bro. Phillip Wyatt was ask to fill in on finance committee if one was missing.

Bro Randy Stone discussed annual Pastor's Retreat, last Thursday in Jan. 2002.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING JAN 21, 2002**

The Executive Board met at the Western Sizzlin Steak House in Marion, NC to set up the February 2002 meeting. Board agreed to ask Rev. Larry Monday to speak at the Feb. meeting. Since Southside Church was not ready Sulphur Springs was selected as the sight.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING APRIL 18, 2002**

The Executive Board met at the Western Sizzlin Steak House in Marion, NC for the May, (annual meeting) The Swannnaoa Free Will Baptist Church will host the meeting. Rev. Pat Hall will Speak.

Recommend that the constitution be changed to have five members on both the Youth Board and the Mission Board to rotate off after a five year term.

Rev. Hollifield ask the Board to ask the Association to allow him to keep any offerings over \$2,600.00 per year.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

August 4th, 2001 The Ordaining Council met and made the following recommendations.

1. Rev. Charles Chandler, Pastor of the Fellowship Free will Baptist Church be received into the Blue Ridge Association, pending a letter of good standing from the Union Association in Tennessee. M/S/C

2. Rev Carl Miller has been received into the Association pending a letter from the Great Lakes Association in Ohio. The letter has not been received yet, due to the fact that the Association has not met yet. Recommended receiving a verbal recommendation from the Moderator of the Great Lakes Association. M/S/C

November 10, 2001 The Ordaining Council met and made the following recommendation.

1. That Rev. Larry Monday be received into the Blue Ridge Association, pending a letter from the Central ILL. Association.

Feb. 2, 2002 Ordaining Council met at the Sulphur Springs Church and made the following recommendations to the Association.

1. That Calvary Baptist Church in Valdese, NC be received.

2. Calvary of Valdese also request that Bro. Donnie Dingess be recognized by the Blue Ridge Association as a licensed Minister.

3. Received letter for Rev. Charles Chandler. All Items M/S/C

May 4, 2002 The Ordaining Council recommended a letter for Rev. Edward Hutchinson to the W. Florida Liberty Association.

Calvary Church of Valdese be accepted M/S/C and the Calvary Church was given a warm welcome be the Blue Ridge.

## MISSIONS REPORTS

Aug. 4, 2001 Bro Hall gave a great report concerning the VBS at Southside Church and the blessings of God. It was recommended that the Clerk send a letter to the South Mountain Association for their donation of Ceramic Tile to the mission.

Nov. 10, 2001 Southside FWB Mission reports 2 Adults and several Children saved at recent Revival. The New Building is coming along slow, we will be getting new pews this month.

Feb. 2002 Bro. Hall reports that Mission is holding its own in attendance, but believes that things will pick up when they are able to move into their new facility. They hope to be in by Mother's Day.

10 May 4, 2002 Building in almost done and will be in it in about two weeks if all goes well. Thanks from Bro. Hall to the Blue Ridge Association for all the help in the Building Program.

November 2001, The Blue Ridge District Ladies Auxiliary met at the Cedar Hill FWB Church on August 27th. for our annual luncheon. All the ladies enjoyed a great time of food and fellowship with one another. On October 6th. we met at the Swannanoa FWB Church for our fall meeting. Our Special Speaker for the day was Linda Calloway, missionary to Panama and Cuba. She gave a wonderful message, and shared how God had richly blessed her and Ron as they have served for many years on the foreign field. We had 46 in attendance. From April 5th. through October 5th. We took in \$6,301.94 and paid out \$5,635.44. I praise God for all that He has allowed our Women to do in just six months time. We voted to help furnish some of the new office space at the FWB Family Ministries (Children's Home) in Greenville, Tennessee. Our goal is \$1,000.00 to be raised by the first of the year (2002). I believe that God will help us meet this and even exceed. We also had some new Ladies to come and visit with us at this meeting. They seemed to be excited about coming into the district. I pray that each of you as pastors will encourage the women of your congregation to come and be a part of this wonderful work that God has allowed us to be a part of. We really want more of our Ladies to come and see just how the Lord is blessing and using us in His service.

If there are any Pastor's here that would like more information about our auxiliary and the work that we do please feel free to contact me (Paula McKinney) or our field worker, Mrs Lucille Tatham, and we will be more than happy to come to your church and speak to the ladies. Time is drawing near, and we must be about our Father's business.

Respectfully Submitted

Paula McKinney M/S/C to receive as information

May 4, 2002 Sister Polly McKinney gave the report, The District Membership is 115 and the Children's Home Project was a great success. The goal was to raise \$1,000.00 for new office furniture, and we raised over \$1,300.00 Praise God for all He has done. M/S/C to receive report as information

## **YOUTH BOARD REPORT**

Aug. 3, 2001 A special Thanks to God for a great Youth Camp, God was gracious in His protection during a flood at the camp. We had an attendance of 70, there was 17 first time conversions and 50 decisions.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. David Mizelle (M/S/C) to receive

Nov. 10, 2001 There will be a all night lock-in on Nov. 30th. at the Meadowbrook Church. All youth are invited.

Feb 2, 2002 Youth for the Master will meet at Homer's Chapel Church in Black Mountain on March 9, 2002 at 6:00 PM for Youth Competition. Worship service will be at 7:00 PM

Youth for the Master will meet April 13th. at 6:00 PM for the District Competition, at the Rocky Pass Church.

May 4, 2002 NC State Competition will be May 11th., also Summer Camp will be July 29, through August 3rd. Report submitted by Rev. David Mizelle

## **Blue Ridge Free Will Baptist Association**

**Annual Meeting-May 4,2002**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### **GENERAL FUND**

<b>Fund Balance May 5,2001</b>	<b>\$3,429.80</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$6,651.41</b>
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$10,081.21</b>

#### **Disbursements:**

<b>Clerk's Salary</b>	<b>125.00</b>
<b>Black Mountain Printing(Minutes)</b>	<b>934.71</b>
<b>First-Marion,motel expense for</b>	
<b>Retreat Speaker</b>	<b>76.00</b>
<b>FWB Bible College</b>	<b>685.00</b>
<b>State/National Dues</b>	<b>2,635.00</b>
<b>Reorder on checks</b>	<b>13.00</b>
<b>State Promotional Dept.</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Rev.Rocky Reese,in lieu of flowers</b>	
<b>at Father's death</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Meals (Executive Board Meetings)</b>	<b>204.88</b>
<b>Rev.Leonard Lindsey,Motel Expense</b>	
<b>for speaker</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Remainder for Rev.Brian Bishop's loan</b>	<b>31.00</b>
<b>Rev.Jerry McClain,installation of</b>	
<b>carpet at Southside Church</b>	<b>1,125.00</b>
<b>Fellowship Church</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Rev.Guy Owens</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,479.59 -6479.59</b>

**FUND BALANCE** **\$3,601.62**

#### **YOUTH BOARD**

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$1,232.88**

#### **LOCAL MISSIONS FUND**

<b>Fund Balance-May 5,2001</b>	<b>8,747.08</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>5,207.70</b>

<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$13,954.78</b>
<b>Rev.Ed.Hutchinson (travel)</b>	<b>261.90</b>
<b>Southside Church, Carpet</b>	<b>3,239.36</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$10,453.52</b>

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

<b>Fund Balance - May 5,2001</b>	<b>4,519.94</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>668.89</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$5,188.83</b>

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

<b>Fund Balance - May 5,2001</b>	<b>4,136.77</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>209.02</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,345.79</b>

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

<b>Fund Balance - May 5,2001</b>	<b>542.94</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>209.01</b>
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 751.95</b>
<b>Loan to Bro.Brian Bishop</b>	<b>-360.00</b>
<b>Reimbursement on loan,</b>	
<b>Bro.Jeremy Hopkins</b>	<b>855.00</b>
<b>Loan Reimbursement,</b>	
<b>Bro.Brian Bishop</b>	<b>360.00</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$1,606.95</b>

THIS QUARTERTOTAL FOR YEAR

AVERY CREEK		\$120.00
CALVARY		
CALVARY (Valdese)	\$ 300.00	1,200.00
CANTON	75.00	100.00
CEDAR HILL		530.69
CLYDE		60.00
FAIRVIEW	313.49	1,164.00
FAITH	184.00	767.87
FELLOWSHIP		
FIRST - MARION		480.00
GETHSEMANE	63.10	279.34
HARRIETT MEMORIAL		85.00
HOMER'S CHAPEL	175.00	700.00
LAKEVIEW	143.06	419.39
LENOIR		300.00
LIBERTY	316.00	816.00
MEADOWBROOK	226.29	1,119.09
MEADOW FORK		
MT. BETHEL	191.91	415.70
NOWLING CHAPEL		1,135.93
OAKLEY	113.73	356.86
PISGAH	550.00	550.00
ROARING CREEK	66.93	274.05
ROCKY PASS	440.00	1,430.00
SHELBY	140.00	315.00
SOUTHSIDE		200.00
SULPHUR SPRINGS		
SWANNANOA	300.00	400.00
WAY OF THE CROSS		
ZEPHYR HILLS	44.23	307.03
TOTALS	\$3,642.74	\$13,525.95

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Padgett, Treasurer



## Minister's Report

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**Rev. Oliver Cagle:**

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**Rev. Frank Cantrell:**

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**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 place, Asheville, NC 28803  
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**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.**

150 Rowland Rd. Swannanoa, NC 28778  
(828) 298-7201 Buncombe County.  
33 Funerals, 10 Baptized, 2 Weddings, 2  
Communion & Feet Washings.

- Rev. Allen Jackson:** Rt. 11, Box 643, Marion, NC. 28752. McDowell Co. (828) 738-3907
- Rev. Christopher Jackson** 108 Ponderrosa Dr. Simpsonville, SC  
Pastor. First FWB Church Simpsonville, SC. (864) 967-4080
- 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** 456 Jack Corpening Rd. Nebo, NC 28761  
McDowell County. Associate Pastor, First FWB Church Marion, NC 28752 (828) 652-5229
- Rev. Leonard Lindsey** P.O. Box 331 Connelly Springs, NC 28612  
Burke County, Pastor, Calvary FWB Ch. Valdese, NC (828) 874-4016 Cell (828) 205-4016. Baptized 5, Revivals 1, Funerals 12, Weddings 1
- Rev. Terry McDaniel** 1708 Stacy Hill Rd. Marion, NC 28752  
McDowell County, Pastor, Fairview FWB Church. (828) 652-6593
- Rev. Carl Miller** 202 Chapel Rd. Black Mtn. NC 28711  
Buncombe County. Pastor, Homer's Chapel FWB Church (828) 669-2343  
Baptized 12
- 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 W. Monday** 2020 New Stock Rd. Weaverville, NC  
Buncombe County. (828) 645-3478
- 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** 1736 Roaring Creek Rd. Newland, NC  
28657 Avery County. Pastor Roaring Creek FWB Church (828) 733-5389.

- Rev. Ralph Keep:** 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** 4037 Staton Mill Rd. Robersonville, NC 27871. Pitt County, NC (252) 825-0141.
- 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@hotmail.com
- Rev. Phillip Wyatt:** 160 Quinlan Dr., Waynesville, NC. 28786. Haywood County. Pastor, Sulphur Springs Church. (828) 452-0870

## NOTES

### **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 Number Ordained Ministers 1,Total  
Membership 45, S.S.Enrollment 25.

### **Calvary:**

Hwy.70 West,Swannanoa,NC 28778 (828)686-5794 Pastor:Rev.Frank  
Cantrell,206 Eastwood Ave. Swannanoa,NC 28778 Clerk: Ms.Genevieve  
Robertson,15 Sunset Dr. Swannanoa,NC. Number Ordained Ministers 1,Number  
Ordained Deacons 1, S.S.Enrollment 35

### **Calvary (Valdese)**

300 Eldred Street,Valdese,NC 28690 Pastor: Rev.Leonard Lindsey P.O.Box 331  
Connelly Springs,NC 28612 (828) 205-4016, Clerk:Denise Seagle,2447 Messer  
Street, Valdese,NC 28690 (828) 874-4489. Number Ordained Ministers 2,  
Number Ordained Deacons 2,Licensed Ministers 1, Total Membership 119

### **Canton:**

P.O.Box 1346 Canton,NC 28716 (828)648-0272 Pastor: Rev.Eric Jones,P.O.Box  
1346 Canton,NC 28716 (828) 648-0753 Clerk:Mrs.Helen Hamlett,26 Flint Street  
Canton,NC 28716 (828)648-1452. Number Ordained Ministers 1,Licensed  
Ministers 1,Ordained Deacons 4, Total Membership 87

### **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. Number Ordained  
Ministers 1,Licensed Ministers 1,Ordained Deacon 4, Total Membership 63

### **Clyde:**

2221 Jones Cove Rd. Clyde,NC 28721 (828)627-0700. Pastor: Elisha Fish 99  
Young's Cove Rd. Candler,NC 28715 (828) 667-5656 Clerk:Sue Clevenger 225  
Ingram Loop ,Clyde,NC 28721 (828)627-0960. Ordained Ministers 1,Ordained

#### **Fairview:**

1708 Stacy Hill Rd. Marion, NC 28752 Pastor: Rev. Terry McDaniel (828) 652-6593  
1708 Stacy Hill Rd. Marion, NC 28752. Clerk: Betty Miller 43 Randolph  
Rd. Marion, NC 28752. Number Ordained Ministers 2, Number Licensed Ministers 3  
Number of Ordained Deacons 10. Tottle Membership 77.

#### **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 1, Licensed Ministers  
1, Ordained Deacons 4, Total Membership 184

#### **Fellowship:**

184 New Haw Creek Rd. Asheville, NC 28805. Pastor: Rev. Charles Chandler, 75  
Clayton Dr. Weaverville, NC 28787 (828) 645-8999. Clerk: Barbara Reese, Sherwood  
Rd. Swannanoa, NC 28778 Ordained Ministers 1, Licensed Ministers 1, Deacons 2,  
Total Membership 25.

#### **Gethsemane:**

2252 Nix Creek Rd. Marion, NC 28752. Pastor: Rev. Ralph Reep, 396 Arrowood  
Trail, Marion, NC 28752 (828) 738-4238. Clerk: Mrs. Linda Reep, 396 Arrowood  
TRail, Marion, NC 28752. Number Ordained Ministers 2, Number Licensed  
Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 1, Total Membership 76

#### **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: Barbara  
Fowler P.O. Box 601 Caroleen, NC 28019 (828) 657-5690. Number Ordained  
Ministers 1, Number Ordained Deacons 5 Total Membership 120.

#### **Homer's Chapel:**

202 Chapel Rd. Black Mt. NC 28711 (828) 669-2343. Pastor: Rev. Carl Miller, 202  
Chapel Rd. Black Mountain, NC 28711. Clerk: Betty Hall, 131 North Fork Rd.  
Black Mtn. NC 28711. (828) 669-1858. Number Ordained Ministers 1, Number  
Ordained Deacons 3 Total Membership 98.

#### **Lakeview:**

3855 Johnson Street, 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 27265.  
Number Ordained Ministers 1, Total Membership 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: Betty Michael, 118 Meadowview  
Place, SW, Lenoir, NC 28645. (828) 726-0022. Number Ordained Ministers  
1, Number Licensed Ministers 1, Number Ordained Deacons 2. Total Membership  
157.

#### **Liberty:**

4089 U.S. 70 West Marion, NC 28752 (828) 724-4272. Pastor Harold Webb 4089  
U.S. Hwy 70 W. Marion, NC 28752 (828) 724-9550. Clerk: Debra Reafro 57  
McKinney Rd. Marion, NC 28752 (828) 724-9036 Number Ordained Ministers  
1, Number Licensed Ministers 1, Number Ordained Deacons 3 Total Membership  
161.

#### **Marion First:**

965 Baldwin Ave. Marion, NC 28752 (828) 652-0250. Pastor: Rev. Roger Hayley 951  
Baldwin Ave. Marion, NC 28752 (828) 652-4513. Clerk: Cindy Berryhill, 297 Pleasant  
Hill Rd. Marion, NC 28752 (828) 652-4377. Number Ordained Ministers 2, Number  
Ordained Deacons 7, Total Membership 268.

### **Meadowbrook:**

204 Blue Ridge Rd. Black Mountain, NC 28711. (828) 669-9150. Pastor: Randy Stone  
204 Blue Ridge Rd. Black Mountain, NC 28711 (828) 669-2310. Clerk: Keli Conner  
P.O. Box 1123 Black Mountain, NC 28711 (828) 669-8940. Ordained Ministers  
2, Ordained Deacons 15. Total Membership 260.

### **Meadow Fork:**

2919 Meadow Fork Rd. Hot Springs, NC 28743 (828) 622-7667. Pastor Rev. Neil  
Pressley, P.O. Box 273, Clyde, NC 28721. Clerk: Margaret Shetley, 2245 NC Hwy. 63  
Hot Springs, NC 28743. Ordained Ministers 1, Total membership 20.

### **Mt. Bethel**

P.O. Box 1619 Weaverville, NC 28787 (828) 658-2213. Pastor (unknown)  
Clerk: Judy Randall P.O. Box 1619 Weaverville, NC 28787 Number Ordained  
Ministers 2, Number Ordained Deacons 8 Total Membership 60.

### **Nowling's Chapel:**

3311 US 64, Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 584-1212. Pastor: Rev. Roy Shehan, 3311  
US 64, Morganton, NC 28655. Clerk: Shirly Davis, 5835 Fisher Davis Rd.  
Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 584-2228. Number Ordained Ministers 1, Licensed  
Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 3 Total Membership 195.

### **Oakley:**

614 Marietta St. Asheville, NC 28803. Pastor Rev. Loonard Cutshaw P.O. Box 1281  
Fletcher, NC 28732 (828) 684-9670. Clerk: Michael Lollis, Tanglewood MHP Lot 4  
Swannanoa, NC 28778. Ordained Ministers 3, Licensed Ministers 3, Ordained  
Deacons 6. Total Membership 70.

### **Pisgah:**

Chinqua Pin Rd., Canton, NC 28716. Pastor Rev. Oliver Cagle, Stanley  
Dr. 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, Total Membership 103.

### **Roaring Creek:**

1736 Roaring Creek Rd. Newland, NC 28657 (828) 733-5389 Pastor: Rev. Willard  
Pless 1736 Roaring Creek Rd. Newland, NC 28657. Clerk: Sarah Eudy 225 Elk  
Hollow Lane, Newland, NC 28657 (828) 733-0563. Ordained Ministers 1 Ordained  
Deacons 4 Total Membership 39.

### **Rocky Pass:**

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, S.S. Enrollment 146, CTS 60, W.A. Enrollment 19 Total Membership  
391.

### **Shelby:**

403 College Ave. Shelby, NC 28152 (704) 482-9744 Pastor (unknown)  
Clerk: Donna Hamilton, 508 Forest Dr., Shelby, NC 28152 (704) 434-7181  
Ordained Ministers 1, Licensed Ministers 1, Total Membership 210

### **Southside:**

4522 Hwy. 127 South, Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 294-6757 Pastor: Rev. Julius Hall  
1304 Fieldbrook St. SW Lenoir, NC 28645. (828) 754-7854. Number Ordained  
Ministers 1,

### **Sulphur Springs:**

**160 Quinlan Drive Waynesville, NC 28786 (828) 452-0870 Pastor: Rev. Phillip Wyatt, 160 Quinlan Dr. Waynesville, NC 28786. Clerk: Mrs. Terri Cutshaw 129 Carolina Ave., Waynesville, NC 28786 (828) 456-4480 Ordained Ministers 2, Licensed Ministers 1 Total Membership 103.**

### **Swannanoa:**

**200 Park Street, Swannanoa, NC 28778 (828) 686-1333 Pastor: Jack Ward P.O. Box 2303 Candler, NC 28715 (828) 665-8558. Clerk: Mrs. Clara Mae Ogle, 133 Dellwood Ave., Swannanoa, NC 28778 (828) 686-3847 Ordained Ministers 1 Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 12, Total Membership 80.**

### **The Way Of The Cross**

**101 Clearview Dr. Shelby, NC 28150 (704) 484-3842. Pastor: Rev. Alan Sailors, 101 Clearview Dr., Shelby, NC 28150 Clerk: Mrs. Barbara Mahue, Monica Dr. Shelby, NC 28150. Ordained Ministers 1, Total Membership 160**

### **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 Ext. Weaverville, NC 28787 (828) 645-9622 Ordained Ministers 2, Ordained Deacons 5. Total Membership 112.**

**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

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.

#### **Artical 11**

The Youth Board and Mission Board shall consist of 5 men, each having a 5-year term. Terms shall be staggered so that one person rotates off each year. A member shall succeed himself only one time

#### **Artical 12**

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.

#### **Artical 13**

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.

#### **Artical 14**

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.

#### **Artical 15**

This Association shall be governed by the rules laid down in Robert's or Hasting's Rules of Order.

#### **Artical 16**

This Association shall meet annually on the second Saturday in May.

#### **Artical 17**

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%.

#### **Artical 18**

The Ordaining Council will meet, as duty demands, one week prior to the Associational meetings.

#### **Artical 19**

Athyone 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.

#### **Artical 20**

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

### **Rules of Decorum**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Articles of Faith

**1. God:** We believe there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. 1 Timothy 2:5.

**2. The Holy Scripture:** We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for re-proof for correction and instruction in righteousness.

**3. Original Apostasy:** We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat, gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat." (Genesis 3:6).

**4. A Free Grace:** We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him." (Romans 10:12).

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

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

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

