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quarterly meetings were cancelled due to
Coronavirus Pandemic**

Moderator
Rev. Alan Sailors

Clerk
Rev. Rocky Reese

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DEDICATION

The Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists gratefully dedicate the 2021 edition of the minutes to all the "Essential Workers" that worked throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for your faithfulness to your jobs which supported us through our time of need. We thank the Lord for watching over you and keeping you safe. You are truly heroes.

We also honor those that lost their life from complications of this virus. May God provide peace and comfort to the families they left behind.

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Brandon Smith
Rocky Reese - Secretary
Carrie Padgett - Treasurer
Jack Ward
Caleb Davis
Roger Boone

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

To Be Appointed by Moderator

FINANCE COMMITTEE

To Be Appointed by Moderator

TRUSTEE BOARD

Chris Connor
Rocky Reese
Brian Bird

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Freddy Lindsey (2022)
Ralph Reep (2023)
Brian Bird (2024)
Larry Miller (2025)
Daniel Cason (2026)

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HOME MISSION BOARD

Wayne Miller (2022)
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Larry Collins (2025)
Randy Stone (2026)

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**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 1, 2021**

Preliminaries

Opening – Bro. Alan Sailors - Moderator

Welcome - Bro. Larry Collins, Host Pastor

Response – Bro. Alan Sailors

Devotion – Bro. Ben Wheeler, Pastor – Meadowbrook FWB Black Mtn, NC

“What Do We Do In Times Like These?” Encouragement in a Pandemic, –

Where do we find our hope – Isaiah 40:27-31 Our hope is in God!

God can handle it, God does not grow weary, God gives us His strength

Business Session

Recognition and Welcome of Visitors

No Visitors

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers – Bro. Rocky Reese

No Roll Call, each one was just asked to make sure they had signed in

Treasurer’s Report – Sister Carrie Padgett M/S/C

(*Clerk’s Note: These are all of the financial reports since our last third quarterly meeting was held February 1, 2020)

**FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT
January – March 2020**

GENERAL FUND

Ending checking balance December 31, 2019		\$ 3,763.04
Total deposits through March 31, 2020		4,125.46
Association offering February 1, 2020		<u>140.00</u>
	Total	\$ 8,028.50
Administrative expense:		
IM, Inc. (Panama Partnership/Chame Church)	\$ 600.00	
Flowers (Miller service)	74.00	
Calvary FWB (Swannanoa)	<u>140.00</u>	
	\$ 814.73	<u>-\$ 814.73</u>
	Subtotal	\$ 7,213.77
Paid to Youth Board		<u>-965.01</u>
	Balance	\$ 6,248.76
Ending checking balance March 31, 2020 - \$3,407.18		

MISSIONS FUND

Fund balance February 1, 2020	\$ 36,343.67
Receipts this quarter	<u>1,423.44</u>
Subtotal	\$ 37,767.11
Heather Thomas, E-Team	-1,000.00
IM, Inc. (Matthew Price & Victoria Little \$300.00 each)	- 600.00
NC State Missions Board (McCoy and Evans accts. \$300.00 each)	- 600.00
Calvary Church-Swannanoa	<u>-2,250.00</u>
Balance	\$ 33,317.11

MINISTERS FUND

Fund balance February 1, 2020	\$ 1,973.19
Receipts this quarter	<u>193.00</u>
Balance	\$ 2,166.19

WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance February 1, 2020	\$ 7,262.33
Receipts this quarter	<u>96.50</u>
Balance	\$ 7,358.83

SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance February 1, 2020	\$ 7,898.38
Receipts this quarter	<u>96.50</u>
Balance	\$ 7,994.88

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

Ending savings account balance March 31, 2020 - \$ 39,732.71

Contributions from the Churches

<u>CHURCHES</u>	April-June	July- Sept	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
CALVARY (Glendale Sprgs)			\$ 1,000.00	
CALVARY (R. College)		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	200.00
CALVARY (Swannanoa)	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
CANTON	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
CEDAR HILL	203.00	207.00	205.00	213.00
FAIRVIEW	235.33	221.60	265.36	246.26
FAITH	260.00	236.00	258.00	195.00
GETHSEMANE	185.00			
HILLTOP	100.00			100.00
HOMER'S CHAPEL	225.00	225.00	225.00	225.00
LENOIR	200.00		200.00	210.00
LIBERTY	457.44	474.00	426.00	424.00
MARION - FIRST	355.00	361.50	330.00	337.00
MEADOWBROOK	524.70	149.60	244.60	265.43
NORTHVIEW	153.90	169.37	195.43	169.76
NOWLING CHAPEL				500.00
PISGAH				

ROARING CREEK	100.00			
ROCKY PASS	255.00	255.00	255.00	255.00
SWANNANOA	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
ZEPHYR HILLS	<u>275.01</u>	<u>183.34</u>	<u>274.97</u>	<u>485.01</u>
Total	\$3,829.38	\$2,982.41	\$4,379.36	\$4,125.46

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
APRIL 1, 2019 TO MARCH 31, 2020

GENERAL FUND

Ending checking balance March 31, 2019	\$ 3,965.15
Total deposits through March 31, 2020	15,316.61
Association offerings	<u>478.00</u>
Total	\$ 19,759.76

Administrative expense:

NCFWB Association (dues)	\$ 3,935.00	
Promotional Office (State Meeting)	500.00	
IM, Inc. (Panama Part. /Chame Church)	2,400.00	
Clerk and Treasurer:	500.00	
\$250.00 each for services rendered		
Clerk's expense (postage)	67.15	
Printing of Minutes	369.15	
Brother Randy Smith (Mission Trip)	200.00	
NC State Missions (Asheboro)	200.00	
Fidelity bond for Treasurer	359.00	
Flowers (Miller service)	74.00	
Calvary FWB (Swannanoa)	<u>140.00</u>	
Total	\$ 8,745.03	-\$ 8,745.03
	Subtotal	\$ 11,014.73

Paid to Youth Board	<u>- 3,600.57</u>
Balance	\$ 7,414.16

Ending checking balance March 31, 2020 - \$3,407.18

MISSIONS FUND

Fund balance March 31, 2019	\$ 50,132.10
Receipts this year	<u>5,235.01</u>
Subtotal	\$ 55,367.11
NC State Missions - (Rex Evans & Dale McCoy accts \$1200 each)	-2,400.00
IM, Inc. (Matthew Price & Victoria Little \$1200.00 each)	-2,400.00
Heather Thomas, E-Team	-1,000.00
Calvary Church (Swannanoa)	<u>-11,250.00</u>
Balance	\$ 38,317.11

MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND

Fund balance March 31, 2019	\$ 2,372.08
Receipts this year	<u>794.11</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 3,166.19
Bro. Elisha Fish	<u>-\$ 1,000.00</u>
Balance	\$ 2,166.19

WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance March 31, 2019	\$ 6,998.77
Receipts this year	<u>360.06</u>
Balance	\$ 7,358.83

SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance March 31, 2019	\$ 7,634.82
Receipts this year	<u>360.06</u>
Balance	\$ 7,994.88

Ending savings account balance March 31, 2019 - \$52,675.43

Ending savings account balance March 31, 2019 - \$39,732.71

FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

April – June 2020

GENERAL FUND

Ending Checking Balance — March 31, 2020	\$ 3,407.18
Total Deposits through June 30, 2020	<u>4,225.07</u>
Total	\$ 7,632.25

Administrative Expenses:

Clerk and Treasurer (for services rendered)	\$ 500.00
IM, Inc. (Panama Partnership/Chame Church)	600.00
NCFWB Association, Dues for Blue Ridge Assoc.	<u>4,460.00</u>
	\$ 5,560.00
	<u><u>-\$ 5,560.00</u></u>
Subtotal	\$ 2,072.25
Paid to Youth Board	<u><u>-1,005.87</u></u>
Balance	\$ 1,066.38

Ending checking balance – June 30, 2020 - \$ 6,737.64

MISSIONS FUND

Fund Balance — May 2, 2020	\$ 38,317.11
Receipts this quarter	<u>1,408.63</u>
Subtotal	\$ 39,725.74
Calvary Church – Swannanoa	- 2,212.50
IM, Inc. (Matthew Price & Victoria Little \$300.00 each)	- 600.00
NC State Missions Board (McCoy and Evans accts.)	<u>- 600.00</u>
Balance	\$ 36,313.24

MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND

Fund Balance — May 2, 2020	\$ 2,166.19
Receipts this Quarter	<u>201.17</u>
Balance	\$ 2,367.36

WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund Balance — May 2, 2020	\$ 7,358.83
Receipts this Quarter	<u>100.59</u>
Balance	\$ 7,459.42

SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund Balance — May 2, 2020	\$ 7,994.88
Receipts this Quarter	<u>100.58</u>
Balance	\$ 8,095.46
Ending Saving Acct Balance March 31, 2020 - \$ 39,732.71	
Ending Saving Acct Balance June 30, 2020 - \$ 41,216.93	

SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

July – September 2020

GENERAL FUND

Ending Checking Balance — June 30, 2020	\$ 6,737.64
Total Deposits thru Sept 30, 2020	<u>2,679.10</u>
Total	\$ 9,416.74

Administrative Expenses:

IM, Inc. (Panama Partnership/Chame Church)	<u>-600.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 8,816.74
Paid to Youth Board	<u>- 584.23</u>
Balance	\$ 8,232.51

Ending Checking Balance – Sept. 30, 2020 - \$6,097.15

MISSIONS FUND

Fund balance August 1, 2020	\$ 36,313.24
Receipts this quarter	<u>1,043.26</u>
Subtotal	\$ 37,356.50
Calvary Church – Swannanoa	- 2,193.75
International Missions, Inc. (Price & Little \$300 each)	- 600.00
NC State Missions (McCoy & Evans \$300 each)	<u>- 600.00</u>
Balance	\$33,962.75

MINISTERS FUND

Fund balance August 1, 2020	\$ 2,367.36
Receipts this quarter	<u>116.85</u>
Balance	\$ 2,484.21

WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance August 1, 2020	\$7,459.42
Receipts this quarter	<u>58.42</u>
Subtotal	\$ 7,517.84
Lauren Heather Thomas acct.	<u>- 500.00</u>
Balance	\$ 7,017.84

SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance August 1, 2020	\$8,095.46
Receipts this quarter	<u>58.42</u>
Balance	\$8,153.88

Ending savings account balance - June 30, 2020 - \$41,216.93

Ending savings account balance - September 30, 2020 - \$38,289.10

THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT
October – December 2020

GENERAL FUND

Ending checking balance September 30, 2020	\$ 6,097.15
Total deposits through December 31, 2020	<u>2,649.55</u>

Total	\$ 8,746.70
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Administrative expense:

Fidelity Bond for Treasurer	\$ 359.00	
Printing of Minutes	166.63	
IM Inc. (Panama Partnership/Chame Church)	<u>600.00</u>	
	\$ 1,125.63	- \$ 1,125.63
	Subtotal	<u>\$ 7,621.07</u>

Paid to Youth Board		<u>- 615.73</u>
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Balance	\$ 7,005.34
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Ending checking balance December 31, 2020 - \$ 5,232.21

MISSIONS FUND

Fund balance November 7, 2020	\$ 33,962.75
Receipts this quarter	<u>925.50</u>

Subtotal	\$ 34,888.25
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Calvary Church-Swannanoa	- 2,343.75
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IM, Inc. (M. Price & V. Little, \$300 each)	- 600.00
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NC State Missions Board (McCoy & Evans, \$300 each)	<u>- 600.00</u>
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Balance	\$ 31,344.50
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MINISTERS FUND

Fund balance November 7, 2020	\$ 2,484.21
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Receipts this quarter	<u>123.15</u>
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Balance	\$ 2,607.36
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WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance November 7, 2020	\$ 7,017.84
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Receipts this quarter	<u>61.58</u>
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Balance	\$7,079.42
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SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance November 7, 2020	\$ 8,153.88
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Receipts this quarter	<u>61.57</u>
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Balance	\$ 8,215.45
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Ending savings account balance September 30, 2020 - \$ 38,289.10

Ending savings account balance December 31, 2020 - \$ 35,019.45

FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

January – March 2021

GENERAL FUND

Ending checking balance December 31, 2020		\$ 5,232.21
Total deposits through March 31, 2021		<u>2,163.07</u>
	Total	\$ 7,395.28
Administrative expense:		
IM Inc. (Panama Partnership/Chame Church)		<u>- 600.00</u>
	Subtotal	\$ 6,795.28
Paid to Youth Board		<u>- 501.76</u>
	Balance	\$ 6,293.52
Ending checking balance March 31, 2021 - \$ 4,274.25		

MISSIONS FUND

Fund balance February 5, 2021		\$ 31,344.50
Receipts this quarter		<u>758.14</u>
	Subtotal	\$ 32,102.64
Calvary Church-Swannanoa		<u>-1,500.00</u>
IM, Inc. (Price & Little \$300 each)		<u>- 600.00</u>
NC State Missions Board (Roanoke and Asheboro Funds \$300 ea)		<u>- 600.00</u>
	Balance	\$ 29,402.64

MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND

Fund balance February 5, 2021		\$ 2,607.36
Receipts this quarter		<u>100.35</u>
	Subtotal	\$ 2,707.71
Bro. Elisha Fish (Medical Bills)		<u>1,000.00</u>
	Balance	\$ 1,707.71

WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance February 5, 2021		\$ 7,079.42
Receipts this quarter		<u>50.18</u>
	Subtotal	\$ 7,129.60
Lauren Heather Thomas (Second Semester)		<u>- 500.00</u>
	Balance	\$ 6,629.60

SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance February 5, 2021		\$ 8,215.45
Receipts this quarter		<u>50.17</u>
Balance		\$ 8,265.62

Ending savings account balance December 31, 2020 - \$ 35,019.45

Ending savings account balance March 31, 2021 - \$ 34,213.42

Contributions from the Churches

<u>CHURCHES</u>	<u>April-June</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>July- Sept</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Oct-Dec</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Jan-Mar</u> <u>2021</u>
CALVARY (Glendale Sprgs)	\$ 210.00			
CALVARY (R. College)				
CALVARY (Swannanoa)	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
CANTON	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
CEDAR HILL	188.00	224.00	191.00	188.00
FAIRVIEW	296.49	288.79	169.20	143.69
FAITH	258.00	371.00		224.00
GETHSEMANE	210.00			
HILLTOP				
HOMER'S CHAPEL	225.00	225.00	225.00	225.00
LENOIR	210.00			
LIBERTY	465.00	487.00	440.00	526.00
MARION - FIRST	400.00		738.00	
MEADOWBROOK	559.08	342.19	186.62	156.02
NORTHVIEW	138.50	186.12	144.73	145.36
NOWLING CHAPEL	300.00			
PISGAH				
ROARING CREEK				
ROCKY PASS	255.00	255.00	255.00	255.00
SWANNANOA	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
ZEPHYR HILLS	<u>275.01</u>			
Total	\$ 4,225.07	\$ 2,679.10	\$ 2,649.55	\$ 2,163.07

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 1, 2020 TO MARCH 31, 2021

GENERAL FUND

Ending checking balance March 31, 2020		\$ 3,407.18
Total deposits through March 31, 2021		<u>11,716.79</u>
	Total	\$ 15,123.97
Administrative expense:		
Clerk and Treasurer:	500.00	
\$250.00 each for services rendered		
NCFWB Association dues (21 churches)	\$ 4,460.00	
IM, Inc. (Panama Part./Chame Church)	2,400.00	
Fidelity bond for Treasurer	359.00	
Printing of Minutes	<u>166.63</u>	
Total	\$ 7,885.63	<u>- \$ 7,885.63</u>
	Subtotal	\$ 7,238.34
Paid to Youth Board		<u>- 2,707.59</u>
	Balance	\$ 4,530.75
Ending checking balance March 31, 2021 -	\$ 4,274.25	

MISSIONS FUND

Fund balance March 31, 2020	\$ 38,317.11
Receipts this year	<u>4,135.53</u>
Subtotal	\$ 42,452.64
NC State Missions - (Roanoke & Asheboro Funds \$1200 each)	-2,400.00
IM, Inc. (Matthew Price & Victoria Little \$1200.00 each)	-2,400.00
Calvary Church (Swannanoa)	<u>-8,250.00</u>
Balance	\$ 29,402.64

MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND

Fund balance March 31, 2021	\$ 2,166.19
Receipts this year	<u>541.52</u>
Subtotal	\$ 2,707.71
Bro. Elisha Fish	<u>-\$ 1,000.00</u>
Balance	\$ 1,707.71

WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance March 31, 2021	\$ 7,358.83
Receipts this year	<u>270.77</u>
Subtotal	\$ 7,629.60
Lauren Heather Thomas acct.	<u>-\$ 1,000.00</u>
Balance	\$ 6,629.60

SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance March 31, 2021	\$ 7,994.88
Receipts this year	<u>270.74</u>
Balance	\$ 8,265.62

Ending savings account balance March 31, 2021 - \$ 39,732.71
Ending savings account balance March 31, 2021 - \$ 34,213.42

Executive Board Report – No Report

Youth Board Report – Bro. Bobby Shehan

Blue Ridge Youth Fund Report - 05/01/2021

Beginning Balance – February 1, 2020 - \$ 13,865.69

Receipts

From Treasurer – (Feb 1, 2020 – May 1, 2021) \$ 3,672.60
Subtotal \$ 17,538.29

Disbursements

Heather Thomas – E-Team -\$ 1,500.00

Youth Fund Balance – May 1, 2021 \$ 16,038.29

Respectfully Submitted, Rocky Reese, Youth Board Treasurer

Promotional Directors Report – Bro. Elisha Fish

I visited 5 churches from Feb. 2020 to March 2020. Since then, I have preached in only 2 of our churches due to the pandemic and my illness. I had to cancel on 2 churches due to infection in my drive line to my heart. Before all this I had visited all our churches in Buncombe and Haywood counties and 2 in McDowell. I sincerely pray I can soon visit all our churches again.

Jackie and I want to thank our Association and all our churches for their prayers, support, and your gift to help with my medical bills. We are so appreciative of all of this and so thankful for our pastors and churches.

Pisgah and Calvary-Glendale Springs FWB churches are without pastors. We have 2 new pastors, Rev. Daniel Cason at Zephyr Hills, and Rev. Ben Wheeler at Meadowbrook.

We welcome them to our Association and hope to visit with them soon. May God Bless you all, Respectively Submitted By, Rev. Elisha Fish

Women Active for Christ Report – Sister Michelle Sailors

(Read by Bro. Alan Sailors)

Our Blue Ridge WAC had a meeting on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Rocky Pass Free Will Baptist Church in Nebo, NC. The theme was "Making A Difference" with scripture, "And of some have compassion, making a difference." Jude 1:22

Our speaker was Emily Petty (she graduated from Welch College and was approved as a missionary intern to Tokyo, Japan, in December 2020, Emily is seeking prayer and financial partners for her two-year internship. She plans to work with the Hope Alive team headed by Heath and Joni Hubbard, where her focus will be ministering to reach young adults, as well as outreach efforts and leading Bible studies.)

Although our vision for 2020 was cloudy and we didn't get to meet last year, God still prevailed and helped us to continue to make a difference in many lives and we were able to meet our goals and help our state with the following projects:

International Missions (Varna Church in Bulgaria) North American Missions (Danny and Dawn Elliott in NY) Welch College (Chairs for new lounge area) Southeastern FWB College (College Library) State Emphasis Project --- NC Host State Fund for WNAC in Raleigh 2023!

Our mission this year with God's help; is to continue to make a difference in not only with our missionaries, but also in our churches, in our homes and with compassion reach those who are hurting or lost without Christ.

Please pray for us as we attend our Women Active for Christ State Meeting today at White Oak Hill FWB Church in Bailey, NC.

Our next Blue Ridge Women's meeting will be a Brunch on Saturday, August 21, 2021, at Nowlings Chapel FWB Church at 10:30am.

All Ladies are Welcome!

Women Active for Christ Report – Sister Michelle Sailors (Cont’d)
NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
NCFWB LEAH WADDELL SCHOLARSHIP

The Leah Waddell Scholarship was adopted by the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists in 1964. The fund was established to assist students from North Carolina and descendants of Leah Waddell who desire to attend Welch College. It is funded entirely through gifts: projects adopted by Sunday School classes, WAC's Vacation Bible School, individuals, etc. The Waddell Scholarship is awarded annually to a worthy student selected by the college administration. Students from North Carolina or the Waddell family can apply for the scholarship at <http://welch.edu/admissions/tuition-financial-aid/scholarship-application/>
Contributions to the Waddell Scholarship can be sent to:
Mrs. Betty Hill 113 Shad Bend Drive Washington, NC 27889
Thank you for your Support!

Ordaining Council Report – Bro. Alan Sailors M/S/C
3 Pastors to recommend – Bro. Ben Wheeler - Meadowbrook
Bro. Chris Connor - Hilltop
Bro. Daniel Cason – Zephyr Hills
All were approved pending letters of Good Standing

Mission Board Report – Bro. Randy Stone M/S/C
Continue to work with Calvary Swannanoa. Continue to pay Calvary \$500 monthly until May 2022 then reduce to \$250 monthly until May 2023.
Bro. Jesse Sours reported on Calvary's progress– Thank you for your support. Church doing ok, Roof has some leaks, needs replaced –had donor step up and provided most of the total cost. *New Roof – Cost \$33,000, Private Donations \$22,000 Remaining amount \$11,000 to come from donations and church funds.

Credential's Committee's Report – Bro. Bobby Shehan
Ministers -17 Delegates - 7 Visitors – 3 Total Present- 27

Finance Committee Report –
Offering to go to Roof Project at Calvary, Swannanoa
Offering - \$147 voted to raise to \$200

Nominating Committee Report – Bro. Danny Gasperson M/S/C

We the “Nominating Committee” for The Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists, 68th Annual Meeting, being held at Canton Free Will Baptist Church on May 1, 2021, do hereby submit for Nomination the following to fill the Boards and Offices of this Blue Ridge Association of FWB.

Moderator – Nominate for remaining year on 2-year term

Bro. Alan Sailors (2022)

Asst. Moderator - Nominate for remaining year on 2-year term

Bro. Brandon Smith (2022)

Clerk - Nominate for remaining year on 2-year term

Bro. Rocky Reese (2022)

Asst. Clerk - Nominate for remaining year on 2-year term

Bro. Bobby Shehan (2022)

Treasurer - Nominate for remaining year on 2-year term

Sister Carrie Padgett (2022)

Executive Board - Nominate 3 Members at Large (1 year term – 2022)

Bro. Jack Ward

Bro. Caleb Davis

Bro. Roger Boone

Ordaining Council - Nominate 2 for Ordaining Council

Bro. Larry Miller – 4-year term (2025)

Bro. Daniel Cason – 5-year term (2026)

Youth Board - Nominate 3 for Youth Board

Bro. Brandon Smith – (2022) filling the remainder of Brother Sonny Thomas Jr’s term

Bro. Chris Connor – (2025) – 4-year term

Bro. Larry Miller – (2026) – 5-year term

Home Mission Board - Nominate 2 for Home Mission Board

Bro. Larry Collins – 4-year term (2025)

Bro. Randy Stone – 5-year term (2026)

Trustee Board - Nominate 3 for Trustee Board (1 year term) - 2022

Bro. Chris Connor

Bro. Rocky Reese

Bro. Brian Bird

Respectfully Submitted, Bro. Roger Boone, Bro. Caleb Davis

Bro. Larry Miller

Worship

Congregational Song – Bro. Larry Collins – Jesus Saves

Offertory Prayer – Bro. Alan Sailors

Message: Rev. Daniel Cason–Pastor, Zephyr Hills, Asheville, NC

Lamentations 3:18-26 Turning our Despair into Hope

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
Pastor: Rev. Frank Woods Cell (423) 270-9377
Clerk: Robin Carter 117 Oak View Dr. Jefferson, NC 28640 (336) 982-3932
Ordained Ministers 2, Ordained Deacons 3, Baptisms 2, Members Added 10,
Members Lost 4, Total Membership 176, 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 3, Members Lost 2,
Total Membership 196, 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 1, Members Added 2, Members Lost 2, Total Membership 121,
S.S. Enrollment 12

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, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 3, Total Membership 48,
S.S. Enrollment 10, Master's Men 7

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
Clerk: Deborah Smith, 11 Evergreen Ave., Asheville, NC 28806 (828) 768-5787
Ordained Ministers 2, Total Membership 68, S.S. Enrollment 12,
Woman's Aux. Enrollment 11

Fairview: 1708 Stacy Hill Rd., Marion, NC 28752
Pastor:
Clerk: Betty Miller, 43 Randolph Rd., Marion, NC 28752 (828) 925-3361
Ordained Ministers 2, Licensed Ministers 2, Ordained Deacons 3, Baptisms 4,
Members Added 1, Total Membership 92, S.S. Enrollment ?, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 5

Faith: 1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 584-7507
Pastor: Rev. Rocky Reese, 1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 584-4849
Clerk: Arzella Clark, 2322 Benjamin St., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-6815,
Ordained Ministers 1, Licensed Ministers 3, Ordained Deacons 6, Members Lost 5,
Total Membership 227, 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:
Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 1, Total Membership 39,

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, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 1, Members Added 10,
Members Lost 1, Total Membership 37

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, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 3, Baptisms 6,
Members Added 10, Total Membership 52, S.S. Enrollment 20,
Woman's Aux. Enrollment 10

Lenoir First: Morganton Blvd, Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 292-8333
(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: Steve Layton, 2507 Hartland Rd., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 430-6676
Ordained Ministers 1, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 2, Baptisms 5,
Members Added 2, Total Membership 145, S.S Enrollment 45

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 2,
Members Lost 2, Total Membership 128, 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, Baptisms 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)
Interim Pastor: Rev. Randy Stone 85 Mountain View Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711
Clerk:
Ordained Ministers 1, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 9, Members Added 2,
Members Lost 4, Total Membership 123

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 2, Ordained Deacons 2, Baptisms 4, Members Added 3,
Members Lost 6, Total Membership 45, S.S. Enrollment 25,
Woman's Aux. Enrollment 10, 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 2, Licensed Ministers 2, Ordained Deacons 7, Members Lost 10,
Total Membership 279, S.S. Enrollment 80, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 10,
Master's Men 15

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 1, Ordained Deacons 3, Members Lost 1, Total Membership 62,
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, 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, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 12, Members Added 7,
Members Lost 12, Total Membership 227, S.S. Enrollment 115,
Women's Aux. Enrollment 30, Master's Men 20

Swannanoa: 200 Park St., Swannanoa, NC 28778 (828) 686-1333
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 609, Swannanoa, NC 28778
Church Email: 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, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 4, Members Lost 2,
Total Membership 81, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 15

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, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 4, Baptisms 1,
Members Added 4, Total Membership 142, S.S. Enrollment 37,
Woman's Aux. Enrollment 10

**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
Fairview	Aug. 7, 2021
Cedar Hill	Nov. 6, 2021
Gethsemane	Feb. 5, 2022
Faith	May 7, 2022

Pastor Fellowship Meetings – Coordinator – Bro. Caleb Davis

Place	Date	Time
TBA	Aug. 17, 2021	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Sept. 21, 2021	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Oct. 19, 2021	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Jan. 18, 2022	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Feb. 15, 2022	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Mar. 15, 2022	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Apr. 19, 2022	11:00 a.m.
TBA	May 17, 2022	11:00 a.m.

*No meetings in June, July, November and December

North Carolina State Meeting

Place	Dates
Embassy Suites Greensboro, NC	June 6-7, 2022

86th National Association Meeting of Free Will Baptist

Place	Dates
Birmingham, AL	July 17-20, 2022

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