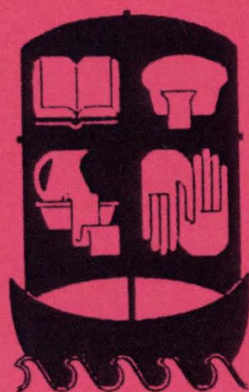


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**Rev. Rocky Reese**

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## DEDICATION

The Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist gratefully dedicates this 2020 edition of the minutes to Brother Jack Moses.

Rev. Jack Moses:

A great man of God. Lived his life as a great example as a Christian should live. He loved people and never met a stranger. He loved his family. He was married to the love of life Sister Gladys for 66 years. He was an ordained Free Will Baptist Minister for over 50 years, pastoring several churches across North Carolina. He pastored the Lenoir First FWB Church twice for a total of almost 40 years. He lovingly served as a pastor the second time for over 32 years until his retirement. Preacher Moses loved the Lord, loved going to church and loved to go to the coast fishing with family and friends. He was very faithful, hardly ever missing a service at church or at association meetings, until his health started declining several years ago. We lost a great part of our church and Blue Ridge Association when he was promoted to heaven May 2, 2020 at the age of 85. He will be forever loved and missed at our church, and by the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists.

Submitted by Bro. Larry Miller

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Jesse Sours

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Bobby Shehan

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**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING of 2019-2020  
CALVARY FWB CHURCH, RUTHERFORD COLLEGE, NC  
AUGUST 3, 2019**

**Preliminaries**

Opening & Prayer – Bro. Alan Sailors, Moderator  
 Congregational Singing – Joy Unspeakable  
 Welcome – Bro. Freddy Lindsey, Pastor, Host Church  
 Response – Bro. Allen Fredell  
 Devotion – Bro. Randy Smith, Pastor – Hilltop FWB, Travelers Rest, SC  
 “Remove not the ancient landmark” – Jer. 6:16 & Prov. 22:28

**Business**

Recognition & Welcome of Visitors – Bro. Alan Sailors  
 Bro. Mike & Theresa Allison – FWB Family Ministries  
 Bro. Adam Chandler – Red Hill FWB Church  
Roll Call of Churches & Ministers – Bro. Rocky Reese

**Treasurer’s Report - August 3, 2019 - Sister Carrie Padgett M/S/C**

**FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**

April – June 2019

**GENERAL FUND**

Ending Checking Balance — March 31, 2019	\$3,965.15
Total Deposits through June 30, 2019	3,829.38
Assoc. Offering - May 4, 2019	<u>154.00</u>
Total	\$ 7,948.53

**Administrative Expenses:**

FWB Int’l Missions (Panama Ministries)	\$600.00	
Clerk and Treasurer (for services rendered)	500.00	
Clerk’s Expense (postage)	23.15	
NCFWB Association, Dues for 21 Churches	3,935.00	
NCFWB Association, support of State Meeting	500.00	
NC State Missions Board, Asheboro Fund	<u>200.00</u>	
	\$5,758.15	<u><del>\$5,758.15</del></u>
Subtotal		\$2,190.38
Paid to Youth Board		<u><del>- 893.67</del></u>
Balance		\$1,296.71

Ending checking balance – June 30, 2019 - \$3,608.35

**MISSIONS FUND**

Fund Balance — May 4, 2019	\$45,132.10	
Receipts this quarter	<u>1,327.10</u>	
Subtotal		\$46,459.20
FWBIM (Matthew Price and Victoria Little, \$300 each)	- 600.00	
NC State Missions Board (McCoy and Evans, \$300 each)	- 600.00	
Calvary Church – Swannanoa	<u>- 3,000.00</u>	
Balance		\$42,259.20

**Treasurer's Report Cont'd - August 3, 2019 – Sister Carrie Padgett**

**MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND**

Fund Balance — May 4, 2019	\$2,372.08
Receipts this Quarter	<u>178.73</u>
Balance	\$2,550.81

**WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Fund Balance — May 4, 2019	\$6,998.77
Receipts this Quarter	<u>89.37</u>
Balance	\$7,088.14

**SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Fund Balance — May 4, 2019	\$7,634.82
Receipts this Quarter	<u>89.37</u>
Balance	\$7,724.19

Ending Saving Acct Balance March 31, 2019 - \$52,675.43

Ending Saving Acct Balance June 30, 2019 - \$47,857.51

**Contributions from the Churches**

**CHURCHES**                      **April-June**

CALVARY (Glendale Sprgs)	
CALVARY (R. College)	
CALVARY (Swannanoa)	\$ 50.00
CANTON	100.00
CEDAR HILL	203.00
FAIRVIEW	235.33
FAITH	260.00
GETHSEMANE	185.00
HILLTOP	100.00
HOMER'S CHAPEL	225.00
LENOIR	200.00
LIBERTY	457.44
MARION - FIRST	355.00
MEADOWBROOK	524.70
NORTHVIEW	153.90
NOWLING CHAPEL	
PISGAH	
ROARING CREEK	100.00
ROCKY PASS	255.00
SWANNANOA	150.00
ZEPHYR HILLS	<u>275.01</u>
Total	\$3,829.38

Checks received after the June 30<sup>th</sup> cutoff date are not included in the total above:

FAIRVIEW	\$ 154.83	CALVARY (Swannanoa)	\$ 50.00
ZEPHYR HILLS	91.67	CALVARY (R. College)	200.00
CEDAR HILL	207.00	NORTHVIEW	169.37
ROCKY PASS	255.00	MARION FIRST	361.50

**Executive Board Report – No Report**  
Motion made to place Bro. Freddy Lindsey on the Executive Board to fulfil Bro. Danny Gasperson’s unexpired term. Carried

**Youth Board Report – Bro. Bobby Shehan M/S/C**  
The Youth Board met on Tuesday July 09,2019 at Abeles Restaurant in Morganton, N.C. at 6:30 p.m.  
Board Members Present; Bro. Aaron Causby, Bro. Caleb Davis, Bro. Bobby Shehan, Not Present: Bro. Eddie Hobson, Bro. Sonny Thomas Jr.  
Total in Checking Account as of 8-03-2019 = \$12385.61 We did appoint two members to be on the Checking account to assist on this account. Bro. Rocky Reese is already on the account, Bro. Aaron Causby and Caleb Davis is to be added. While there we discussed possible activities and events to possibly do in the upcoming year. Such as Carowinds, Snow tubing, Bo's, Fun Depot, and Defy Gravity/Sky Zone. (No dates set just discussion) Bro. Aaron Causby is having a Youth Event at his Church on September 14th and opened it up for all the Blue Ridge to come and join this event for a time of fellowship. Connelly Springs Free Will Baptist Church is located at 2770 Israel Chapel Rd. Connelly Springs, NC28612.  
Bro. Bobby Shehan was confirmed to be Chair of the Youth Board until my term expires in 2021.

<b><u>Blue Ridge Youth Fund Report - 08/03/2019</u></b>		
Beginning Balance – May 4, 2019	-	\$11,491.94
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
No Receipts received during the quarter		893.67
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>		
No Disbursements		<u>0</u>
Youth Fund Balance - Aug 3, 2019		\$12,385.61
Respectfully Submitted, Rocky Reese - Youth Board Treasurer		

**Women Active for Christ Report –Sis. Michelle Sailors by Bro. Alan Sailors**  
The Executive Director of our National Women Active for Christ, Elizabeth Hodges, gave her report at the National Convention and shared how our Women's Ministry is changing things around the world to women of all ages. Through women's conferences, ministry events, mission events and college scholarships we have been an outreach to not only help but also grow women in Christ. Our FWB Women's Ministry has given nearly half a million dollars. We raise and give thousands of dollars each year to help plant seeds in hearts and make a difference in many lives, as we encourage one another and work together. It is a tremendous blessing that the Blue Ridge Women's Ministry has had a part in this work for the love of God and His Kingdom. The words of Elizabeth Hodges ring true, 'To God be the glory for the great things He has done, is doing and will do.' Remember to pray for the Ministries that our Blue Ridge Women's Ministry are helping with this year: 1. Cuba House Church: They need \$10,000 dollars to purchase a house in Cuba to be used as a House Church. There are restrictions on building churches in Cuba, but they can purchase homes and meet in those.

## Women Active for Christ Report Cont'd

2. Chad & Paula Kivette and John (JD) & Kayla Newland who are going to do a work and start a church in Sevierville, Tennessee. (Kayla is the daughter of Bruce Kimbel) 3. Welch FWB College and Southeastern FWB College: will help get carpet for the dorms and other needed items at this time. The Blue Ridge Women's Brunch is this month, Saturday, August 17th at Swannanoa FWB Church at 10:00am. All ladies are Welcome!

Promotional Director's Report – Bro. Elisha Fish by Bro. Randy Stone  
This quarter I have preached at three of our churches. I had a revival with Calvary in Swannanoa and spoke at the Old Fort FWB Church as well. Jackie and I also attended the "Going Away" dinner for Bro. Danny and Sister Jackie Gasperson. I was scheduled to speak at four more of our churches; two in June and two in July but because of my heart attack I asked Bro. Randy Stone to fulfill those obligations. He will tell you about those services. I wish to express my gratitude to Bro. Randy for taking care of these churches. I was greatly concerned about not being able to complete my commitments. As most of you know, I had a heart attack on June 20th because of three blocked arteries. The doctors were able to put a stint into the main artery, but the attack caused the left side of my heart to be severely damaged. The doctors say the only option for me is to have a pump surgically placed inside of my heart. I am to have some test before I have the surgery. Please pray the Lord will give me guidance so that I will make the right decision. This I know. Philippians 1:21 says, "For me to live is Christ; to die is gain." So, I am in my heavenly Father's hands. I sincerely thank you Pastors and your churches for all your prayers, cards and the love you have shown Jackie and me during these difficult times. I would not have made it this far without your prayers. Please keep praying for Jackie, my family and me as we continue this journey. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your promotional director for these last five years. It has been a joy and a pleasure. May god bless you all! Sincerely, Elisha Fish  
Addendum by Bro. Randy Stone

All four pastors were asked if I could take Bro. Fish's place and all graciously consented. I was able to preach at Homer's Chapel and Swannanoa in June. However, the two churches scheduled in July had a change of plans and did not need anyone to supply the pulpit. I preached at Zephyr Hills this past Sunday and will be speaking there a number of times over the next two months. Please pray for them as they seek a new pastor. I also have a Homecoming scheduled at Cedar Hill on August 25.  
While I have done my best (at his request) to fulfil Bro. Fish's commitments, I have not assumed in anyway his position as director. He is still your Promotional Director and will be as long as he desires it. If he should find it necessary to step down, then it would be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to fill his position with someone of their choosing. Just yesterday it was determined that Bro. Fish would have his surgery on Tuesday. It will begin in the morning. Please pray for him, his wife, his children and the rest of his extended family.



Home Missions Board Report –Bro. Randy Stone for Bro. Harold Webb  
Bro. Jesse Sours wishes to thank you on behalf of Calvary FWB Church in Swannanoa for your continued support of their church. While the summer has taken its toll on attendance, he feels that the church has made progress. The people are responding with spiritual growth and faithfulness. His faith and commitment are strong, and they are still doing outreach. Financially they are still unable to support themselves, but he believes they will grow in that area, too.

I am sorry that we are unable to supply you with a financial report. It occurred to us a little too late that our Chairman, Bro. Danny Gasperson had left us and we had not chosen a new one. Therefore, no one had thought to prepare a financial report. We will be prepared next time.

Ordaining Council Report – Bro. Alan Sailors  
We received a letter of good standing for Bro. Caleb Davis from the Beckley Conference in West Virginia.

Credentials Committee Report – Bro. Bruce Kimbrell  
17 Ministers, 24 Delegates, 8 Visitors, 49- Total Present

Finance Committee Report –  
Finance Committee recommends the offering go to Bro. Randy Smith offering was \$110.00. Motion made to increase it to \$200.00 Carried

Other Business  
Motion made to give Bro. Elisha Fish \$500 from Minister’s Benevolent Fund, motion made to amend that to \$1,000, amendment carried.

Other Reports  
FWB Family Ministries – Bro. Mike Allison  
Bro. Mike Alison gave an update on the FWB Family ministries  
Bro. Jim McComas – Chosen on Nov. 1, 2018 as the new Executive Director/CEO of FWBFM - 330-465-7164 (mobile)  
Bro. Jim Robinette – was hired as COO (Chief Operating Officer) - 419-602-7471 (mobile) – began his duties Aug. 1, 2019  
FWBFM - Began in 1939. located in Greeneville, TN. 2019 –  
FWBFM - 80th Anniversary Homecoming: Saturday, Oct 26, 2019 - 10:30 a.m. - At The Oaks FWB Children’s Home is Serving around 150 children daily In 2018: 56 saved, 29 Baptisms and 5 Rededications  
The Oaks Retreat Center host youth camps and church retreats under the direction of our camp director: Deryl Hodgens.  
In 2018, there were 4,301 campers served.  
The Hope Center (crisis pregnancy center), directed by Sharon Hodgens, had 81 babies born in 2018.  
The Maternity Home renovation now under way next door to the Hope Center. FWBFM - Door of Hope in Erwin, TN. It consists of a Crisis Pregnancy Center & Foster Care.

**FWB Family Ministries Report Cont'd – Bro. Mike Allison**

**We have two Assisted living Facilities: The laurels in Wise, VA serving 45 residents and Governor's Bend in Erwin, TN serving 55 residents.**

**The John M. Reed Center in limestone, TN: 24 bed assisted living center & 20 bed Memory Care Community**

**Projects: "Mother's Day" Offering, VBS- "Children Helping Children", "The Bucket Brigade" , Baby Shower - The Hope Center**

**My wife Theresa & I look forward to visiting each of your churches this year to share all of the wonderful things God is doing at Free Will Baptist Family Ministries. -----**

**Contact: Michael C.Allison, Sr. - 828-775-5127 (mobile) NC, SC& Eastern Tennessee Field Representative**

**Worship**

**Congregational Songs – Soon and Very Soon led by Bro. Mike Williams**

**Offertory Prayer – Bro. Alan Sailors**

**Offering –**

**Song – Amazing Grace**

**Special Singing – Glory Land - Mike Williams**

**Message – Bro. Caleb Davis – Pastor – Homer's Chapel**

**Get Out of the Boat - Matt. 14:22-33**

**Closing Prayer – Bro. Freddy Lindsey**

**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING of 2019-2020  
CALVARY FWB CHURCH, GLENDALE SPRINGS, NC  
NOVEMBER 2, 2019**

**Preliminaries**

Opening & Prayer – Bro. Brandon Smith, Asst. Moderator  
 Congregational Singing – Glory To His Name  
 Welcome – Bro. Sonny Thomas, Sr. – Host Pastor  
 Response – Bro. Ralph Reep  
 Devotion – Bro. Brandon Smith – Pastor, Fairview Church, Marion, NC  
 Expecting Big Things – 1 Kings 19:41-46

**Business**

Recognition and Welcome of Visitors - Bro. Brandon Smith  
 Bro. Mike & Theresa Allison – FWB Family Ministries  
Roll Call of Churches & Ministers – Bro. Rocky Reese  
Treasurer's Report - Sister Carrie Padgett M/S/C

**SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**

**July – September 2019**

**GENERAL FUND**

Ending Checking Balance — June 30, 2019		\$3,608.35
Total Deposits thru Sept 30, 2019		2,982.41
Assoc. Offering - August 3, 2019		<u>110.00</u>
	Total	\$6,700.76
<b><u>Administrative Expenses:</u></b>		
FWB Int'l Missions (Panama Ministries)	\$600.00	
Clerk's Expense (Postage)	22.00	
Printing of Minutes	369.15	
Bro. Randy Smith (Mission Trip)	<u>200.00</u>	
	\$1,191.15	<u>-\$1,191.15</u>
	Subtotal	\$5,509.61
Paid to Youth Board		<u>- 708.20</u>
	Balance	\$4,801.41
Ending Checking Balance – Sept. 30, 2019 - \$1,750.34		

**MISSIONS FUND**

Fund balance August 3, 2019		\$42,259.20
Receipts this quarter		<u>999.63</u>
	Subtotal	\$43,258.64
International Missions, Inc. (Price & Little \$300 each)		- 600.00
NC State Missions (McCoy & Evans \$300 each)		- 600.00
Calvary Church – Swannanoa		<u>- 3,000.00</u>
	Balance	\$39,058.64

**Treasurer's Report Cont'd****MINISTERS FUND**

Fund balance August 3, 2019		\$2,550.81
Receipts this quarter		<u>141.64</u>
	Subtotal	\$2,692.45
Bro. Elisha Fish		<u>- 1,000.00</u>
	Balance	\$1,692.45

**WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Fund balance August 3, 2019		\$7,088.14
Receipts this quarter		<u>70.82</u>
	Balance	\$7,158.96

**SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Fund balance August 3, 2019		\$7,724.19
Receipts this quarter		<u>70.82</u>
	Balance	\$7,795.01

Ending savings account balance - June 30, 2019 - \$47,857.51

Ending savings account balance - September 30, 2019 - \$45,088.67

**Contributions from the Churches**

<b><u>CHURCHES</u></b>	<b><u>April-June</u></b>	<b><u>July-Sept</u></b>
CALVARY (Glendale Sprgs)		
CALVARY (R. College)		\$200.00
CALVARY (Swannanoa)	\$ 50.00	50.00
CANTON	100.00	100.00
CEDAR HILL	203.00	207.00
FAIRVIEW	235.33	221.60
FAITH	260.00	236.00
GETHSEMANE	185.00	
HILLTOP	100.00	
HOMER'S CHAPEL	225.00	225.00
LENOIR	200.00	
LIBERTY	457.44	474.00
MARION - FIRST	355.00	361.50
MEADOWBROOK	524.70	149.60
NORTHVIEW	153.90	169.37
NOWLING CHAPEL		
PISGAH		
ROARING CREEK	100.00	
ROCKY PASS	255.00	255.00
SWANNANOA	150.00	150.00
ZEPHYR HILLS	<u>275.01</u>	<u>183.34</u>
Total	\$3,829.38	\$2,982.41

Checks received after the Sept 30<sup>th</sup> cutoff date are not included in the total above:

FAIRVIEW	\$ 102.77	CALVARY (Swannanoa)	\$ 50.00
ZEPHYR HILLS	91.67	NORTHVIEW	195.43
CEDAR HILL	205.00		
ROCKY PASS	255.00		

## **Executive Board Report – No Report**

## Youth Board Report – Bro. Rocky Reese M/S/C

## **Blue Ridge Youth Fund Report -11/02/2019**

**Beginning Balance – Aug. 3, 2019**

**\$12,385.61**

## Receipts

**From Treasurer - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Nov. 2019)**

**\$ 708.20**

**Sub-Total**

**\$ 13,093.81**

### Disbursements

### **Bro. Bobby Shehan for Youth Board Meals**

**\$ 37.63**

## Connelly Springs FWB for Pizza for Youth Rally

**224.18**

### Youth Fund Balance - 11/2/2019

**\$12,832.00**

**Women Active For Christ – Sister Michelle Sailors per Bro. Brandon Smith**

**The Executive Director of our National Women Active for Christ, Elizabeth**

**Hodges, gave her report at the National Convention and shared how our**

**Women's Ministry is changing things around the world to women of all**

ages. Through women's conferences, ministry events, mission events and

**college scholarships we have been an outreach to not only help but also grow women in Christ.**

**Our FWB Women's Ministry has given nearly half a million dollars. We raise and give thousands of dollars each year to help plant seeds in hearts and make a difference in many lives, as we encourage one another and work together. It is a tremendous blessing that the Blue Ridge Women's Ministry has had a part in this work for the love of God and His Kingdom.**

**The words of Elizabeth Hodges ring true, “To God be the glory for the great things He has done, is doing and will do.”**

**Remember to pray for the Ministries that our Blue Ridge Women's Ministry are helping with this year:**

1. **Cuba House Church:** They need \$10,000 dollars to purchase a house in Cuba to be used as a House Church. There are restrictions on building churches in Cuba, but they can purchase homes and meet in those.
2. **Chad & Paula Kivette and John (JD) & Kayla Newland** who are going to do a work and start a church in Sevierville, Tennessee. (Kayla is the daughter of Bruce Kimbel)
3. **Welch FWB College and Southeastern FWB College:** will help get carpet for the dorms and other needed items at this time.

**The Blue Ridge Women's Brunch is this month, Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at Swannanoa FWB Church at 10:00am. All Ladies are Welcome!**

**Promotional Director's Report** – Bro. Elisha Fish per Bro. Rocky Reese  
Doing much better, but unable to travel this far, Thanks you for your  
prayers. This quarter I have preached in 1 of our churches and taught  
Sunday School. If you are relatively close and need me, let me know and I  
could preach for you on a Sunday Morning.

**Ordaining Council Report** – No Report

**Home Mission Board Report** – No Report  
There was no Home Mission Board Report, but Bro. Brian Bird spoke about  
the State Missions Work and about Sister Julie Thomas' upcoming Mission  
Trip to Bulgaria, Taking Christmas shoe boxes to children and sharing  
gospel. Please pray for these endeavors.

**Finance Committee Report**  
Offering to go into Benevolent Fund – Offering was \$74.00

**Credentials Committee Report** – Bro. Wayne Miller  
8 Ministers, 17 Delegates, 4 Visitors, Total – 29 present

**Other Reports**  
**FWB Family Ministries** - Bro. Mike & Theresa Allison

**Worship**  
Congregational Singing – O' I Want To See Him & Let My Life Be a Light  
Prayer – Bro. Landon Smith  
Offering – \$74.00  
Message – Bro. Larry Miller – Seeking the Lord – Gen. 18:20-33

**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING of 2019-2020  
CALVARY FWB CHURCH, SWANNANOVA, NC  
FEBRUARY 1, 2020**

**Preliminaries**

Opening – Bro. Alan Sailors, Moderator  
 Congregational Singing – ‘Til the Storm Passes By  
 Welcome & Prayer - Bro. Jesse Sours, Host Pastor  
 Response – Bro. Caleb Davis  
 Devotion – Bro. Jesse Sours, FWB Church  
 “Benefits of Reading God’s Word” – Psalm 119:25-32

**Business -**

Recognition & Welcome of Visitors – Bro. Alan Sailors  
 Bro. Mike & Theresa Allison – FWB Family Ministries  
Roll Call of Churches & Ministers – Bro. Rocky Reese

**Treasurer’s Report – February 1, 2020 – Sister Carrie Padgett M/S/C  
THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT  
October – December 2019**

**GENERAL FUND**

Ending checking balance September 30, 2019	\$1,750.34
Total deposits through December 31, 2019	4,379.36
Association offering November 2, 2019	74.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,203.70</b>

**Administrative expense:**

FWB International Missions (Panama Ministries)	\$600.00	
Clerk’s Expense (Postage)	22.00	
Fidelity Bond for Treasurer	<u>359.00</u>	
	\$981.00	<u>-981.00</u>
	Subtotal	\$5,222.70
Paid to Youth Board		<u>- 1,033.69</u>
	Balance	\$4,189.01
Ending checking balance December 31, 2019 - \$3,763.04		

**MISSIONS FUND**

Fund balance November 3, 2018	\$39,058.64	
Receipts this quarter	<u>1,485.03</u>	
	Subtotal	\$40,543.67
International Missions, Inc. (M. Price & V. Little, \$300 each)	- 600.00	
NC State Missions Board (McCoy & Evans, \$300 each)	- 600.00	
Calvary Church-Swannanov	<u>- 3,000.00</u>	
	Balance	\$36,343.67

### MINISTERS FUND

Fund balance November 2, 2019	\$1,692.45
Receipts this quarter (Includes offering taken 11-2-19)	<u>280.74</u>
Balance	\$1,973.19

### WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance November 2, 2019	\$7,158.96
Receipts this quarter	<u>103.37</u>
Balance	\$7,262.33

### SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance November 3, 2018	\$7,795.01
Receipts this quarter	<u>103.37</u>
Balance	\$7,898.38

Ending savings account balance September 30, 2019 - \$45,088.67

Ending savings account balance December 31, 2019 - \$42,412.82

### Contributions from the Churches

<u>CHURCHES</u>	<u>April-June</u>	<u>July-Sept</u>	<u>Oct-Dec</u>
CALVARY (Glendale Sprgs)			\$1,000.00
CALVARY (R. College)		\$200.00	200.00
CALVARY (Swannanoa)	\$ 50.00	50.00	50.00
CANTON	100.00	100.00	100.00
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NORTHVIEW	153.90	169.37	195.43
NOWLING CHAPEL			
PISGAH			
ROARING CREEK	100.00		
ROCKY PASS	255.00	255.00	255.00
SWANNANOA	150.00	150.00	150.00
ZEPHYR HILLS	<u>275.01</u>	<u>183.34</u>	<u>274.97</u>
Total	\$3,829.38	\$2,982.41	\$4,379.36

Checks received after the December 31<sup>st</sup> cutoff date are not included in the total above:

FAIRVIEW	\$ 86.31	CALVARY (Swannanoa)	\$ 50.00
ZEPHYR HILLS	91.67	NORTHVIEW	169.76
CEDAR HILL	213.00	MARION FIRST	337.00
ROCKY PASS	255.00	CALVARY - RUTH. COLL.	200.00



**Executive Board Report – No Report**

**Youth Board Report – Bro. Rocky Reese M/S/C**

**State Youth Rally – Saturation Blitz – March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**at Glad Tidings Church, Asheboro, NC**

**State Youth Competition – Cramerton – April 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Blue Ridge Youth Fund Report -02/01/2020**

**Beginning Balance – Nov. 2, 2019 \$12,832.00**

**Receipts**

**From Treasurer – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Feb. 2020) \$ 1,033.69**

**Disbursements**

**Youth Fund Balance – Feb. 1, 2020 0  
\$13,865.69**

**Women Active For Christ – Sister Michelle Sailors**

**Future Events of the Blue Ridge District Women's Ministry WAC 1.**

**Saturday, April4,2020 Next Blue Ridge District Meeting at 9:30am (9am Registration) At Nowlings Chapel FWB Church in Morganton, NC Keren Delgado - Missionary intern to Varna, Bulgaria will be with us. She is seeking prayer and financial partners for her two-year internship. She plans to teach Spanish as a means of reaching people with the Gospel.**

**2. State Meeting will be May 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> at West Calvary FWB Church in Smithfield, NC (See Michelle Sailors for more information on Hotels, Registration and Meals)**

**(2020 Vision – Proverbs 29:18 – Victoria Little – Kenya)**

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**2. Chad & Paula Kivette and John (JD)& Kayla Newland who are going to do a work and start a church in Sevierville, Tennessee. (Kayla is the daughter of Bruce Kimbel)**

**3. Welch FWB College and Southeastern FWB College: will help get carpet for the dorms and other needed items atthis time.**

**3. Saturday, August 22nd Parade of Tables at Nowlings Chapel FWB Church Elizabeth Hodges (The Executive Director of our National Women Active for Christ) will be our Special Speaker. Tickets \$10 each**

Promotional Director's Report – Bro. Elisha Fish

I have visited seven of our churches since my illness to thank them for their prayers and support during my illness. I hope to visit with the rest of the churches if their pastor wants me to. Brother Randy Stone has filled in for Zephyr Hills while they were without a pastor. He has been a great help to me during my illness. Zephyr Hills has voted in a new Pastor, Rev. Daniel Cason, who will come sometime in mid-March. Please pray for him and the church. Hilltop has an interim pastor, Brother Chris Connors. please pray for them. Pray for all our pastors and churches. It seems like almost every day we get a text from Brother Ruben Cason asking for prayer for one of our state pastors. God has truly blessed me in allowing me to have preached 6 times since I have had my heart pump put in. On a sad note I have helped preach 2 funerals. Both were deacons at Cedar Hill church.  
Respectively Submitted by: Brother Elisha Fish

Ordaining Council Report – No Report

Mission Board Report – No Report

Other Business

Motion Made for Youth Board and Mission Board to meet and support mission trip for Heather Thomas.

Youth Board and Mission Board met at the break and agreed to give the following:

Youth Board to give - \$1,500.00 and Mission Board - \$1,000.00

If there is a balance remaining after her fund-raising effort, Youth Board will make up balance.

Executive Board met at break and approved Heather Thomas to receive Welch Scholarship fund of \$500.00 per semester for her first year at Welch pending grades report.

Nominating Committee appointed by Moderator –Those appointed were: Bro. Roger Boone as Chairman, Bro. Larry Miller and Bro. Caleb Davis

Credentials Committee Report – Bro. Bruce Kimbrel

21 Ministers, 19 Delegates, 7 Visitors = Total Present 47

Finance Committee Report –

Finance Committee recommends offering go to Calvary Church  
Offering was \$140.00

## Other Reports

**FWB Family Ministries - Bro. Mike Allison**

**Bro. Jim McComas – Exec. Director/CEO - 330-465-7164 (mobile)**

**Bro. Jim Robinette - (Chief Operating Officer) - 419-602-7471 (mobile)**

**FWBFM - Began in 1939 in Greeneville, TN. 2019 - 80th Anniversary**

**Thank you for all of your prayers and support:**

**15 of the young men in our residential program on our campus in Greeneville, TN were recently taken to a youth rally at a local church. Seven of our young men trusted Christ as their Saviour.**

**Serving around 150 children daily.**

**Our campus in Greeneville, TN.**

**Florence Crittenton Home, Little Rock, AR. 14 children.**

**"Maggie House", Charleston, AR. 26 children.**

**Young Children's Home, Ft. Smith, AR - 32 children.**

**In 2019: 55 saved Foster Care, TN - 60 children The Oaks Retreat Center**

**host youth camps and church retreats under the direction of our camp director: Deryl Hodgens. In 2019, there were 5,059 campers served. The**

**Hope Center (crisis pregnancy center), directed by Sharon Hodgens, had 91 babies born in 2019. Served 375 families. Gave out 2232 packs of diapers**

**and 1513 packs of baby wipes. The Maternity Home renovation now under way next door to the Hope Center. We have three Assisted Living Facilities:**

**The Laurels in Wise, VA serving 48 residents, Governor's Bend in Erwin,**

**TN serving 58 residents and The John M. Reed Center in Limestone, TN.: 24 bed Assisted Living Center and a 20 bed Memory Care Community -**

**Fidget Blankets, Mats & Aprons. New A&D program beginning around**

**May, 2020 Projects: "Mother's Day" Offering "The Bucket Brigade" VBS-**

**"Children Helping Children" Gift Cards - Wal-Mart Paper products & cleaning supplies Gift Cards - McDonalds & Pizza Hut Baby Shower - The**

**Hope Center "Christmas In July" Sponsor - A - Cottage My wife Theresa &**

**I look forward to visiting each of your churches this year to share all of the wonderful things God is doing at Free Will Baptist Family Ministries.**

**Contact: Michael C. Allison, Sr. - 828-775-5127 (mobile) - NC, SC& Eastern Tennessee Field Representative**

## Worship

**Congregational Song – Amazing Grace**

**Offertory Prayer – Bro. Brian Bird**

**Offering – \$140.00**

**Special Song – Bro. Allen Fredell – It'll Be Worth it After All, But For The Blood! and All My Hope Is In Jesus!**

**Finance Committee – Offering to go to Calvary Church**

**Message – Bro. Sonny Thomas, Pastor, Calvary – Glendale Springs, NC**

**Isaiah 6:1-13 – Being a Successful Failure**

**God measures success differently than we do! How does he measure success?**

**1. Submission - Submit to the Lord – Vs. 8**

**2. Obedience – Vs. 9-10 regardless of Culture or Cost**

**3. Perseverance – God is still on the Throne, God still Forgives Sinners, God is still Fulfilling His Word**

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**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
MAY 2, 2020**

**Cancelled due  
to  
Coronavirus  
Pandemic**

## STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

**Calvary – Glendale Springs:** 3044 Old Wilkesboro Rd, Jefferson, NC 28640  
(Mailing Address: P.O. Box 34 Glendale Springs, NC 28629) (336) 982-4840  
Interim Pastor: Rev. Frank Woods

Clerk: Robin Carter 117 Oak View Dr. Jefferson, NC 28640 (336) 977-1964  
Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 3, Baptisms 7, Members Lost 6,  
Total Membership 166, S.S. Enrollment 195, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 10

**Calvary – Rutherford College:** 212 Malcolm Blvd., Rutherford College, NC 28671  
(Mailing Address: P.O. Box 375, Rutherford College, NC 28671) (828) 893-0936  
Pastor: Rev. Freddy Lindsey P.O. Box 331, Connelly Springs, NC 28612 (828) 446-2339  
Clerk: Denise Seagle, 2447 Messer St, Valdese, NC 28690 (828) 874-4489  
Ordained Ministers 2, Ordained Deacons 4, Baptisms 7, Members Added 12,  
Members Lost 4, Total Membership 192, S.S. Enrollment 85

**Calvary – Swannanoa:** 2176 Hwy. 70 West, Swannanoa, NC 28778 (828) 298-0409  
Pastor: Rev. Jesse Sours, 392 Lower Grassy Branch Rd, Asheville, NC 28805,  
(704) 589-0329

Clerk: Kay Badimu, 88 Patton Cemetery Rd., Swannanoa, NC 28778 (828) 231-1167  
Ordained Ministers 2, Total Membership 121

**Canton:** 19 Gilbert St, Canton, NC 28716 (Mailing address: P.O. Box 1346)  
Pastor: Rev. Larry Collins, 89 Reeves Rd., Leicester, NC 28748 (828) 242-0655  
Clerk: Donna Robinson, 220 Platt Dr., Canton, NC 28716 (828) 648-4768  
Clerk Husband: Melvin Robinson (828) 734-2500  
Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 3, Total Membership 56, S.S. Enrollment 8,

**Cedar Hill:** 234 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, NC 28806  
Pastor: Rev. Roger Boone, 50 Boone Trail, Weaverville, NC 28787 (828) 645-3322  
Church Website: [www.cedarhillfwb.com](http://www.cedarhillfwb.com)  
Clerk: Deborah Smith, 11 Evergreen Ave., Asheville, NC 28806 (828) 768-5787  
Ordained Ministers 2, Ordained Deacons 2, Baptisms 3, Members Added 6,  
Members Lost 5, Total Membership 68, S.S. Enrollment 17, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 11

**Fairview:** 1708 Stacy Hill Rd., Marion, NC 28752  
Pastor: Rev. Brandon Smith, 1708 Stacy Hill Rd. Marion, NC 28752 (828) 527-2225  
Clerk: Betty Miller, 43 Randolph Rd., Marion, NC 28752 (828) 652-3361  
Ordained Ministers 2, Ordained Deacons 3, Baptisms 3, Members Lost 3,  
Total Membership 91, S.S. Enrollment 85, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 7

**Faith:** 1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 584-7507  
Pastor: Rev. Rocky Reese, 1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 584-4849  
Clerk: Arzell Clark, 2322 Benjamin St., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-6815,  
Ordained Ministers 1, Licensed Ministers 2, Ordained Deacons 5, Members Added 1,  
Members Lost 2, Total Membership 232, S.S. Enrollment 50

**Gethsemane:** 2252 Nix Creek Rd., Marion, NC 28752  
(Mailing Add: 396 Arrowhead Trail, Marion, NC 28752)  
Pastor: Rev. Ralph Reep, 396 Arrowhead Trail, NC 28752 (828) 442-6303  
Clerk: Phyllis Warren, 2193 Lackey Town Rd., Old Fort, NC 28762  
Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 1, Total Membership 40,  
S.S. Enrollment 20

**Hilltop:** 1401 Geer Hwy, Travelers Rest, SC 29690 (864) 834-3536  
(Mailing Add: P.O. Box 874, Travelers Rest, SC 29690)  
Pastor: Chris Connor 111 Hunt St., Travelers Rest, SC 29690 Cell (864) 365-5160  
Clerk: Harriett Burnett, 25 Hawk Nest Rd., Travelers Rest, SC 29690 (864) 836-6598  
Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 1, Members Added 3, Members Lost 10,  
Total Membership 36

**Homer's Chapel:** 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711 (828) 357-8336  
Pastor: Rev. Caleb Davis, 202 Chapel Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711 (304) 644-6056  
Clerk: Debbie Rhinehart / Robin Burgin, Black Mountain, NC 28711  
Ordained Ministers 2, Ordained Deacons 3, Total Membership 42,  
S.S. Enrollment 40, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 10

**Lenoir First:** Morganton Blvd, Lenoir, NC 28645  
(Mailing Address: 401 Virginia St. SW, Lenoir, NC 28645)  
Pastor: Rev. Larry Miller Jr., 2245 Marcus Dr., Granite Falls, NC 28630 (828) 320-4652  
Clerk: Nadine Barnett, 401 Virginia St. SW, Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-1874  
Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 2, Members Added 2, Total Membership 145,  
S.S Enrollment 25

**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) 442-1381  
Clerk: Vickie Wheeler, 1096 Hidden View Loop, Marion, NC 28752 (828) 724-1318  
Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 6, Baptisms 2, Members Added 5, Members  
Lost 2, Total Membership 130, S. S. Enrollment 65

**Marion First:** 947 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752 (828) 652-0250  
(Mailing Add: P.O. Box 2665, Marion, NC 28752)  
Pastor: Rev. Brian Bird 3255 Old Hwy 10E Nebo, NC 28761 (828) 925-2551  
Clerk: Denise Taylor, P.O. Box 784, Marion, NC 28752 (828) 442-7737  
Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 4, Members Added 1, Total Membership 270,  
S.S. Enrollment 75

**Meadowbrook:** 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711 (828) 669-9150  
(Mailing Address: P.O. Box 566, Black Mountain, NC 28711)  
Pastor: Rev. Ben Wheeler, 204 Blue Ridge Rd. Blk Mountain, NC 28711 (313) 207-1449  
Clerk: Kayra Norris, 56 Avalon Dr., Arden, NC 28704 (828) 681-0349  
Ordained Ministers 2, Ordained Deacons 10, Members Added 5, Members Lost 3,  
Total Membership 125

**Northview:** 112 Bethlehem Rd., Statesville, NC 28677

Pastor: Rev. Allen Fredell, 6036 NC 18 South, Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 764-7314  
Clerk: Janet Connolly, 2445 S. Chipley Ford Rd., Statesville, NC 28625 (704) 876-6574  
Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 3, Members Added 3, Members Lost 4,  
Total Membership 47, S.S. Enrollment 20, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 11,  
Master's Men 10

**Nowlings Chapel:** 5061 US Hwy 64, Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 584-1212

(Mailing Add: P.O. Box 3083, Morganton, NC 28680)

Pastor: Rev. Darvy Hensley 2218 Southfork Dr., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 243-3602  
Clerk: Melissa Davis, P.O. Box 3083, Morganton, NC 28680 (828) 403-7477  
Ordained Ministers 4, Ordained Deacons 8, Baptisms 4, Members Added 6,  
Total Membership 289, S.S. Enrollment 80, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 13,  
Master's Men 18

**Pisgah:** 288 Chinquapin Rd., Canton, NC 28716

(Mailing Address: 110 Harley Creek Rd., Canton, NC 28716)

Pastor:

Clerk: Theresa Bates 136 Asbury Rd., Canton, NC 28716 (828) 734-9124  
Ordained Ministers 0, Ordained Deacons 3, Total Membership 63,  
S.S. Enrollment 42, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 12

**Roaring Creek:** 1736 Roaring Creek Rd., Newland, NC 28657 (828) 733-5389

Pastor: Rev. Ken Staton, 1736 Roaring Creek Rd., Newland, NC 28657 (828) 260-0004

Clerk: Beth Hughes, 287 Mollies Branch Rd., Newland, NC 28657 (828) 733-0544  
Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 1, Members Added 1, Total Membership 25,  
S.S. Enrollment 15, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 6

**Rocky Pass:** 6995 Harmony Grove Rd., Nebo, NC 28761 (828) 659-6977

Pastor: Rev. Alan Sailors, 6988 Harmony Grove Rd. Nebo, NC 28761 (828) 803-0234

Clerk: Jennifer Thompson, 703 Deer Park Rd., Nebo, NC 28761 (828) 652-8746

Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 12, Baptisms 5, Members Added 10,  
Members Lost 3, Total Membership 260, S.S. Enrollment 122,  
Women's Aux. Enrollment 30, Master's Men 22

**Swannanoa:** 200 Park St., Swannanoa, NC 28778 (828) 686-1333

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 609, Swannanoa, NC 28778

Church Email: [swannanoafwbc@gmail.com](mailto:swannanoafwbc@gmail.com)

Pastor: Rev. Bobby Shehan, 111 Jim Wall St., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 413-7745

Clerk: Pam Burns, 108 Scenic View Dr., Swannanoa, NC 28778 (828) 242-8995

Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 4, Total Membership 97

**Zephyr Hills:** 283 Shelburne Rd., Asheville, NC 28806 (828) 253-5487

(Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6808, Asheville, NC 28816)

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Cason, 41 Wayward Path, Candler, NC 28715 (828) 767-6022

Clerk: Nancy Cole, P.O. Box 2240, Weaverville, NC 28787 (828) 645-9733

Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 3, Baptisms 1, Members Added 2,  
Total Membership 138, S.S. Enrollment 37, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 13

**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 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. 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 be limited to two successive terms. However, the Assistant Moderator may be elected to the position of 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.

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. In the event the Treasurer is unable to perform duties, the Clerk is authorized to act as Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be bonded by an amount sufficient to cover all money coming into their hands. And an internal committee of 3 appointed in February by the Executive Board to audit all associational monies. The treasurer shall be paid for services rendered, an amount fixed by the Association.

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 Camp Director and Assistant Camp Director shall be elected annually. These directors shall be responsible for, and work with the Youth Board in organizing; promoting, and directing youth camp.

## **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, (which is defined as; a minister who is duly elected to that position by the church and recommended by the pastor), 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 has 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 is expected to attend the Associational meetings.
- a. If circumstances beyond his control (such as sickness, emergencies, travel, funerals etc.) prevent him from attending, he must report in writing explaining his absence to Associational Clerk prior to the scheduled meeting. (Ministers of retirement age who are not actively pastoring are exempt.)
  - b. If a minister fails to attend or report for three consecutive meetings, the Ordaining Council will contact said minister.
  - c. Any minister, who is counted as absent for four consecutive Association meetings without reporting, shall be sanctioned. Under these sanctions, the minister shall forfeit their voting rights with the body. The minister shall not be eligible to hold any office within the association. The Ordaining Council will schedule a meeting with minister to devise a specific plan to bring him into conformity with his responsibility to the Association. The minister shall be reinstated only after being present for two consecutive meetings and with recommendation of the Ordaining Council.
  - d. Any minister who is absent for eight consecutive meetings without resolution shall be removed from membership and will not be considered in good standing with the association. If minister desires to reunite with the Blue Ridge Association, he must meet with the Ordaining Council and be recommended to the body for a vote. The minister must receive a majority vote, at which time all rights will be reinstated.

F. Any Church belonging to the Blue Ridge Association who fails to attend by delegation or submit Church Letter, and support the Association financially for a period of one year 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.

G. Any Minister uniting with another Denomination, his Credentials become null and void, and his Ordination papers shall be called for.

**Article 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.

**Article 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.

**Article 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.

**Article 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.

**Article 15**

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

**Article 16**

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

**Article 17**

This Association recommends that each Church pay quarterly one percent of their income for the support of this Association. From which the State and National dues will be paid first then the remaining undesignated funds shall be distributed as follows: General Fund 35%, Missions 30%, Education 5%, Youth Board 25%, Minister's Benevolent 5%. All non-budgeted spending is limited to the General Fund monies. Recommendations of disbursement from funds that have been designated must be presented to controlling board prior to quarterly meeting.

**Article 18**

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

**Article 19**

Anyone who wishes to present any grievance, or any matter that pertains to any person or persons shall first present a written signed statement to the Ordaining Council

**Article 20**

The Home Mission Board exists to extend the Kingdom of God and strengthen the Blue Ridge Association through the planting of new associational churches, assisting existing churches and supporting FWB mission and ministry endeavors. The Board will be responsible to submit a budget at each annual meeting for the next year.

**Article 21**

- The duties and obligations of the Promotional Director for the Blue Ridge Association shall be as listed:
- A. The Promotional Director shall provide a written report to the Executive Board and to work with the Executive Board to help promote any and all events pertaining to but not limited to the Blue Ridge, State and National Association of Free Will Baptists, and to the churches of the Blue Ridge Association as requested by the Executive Board;
  - B. To schedule a time to speak at all churches in the Blue Ridge Association (as allowed by church scheduling);
  - C. Any honorariums shall be kept by the Promotion Director. If he should need additional financial assistance, the Executive Board shall have the authority to assist as the finances would allow on a case-by-case basis.
  - D. To keep an open line of communication with the Executive Board of any and all issues that a church may be experiencing. These issues can include, but is not limited to, vacant pulpit, financial debt(s), membership decline, pastor illness and church hardships;
  - E. As requested by churches without a pastor, to assist in fulling the pulpit for a limited time until the Executive Board deems obligations need performed in other churches in the Association. We are here to serve you, the church.
  - F. The Executive Board shall serve in a supervisory capacity for the Promotional Director; offering advice and accountability. In the event of a vacancy in the Promotional Director position, the Executive Board will pursue viable candidates and present such candidate to the Association at the next available meeting.

**Article 22**

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 anyone 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** - 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. 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 Will:** 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, a 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 result 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." (1 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." (1 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.



## LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### Blue Ridge Associational Meetings

Place	Date
Canton	Feb. 6, 2021
Cedar Hill	May 1, 2021
Fairview	Aug. 7, 2021
Faith	Nov. 6, 2021

### Pastor Fellowship Meetings – Coordinator – Bro. Caleb Davis

Place	Date	Time
TBA	Feb. 16, 2021	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Mar. 16, 2021	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Apr. 20, 2021	11:00 a.m.
TBA	May 18, 2021	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Aug. 17, 2021	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Sept. 21, 2021	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Oct. 19, 2021	11:00 a.m.

### North Carolina State Meeting

Place	Dates
Embassy Suites Greensboro, NC	June 7-8, 2021

### 85<sup>th</sup> National Association Meeting of Free Will Baptist

Place	Dates
Memphis, TN	July 18-21, 2021

## NOTES

